

Meeting Minutes #36

(Adopted February 12, 2025)

Swedish Cherry Hill Implementation Advisory Committee (IAC)

May 8, 2024

6:00 – 8:00 PM

(Transcriber's Note: The notes shown below are summaries of statements provided. They are not transcriptions and have been shortened and edited to include the major points raised. Full comments are retained in the files in video recording and available upon request.)

In-person Location:

Swedish Cherry Hill Campus
Swedish Education Conference Center, Conference Room D
500 17th Ave
Seattle, WA 98122

Virtual:

Webex

Committee Members Present:

Maureen Devery
Kevin Heim
Cat Koehn
Casey Langsjoen

Claire Lane
Ellen Sollod
Kathy Yasi

Swedish Cherry Hill staff:

Rachel Jenner

City of Seattle Staff:

Nelson Pesigan, Seattle Department of Neighborhoods (DON)
Melinda Bloom, Seattle Department of Neighborhoods (DON)

Sabey Staff:

Mikel Hansen
Tina Tufts

Opening & Introductions

The IAC letter was delivered to SDCI and is now on the portal. There has been no response to the letter from SDCI.

Ms. Lane said Swedish used to print Squire Park Council newsletter for the community; she asked if Swedish would consider doing so again.

Ms. Jenner said yes and noted that it would be a nice gesture.

The committee decided to table minutes until the next meeting.

New member Casey Langsjoen was introduced; he will represent Swedish on the committee. He works at Swedish as a nurse. He said he has participated in many committees in the past and looks forward to participating in this committee.

Presentation

Ms. Jenner presented an overview of the MIMP (presentation documents in DON file). She said the IAC should be looking at campuswide green factor, streetscape activation, which is potentially powerful for the neighborhood, future skybridge, construction management plan required during construction to include bio-retention, greenhouse gas emissions, sustainable building design, operations plan including noise during operations, garage venting, loading dock management plan.

Ms. Sollod noted it is likely the 2023 annual report will be like 2022; no projects being built now. It would be useful to know what has been built since 2016 relative to what was thought to happen. What is anticipated?

Ms. Jenner said it would be great to do a similar overview with Swedish, Sabey, and hotel projects. There was discussion about light and glare, mitigating criminal activity via CPTED principles, reducing solid waste – Swedish was awarded Practical Green Health award.

Mr. Longsjoen noted the broken window theory and the value of having routine maintenance.

Ms. Lane noted the challenge of balancing adequate lighting versus light pollution.

Mr. Heim said Swedish is to provide recycling and trash receptacles at the bus stops; receptacles have disappeared. He noted Condition 25.

Ms. Jenner noted reorganization within Providence Swedish – new CEO for Central Puget Sound responsible for 52 hospitals across seven states. First Hill project underway – new emergency rooms, new operating rooms, ICU beds. Integrated Market Planning – done over a few years. A lot of validation of gut feel about where already headed using outside consultants. Access to system lacking, emergency rooms first line of defense. Keep non-emergency out of emergency rooms with focus on primary care. Biggest issue is inability to discharge patients due to lack of places to send them to. Focus on preventative care, rehabilitation, hospitals only for those who need it. Different hospital focus, i.e. Cherry Hill neurology, stroke focus.

Sabey Update

Ms. Sollod noted the 18th Avenue project and suggested landscape effort to make lot an asset rather than gravel parking lot.

Ms. Tufts said Sabey is exploring tenants. Will look at landscaping with eye on safety and visibility.

Ms. Sollod said to use creativity. There are ways to improve aesthetics and be a good neighbor. Activate the space. Short-term use could help build community. She encouraged exploration by Sabey.

Ms. Tufts said they will explore.

Mr. Heim asked the status of 18th Avenue street improvements.

Ms. Tufts: on hold. Moved power and communication lines underground. It is now in the city's court.

Ms. Lane asked about tenancy of Kidney Center space when they leave.

Ms. Tufts said there are prospects Sabey is looking at with three to four different uses going forward, all medical.

Ms. Koehn said daycare was in the MIMP.

Mr. Pesigan said once he gets SDCI and SDOT feedback he send letter he will send out to IAC and Swedish.

Ms. Sollod said there used to be a community engagement person at Swedish, Kelly Guy who worked to activate 12th Avenue Park, helped get work out to community, and evidenced Swedish involvement in community engagement.

Public Comments

There was no public comment.

Committee Deliberation

Ms. Lane: spoke of needed outreach for additional members specifically with architecture, land use skillset.

Mr. Pesigan explained the DON outreach process: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, community events, Squire Park event among others.

Ms. Sollod suggested contacting Michael Jenkins, Seattle Design Review Board for names of retired commission members who might be willing. She mentioned AIA, Seattle Design Fest as less institutional options.

Ms. Lane asked if DON has a city master list of professional organizations to make it easier to recruit.

Mr. Pesigan noted the challenge of potential volunteers being more interested in providing input to a master plan and of finding a way to gain interest in the process.

Ms. Sollod said it isn't a huge time commitment because this committee isn't doing a master plan.

Ms. Devery said it isn't a huge time commitment but is a resume-builder; she thought UW Center for the Built Environment and recent graduates as a potential pool.

Mr. Pesigan said he has reached out to the UW whose interest is in the UW Advisory Committee.

Discussion ensued about pausing June and July meetings and reconvening in August or September as many groups do. IAC members expressed interest in continuing through the summer but agreed to skip June because staff will be unavailable.

Mr. Pesigan sent bylaws to IAC members for updating and asked members to provide information, suggestions, heading, titles and virtual information.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm