



In Memory of Jim Erickson (1935 - 2020)



It is with great sadness to announce that our neighbor Jim Erickson, one of First Hill's most engaged and community oriented individuals, passed away on July 4, 2020.

Jim Erickson was passionate about all things First Hill, and anyone that knew him would agree. He was monumental as a Board Member towards helping the First Hill

Help Shape the Future of Freeway Park



Freeway Park, one of First Hill's most iconic places is having an online open-house where your input will help prioritize the most needed improvements to the park. As part of the Washington State Convention Center Addition public benefits, \$9.25M is allocated to the park for repairs, restoration, and potentially new features. You can participate

Improvement Association reach the level it is currently at.

Most notably, Jim Erickson was the chair of FHIA's Urban Design and Public Space Committee for many years. Jim helped to set the foundation for the First Hill Public Realm Action Plan, one of the most useful tools our neighborhood has to ensure that new developments in our neighborhood adhere to consistent guidelines in the public right-of-way. Similarly, he was a champion in helping First Hill have a strong voice at City Hall.

Besides chairing the Urban Design and Public Space Committee, he was integral to ensuring that First Hill, and other center city neighborhoods in Seattle receive commensurate public benefits as part of the Washington State Convention Center Addition. Without Jim's hard work, the Terry Avenue redesign project wouldn't have progressed as far as it has.

We owe a lot to Jim Erickson, as he helped make First Hill what it is today. The First Hill Improvement Association is committed to honoring his memory through advocacy on some of his favorite topics: ADA accessibility for pedestrians, expanding and enhancing the iconic tree canopy, adequate bicycle facilities, and reliable transit for First Hill.

If everyone committed to being as engaged as Jim Erickson was, even at a fraction of the level he was, the world would be a much better place. Jim, you will be missed!

Support First Hill Businesses

by following [this link](#), and the online open-house closes on August 5th.

COVID-19 Isolation Got You Down? Find a Community at Wider Horizons



While there is plenty of talk about the physical impacts of COVID-19, a topic that isn't being discussed as widely is the mental health that results from the pandemic.

[Wider Horizons](#) is an organization that seeks to enable elders of the Central Seattle area to participate in a community that shares knowledge, experience, and services with one another. If you're not an elder in the Central Seattle area, there are volunteer opportunities as well.

If you have questions, would like to become a member of Wider Horizons, or would just like to learn more, you can visit their website, or contact the Executive Director, Denise at the phone number (206) 650-3586 or email (denise@widerhorizonsvillage.org).

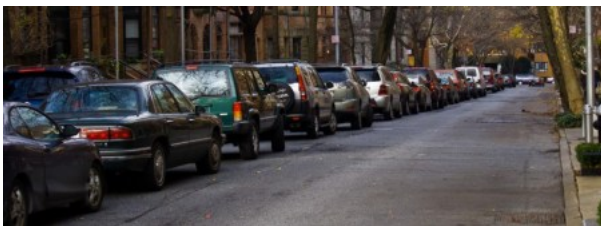
Mark Your Calendars for July Design Reviews



Despite the uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 outbreak, many of our neighborhood businesses remain open, with some operating at reduced schedules. In previous community newsletters, we have provided a list. Our website now provides a list that is updated weekly with the latest information about open businesses in the neighborhood. You can find that list on our website [here](#).

The most recent re-opening update is Hotel Sorrento. Hotel Sorrento is planning to reopen on August 1st.

Paid Street Parking Enforcement to Resume on July 13th



On Monday, July 13th, the [Seattle Department of Transportation](#) will begin collecting payments for on-street parking again. While hourly parking rates will start back up, the cost will be \$.50 per hour. Time limits will be in effect, so make sure to take note if you plan to drive and park anywhere.

Similarly, [Restricted Parking Zones](#) (RPZs) will



The Administrative Design Review for [1100 Boylston Avenue](#) is scheduled for *Friday, July 17th*. Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, public meeting Design Reviews have been postponed. You are still available to provide online or physical comments. [You can learn more about Administrative Design Review here](#).

Similarly, the [803 S Washington Street](#) project has scheduled a tentative Design Review for

Wednesday, July 29th at 6:30pm
901 12th Ave (Seattle University)
Casey Commons – Casey 530

As usual, FHIA will be collecting feedback from neighbors to help guide these projects as they move forward.

Support Our Work!



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First Hill Improvement Association (FHIA) is committed to working alongside residents, businesses, organizations, and institutions to address the needs and concerns of the community. Over the years FHIA has been dedicated to addressing issues of housing affordability, high-rise development, construction impacts, insufficient public space, accessibility, homelessness, and a growing residential population.

begin to ramp up time limits of 72-hours. If you don't want a ticket, make sure to move your car at least once a week!

FHIA is dedicated to serving the First Hill neighborhood and we need your support now, more than ever, to continue this work. Please [join FHIA today!](#)



A Note From FHIA

The First Hill Improvement Association serves the First Hill community through advocacy, information dissemination, event programming, and stewardship of resources. Our mission is to make First Hill a safe, vibrant, and inviting place for all. If you want to become a member, have a community announcement you'd like included in this newsletter, or just want to say hi, contact FHIA Executive Director at doug@firsthill.org.

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