August 28, 2019

City Council Briefing Center

Meeting called to order at 5:34PM

Quorum: Yes

Attendance

- **Board Members Present:** Anne Hanenburg, Chuck Horgan, Grant Keller, Steven Meek (Chair), Kathy Lang (Vice-Chair & CA Liaison), Ted Teske, Mark Brower
- **Board Members Not Present:** None
- **Quorum present:** Yes
- **Staff Present:** Dean Gunderson (Senior Urban Designer), Taylor Berberich (Urban Designer)

**Briefing Session:**

1. **Chair Report:** None
2. **Secretary Report:**
   - Brief update on Urban Designer/Planner Staffing provided by Dean Gunderson. Civil Service has approved a more-expansive recruitment for this vacancy in the wake of Alex Mann’s departure.
   - The Downtown Plan Update Design has now been assigned to Nathan Gwinn, Assistant Planner, with Mr. Gunderson undertaking a more active role in overseeing the Downtown Plan’s continuity.
   - Mr. Gunderson discussed his presentation to the Urban Experience Committee of City Council, where staff discussed temporarily modifying the list of projects subject to design review in order to craft design guidelines for all projects subject to such review.
   - Mr. Gunderson spoke of incentivizing the Design Review due process for developers who request design departures, including possibly modifying and/or streamlining the Review process, and possibly the financial impact, for applicants who are merely seeking advice on proposed design variance, and to empower designers to present innovative architectural alternatives and ideas which may fit the purpose statement, but are not be on the Design Standards list.
   - Urban Designer/Planner board member interview update. There are currently 4 applicants. Mr. Gunderson is still in the process of vetting applicants. Grant, Kathy, Anne and Steve expressed desire to participate in the interview process. Questions and answers, and discussion ensued regarding the nomination process/timeline, and the applicants’ comparative experiences.

**Board Business:**

3. **Approval of Minutes:** Chuck Horgan motioned to approve meeting minutes for August 19th. Unanimously approved (6/0)
4. **Changes to Agenda:** Old Business will be moved to later in the meeting. Ratification vote for the West Havermale Island recommendations will be moved under Old Business.
5. **Old Business:** Board member Ted Teske arrived. Three members recused themselves (Anne Hanenburg, Mark Brower, and Grant Keller), as they are under contract with the applicant for the West Havermale Island project.

**Based on review of the materials submitted by the applicant and discussion during the August 19, 2019 Recommendation Meeting the Design Review Board recommends the approval of the project subject to the following conditions:**
1. The applicant shall consider utilizing a more durable material, such as Corten steel, in the sliding gate on the north side of the O&M facility to better sustain wear and tear over time.

   *Please see the following Downtown Design Guidelines:*  
   A-1 Respond to the Physical Context and B-3 Reinforce the Urban Form & Architectural Attributes of the Immediate Area.

2. The applicant shall consider exploring a two-sided approach to the architectural aesthetics of the restroom facility- the walls facing riverfront park reflecting the adjacent character, while the side facing the playground reflects the nature/river theme. The board discourages the use of a CXT standard restroom, or anything of a similar appearance.

   *Please see City of Spokane Comprehensive Plan Goals and Policies:* LU 2.1 PUBLIC REALM FEATURES, LU 5.1 BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, TR GOAL F: ENHANCE PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY, DP 2.5 CHARACTER OF THE PUBLIC REALM, DP 2.6 BUILDING AND SITE DESIGN, and PRS 2.1 AMENITIES WITHIN CITY BOUNDARIES

   *Please see the following Downtown Design Guidelines:* A-1 Respond to the Physical Environment, B-1 Respond to the Neighborhood Context, B-3 Reinforce the Urban Form & Architectural Attributes of the Immediate Area, B-5 Explore Opportunities for Building Green, and D-7 Design for Person Safety and Security.

   *Please see Downtown “Fast Forward Spokane” Plan Goals:* 2.2 BUILT FORM AND CHARACTER and 2.6 ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP.

3. As the board perceives conflict between the O&M yard and the Stepwell Sculpture, the applicant shall provide screening of the O&M yard as indicated (15’-18’ trees at time of planting, berm, 10’ fence). If the proposed mitigation efforts are not installed, the Stepwell Sculpture shall be installed at the artist’s second preferred location.

   *Please see City of Spokane Comprehensive Plan Goals and Policies:* LU 1.13 Parks and Open Space, LU 2 PUBLIC REALM ENHANCEMENT, LU 2.1 Public Realm Features, TR GOAL A: PROMOTE A SENSE OF PLACE, TR 2.1 Physical Features, DP 1.3 Significant Views and Vistas, DP 2.3 Design Standards for Public Projects and Structures, and DP 2.5 Character of the Public Realm.

   *Please see the following Downtown Design Guidelines:* A-1 Respond to the Physical Context, C-1 Promote Pedestrian Interaction, D-1 Provide Inviting & Usable Open Space, D-4 Provide Elements That Define The Place, and E-3 Minimize the Presence of Service Areas.

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4. The Design Review Board is concerned about the proposed zipline on the Avista-owned portion of the site. Any such proposed improvement would be subject to design review, whether the structure is viewed as temporary or permanent.

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Motion to approve the final recommendations for the West Havermale Island project was made by Chuck Horgan. Unanimously approved 4/0.

6. **New Business:** None

**Workshop:**

7. **Collaborative Workshop for The Downtown Library**
   - Staff Report: Presented by Tayler Berberich
   - **Public Comments:** Alan Chatham (Chair for the Riverside Neighborhood Council) inquired where the public might locate information on the proposed designs, and was informed this information is available on both spokanelibrary.org and the DRB webpage.
   - Questions were asked and answered.
   - Discussion ensued.

Based on review of the materials submitted by the applicant and discussion during the August 28, 2019 Collaborative Workshop the Design Review Board recommends the following advisory actions:

5. **The applicant is encouraged to continue discussion with City Engineering to resolve and prioritize pedestrian circulation issues between the site and the CSO Plaza. In keeping with the City’s Comprehensive Plan, the Design Review Board is highly in favor of prioritizing pedestrian flow over vehicular flow at this location (up to and including the future elimination of vehicle travel lanes).**

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- LU 1: CITY-WIDE LAND USE, LU 1.12 Public Facilities and Services, LU 2: PUBLIC REALM ENHANCEMENT, LU 2.1 Public Realm Features, LU 4: TRANSPORTATION, LU 4.1 Land Use and Transportation, LU 4.4 Connections, LU 5: DEVELOPMENT CHARACTER, LU 5.3 Off-Site Impacts, LU 5.5 Compatible Development, TR GOAL B: PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION CHOICES, TR GOAL F: ENHANCE PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY, TR 1 Transportation Network For All Users, TR 2 Transportation Supporting Land Use, TR 13 Infrastructure Design, TR 20 Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordination, DP 1 PRIDE AND IDENTITY, DP 1.1 Landmark Structures, Buildings, and Sites, DP 1.3 Significant Views and Vistas, DP 2 URBAN DESIGN, DP 2.3 Design Standards for Public Projects and Structures, DP 2.5 Character of the Public Realm, DP 2.6 Building and Site Design, DP 2.11 Improvements Program, DP 4 DOWNTOWN CENTER VIABILITY, DP 4.2 Street Life, NE 13 CONNECTIVITY, NE 13.1 Walkway and Bicycle Path System, and NE 13.2 Walkway and Bicycle Path Design.

*Please see the following Downtown Plan Goals:*

- 2.2 BUILT FORM AND CHARACTER, 2.3 MULTI-MODAL CIRCULATION AND PARKING, and 2.4 OPEN SPACE, PUBLIC REALM AND STREETSCAPES.

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6. The applicant shall return to the board a further detailed design for the enhancement of pedestrian realm elements along the building's base, along all sides of the building.

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2.2 BUILT FORM AND CHARACTER, and 2.4 OPEN SPACE, PUBLIC REALM AND STREETSCAPES.

Please see the following Spokane Municipal Code(s):
SMC 17C.124.550 Ground Level Details – Building Design, and SMC 17C.124.570 Treating Blank Walls – Building Design.

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7. The Design Review Board is supportive of the West Bosque and the applicant is encouraged to further develop the concept.

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8. The applicant is encouraged to further develop the Primary Building Entry’s proposed treatment (located at the facility’s southeast corner). The Design Review Board considers this an opportunity to fully realize the creative potential of the existing facility in a fully integrated manner.

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9. The applicant is encouraged to continue discussion with City Engineering to resolve bus turning movements (northbound on Lincoln onto westbound Main), and the potential for a widened public realm along Main Street.

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The Advisory Actions were approved by unanimous vote of the Design Review Board (7/0)

Steve Meek called for a brief recess at 8:00.
Meeting resumed at 8:10 PM.

8. Collaborative Workshop for the Shadle Library
- Staff Report: Presented by Dean Gunderson
- Questions were asked and answered.
- Discussion ensued.

Based on review of the materials submitted by the applicant and discussion during the August 28, 2019 Collaborative Workshop the Design Review Board recommends the following advisory actions:
1. The applicant shall further develop the idea of a community garden (perhaps at a different location).

Please see the following Comprehensive Plan Goals and Policies:

Please see the following Spokane Municipal Code(s):
SMC 17C.110.515 Buildings Along the Street, SMC 17C.110.525 Landscaped Areas, and SMC 17C.110.545 Transition Between Institutional and Residential Development.

2. The applicant shall return with a further developed concept for the landscaping and monument signage along the north and northwest frontage; which should capitalize on the relationship between this outdoor space and the adjacent interior glazed library space.

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3. The applicant is encouraged to continue discussions with City Engineering and the Street Department to further pursue the development of a safe pedestrian crossing of Belt Street between the western entrance/exit and the adjacent shopping center (with its continuous sidewalk).
Please see the following Comprehensive Plan Goals and Policies:


Please see the following Spokane Municipal Code(s):
SMC 17C.110.545 Transition Between Institutional and Residential Development.

4. The applicant shall further develop the plazas at the east and west entries.

Please see the following Comprehensive Plan Goals and Policies:

SMC 17C.110.515 Buildings Along the Street, SMC 17C.110.525 Landscaped Areas, SMC 17C.110.540 Pedestrian Connections in Parking Lots, and SMC 17C.110.545 Transition Between Institutional and Residential Development.

5. The applicant shall further develop the book drop and vehicular queuing to reduce pedestrian circulation conflicts (provide multiple views to demonstrate the refined condition).

Please see the following Comprehensive Plan Goals and Policies:


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SMC 17C.110.540 Pedestrian Connections in Parking Lots, and SMC 17C.110.545 Transition Between Institutional and Residential Development.

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Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM

Next Design Review Board meeting is scheduled for September 11th, 2019.