

The HARC advocacy committee met Tuesday, August 1st, 2023, 10:00 am, at La Madeleine on King Street.

In attendance were Gail Rothrock, Donna DeBlasio, and Martha Raymond. There were no public attendees.

We discussed a few items to consider for the upcoming August 5 HARC retreat:

1. For more efficient HARC meetings, we recommend specifying time limits in the agenda (for topic discussion, including Q&A), and sticking with the limits.
2. For improved advocacy:
 - a. Expand HARC's communication with City Council by having HARC volunteers speak during the "Public Discussion Period" (open topics) at the beginning of City Council meetings as needed.
 - b. Expand the number of HARC volunteers who speak at Planning Commission, BAR, and City Council meetings when projects of specific concern are on the agenda, so the speaking responsibility does not always fall to the Chair.
3. Also, at the next HARC meeting, the Advocacy committee members would like to propose changing the time of our regular meetings to later in the day so more people can participate (considering 4:00, 4:30, or 5:00pm as the new starting time to see what might work well for others).

Respectfully submitted by,
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Advocacy Committee Chair