

MINUTES
SAANICH ADVISORY DESIGN PANEL MEETING
HELD IN COMMITTEE ROOM NO. 2
WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2006 AT 3:00 P.M.

Present: Chair: Pradip Misra in the Chair: Mac Carpenter, Brad Forth, Bruce Hallsor, and Ernst Snijders Also present were Neil Findlow, Planning Supervisor, Harold Stanley, Planner 1, and Margaret Roper, Senior Committee Clerk.

Regrets: Jack James

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Motion: MOVED by E. Snijders and Seconded by P. Misra: "That the minutes of the Advisory Design Panel meeting held April 19, 2006 be adopted as amended."

CARRIED

CASE #2006/012

Application of Warner James Architects to construct a 3726.5 sq. m. addition (William C. Mearns Centre for Learning) to the McPherson Library at the University of Victoria, Lot 1, Section 31, Victoria District, Plan VIP57957
- Finnerty Road, Planning File: DPR2006-00006

Don Lovell, Manager, Design and Wendie McHenry, Assistant Librarian, from the University of Victoria; Tony James, Warner James Architects; and Don Vaughan, Vaughan Landscape Planning and Design, presented the design plans for the proposed renovation of the McPherson Library, the four-storey addition, and the landscaping.

In response to questions from the Panel the applicant stated:

- A fountain or feature would be a practical addition to the pond as it will require some form of animation to aerate the water. The sound of the falling water would drown out the traffic noise.
- Incorporating the roof water into the retention pond is a good suggestion and will be considered.
- Art or some detail on the elevator shaft had not been considered up to this point.
- Windows with a means of opening for fresh air, such as awning windows, are being considered for the seating areas in the galleria.
- Security is one of the issues that must be considered with window openings due to the problems that libraries have with theft.
- A wide range of window glass is being studied in terms of reflectivity and transparency in order to determine which type would be the best for the curtain wall.
- The trees on the south side will be retained so there will be some filtering of the sun light.
- The lowest floor of the existing building will be brightened up by replacing the high small windows with larger windows and by incorporating wall to wall windows in the proposed entrance.
- Two rooms will have adaptable technology for people with disabilities.

- Two new accessible washrooms will be built into the coffee bar area in the existing building.
- Many renovations have taken place in the existing library including the widening of the narrow aisles.

Motion: **MOVED by B. Hallsor and Seconded by E. Snijders: “That it be recommended to Council that the design for the renovations to the McPherson Library and the William C. Mearns Centre for Learning addition be approved subject to consideration of:**

- 1. detail or art on the elevator shaft**
- 2. detail or circulation in the pond**
- 3. the type of glass for the curtain wall with respect to excess reflectivity, and**
- 4. providing a more detailed landscaping plan to Council.”**

CARRIED

CASE #2006/013

Application of de Hoog & Kierulf Architects to construct a 3466 sq.m., 6 story, 16 unit non-combustible apartment building with one level of underground parking at Sayward Hill, Lot 2, Section 42, Lake District, Plan 77795
- 748 Sayward Hill Terrace, Planning File: DPR2006-00008

Karen Jawl, Sayward Hill Developments, introduced Peter de Hoog, Lynn Gordon-Findlay and Roya Darvish-Zargar from de Hoog & Kierulf architects, and Keith Grant, Keith N. Grant Landscape Architecture Ltd. who then presented the design plans for a 6 story, 16 unit non-combustible apartment building with one level of underground parking.

In response to questions from the Panel the applicant stated:

- The surface parking spaces are no different in size than the underground spaces, there should be adequate room for a vehicle to back out of them.
- The code requirements will be reviewed to see if automatic door openers can be installed at the exit from the underground parking to the elevator lobby for wheelchair users.
- The buildings which look down on to this rounded gravel roof are far enough away that the sight of it should not pose a problem.

MOTION: **MOVED by B. Hallsor and seconded by M. Carpenter: “That it be recommended to Council that the design for the 6 story apartment building planned for 748 Sayward Hill Terrace be approved.”**

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

CHAIR

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

Committee Secretary