APPROVED
MINUTES OF THE MEETING

May 20, 2010
Convened 8:30am
Adjourned 4:30pm

Projects Reviewed
Alaskan Way Viaduct and Seawall Replacement
History of Seattle City Planning
Crown Hill Park
Fire Station 9 Fremont
South Transfer Station

Commissioners Present
Mary Johnston, Chair
Andrew Barash
Brendan Connolly
Julie Bassuk
Graham Black
Lauren Hauk
Laurel Kunkler
Julie Parrett
Norie Sato
Donald Vehige

Staff Present
Guillermo Romano
Valerie Kinast
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ACTION
Street Vacation
The Design Commission thanked the South Transfer Station team for its presentation on the urban design merit of the street vacations of S Chicago St between SR-509 and W Marginal Way S, and of 2nd Ave S between W Marginal Way S at the north and S Kenyon St at the south. The project team laid out a justification for the urban design merit of vacating the street segments based on the fact that the ROWs have never been developed as roadways and are not needed for travel or utilities in this area. The Design Commission unanimously approved the urban design merit of the street vacation.

Schematic Design
The Commission thanked the project team for presenting background information and an overview of the community process on the site, the landscape design changes and the building design updates. The Commission applauds how well the landscape has been developed to provide cohesion of the site. The Design Commission approved the schematic design with a vote of four in favor, one obtaining and one dissenting*. The following comments were provided:

- The direction of the administration building is positive, but could be further revised to create more integration;
- The scale houses need to be developed more in terms of geometry;
- Continue to explore color possibilities for the roof, thinking about the potential for light and contrast in the site;
- Also reconsider how the roof connects to the ground;
- Integrate to gabian walls even more into the site;
- Consider how the signage might articulate the character of the neighborhood and relate to what is around it.

The dissenting vote was because of the opinion that the schematic design was not far enough along to be reviewed.