

**CITY OF MILWAUKIE  
DESIGN AND LANDMARKS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
Milwaukie City Hall  
10722 SE Main Street  
MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2013  
6:30 PM**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Greg Hemer, Chair  
Jim Perrault, Vice Chair  
Scott Barbur  
Chantelle Gamba

**STAFF PRESENT**

Li Alligood, Associate Planner (DLC Liaison)  
Kari Svanstrom, Associate Planner

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT**

Becky Ives

**1.0 Call to Order – Procedural Matters\***

**Chair Greg Hemer** called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. and read the conduct of meeting format into the record.

*Note: The information presented constitutes summarized minutes only. The meeting audio is available from the Planning Department upon request. The meeting presentation is posted at <http://www.ci.milwaukie.or.us/planning/design-and-landmarks-committee-18>.*

**2.0 Design and Landmarks Committee Minutes**

2.1 October 23, 2012 (Joint with PC)

**DLC Member Scott Barbur** moved to approve the **October 23, 2012, meeting minutes as presented. DLC Vice Chair Jim Perrault** seconded the motion, which passed **unanimously.**

2.2 November 14, 2012

**DLC Member Chantelle Gamba** moved to approve the **November 14, 2012, meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Jim Perrault** seconded the motion, which passed **unanimously.**

**3.0 Information Items**

There were no information items.

**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**

There were no public meetings scheduled.

## **6.0 Worksession Items**

### **6.1 Summary: Adams Street Connector Lanterns/Beacons Project Staff: Kari Svanstrom, Associate Planner**

**Kari Svanstrom, Associate Planner**, provided an overview of the project via PowerPoint presentation slides 1-7.

- The ACS and the lanterns were located in the public right-of-way and were exempt from the downtown design guidelines. However, staff was seeking input on the beacon/lantern design from the DLC.
- The lanterns were not part of the base ACS project, but the connector was being designed to accommodate later installation of the lanterns.
- The ACS was scheduled for construction in summer 2013.
- The project area was Adams Street between the light rail station and McLoughlin Blvd / Dogwood Park.
- The ACS was a component of the South Downtown Concept Plan. The ACS was part of Phase 6 of that Plan.

**Mike Zillis, Walker-Macy**, provided an overview of the South Downtown Concept Plan and light rail station site via PowerPoint presentation slides 8-13.

- A portion of Adams St was closing as part of the light rail project constructed by TriMet, and TriMet was working with the project team to develop the ACS.
- The ACS was designed to accommodate festival events, vendors, and pedestrians and cyclists.
- An additional element was beacons, or lanterns, that would provide a warm glow and seating/gathering areas for people.
- Slide 12 showed both the base project, which was funded through a grant from Metro, and future phases contingent on fundraising, which were shown within dashed red lines.

**David Horsely, DAO Architecture**, provided an overview of the lanterns via PowerPoint presentation slides 14-16.

- The lanterns were designed to be anchored in the surroundings, such as the railroad trestle.
- The project team was interested in using historical images for the lanterns to reference Milwaukie's past.
- The lanterns were approximately 20 feet tall and materials included: Ipe wood (or ironwood) for the structural members; fabricated or cast stainless steel plates; and perforated metal screens.

**Joann Le, DAO Architecture**, shared samples of the wood, steel, and metal materials and provided an overview of the lantern design via PowerPoint presentation slides 17-22.

- The perforated metal screens had different appearances during the day and night, and could be illuminated in various colors with LED lights.
- The lanterns could be decorated or utilized to create festival spaces. They were designed to accommodate banners and signage. LED lighting within the frame would create a glow and could change colors depending on the event.

**Ms. Svanstrom** described the process of choosing historical photos for the lantern screens via PowerPoint presentation slide 18.

- The design team would work with the DLC and the community to choose images and themes for the lanterns through a website selection process and would bring the final selections to the DLC in April.
- The exact images used will need to be determined in conjunction with the metal fabricator to ensure the final images on the panels are legible.

**Mr. Horsley and Ms. Le** responded to questions from the Committee:

- The LED lights would be directed upwards so as not to shine directly in the eyes of passers-by.
- Structural ipe was available, and DAO was working with a structural engineer to ensure that ipe was the appropriate structural material for the lanterns. The ipe would not be stained, and would become silver over time.
- The City did not have a “dark sky” program, but the lantern lighting design considered the potential of adjacent residential development in the future.
- The process of choosing the images would be a collaboration between the design team, the fabricator, and the community in order to establish a “heritage walk” concept. The goal was to identify images that resonated with the community and also worked well in the perforated metal format.
- The lanterns would cost approximately \$20-25,000 apiece.

**Lisa Batey, 11912 SE 19th Ave**, asked several questions regarding the specifics of the lantern design.

**Karen Whitman, Karen Whitman Projects**, addressed the Committee. She was working with the project team to identify funding sources for the lanterns. She was very excited about the project and connecting the local corporate community to the project.

## **7.0 Planning Department Other Business/Updates**

### 7.1 Officer Elections

**Ms. Gamba nominated Greg Hemer for Chair and Jim Perrault for Vice Chair. Mr. Barbur seconded the nomination of both, which passed unanimously.**

### 7.2 Group Photo

The group photo was rescheduled for the February meeting due to the absence of DLC Member Becky Ives.

**7.3 Upcoming Presentation/Training by Oregon Government Ethics Commission**

A representative from the OGEC would be providing an ethics training for the Council, Planning Commission, and DLC at the Council worksession on Tuesday, February 26. The DLC was invited and encouraged to attend.

**7.4 Updated DLC Notebook Pages**

Updated DLC notebook pages were distributed to reflect recently adopted code amendments. The downtown zones had been renumbered but no changes had been made to the regulations.

**8.0 Design and Landmarks Committee Discussion Items**

**9.0 Forecast for Future Meetings:**

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| February 4, 2013 | 1. Worksession: Joint meeting with Historic Milwaukie NDA Board |
| March 4, 2013    | 1. TBD  |

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Li Alligood, Associate Planner



Greg Hemer, Chair