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APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING

November 4, 2010

Convened 8:30 am
Adjourned 2:30 pm

Projects Reviewed

Swale on Yale
Sustainable Building Policy
Shared Streets
Discovery Park Capehart Restoration Project

Commissioners Present

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Incoming Commissioners Present

Tom Nelson
Osama Quotah

Staff Present

Valerie Kinast
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November 04, 2010	Project:	Discovery Park Capehart Restoration Project
	Phase:	Concept Design
	Last Reviews:	
	Presenters:	Mark Epstein, ESA Linda Hubert, Parks & Recreation
	Attendees:	N/A

Time: 1:30pm – 2:30pm

Disclosures

Design Commissioner Lolly Kunkler disclosed in the introduction that she was the Design Commission representative on the selection panel for this project.

ACTION

The Design Commission thanked the Capehart Restoration team for their concept design presentation. The Commission liked the concept direction from a plant restoration point of view and would like to see the site as it develops. With a unanimous vote of 8-0, the Design Commission approved the concept design with the following recommendations:

- Although the Commission understands that the aim of the project is to restore the site to a natural state, it encourages the design team to explore opportunities to retain physical cues that pertain to the compelling history of the site and that communicate the story of the site, such as saving existing footings, slabs or walkways.
- Look to the park masterplan and trail network and integrate people into the site. Perhaps provide variations on the loop trail.
- Saving existing walking or maintenance trails could lead park users through the site and might help communicate and celebrate the history of the site for future generations of users.
- In response to the fencing of the area during restoration, explore opportunities to provide more access to the site while restoration occurs. Adjust trails so they welcome instead of discourage users.
- Consider the site's connection to the water, and how to make that proximity known to users.