



APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING

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Valerie Kinast
Coordinator

Tom Iurino
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May 19, 2011

Convened 10:00 am
Adjourned 3:30 pm

Projects Reviewed

Fire Station 36
Grange Insurance Association Skybridge
Yesler Terrace Redevelopment

Commissioners Present

Julie Bassuk, Chair
Graham Black (excused from 10:30am-11:30am)
Malika Kirkling (excused from 12:00pm-3:30pm)
Tom Nelson (excused from 10:00am-11:00am)
Julie Parrett
Osama Quotah
Norie Sato (excused from 10:00am-11:45am)

Commissioners Excused

Laurel Kunkler
Don Vehige

Incoming Commissioners Present

Debbie Wick-Harris

Staff Present

Valerie Kinast
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May 19, 2011	Project:	Fire Station 36
	Phase:	Street Vacation
	Last Reviewed:	N/A
	Presenters:	Teresa Rodriguez, FAS Ray Johnston, Johnston Architects
	Attendees:	Beverly Barnett, SDOT Daniel Bretzke, FAS David Kunselman, FAS Hillary Hamilton, FAS Mark Tilbe, Murase Associates Michael H. Walsh, Fire Department

Time: 10:30am – 11:30am

PRESENTATION

The Department of Finance and Administrative Services presented its plans to renovate Fire Station 36, which include seismic upgrades and a small addition. To facilitate the addition, the department proposed a street vacation of the right-of-way surrounding Fire Station 36 and to incorporate this property into its site. The fire department has been using the property for decades; it is leftover from the development of the West Seattle Bridge. The department proposed a public benefit package of additional landscaping (400 square feet of planted area), including four possible locations for green “walls”, for both visual relief and ecological function.

ACTION

The Design Commission thanked the design team for its presentation of the renovation of Fire Station 36 and its request for a street vacation.

The commission believed that vacating the right-of-way did not affect the area’s urban design. By a vote of 6-0, the commission approved the urban design merit portion of the street vacation.

By a vote of 5-0, the commission approved the public benefit package as presented, which included four possible areas for green walls of planting. The commission’s approval was contingent upon review of the final plan by the Design Commission chair. The commission made the following recommendations:

- **Explore a green roof for the fire station.**
- **Choose plant and tree species strategically; they should be able to withstand the site’s inhospitable conditions.**
- **Develop the design to enhance the views and public amenities surrounding the site.**

Commissioner Wick-Harris is not yet confirmed and did not vote.

Commissioner Kunkler was not present for the review and did not vote.

Commissioner Vehige was not present for the review and did not vote.

Commissioner Sato was not present for the review and did not vote.

Commissioner Nelson was not present for the entire review and did not vote.