

**CITY OF MILWAUKIE
DESIGN AND LANDMARKS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Milwaukie City Hall
10722 SE Main St
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2012
6:30 PM**

DLC MEMBERS PRESENT

Greg Hemer, Chair
Chantelle Gamba
Becky Ives
Patty Wisner

STAFF PRESENT

Li Alligood, Assistant Planner, (DLC Liaison)
Katie Mangle, Planning Director

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jim Perrault, Vice Chair

1.0 Call to Order – Procedural Matters

Chair Greg Hemer called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. and read the conduct of meeting format into the record.

2.0 Design and Landmarks Committee Minutes

2.1 December 5, 2011

DLC Member Chantelle Gamba moved to approve the December 5, 2011, Design and Landmarks Committee minutes as presented. Chair Hemer seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

2.2 January 30, 2012

DLC Member Becky Ives moved to approve the January 30, 2012, Design and Landmarks Committee minutes as presented. Chair Hemer seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Note: The information presented constitutes summarized minutes only. The meeting audio is available from the Planning Department upon request.

3.0 Information Items – None

4.0 Audience Participation –This is an opportunity for the public to comment on any item not on the agenda. There was none.

5.0 Public Meetings – None

6.0 Worksession Items

6.1 Summary: Façade Improvement Program application review: 10600 SE McLoughlin Blvd

Li Alligood, Assistant Planner, reviewed the application.

Ms. Gamba moved to approve the application for the full amount requested. Ms. Ives seconded the motion. The application was approved unanimously.

Ms. Ives commented that she was disappointed about some recent building paint schemes the Committee had approved, and felt the Committee should be more deliberate in the future about approving color schemes in downtown.

6.2 Summary: Light Rail station area design

Brian Goldbloom, Station Artist, provided an overview of the station art via PowerPoint presentation.

- The column sculpture design was based on the vine maple. The columns would not be mobile and would be made of dark gray granite.
- The man-made bridge on the north end of the station site was changed from gray granite to red to reflect its man-made nature.

DLC Member Patty Wisner arrived at 6:55 p.m.

Chair Hemer complemented the design of the public art and Mr. Goldbloom's sensitivity to context.

Jeb Doran, TriMet Design Coordinator, provided an overview of outstanding questions from the January 30 meeting. He noted that he did not have all of the information prepared to share with the Committee. He introduced material samples of a platform paver and stainless steel with a bead-blasted finish.

Bob Hastings, TriMet Architect, provided an overview of the building designs for the downtown substation and signal communications buildings via PowerPoint presentation.

- The buildings would be constructed of painted CMU block with a galvanized metal screen mounted on the surface.
- The Adams St building would have a green roof; the Monroe St building would have solar panels.
- He provided color samples for the building, and a sample of the screen.
- A "green screen" of vegetation was not an option due to the requirements for the equipment housed in the buildings.

The Committee was supportive of the material samples presented for the platform, and the color and the screen design presented for the system buildings.

Li Alligood, Assistant Planner, noted that the use of CMU block and metal screen could require an exception to the downtown design standards, which would be reviewed through a Type III process.

7.0 Other Business/Updates

7.1 Street trees in downtown

Ms. Gamba requested a discussion of the City's downtown street tree standards. She expressed concern that the red maple required in many downtown areas was poorly suited as a street tree, and the current regulations did not allow sufficient flexibility to incorporate best practices and new information.

Ms. Alligood explained the City's street tree regulations, which were contained in the *Downtown and Riverfront Land Use Framework Plan: Public Area Requirements* and the City's Public Works Standards. Both sets of regulations were administered by the Engineering Department.

Katie Mangle, Planning Director, suggested that Ms. Gamba and other interested Committee members meet with the Engineering Department to discuss the standards and how they were applied.

7.2 Officer elections

Ms. Ives moved that the current officers be re-elected to their positions. **Ms. Gamba** seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously, with **Greg Hemer** retaining the position of Chair and **Jim Perrault** retaining the position of Vice-Chair.

8.0 Design and Landmarks Committee Discussion Items – None

9.0 Forecast for Future Meetings:

March 5, 2012	1. Façade Improvement Program application review (tentative)
	2. Riverfront Park/Klein Point after-action review

April 2, 2012	1. Façade Improvement Program application review (tentative)
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Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:20 p.m.



Greg Hemer, Chair