

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES – October 5, 2016

Members Attending

Bryan Lee, Arts Council
Daniel McElmurray, PPW
Miriam Lemann, CPA
Stephen Kroll, CPC
William Gilchrist, Place-Based Planning

Presenters/Guests (*See sign in sheets at the end of the meeting minutes)

Brittany DesRocher, CPC
Tim Jackson, CPC
Kelly Butler, CPC

1. **Consideration:** Minutes from September 7, 2016, DAC meeting. Approved

***CPC ITEMS:**

2. **Reconsideration: DESIGN REVIEW 123-15** (*modifications to previously approved plans*) – New construction and redevelopment of retail site in the greenway corridor design overlay district and the enhancement corridor design overlay district with over 100' of frontage (KB)
Location: 500 N. Carrollton Avenue
Submitted by: Kirk Farrelly, Linfield, Hunter & Junius
Contact: jfarrelly@lhjunius.com

The applicant briefly presented the modifications to the landscape plan, including tree and other plantings.

The representative from PPW pointed out that the site photos show a door and handicapped ramp that do not appear on the renderings. The applicant stated that would be added. The PPW representative also indicated a preference for more trees to hide the very large blank wall. The applicant stated they would add more trees.

A motion for **Approval** of the project, subject to the submittal of an updated landscape plan by the applicant showing additional trees and the existing door and ramp, as discussed, with revisions to be reviewed by staff, was made by PPW, seconded by CPA and adopted.

****NON-CPC ITEMS:**

3. Reconsideration: Eastshore Playground

Location: 14600 Curran Blvd.

Submitted by: Jerry Harris (CPA)

Contact: jeharris@nola.gov

The applicant briefly introduced the project at Eastshore Playground in New Orleans East. Plans call for the facility to utilize shipping containers with spaces in between to be enclosed as storefronts. Paving will utilize permeable concrete with standards supplied by PPW staff. The proposed facility's colors are conditioned on approval by NORD. The representative from Place- Based Planning stated the colors on computer presentations are often different once applied and therefore is requesting that all applicants should bring color samples to the DAC meetings for review and approval.

A motion for **Approval** of the project, subject to color selections being review by staff, was made by Place-Based Planning, seconded by CPA and adopted.

4. Consideration: Equity Circle

Location: Jefferson Davis Pkwy. at Canal St.

Submitted by: Donna Galloway, Daniel McElmurray (PPW)

Contact: degalloway@nola.gov

First of two projects submitted by the Welcome Table to create an improved public space in the median on Jefferson Davis Parkway at Canal Street. The presenters described the project, which includes extensive landscaping, benches, pervious concrete for walks and some interpretive items. There are some improvements in the median now but they are not in good condition. Some of the existing walks, benches, etc. will be utilized and improved as part of this project. PPW indicated that the department will be adding to the tree canopy along this right of way and that work would complement the Welcome Table project.

A motion for **Approval** of the project, as presented, was made by Place-Based Planning, seconded by PPW and adopted.

5. Consideration: Hayden Plaza

Location: MLK Jr. Blvd at O. C. Haley Blvd.

Submitted by: Linda Pompa, Daniel McElmurray (PPW)

Contact: lpompa@earthlink.net

The applicant, representing the O.C. Haley Merchants Association, presented the plans to make improvements in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. median at the intersection of Oretha Castle Haley Blvd. The project will be funded by a façade and place making grant from NORA and will commemorate the work by Dr. King. There was discussion about the proposed seating, lighting, and landscaping. The funding source, CDBG, requires a 15-year maintenance agreement.

The seating, lighting, and landscaping will take place in phase 1 but, for budgetary reasons, plans for a tile mosaic will likely have to wait until Phase 2. The Place-Based Planning representative suggested that the interpretive text designed as part of the mosaic would be preferable to a plaque.

A motion for **Approval** of the project, as presented, was made by Place-Based Planning, seconded by CPA and adopted.

6. **Consideration:** Ernest J. Wright Marker

Location: 2500 LaSalle St. (A. L. Davis Park)

Submitted by: Ann Sayas, Hilairie Schackai, Victor Richard III (NORDC)

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This was the second of two projects submitted by the Welcome Table. The presenters described the project, which plans to mount a bronze marker for Ernest J. Wright, a little-known champion of civil rights. The plaque will be placed on the wall of the NORDC clubhouse at A.L. Davis Playground. The committee members generally agreed that this was a good location. The representative from PPW suggested the applicants choose high-contrast lettering for the plaque for better visibility. The CPA representative suggested all of the documentation and historical research done as part of these projects should be preserved and possibly be donated to the library.

A motion for **Approval** of the project, as presented, was made by PPW, seconded by the representative of the Arts Council, and adopted.

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