



APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING

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August 19, 2010

Convened 9:00 am
Adjourned 4:00 pm

Projects Reviewed

King Street Station
Discussion with Mayor Mike McGinn
Midvale Stormwater Facility
Tree Regulations Update
West Seattle Wayfinding System
Walk Bike Ride

Commissioners Present

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August 19, 2010	Project:	King Street Station
	Phase:	Design Update
	Last Reviewed:	July 1, 2010; June 19, 2008; March 2, 2006; Aug 18, 2005
	Presenters:	Tim Williams, ZGF Greg Baldwin, ZGF
	Attendees:	Sara Robertson, SDOT Vaughn Bell, SDOT Trevina Wang, SDOT

Time: 1.00 hr

ACTION

The Design Commission thanked the King Street Station team for their presentation. The overview of the context and history of planning in the area was very helpful. Today the Commission provided a summary with the following comments:

- Consider the functionality of the space. The connections between transportation modes should be intuitive to the users.
- Consider the space over time and its future uses.
- Consider how to further activate the space with the placement of kiosks or performing arts spaces.
- Use the educational potential of the geothermal and other environmentally sensitive energy systems when thinking about how to activate the public space.
- Consider how to better integrate the air intake structure into the landscaping elements.
- While it is understandable that the ends of the plaza are meant to remain open, attempt to tie the space together with the landscaping to avoid the creation of large voids, especially at the southern end of the plaza.
- Review and incorporate the suggestions from the previous meeting with the Design Commission

July 1, 2010 Design Commission Recommendations:

King Street Station

- *Adjust the layout to provide more symmetry and bring some spirit to the plans. Consider the relationship between the shape of the vent building, the plantings, and the placement of walkways and the trees and bring them into harmony to a common end.*
- *The walkways and placement of the trees should be aligned differently with respect to the depth of the site, to avoid it becoming a no-man's land.*
- *Use the opportunity of plaza materials selection to make historical references.*
- *Recognizing that this is a restoration project, and that temporary art is planned, create where possible opportunities for an art component similar to the CIP 1% for art.*

Multimodal Hub

- *Capitalize on the numerous physical and cultural opportunities in the area.*
- *Become familiar with and integrate ideas from the Public Spaces Public Life Report (Gehl Report) and other DPD efforts like Livable South Downtown.*

- *Consider how form based codes might be employed.*
- *Consider lidding 4th Ave., but maintain some views to “the bottom.” These cuts into the fabric of the city are a distinctive part of Seattle’s history and should not be completely erased.*
- *Develop storefront maps along with transit maps; look at streets along building edges.*
- *Work with elevation photos when considering the area.*
- *Include the Design Commission in a workshop by end of year.*