

# CITY PLANNING COMMISSION DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes April 2, 2014

## Members Attending

Bob Rivers, CPC  
Vincent Smith, CPA  
Arlen Brunson, CPC  
Eleanor Burke, HDLC  
Morgana King, Arts Council  
William A. Gilchrist, Mayor's Office of Place Based Planning (PBP)  
Hailey Bowen, P&PW  
Dubravka Gilic, CPC  
Rachel Mays, CPC

## Presenters/Guests

Jim Lynch, CPA  
Ben Chadwick, LH & J  
Steven Braque, LH & J  
Jeff Cashill, EMD/CAO  
Barry Gangolf, EMD/CAO

1. **Consideration:** Minutes from the March 5, 2014 DAC meeting.
2. **Further Consideration:** Parasite Skate Park (Phase II)
  - a. Location: 1495 Pleasure Street
  - b. Submitted by: Haley Delery, Capital Project Administration
    - Bill Gilchrist, PBP questioned the overall design and color selection for the proposed pathway to the park. Additional issue regarding the quality of paint and the potential maintenance issues was also raised. It was suggested that the applicant, Tulane University, create a process for development and selection of the appropriate pathway design and present the selected design to the ARC for review and approval.
    - Arlen Brunson, CPC commented that the original name Parasite Park was creative and appropriate, and was questioning if the sign will be integrated into the current design. In the latest design only street names were shown at the gateways to the park.
    - Eleanor Burke, HDLC and Vincent Smith, CPA inquired about the proposed design of benches, railings and the compliance with the Building Code.

A motion requesting further revisions to the proposal including modifications to the pathway design (*based on a selection process developed by the applicant*), submittal of the proposed signage, and other revisions to the plans to show overall compliance with Building Code (*concerning railing, benches, and ADA access*) was made by the Place Based Planning, seconded by Parks and Parkways and adopted.

3. **Consideration: EMD (Equipment Maintenance Division) - Central Maintenance Facility**

- a. Location: 3900 Alvar Street
- b. Submitted by: Jim Lynch, Capital Project Administration

The project architects presented the development plans including project location, building function and status of the existing facility across the street (decision of its potential demolition is pending). The Committee members complemented the architects on the overall building design. There was a discussion regarding the applied materials and color of metal panels and doors, fencing and paving materials.

- Eleanor Burke, HDLC recommended changing colors of the garage doors from tan to gray, if possible. The architects responded that they will be using a factory manufactured doors and a choice of color is only tan or gray. It was further stated that the gray color doors will be installed.
- Dubravka Gilic, CPC stated that the use of chain link fence may not be permitted within the LI District. (*It was later verified that chain link fence is permitted fencing type within an LI District*).
- Hailey Bowen, P&PW asked about the possibility for landscaping along the public rights-of-way. Project architects stated that being funded by FEMA, landscaping for the project will be difficult to cover, but that they will consider it if the budget permits.
- A statement was made that no sign will be placed on a small tire-shed structure on the site. The tire replacement will not be for general public use, but will be contracted out.

A motion of no objection to the project, subject to change of color of garage doors to gray and consideration given to the planting of street trees, was made by Place Based Planning, seconded by HDLC and adopted.