JPCC Board Draft Meeting Notes

September 10, 2007

Present: Steve Van Oel Oksana Winstead Bill Bradburd Debra Bartley Jill Moe

Guest:

Vanessa Murdock, Seattle Department of Planning and Development

Pedestrian Overlay Plan

Vanessa Murdock defined Seattle's Neighborhood Main Street Mapping Project and associated pedestrian zones, and presented the results of the City's analysis of the two study areas in/near Jackson Place. (Handouts provided)

Pedestrian zones ("P zones") are meant to attract pedestrian activity at the street level. City staff are deciding where to propose that these zones be located. Retail, restaurants, banks, community centers, libraries and the like are encouraged in these zones. Parking requirements are reduced or waived for new developments in the zone. The City studied Hiawatha Place (1-2 blocks south of Dearborn) and decided not to recommend a P zone in that location – the Board supported this decision. The City also studied Jackson/23rd and the entire length of Jackson from that intersection to the ID; City staff propose to recommend a P zone at the Jackson/23rd intersection only. The Board discussed the recommendation; there was not consensus and it was decided that the Board would discuss the Jackson P zone at its next meeting.

Traffic

There is an SDOT Neighborhood Street Fund public meeting on September 12; all are encouraged to attend to show support for the JPCC traffic plan. On September 13, Johnny is to attend the Central Area District Council and be nominated to represent the Central Area on the SDOT Large Project Review Team for the Neighborhood Street Fund.

The Board offered no further comments on the traffic plan.

Goodwill/Dearborn Street Project

The Dearborn Street Coalition for Livable Neighborhoods is taking a 3-pronged approach to affect the proposed redevelopment of the Goodwill site: negotiation with the developer, preparation of an alternative proposal for the site, and participation in City review processes. The Coalition is fundraising to support these efforts. The Board is considering holding funds for the Coalition in the JPCC bank account; Bill is to send an email after seeking advice from an accountant.

Planning for September Quarterly JPCC Meeting

Agenda will include discussion with Sen. Adam Klein and Rep. Eric Pettigrew, land use update, traffic update and recap of summer Board elections. Jill and Bill will arrange for food at the meeting.

Public Comment

Paul Crane informed the Board that he is working with others to form a group called Sustainable Central Area. It is the intent of this group to work directly with developers to encourage them to seek LEED certification for their projects in the Central Area.