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February 2, 2012

Convened 8:30am
Adjourned 4:00pm

Projects Reviewed

Jefferson Park Golf Course Facility Improvements
Bullitt Center PV Array
Alaskan Way Viaduct – South End and Portal (Landscape Concept)
Alaskan Way Viaduct – South End and Portal (Operations Building)

Commissioners Present

Julie Bassuk, Chair
Laurel Kunkler (from 11:15am-4:00pm)
Shannon Loew
Tom Nelson
Julie Parrett
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Norie Sato
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Commissioners Excused

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February 2, 2012	Project:	Jefferson Park Golf Course Facility Improvements
	Phase:	Design Development
	Last Reviewed:	Oct 20, 2011
	Presenters:	Susanne Rockwell, Parks and Recreation Nancy Callery, Bassetti Architects Steve Shea, Berger Partnership Dan Miles, Bassetti Architects Maria Do, Bassetti Architects
	Attendees:	George Robertson, community member

Time: 9:00am-10:45am

Disclosure

Commissioner Bassuk's firm worked on the Jefferson Park Golf Course master plan. She was not involved.

Summary of Project Presentation

The design team presented its design development for the Jefferson Park Golf Course Facility Improvements. The improvements were set forth in the golf master plan. The project included a new clubhouse and banquet room, driving range expansion and nets, an electric cart barn, cart and pedestrian path improvements, parking expansion and landscaping renovations. The existing clubhouse will be reviewed by the Landmarks Board.

The team also refined the design since the commission's last review. Most notably, the team: better used the parti to order the design; made more visible from the street the pro shop and banquet spaces; developed a more natural treatment of the course and putting green edges to reduce water needs and maintenance; created a simplified network of pathways with views to the park; reduced parking west of the clubhouse; and included rainwater gardens. The team explained that some of the sustainable features, like the ground-source heat pump, were dropped due to lack of funding. The project will still retain a 50% in energy savings, 50% in water reduction, and use salvaged wood.

ACTION

The Commission thanked the design team for its presentation for the design development of Jefferson Park Golf Course Facility Improvements. The commission believed the design and site plan had improved from its previous review. By a vote of 6-2, the commission approved the design development, with the following comments:

- **More explicitly express in the design the history and culture of minority participation in golf as well as the unique qualities of Jefferson Park. The design feels generic. Though the commission appreciates contemporary architecture, consider making reference in the design to the cultural history and/or neighborhood context through materials, surfaces, shapes of windows, spaces, or other creative means. This would go beyond displaying historic photographs on the wall or artifacts in cases.**
- **Create a better sense of entry to the facility from Beacon Ave. and better integrate the building and other improvements into the larger park. The lack of connections is a lost opportunity.**
- **Remove the parking lot parallel to Beacon Ave. until parking needs can be more fully evaluated to prove that additional parking on park property is necessary. The recent restriction of 6 hour parking limits on Beacon Ave. and the prospect of a Veterans Administration hospital parking garage may alleviate the need for more parking.**

- **Be more ambitious in the pursuit of sustainability goals. Go for LEED gold and move even further toward the establishment and operation of a natural golf course. Make these aspirations and achievements clear to golf course and park visitors. It is disappointing that the sustainable features, such as ground-source heat pump, will not be developed due to budget constraints.**
- **Reinforce the parti in the execution of the design. Make more distinct where the masses meet the driving range bar.**
- **Explore use of more transparency, especially in the driving range wall. More transparency could improve the building's energy performance and aesthetics.**
- **Consider providing raincover for some of the outdoor spaces.**

The commission requested the team return for another review. At the next review, the commission asked for perspectives from the (Pro Parks) pathway to the west and from Beacon Ave to the east. Also, the commission asked for more information and graphics about the cart barn's design.

Commissioner Sato voted no because there remained too many unanswered questions about the design. One area of special concern is its lack of relationship to the community and history of the golfers and golf course and connection to the culture of Beacon Hill.

Commissioner Loew voted no because the sustainability aspirations were not bold enough, the connections to community were not clear, and the prevalence of non-right angles in the building's design unnecessarily added to the construction costs.