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January 23, 2025

Community Design Advisory Group

Meeting 12 Summary

Committee members received an update on the bridge design with attention to the bascule pier and bridge operator houses from BEAM Architects. HLB Lighting Design presented four lighting canvas options being considered. Mayer/Reed Architects reviewed urban design opportunities for both approaches to the bridge. Committee members shared initial thoughts and asked questions throughout the meeting.

The meeting was held in-person at the Multnomah Building Boardroom from 6:00-8:00 p.m., live streamed and recorded.

ATTENDEES

CDAG MEMBERS

Aaron Whelton, Portland State University
Anthony Jackson, Community Member
Erik Swenson, Portland Saturday Market
Gabe Rahe, Burnside Skatepark
Gueenever Millius, Sunnyside Neighborhood Association
Ian Sieren, Community Member
Jackie Tate, Community Member
Jason Halstead, Community Member
Paddy Tillett, Architect/Design Professional
Patrick Sullivan, Community Member
Robert Hastings, Willamette Light Brigade
Sharon Wood Wortman, Historian
Ed Wortman, Community Member
Susan Lindsay, Buckman Neighborhood Association
Valerie Schiller, Multnomah County Bike and Pedestrian Citizen Advisory Committee

Neil Jensen, Gresham Chamber of Commerce
Todd DeNeffe, Central Eastside Industrial Council

STAFF

Megan Neill, Multnomah County
Sarah Hurwitz, Multnomah County
Steve Drahota, HDR
Carol Mayer-Reed, Mayer/Reed
Shannon Simms, Mayer/Reed
Kathy Fry, Mayer/Reed
Stacy Thomas, HDR
Brandy Steffen, JLA Public Involvement
Tuyen Ta, JLA Public Involvement
Amber Stadler, David Evans & Associates
Keith Brownlie, BEAM Architects
Elizabeth Johnson, HLB Lighting Design
Keith Griesig, H&H

PUBLIC

Members of the public were welcome to observe the meeting as non-participatory attendees.

ABSENT

Brian P. Kimura, Japanese American Museum of Oregon
Carol Gossett, Oregon Museum of Science & Industry
Fred Cooper, Laurelhurst Neighborhood Association & Native American Youth and Family Center



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SUMMARY

Brandy Steffen, JLA Public Involvement, reviewed the agenda, meeting protocols, and summarized key dates and discussions topics in the CDAG workplan for the remaining CDAG meetings.

Keith Brownlie, BEAM Architects, provided bridge design updates on the bascule pier and bridge operator houses, including architectural elements. **CDAG Members** shared their thoughts on design decisions and asked questions throughout the discussion. There was some concern about the use of bridge space dedicated to Multnomah County operation vehicles.

Elizabeth Johnson, HLB Lighting Design, presented four bridge lighting canvas options for CDAG members to consider. **CDAG Members** shared their thoughts and questions. **Brandy Steffen, JLA Public Involvement**, conducted a temperature check to collect initial inputs from CDAG members on the four options. There was a clear preference for either internally or internally/externally lit piers, compared to externally lit piers. The group indicated a stronger preference for the “inner glow” option, but there was limited time to understand the reasons behind that preference.

Shannon Simms and Kathy Fry, Mayer/Reed, reviewed the urban design opportunities for the bridge’s west and east approaches, showcasing the preliminary concepts for Skidmore/Old Town Historic District and Central Eastside.

Megan Neill, Multnomah County, shared that the County continues to meet with the City of Portland Parks and Recreation and the Portland Bureau of Transportation to identify potential solutions on connectivity and access to the Eastbank Esplanade.

The meeting recording and materials are available at www.multco.us/earthquake-ready-burnside-bridge/community-design-advisory-group-meeting-materials.

DECISIONS / COMMENTS

THERE WERE NO DECISIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS MADE AT THIS MEETING.

THERE WERE NO PUBLIC COMMENTS AT THE MEETING.

NEXT STEPS

The next CDAG meeting will be **Thursday, March 20, 2025** from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.