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Meeting Minutes - Approved URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION

*Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?
Who does not have a voice at the table?
How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

4:30 PM

Virtual

Some or all of the members of the Urban Design Commission, applicants, or members of the public may participate in the meeting remotely by teleconference or videoconference.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Christian A. Albouras; Lois H. Braun-Oddo; Jessica Klehr; Cliff Goodhart; Shane A. Bernau; Christian J. Harper; Thomas A. DeChant; Craig D. Weisensel and Russell S. Knudson

Excused: 1 - Rafeeq D. Asad

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Weisensel, seconded by Braun-Oddo, to Approve the Minutes of November 17, 2021. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [61804](#) Public Comment

Ald. Syed Abbas, District 12 spoke regarding Item #5, 2860 E. Washington Avenue (Legistar #68157). There is a rich history of art in the Eken Park Neighborhood. The community appreciates the mural's vibrancy, colors, concept and the choice of local artist with ties to this neighborhood and the City.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

AGENDA OVERVIEW

Kevin Firchow gave an overview of the projects.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

2. [67175](#) 515 Pinney Street - Comprehensive Design Review of Signage. 15th Ald. Dist.

The motion noted approval of the courtyard signs mounted on the fascia of the canopy rather than above, and being halo lit, if lit at all. The Pinney Street sign is not approved. The sign facing Cottage Grove Road shall be placed at a lower height and be halo lit.

A motion was made by Braun-Oddo, seconded by DeChant, to Grant Final Approval. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

3. [67808](#) 1824 S. Park Street - Building Modifications for a New Grocery Store, Butcher Shop and Taqueria with Outdoor Eating in Urban Design District (UDD) No. 7. 14th Ald. Dist.

A motion was made by DeChant, seconded by Weisensel, to Refer to the URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION meeting of December 15, 2021. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

4. [67177](#) 825 E. Washington Avenue - Comprehensive Design Review of Signage Located in UDD No. 8. 6th Ald. Dist.

The motion noted approval of the "eats" sign for the food service window, the sign on the back auxiliary structure facing E. Main Street, and either the ground sign or the projecting sign (but not both), and the canopy sign. Sign #6 (do not enter/play on) is not approved and shall be further discussed between the applicant and Traffic Engineering, for staff approval.

A motion was made by Braun-Oddo, seconded by DeChant, to Grant Final Approval. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

5. [68157](#) 2860 E. Washington Avenue - Approval of an Exterior Building Mural in Urban Design District (UDD) No. 5. 12th Ald. Dist.

A motion was made by Braun-Oddo, seconded by Knudson, to Grant Final Approval. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

6. [66577](#) 825 W. Badger Road - Public Building, Additions and Renovations to Fire Station No. 6 Located in Urban Design District (UDD) No. 1. 14th Ald. Dist.

The Commission noted the appropriateness of metal panel in Urban Design District (UDD) No. 1.

A motion was made by Braun-Oddo, seconded by Weisensel, to Grant Final Approval. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. [67174](#) 5818 Gemini Drive - Planned Development (PD) for Capitol View Townhouses. 3rd Ald. Dist.

The motion noted inclusion of an ornamental tree to anchor the corner.

A motion was made by Weisensel, seconded by Braun-Oddo, to Grant Final Approval. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

8. [67173](#) 5817 Halley Way - Planned Development (PD) for a 99-Unit Senior Housing Development. 3rd Ald. Dist.

The motion noted reference to the renderings superceding the elevations, and revisiting the fire wall at a staff level.

A motion was made by Weisensel, seconded by Klehr, to Grant Final Approval. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Lois H. Braun-Oddo; Jessica Klehr; Cliff Goodhart; Shane A. Bernau; Christian J. Harper; Thomas A. DeChant; Craig D. Weisensel and Russell S. Knudson

Excused: 2 - Christian A. Albouras and Rafeeq D. Asad

NEW BUSINESS

9. [68169](#) 222 W. Gorham Street - Signage Approval in the Downtown Core. 4th Ald. Dist.

A motion was made by Weisensel, seconded by Braun-Oddo, to Grant Final Approval. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

10. [68552](#) Urban Design Commission appointment to High Crossing Design Review Board

A motion was made by DeChant, seconded by Klehr, to Nominate the Urban Design Commission Secretary (Acting or otherwise) to the High Crossing Design Review Board. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

11. [68154](#) 322 E. Washington Avenue - Redevelopment of St. John's Lutheran Church to include 126 Market-Rate and Affordable Residential Units in UMX Zoning Located in Urban Design District (UDD) No. 4. 2nd Ald. Dist.

The Urban Design Commission Received an Informational Presentation

12. [68422](#) 222-232 E. Olin Avenue - New Planned Multi-Use Site Located in Urban Design District (UDD) No. 1. 14th Ald. Dist.

A motion was made by DeChant, seconded by Weisensel, to Refer to a future URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION meeting. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

BUSINESS BY MEMBERS

13. [68553](#) Vote: Should Urban Design Commission meetings continue being Virtual or return to In-Person going into 2022?

The motion noted that the body is voting not just for themselves but also for the public, and it is better to err on the side of safety. The motion also noted the sustainability aspects of virtual meetings, while also discussing the downsides to not meeting in person.

A motion was made by Knudson, seconded by Braun-Oddo, for the Urban Design Commission meetings to remain virtual for 2022. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

14. [64940](#) Announcements, Questions and/or Consideration Items for Future Agendas (No Other Action To Be Taken Under This Item)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 7:42 p.m. by unanimous consent.