



Memorandum

TO: Citizen's Advisory Committee for Children's Hospital & Regional Medical Center
FROM: Ruth Benfield
DATE: June 24, 2008
RE: Follow-up on Ravenna-Bryant Walkaround and Laurel Crest Condominiums

Thank you to all the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) members and community members who joined us on the neighborhood walk on Sunday, June 22. A special thanks to Robert Rosencrantz for organizing and leading the tour. We appreciate the effort and the insights that were gained. It provided our staff and consultants with the opportunity to walk the Burke-Gilman Trail and take in views from two homes on 38th NE and one home on NE 52nd. Children's will make every effort to address many, if not all, of the concerns raised during this walkaround with creative and attractive landscaping, as we have done in the past with our immediate neighbors near the main campus. In addition, we are committed to working with neighbors on 38th NE, the Chair of the Ravenna-Bryant Community Council, and CAC members on a comprehensive approach that will include the City of Seattle Parks Department, other interested neighbors, and possibly the Burlington Northern Railroad regarding Burke-Gilman Trail improvements.

Children's continues to be committed to our "Good Neighbor" relations, and in this case will extend beyond what may be required by the City of Seattle or the State Environmental Policy Act. Now that our staff and consultants have a better understanding of the potential impacts on residents on 38th NE, we believe that we can move forward and address them during the next several weeks as part of this process.

Children's understands that we will need to work closely with our Laurel Crest Condominium neighbors in order to better understand their additional concerns. In April, we presented the latest information on the various MIMP alternatives and transportation plans to the Board of the Laurel Crest Condominium Association. We had a meaningful dialogue and, as a result of this meeting and subsequent CAC input, ZGF (our architects) refined the Hartmann design to show more of a wedding cake configuration on the side closest to the Laurel Crest Condominiums. Our staff and consultants plan to contact the Laurel Crest Condominium Association and interested owners during the next 2-3 weeks in an effort to work closely with them to address any additional concerns that they may have.

As we have done during the current MIMP, Children's staff and consultants will continue to consult with our neighbors to identify potential impacts and do our best to mitigate them. We earnestly believe that Alternative 7 (Early Laurel Development) has the best potential to allow us to address these concerns, while meeting the long-term pediatric care and inpatient bed needs for children, adolescents, and young adults in Seattle, King County and Washington State.