



EDMONTON DESIGN COMMITTEE MINUTES

Location: Boardroom 320, Edmonton Tower

Tuesday, November 7, 2017

MEMBERS:

R. Labonte, Chair
C. Craig, Vice-Chair
W. Sims, Vice-Chair
T. Antoniuk
F. Cavaliere
D. Deshpande
M. Figueira
S. Kaznacheeva
H. Mapstone
A. Rowe
A. Zepp

PRESENT:

R. Labonte, Chair
C. Craig, Vice-Chair
W. Sims, Vice-Chair
T. Antoniuk

D. Deshpande
M. Figueira
S. Kaznacheeva
H. Mapstone
A. Rowe
A. Zepp

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

P. Spearey, Urban Form and Corporate Strategic Development, Lead Urban Designer
A. Wen, Urban Form and Corporate Strategic Development, Senior Planner

A.1. CALL TO ORDER

R. Labonte called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

A.2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED: C. Craig

That the November 7, 2017 Edmonton Design Committee agenda be adopted with the following revisions:

- Adding an Administrative Update following Item D.

SECONDED: A. Zepp

FOR THE MOTION: R. Labonte, W. Sims, T. Antoniuk, D. Deshpande, S. Kaznacheeva, H. Mapstone, A. Rowe, A. Zepp, C. Craig, M. Figueira

A.3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Without objection, the October 17, 2017 Edmonton Design Committee meeting minutes were adopted.

B. APPLICATIONS

B. 1. PROJECT SYNPOSES

P. Spearey read the comments of the Development Planner for all projects.

FORMAL PRESENTATIONS

B.2. Civic Precinct Surface and Fountain Renewal (Development Permit)

Adrian Benoit - GEC Architecture

B.3. Southpark Buildings 3 + 4 (Development Permit)

Matt Vodrey - Stantec

B.4. 99 Street and 89 Avenue (Rezoning)

Belinda Morale Smith - Dialog Design

PRE-CONSULTATION PRESENTATIONS

B.5. Knox Church - The Artisan (Rezoning)

8307 109 Street NW

Jimmy Amichandwala Der + Associates Architecture Ltd.

C. COMMITTEE DELIBERATION (Closed to the Public)

The order of deliberations was changed to allow H. Mapstone and A. Zepp to leave the meeting due to a conflict.

C.1. Civic Precinct Surface and Fountain Renewal (Development Permit)

Adrian Benoit - GEC Architecture

MOVED: T. Antoniuk

Motion of support with conditions.

The Committee recommends that the Applicant work with Administration, and the Urban Design Unit in particular, to:

- Better integrate the City Hall Forecourt, 102A Avenue and the Churchill Square. At present this interface, marked by a drastic change in material from granite pavers to concrete, appears to be unresolved.
- Incorporate a broader range of seating types and configurations in the East Garden area to enhance functionality and sociability.
- Select an alternative model of fixed seating (ie. tables w/ chairs) with a design vocabulary more fitting this civic space.

The Applicant is reminded that the Edmonton Design Committee has the responsibility of reviewing projects in a comprehensive manner, which includes building, site and surrounding context. While the Committee appreciates the work that the Applicant has undertaken in response to comments provided by the Committee, in future it is recommend that projects undertaken by the Applicant be considered in a broader urban context. This important Civic precinct, arguably from 104th to 101st A Avenues and 99th to 100th Streets, should be master planned, designed and constructed as a complete and integrated whole.

SECONDED: D. Deshpande

CARRIED

FOR THE MOTION: R. Labonte, W. Sims, T. Antoniuk, D. Deshpande, S. Kaznacheeva, H. Mapstone, A. Rowe, A. Zepp

OPPOSED C. Craig, M. Figueira

C.2. 99 Street and 89 Avenue (Rezoning)
Belinda Morale Smith - Dialog Design

M. Figueira left the meeting due to a conflict.

MOVED: A. Zepp

Motion of Support with conditions.

The Committee recommends that the Applicant work with Administration to:

- Consider design strategies to reduce the monolithic nature of the west facade of the western most building in order to more sensitively interface with adjacent neighbourhood.

SECONDED: C. Craig

CARRIED

FOR THE MOTION: R. Labonte, C. Craig, W. Sims, T. Antoniuk, D. Deshpande, S. Kaznacheeva, H. Mapstone, A. Rowe, A. Zepp

M. Figueira returned to the meeting.

C.3. Southpark Buildings 3 + 4 (Development Permit)

Matt Vodrey - Stantec

H. Mapstone and A. Zepp left the meeting due to a conflict.

MOVED: M. Figueira

Motion of support with conditions.

The Committee recommends that the Applicant work with Administration, and the Urban Design Unit in particular, to:

- Give greater consideration to the design of the alleyway as part of this submission, rather than waiting for the development of the buildings to the south. In the opinion of the Committee, the present design of the buildings and the adjacent alleyway does little to animate what can become an important pedestrian space. Consideration should be given, in addition to the typical ‘back of house’ uses such as parking and loading, to potentially incorporating spaces that can house (or be converted to house) retail and other uses that could encourage pedestrian activity. Lighting, landscaping and furnishings should also be incorporated to animate this alleyway.
- Introduce additional vertical articulation on the tower portion of the Building 4 facade (facing Whyte Avenue) to mitigate its perceived horizontality.
- Revising and / or relaxing the signage guidelines - which appear very prescriptive - to facilitate the unique and original signage envisioned in the design brief.

SECONDED: C. Craig

CARRIED

FOR THE MOTION: R. Labonte, C. Craig, W. Sims, T. Antoniuk, D. Deshpande, M. Figueira, S. Kaznacheeva, A. Rowe.

D. DISCUSSION: RECRUITMENT PROFILE (2018-2019)

P. Spearey discussed the upcoming review of the Members-at-Large and the need for the Committee to review the recruitment profile. This recruitment profile is to be finalized prior to November 27.

E. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

P. Spearey indicated that Administration is currently working on addressing the issues raised by the Chair with respect to the Meeting Centre Room.

P. Spearey also provided an update of the EDC Work Program; namely, that a working group of Administration has been struck, and has met to review a Project Charter which will guide the work of this initiative.

E. UPCOMING APPLICATIONS

P. Spearey reviewed the upcoming applications with the Committee.

F. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

E. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, Nov 21, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. located in Boardroom 320, 3rd Floor, Edmonton Tower (10111 - 104 Avenue NW).