

# **MEETING OF THE CIVIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, December 11, 2024**

**2:00 p.m.**

**In-Person Meeting**

## **Draft Minutes**

Chair Abby Schnair called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

### **1. Roll Call**

*(00:55)*

**Commissioners Present:** Patrick Carney, Jessica Rothschild, Abby Sadin Schnair, Janine Shiota

**Commissioners Absent:** Seth Brenzel, Debra Walker

**Staff Present:** Ralph Remington, Director of Cultural Affairs; Sarah Hollenbeck, Deputy Director of Finance and Administration; Ebon Glenn, Deputy Director of Programs; Paris Cotz, Program Associate; Manraj Dhaliwal, Commission Secretary;

Chair Schnair announced the meeting instructions.

Program Associate Paris Cotz announced public comment instructions.

Chair Schnair began the meeting reading the Arts Commission's land acknowledgement statement.

### **2. General Public Comment**

*(7:45)*

There was no general public comment.

### **3. Southeast Plant: Operations, Engineering, Maintenance Buildings: Phase 2 Review**

*(8:30)*

The team reminded commissioners of the project site and location. The team reviewed comments they received during their Phase 1 review, which included a recommendation to study the balance of security and human scale at street level. The team responded to this comment by:

adding more windows at street level; adding a gradient to translucent glass for variation; providing precast panels of varying width; adding façade lighting; and adding street trees.

The team reviewed the building envelope by section and material at each location, as well as aerial views. The landscape architect shared the plans for the landscape site plan in terms of layout and materials.

Commissioners spent time reviewing and analyzing the material samples in-person.

Commissioners appreciated the comparison in design changes between Phase 1 and Phase 2. Commissioners would like to see more glass on the Phelps Street and Jerrold Avenue façade to make it more front facing.

Commissioners asked whether more lighting could be added to illuminate the façade to create a more walkable street at night.

Commissioners commended the overall Southeast Plant vision and cohesion of design over the years.

Commissioner Shiota, seconded by Commissioner Carney, moved to approve Southeast Plant: Operations, Engineering, Maintenance Buildings: Phase 2 Review.

The motion was unanimously approved by the following vote:  
Ayes: Carney, Rothschild, Schnair, Shiota,

There was no public comment.

#### **4. Moccasin Engineering & Records Building: Phase 1 Review** (57:00)

The team shared the proposed contingencies to proceed with approval, which are as follows: explore expanding view through main lobby to the east; reinforce building entrances with landscape and pathway strategies; and consider alternate materials and proportions to create a greater contrast between the top and bottom colonnade.

The team reviewed the site section of the new building in context of the landscape and old powerhouse as well as the building organization.

The landscape architect shared the goal of the design, which is to integrate the building into the existing campus and then relate the project back to the larger site context. The team shared the accessibility routes, landscape materials, and tree and understory palette.

Commissioners would like to see the window pattern in the back of the building to be studied.

Commissioner Rothschild, seconded by Commissioner Carney, moved to approve Moccasin Engineering & Records Building: Phase 1 Review with the following contingencies: explore expanding view through main lobby to the east; reinforce building entrances with landscape and pathway strategies; and consider alternate materials and proportions to create a greater contrast between the top and bottom colonnade.

The motion was unanimously approved by the following vote:  
Ayes: Carney, Rothschild, Schnair, Shiota,

There was no public comment.

## **5. New Business and Announcements**

(1:27:55)

There was no new business nor announcements.

There was no public comment.

## **6. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:33pm.