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Meeting Minutes - Approved URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION

Wednesday, March 11, 2015

4:30 PM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Room LL-110 (Madison Municipal Building)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Cnare arrived after the Secretary's Report. Huggins arrived during Item No. 2.

Present: 6 - Dawn O. O'Kroley; Cliff Goodhart; John A. Harrington; Richard L. Slayton;

Thomas A. DeChant and R. Richard Wagner

Excused: 2 - Lauren Cnare and Melissa R. Huggins

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by O'Kroley, seconded by DeChant, to Approve the Minutes of February 25, 2015. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Huggins recused herself on Items No. 7 and 8. DeChant disclosed that he is an active member of the Bay Creek Neighborhood Association.

SECRETARY'S REPORT/AGENDA OVERVIEW

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Lauren Cnare; Dawn O. O'Kroley; Cliff Goodhart; John A. Harrington;

Richard L. Slayton; Thomas A. DeChant and R. Richard Wagner

Excused: 1 - Melissa R. Huggins

SPECIAL ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. 37494 Report of the Facade Grant Staff Team - 18 North Carroll Street,
Mohs-Wimmer Building for "Elm Restaurant Group, LLC." 4th Ald. Dist.

This item was approved as a consent item with the finding that all applicable standards are adequately addressed.

A motion was made by O'Kroley, seconded by DeChant, to ACCEPT the Report of the Facade Grant Staff Team. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

2. 36951 110 South Paterson Street - Public Project "Madison Water Utility-Paterson Operations Center." 6th Ald. Dist.

The Urban Design Commission Received an Informational Presentation

ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Lauren Cnare; Dawn O. O'Kroley; Cliff Goodhart; John A. Harrington; Richard L. Slayton; Melissa R. Huggins; Thomas A. DeChant and R. Richard Wagner

 3. 37547
 115 South Paterson Street - Public Project, Vehicle Storage Renovation and Material Storage Building. 4th Ald. Dist.

A motion was made by DeChant, seconded by O'Kroley, to Refer at the request of the applicant. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

 4. 37553 4901 Tradewinds Parkway - Public Project, 2015 Unit Well 31 Water Treatment Plant and Ground Storage Reservoir in UDD No. 1. 16th Ald. Dist.

The Urban Design Commission Received an Informational Presentation

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

5. 37461 1344 East Washington Avenue - Alteration to Existing Development in UDD No. 8, "Pasqual's Restaurant." 2nd Ald. Dist.

The motion provided for approval of the mushroom with adequate architectural and/or landscaping screening, to be administratively approved, subject to the Secretary conferring with the Commission's landscape architects.

A motion was made by Huggins, seconded by DeChant, to Grant Final Approval. The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - Cliff Goodhart; John A. Harrington; Richard L. Slayton; Melissa R. Huggins; Thomas A. DeChant and Dawn O. O'Kroley

Noes: 1 - Lauren Cnare

Non Voting: 1 - R. Richard Wagner

6. 37172 916/918 Williamson Street - Comprehensive Design Review. 6th Ald. Dist.

This item was approved as a consent item with the finding that all applicable standards are adequately addressed.

A motion was made by O'Kroley, seconded by DeChant, to Grant Final Approval. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7./8. 36188 114 North Bedford Street - New Development in the UMX District, 185-Unit Housing Project. 4th Ald. Dist.

A motion was made by Goodhart, seconded by DeChant, to Grant Final Approval of the project. The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - Lauren Cnare; Dawn O. O'Kroley; Cliff Goodhart; John A. Harrington;

Richard L. Slayton and Thomas A. DeChant

Recused: 1 - Melissa R. Huggins

Non Voting: 1 - R. Richard Wagner

A motion was made by Goodhart, seconded by O'Kroley, to Grant Final Approval of the signage package. The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - Dawn O. O'Kroley; Cliff Goodhart; John A. Harrington; Richard L. Slayton;

Thomas A. DeChant and Lauren Cnare

Recused: 1 - Melissa R. Huggins

Non Voting: 1 - R. Richard Wagner

9. 36572 1004 & 1032 South Park Street - Amended PD(GDP-SIP), Four Connected Mixed-Use Buildings in UDD No. 7. 13th Ald. Dist.

The Urban Design Commission Received an Informational Presentation

BUSINESS BY MEMBERS

Chair Wagner met with the Plan Commission Chair Ken Opin; Natalie Erdman, the interim director of Planning and Community & Economic Development; Bill Fruhling, Al Martin, Jay Wendt and Katherine Cornwell via conference call. One of the things he tried to stress was that it wasn't necessarily a process issue between the two commissions, or even a process issue with staff. The issue was what is the context, the City we are building, what's the commonality of understanding the task that we're about. We see project-by-project but we don't do one evaluation of what those projects are, what they are doing to the plans, we don't see how the result of those piecemeal decisions are having an effect. All of us, if we're going to make decisions that get to a better city, need to have that kind of commonality of understanding and feedback of what our decisions are, not just a process about a project, and that's the bigger issue that has to be the joint work between the commissions. I think that was generally understood. The upshot was that people realized that Stuart Levitan wasn't there and the Mayor had indicated that Landmarks should be involved in the discussions, so there will be another meeting and we'll have Stuart there, and we'll probably rehash some of this stuff. The other thing that seemed clear was that Ken though the bus tour was a great thing and we ought to do it again. If we could have the bus tour in May perhaps, early summer when the days are longer, that would let us do some of these visual things that would lead to the discussion as a follow-up as a joint commission effort. Inviting Traffic Engineering and City Engineering to a joint discussion would be helpful.

What's the separation that works and does it work differently if it's an east-west or north-south because of the shadow lines interior to (relative to a new building)? There's no evaluation feedback on that stuff that we're building. Are we building enough, too much or not enough parking?

As these things go up there ought to be easy reference to neighbors and others concerned that these are the relevant things. The reliance on documents that may not be enforceable or accurate. It's not something that we can acknowledge. We can do better if there's some common understanding about what we're doing.

The Commission will consider a special meeting date at the next regular meeting on March 25, 2015.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 7:48 p.m. by unanimous consent.

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