

## ART COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting Wednesday, January 27, 2016  
Beginning at 2:04 p.m.

**PRESENT OF THE COMMISSION:** Indovina, Astorino, Heidemann, Lockett,  
Moss, Carlise, Gable

**PRESENT OF THE STAFF:** Morton Brown  
Ray Gastil  
Lisa Ray

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**PLEASE NOTE AUDIO FOR THIS MEETING WAS VERY DISTORED.**

#### **A. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Astorino made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2015 meeting. Heidemann seconded the motion. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

Heidemann made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 23, 2015 meeting. Moss seconded the motion. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

#### **B. Items for Review**

##### **1. *City Works Restaurant Extension of Premises in Market Square (Conceptual & Final)***

*Tristan Dacre, Dacre & Youngquist, LLC*

Dacre gave presentation relating to request to build out with work involving transformation of interior atrium and PPG shops into a new City Works Restaurant. Included in the scop of work is exterior renovation at the ground floor elevation surrounding tenant build out perimeter that faces in the right of way. Also included is a new raised patio with louvered roof for seasonal protection to serve as a built extension of the restaurant that is to be built on the perimeter sidewalk of Market Square's right of way.

Along with City Works signage, proposed finishes include copper diamond shaped shingles, wood glulam beams & posts, IPE wood decking, operable aluminum louversat patio roof, operable storefronts, aluminum planters, glass railings, and concrete panel cladding (no vinyl enclosure surrounding patio).

Lockett stated that she was looking for more of a harmony in the building.

Astorino asked that the applicant revisit material and preparation to go with the characteristics of the building.

Susan ReIn spoke in opposition of this project.

Slavick made the motion for conceptual approval.

**MOTION:**      **Conceptual**

MOVED BY  
IN FAVOR  
OPPOSED

Luckett  
All  
None

SECONDED BY      Moss

**CARRIED**

**2. Phipps Conservatory Exhibit Staging Area (Final)**

*Jason Wirick, Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens*

*Jeffrey Davis, FortyEighty Architecture*

Davis reported on the project renovation of the Event Staging Center which will result in a renovated building that is in keeping with the aesthetic for the rest of Phipps Conservatory's campus. It will be clad in panels of weathering steel, which is a nod to the historic legacy of steel manufacturing in the Pittsburgh region. The rich and varying color that results from the weathering of the metal provides a unique and striking background throughout the year. In addition, the protective patina that develops after exposure to weather eliminates the need for any future refinishing of the cladding material. In addition, some portions of the ESC will also be clad in sandstone veneer to match existing exterior stone site walls on the hillside adjacent to the building. The entrance area, vestibule, and lobby will incorporate interpretive displays highlighting the work involved with constructing exhibits for the Conservatory's shows as well as the sustainable design features of the building. In addition, there will be a green thread woven through the building by an organic motif incorporated in the storefront glazing system linking the grounds of the Conservatory to Schenley Park. An extension of the existing boardwalk will extend to the new ESC entrance, reinforcing the connection of the building to the rest of the campus. Windows are placed along the boardwalk and in the entrance vestibule to engage visitors by revealing some of the back of house spaces and workshop activities. Construction of the project is scheduled to start in the Spring of 2016, with completion in early 2017.

Public works wants to make sure this building meets or exceeds the LEED certification.

**MOTION:**      **Final Approval**

MOVED BY

Moss

SECONDED BY

Heidemann

IN FAVOR

All

OPPOSED

**CARRIED**

**3. Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium Jungle Trails Exhibit (Conceptual & Final)**

*Frank Pizzi, Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium*

*James Weller, Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium*

Pizzi gave presentation in regards to the project that will include five different species and the necessary shelter buildings and support systems for their existence and will be designed to include thick jungles and moving water similar to remote locations around the glob. It should come as no surprise that horticulture will be a mainstay in this exhibit. Their intention is to provide a glimpse into jungle life through switchbacks and heavy plantings offering exciting and unexpected views around each corner. The first exhibit will be the Giant Anteater and Capybara exhibit. The exhibit is roughly 1320 square feet in size. From there they will round a long hairpin turn where they can take in an educational experience at our naturally styled amphitheatre.

Moss asked for more building information

Gastil asked about the colors of the site plan.

Moss stated that he is not impressed with the architecture.

Weller stated that the emphasis is on the jungle and the intention is to make the buildings disappear.

Moss stated that the applicant should have selected a building that looks more like a jungle.

Moss asked the Chairman to make a motion for conceptual approval only and have the applicant return with more designs.

Mr. Astorino made the motion to move for conceptual and final approval with the condition that staff is allowed to review the final design to ensure the buildings are covered.

<b><u>MOTION:</u></b>	<b>Conceptual</b>		
MOVED BY	Heidemann	SECONDED BY	Astorino
IN FAVOR	All		
OPPOSED	All		
ABSTAINED	Moss (Mr. Indovina Recused)		<b><u>CARRIED</u></b>

**4. Southside Works City Apartments and Open Hearth Garage Streetscape Modifications (Conceptual & Final)**

*Andrew Yule, Village Green Holding LLC  
William Sittig, Jr., Sittig, Cortese & Wratcher LLC*

Mr. Sittig made presentation to request approval for a minor modification to the streetscape. They are requesting to install permanent planters in a U-shaped configuration with the open end facing South. The Village Green will maintain the structure and the grounds.

<b><u>MOTION:</u></b>	<b>Conceptual &amp; Final</b>		
MOVED BY	Astorino	SECONDED BY	Moss
IN FAVOR			
OPPOSED	All		<b><u>CARRIED</u></b>

5. **Port Authority Bus Shelter at Fifth Avenue at Atwood Street (Conceptual & Final)**

*Todd Tusick, Port Authority of Allegheny County  
Eric Bilsky, Port Authority of Allegheny County  
Greg Maynes, Maynes Architects*

Maynes reported on the plans to construct a permanent bus shelter/station at 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Atwood Street in the Oakland neighborhood. The presentation included a illustration of the proposed structure which is slated to begin construction in June of 2016.

<b><u>MOTION:</u></b>	<b>Conceptual &amp; Final</b>		
MOVED BY	Moss	SECONDED BY	Astorino
IN FAVOR			
OPPOSED	All		<b><u>CARRIED</u></b>

D. **Director's Report**

Director Gastil thanked Ms. Tymoczko for stepping in while the department seeks to replace Mr. Brown. He stated that City Planning will post for the Public Art Manager position before the end of February.

**Meeting Adjourned**