



EDMONTON DESIGN COMMITTEE MINUTES

Location: (Hybrid) Edmonton Tower, 03-340 / Google Meet

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

MEMBERS:

J. Mills, Chair
N. LaMontagne, Vice-Chair
T. Ziola, Vice-Chair
K. Dieterman
D. Brown
M. Tindall
N. Pryce
C. Kanna
J. Monfries
E. Dunn
C. Dorward

PRESENT:

J. Mills, Chair

T. Ziola, Vice-Chair
K. Dieterman
D. Brown
M. Tindall
N. Pryce

J. Monfries
E. Dunn
C. Dorward

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

P. Spearey, Lead Urban Designer, Urban Planning and Economy Department
W. Sims, Urban Designer, Urban Planning and Economy Department
A. Rowan, Planning Technician, Urban Planning and Economy Department
A. McLellan, Urban Planning and Economy Department, Planner
S. Carlyle, Urban Planning and Economy Department, Planner
H. Xu, Urban Planning and Economy Department, Planner

A. CALL TO ORDER AND RELATED BUSINESS

A.1. CALL TO ORDER

J. Mills called the meeting to order at 4:02p.m.

A.2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: J. Mills

Motion to adopt the January 11, 2024 Agenda, with the following addition:

- Item E.1- 2024 Work Plan Discussion

SECONDED: M. Tindall

The motion passed unanimously.

A.3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES - January 2, 2024 REGULAR MEETING

MOTION: J. Mills

Motion to adopt the January 2, 2024 Minutes

SECONDED: J. Monfries

A.4 REQUESTS TO SPEAK

None.

B. PROJECT SYNOPSES (Closed to the Public)

MOTION: J. Mills

That Edmonton Design Committee meet in private pursuant to Section 24 (advice from officials) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act for the discussion of item B.1

SECONDED: D. Brown

The motion passed unanimously.

Edmonton Design Committee met in private at 4:05p.m.

N. Pryce joined the meeting at 4:08p.m.

T. Ziola joined the meeting at 4:14p.m.

C. APPLICATIONS

INFORMAL PRESENTATIONS (Closed to the Public)

C.1 Varsity (RZ)

Jared Candlish- GSA

MOTION: J. Mills

That the Edmonton Design Committee meet in public.

SECONDED: N. Pryce

The motion passed unanimously.

The Edmonton Design Committee met in public at 5:23p.m

FORMAL PRESENTATIONS (Open to the Public)

C.2 Brentwood Townhomes

Anna Moir- B&A

Motion of support: D. Brown

Seconded: K. Dieterman

The Committee welcomes this proposed development, and in the interest of achieving a high standard of urban design recommends the Applicant ensure that the Rezoning and Design Regulations provide adequate prescriptive written information to maintain the quality, richness, and arrangement of the proposed development built form and open space (e.g., diversity in scale and type of amenities; the fine grain quality of pedestrian network, etc.) as illustrated in the Applicants presentation package.

The Committee also recommends the Applicant consider:

- Referencing 114 Avenue in Design Regulations 10.2 regarding ground oriented units.
- Removing the word “or” from item 10.4.2

For the Motion: D. Brown, J. Monfries, T. Ziola, M. Tindall, N. Pryce, C. Dorward, E. Dunn, K. Dieterman, J. Mills

CARRIED

C.3 Rice Howard Place

Dean Benvenuto- Kasian

Motion of non-support: K. Dieterman

Seconded: M. Tindall

While the Committee supports this development in principle, to obtain the support of EDC it is strongly recommended that the Applicant and the City of Edmonton work together to address the following:

- The proposed urban realm upgrading (e.g., surface materials, patterning, tree planting, site furnishings and features) is not to a quality representative of the Downtown and Rice Howard Way. An integrative upgrading approach should be led by the City of Edmonton to address the upgrading of this project area in conjunction with the overall redevelopment of Rice Howard Way to retain this high-quality pedestrian-oriented urban environment within the Downtown.
- The development of a simplified and more deliberate deployment of architectural cladding materials is encouraged to reinforce a strong and legible urban design context, reflecting the importance of the Jasper Avenue frontage.
- Cohesive tenant signage design guidelines, responding appropriately to each building face, existing building signage and the surrounding context of Rice Howard Way, should be developed

For the Motion: C. Dorward, K. Dieterman, N. Pryce, E. Dunn, D. Brown, T. Ziola, J. Monfries, M. Tindall, J. Mills

CARRIED

D. UPCOMING APPLICATIONS, CONFLICTS AND REGRETS (Tuesday February 6, 2024)

None.

E. OTHER BUSINESS

E. 1 2024 Work Plan Update

- T Ziola and P. Spearey provided an overview of the Subcommittee's draft 2024 Work Plan items, including:
 - Reviewing/ updating the Standards and Procedures
 - Reviewing/ updating the Principles of Urban Design

- Reviewing the EDC Boundary
- T. Ziola asked the Committee whether or not there were any priorities that have not been captured in the draft Work Plan. The Committee agreed that the items presented were the main priorities for 2024. **ACTION: Administration will draft the 2024 Work Plan document, and share it with the Committee for review before the February 6 EDC meeting. The Work Plan is due on February 9, 2024.**

F. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

G. NEXT MEETING

Meeting Tuesday February 6, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. Hybrid Meeting.