

City of SeaTac

Council Workshop Minutes Synopsis

June 14, 2011
5:00 PM

City Hall
Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER: The SeaTac City Council Workshop was called to order by Mayor Terry Anderson at 5:19 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Terry Anderson, Councilmembers (CMs) Rick Forschler, Anthony (Tony Anderson), Ralph Shape, and Pam Fernald. Excused Absences: Deputy Mayor (DM) Gene Fisher and CM Mia Gregerson.

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Todd Cutts, City Attorney Mary Mirante Bartolo, City Clerk Kristina Gregg, Program Manager Soraya Lowry, and Senior Planner Al Torrico.

DISCUSSION ITEM:

● **Sound Transit South 200th Street Theme**

Program Manager Soraya Lowry introduced Sound Transit Manager of Architecture and Art Debora Ashland, Art Manager Barbara Luecke, and Artist Laura Haddad.

Ms. Lowry stated that this presentation was made in May to the Land Use & Parks (LUP) Committee. If Council is comfortable with the comments made today, a request for action will be presented at the June 28 Regular Council Meeting (RCM).

Sound Transit is working to expedite the project so the milestones and timelines are compressed. It will be helpful to Sound Transit to have an idea of what the overarching theme is for the station so it can be integrated into their design.

Station theme is a High Capacity Transit (HCT) Code requirement – Light Rail Stations must be designed as an expression of the community identity and shall be consistent with a locally determined theme which is approved by the City Council.

Sound Transit and SeaTac staffs have been working together to identify potential theme ideas.

The theme requirement is unique to SeaTac so it allows an opportunity to guide design.

Ms. Lowry stated that the potential themes discussed were: Gateway, International, Environment, and In Motion. As the themes were discussed, it was concluded that all of the themes could be combined into one larger umbrella theme “In Motion” which could include people, vehicles, goods, architecture, atmosphere, seasons, and/or serenity.

Ms. Haddad and Ms. Lowry discussed some of the specific motions and showed examples.

Ms. Lowry detailed the next steps: solicit input from Council, revise/refine theme concept as needed, Council action at a future RCM on station design theme, and incorporate the theme into station design.

Council discussion ensued regarding the theme “In Motion”. Ms. Lowry stated that “In Motion” can encompass all themes and give artists and architectures a broader theme to work with.

Council agreed that this station will have a gorgeous view and that should be emphasized.

Ms. Lowry stated that staff will present an agenda bill at the June 28 RCM reflecting the theme “In Motion”. If the theme is approved in June, a draft development agreement (DA) with a conceptual design can be ready in September for Council review.

ADJOURNED:

Mayor T. Anderson adjourned the Council Workshop at 6:01 p.m.