

K SITE PROPERTY

Maximizing Affordable Housing Opportunities on City Property



Civic Development, Public Assets & Native Communities Committee February 7, 2018

Property Background

- Property acquired with support from Kreielsheimer Foundation
 - 11,000 SF site Housing
 - 6,022 SF site Open Space
- Ordinance 125406 (Sept 2017) authorized agreements for cooperative development of the "K Block" between the City and the adjacent developer





Affordable Housing Opportunities

MERCER ST.

SM-85 Massing, GGLO

- Rare land availability in Uptown/Queen Anne
- Capacity for ~70-100 units, together with mixed uses on the ground floor
- Pre-development work completed

OH-Funded Rental Projects





Recent Council Actions



 Uptown Rezone, Oct. 2017
 Resolution 31772 requested jurisdictional transfer to OH, and requested OH and the Office of Arts and Culture to work with the Uptown Arts & Culture Coalition

Resolution 31770, Sept. 2017, amended the City's

disposition procedures in order to expedite the disposition of properties for affordable housing development Seattle Office of Housing

Proposed Public Engagement

- Mailing to notify nearby neighbors of intent to dispose of the site for affordable housing
- Public meeting with Uptown neighborhood stakeholders (including Uptown Alliance, Seattle Center resident organizations)
- Focused meeting with arts and culture stakeholders (led by Office of Arts and Culture, including Uptown Arts and Culture Coalition)
- Meeting with labor stakeholders
- Request for Interest (RFI) process to invite interest from affordable housing providers
- Request for Proposals (RFP) process

Proposed Contents of RFI/RFP

The RFI/RFP solicitation issued by OH will:

- Require proposals to include 100% affordable units
- Indicate a preference for projects serving homeless households (with flexibility to serve additional populations)
- Align with Uptown Arts and Culture District designation by including preference for ground floor cultural space
- Pilot application of City's Community Workforce Agreement (CWA)
- Make OH capital funding available for development of affordable housing

If OH determines changes to the RFP are needed, we would return for a future briefing.

Public Engagement/RFP Timeline

February-March	 Meetings with community groups Neighbor notification
March-April	RFI process
May-August	RFP process/Evaluation committee recommendation
TBD	Return to Council with legislation to dispose of the property



QUESTIONS?



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