

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

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Greg Hemer, Chair  
Scott Barbur  
Chantelle Gamba  
Becky Ives

**STAFF PRESENT**

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

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT**

Jim Perrault, Vice Chair

**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.*

**2.0 Design and Landmarks Committee Minutes**

2.1 February 4, 2013

**DLC Member Chantelle Gamba** moved to approve the February 4, 2013, meeting minutes as presented. **DLC Member Becky Ives** seconded the motion. The minutes were approved 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 – None**

**6.0 Worksession Items**

6.1 Summary: Adams Street Connector Lanterns  
Staff: Kari Svanstrom, Associate Planner

**Kari Svanstrom, Associate Planner**, provided an overview of the Adams Street Connector Lanterns via PowerPoint presentation. This was a follow-up presentation to update the Committee on the process of selecting images for the lanterns and to share the results of an online survey.

- The Adams Street Connector project schedule had been shifted from construction in summer 2013 to spring 2014.

- The base project area –starting from the street edge of sidewalk on the eastern side of Main St to the connection with the light rail station – had been funded by a \$450,000 grant from Metro. The lanterns were not part of the base project and were not yet funded.
- The linear plaza area would be finished with pavers rather than scored concrete, so the pavers could be re-used when the full plaza was constructed at the western end of Adams St.
- The contract to develop construction documents for the lanterns were on the City Council consent agenda for May 7. This contract would allow the architects to complete the design of the lanterns and to coordinate with the landscape architects in designing the infrastructure that would be built as part of the ‘base scope.’
- **The Committee** discussed parking in the area around the Post Office.
  - The project would remove on-street parking along Adams St, and would add additional on-street parking spaces on Main St. City staff had had conversations with the Shipleys, who owned property on both the north and south sides of Adams Street, , about providing parking for Post Office and archery store visitors in their private parking lot on the north side of Adams Street.
  - Main St/Lake Rd would be re-opened to vehicular traffic when light rail construction was completed. Main St could be closed to vehicular traffic to create a plaza for events such as the Farmer’s Market.
- The lanterns would be wrapped in punched metal panels which would allow light to shine through and illuminate the historic images.
- **Ms. Svanstrom** created an online survey to identify images, and more than 50 respondents had voted for images. She identified four themes:
  - Transportation: Street car/Trolley Trail
  - River and Creek: Sidewheeler Lot Whitcomb, Kellogg Creek/Lake, relocation of St. Johns Church via barge
  - Industry: Logging and milling, agriculture
  - Cultural Significance: Milwaukie Jr. High/Portland Waldorf School, bowling, events, civic pride

**Ms. Svanstrom** requested feedback from the DLC regarding the process and the themes. Staff would work with the consultants and metal fabricator to identify the specific images to be placed on the panels. The images would not necessarily be the images included in the survey, but would support the four themes. The final image selection would depend on contrast and how the images “read” on the wraparound panels.

- **The Committee** provided feedback and comments:
  - Labels and/or signage should identify each image.
  - It was important for the design and fabrication team to have the final say in image selection.
  - The images should be located in proximity to related features – the transportation image should be nearest the light rail station, river and creek image nearest the river and Kellogg Lake.

**The Committee** stated its support for the identified themes and process for finalizing the images.

- **Chair Hemer** suggested that the DLC submit a comment in support of the project ahead of the May 7 City Council meeting.
- **The Committee** nominated **Chair Hemer** to draft the letter.

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

### **7.1 “Fresh Look Milwaukie: Downtown Road Map” project**

**Li Alligood, Associate Planner**, provided an update on the “Fresh Look Milwaukie: Downtown Road Map” project.

- The project was the first phase of the Commercial Core Enhancement Program (CCEP), which would address the commercial areas of Milwaukie, including downtown and central Milwaukie. It was also the first phase of a two-phase project to update the downtown code and plans.
- ALIGN planning, a group of graduate students in the PSU Urban Planning program, would present their draft recommendations at a workshop on May 9 and at a joint DLC/Planning Commission worksession on May 28, and to Council on June 4. The draft recommendations would be handed off to consultants in Phase 2 to implement the recommendations. The remainder of the CCEP was funded by a Metro Construction Excise Tax (CET) grant.

**Chair Hemer** stated that the student group was fresh and clever and he appreciated the success of their outreach efforts. They had identified some disparate needs and issues within the business community.

**Ms. Alligood** noted that the students had confirmed that the fundamental policies were still supported, though there was some disagreement about implementation. It was important for staff and the community to confirm the validity of the adopted policies and vision. She invited the DLC to attend the May 9 event.

## **8.0 Design and Landmarks Committee Discussion Items**

**Chair Hemer** noted that during a City Council discussion about the alternate program, Councilor Scott Churchill had suggested that alternates for the Planning Commission be drawn from the Design and Landmarks Committee.

**Ms. Alligood** noted that **DLC Member Scott Barbur’s** appointment to the Planning Commission was on the May 7 City Council agenda.

**Chair Hemer** suggested that the DLC be a pool for potential Planning Commission appointments, and that the Committee discuss the proposal with the Planning Commission.

- After some discussion, **the Committee** decided not to move forward with that suggestion.

## **9.0 Forecast for Future Meetings:**

May 28, 2013                      1. Worksession: Joint with Planning Commission

June 3, 2013                      1. Cancelled

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Li Alligood, Associate Planner



Greg Hemer, Chair