APPROVED
MINUTES OF THE MEETING

October 20, 2011
Convened 11:00am
Adjourned 3:00pm

Projects Reviewed
Jefferson Park Golf Course
Judkins Skatepark
Roxhill Skatepark

Commissioners Present
Julie Parrett, Chair
Malika Kirking
Laurel Kunkler
Tom Nelson
Osama Quotah
Don Vehige

Commissioners Excused
Julie Bassuk
Norie Sato
Debbie Wick-Harris

Incoming Commissioners Present
Mary Fialko

Staff Present
Tom Iurino
Disclosure
Commissioner Parrett’s husband works for the VA Hospital, which is adjacent to Jefferson Park.

Presentation
The design team presented the plans for Jefferson Park Golf Course Facility Improvements, including a new clubhouse and banquet room, driving range expansion to accommodate a second deck, expanded driving range nets, new electric cart barn, cart path improvements, parking expansion and landscaping renovations. The team presented two concepts for the clubhouse, the first a one story building facing the street, the second a two-story building aligned with the driving range enabling a better connection to the other features in Jefferson Park. Both concepts maintain a putting green in front of the clubhouse. The team also presented options for additional parking on park property, along with a proposal to enforce on-street parking time limits in the existing right-of-way along Beacon Ave.

ACTION
The Design Commission thanked the design team for its clear presentation of the Jefferson Park Golf Course Facility Improvements. By a vote of 5-1, the commission approved the concept design, with the following comments:

- Refine the design to reflect the parti. The parti as shown is dynamic and interesting; however, the current design does not reflect it. Develop sectional and 3D views to show the building’s character and its relationship to the parti as well as interior sections and perspectives.

- Better integrate the clubhouse with both the immediate landscape and the golf course and park. Adherence to an Olmstedian ideal is not necessary, but rather be honest about the design. The building could have an attitude of its own; explore stacking the building components and making it two stories on the front.

- Consider how to use design to encourage diverse users of the golf course and larger park; Beacon Hill is a very diverse community. Consider the relationship between the clubhouse, its entrance and Beacon Ave S.; consider how to capitalize on the clubhouse’s location to welcome the community.
- Dissolve and refine the thresholds to the golf course and park in the two-story scheme. Make the design more open and welcoming and less disorienting for visitors to the golf course, the clubhouse, and park.

- Work to reduce the need for additional parking through design and creative means; for example, work with SDOT to reduce the time allocation on the metered parking along Beacon Ave. Additional parking in the park is not encouraged but if it is necessary, consider how its placement affects the connections to the golf course and park. Rather than place additional parking in a band along Beacon Ave. (parking study C), consider placing it in smaller sections with a better relationship to the site and buildings; use this parking as an opportunity to help define the pedestrian paths to the clubhouse and to and through the golf course.

- Develop a story to tell about the project’s sustainable components, especially as this relates to golf and the negative environmental connotations related to the sport. Sustainable components could include public car charging in the parking lot, water collection and water use. Establish and promote a water budget for the project.

- Explore creative sources of funding for sustainability. Clearly indicate which sustainable elements might be eliminated due to budget.

- Comply with dark sky principles for the golf driving range; change the lighting to point down.

- Refine the cart barn’s design and materials so that its character and relationship fits well into the site.

At the next review, the commission would like the landscape architect to be part of the presentation team.

Commissioner Kunkler voted no because she is concerned that by only pursuing a green roof and a rain garden as sustainable elements, the design team is missing a big opportunity to pursue other, larger sustainable strategies.