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**NW Universal Design Council**  
**February 17, 2011 Meeting Notes**

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**Attending**

Host: Wolf Saar, Via Architecture	Tom Minty, John L Scott/Able Environments	Jocelyn Freilinger, landscape architecture
Rose Curran, King County Housing & Community Development Program	Scott Starr, SMR Architects	Michelle Molloy, Penates Design
Mary Syslo-Seel, social worker/interior design	Janice Tuft, advocate	Randi Freidig, The Freidig Group
Andrea Yip, Planner, Aging & Disability Services	Patty Koskovich, Koskovich Design Group	Joyce Joneschiet, Aging in Place Options

- **Discussion re sustainability of website and the NWUDC. Comments fell into three categories:**

1. *Organizational structure*

- 501(c)3 would provide us with legal status that would be helpful for fundraising, as well as provide eligibility to apply for some grants. There is concern that this would be challenging to set up and maintain.
- An alternative to filing as a 501(c)3 would be to seek fiscal sponsorship under an established non-profit. The group seems to prefer this option, provided that we can find an appropriate organization that would agree to sponsor us. Under this option, we would be able to fundraise under the legal status of the existing organization and have some use of their administrative services (e.g., a mailing address, bookkeeping, etc.), in return for that organization keeping a percentage of the money that we raise. The group agreed to do some research to determine if there are any organizations that we might approach regarding this option.
- Questions, comments and ideas should be directed to [Jocelyn Freilinger](#).

## 2. *Web objectives/marketing/outreach*

- How do we keep the website fresh and generate traffic?
- How can the group support and add value to other products/programs, including our quarterly meetings, speakers bureau, guidelines developed by the Housing Task Force?
- What sort of criteria should we establish for website sponsors?
- [Tom Minty](#) volunteered to draft a set of web objectives. Please get in touch with him if you would like to help.

## 3. *Work Plan*

- The NWUDC developed a Work Plan in 2008; this is probably a good time to review and update it.
- Please get in touch with [Tom Minty](#) and [Randi Freidig](#) if you are interested in helping with this task.

### • **Evergreen Standards Workgroup**

Scott Starr of SMR Architects provided an update regarding the latest draft of the Universal Design component to be added to the State's Evergreen Standards checklist. In addition to inserting staged criteria to the checklist, the workgroup will also propose that a UD education document be provided to funding applicants to emphasize its importance in the review of applications. The proposed draft will be reviewed this spring and new Evergreen Standards will be adopted this summer. Questions and comments should be directed to [Scott Starr](#).

### • **Next Meeting Date:**

- **PLEASE PUT THIS DATE/TIME ON YOUR CALENDAR:** The location will be Via Architecture
  - **March 17, 2011; 9:30 – 11:30**

### • **Contact for more information:**

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