

OUR VISION

To steward a livable, vibrant, urban neighborhood supporting a diversity of residents of all ages and incomes while driving an innovative local economy and providing rich, cultural community opportunities.

OUR VALUES

Inclusiveness | Integrity | Respect | Transparency | Impartiality



SLU Community Council Meeting Tuesday, July 7, 2023

General Meeting 5:00-6:00 pm Board Session: 6:00 to 6:30 pm

Members Present: Julie Holland, Von Perkins, Ross Leventhal, Paul Wahnoutka, Stacy Segal, Renee Notkin, Kiki Gram

Members Absent: Geoff Eseltine, Rebecca Bryant, Jill Wiggins

Guests Present: 1

Community Members Present: 15

Julie Holland
President
Mirabella

Geoff Eseltine
Secretary
Cascade People’s Center
(YMCA)

Paul Wahnoutka
Treasurer
Allen Institute

Rebecca Bryant
Director
Fred Hutchinson Cancer
Center

Kiki Gram
Director
Vulcan Real Estate

Ross Leventhal
Director
NBBJ

Renee Notkin
Director
415 Westlake/Union Church

Von Perkins
Director
PCMC LLC

Stacy Segal
Director
Seattle Parks Foundation

Jill Wiggins
Director
Fearey for Amazon

GENERAL MEETING

1. Welcome (Quorum)
2. Approve Minutes
 - a. Minutes approved.
3. Treasurer’s Report (Paul Wahnoutka)
Shared report for June, thanked J Pehrson for recent donation and sponsorship. Allen Inst, also made donation. Proceeds over \$2,000. No unusual transactions. Year-to-date, balance increased by \$5,459. Von asked about restricted funds which are for website updates, \$1,357 still remaining.
4. Determine Board’s ST3 position

Matt provided some context in preparation for giving public testimony at the July 27 Sound Transit (ST) Board meeting. SLUCC has been engaged in this effort since 2010 and involved in identifying station locations since 2014. The outcome was that there would be 2 stations.

Jane Zalutsky, ED Seattle Center Fdn has been involved for many years in this process and is also involved in the Mercer Stakeholders group. Jane shared, ST is trying to produce an on time/on budget project, but up against various constraints. There are currently 3 options being considered; 2 proposals with 2 stops in SLU and one that includes just one stop. ST Board is considering a vote to change preferred alternative to potentially consolidation of 2 stations/elimination of one station. A committee meets this week to make a recommendation stops and board is scheduled to vote at end of month.

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Debi Fausto (in attendance), representing Uptown Alliance is in agreement that 2 stations need to be in SLU This has been apparent through their own studies related to zoning and future growth. They have started petition to save the station - 180 signatures in just a few days.

Questions:

What will be the impact on data on ridership? Most studies have just been based on peak ridership not event surges. We don't know if they will use information provided by Climate Pledge to inform decisions. Debi Fausto expressed that Uptown would like to stay in step with SUCC

What about a station west of Dexter? Matt said they are not interested in exploring locations west of 7th currently. Some interest in location closest the east side of Seattle Center, but that takes you farther from Sound Transit.

Adjourn General Meeting 6:00

Board Session Begins

Key Points:

- Concern that ST is not reviewing ALL ridership data (not reviewing any data related to events at Climate Pledge)
- To our knowledge none of their research looks at future growth modeling (SLU /Uptown)
- Whatever saves the second station...
- Urge to have a long range /100 year plan

Agree to:

- Advocate for second station
- Request ST to continue study, provide data, review it and report back out.
- Advocate for a plan that minimizes the impact on Westlake
- Focus is on a plan that meets the long-term growth of the city and specifically SLU /Uptown

Agreed to have Julie to present on our behalf this Thurs at ST Committee Meeting where recommendation is expected to me made. Next Step, create a formal letter to present by the July 27 ST Board meeting.

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