
From: John Pehrson [pehrsonj@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2009 12:10 PM
To: Grace Crunican
Cc: Zander Batchelder; Barbara Hartley; Tom Graff; Ronald Turner; Tom English; Pearce, Steve; Paananen, Ron; Lenz, KaDeena (Consultant)
Subject: Re: Street design in Belltown

Grace,

We've picked 2/12 at 2pm. We plan to meet in the Ewing and Clark space at 2110 Western Avenue, Tom Graff's office. The phone number there is 206.441.7900. I'm aiming for a Belltown contingent of about 7-8 people who are really connected to the property or opportunities in this area.

As I said this is meant to be a 'working group' meeting, that may establish a working relationship that would be good for all for the design and doing phase in this area. WE WANT TO WORK WITH YOU.

I would suggest an agenda built around my listing of our objectives, and we'll be prepared to talk about our issues and objectives. Here's pasting that from my original email

Toward that end, we'd like to meet with the appropriate people in the very near future with this objective:

1. What are the plans, as they exist now, for the street changes from Virginia Street to Battery Street?
2. What does the AWV project team view as some of the critical issues in that area?
3. What issues do the property owners and business operators and residents in that immediate area have?
4. Each understand the issues, objectives and concerns of the other.

Please confirm that will still work for you and how many people you'd plan to bring.

Grace, please know that we are planning a separate Viaduct meeting with KaDeena Lenz and AWV project team for a broader audience in Belltown at the Belltown Community Council meeting on 3/18/09. The Belltown Business Association and Belltown Housing and Land Use Committee (BHLUS) will also be invited to that meeting. It is meant to bring the wider Belltown community up-to-date on the selected option. Our meeting on 2/12/09 should make the AWV project position stronger for that 3/18/09 community meeting.

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On 1/27/09 8:14 AM, "Grace Crunican" <Grace.Crunican@Seattle.Gov> wrote:

Yes, John, we can meet. The following dates and times work for me:

2/12 @ 2 or 4
2/23 @ 10
2/25 @ 2 or 3

7/2/2009

Please let me know if any of these dates might work for you and your group. Thanks, Grace

>>> John Pehrson <pehrsonj@comcast.net> 1/22/2009 1:30 PM >>>
Grace,

Steve Pearce has told me that as a first approximation, the surface street changes between Virginia and Battery Streets for the selected Bored Tunnel alternative will be similar to that shown for the old options A and B. I think this will be good. However there are many questions and issues and we (the residents and property owners in the area) would like to be 'at the table' as these are refined.

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I don't want to put this off until 'we have a firmer design'; I want us to get together now so we can understand each others issues and objectives and concerns. This would be meant to be anything but a start of a good dialogue and working relationship and a sharing of values. I think this kind of process could be very helpful to the AWV Project team and should result in a better design for all.

I will work with the Belltown Business Association, Belltown Community Council and Belltown Housing and Land Use Committee to see that the right community people are available, but still keep the numbers to a reasonable level so we can have an interactive process.

Can you support such a meeting in the next 3 - 4 weeks and would you suggest some dates?

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