

Sam Miller, with LMN Architects, began by noting schematic design has been completed. Sam discussed the complexity and richness of the project and the threshold between the city and the ocean and is a unique opportunity to connect people to water and the ocean. The Ocean Pavilion is a nexus connecting the new waterfront developments, the Market, and the city.

Sam Miller reviewed the schematic design for the Ocean Pavilion and the Overlook Walk that connects to MarketFront. LMN is working closely with the architect of the Overlook Walk to make it seem as though it is one cohesive project. Sam highlighted the elevators at the Ocean Pavilion, Overlook Walk, and the elevator at the Market parking garage. The building is designed with a “City” edge and an “Ocean” edge.

Mary Anne Smith with LMN reviewed the exhibit design. The inspiration for the exhibits comes from the aquariums conservation message and they see the Ocean Pavilion as the next step in aquarium design. The idea is that a section of the ocean will be brought into the building and provide an understanding of what it takes for the human interaction, the technology, to be able to do that. The exhibits include four main sections:

1. The Hub: the central meeting space to create an environment for people to connect and tell their stories. I will feature rotating exhibits as well.
2. Meet the Ocean:
3. The Archipelago: Represents the Coral Triangle and will include three sections.
4. The Web: A 350,000 gallon tank with multiple views into the tank, including looking up a coral canyon. People will be able to see feeding and diver activities.

Sam Miller discussed how people will walk down from Overlook Walk to the Ocean Pavilion and will include a series of steps and seating options. Sam continued by showing some images of Overlook Walk and the bridge and steps down to the Ocean Pavilion and seating steps. The building design allows people standing outside to view a part of the exhibit through what they call the “Sharkulus”, a viewing window overhanging the main entrance.

Mark Brady commented that he noticed there is only one elevator and it could be a long walk if one breaks down. He recommends two elevators.

Ali Mowry commented that she likes the design and feels that ADA accessibility is important.

Colleen Bowman asked if decisions have been made on how the building will be secured and managed. Ben Franz-Knight with SOJ responded there are three parties involved – Pike Place Market, Friends of the Waterfront, Aquarium – while Parks will have some role. The aquarium hopes to join the conversation once there is some clarity between those three entities on the management of the space. The public restrooms will be managed by Parks.

Mary Bacarella asked if there will be restrooms inside the building. Ben Franz-Knight responded there will be restrooms inside and they will be managed by the aquarium.

Colleen Bowman noted the Hub is really interesting to her and she asked how they deal with multilingual audiences. Jim Wharton responded their goal is to offer multi-lingual programming but also utilize technology in any way they can. The Hub will have a technological component to

allow for multiple languages. Most interaction happens through person-to-person. They are still working on how this will be achieved in the new space. He noted the Open House event they host each year that offers printed materials and interpreter in many languages.

Ali Mowry asked what impact this building will have on those commuting into the city and if traffic patterns have been studied. Ben Franz-Knight responded they are in the process of completing an EIS process and will provide a copy once completed. There will be minimal impacts to traffic. The Overlook Walk and Ocean Pavilion are on schedule to start construction in 2021 and finishing in 2023.

Colleen Bowman asked what it means to be a partner agency. Jim Wharton responded partner agencies are a way to build relationships with the community. That relationship could be free tickets or more hands-on experiences to build stronger connections.

Colleen Bowman allowed for public comment in order for questions to be asked of the aquarium team.

Howard Aller clarified that he would like to see two elevators at the north location, the one connected to Pike Place Market, in the event one breaks down people can get to the waterfront.

B. Construction Impact Updates

Mary Bacarella started by stating the Seattle City Council passed the Ordinance 8-0 to include the Showbox in the Market Historical District for 10 months. She reviewed the letter that she provided to City Council at a City Council Committee meeting last week. Mary will be meeting with members of various city departments soon to learn more about this change.

Ali Mowry asked the difference between landmark status and expanding the historic district. Mary Bacarella responded that expanding the historic district means the developers can't touch the property and will have to go through the historical commission for changes. With landmark status the group that submitted the application hopes to protect the building but can't protect the use. Adding it to the historical district can help protect use.

Mary Bacarella continued with her report and provided updates on the following projects:

- The MarketFront stairs and north end have opened and SOJ will provide an update at Council. More work will start in October.
- There are no updates on Overlook Walk and Mary is working to schedule a meeting to discuss next steps on the management and design discussions.
- Market to MOHAI has been hosting outreach events during the summer and until 8/24 prototypes are up along Westlake Avenue and along Bell Street in Belltown.
- Pike Pine Corridor, no updates.
- Convention Center construction started in July and buses were rerouted to 9th avenue. In March the tunnel will be used exclusively by light rail.
- Steinbrueck Park will be providing an update at Market Historical Commission next week with regards to the width of the connection between the park and MarketFront and Mary is working on setting up a meeting with David Graves at Parks.

- Mary is still in conversations regarding the connections to the parking garage during viaduct demolition. The PDA has \$1.59M earmarked for work related to this project and others related and connected to Overlook Walk and viaduct demolition.
- Mary noted there is no set date for viaduct demolition but that the Market should be receiving a notice in the mail soon. Ali Mowry asked how the PDA can help employees understand how to get to the Market during construction and demolition. Mary responded she and Amy Wallsmith are working on a communications plan that will be released once dates are firm. Colleen Bowman asked if foot ferries are increasing. Amy Wallsmith responded yes and she is waiting to get a communication plan from WSDOT.

Mark Brady asked how long work along Western Avenue will take. Amy Wallsmith stated she's reached out but has not heard anything yet. Mary added it could be Comcast doing some work.

- Mary continued by noting she walked Western Avenue with the City and two flashing light cross walks will be added along Western Avenue. In addition, two parking spaces will be changed to 3 min loading zones for the child care and a parking spot near a cross walk will be changed to a 3 min loading zone.
- The crosswalks at Virginia and Western is the safest crosswalk in the city. If the Market wanted to make changes, they could, but the Market would need to pay for it. Ali Mowry asked if there had been a study at the light at Lenora and Western. Mary Bacarella didn't know and Colleen Bowman added that is just outside the Historic District.
- Mary Bacarella has invited DSA to talk at council. Colleen Bowman has seen those shuttles and they don't seem to move very fast. She wonders if it's worth continuing the conversation to have them change the route.

IV. Public Comment

Bob Messina commented the turn at the north end of the MarketFront, down towards the stairs, is narrow and if there is a way to widen the opening at Victor Steinbrueck Park, that might make it feel a little wider.

V. Concerns of Committee Members

None.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m. by Colleen Bowman, Chair

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