

MAJOR INSTITUTIONS AND SCHOOLS 2012 FACT SHEET

Major institutions, such as hospitals, universities, colleges, and schools, play a big role in our communities. This program provides a way for neighbors of major institutions to be directly involved in the development plans of institutions, thus ensuring that neighborhood concerns are considered.

Community involvement for each institution's development plan is overseen by a city-appointed Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) and staffed by Seattle Department of Neighborhoods.



CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND THE MAJOR INSTITUTIONS MASTER PLAN PROCESS

Seattle's hospitals, universities, schools and colleges are important assets to the region. Their development is allowed to exceed many of the zoning standards that apply to other nearby development. Unique zoning rules are crafted for each major institution through the adoption of a Major Institution Master Plan. The objectives of the plan are to balance the needs of major institution development with the need to preserve adjacent neighborhoods.

Both the development of the plan and the monitoring of development under adopted plans is a collaborative effort between representatives of the major institution, the surrounding neighborhood, and the city of Seattle through Seattle Department of Neighborhoods. The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) that manages this collaborative effort helps advise the institution and city on concerns related to the impact of development on the surrounding community.

The CAC makes recommendations on changes to the plan or possible mitigation of impacts to maintain the health and livability of the surrounding community. The Hearing Examiner, an appointed official who weighs recommendations brought forth from all parties, issues a final recommended plan for the Seattle City Council to adopt.



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ACTIVE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The following major institutions and schools have active Citizen Advisory Committees:

Hospitals

- Harborview Medical Center
- Northwest Hospital and Medical Center
- Seattle Children's Hospital
- Swedish Medical Center at Cherry Hill
- Virginia Mason Medical Center

Colleges and Universities

- North Seattle Community College
- Seattle Central Community College
- Seattle Pacific University
- Seattle University
- South Seattle Community College
- University of Washington

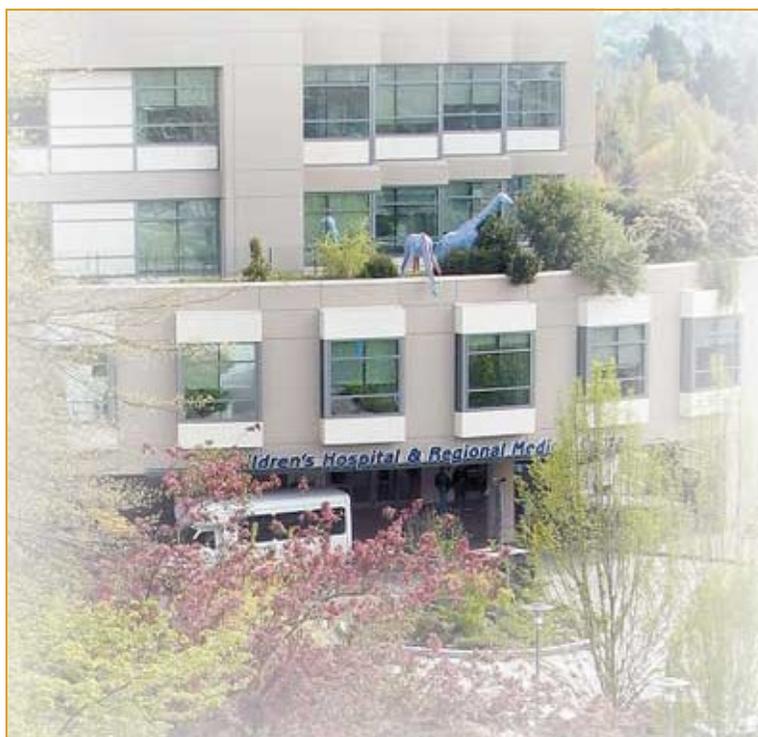
Schools

- Denny/Sealth School
- Rainier Beach High School
- Martin Luther King Elementary School

2011 ACTIVITIES

Major activities of the program in 2011 included:

- Completion of amendments to plans to further plans for development at Seattle Pacific University.
- Completion of a new draft Major Institutions Master Plan Seattle University.
- Formation of advisory committees to begin drafting new Master Plans for Virginia Mason Medical Center and Swedish Hospital's Cherry Hill Campus.



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