

Riverton Heights Project
Steering Group Meeting #2
MINUTES

Wed. July 21, 6:00 – 8:00
SeaTac City Hall
4800 South 188th Street

Attendees: Dean Brinton, Paul Cooke, Claudia Dickenson, Don Docherty, William Dyrness, Pam Fernald, Rick Forschler, Fred Geraldson, Mia Gregerson, Abdulhakim Hashi, Eric Helland, Loren Sisley, Tiffany Spring, Marius Tamayo, Abner Thomas, Joe Van and Brent Weaver.

City Staff: Soraya Lowry, Jeff Robinson, Todd Cutts

Pomegranate Center Facilitators: Milenko Matanovic, Bree Delgadillo

Agenda:

6:05 Welcome - Todd Cutts, welcomed everyone and thanked all the steering group members for their commitment to a process that is the first of its kind in SeaTac – a community-based planning process.

6:15 Introductions – Milenko Matanovic, invited each steering member to introduce themselves. He asked those that are not steering members to raise their hands and remain observers. The Port of Seattle representative, Allan Royal, was invited to briefly share the Port’s plans for the L-shaped property to the west of the Riverton Heights site:

- All plans for this parcel of land are on hold due to the economic downturn. Former plans included airflight kitchen facilities, however, Allan clearly stated that this parcel is not a priority to develop. The Port is not yet up to 2007 cargo levels.
- The Port is committed to liaison with the City of SeaTac when they do decide to pursue development plans in the future

6:30 Review findings from Community Meeting #1- Milenko Matanovic, Pomegranate Center reviewed the 5 scenarios that Pomegranate Center developed as a result of the ideas that arose at the first community meeting. (see minutes from Community Meeting #1 for complete list of categorized ideas)

Scenario #1: Sell for housing

Scenario #2: Sell for business

Scenario #3: Park

Scenario #4: Public amenities (buildings)

Scenario #5: Mix of uses (a combination of any of the above scenarios)

Milenko reviewed each of the community-generated ideas that fell into these categories. He asked the steering group to refine this list. The following input was given:

Scenario #1 should include single-family housing that isn’t specific to a gated community or low income, which were suggested at Community Meeting #1. This idea wasn’t generated during the community meeting but will be brought to the community on August 4 as a consideration.

The Community Meeting #1 minutes were approved with this addition and some other small improvements. They will then be posted on the City website for public access.

6:45 Revisit Project Criteria – Milenko reminded the steering committee that the project criteria will be an important tool to prioritize ideas at the second community meeting on August 4. He reviewed each of the criterion that had been developed to ensure clarity. The revisions to the Project Criteria are in bold:

- Consider all potential uses – **only interim use on future fire facility area**
- Make it fit into the neighborhood (**architecturally**)
- Make it safe
- Balance the needs of the neighborhood with the needs of the larger community
- Consider impacts on traffic, finances, maintenance, etc.
- Be mindful of the needs of the entire community, including children, families and many cultures
- Ensure it's healthy for the environment
- If the preferred scenario is private ownership, the property still offers some public use or benefit
- **Avoid duplication**

7:00 Report from City on Existing Amenities- Soraya Lowry narrated the GIS maps provided by the City at the community's request to locate existing amenities within SeaTac to avoid duplication at the Riverton Heights property. These maps identified businesses, parks, and housing facilities within one mile of the site and city-wide. The steering group agreed that the following should be added to the maps for CM #2:

- Add corridor uses
- Add Tukwila amenities
- Update businesses to current (identify restaurants and grocery stores)
- Include info on parking spots, picnic shelters, restroom facilities, etc... on parks
- Identify Tukwila police department
- Add day care facilities
- Add medical facilities
- Add demographics

7:15 Prepare for Community Meeting #2, August 4

The following ACTION ITEMS were agreed upon to prepare for the next community meeting:

- Distribute postcards and invite friends and family – all steering group members
- Act as small group facilitators – approximately 7-10 steering group members
- Provide amenities maps for all small groups – Soraya
- Provide printed agendas, writing utensils, paper to small groups – Pomegranate Center
- Post SG #1 minutes and CM #1 minutes to City website – Soraya
- Set up round tables for all attendees and small group work – Soraya and Pomegranate Center
- Provide better entrance signage at Community Center for new attendees - Soraya
- Provide pdf file of maps to all steering group members - Soraya
- Provide Spanish and Somali translation - Soraya
- Provide childcare- Soraya
- Refreshments – Soraya

7:25 Closing comments- Milenko Matanovic adjourned the meeting by thanking everyone for coming.