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**SEATTLE HOUSING AUTHORITY  
YESLER TERRACE CITIZENS REVIEW COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

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**MEETING NO.:** 10

**LOCATION:** Yesler Community Center, 917 East Yesler Way

**DATE:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007, 5:00 p.m.

**ATTENDEES:** Committee Members

Norman Rice, Chair  
 Elise Chayet  
 Herold Eby  
 John Fox  
 Abdisamad Jama  
 James Kelly  
 Timothy Leary  
 M. Michelle Mattox  
 Mary McCumber

Quang Nguyen  
 Kristin O'Donnell  
 Father Hoang Phuong  
 Adrienne Quinn  
 Michael Ramos  
 Sue Sherbrooke  
 George Staggers  
 Sue Taoka  
 Donya Williamson  
 Norma Zavala

SHA Staff

Judi Carter  
 Virginia Felton  
 Eddie Hill  
 Brett Houghton  
 Judith Kilgore  
 Andrew Lofton  
 Leslie Stewart  
 Tom Tierney  
 Stephanie Van Dyke

Facilitators and Guests

Marcia Wagoner, PRR  
Marcia Tate Arunga, Arunga & Associates  
Liz Birkholz, NBBJ

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**I. Call to Order**

Chair Rice called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. He reviewed the agenda items of the meeting.

**II. Community Comments**

Chair Rice called for public comments. No one wished to speak. In response to a question from O'Donnell, Rice said that the definitions and guiding principles and the planning concepts will be available in translated versions in mid-November.

**III. Approval of the Minutes of the September 26, 2007 Meeting**

Rice called for amendments to the minutes of the Committee's September 26, 2007 meeting. There were none. Quinn moved to approve the minutes as distributed; Staggers seconded the motion; all those present voted AYE; the motion passed unanimously.

**IV. Presentation of the Adopted Definitions and Guiding Principles and the Minority Report and Review of the Planning Concepts**

Rice stated that the Yesler Terrace Definitions and Guiding Principles and the Planning Concepts will be reviewed by the community at a meeting on November 14 and considered by the SHA Board of Commissioners at its December 6 special meeting.

Wagoner reviewed the CRC report distributed in the packets, noting that the text is final, however, some of the photographs will change. Birkholz reviewed the planning concepts document, noting that the concepts are intended to be a bridge between the definitions and guiding principles and the conceptual site development alternatives that will ultimately be presented during the next phase of the planning process. She said that further refinement of the planning concepts is anticipated as the process moves forward.

Fox expressed concern about forwarding the planning concepts to the SHA Board because he feels concepts were not subject to the same level of review as the definitions and guiding principles. Additionally, he said the planning concepts document does not contain language that addresses the issue of preserving and expanding low-income housing. After discussion, the Committee agreed to modify the Mixed-Use Activity planning concept to include language with regard to low-income housing.

Quinn moved to forward the Yesler Terrace Definitions and Guiding Principles and the Planning Concepts for consideration to the SHA Board of Commissioners; Stagers seconded the motion; all those present voted AYE; the motion passed unanimously.

**V. Final Thoughts on Phase I and Overview of Phase II**

Committee members, staff and the public offered comments on the process so far and the next phase to come. O'Donnell stated that it will be important to obtain greater resident representation on the Committee during the next phase. Fox said that he encourages early notification and information sharing by SHA during the next phase, particularly with regard to issues such as zoning and land use. Additionally, as conceptual site alternatives are developed, Fox said that staff and consultants need to respect resident wishes by: understanding that residents want to minimize change and disruption; considering at least one alternative that results in no net loss of units on the current site of Yesler Terrace; and offering conceptual site alternatives that can be compared to examine the pros and cons of each.

Arunga summarized the Committee's discussion on the above item and the summary was interpreted to the audience.

Tierney thanked the all of the stakeholders who participated in the process. He stated that the work during this phase will allow SHA to move forward by preparing a variety of site alternatives. He said that residents have asked SHA to commit to allowing them to return to the site after redevelopment, and this commitment will be made at several junctures in the process, the first of which will occur after the Board adopts the definitions and guiding principles. He said that he hopes some of the Committee members will continue to participate in the process during the next phase.

**VI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6.05 p.m.