

# Design Review Board

**April 13, 2016**

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 5:32 PM

## Attendance

- Board Members Present: Craig Andersen, Austin Dickey, Jacqui Halvorson, David Buescher, Colleen Gardner
- Board Members Not Present: Steven Meek
- Staff Present: Julie Neff Planning and Development

## Briefing Session:

1. Chair Comments
  - None
2. Staff Comments
  - Jeff Logan resigned. We are advertising his position until the 29<sup>th</sup> of April.
  - We are still seeking a real estate developer
  - Anne Hanenburg will be interviewing with the Mayor soon.
  - The Riverfront Park Ice Rink and the Wall Street resurfacing project will be presented at the April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.
  - On May 11, 2016 we will be looking at Franklin Elementary and Jaguar.

March 23, 2016 meeting minutes approved unanimously with suggested edits.

## Board Workshop

1. **Riverfront Park Overview-Collaborative Workshop**
  - Staff report: Julie Neff; Planning & Development
  - Applicant Report: Guy Michaelson; Berger Partnership
  - Public Comment: None
  - Questions asked and answered

Based on review of the materials submitted by the applicant and discussion during the April 13, 2016 Collaborative Workshop the Design Review Board recommends the following:

### Neighborhood

- Continue relationship with Bernardo Wills with regard to Wall Street improvements to avoid a break in design language.

### Site

- Consider removal of hardscape element in green space on north bank of river to allow for greater opportunities of programming in a large, flat lawn space.
- Maintain or establish purposeful entry points into the park along Spokane Falls Boulevard and minimize unnecessary hardscape to articulate the transition from urban to park environments.
- Consider a set of site element standards that feel like Spokane but are unique to Riverfront Park to help establish the unique identity of the Park.

2. **Loof Carrousel-Collaborative Workshop**

- Staff report: Julie Neff; Planning & Development
- Applicant Report: Steve McNutts, Keith Komas, Ryan Palmquist; NAC Architects
- Public Comment: None
- Questions asked and answered

Note: Minutes summarized by staff. An audiotape of the meeting is on file - Design Review Board Urban Design, City of Spokane.

Based on review of the materials submitted by the applicant and discussion during the April 13, 2016 Collaborative Workshop the Design Review Board recommends the following:

**Site**

- Examine the pinch point at the south end of the building and Spokane Falls Boulevard with possible alterations to the building footprint or landscape treatment to improve the pedestrian experience so people don't feel that they're being directed away from the park.

**Building**

- Look at options to reduce the height of the support building to open views to the Carrousel from Spokane Falls Boulevard.
- Look at the transparency of the support building as it engages with Spokane Falls Boulevard to allow for a stronger visual connection when people are moving from east to west.
- Look at how the foundation will be treated on the north side of the building so it interacts with the wetland in a more natural way per the shoreline design guidelines.
- Consider operable windows on the north side of the building in the Carrousel volume per Downtown Design Guidelines A-1.

**Board Business:**

1. None

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 PM**

Next Design Review Board meeting is scheduled for **April 27, 2016**