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APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING

June 16, 2011

Convened 9:30am
Adjourned 3:00pm

Projects Reviewed

Fred Hutchinson Skybridge
North Transfer Station
First Hill Streetcar
Tiger Asian Bear Exhibit Woodland Park Zoo

Commissioners Present

Julie Bassuk, Chair
Malika Kirkling
Laurel Kunkler
Tom Nelson (excused from 9:30am-1:00pm)
Julie Parrett
Osama Quotah
Donald Vehige

Excused Commissioners

Norie Sato

Incoming Commissioners Present

Debbie Wick-Harris

Staff Present

Valerie Kinast
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June 16, 2011 **Project:** **Tiger Asian Bear Exhibit Woodland Park Zoo**

Phase: Concept

Last Reviewed: N/A

Presenters: Monica Lake, Woodland Park Zoo
Becca Hanson, Studio Hanson Roberts

Attendees: Bill Kent, Mortenson Construction
Dave Matthews, Studio Hanson Roberts
Jim McDonough, Studio Hanson Roberts
Patrick McDonnell, community member
Sandra Mallory, DPD City Green Building

Time: 2:00pm-3:00pm

Disclosures and Recusals

Commissioner Kunkler recused herself.

Commissioner Parrett disclosed she is a liaison to the Public Art Advisory Committee.

Project Presentation

The Woodland Park Zoo presented concepts for its new naturalistic home for tigers and Asian bears, remodeling a 60-year-old exhibit space. The exhibit will feature an immersion experience for the visitor, an architectural and horticultural style defined by place, better animal and staff welfare, better efficiency for servicing and maintaining the exhibit, and lower energy and water use.

SUMMARY (by Osama)

The Design Commission thanked the Woodland Park Zoo and its design team for its presentation of the Tiger Asian Bear Exhibit. The commission appreciated the long sections, which are important to understand this project. The commission approved the concept design by a vote of 7-0 and offered the following comments:

- **Return for a review by the commission before design development.**
- **Make the exhibit as accessible as possible for all visitors. Think about accessibility broadly, beyond the ADA definition of accessibility for site planning.**
- **Push the project's sustainability. Reusing the buildings is a commendable start, but explore additional sustainability strategies. Explain the plans for earthwork and demolition.**
- **Show the back of house to demonstrate to visitors how the zoo has created buildings for the animals.**

The commission asked that the team improve its presentation and materials for the next review, including: provide more background on the zoo masterplan; create diagrams that delineate the public areas and the back of house; and prepare 11x17 handouts of key graphics.