



## Urban Design and Public Space Committee Meeting – December 4, 2019 – Horizon House

### In Attendance

- Ann Ormsby, FH Resident
- Anne McCullough, Director
- Ashley Clark, FH Resident
- Barbara Rhoe, FH Resident
- Betsy Braun, Virginia Mason Medical Center
- Bob Terrell, FH Resident
- Cathy Jaramillo, FH Resident
- Doug Holtom, Coordinator
- Eli Lemanski, Horizon House
- Jim Erickson, Chair
- John Daniels, FH Resident
- John Wilson, FH Resident
- Lindsay Radliff, FH Resident
- Meredith Eastman, FH Resident
- Michael Chaplin, Westbank Corporation
- Miriam Sutermeister, FH Resident
- Nancy Bordine, FH Resident
- Nancy Olsen, FH Resident
- Sue VanLeuvan, FH Resident
- Suzanne Hittman, FH Resident
- Ted Klainer, Harborview Medical Center

### Agenda

- 707 Terry Avenue Project Updates Presentation
- First Hill News and Updates

Jim Erickson welcomed the committee and explained the Public Realm Action Plan and the Transportation Committee meeting last Monday (including a new location or time). Anne explained how to become a member.

### 707 Terry Avenue Project Updates Presentation

Michael Chaplin of the Westbank Corporation presented to the committee about the project under construction at 707 Terry Avenue. Perkins and Will are the architects. It has been 4 years since the project was first proposed. The twin-towers will be 33 stories with a skybridge (including a glass floor) at the upper level. 506 apartment units ranging from studios to 2 bedrooms. The building will have generous setbacks from Terry Avenue. The lobbies will be transparent and have art as a reflection of the Frye Art Museum. 50 parking stalls will be included for Frye visitors. The landscaping on Terry Avenue will create a plaza-like atmosphere (at the center of the property). There will be power available in the right-of-way.

There will be two rows of trees along Columbia and Cherry streets. The paving will match the Frye Art Museum across the street. There are two retail spaces on Columbia and Cherry streets. There will be a drop-off zone in the alley. The lobbies will be 3-stories tall. The 3<sup>rd</sup> floor will have rooftop decks with landscaping. The exterior screens on the building will be perforated and pixilated to reflect artwork that is displayed in the Frye Art Museum. The project has been under construction for a year now. All permits are in place. Retail is expected to open in Q4 2020 and units opening in 2021. All new curb



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ramps will be completed and there has been discussion about raised intersections at Terry and Columbia.

### **First Hill News and Updates**

The Terry Avenue steering committee has met many times, and FHIA has secured a DON matching fund grant to manage the design and community outreach process. Berger Partnership has been selected as the landscape architects. The outreach will begin in early 2020 for a 30% design document. Westbank plans to do streetscape work in the summer of 2020. Michael Chaplin believes that there would be cost advantages to do all streetscape work associated with the PRAP at the same time.

The latest iteration of flexible pavement has been installed throughout the neighborhood, making the total tree pits filled at 37. The newest locations are: 8th and Seneca (in front of: the Emerson, Royal Manor, Primo, and Hans Deli). Summit and Seneca (in front of: Therapeutic Health Services). Boylston and Seneca (in front of: the Manhattan and the Maxmillian).

After being hit by a car during February's snowstorm, 9th and Madison got a new signal box and artwork. The Summit and Madison signal box will be replaced soon with artwork.

Harborview Hall's shelter has been expanded to a 24/7 facility.

The updated facility includes: Showers, laundry, pets, caseworkers, and space for companions. FHIA staff previously met with King County Councilmember Joe McDermott to make this a reality.

Crossing Improvements on the intersection of Union Street, Minor Ave, and Bellevue Ave won (Cost: \$90,000; Votes received: 330)! Idea collection for 2020 begins next month, so send your ideas to Doug to submit for next year.

- TrüBistro at Terry and James (in the Murano) is now open.
- SDOT recently installed median barriers at Terry and James. Left turns are no longer allowed.
- Kelleher House is getting a paint job.
- The Mill's Live/Work units are nearly complete at 8th and Madison.
- 1101 8th Avenue (the Ovation towers) continue to make progress.
- 800 Columbia will install a crane this weekend.
- Old Fire Station #2 is undergoing improvements.