

# Design Review Board - Draft Minutes

October 9, 2019

City Council Briefing Center

Meeting called to order at 5:34 PM by Steven Meek

## Attendance:

- *Board Members Present:* Anne Hanenburg, Grant Keller (arrived late at 5:41 PM), Steven Meek (Chair), Kathy Lang (Vice-Chair & CA Liaison), Ted Teske, Mark Brower
- *Board Members Not Present:* Chuck Horgan
- *Quorum Present:* Yes
- *Staff Members Present:* Dean Gunderson (Senior Urban Designer), Taylor Berberich (Urban Designer), Stephanie Bishop (Clerk), Ali Brast (Planner), Louis Meuler (Associate Planner), Heather Trautman (Planning Services Director), Kara Mowery (Assistant Planner)

## Public Comment:

- One comment from Anthony Gill submitted by letter, and entered into the record.

## Briefing Session:

### **Chair Report - Steven Meek**

- None

### **Secretary Report - Dean Gunderson**

- The mayor has already forwarded the nomination of Chad Schmidt to City Council for their approval at the October 28th meeting. If they appoint him then, Chad should be able to start with the DRB at the November 13th meeting.
- The mayor's office has been asked to post the DRB position for an architect.
- The informal RFP for consultants for new design guidelines for public projects and structures, skywalks over public rights-of-way, and citywide or base guidelines has been finalized. It will also include the public engagement process regarding design review for Planning & Development mutual use agreements. The department will begin reaching out to consultants in the next week, and DRB members were offered the chance to participate in the scoring of chosen consultants. Kathy Lang volunteered to serve on the proposal review committee.

## Board Business:

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the September 25, 2019 meeting approved unanimously.

### **Old Business:**

- None

### **New Business:**

- None

### **Changes to Agenda:**

- Dean Gunderson will be the presenter of the SportsPlex workshop, instead of Taylor Berberich.

## Workshops:

### **1. Collaborative Workshop for SportsPlex**

- Staff Report: Dean Gunderson
- Applicant Presentation & Additional Comments: Colin Anderson (Integrus Architecture), Dave Nelson (Land Expressions), Melissa Huggins (Spokane Arts)
- Questions asked and answered
- Discussion ensued

Based on review of the materials submitted by the applicant and discussion during the October 9, 2019 Recommendation Meeting the Design Review Board recommends the approval of the project subject to the following conditions:

1. Regarding the design departure, the applicant shall return to the board a design departure alternative that provides:
  - a. Further development of the north façade connection to the ground plane
  - b. Further development of the landscaping between the building façade and the sidewalk illustrating how it will break down the scale of the building
  - c. Proposed art installation locations and approximate sizes
  - d. A full material and color palette

See [SMC 17C.124.015](#) and [SMC 17G.030](#).

## 2. Building Elevation Elements

- a. The applicant shall provide renderings of the north, east, and south elevations that incorporate the articulation of the metal panels.

See [SMC 17C.124.530](#).

[Downtown Design Guidelines](#)

[A-2 Enhance the Skyline](#)

[B-2 Create Transitions in Bulk and Scale](#)

[B-4 Design a Well-Proportioned & Unified Building](#)

[C-2 Design Facades of Many Scales](#)

[C-3 Provide Active Facades](#)

## 3. Pedestrian Engagement Elements

- a. The Design Review Board strongly supports the proposed design of the southwest corner connection to the playground, and encourages the applicant to continue to work with various parties to secure funding.

[Spokane Comprehensive Plan](#)

[Chapter 4: TR5 - Active Transportation](#)

[Spokane Pedestrian Master Plan](#)

[Goal 1: Well Connected and Complete Pedestrian Network](#)

[Goal 4: Safe and Inviting Pedestrian Settings](#)

[Figure 7 - Composite Pedestrian Needs Map: Pedestrian Priority Zones](#)

[“Fast Forward Spokane” Downtown Plan](#)

### 2.3 MULTI-MODAL CIRCULATION AND PARKING

Relevant Objectives:

- Improve pedestrian and bicycle connections

### 2.4 OPEN SPACE, PUBLIC REALM AND STREETSCAPES

Relevant Objectives:

- Develop pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly streetscape improvements

[Downtown Design Guidelines](#)

[C-1 Promote Pedestrian Interaction](#)

D-1 Provide Inviting & Usable Open Space  
D-7 Design for Personal Safety and Security

**2. Collaborative Workshop for Central City Line**

- Staff Report: Dean Gunderson
- Applicant Presentation & Additional Comments: Melissa Huggins (Spokane Arts), Karl Otterstrom (Spokane Transit Authority)
- Questions asked and answered
- Discussion ensued

**Based on review of the materials submitted by the applicant and discussion during the October 9, 2019 Recommendation Meeting, the Design Review Board finds:**

**The applicant should be congratulated on their exemplary efforts to engage Spokane's neighborhoods in the planning process for the Central City Line, and should be held up as a model for future projects.**

- 1. The Design Review Board recommends the approval of the project as submitted.**

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:54 PM**

Next Design Review Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 23, 2019