

**SWEDISH MEDICAL CENTER  
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CITIZEN'S ADVISORY  
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**Meeting Notes**

**Meeting #5**

**March 28, 2013**

Swedish Medical Center

Swedish Education & Conference Center

550 17th Avenue

First Floor - James Tower

**Members and Alternates Present**

Najwa Alsheikh

Eric Oliner

Patrick Carter

Elliot Smith

David Letrondo

Andrew Coates

Dylan Glosecki

Joy Jacobson

**Members and Alternates Absent**

Jamile Mack

Laurel Spelman

Mark Tilbe

Nicholas Richter

**Staff and Others Present**

Steve Sheppard, DON

Stephanie Haines, DPD

Marcia Peterson, SMC

*(See sign-in sheet)*

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

The meeting was opened by Najwa Alsheikh. Brief introductions followed.

**II. Purpose of this Meeting**

Steve Sheppard stated that this has been a primarily DPD's Scoping Meeting to receive public comments. The Committee meeting notes will not include that portion of the meeting which will be included as part of the Department of Planning and Development's record.

The CAC also has the opportunity to comment on the scope of the EIS. The purpose of this post meeting is to begin your deliberations concerning our scoping comments.

**III. Committee Discussion of the Elements of the Environment**

Members asked if there were any elements of the environment referenced during public testimony that cannot be part of the EIS. Stephanie Haines responded that there were none.

Various members also observed that there were common theme running through many community comments, including: 1) community cohesion, 2) walkability, 3) property 4) flooding, 5) opposition to street vacations, 6) light, 7) glare, 8) noise, 9) air quality, 10) circulation, and safety, civic space, park space, and open space impacts, retail toxic or hazardous waste generated disposal, 11) boundary expansions impacts on land banking, and 12) long-term air quality issues.

Joy Jacobson stated that she wanted to reiterate that pedestrian circulation and

safety is a major issue. Many have questioned the three alternatives and suggested that other alternatives also be developed. Stephanie Haines responded that it's up to DPD to set the alternatives in consultation with SMC. Any alternative studied must meet the needs of the institution, but ultimately DPD is responsible for identifying what those alternatives look like in the EIS. Part of the scoping process is to get comments from the public about the range of alternatives. There could be additional or different alternatives evaluated in the EIS. Ms Haines noted that at some point one of the alternatives will be identified as the preferred alternative, but that all will be evaluated in the EIS. Steve Sheppard noted that various other CAC's have weighed in at this point and asked for an expanded range of alternatives. This Committee can ask for an evaluation of additional alternatives.

Joy Jacobson recommended that an alternative that retained the current boundaries of the institution without street vacations while allowing for some additional square footage needed to be developed and evaluated.

After brief further discussion, Dylan Glosecki moved:

That Swedish Medical Center study an additional alternative or alternatives for development at their Cherry Hill Campus that retained current boundaries without street vacations but still included authorization for some additional square footage.

Joy Jacobson seconded the motion. Brief discussion followed. The question was called and the Committee polled by show of hands. The vote was: eight in favor, none opposed. A quorum being present and the majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed.

Members stated that they wanted to add more detail to their comments and suggested that rather than vote immediately at his meeting, there be on-line email discussion to see what additional alternative might look like so that the Committee might have a better sense of not only concerning what we're asking, but also so that the people that we're asking to develop this alternative would have a better sense of what we're asking for. Members agreed to use this format for development of their final comments. A general discussion followed.

Members also noted that there were many comments at the EIS scoping meeting concerning utilization of on-street parking and Residential Parking Zone enforcement problems. Patrick: Carter stated that good information on this is needed. She noted that what appear to be SMC employees or Sabey tenants are parking in the nearby neighborhood all day long and t in the 2 hour zones. Little enforcement seems to be occurring. However, doesn't seem to good information to prove if these are Swedish employees.

Staff responded that at Children's Hospital they have parking enforcement people who go around the neighborhood and record the last digits of the license plates of cars parked on the streets. These are then run through the state system and they could tell if it was a Children's employee. They take immediate and significant action against violators. Members suggested that something similar be done surrounding the Swedish Medical Center Cherry Hill Campus.

Joy Jacobson noted that Swedish Medical Center has a transportation management plan for this Campus. It does not appear to have been addressed completely and Swedish Medical Center has failed to meet its goals for SOV use reduction. The Squire Parks Community Council has asked DPD to address this. Transportation management plans are adopted

through this process but follow-up seems to be an issue. Stephanie Haines with DPC stated that the new TMP will deal with both Swedish Medical Center and all Sabey tenants within the campus. DPD will make sure that the TMP is written that way.

Steve Sheppard stated that the traffic and transportation analysis for the Environmental Impact Statement will look at on-street parking, utilization rates, levels of service at intersections and other issues. He suggested that the Committee highlight this in its EIS scoping comment letter as an important element to evaluate. He noted that another common comment that he had heard was “community context” or the relationship of the proposed levels of development to the surrounding neighborhood. Therefore the Committee should probably make sure to highlight the need for detailed analysis of bulk, height and scale. Boundary expansions are they automatically considered a rezone, so there’s a rezone analysis required for any boundary expansion. Mr. Sheppard noted that major concerns over the boundary expansion were stated repeatedly. This should also be a major focus of any analysis of the proposed plan.

Members noted that many had heard suggestions that this process look at the broader zoning around the MIO Boundary. Steve Sheppard responded that the MIO process can look at zoning within the proposed boundary only. Any broader neighborhood-wide evaluation would have to be a separate process. Stephanie Haines briefly explained the separate rezone process.

Stephanie Haines stated that DPD has a transportation planner working closely with the transportation consultant chosen for this process. One coordination meeting has already been held to talk about the general scope of possible studies. However, these studies will not start until we have established the range of alternatives. Steve Sheppard noted that the Committee will be briefed on the transportation analysis throughout the process.

Najwa Alsheikh asked if parking utilization for the current garages and projections of future utilization were known. She noted that many question the need for large parking structures give possible underutilization now. Stephanie Haines responded that this would be part the analysis. She noted that the Land Use Code sets both a minimum and maximum for allowable parking spaces.

#### **IV. Adjournment**

No further business being before the Committee the meeting was adjourned.