

**CITY OF MILWAUKIE
DESIGN AND LANDMARKS COMMITTEE
NOTES
Milwaukie City Hall
10722 SE Main St
Monday, February 6, 2017
6:30 PM**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Sherry Grau, Chair
Lauren Loosveldt
Scott Jones

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Brett Kelter, Associate Planner (staff liaison)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Cynthia Schuster
Michael Corrente

1.0 Call to Order – Procedural Matters

Chair **Sherry Grau** called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

2.0 Design and Landmarks Committee Notes

- 2.1 January 9, 2017
- 2.2 January 23, 2017

Member Scott Jones had not yet arrived when this item came up on the agenda. It was tabled until after the worksession item (6.1), at which point **Chair Grau** called for any revisions to either set of notes. There were no comments or revisions, and both set of notes were approved unanimously.

3.0 Information Items – None

4.0 Audience Participation – None

5.0 Public Meetings – None

6.0 Worksession Items

- 6.1 Downtown Design Guidelines Update, cont. (photo updates)
Staff Person: Brett Kelter, Associate Planner

The meeting picked up where the January 23 session left off, focused on updating the current photos in the Downtown Design Guidelines (DDG). **Associate Planner Brett Kelter** reviewed the group's work from the last meeting, which covered various pages in the Milwaukie Character element. Key suggestions or notes for the various pages include the following:

- Page 10 (Intent) = Try to get better quality (higher resolution) photos, perhaps from the Milwaukie Historical Museum. Look for photos of horticulture, old trolley, old dance hall on Elk Rock Island, old drugstore. Add text note about Milwaukie being a recreation destination.
- Page 11 (Sense of Place) = Look for photos of Farmers Market, First Friday, or some other gatherings. Replace MAX photo with steeple at St. John's Catholic Church. Find Riverfront Park photos of the bonfire site or Klein Point.

- Page 12 (Integrate the Environment) = Find a better image of the stormwater feature at North Main Village. Use the Yoga Union space, but with a wider view. Ask the Waldorf School for images of the stream or waterfall feature. Keep the “Not Recommended” photo of the parking lot next to Kellogg Lake.
- Page 13 (Horticultural Heritage) = Modify the Ledding Library photo with the dogwood tree, but remove the parking sign. Get a photo of the Adams Street plaza with people (maybe from the annual plant sale in May). Use the photo of the large tree on the southern Trolley Trail as a placeholder if no other good options emerge—otherwise, consider it for use on one of the Pedestrian Emphasis pages (p. 21 or 22).
- Page 15 (Consider View Opportunities) = The group liked the “Not Recommended” photos of the view from McLoughlin of the Chan’s Steakery parking lot as well as the Fred Myer on SE Hawthorn. Find a wider view of the North Main courtyard. **Cynthia Schuster** offered to work on some sketches that might better depict the recommendations. **Member Jones** suggested that it might be useful cross-check this guideline with the newly adopted downtown development standards for floor-area ratio (FAR), build-to lines, minimum street frontages, etc., to be sure the guideline does not present conflicts.
- Page 16/17/19 (Context/Contrast) = The Sellwood Library photo is good, minus the fire escape. Make the “Not Recommended” photos smaller and group them together. **Member Lauren Loosveldt** had an idea for another image to show contrast and will forward it along or bring to the next meeting.
- Page 18 (Preserve Historic Landmarks) = The group liked the photos showing the Bremick building, the Masonic Lodge in Oregon City, and the Busch building. The Milwaukie Masonic Lodge and Bagdad Theater photos can be cut. Find a local “Not Recommended” photo if possible, and consider keeping the existing “Not Recommended” photo of SW 2nd Ave and Ankeny.
- Page 20 (Integrate Art) = The photo of a blank wall on a building on 17th Avenue (Portland) might be useful for showing a missed opportunity for public art.

Regarding page layout, the group agreed that Page 20 is probably a good general guide for all pages, with 3 well-sized photos that use up most of the white space without feeling cluttered. Variations can be considered on a page-by-page basis.

The group wrapped up the photo discussion for the night and returned to Items 2.1 and 2.2 to approve the recent notes.

7.0 Other Business/Updates – None

8.0 Design and Landmarks Committee Discussion Items – None

9.0 Forecast for Future Meetings:

March 6, 2017

DDG revisions – Photo updates, Guideline updates for Pedestrian Emphasis element

April 3, 2017

DDG revisions – TBD

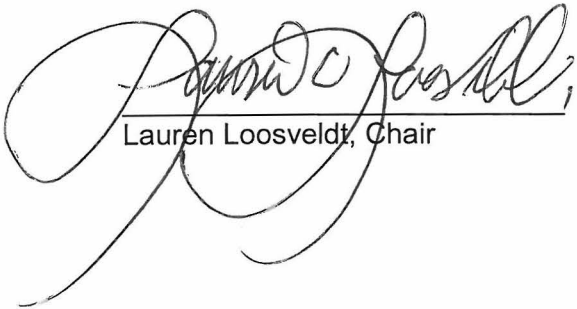
Mr. Kelder noted that this was the last meeting for Chair Grau, who will be officially appointed to the Planning Commission tomorrow night (February 7). He thanked her for her service on the Committee and all wished her well on the Planning Commission. Cynthia Schuster and Michael

Corrente will be officially appointed to the Committee tomorrow night (February 7). The interview process continues in an effort to fill the spot being vacated by Chair Grau. **Mr. Kelper** suggested that the group should take some time at the March 6 meeting to consider electing a new Chair and Vice Chair.

Chair Grau adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brett Kelper, Associate Planner



Lauren Loosveldt, Chair

