

Representing the community associations of North Capitol Hill, Roanoke Park/Portage Bay, Montlake and Laurelhurst, **Pete Delaunay** and **Anne Preston**, president and past president of the Roanoke Park/Portage Bay Community Council, met 9/19/16 with city and state officials:

**Bernard van de Kamp:** Interagency Program Manager, City of Seattle Major Projects Division in charge of SR-520 Project, who will be the point person for the city, interfacing with City Councilman Johnson.

**Kevin Shively:** Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Mayor; and Connie Zimmerman, Sr. Project Manager Capital Projects and Roadway Structures, City of Seattle, who will be in charge of environmental restoration of destroyed vegetation.

**Lyle Bicknell:** City of Seattle, interfacing with Seattle Design Commission

**Todd Harrison** Washington State Department of Transportation, Deputy Program Manager for SR-520 Design and Construction.

Our goal was city and state interagency coordination to address issues of community concern. **A summary of Pete and Anne's report on the meeting follows.**

We emphasized the **expansion joint noise** on the new floating bridge and were told those expansion joints will not be used on the Portage Bay Bridge due to its more solid versus floating footing.

The project between Montlake and I-5 will be **Design Build**. This means there will be no outside architect to design Portage Bay Bridge, although a Seattle company, LMN Urban Design, will assume some roll. **Design work will begin in 2017** along with a request for proposals from construction companies later that year.

A document called **Decision of the Director of the City of Seattle Planning and Development** contains key points our communities asked for in a hearing 10/5/2011. The document, signed by the Director 1/17/2012, is still in effect. Our communities will be using this 75-page document to ensure our needs are met on design and construction including:

- Community Construction Management Plan
- Neighborhood Transportation Management Plan
- Tree and Vegetation Management Plan
- Seattle Community Design Input
- Recreational & Environmental Improvement Plan for permanent improvements to our neighborhoods

We informed meeting attendees of WSDOT's failure to keep its commitment to clear overgrowth on and maintain the **Frolund property** it purchased on Boyer Ave. E. WSDOT has not been a good neighbor. WSDOT is considering appointing an **ombudsman** with a store front in the neighborhood where complaints would be heard and investigated during construction. The position, however, has not been funded or approved.

We urged that city officials at the highest level assume leadership. We asked not for another 'open house' with "sticky notes," but genuine dialogue between WSDOT, the City and an **advisory group made up of the presidents of the four community councils** and community leaders.