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URBAN DESIGN REVIEW PANEL

REPORT TO COUNCIL

June 16th, 2020

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1c - Mandate of the Urban Design Review Panel

Per Terms of Reference (TOR)

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*Riley Park
1116 5th Ave. NW*



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- Comments from the Panel are **provided as peer review** expert advice, directed to staff, the applicant and the development authority, and intended to encourage best practice approaches to development specific to a site's context that support the goals of the Municipal Development Plan. Advice from the Panel is to assist the applicant and their design team by **identifying areas for improvement to support the realization of better design outcomes**.

*Deerfoot Meadows Retail
40 Heritage Dr SW*





2. PANEL OVERVIEW & WORKLOAD

1a - Team Composition & Make-Up

- The Urban Design Review Panel is divided into two teams to handle the overall workload, each team typically meeting once a month.
- Collectively the Panel reviews presentations every two weeks, with special sessions scheduled to address workload when required.

1	AAA / BILD	Chad Russill	chair
2	APPI	Chris Hardwicke	co-chair
3	AAA	Colin Friesen	
4	AAA	Gary Mundy	
5	AAA	Ryan Agrey	
6	AALA	Terry Klassen	
7	AALA	Beverly Sandalack	
8	APPI	Ben Bailey	
9	APEGA	Michael Sydenham	
10	APEGA / BILD	Glen Pardoe	
11	AALA / BILD	Jack Vanstone	
12	AAA	*Jeff Lyness	
13	AAA	*Noorullah Hussain Zada	

Team A
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**new members*

- Co-chairs and Panel members frequently alternate between teams to address both schedule and the occasional company conflicts, as well as to satisfy increased attendance purposes (when required).

2. PANEL OVERVIEW & WORKLOAD

2b - Recent Policy Changes & Feedback

- The Panel continues to review PEs and Land Use Amendments, per recent Terms of Reference amendment that revised past processes in this regard. Early review of projects continues to be critical, as this is the time at which review has greater impact on the final outcome.
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*Mixed Use Building
618 Meredith Road NE*



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2c - Meeting Format & COVID-19 Changes

- The Urban Design Review Panel continues to meet and review presentations, via Microsoft Teams. Distribution of electronic submissions remains consistent factor in preparation. Format, meeting process, and timelines for deliverables remain consistent in delivery of UDRP review and comments. See item 4a - Outline of 2020 Workplan for additional reference.



*Mixed Use Building
1109 Edmonton Tr. NE*



3. CURRENT ACTIVITY & PERFORMANCE

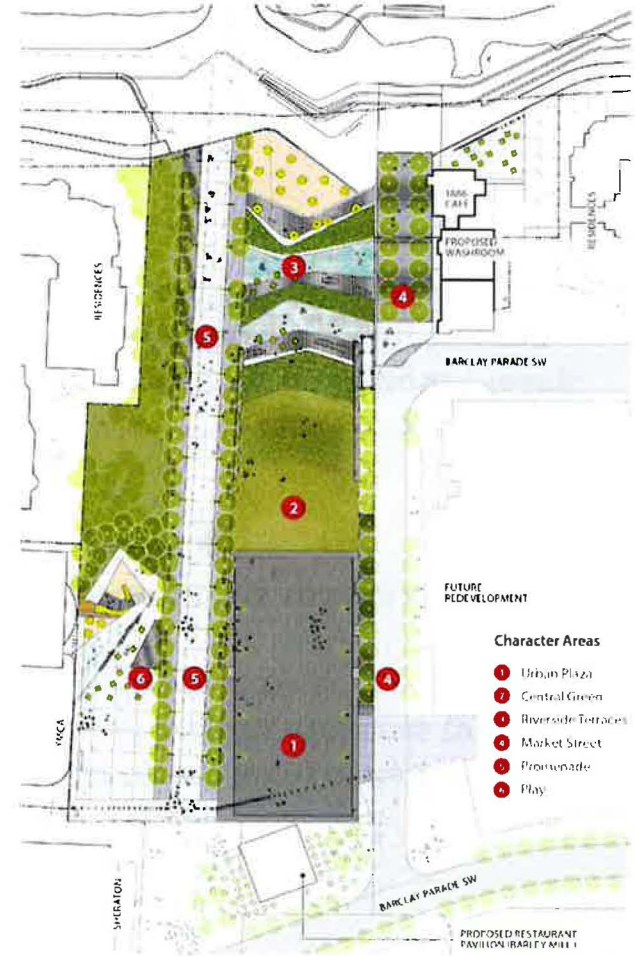
3a - Summary of Work

Basic 2019 Statistics

- 24 UDRP meetings held
 - 23 regular scheduled sessions
 - 1 special session

- 40 projects reviewed
 - 4 Land Use Amendments
 - 10 Pre-Application/schematic reviews

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Eau Claire Plaza
Public Realm Design

3. CURRENT ACTIVITY & PERFORMANCE

3b - Reference to Statistical Data

Basic 2018 Statistics

- 25 UDRP meetings held
 - 20 regular scheduled sessions
 - 5 special sessions
- 47 projects reviewed
 - 7 Land Use Amendments
 - 14 Pre-Application/schematic review

*Carrington Commercial
77 Carrington Pz NW*



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Basic 2017 Statistics

- 24 UDRP meetings held
 - 22 regular scheduled sessions
 - 2 special sessions
- 46 projects reviewed
 - 1 Land Use Amendment
 - 7 Pre-Application/schematic review

*Varsity Multi-Service Re-Development
3740 32 Ave NW*



4. Outline of 2020

4a - Workplan

- The Panel continues to meet every two weeks (pending on applicant submissions and application review timelines). COVID-19 did not interrupt scheduled review sessions through March and April of this year, as the Panel immediately transitioned to a virtual platform being implemented. While this change takes some adjustment for all participants, it has proven to still be effective in the review of applications.
- Meeting format begins with approximately thirty minutes of general administrative items, followed by review of one, two or three submissions per session.
- Each individual presentation and Panel review lasts one hour in duration.
- The Panel consolidates comments verbalized during the meeting, distributes draft internally for member review and comment, required revisions/additions are integrated and then forwarded to Administration for circulation to the applicants.
- Final comments are completed within one week after the presentation review session.
- Timing to revert the current Microsoft Teams format back to in-person meetings is unknown and will only occur when it is safe and advisable to do so. Until that time, the Panel continues to function in the adjusted format and meet the defined UDRP objectives.

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QUESTIONS?

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