

EDMONTON DESIGN COMMITTEE MINUTES

Location: via Google Meet

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

MEMBERS:

J. Mills, Chair N. LaMontagne, Vice-Chair T. Ziola, Vice-Chair K. Dieterman D. Brown J. Candlish M. Tindall N. Pryce C. Kanna J. Monfries E. Dunn C. Dorward

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

P. Spearey, Lead Urban Designer, Urban Planning and Economy Department

T. Pawlyk, Branch Manger (A), Planning and Environment Services

A. Rowan, Planning Technician, Urban Planning and Economy Department

W. Sims, Urban Designer, Urban Planning and Economy Department

N. Shah, Planner, Urban Planning and Economy Department

A. CALL TO ORDER AND RELATED BUSINESS

A.1. CALL TO ORDER

J. Mills called the meeting to order at 4:01p.m.

PRESENT:

- J. Mills, Chair N. LaMontagne, Vice-Chair T. Ziola, Vice-Chair K. Dieterman D. Brown
- M. Tindall N. Pryce C. Kanna J. Monfries E. Dunn
- C. Dorward

A.2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: J. Mills

Motion to adopt the November 21, 2023 Agenda

SECONDED: M. Tindall

The motion passed unanimously.

A.3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES - November 7, 2023 REGULAR MEETING

MOTION: J. Mills

Motion to adopt the November 7, 2023 Minutes

SECONDED: C. Dorward

A.4 REQUESTS TO SPEAK

None.

A.5 INTRODUCTION- TRAVIS PAWLYK

• T. Pawlyk, the acting Branch Manger, introduced himself to the Committee.

B. PROJECT SYNOPSES (Closed to the Public)

MOTION: J. Mills

That Edmonton Design Committee meet in private pursuant to Section 24 (advice from officials) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act for the discussion of item B.1

SECONDED: N. Pryce

The motion passed unanimously.

Edmonton Design Committee met in private at 4:05p.m.

C. APPLICATIONS

MOTION: J. Mills

That the Edmonton Design Committee meet in public.

SECONDED: T. Ziola

The motion passed unanimously.

The Edmonton Design Committee met in public at 4:14p.m

FORMAL PRESENTATIONS (Open to the Public)

C.1 Blatchford Fire Station

Kristi Olson- City of Edmonton

Motion of Support: D. Brown Seconded: C. Dorward

The Committee welcomes this proposed development, and in the interest of ensuring a high standard of urban design recommends the Applicant consider the following design refinements:

- Front entry enhancements (e.g., street/walkway connectivity/materiality; site furnishings; canopy; visible and recognizable signage; lighting, etc.).
- Perimeter fencing detailing to be consistent with building facade (e.g. durable material, consideration of patterning similar to cladding profile, colourways, etc.).
- Relocating the rear sidewalk to be adjacent to the parking lot, and reconsidering its materiality (i.e concrete).
- LID soft landscape approaches (e.g., wetland species/edge species/upland species) that enhance site and stormwater retention area biodiversity and sustainability. This should include how LID is extended and applied into proposed formal landscape areas.
- Reassess the proposed tree species providing year-round buffering and screening along the north and northwest edges of the site.

For the Motion: C. Kanna, C. Dorward, D. Brown, E. Dunn, J. Monfries, K. Dieterman, M. Tindall N. LaMontagne, N. Pryce, T. Ziola, J. Mills

CARRIED

C.2 Queen Alexandra Professional Building Armando Hernande- Dualita

Motion of Support: T. Ziola Seconded: N. Pryce

The Committee welcomes this proposed development, and in the interest of ensuring a high standard of urban design recommends the Applicant consider the following:

- The building articulation, components, materiality, and detailing that considers Strathcona neighborhood architectural qualities ((e.g., parapets/cornices, window moldings and raised ground floor windows; defined/canopied entries; brick detailing (cornices, pattern inlays, combination of stacked + running bond), etc.)) and visibility of the site. (UDP - A1, A2, A3, B4, C1, and C2).
- Streetscape improvements (e.g., surface materials, boulevard trees, site furnishings, and features) along 78 Avenue and Calgary Trail to promote pedestrian-friendly, engaging and active frontages. (UDP A2, A3).
- Consider additional columnar trees with closer spacing to enhance the screening of the parking lot.
- Consider an alternate fencing product that is more decorative and durable.
- Exploration of incorporation of publicly accessible art on the north facade (e.g. mural; sponsorship may be available through organizations such as Edmonton Mural Festival)

For the Motion: C. Kanna, C. Dorward, D. Brown, E. Dunn, J. Monfries, K. Dieterman, M. Tindall N. LaMontagne, N. Pryce, T. Ziola, J. Mills

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D. UPCOMING APPLICATIONS, CONFLICTS AND REGRETS (Tuesday December 5, 2023)

81 Avenue Reconstruction	Formal	Sameh El Henawi- COE
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Regrets: None Conflicts: None

F. OTHER BUSINESS

G. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:38pm.

H. NEXT MEETING

Meeting Tuesday December 5, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. Hybrid Meeting.