



Meeting Minutes

Advisory Urban Design Panel

Date:	February 4, 2016
Time:	4:35 PM
Location:	Policy Lab A+B, CIRS Building, 2260 West Mall
Attendees:	MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY URBAN DESIGN PANEL: Oliver Lang (Chair), Jane Durante, Walter Francl, Ronald Kellett
Regrets:	Steve McFarlane (Vice-Chair), Maurice Pez, Janet Teasdale (on leave)
Staff:	Scot Hein, Linda Nielsen (Recorder)
Presenters:	Dave Poettcker, UBC Properties Trust Karen Kiest, Karen Kiest Landscape Architect

1.0 Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:35 PM and noted the presence of a quorum.

2.0 Approval of Current Agenda and Previous Meeting Minutes

2.1 It was moved and seconded: That the agenda of the February 4, 2016, meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED

2.2 It was moved and seconded: That the minutes of the meeting held on January 14, 2016, be adopted. MOTION CARRIED

3.0 Application:

3.1 Dentistry Courtyard

Application Status:	Development Application
Location:	Dentistry Courtyard
Applicants:	UBC Properties Trust Karen Kiest Landscape Architect
Project Manager:	Dave Poettcker

Introduction:

Scot Hein noted the proposed design significantly improves light levels and quality, universal accessibility and pedestrian amenity, tree health, and overall usability. Given budgetary constraints, it offers a strong response to the goals of the Public Realm Plan program, the Vancouver Campus Design Guidelines, and the site. General advise from the Panel was sought.

Project Manager Dave Poettcker noted the focus of the project is safety, pedestrian lighting, accessible surfaces, and pedestrian comfort with room for modest esthetic improvements.

Landscape Architect Karen Kiest presented.

Panel Commentary:

- Ensure the area where the Ping-Pong tables are located is wide enough to accommodate that activity.
- Consider distinguishing the proposed café seating area through the treatment of paving materials or space.
- Movements through the courtyard should be clearly marked and well lit to ensure pedestrian safety.
- The retention of planting material in front of the breezeway was supported.
- Explore if there is a way of terminating the east-west golden aggregate path in front of the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre so it does not appear to be a point of entry/exit.
- Evaluate the existing trees to determine if they need pruning for security, view and physical shape.
- Consideration should be given to extending the limit of work to include the edges that are remaining in the courtyard.

Chair Summary:

- Some questions about the current and future access points and the edges of the courtyard in general, particularly where the Ping-Pong tables are and generally where there will be activity.
- The pathway to Hospital Lane could be shifted to the north to give more room for the café seating area. The proposed Ping-Pong area should have more space.
- General support for the relationship to the breezeway.
- Consider adding a subtle secondary layer of light that is more ground oriented to help with the definition of the ambiance in the courtyard. Lighting around the around the Ping-Pong tables would help activate the area.

Resolution: SUPPORT [4-0]

4.0 Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:08 PM.