

# Design Review Board - Meeting Minutes

February 26, 2020

Tribal Conference Room

Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM by Kathy Lang

## Attendance:

- *Board Members Present:* Anne Hanenburg, Grant Keller, Kathy Lang (Chair & CA Liaison), Ted Teske, Mark Brower (Vice-Chair), Chuck Horgan (Arts Commission Liaison), Chad Schmidt
- *Board Members Not Present:* None
- *Quorum Present:* YES
- *Staff Members Present:* Dean Gunderson, Taylor Berberich

## Public Comment:

- None

## Briefing Session:

### Chair Report - Kathy Lang

- Kathy Lang reported that Downtown Steering Committee meeting is happening on Feb. 28. 9 am to 10:30am. Chuck Horgan will be attending, representing the Design Review Board

### Secretary Report - Dean Gunderson

- Dean Gunderson reported that Drew Kleman is the Mayor's nominee for the Architect position on Design Review Board and will be going to City Council for appointment consideration soon.

## Board Business:

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the February 12, 2020 meeting approved unanimously.

### Old Business:

- None

### New Business:

- None

### Changes to Agenda:

- None

## Workshops:

### 1. Collaborative Workshop for River Bend Development

- Staff Report: Taylor Berberich
- Applicant Presentation: Rustin Hall Principal, ALSC Architect and Kathy Russell, ALSC Architects
- Questions asked and answered
- Discussion ensued

Based on review of the materials submitted by the applicant and discussion during the February 26, 2020 Collaborative Workshop the Design Review Board recommends the following advisory actions:

1. **The applicant is encouraged to consider maximizing the pedestrian experience along the Ben Burr Trail (including potential signage, materiality, overlooks and viewpoints, and accommodation of multi-directional traffic).**

*Please see the following Comprehensive Plan Goals and Policies: LU 2.1 Public Realm Features, LU 4.4 Connections, LU 5.1 Built and Natural Environment, LU 5.2 Environmental Quality Enhancement, LU 5.4 Natural Features and Habitat Protection, TR Goal A: Promote a Sense of Place, TR 1 Transportation Network For All Users, TR 20: Bicycle/ Pedestrian Coordination, DP 1.3 Significant Views and Vistas, DP 2.5 Character of the Public Realm, DP 2.6 Building and Site Design, DP 2.15 Urban Trees and*

Landscape Areas, NE 13.1 Walkway and Bicycle Path System, and NE 13.2 Walkway and Bicycle Path Design.

**Please see the following East-Central Neighborhood Plan Action Items:**

*Environment Action Item 4: Protect sensitive areas along river and maximize public pathways, open space, and access including connections between the Ben Burr Trail and the Centennial Trail, and Walkable Streets Action Item 1: Link the Ben Burr Trail to the Centennial Trail and neighborhood streets.*

**2. The Design Review Board is in strong support of maintaining public transit options along MLK Jr. Way.**

**Please see the following Comprehensive Plan Goals and Policies:** LU 4.4 Connections, LU 4.6 Transit-Supported Development, TR Goal B: Provide Transportation Choices, TR Goal C: Accommodate Access to Daily Needs and Priority Destinations, TR Goal F: Enhance Public Health and Safety, TR 1 Transportation Network For All Users, and TR 2 Transportation Supporting Land Use.

**Please see the following East-Central Neighborhood Plan Action Item:** 6- Increase cross-community transit system.

**3. The applicant is encouraged to further illustrate the urban frontage along MLK Jr. Way.**

**Please see the following Comprehensive Plan Goals and Policies:** LU 4.6 Transit-Supported Development, LU 5.1 Built and Natural Environment, LU 5.3 Off-Site Impacts, TR Goal A: Promote a Sense of Place, TR 15 Activation, TR 20: Bicycle/ Pedestrian Coordination, DP 1.3 Significant Views and Vistas, DP 2.5 Character of the Public Realm, DP 2.6 Building and Site Design, DP 2.11 Improvements Program, DP 2.13 Parking Facilities Design, and DP 2.15 Urban Trees and Landscape Areas.

**4. The applicant is encouraged to investigate the feasibility of providing recreational access to the river.**

**Please see the following Comprehensive Plan Goals and Policies:** LU 2.1 Public Realm Features, LU 4.4 Connections, LU 5.1 Built and Natural Environment, LU 5.2 Environmental Quality Enhancement, LU 5.4 Natural Features and Habitat Protection, TR Goal A: Promote a Sense of Place, DP 1.3 Significant Views and Vistas, and DP 2.5 Character of the Public Realm.

**5. The board is specifically interested in seeing further refinement of the plaza space beneath the James Keefe Bridge, including any general public uses (if proposed).**

**Please see the following Comprehensive Plan Goals and Policies:** LU 2.1 Public Realm Features, LU 5.1 Built and Natural Environment, DP 1.3 Significant Views and Vistas, DP 2.5 Character of the Public Realm, DP 2.6 Building and Site Design, and DP 2.15 Urban Trees and Landscape Areas.

**6. If nearby offsite parking is to be utilized, the applicant is encouraged to work with the City of Spokane Streets Department to provide safe pedestrian crossings.**

**Please see the following Comprehensive Plan Goals and Policies:** LU 4.4 Connections, LU 4.6 Transit-Supported Development, LU 5.3 Off-Site Impacts, TR Goal F: Enhance Public Health and Safety, TR 14 Traffic Calming, DP 2.11 Improvements Program, and NE 13.1 Walkway and Bicycle Path System.

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

**2. Collaborative Workshop for New Design Guidelines: Consultant Presentation**

- Presentation: Dean Gunderson and Marcy McInelly (consultant)
- Questions asked and answered
- Discussion ensued

Note: Supplementary information, audio tape and meeting summary are on file with City of Spokane Design Review Board.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:19 PM**

Next Design Review Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, 2020