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| **Bruce A. Harrell**Mayor**Rico Quirindongo**Interim Director, OPCD**Jill Crary**, Chair**Adam Amrhein**, Vice Chair**Matt Aalfs****Phoebe Bogert****Erica Bush****Elizabeth Conner****Ben Gist****Kevin O’Neill** **Puja Shaw****Molly Spetalnick****Michael Jenkins**Executive Director**Valerie Kinast**Strategic Advisor**Windy Bandekar**Planner**Juliet Acevedo**Administrative Staff | March 2, 2023Convened at 8:30 a.m.Adjourned at 10:00 a.m.Reconvened at 12:30 p.m.Adjourned at 3:00 p.m.Projects Reviewed WSBLE briefing200 Taylor Avenue N alley vacation – public trustCommission businessCommissioners Present Jill Crary, ChairAdam Amrhein, Vice ChairMatt AalfsPhoebe BogertErica BushElizabeth ConnerBen GistKevin O’NeillPuja ShawMolly SpetalnickStaff PresentMichael JenkinsValerie KinastWindy BandekarJuliet Acevedo |
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**March 2, 2023** Project: Commission Business

8:30 am to 9:00 am

12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

 Attendees: Jill Crary, Chair; Adam Amrhein, Vice Chair; Matt Aalfs, Phoebe Bogert, Erica Bush, Elizabeth Conner, Ben Gist, Kevin O’Neill, Molly Spetalnick and Puja Shaw. Adam Amrhein and Puja Shaw did not attend any of the discussions around WSBLE as they are both recused from that project.

No members of the public attended the Commission business meetings.

The following items were discussed during the Commission business sections:

1. Advanced briefing on 200 Taylor Ave N alley vacation presentation

Staff provided an advanced briefing on the 200 Taylor Ave N project prior to the afternoon review. The briefing highlighted specific solutions developed by the design team in response to the Commissions November 17, 2022 initial public trust review, including:

* additional public engagement
* design details related to diagonal movement through the site
* advancing open space designs
* curbside management approaches.

Commissioner questions during the advanced briefing focused on details of the proposed ROW features and options that would increase the scope of the public benefit package.

1. Approval of Commission Business minutes – February 16 meeting

Valerie provided an overview of the WSBLE presentation on the representative alignments for the 9:00 am update by ST staff. She also informed commissioners about upcoming actions by the ST Board and their Executive Committee.

1. Discussion about ‘civic design’ as an organizing Commission principle

Commission had a lengthy discussion about the phrase ‘civic design’ and what it means in the projects they review, the expectations they communicate to design teams, and what outcomes the Commission expects. The discussion reflected concerns about the civic qualities of projects they have reviewed recently, including ST N 130th Street Station and Bitter Lake Reservoir. The Commission discussed various ways to communicate expectations about civic design expressed in publicly funded projects including the adoption of new policies, refinement of Commission mission statement, updating Commission handbook, and other tools.