



SYNOPSIS

HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION DESIGN REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE (DRC) MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2017

1:00 – 2:00 P.M.

**City Hall Tower, 3rd Floor
200 East Santa Clara Street
ROOM T-332**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**Edward Saum, HLC Chair
Stephen Polcyn**

Design Review Committee Meeting Goal: Discuss project design conformance with the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties*.

Proposed project for consideration:

HPAD17-007: Historic Preservation Permit Adjustment Application for interim improvements to St. James Park to promote the seasonal programs and to increase public use of the park. Proposed interim improvements are temporary and seasonal. Proposed improvements include: gateway garden improvements, a temporary dog park, identification of a Monument Walk, a temporary splash pad, temporary signage, a Pavilion Program identification lighting, painting of Second Street, temporary public art installations, food truck plaza and picnic table area.

Project Manager: *Krinjal Mather*

Project Plans were provided.

Planning Staff in attendance included Susan Walsh and Krinjal Mather. Members of the public in attendance included Brian Grayson. Copies of a brief staff report, stating how the improvements are consistent with the Secretary of Interior Standards, a draft permit and project plans were provided to the Commissioners and copies were also available for the public.

Staff made a brief presentation and stated that the proposed temporary improvements are consistent with the Secretary of Interior Standards for Rehabilitation. Staff recommended approval of the HP permit Adjustment for a one year period subject to the following conditions:

1. Submittal of a detailed wayfinding signage program for the park.
2. Submittal of a lighting plan with LED lighting that is directed onto the site, away from the adjacent properties and the night sky.
3. Submittal of the final painting plan for Second Street.

Primary conclusions reached by the HLC Subcommittee's discussion:

Overall, the Commissioners agreed that the proposed temporary and seasonal improvements were consistent with the Secretary of Interior Standards, and the character defining features of St. James Park would be preserved and enhanced by these temporary improvements.

- The Commissioners wanted to be sure the improvements are reversible, and they are aware that the PRNS staff may ask for a renewal of this one year permit later to maintain some of the improvements they have identified as semi-permanent. They agreed that this would be fine provided the improvements are consistent with the long term plans for St. James Park. (including landscape improvements, lighting, decomposed granite picnic areas, and wayfinding signage). PRNS staff stated that the proposed temporary improvements have been designed to be consistent with the long term plan for St. James Park that the CMG Landscape Architecture firm is preparing.
- Seasonal uses such as the splash pad should be removed when the season ends for splash pad use (before the rainy season).
- The way finding signage program should be tastefully done and compatible with the historic park design. More subdued colors, rather than bright primary colors would be most appropriate. The colors and materials for the signage plan should be submitted for review prior to installation.
- The temporary fencing of the splash pad area should be a color that is compatible with the existing fencing in the playground area in the park (e.g. black or dark green).
- They would like to review the color that is selected for Second Street painting project.
- The Commission asked how the landscaping materials were selected and staff indicated that the landscape plans and materials were developed by the CMG Landscape Architecture Firm, who was selected by the City to prepare the plan for St. James Park.