

# Riverton Heights Project CM #3

## **Community Meeting #3 Minutes**

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SeaTac Community Center

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For a full list of attendees, see *Appendix A*.

Pomegranate Center Facilitators: Milenko Matanovic and Bree Delgadillo

## Agenda

6:05	Welcome	Terry Anderson, Mayor of SeaTac thanked everyone for participating in this exciting project, which will help transform the Riverton Heights site from an empty lot into a resource that offers valuable amenities to everyone in our community.
6:07	Introduction & Roles	Milenko Matanovic of Pomegranate Center introduced the roles of each group involved in this project and invited people to raise their hands if they identify as one or more of the following roles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community Members: to generate ideas within the project criteria</li><li>• Steering Group Members: to participate as community members and assist in between community meetings with logistics and preparation</li><li>• City Staff: to provide critical information to help the community members in important decision-making</li><li>• Others (ie. Media): to observe and refrain from giving input</li><li>• Pomegranate Center: to facilitate the process and steward how input is given not what input is given; conveners, provide ground rules that will increase likelihood of success; create reports from community meetings which will be verified by the steering group and the community</li></ul>
6:08	Project goals & schedule	Milenko reviewed the goals and agenda of this project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Project Goal:</b> Identify how the Riverton Heights Property can best serve the community; develop a community-owned conceptual plan.</li><li>• <b>Community Meeting #3 Goal:</b> Work as a large group to identify needs of SeaTac and select which ones can be met at Riverton Heights; select a preferred scenario</li></ul>
6:15	Context Setting	Milenko reviewed the context setting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Site Background - former elementary school purchased by City for \$1.95 million in 2007, 8 acre parcel</li><li>• Current and Potential Uses - Current: mosque parking, model plane flying, informal play. Potential: Fire facility (station, training, and medic one)</li><li>• Access and Connections - Residential neighborhood with transit and pedestrian access on 148<sup>th</sup> and 150<sup>th</sup>. Nearby light rail station.</li><li>• Project Funding - \$25,000 King Conservation District grant to fund community planning process</li><li>• Project Criteria - (listed below)</li></ul>
6:20	Ground Rules	Milenko introduced Pomegranate Center's ground rules for participation which the attendees agreed to uphold: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Commit to finding common solutions</li><li>• Everyone participates</li><li>• Listen and talk</li><li>• Seek the highest good for the entire community</li><li>• Maintain positive atmosphere: respect, balance, no accusations, no blaming</li></ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Propose something better</li> <li>• Be willing to hear new information and change your mind</li> <li>• Look for solutions with multiple victories</li> </ul>
6:55	Project Criteria	<p>Milenko reviewed the initial project criteria that the steering group developed and introduced this as a filter through which ideas should be sifted as they are generated by the community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider all potential uses</li> <li>• Make it fit into the neighborhood</li> <li>• Make it safe</li> <li>• Balance the needs of the neighborhood with the needs of the larger community</li> <li>• Consider impacts on traffic, finances, maintenance, etc.</li> <li>• Be mindful of the needs of the entire community, including children, families and many cultures</li> <li>• Ensure it's healthy for the environment</li> <li>• If the preferred scenario is private ownership, the property still offers some public use or benefit</li> </ul>
7:00	Large Group Work	<p>In order to begin narrowing the preferred scenarios identified at the previous two community meetings the large group spent 30 minutes exploring the following two questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Are the needs expressed in the previous two meetings agreed-upon needs for SeaTac? Needs like: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Housing: affordable, market, combination</li> <li>□ Open space: children, adults, play, recreation</li> <li>□ Public amenities: arts, social service, families, churches</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Which of these needs can be met at the Riverton Heights site?</li> </ol> <p>Community members discussed personal thoughts about why they did or didn't support certain ideas. It was an open dialogue format so attendees were encouraged to respond to one another.</p>
7:30	Individual Prioritization	<p>Each attendee was given three blank 3x5 cards and led through a voting exercise to individually rank their top three preferred scenarios. The highest value of 3 points was given to the individual's top choice, their second choice received a value of 2 points and the least favored received a 1. Once everyone completed this process all the cards were collected and tallied in front of the group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Park received a value of 78</li> <li>• Mix of Uses received a value of 62</li> <li>• Housing received a value of 35</li> <li>• Public Amenities/Buildings received a value of 31</li> </ul>
8:00	Next Steps	<p>Milenko explained the goal of the next community meeting will be to use the top ideas – Park and Mix of Uses – to explore further which amenities should be included in a plan and to begin locating these amenities by drawing on site maps. Upcoming meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Steering Meeting #4, October 13, 6-8, SeaTac City Hall – <i>observers welcome</i></li> <li>• Community Meeting #4, Nov. 3, 6-8, SeaTac Community Center</li> <li>• Steering Meeting #5, Nov. 17, 6-8, SeaTac City Hall – <i>observers welcome</i></li> <li>• Community Meeting #5, Open House, Dec. 1, 6-8, SeaTac Community Center – review conceptual design</li> </ul>

## Appendix A: Attendees

Attendees:

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Judy	Beste
Marie	Kortes
Sarah	Lange
Yeehang	Issac Vang
Joe	Van
William	Dyruen
Graderick	Geraldsen
Alice	Beleuski
Luis	Escamilla
Iris	Guzman
Alvaro	Blandon
Doris	Plyman
Barbara	Baden
Gilver	Melgar
Eric	Helland
Rick	Forschler
Terry	Anderson
Donna	Thomas
Eddie	Aquino
Amber	Wade
Anthony	Weight
John	Thompson
Darleene	Thompson
Dotty	Zander
Earl	Gipson
Paul	Cooke
Lawrence	M
Juan	Stinse
Kit	Lobrtren
Margie	Rose
Tom	Richards
Mab	Kochb
Natansee	Lewis
Sandra	Cooke
Dean	Brinton
Iris	Guzman
Ron	Bensley
Uandia	Dickerson
Daryl	Tapio
Chuda	Dahal
Som	Acharya
Durga	Shiva