



DESIGN COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 9, 2016

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Chair Brandt called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM in the Council Chambers, 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

ROLL CALL:

Vice Chair Colin Brandt; Commissioners Anthony Perez, Susanne Foster, Tami Szerlip, were present. Chair Richard Erwin; Commissioners Lara Sanderson, Hui Tian, were absent.

STAFF PRESENT:

Evan Maxim, Planning Manager; Christina Schuck, Assistant City Attorney; Lauren Anderson, Assistant Planner; were present.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

The Commission reviewed the minutes from the October 12, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Szerlip made a motion to adopt the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Foster. The minutes were approved as amended by a vote of 5-0.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

Agenda Item #1: Study Session Review Shorewood Heights Building A – 3209 Shorewood Drive

Vice Chair Colin Brandt opened the session.

Evan Maxim, Planning Manager, provided a staff presentation and responded to questions from the Commission related to the preliminary conditions of approval contained with the staff report resulting from the Commission's Preliminary Design Approval. The conditions were broken into three groups, which included:

1. Pedestrian circulation
2. Building modulation
3. Landscaping with a park-like feel

Charles Strazzara, introduced the project team, and highlighted several aspects of the Shorewood project. Charles described the general theme for improving the standard of living, including property infrastructure improvements, and life safety improvements. The presentation included existing site overview, proposed building site context, and project perspective.

Additional information was provided by Charles Strazzara, who also responded to questions from Commissioners related to lighting, roof modulation, architectural details, pedestrian walkways, access points, and consistencies in plans.

Mark Brumbaugh, Landscape Architect, Brumbaugh & Associates, described the site plan and proposed landscaping. In addition, Mark answered questions from the Commission regarding the allowed impervious surface on site.

The Design Commission provided the following feedback on the proposed design to the Applicant:

- A. Add lighting parking lot to improve safety and include lighting on plans.
- B. Liked the variation of materials near the entrance; adding texture at driveways and concrete improves quality.
- C. Colors are well liked.
- D. Arts and crafts feel, on a non-arts and craft building.
- E. Add larger concrete bases at entrances; work on scale.

F. All agreed that the site plans have come a long way.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

PLANNED ABSENCES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS: Commissioner Sanderson will be absent from the January 11th meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS: Evan Maxim, Planning Manager, provided an update on the Hadley and Legacy project. A glazier strike has caused issues with the instillation of the glass glazing and will be added as soon as possible. Instillation predicted for January.

The next scheduled meeting is November 23rd, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Lauren Anderson, Assistant Planner