



APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING

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Valerie Kinast
Coordinator

Tom Iurino
Senior Staff

April 7, 2011

Convened 8:30 am
Adjourned 4:00 pm

Projects Reviewed

Fire Station 20 – Queen Anne Interbay
Yesler Terrace Redevelopment
Homeless Place of Remembrance
First Hill Streetcar

Commissioners Present

Tom Nelson, Acting Chair
Malika Kirkling (excused from 8:30am-11:00am)
Laurel Kunkler (excused from 3:00pm-4:00pm)
Julie Parrett (excused from 1:00pm-4:00pm)
Osama Quotah
Donald Vehige

Commissioners Excused

Julie Bassuk, Chair
Graham Black
Norie Sato

Incoming Commissioners Present

Debbie Wick-Harris

Staff Present

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Project: Homeless Place of Remembrance

Phase: Street Use Permit

Last Reviewed: N/A

Presenters: Clark Wiegman, Artifactory
Mark Millett, Millett Associates Architects

Attendees: Anitra Freeman, HRPC and WHEEL
Brigid Hagan, HRP and Catholic Housing Services
Carl Cameron, WHEEL and HRP
Kim Lokan, Kim Lokan Architects
Kim Sather, Compass Housing Alliance
Marcia McLaughlin, HRP Committee Member
Michele Marchand, Women's Housing Equality and Enhancement League
Patricia Hopper, Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs
Rev. Patricia Simpson, United Methodist Church and HRP
Sally Kinney, Interfaith Task Force on Homelessness
Teresa Reeves, HRPC and WHEEL

Time: 1pm – 2pm

PRESENTATION

The designers and proponents of Homeless Place of Remembrance presented its plans to affix 0.08 inch thick bronze leaves, about the size of a human hand (5.5" x 7"), to the sidewalk in four locations of the city, three in Belltown and one in Seward Park. They would be located in the landscaping and street furniture strip, between the roadway and the part of the sidewalk people generally walk on. The leaves are part of a larger project aimed at memorializing homeless people who have died on the street or violently in Seattle. The leaf locations do not coincide with places where the people died; they are places where the individuals were known to spend time, or where members of the community felt they would be seen by those who knew them. A companion component of the project is a sculptural tree that will be placed in Victor Steinbrueck Park. The group is asking for a permit for these four locations, but they plan on returning for permits for a number of other locations.

ACTION

The Commission thanked the Homeless Place of Remembrance design team for its thorough presentation of a tremendous project. With a vote of 5-0, the Design Commission recommended that the Director of SDOT approve the Street Use permit with the following comments:

- **Allow enough room at each site for the number of leaves to grow and lay out leaves to allow for ongoing addition of names. Place the leaves incrementally over time, so that they grow in number, rather than filling each location at one time. This would help increase the level of community interaction and provide a dynamic, temporal quality to the memorial.**
- **Diversify the leaves through subtle shaping or cutting them differently. They should not be identical. But they should also not be so unique to lose the perception that they are a grouping.**
- **Make leaf placement more random, similar to how leaves would naturally land on the ground. Change the density of leaves and embrace a less rigid approach to the zones. Don't have to fill up entire zone; leave space unfilled. If you can't go outside the documented zones, then create bands of varying density within the zone to create randomness and excitement.**

- **Create space next to the leaves for visitors to engage with them. Mourners may want to create a temporary memorial and passersby may wish to stand and reflect.**
- **Develop plans to resite the leaves in the event of future roadway changes.**
- **Verify that at 2nd and Bell storm utility connections will not conflict with leaf placement.**

Commissioners Bassuk, Sato, and Black were not present and did not vote.

Commissioner Wick-Harris abstained from voting because she is not yet confirmed.