

Central Area Land Use Review Committee (LURC)

Monday, January 28, 6:30 PM

Byrd Barr Place, 722 18th Avenue

Please join LURC for a meeting regarding two important projects. *(For more information see Central Area Land Use Review Committee Facebook page)*

CENTRAL AREA ANTI-DISPLACEMENT PROJECT

Ruby Holland, a resident of the Central Area has inspired a community group consisting mainly of long-time Central Area homeowners who are feeling the pressure to sell their homes due to rising property taxes. They do not want to leave, so Ruby has encouraged her neighbors to “Keep Your Habitat”.

A number homeowners have already sold their homes and moved to less expensive places, but Ruby’s group can’t do that as they need access to the resources of an urban neighborhood, including public transportation, hospitals, sidewalks and services within walking distance. They want to stay in their community.

Homeowners wanting to stay afloat amid rising property taxes need an additional source of income. One solution could be to maintain their homes while increasing development density on their property. Culture and community are preserved while increasing density in a growing urban area. Ruby’s group doesn’t want to stop there; they are also exploring ways to keep development on newly created lots affordable in perpetuity. In Ruby’s words, “it’s a tough nut to crack: thwarting gentrification while increasing density.”

Current partners in this effort include Allied8 Architects, University of Washington Center for Preservation and Adaptive Reuse, and BHC Consultants. Ruby Holland and Leah Martin of Allied8 will attend the January 28 LURC meeting to talk more about these important ideas and work. *(For more information: Ruby Holland: keepyourhabitat@gmail.com and Leah Martin leah@allied8.com _*

2514-2518 E. CHERRY PROJECT

Early stages in the redevelopment of the site at 2514 – 2518 E. Cherry have begun. The existing building would be replaced by a four-story mixed-use project. Current tenants, including Tana Market, are expected to return after project completion. Liz Dunn, project developer, will attend to discuss.