



EDMONTON DESIGN COMMITTEE MINUTES

Location: via Google Meet

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

MEMBERS:

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

PRESENT:

J. Mills, Chair
N. LaMontagne, Vice-Chair
T. Ziola, Vice-Chair

D. Brown
J. Candlish
M. Tindall

J. Monfries
E. Dunn
C. Dorward

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

P. Spearey, Lead Urban Designer, Urban Planning and Economy Department
A. Rowan, Planning Technician, Urban Planning and Economy Department
W. Sims, Urban Designer, Urban Planning and Economy Department
K. Bacon, Planner, Urban Planning and Economy Department
K. Bauer, 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 4:04 p.m.

A.2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: J. Mills

Motion to adopt the November 7, 2023 Agenda with the following revisions:

- Addition of Item A.5: EDC Advisory Committee of Council Presentation

SECONDED: M. Tindall

The motion passed unanimously.

A.3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES - October 24, 2023 REGULAR MEETING

MOTION: J. Mills

Motion to adopt the October 24, 2023 Minutes

SECONDED: C. Dorward

A.4 REQUESTS TO SPEAK

None.

A.5 EDC ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL PRESSENTATION

- J. Abekha, M. Everett and K. Stolarz presented a summary of the changes to Advisory Committees which were approved by Council on October 24, 2023.
- The governance review changes will be implemented in a phased approach, with Phase 1 taking place in December 2024.
- In 2024, the following changes will take place: standardization of two year terms, with 8 year maximums, a process to appoint and select alternate members, and the creation of a process for non-attendance and leaves of absence.
- Subcommittees may be established if approved by Council.
- The recruitment campaign for 2024 will run from December 4, 2023- January 14, 2024.
- J. Mills inquired about the extension of terms, and if the eight year terms will apply to existing members? **M. Everett confirmed that the eight year term would also apply to existing members.**
- J. Mills asked whether or not the City of Edmonton will put together an information package for externally nominated members to pass on to their organizations (ie Edmonton Art Council) to review, or if that is the responsibility of the member? **M. Everett confirmed that she will reach out to their organizations and inform them of the changes, it is not the responsibility of each member.**

- J. Mills inquired about Subcommittees and whether or not there will be a specific format/form in regards to submitting a request to Council? **M. Everett confirmed that they are in the process of developing a standardized template for this, with a list of required information that the Committee would need to present to Council in order to request the creation of a Subcommittee.**
- Any further questions regarding the recent changes can be directed to the City Clerk's office at civic.agencies@edmonton.ca

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 4:33p.m.

J. Candlish joined the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

C. APPLICATIONS

MOTION: J. Mills

That the Edmonton Design Committee meet in public.

SECONDED: T. Ziola

The motion passed unanimously.

The Edmonton Design Committee met in public at 4:47p.m

J. Monfries joined the meeting at 5:00p.m.

FORMAL PRESENTATION (Open to the Public)

C.1 10820-83 Avenue Apartment

Songlin Pan-SPAN

Motion of Support: T. Ziola

Seconded: M. Tindall

The Committee welcomes this proposed development, and in the interest of ensuring a high standard of urban design recommends the Applicant consider the following:

- The addition of a barrier-free walkway on either the west or east side of the building to create the opportunity for barrier-free access to additional main floor units and to enhance access from back to front of the site.
- The addition of balconies for the north and south units facing 83 Avenue and the rear alley.
- The frontage could better arrange building and outdoor amenity uses to respect/reflect the neighborhood 'front porch', create comfortable/usable/accessible resident amenity space, and enhance the interface with the street and contribute to the surrounding neighbourhood. This would include the deletion of the stairs to the basement unit in favour of additional landscaped or amenity area. Consider relocation of the "party room" unit on the main floor with opening onto 83 Avenue and 'front porch'.
- Adjust the proposed shrub planting around the garbage enclosure to provide adequate screening.
- Assess the proposed trees along the west/east edge as these will be 500mm to 1000mm too large for the space and will prevent access from front to back (or revisit with respect to the incorporation of a barrier-free walkway and unit access as noted above).

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

CARRIED

C.2 Riverdale Infill

Ignacio De Lorenz- Claroscuro

Motion of Support: D. Brown

Seconded: M. Tindall

The Committee welcomes this proposed development, and in the interest of ensuring a high standard of urban design recommends the Applicant consider the following:

- Enhancing courtyard edges (i.e landscape, decorative screening or features, etc.) and introducing year-round activation and activity.
- Enhancing the physical and visual sequencing along the central walk to create a sense of entry; transition from space to space; and to define public vs private space, access, and use.
- Enhancing a single residential look to the frontage through the addition of a seat wall or screening to create entry/address and to screen bike parking.
- Consistency of finishes and architectural elements between the main building and garden suite.
- Concerns for proposed south yard plantings and providing adequate space (2.5m wide tree in 1.5m space) and the potential impact on balconies.
- Inadequate screening of garbage enclosure. Consideration of extent of screening due to garden suite overlook.

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

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D. UPCOMING APPLICATIONS, CONFLICTS AND REGRETS (Tuesday November 21, 2023)

Blatchford Fire Station	Formal	Kristi Olsen- COE
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Regrets: J. Candlish

F. OTHER BUSINESS

G. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.

H. NEXT MEETING

Meeting Tuesday November 21, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. Hybrid Meeting.