



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH

City Hall Design Committee

Minutes of the City Hall Design Committee meeting held in the City Council Chambers, City of Newport Beach, on Saturday, September 27, 2008, 8:00 a.m.

1. Call to Order

Members present:

Larry Tucker, Chairman
Andy Bowden, Landscape Architect
Rush Hill, Architect
Walt Richardson, Architect
Stephen Sandland, Architect
Linda Taylor, Architect

Staff present:

Homer Bludau, City Manager
Sharon Wood, Assistant City Manager
Shirley Oborny, Administrative Assistant

Members of the Public:

Gloria Alkire	Hugh Logan
Jay Baker	Randall Lush
Joe Bockrath	Richard Marowitz
Andrew Campbell	Craig Morissette
Don Christeson	Richard Nichols
Keith Curry, Council Member	Michele OBrien
Pamela Curry	Michael O'Brien
Leslie Daigle, Mayor Pro Tem	Steven Rosansky, Council Member
Marcia Dossey	Kay Sandland
George Drayton	George Schroeder
Edward Fabela	Ed Selich, Mayor
Bill Ficker	Tony Shaw
Nancy Gardner, Council Member	Gared Smith
Gordon Glass	Robert Smith
Ron Hendrickson	Elizabeth Stahr
Michael Henn, Council Member	Karen Tringali
Marty Kurner	Jim Trammell
Jay Larson	Jan Vandersloot
Caroline Logan	Don Webb, Council Member

2. Approval of Past Meeting's Minutes

Mr. Sandland referred to page 3 of the June 16, 2008, minutes and requested two corrections: "Mr. Rush" changed to "Mr. Hill" and "corroboration" changed to

“collaboration”. With those changes, the committee approved the minutes from the June 16, 2008, meeting and the July 28, 2008, meeting.

3. Presentations

Chairman Tucker provided an overview of the process (see attached).

Given the extent and detail of the presentations, these minutes do not attempt to characterize the designs nor the presentations and Q&A. However, a condensed video of all five presentations can be viewed:

1. From NBTV's cable broadcasting (Time Warner, Channel 3 or Cox Channel 30/852):
 - Tuesdays and Sundays at 2:00 p.m.
2. From the City's website anytime:
 - www.city.newport-beach.ca.us;
 - Click on NBTV at the top of the page;
 - Scroll down and select City Hall & Park Design Presentations.

4. Public Comment Time

Mr. Vandersloot made the following comments:

LPA

- did not like how the design reconfigures the park area using excavation from the city hall site;
- thinks it will need the most permitting because it fills the wetlands and riparian;
- it has the most complicated parking system;
- did not like the tower.

Johnson Fain

- had one of the best combinations of “City Hall Within the Park”;
- did not like how the design didn't preserve the berm along MacArthur.;

Rosetti

- had one of the best combinations of “City Hall Within the Park”;
- likes how the berm was preserved;
- had the best program;
- had the most detailed in the cost of the project.

Gonzales Goodale

- some features were too exotic for the site.

Bohlin Cywinski Jackson

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5. Further Committee Discussion

Chairman Tucker said at the beginning of the next meeting on Monday, September 29, 2008, the committee would listen to public comments and then begin deliberating and ranking the designs. He will also talk about the committee report that needs to be written

for the City Council. The committee agreed that all five firms were extraordinary and they each had unique attributes. They said all five firms are still in the running and it's going to be a difficult decision.

6. Adjourned to next meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

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