

Seattle Community Advisory Group Meeting, July 23, 2026

Attendance:

- In-person: Asha Venkataraman, Erin Reinhardt, Linda Pedersen, Katie Rogers, Scott McClellan, Heather Smith, Chris Lampkin,
- Online: Andrew Haas, Gabriel Neuman, David Selander, Alex Altshuler, Matt Corsi, Emily Johnson, Joseph Elenbaas

Public Comment:

Asha opened the public comment period. Asha opened the public comment period, no public comment was provided, Asha closed the public comment period.

Agenda:

1. Public comment
2. Approval of minutes
3. Charter discussion and vote
4. Brief updates
5. Gap analysis
6. Next steps and close out

Meeting minutes: Asha shared meeting minutes from June 16, 2026, meeting. No additions were offered. Minutes were approved.

Charter Discussion & Vote:

- Minor edits for punctuation were made.
- Language was added to the charter review section about revisiting how SCAG engagement may continue beyond one year after opening.
- In section detailing membership, job titles of members were removed, in order to reflect on member's change in job title.
- Asha moved to approve the charter, there were no objections. The charter was approved.

Brief Updates:

- The Crisis Care Centers Levy team hosted a community open house on Tuesday July 21. Heather and Erin attended, representing the SCAG. The event was well attended and covered an overview of the progress made toward opening the facility, as well as a virtual tour of the Kirkland Connections location. An FAQ doc shared at the event was posted on the website: [link here](#).
- In a previous meeting, a question was raised about an increase in patrols from the Emergency Service Patrol. These patrols started in May 2026, include a ¼ mile

radius around the facility, and happen twice per shift. More information will be available for the September SCAG meeting.

- In a previous meeting, a question was raised about the availability of the \$3M allocation – this funding will be available for allocation through the end of 2027.
- An email has been sent to the SCAG about scheduling a site walk for this group and Joe (SPD) for next week.
- The group discussed the CPTED analysis work:
 - The CPTED consultant conducted initial observations on the parcel.
 - Initial walks will inform draft recommendations, which will be sent to the architect (Stantec) for review and cost analysis.
 - A question was raised about the intent of SPD involvement with the CPTED process in the mayor's letter. Katie clarified that the letter says, "partner with SPD". SPD will participate with input. DCHS has been in touch with SPD, KC Sheriff's Office, and the Seattle Mayor's office. The use of a third-party consultant was intended for neutrality.
 - Tentative timeline for CPTED finalization is October.

Gap Analysis:

- The group continued to discuss what a gap analysis could include. The group decided on a half mile radius around the site, with certain areas of focus.
- The group discussed existing resources in the neighborhood, including patrols led by hospitals and schools.
- Emily shared that the Seattle City Council has already requested a report on existing human services and permanent supportive housing in the area, due to Council this fall.

Next Steps & Close Out:

- Asha presented the broad workplan for the rest of the year.
- The goal is to review the results of the gap analysis in October, and to vote on funding in December.
- Asha will send a poll for the August meeting.