

**CITY OF MILWAUKIE
DESIGN AND LANDMARKS COMMITTEE
NOTES
Milwaukie City Hall
10722 SE Main St
Monday, May 2, 2016
6:30 PM**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

James Fossen, Vice Chair
Scott Jones
Lauren Loosveldt

STAFF PRESENT

Brett Kelter, Associate Planner (DLC Liaison)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Sherry Grau, Chair
Chip Addabbo

1.0 Call to Order – Procedural Matters

Vice Chair James Fossen called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m.

2.0 Design and Landmarks Committee Notes

2.1 April 11, 2016

Vice Chair Fossen asked whether there were any revisions to the notes from the April 11, 2016, DLC meeting. Hearing none, he called for a vote to approve the notes, which 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 (DDG) Update, cont. (Milwaukie Character)
Staff Person: Brett Kelter, Associate Planner

Associate Planner Brett Kelter continued the ongoing DDG-update discussion by asking whether the members had any comments on the marked-up version of the Public Art guideline (DDG page 20). The members were amenable to the proposed text changes and spent some time discussing the images.

Member Scott Jones was supportive of the existing mural photo as a good illustrative example of that type of public art. **Vice Chair Fossen** asked about the availability of funding for public art murals, leading **Mr. Kelter** to briefly review the current provisions of Title 20 in the Milwaukie Municipal Code, which was adopted in 2014 to establish a process for permitting murals. “Original art murals” can be approved through a nondiscretionary review process but are limited to no more than 40% of a wall surface and must be hand painted. “Public art murals” require a discretionary review by the Milwaukie Arts Committee (currently, the ArtMOB) but are not limited in size or production/material type.

Member Lauren Loosveldt offered several suggestions: (1) The first photo on DDG page 20 should be replaced with a photo of sculptural art, perhaps of the fountain outside Ledding Library (the Les Peake Memorial Fountain). (2) The existing mural photo could be replaced with an image of the recently completed Chris Haberman mural at Milwaukie High School. (3) Any of the new public art pieces installed at various points along the light rail alignment could provide a more effective image of interactive, environmental art.

Turning attention to DDG page 11 ("Reinforce Milwaukie's Sense of Place"), the group discussed the current text's focus on history going back to the 1850s. **Vice Chair Fossen** noted that "sense of place" involves a relationship to Portland and now the new light rail, and that it may be useful to factor in more recent history as well. **Mr. Jones** suggested that the "Intent" section of DDG page 10 might be a better place to move the historical images currently on DDG page 11, along with some of the more historical information. That would allow DDG page 11 to focus more on some specific "sense of place" topics, like Main Street development, pedestrian-scale development, and connections to transit. The second image on DDG page 10 (of the Main Street parade) was noted as a particularly good one.

Mr. Jones suggested that one of the most successful blocks downtown is the one with ChaChaCha! and Libbie's (Main Street at Jefferson Street), with a lot of street-level activity and energy. That might be a good example of a successful scale of development along Main Street. On the other hand, taller buildings might be better along McLoughlin Boulevard (Highway 99E), to better interact with the scale and nature of the highway. **Ms. Loosveldt** added that outdoor seating, active storefronts, connected pathways, and well-scaled signage are other important elements of successful downtown spaces.

For the next meeting, the group agreed to focus on DDG pages 12, 13, and 14. It was noted that DDG pages 12 ("Integrate the Environment") and 13 ("Promote Linkages to Horticultural Heritage") have some similarities and should be looked at together.

7.0 Other Business/Updates – There was a question about what happened at the Wayfinding open house event on April 18—**Mr. Kelter** did not have an immediate report but agreed to pass along whatever information he could find.

8.0 Design and Landmarks Committee Discussion Items – None

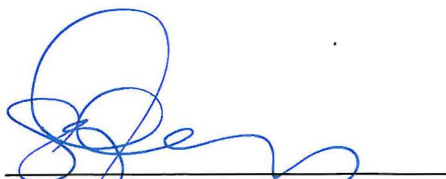
9.0 Forecast for Future Meetings:

June 6, 2016	Milwaukie Character (cont.) – <i>specific guidelines TBD</i>
July 11, 2016	Milwaukie Character (cont.) – <i>specific guidelines TBD</i>

Vice Chair Fossen adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brett Kelter, Associate Planner



Sherry Grau, Chair