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2021 ANNUAL
REPORT

A NOTE FROM YOUR NEIGHBOR

While 2021 saw many similarities with 2020, the First Hill Improvement Association continues to remain committed to our community. As the world and city of Seattle continue to change, the First Hill Improvement Association's goals have remained the same.

Our work is made easier with the help of our neighbors who equally care about our growing neighborhood on the hill. Whether it be the volunteers who regularly pull out weeds in First Hill Park, the individuals who pick up litter every week, the folks who stock the Little Free Libraries, or those who consistently provide donations to those who need them. First Hill remains to be a neighborhood full of people who work to make our neighborhood a better place.

Moving onwards, the First Hill Improvement Association will continue to advocate, engage, inform, and collaborate with our First Hill neighbors. Of course, none of our work is done in a vacuum, so thank you for being our neighbor!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Doug Holtom". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Doug Holtom
Executive Director

2021 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Collected over 30 bags of clothing donations for social service providers in the neighborhood
- Collected hundreds of dollars worth of food for donation
- Curated the First Hill Scavenger Hunt
- Touched-up the Interstate 5 Column artwork, “Sunrise Over First Hill”
- Removed countless graffiti from signal box artwork
- Monitored construction and proposed developments throughout the neighborhood
- Published 31 online newsletter updates
- Collected over 30 garbage bags of litter at our First Hill Autumn Clean Up
- Filmed and distributed 8 online video updates via YouTube
- Tracked the Madison Rapid Ride G Line project
- Coordinated with neighbors and City of Seattle departments
- Advocated for the vacant First Presbyterian Church become a shelter again
- Assisted small-businesses submit grant funding applications
- Hosted online meetings
- Met with Mayoral and City Council candidates to discuss First Hill challenges and opportunities

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

Open spaces to look forward to in 2022 and 2023:

- A 5,785 squarefoot privately-owned public plaza associated with the 1101 8th Avenue project (The Ovation Towers) at the intersection of Hubbell Place and Seneca Street.



- A 9,126 squarefoot privately-owned public space associated with the 800 Columbia Street project (The Graystone) at the intersection of 8th Avenue and Columbia Street.



GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

While many proposed projects pre-2020 have been either put on-hold or cancelled entirely, there were quite a few developments that opened their doors in 2021.

The 76 senior housing project, the Olympic Tower (715 8th Avenue) opened its doors and began welcoming new residents.

The 6 unit townhome project at 1327 Minor Avenue completed construction. These two projects added 82 new residential units in the neighborhood for 2021.

Current projects under construction are: 1101 8th Avenue (the Ovation Towers), 800 Columbia Street (the Graystone), 707 Terry Avenue (Museum House), 725 Yesler Way, 1100 Boylston Avenue (The Victor), 209 10th Avenue South, and 1020 South Main Street, total of 2,446 market-rate apartments and condos will be coming online in the upcoming year or beyond.

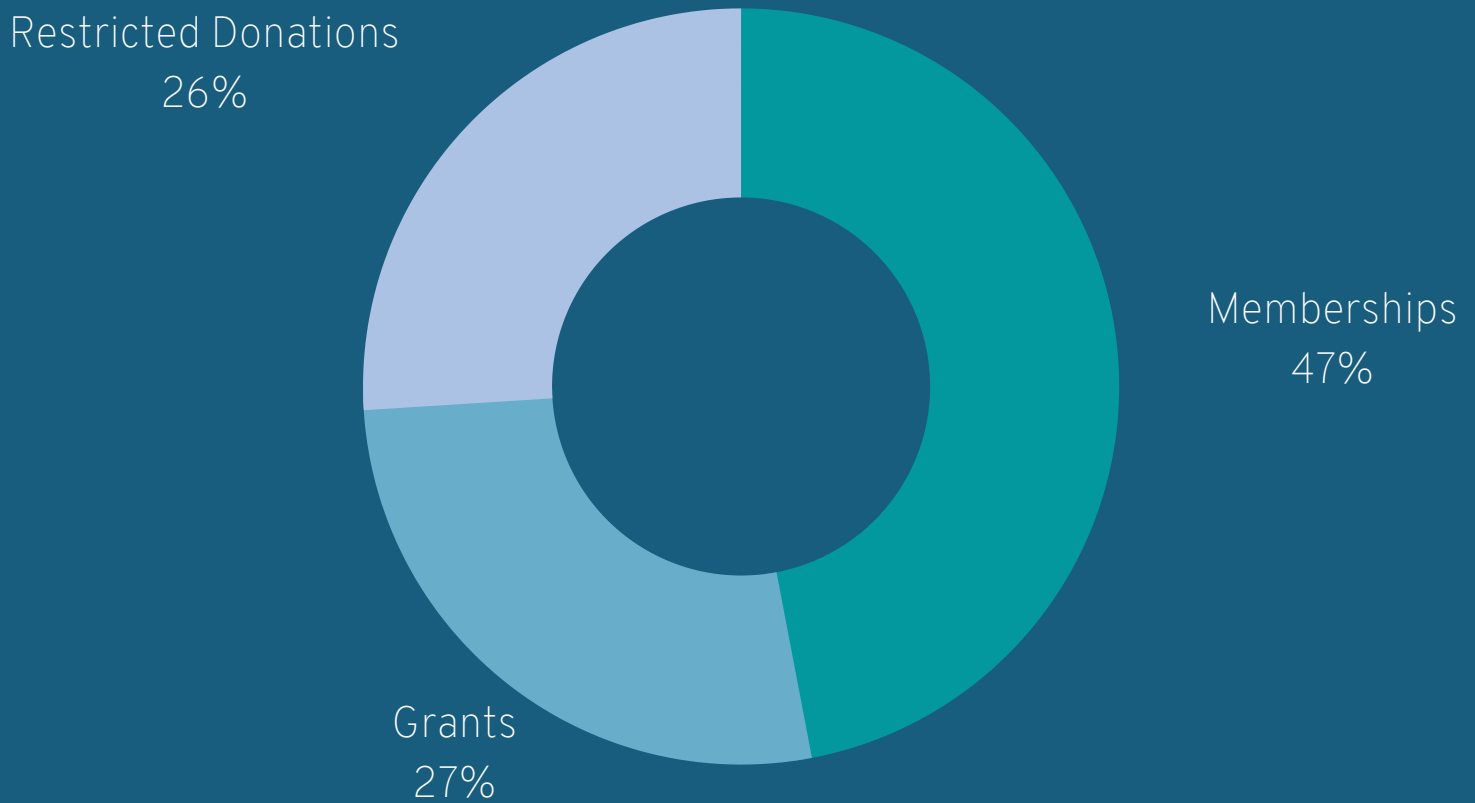
Swedish Medical Center is in the early phases of their expansion project.

Two Affordable Housing projects under construction are: the Hinoki (110 10th Avenue South) and 1400 Madison Street (The Rise on Madison) totaling 495 Affordable Housing units.

STAFF AND OPERATIONS

The First Hill Improvement Association still has one full-time employee and work continues!

2021 FINANCES



BOARD MEMBERS

Dani Nouné - Board President - First Hill Resident

Ted Klainer - Board Vice President - Harborview Medical Center

Heather Hutchison - Treasurer - First Hill Plaza

Bob Terrell - Secretary - First Hill Resident

Alex Zeiler - Frye Art Museum

Betsy Braun - Virginia Mason Medical Center

Darel Grothaus - Trinity Parish

Eli Lemanski - Horizon House

Ella McRae - Seattle Housing Authority