

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**Project:** Capitol Hill Town Square

**Project #:** 28005

**Date:** July 15, 2008

**Attending:** 4 Community Members

**Task Force**

Ray Gooch

Tip Tipton

**Weinstein Studio**

Amy Weinstein

Vrushali Oak

**Subject:** Southwest Neighbors Meeting

**Distribution:** Website

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Tip Tipton opened the meeting by welcoming everybody to the meeting. He introduced himself as the head of the Task Force and Amy Weinstein as the head of the Design team, and briefly explained the project background.

The following comments were made by the community members in attendance:

The sidewalk along D Street is too narrow functionally.

Pedestrian access to the D Street retail is of great importance.

Right now, the residents like the little traffic on D Street for noise, pollution, and pedestrian safety reasons.

Vendors near the Metro Station is a good idea – but no food vendors due to rat problem. Rats are a very significant problem in the area, especially for the east side 7<sup>th</sup> Street residents because there is no alley behind their house. Plants in the re-designed area should not include low ground cover and plants that provide harbor to rats. Use pea gravel, not mulch.

The tot lot at Friendship House is used, and more tot lot equipment in the square is not necessary.

Maintenance of the square has been poor – a redesigned area must have a new maintenance regime.

Mr. Armstrong, NE Branch Library, said that kids come from the Metro Station and create problems in the library (fist fights, etc). There is chess played at the Library on Tuesday nights, and chess tables across the street in the plaza might be a good idea. The library currently uses

their side garden as a performance space for programming. If there is an amphitheatre type area in the plaza, they would likely use it. 30,000 to 40,000 people a month visit the Library.