

## ART COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting Wednesday, August 27, 2014  
Beginning at 2:00 p.m.

**PRESENT OF THE COMMISSION:** Indovina, Astorino, Lockett, Slavick

**PRESENT OF THE STAFF:** Morton Brown  
Mike Gable  
Ray Gastil

### AGENDA ITEMS COVERED IN THESE MINUTES

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1. <b>Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium, New Food Service Building and Restaurant</b>	<b>1</b>

**A. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Minutes were not made available for approval.

**B. Correspondence**

No additional correspondence presented.

**C. Items for Review**

- 1. *Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium, New Food Service Building and Restaurant (Conceptual and Final)***  
*Charles C. Coltharp, Indovina Associates Architects*

*No audio recording available from meeting. The following is taken from staff notes and the applicants' application materials.*

Mr. Indovina recused himself and left the hearing room, as his firm is involved in the project design. Ms. Lockett assumed the role of Acting Chair of the Commission in his stead.

Charles Coltharp of Indovina Associates Architects presented the plans for the new food service building on the Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium campus. The project was presented at the July 2014 Art Commission hearing as a courtesy briefing. Designs were altered since the July meeting.

The details of the building are as follows: the new food service building will consist of three components. The main element will be a 7,100 square foot building that is split approximately in half. One half will become the kitchen and server sized to accommodate all of the plaza patrons. The other half will be made available to seat approximately 200 guests in a conditioned space. This provides a comfortable seating area in the hot summer months and extends the zoo season into the colder months of early spring and late fall. The seating area will be constructed of rustic heavy timber and have exposed trusses to provide a 24

foot high cathedral ceiling. This is reminiscent of common African lodge architecture. The second component will be a covered deck that is 1,000 square feet and will provide visitors a view of the neighboring giraffe yard while they enjoy their meals. The final component is a 3,000 square foot patio located a few feet below the deck and will also provide views to the giraffe yard. While, the seating for the patio is not planned to be covered, the building overhangs and large cathedral style gable will provide areas of shade and protection from the elements in this area.

Concern was expressed from the Commission about the top of the building's ornamental features. Ms. Coltharp confirmed that designs reflect the African inspiration drawn for Zoo design elements.

Additional attention was paid to the backside of the building, which was presented as a bare element with no design features. This building feature will receive a treatment of greenery and African-inspired wood thatching, so as to enhance the otherwise empty space.

The project will need to be LEED Silver as mandated by City municode section 915.06 Sustainable Development for Publicly Financed Buildings.

<b><u>MOTION:</u></b>	<b>Final Approval</b>
MOVED BY	Slavick
IN FAVOR	All
OPPOSED	None

SECONDED BY Astorino

**CARRIED**

**Meeting Adjourned**