

Seattle Community Advisory Group

Monday, August 17, 2026

Attendance

- In Person: Emily Johnson (Seattle HSD), Andy Haas (SCAG), Heather Smith (SCAG), Katie Rogers (DCHS), Camille Walton (DCHS), Hannah Kurowski (DCHS), Chris Lampkin (Councilmember Mosqueda).
- Online: Scott McClellan (SCAG), Erin Reinhart (SCAG), Matt Corsi (SCAG), David Sealander (SCAG), Gabriel Neuman (GSBA), Dominique Stephens (Seattle Mayor's Office), Lynda Petersen (Seattle Mayor's Office), Alex Altshuler (CM Hollingsworth), Jordin Tyson (Consultant), Robert Hess (Consultant with BH providers), Angela Pon (Market President, MIND 24-7), Ellen Greene (First Hill Improvement Association), Debra Gumbardo (Community Member), Rajesh Kumar (KC FMD), Jennifer Winslow (DCHS), Taylor Blatchford (Seattle Times), Joe Elenbaas (SPD).

Agenda

1. Public comment
2. Approval of minutes from July 23 meeting
3. Review of CPTED Site Walk notes, updates & next steps
4. City of Seattle Budget Process
5. CARE team update
6. Meeting schedule

Public Comment:

- Katie opened the opportunity for public comment. No one provided public comment. The public comment period was closed.

Meeting minutes:

- Camille provided an update from the previous meeting, relating to AI transcription. AI transcription of meetings is not permitted under guidance from the King County Executive. Meetings will be recorded and shared. Minutes will continue to be kept, in alignment with OPMA guidelines.
- The group reviewed the July 23 meeting minutes. Edits were made regarding attendance at the previous meeting and at the July open house. An edit was made to reflect that data on the Emergency Service Patrol's work will be shared at the September meeting.
- The meeting minutes were approved.

CPTED Walk Update

- Rajesh provided an updated CPTED walk report, which was shared with SCAG members via email and printed copies were provided in person. Katie led a review of the notes and highlighted areas of focus.

Additional CPTED Walks:

- The group expressed interest in setting up an additional walk, focused on nighttime. Rajesh has tentatively scheduled this for August 29, 6pm-4am, Saturday going into Sunday, to assess nightlife impacts, and is seeking feedback from this group. Joe Elenbaas from SPD is unavailable August 21-31, alternative dates will be discussed.
- Heather suggested that the night walk includes the time period of 3rd watch and include Allison Holcomb and the City Auditor. Rajesh asked for clarification on what kind of feedback they would provide, what the value is. Heather agreed to follow up with Rajesh.

Vacant Lot:

- Rajesh confirmed that references to the “vacant lot” refer to the triangle lot, included in the property of the building. This CPTED analysis only covers property owned by King County.
- Rajesh mentioned that fencing on the triangle lot will need to be reinforced. The group discussed the potential for community art installation along fencing and the wall. Heather mentioned potential collaboration with the Capitol Hill Arts District.
- Several group members expressed interest in additional analysis going beyond King County owned property.

Camera Footage:

- Heather suggested linking camera footage to the City’s Real Time Crime Center, due to crime concerns. Lynda will note that question for the City of Seattle. Rajesh will connect with King County IT to discuss viability. Cameras being shared with SPD would have to be separate from cameras inside the facility.

Building exterior:

- Rajesh highlighted the intent to install lighting and visibility for parking garage and dumpster area, and securing the stairs, in alignment with fire codes. During period of construction, parking area will be utilized; FMD could look into additional fencing after.
- Bus stops – DCHS will connect directly with King County Metro on potential for lighting and maintenance.

Parking Garage:

- Several members of the group highlighted the significant need for safe parking on Capitol Hill.

General Comments on CPTED:

- Heather asked how much the CPTED cost? Rajesh shared the cost was \$9,695, to date. Heather asked for rationale as to why the decision was made to hire an outside firm, instead of being performed by SPD. Katie clarified that the intent was to have an independent party complete the CPTED and invite additional feedback from SPD and this group.
- Andy expressed appreciation for the opportunity to join the walk, felt that it was narrowly focused to the county property, and expressed hope for additional analysis of the surrounding area. Rajesh shared that under the current CPTED, we cannot make recommendations for properties the county does not own.
- Erin cited the CPTED on Star Center that included areas surrounding the facility and referenced comments from CM Dembowski speaking to both empty lots, that we would monitor to ensure issues did not cross the street.

City of Seattle Budget Process:

- Emily shared a high-level overview on the Seattle process for the 2027-2028 budget; a schedule has not published yet. Mayor Wilson will announce her proposed budget in late September. Budget documents will be made available then. Council will begin deliberations in October, with many engagement opportunities. Vote to approve expected in late November, must be adopted by December 2, 30 days before fiscal year. Opportunity in mid-2027 to adjust the budget for 2028.
- Heather clarified that the question pertained to the County budget and the \$3M allocation.
- Katie clarified that the money is unlikely to expire, and that the 2028-2029 County budget process begins in February.
- Erin expressed interest in understanding the County budget process to make sure any additional requests have ample time for consideration.

CARE Team update:

- Emily shared that CARE, community crisis responders (CCRs), have expanded hours as of August 5. Now operating from 6:30-1am, daily, city-wide. Can help with resources, wellness checks. The way to get ahold of them is 911. The folks taking calls will determine if CCRs are appropriate response. MRRCT is 24/7, through 988 system.
- Heather mentioned the Seattle Neighborhood Impact Framework (S-NIF), program in Ballard with “boots on the ground” ambassadors, rather than response in cars. Vehicles with 2-person team, responding to community calls.
- Andy expressed concern about siloed response and lack of cohesion between services.
- Joe agreed that there may be something needing stitched together on who is being deployed, but from the public’s concern, there isn’t any difference, because 9/11 dispatches the officers and units.
- Heather expressed interest in delving into this with experts at a future meeting.

- Several group members mentioned that they haven't seen the MRRCT team on Capitol Hill, potentially due to confusion around clarification of roles with the CARE team.

Meeting scheduling:

- Katie shared proposed dates, adjusting for the holidays. The group agreed to the schedule and times listed below.
- 4th Thursday of each month, 12-1:30pm
 - September 24
 - October 22
 - November 19
 - December 17
- Several members of the group expressed interest in the timeline Asha had shared at a previous meeting. Katie shared the following timeline:

Meeting	Topic
16-Jun	Discuss ideas for funding; initial criteria for prioritizing funds; charter discussion
23-Jul	Vote to finalize charter; Finalize criteria for gap analysis
27-Aug	Discuss initial CPTED observations and tour; presentation
24-Sep	Discuss observations; share community engagement plan for GNA/P; presentation
22-Oct	update on land use/permitting, construction; Gap analysis results
26-Nov	Discussion of funding as a result of gap analysis; presentation
24-Dec	Vote on funding