Meeting Minutes

Monday August 29th, 2011
10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
PDA Conference Room

Committee Members Present: Patrick Kerr, Jackson Schmidt, Gerry Kumata, Matt Hanna

Staff Present: Ben Franz-Knight, Ryan Yale

Others Present: Ken Johnson, Peter Steinbrueck

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Patrick Kerr, Co-Chair.

I. Administrative
   A. Approval of Agenda
      The agenda was approved by acclamation.

   B. Announcements and Community Comments
      None

II. WRC Planning
   Patrick Kerr opened the meeting and stated the need for information on PC-1 North, Steinbrueck Park, the retaining wall on Western Avenue, the Bored Tunnel, and the Waterfront. Patrick suggested the committee approach numerous issues of concern to the Market that includes available drawings and designs of areas north of Union Street, south of Lenora and west of Pike Place. Pat added that the committee will also need to focus on the Elliot & Alaskan Way connector and the Burlington Railroad tunnel as it relates to PC-1 North.

   Jackson commented on the potential timeline of the WRC as it relates to the Waterfront development and the design team’s leader, James Corner Field Operations. He noted that we should have a specific timeline in place to coincide with that of JCFO.

   Ken Johnson added that the JCFO’s presentation in October will be the next key date to observe where the design process is currently. He added that JCFO committed to being engaged and will be open to the ideas presented by the Market.

   Ben commented on the PDA’s involvement and the work that has been done leading up to the formation of the WRC. He noted that the adoption of the guiding principles, priority uses, and the involvement and interaction with the city officials has been a huge step to show how the Waterfront and the Market could and should co-exist.

   Jackson added that the WRC should have a working document such as a uniformed binder for the committee members to work from. Ben and Patrick agreed that this was a good idea and the PDA Staff was directed to supply a binder to each member with all pertinent information included as it relates to the Waterfront, PC-1 North, and the Alaskan Way Viaduct demolition.
Peter Steinbrueck commented on the role of the Market and PDA and how we should proceed with dealing and collaborating with JCFO. He added that the Market should look at ideas that are essential to the Market and laid out some rough groundwork for the PDA and the Market.

A discussion of the next steps and alternative uses for PC-1 and the waterfront followed, which included how the WRC, PDA, and the Market should move forward.

The WRC requested that the full PDA Council discuss and decide on a ‘wish list’ of how they would develop the PC-1 North site and areas currently occupied by the viaduct. In addition, Patrick requested that Ben set up a meeting with the city staff and design team.

Matt requested a site plan of PC-1 to understand the ownership of adjacent properties. A kroll map was introduced and will be included in the binder.

Jackson suggested that after the direction from Council, there should be another meeting to discuss the outcome. A meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, September 6th.

The WRC also discussed the Alaskan Way/Elliott Ave connector and directed PDA staff to engage in initial talks with the city and design team. In addition, staff was directed to set up a meeting with SDOT representatives to further the conversation on the process and design concepts of the Alaskan Way/Elliott Ave connector.

III. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m. by Patrick Kerr.