



SEATTLE HOUSING AUTHORITY
YESLER TERRACE
CITIZEN REVIEW COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION: Yesler Community Center, 917 East Yesler Way

DATE: November 30, 2016, Wednesday

ATTENDEES: Committee Members

- Art Rea
- Brent Jones
- Evan Hilsenberg
- Faduma Isaq
- Halima Jaarso
- Jim Erickson
- Julie West
- Kara Dennis
- Kent Koth
- Kristin O'Donnell
- Lee Copeland
- Maiko Winkler-Chin
- Mark Okazaki
- Maureen Kostyack
- Matt King

- Maza Gebriel Desta
- Michael Lanthier
- Michael Grossman
- Mulu Amare
- Mumina Osman
- Nimo Farah
- Nhan Van
- Nora Gibson
- Pearl Leung
- Pradeepta Upadhyay
- Tam Nguyen
- William Ayears
- Xinyu Wang
- Yun Son

SHA Staff

- Andrew Lofton
- Anne Fiske Zuniga
- April Griffith
- Ashenafi Gossaye
- Cindy Sribhibhadh
- Fitsum Abraha
- Jared Jonson
- Jen Song
- John Forsyth
- Mark Hinshaw
- Stephanie Van Dyke
- Sven Koehler
- Terry Galiney
- Tom Eanes

1.	5:45	<u>CALL TO ORDER</u>
2.	5:45 – 5:40	<p><u>WELCOME and OVERVIEW (Andrew Lofton)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome to the new members, as well as the continuing members – good for continuity of committee. • Our redevelopment plan and vision for the physical redevelopment of Yesler is tremendously powerful and it is coming together before our very eyes. • Yesler Redevelopment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We have followed through on our commitment that residents have a right to come back to Yesler Terrace if they so choose, and they are exercising that right. ○ Residents can be proud of the new developments, infrastructure, and amenities. ○ We are really building a community – a healthy, vibrant, attractive place people can come together, live together, and exist together. ○ We're very proud of what's happening. It's a tremendous positive change for the community; a tremendous change for the city. • Community and Neighborhood Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In order for this to be a thriving neighborhood, we have to create the type of community people enjoy— a sense of community that people are proud of and that people want to be a part of. ○ It will not be easy because we're bringing together people of all different walks of life. Different cultures, different backgrounds, different incomes, different races. ○ We have to be very intentional about what are those things that we have to have in place that foster that kind of communication, that type of community, that type of neighborhood, that type of family. • Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We are starting the conversations about the components that make a thriving, healthy, vibrant community. What are the things that you want to make sure are in place that creates and facilitates neighborhood interaction in a way that is positive and allows people to exist and grow together ○ We ask and challenge the CRC to help us think through these issues. What are those things that have to be in place? ○ We are learning from the successes and challenges of our earlier communities – New Holly,

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		<p>Rainier Vista, High Point – and applying those lessons to the unique situation we have here at Yesler.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ As this discussion unfolds over the next several months, we are going to be challenging you for these ideas, we want you to challenge us, so that we move forward with the best ideas about how to achieve our ultimate goal of creating a thriving community. ○ Thanks to each of you for your commitment to join or continue with the CRC. We are absolutely dependent upon your participation, your ideas, perspectives; we want these conversations to be candid, open, and to be productive.
3.	5:40 – 5:55	<p><u>REVIEW AGENDA and INTRODUCTIONS (Diane Sugimura)</u> <u>How did you get to Seattle? (using blank map)</u></p>
4.	5:55 – 6:05	<p><u>BREAK</u></p>
5.	6:05 – 7:35	<p><u>SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (very specific ideas in bold)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>What will make Yesler a great place to live? For seniors, children, millennials, parents, students and workers...</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Feeling secure and safe in the community – Yesler feels like a safer place now ▪ Balance – safety and community; card keys – can deter sense of community ▪ Outside common areas should be well lit or be made to feel safe ▪ Pedestrian circulation within the neighborhood - greenway, sidewalks, security, better lighting, YT to Bailey Gatzert, need to have safer street crossings ▪ Expanded police coverage—more than one community police liaison as YT expands from 500 units to 5000 units ○ Open/Public Space <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lobbies – should feel inviting, where people can feel they can gather ▪ Outdoor spaces for kids—during construction, play areas are taken out of commission, would be to have some temporary areas available during construction ▪ Open space that includes recreation, parks, p-patches ▪ Playgrounds, place people can gather with pets, heart of community, small shops, ▪ Trash cans ○ Accessibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Access to transportation (other than streetcar) ▪ More bus service. ▪ Sufficient and secure bike storage ▪ Walkability, safe sidewalks and crossings throughout neighborhood ○ Economic Opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Access to employment opportunities in the area within walking, transit distance ▪ Help with resumes and cover letters ▪ Provide foundation for job success, such as computer trainings ○ Commercial/Retail <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Smaller grocery store or pharmacy within walking distance ▪ Clear system for delivery of packages YT buildings ▪ Diverse neighborhood retail ○ Neighborhood Interaction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Establish neighborhood norms around welcoming/inviting ▪ Communication/education about neighborhood history fosters respect for all

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ neighbors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Community meetings once a month ▪ Programs and meetings for seniors ▪ Speaker series about hot issues, like change in transportation or new president affecting housing funding, jobs, workshops ▪ After school programs/tutoring ▪ Programs for spaces where people will gather ▪ Importance of getting info – wayfinding, facilities, affordable internet • <u>What will create a sense of belonging and safety?</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ People can use each other as resources ○ Place to get info on how to access services ○ How we maintain people/residents knowing each other as they do now? ○ Smaller gatherings are important ○ Shared open spaces—kids can be the glue to start relationships • <u>How should we welcome new and returning neighbors when they move in?</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tours for new and returning residents ○ Joint-welcoming Orientations for all amenities, opportunities for community engagement, community newsletter ○ Introduce yourselves, be a good neighbor!
6.	7:35 – 7:45	<p><u>CRC SURVEY</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Attachment
7.	7:45 – 8:00	<p><u>QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
8.	8:00	<p><u>ADJOURN</u></p>

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