



Meeting Notes

(These notes are not formal meeting minutes. They are staff notes which capture the general topics and main points discussed during the meeting.)

TIME: Wednesday, February 1, 2017, 5:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Clyde Hupp Board Room, Downtown Campus, Bates Technical College,
1101 S. Yakima Ave Tacoma, WA

Attendees: *Tony Powell, Allyson Gregg, Marty Mattes, Earl Thomas, Olga Inglebritson, Kiara Daniels, William Towy, Brendan Nelson, Anthony Steele, Hally Bert, Audra Hudson, Ashley Lipford*

City Staff in Attendance: *Carol Wolf, Monica Ghosh, Ian Munce, Allyson Griffith, Amy McBride*

Sound Transit Staff in Attendance: *Mitzi McMahan, Mark Wheeler*

A. Call to Order

B. Co-Chairs Report

C. Items of Business

1. **Presentation by HEC Members (discussion only):**
Brendan Nelson, Hilltop Action Coalition
William Towey, Center for Strong Families

[Goal: To inform and educate HEC members, City staff and other stakeholders about community driven projects, programs and initiatives which are led by organizations represented on the HEC.]

Jeff Klein, Brian Humphreys and Tim Jumper from Sound Outreach talked about the Center for Strong Families and the need in the community for financial empowerment tools.

The Center for Strong Families helps Hilltop residents create a more prosperous future through employment navigation, financial coaching, access to financial products, benefits access, and income supports for you and your family. With multiple services and agencies in one central location, the Center for Strong Families will help you to achieve stability and financial wellbeing.

Brendan Nelson provided background on the Hilltop Action Coalition and how it evolved over many years and the publication of the Hilltop Action Journal.



2. Presentation of Related City Initiatives (discussion only):

Allyson Griffith, Neighborhood and Community Services

Amy McBride, Arts Administrator, Office of Arts & Cultural Vitality

[Goal: HEC members are better informed and knowledgeable about City run projects, plans, policies, and programs related to neighborhoods impacted by Link Light Rail Expansion.]

Allyson Griffith talked briefly about several City run programs related to the Hilltop: Rapid Graffiti removal, neighborhood cleanups, and support to Hilltop organizations.

Amy McBride talked about the Office of Arts and Cultural Vitality which promotes and supports the creative economy in Tacoma. The Office manages public art projects for the City of Tacoma. Public Art could be part of the streetscape design plans and Amy would play a role in this portion of the project.

3. Project Updates: Streetscape Conceptual Design and Engineering and Outreach and Analysis (discussion only):

[Goal: HEC members remain up-to-date all areas of the Project.]

Ian talked about the interview process to select the streetscape engineering and conceptual consultant team and let the group know that a firm had been selected and contract negotiations were underway. Pastor Anthony Steele and Hally Bert, the HEC members who participated in the selection process, were offered an opportunity to share their perspective on the process. Hally talked about realizing for the first time that a lot of procurement decisions related to community are made by City staff and that was something she hadn't realized.

4. Equity and Empowerment Consultant Tasks (possible action):

[Goal: HEC members provide final input and reach consensus about the draft consultant tasks.]

The Committee decided to postpone this agenda item until the next meeting.

Other Business

D. Public Comments

Comments must be pertaining to items on the agenda and limited to up to three minutes per speaker.

E. Adjournment