APPROVED
MINUTES OF THE MEETING

June 2, 2011
Convened  11:30am
Adjourned 4:00pm

Projects Reviewed
DPD Planning Division Update
Fire Station 8 Queen Anne
Barton Pump Station
King Street Station Hub Strategy

Commissioners Present
Julie Bassuk, Chair
Malika Kirkling
Laurel Kunkler
Tom Nelson
Osama Quotah
Norie Sato
Donald Vehige

Excused Commissioners
Julie Parrett

Incoming Commissioners Present
Debbie Wick-Harris

Staff Present
Valerie Kinast
Tom Iurino
Project Presentation

The Fire Station 8 design team presented its remodeling plans. The station, built in 1964, is located in the Queen Anne neighborhood. It’s on a prominent corner in a residential area off Queen Anne Ave. A large, round water tower and city light towers dominate the site; several city departments share use of the site. The remodeling project involves seismic upgrades and a modest expansion for a decontamination area, major disaster and EMS storage, bunker gear storage and vehicle maintenance storage. The station will encroach into the setback, and the team needs support for a council waiver.

ACTION

The Design Commission would like to thank the design team for their clear presentation of Fire Station 8. By a vote of 7-0, the commission and approved the 30% design, with the following comments:

- Use appropriate green stormwater infrastructure. Study grading, types of permeable paving, and try to limit areas of concentrated stormwater run-on onto the permeable pavement system to reduce maintenance time/cost.
- Refine the materials and articulation of the building to enhance its civic presence and better integrate it into the neighborhood. Improve the building’s relationship to the street. Develop glazing concepts that show the activity inside; also, develop a consistent concept to add windows to the new green walls.
- Study the green walls. Use suitable materials to support them. Choose the green wall planting material carefully; provide more options than vines over a trellis.
- Develop plans for signage.