



SEPA Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: August 22, 2019, 10:00-11:30

Location: UFB, Conference Room G41

Attendees:

- John Wallace – Environmental Health & Safety (sitting in for Doug Galluci)
- Jeff Ding – Planner at EA Engineering. Preparing the SEPA Checklist for UW.
- Caryn Walline – Planning Manager in Transportation Services
- Freida Taub – School of Aquatic Fisheries
- Julie Blakeslee – University Environmental & Land Use Planner, Chair
- Kristine Kenney – University Landscape Architect, (Not in Attendance)
- Rob Lubin – Housing & Food Services (Not in Attendance)

Northwest Hospital – Behavioral Health Teaching Hospital

No SEPA action is required by the committee at this time for this project. This is an introduction to the project that is anticipated to require SEPA evaluation in the near future.

- House Bill 1593 is the formation of a solution to our homeless and psychiatric community needs in the State as well as meant to address the upcoming closure of the Western State Hospital.
- Dr. Jurgen Unutzer has been the prime leader in working with the legislature in developing a program to try and help the situational needs. The immediate need is the facilities location and expansion of behavioral health teaching capabilities.
- The project goal is to create:
 - o A Center of Excellence in Behavioral Health Care located at UW Medicine that serves our community and the state. It will provide expert evaluation, consultation, and clinical care and training for the next generation of health care professionals in behavioral health care. Patients served include individuals with mental illness, substance use disorders, intellectual and developmental disabilities, traumatic brain injury, and neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer’s disease.
- The project is aiming to furnish the below clinical services concepts:
 - o In patient psychotherapy, both in voluntary and voluntary
 - o Tele health consultations
 - o Diagnostic services
 - o Intensive outpatient services
 - o Educational programs
- There were 3 locations considered for the project per below:
 - o Harborview
 - Considered but rejected for the desire to geographically diversify the mental health services options in King County



- UW Medicine
 - Considered but rejected primarily for timeline and logistical challenges (enabling projects required)
- Northwest Hospital
 - Chosen campus because there are already related service, skills and beds are in place, there are options for expansion available now, and serves North King County.
- There is an existing Northwest Hospital Major Institution Master Plan (MIMP) from 1991.
- Examination of “Current Major Institution Master Plan” Map
 - The cemetery is located to the south and west side.
 - Single-family zoning is present on the north and east location.
 - There is capacity within the total gross square footage for one additional building.
 - Site #8 is being favored as it is near open space with therapeutic opportunities in terms of surroundings. The current D-Wing is also not serving the fullest potential in the current state.
 - Preliminary analysis is beginning now to understand the appropriate SEPA process and documentation required.
- Is there an assumption of any additional big construction projects at Northwest Hospital in the next 5 years or so? Answer: This project is anticipated use the last of the master plan available space.

Softball Performance Center

- We are designing an all-season indoor practice facility for softball.
- The goal of the space is to be:
 - Best in class for Pac 12
 - An aid for recruitment of new students/talent
 - Serve for team for the majority of the year and for camp use during the summer.
 - Serve as a training facility for the UW softball team(s)
 - Open for Intercollegiate Athletics (ICA) event use
- The building is a 6,000 sq. foot pre-engineered metal building.
- The interior will have 3 lanes for pitching/hitting practice with adjustable netting throughout.
- The location is at the South end of the Nordstrom Tennis Center.
- A benefit of this project is that we will update the fire lane path immediately to the South with the necessary ADA requirements and railing.
- The location was also chosen due to the proximity of the softball field.
- The City of Seattle Environmental Critical Areas (ECA) GIS mapping identified the potential for the following:
 - Peat
 - Landfill Methane Buffer



- Steep Slope
- Wildlife (birds)
- Geotechnical and avian studies were conducted to address the issues and for an ECA exemption from the city of Seattle.

The SEPA Advisory reviewed the project SEPA Expanded Checklist. Those not in attendance also provided review and approval.

- Discussion:
 - A methane barrier is planned due to being at the edge of the buffer.
 - An 860 sq. foot water quality/detention is being planned to be located on site if possible. Options are being reviewed such as planter bed, rain garden, porous pavers, etc.
 - Add “Lake Washington” to description.
 - Revise Figure 4.
 - Add more about the fire lane upgrade and ADA pedestrian improvements

The draft SEPA Expanded Checklist is approved with minor edits.