



SEATTLE HOUSING AUTHORITY
**YESLER TERRACE PHASE II
CITIZEN REVIEW COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

MEETING NO.: 7

LOCATION: Yesler Community Center, 917 E. Yesler Way

DATE: Wednesday, April 8, 2009, 5:00 p.m.

ATTENDEES:

Committee Members

Germaine Covington, Chair
 Ruqiyo Abdi
 Audry Breaux
 Elise Chayet
 Brendan Connolly
 Herold Eby
 Jim Erickson
 John Fox
 Patricia Garcia
 Shurkri Guleith
 Fen Hsiao
 Fadumo Isaq
 Kent Koth

Yin Lau
 M. Michelle Mattox
 Mary McCumber
 Quang Nguyen
 Kristin O'Donnell
 Mark Okazaki
 Adrienne Quinn
 Michael Ramos
 Sue Sherbrooke
 George Staggers
 Linda Taylor
 Julie West
 Alex Zankich

SHA Staff

Judi Carter
 Virginia Felton
 John Forsyth
 Eddie Hill
 Brett Houghton
 Judith Kilgore
 Al Levine
 Andrew Lofton
 Leslie Stewart
 Brian Sullivan
 Tom Tierney
 Stephanie Van Dyke
 Shelly Yapp

Guest

Jim Krieger, MD, MPH, Seattle and King County Public Health

CollinsWoerman

Arlan Collins, Harold Moniz, Jim Moore, Steve Schlenker and Jon Taylor

I. Call to Order

Chair Covington called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m. It was noted that Alex Zankich is representing the Squire Park Community Council at tonight's meeting.

II. Comments from the Community

No one wished to speak.

III. Consideration of the Minutes

The minutes of the committee's March 11, 2009 meeting were approved as presented.

IV. Consideration of a Letter of Support from the Committee for a Grant Application

SHA Community Services Administrator John Forsyth summarized the request for a letter of support from the committee for an application to the Environmental Protection Agency Smart Implementation Assistance Program. He said a draft letter of support and background information on the project was distributed tonight. Forsyth also requested support letters from other organizations that are represented on the committee.

Quinn moved that the committee chair sign the letter of support; Breaux seconded the motion; all those present voted AYE; the motion passed unanimously.

V. Presentation by the Healthy Communities Technical Advisory Group.

Jim Krieger, Chief, Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention Section, Seattle and King County Public Health, stated that a technical advisory group (TAG) was formed last year to explore and make recommendations about how elements of a healthy community can be incorporated into the

redeveloped Yesler Terrace. He presented the work of the group to date in a PowerPoint presentation and a draft report distributed tonight. The report outlines nine goals developed by the group based on research that substantiates elements of a healthy community. Additionally, the report identifies a variety of strategies for achieving the stated goals and action steps for integrating the goals into the design of the redevelopment.

In response to a question from O'Donnell, Krieger said that there isn't Yesler Terrace resident representation on the TAG, but residents were consulted for input at community meetings. He added that the role of the group is to provide technical assistance. Erickson asked if the group is conducting their work in the context of existing elements. If not, he noted that the group risks duplicating these elements. Erickson said that he feels the group's research should include standards for best practices and a means for measuring the success of meeting these standards.

Krieger thanked the committee for their feedback and invited members to contact him or Julie West, who is also a member of the Citizen Review Committee. He said that TAG's report is a basis for how to incorporate elements of a healthy community at Yesler Terrace, but the elements will need to be refined to reflect the physical characteristics of the community as well as the values of its residents.

VI. Exploration of the Refined Models and Site Concepts Developed to 80%

Kilgore stated that the models have been refined to incorporate comments and suggestions from the committee at its last meeting. She said the models represent how the concept variables – building height and massing, open space, topography, circulation, connections and edges and office/retail land use – can come together on the site.

Representative of CollinsWoerman reviewed the concept variables presented at the March 11 meeting and introduced the remaining concept variables presented in the document distributed tonight, *Yesler Terrace Concept Variables and Planning Concepts*. The document is available at: http://www.seattlehousing.org/redevelopment/pdf/YT_Concept_Variables_Planning_Concepts.pdf For each concept variable, three strategies were reviewed along with the pros and cons that each strategy provides. On the last six pages of the document, the corresponding strategies from each of the concept variables were combined to create Concepts A, B and C.

The three models were placed on the tables and a facilitator at each table provided a brief overview of the model at that table. Committee members discussed the revised models for approximately fifteen minutes and staff scribed the comments offered. Audience members were also invited to join the discussion.

Chair Covington called for representatives of the committee to serve on a subcommittee for the purpose of developing a tool that will be used to evaluate the concept variable. Covington, Mattox, O'Donnell, Sherbrooke and West volunteered to serve on the subcommittee.

VII. Meeting Summary and Next Steps

Kilgore stated that the consultants will incorporate the comments and suggestions provided by the committee at this meeting into the models. She said that during the next couple of weeks, the subcommittee formed tonight will develop the tool for use at the May 2 meeting to begin evaluating the concept variables. At the April 21 Yesler Terrace Community Council meeting, the models will be presented to give the community another opportunity to comment prior to the final evaluation.

VIII. Comments from the Community

No one wished to speak.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Major Decisions

None