



### AGENDA

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, April 5, 2017, 5:00 p.m.

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

*Staff in attendance: Tanisha Jumper, Lauren Fleminster, Ian Munce, Carol Wolfe*

*HEC members in attendance: Allison Gregg, Ann Mumford, Hally Fort, Denny Faker, William Towey, Earl Williams, Marty Mattes, Josh Jorgensen, Audra Hudson, Ashely Lipford, Lawrence White, Kiara Daniels, Olga Inglebritson*

#### **A. Call to Order**

*William Towey, HEC co-chair, called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm*

#### **B. Co-Chairs Report (10 mins)**

- *William introduced Eric Alozie, who will serve as a subconsultant to AHBL, the firm recommended to Council to perform the streetscape conceptual design and engineering work (Contract between the City and AHBL approved on April 25, 2017).*
- *Lauren Fleminster, Senior Planner, City of Tacoma talked about the Smart Growth American and Enterprise consultant teams visiting Tacoma between May 1 and 2, 2017. HEC members are welcome to participate in the visit.*
- *William announced that alternate HEC member Audra Hudson is now a regular member of the HEC as Kevin Grossman resigned.*

#### **C. Items of Business**

**1. Review Links to Opportunity Project goals and define common terms used during meetings (discussion only, 20 mins)**

[Goal: An opportunity for HEC members to ask questions about the project and to develop and strong understanding of project goals and background.]

*William talked about the two documents provided by Monica which summarized the Links to Opportunity Project and the definition of common terms and processes referred to during HEC meetings.*

*Monica gave a high level overview of the documents and William encouraged HEC members to bring these resources to all HEC meetings.*



**2. Equity and Empowerment Consultant Tasks (possible action, 20 mins)**

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

*Carol Wolfe walked HEC members through draft consultant tasks and asked for feedback. HEC members provided the following ideas and thoughts to include in the consultant tasks.*

- *Go door to door to collect meaningful feedback from residents.*
- *Build on the best practices already identified and implemented by community and faith based service providers.*
- *Bring an understanding of basic structural and institutional racism and decolonization methods and practices.*
- *Analyze the impacts of the changing demographics which have resulted in a considerable number of African Americans moving from Hilltop to the Tacoma Mall area. Discuss this demographic trend in the context of gentrification and disinvestment.*
- *Conduct extensive grassroots community engagement to understand needs.*
- *Utilize social media and traditional media: TV, newspapers, etc, to reach population of focus.*

**3. Presentation by HEC Members about related initiatives (discussion only, 10 mins)**

***Kiara Daniels, Peace Community Center***

[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.]

*Kiara, elementary program coordinator at Peace Community Center, talked about the youth served by Peace, the programs, and community impact. She also discussed the fact that more families are being priced out of the Hilltop area and are therefore coming from outside the neighborhood to access Peace services.*

**4. Presentation by City Staff (discussion only, 10 mins)**

***Tanisha Jumper, 2025 Program Manager***

[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.]

*Tanisha provided the history and framework of the strategic plan and the implementation process.*

**5. HEC Discussion (discussion only, 15 mins)**

[Goal: For HEC members to have an opportunity to share closing thoughts and further discuss what was presented during the meeting]

*William used this as an opportunity to do a general check-in, most HEC members were satisfied with the committee meetings and pace of discussion.*

**D. Other Business (5 mins)**

**E. Public Comments**

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

*A couple of members of the public were in attendance to learn more about the project and the Link Expansion.*

**F. Adjournment**