



EDMONTON DESIGN COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

Tuesday, March 19, 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
N. LaMontagne, Vice-Chair

D. Brown
M. Tindall
N. Pryce
C. Kanna
J. Monfries

C. Dorward

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor Aaron Paquette, EDC Council Advisor
P. Spearey, Lead Urban Designer, Urban Planning and Economy Department
C. Li, Planner, Urban Planning and Economy Department
K. Bacon, Planner, Urban Planning and Economy Department

A. CALL TO ORDER AND RELATED BUSINESS

A.1. CALL TO ORDER

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

A.2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: J. Mills

Motion to adopt the March 19, 2024 Agenda

SECONDED: M. Tindall

The motion passed unanimously.

A.3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES - March 5, 2024 REGULAR MEETING

MOTION: J. Mills

Motion to adopt the March 5, 2024 Minutes

SECONDED: C. Dorward

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: N. Pryce

The motion passed unanimously.

Edmonton Design Committee met in private at 4:06 p.m.

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 4:20 p.m

C. APPLICATIONS

FORMAL PRESENTATIONS (Open to the Public)

C.1 Garneau Affordable Housing (DP)

Norman Li- Raimond Fung Architects

Motion of Non- support: J. Mills

Seconded: N. Pryce

While the Committee supports this development in principle, there are a number of items that require significant review and refinement:

- Consider the refinement of the ground floor plan and individual unit and main building entries along the south and east sides of the building to establish larger/functional unit "front porches" and a more gracious main building entry that integrates and enhances the pedestrian realm, encourages activity/gathering, creates a human scale, and defines main and ground floor unit entries. Ground floor units along the west side of the building should consider a gated walkway (CPTED) and ground floor amenity spaces. Ground floor units along the north side of the building should provide safe, secure and functional - individual or shared - amenity space.
- Consider further separation between public areas and private patios at the main building entrance, potentially through screening, building projects and/or landscaping. The outdoor bicycle rack should be in close proximity to the main entrance, and not directly in front of the bedroom window of a living unit.
- More detail is required in terms of balcony sizes and depths to determine if the development meets amenity area requirements.

The Committee also notes that this project would have benefited from an Informal Submission.

For the Motion: C. Dorward, J. Monfries, M. Tindall, N. Pryce, C. Kanna, D. Brown, J. Mills

CARRIED

N. LaMontagne joined the meeting at 5:12 p.m.

C.2 Alberta Native Friendship Centres Association (DP)

Gordon Ngo- ACI Architecture

Motion of Support: N. Pryce

Seconded: N. LaMontagne

The Committee welcomes this proposed development; however, in the interest of ensuring a high standard of urban design, recommends the Applicant consider the addition of a walkway from the street to the front entry barrier-free ramp to improve inclusivity and accessibility and/or incorporate a barrier-free ramp to the rear entry.

M. Tindall left the meeting at 5:28 p.m.

For the Motion: D. Brown, N. Pryce, N. LaMontagne, C. Kanna, C. Dorward, J. Monfries, J. Mills

CARRIED

D. UPCOMING APPLICATIONS, CONFLICTS AND REGRETS (Tuesday April 2, 2024)

No projects scheduled.

Regrets: J. Mills

E. OTHER BUSINESS

E.1. Upcoming Meetings

- P. Spearey reminded the Committee that the 2024-25 term begins on May 1 (first meeting May 7) and at that meeting a notice of Election should be made, with the 2024-25 elections held on May 21. **Info.**

E.2. Member Reappointment

- A number of Committee members inquired whether their reappointments (from their respective organizations) have been confirmed. **Administration to follow up.**

E.3. Work Planning

- With a lighter schedule in the coming weeks there was agreement that some in-person work planning (particularly regarding the Standards and Procedures update) should be held. April 16 was identified as a preferred date, and at that time the Committee can also discuss project synopses (outstanding agenda item). **Administration to send out poll to confirm in-person attendance.**

F. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:06 pm.

G. NEXT MEETING

Meeting Tuesday April 2, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. (tentative) Hybrid Meeting.
Administration to confirm meeting no later than Friday, March 22 at 12:00 p.m.