

CASE FILE: EA 13-224797 DA  
**Goat Blocks Redevelopment**  
REVIEW BY: Design Commission  
WHEN: Thursday January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
@ 1:30pm  
WHERE: 1900 SW Fourth Ave., Room  
2500A Portland, OR 97201



\*\*\* To learn more about the Design Advice Request process and how you can provide comments to the Commission and/or engage the neighborhood contacts (listed below) to provide comments to the Commission, please visit

<http://www.portlandonline.com/bds/index.cfm?c=36648&a=116209>

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**Location:** Full block between SE Belmont/11<sup>th</sup>/Taylor/10<sup>th</sup> and portion of block directly east

**Zoning:** EXd (Central Employment base zone with Design overlay zone), Central City plan district

**ONI Contacts:** Buckman, contact Matthew Kirkpatrick at 503-236-6350.  
Southeast Uplift, contact Bob Kellett at 503-232-0010.  
Central Eastside Industrial Council, contact Peter Fry at 503-274-1415.

**Proposal:** A Design Advice Request (DAR) is a voluntary review process that allows the Design Commission to provide early feedback on a development proposal, prior to the required land use review. This project will require a future Type III Design Review application.

The proposal is for the complete redevelopment of a large double block (with the goats) in the Central Eastside, as well as a portion of the block to the east. Preliminary concept drawings show the main (goat) block developed with two levels of structured parking, one fully below grade, and three distinct buildings providing ground floor retail, two of which include 5- or 6-stories of housing above. The main block also includes internal walkways, stairs and plazas for off-street pedestrian circulation. The east block will include a building with retail at the ground floor and three levels of housing above, with both surface and structured parking. A single-story retail building and a 'transformer yard' building are proposed on the south portion of the east block inside the IG1 zone, which is not subject to Design Review or under consideration in this DAR. The overall site redevelopment would include 84,000 square feet of retail space, 257 apartment units, and significant auto parking. Depending on the specifics of the future application, the project may also require concurrent Adjustment, Modification, Central City Parking and/or Conditional Use Reviews.

\*\*\* To view project information (including drawings), please visit the Design Commission Agenda [www.portlandoregon.gov/bds/PortlandDesignCommissionAgenda](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bds/PortlandDesignCommissionAgenda) and click on the link at the top of the first page. This link is continually updated and will have the latest information about the project including any follow-up hearing dates.

**Approval Criteria:** In order to be approved during the design review, this proposal must comply with the approval criteria of Title 33 (Zoning Code). The applicable approval criteria are the *Central City Fundamental Design Guidelines* and the *Central Eastside District Design Guidelines*.

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\*\*\* Further information is available from the staff planner, Mark Walhood: (503) 823-7806, [mark.walhood@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:mark.walhood@portlandoregon.gov), or 1900 SW Fourth Ave., Suite 5000, Portland, OR 97201.

**The Bureau of Development Services is committed to providing equal access to information and hearings. If you need special accommodations, please call 503-823-7300 (TTY 503-823-6868).**

## **GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE DESIGN ADVICE REQUEST PROCESS**

### **Purpose of a Design Advice Request**

Design Advice Requests are not intended to substitute for other Code-required land use or legislative procedures. Purposes served by Design Advice Requests might include the following:

- Early feedback on atypical building types or configurations unable to draw on other prior project approvals to assess approval potential.
- Projects which, for various reasons, anticipate including elements that do not appear to conform to design guidelines, and which may require a waiver of one or more design guidelines.
- Unique urban design schemes for which interest or support is sought prior to approaching other agencies.

### **Process**

The Portland Zoning Code affords the opportunity for parties interested in bringing matters before the Design Commission outside of other prescribed regulatory or legislative processes. The relevant Code chapter reads as follows:

*33.730.050 F. Other pre-application advice.*

An applicant may request advice from the Design Commission or Historical Landmarks Commission prior to submitting a land use request that would be heard by these commissions. These requests are known as "Design Advice Requests". These requests do not substitute for a required pre-application conference with the BDS staff and other City urban service or technical representatives.

The general order of appearance for those attending the meeting is as follows: Bureau of Development Services introduction, applicant presentation, clarifying questions about the proposal by the Commission, public comment, informal discussion about the proposal between the Commission and the applicants, and Design Commission final comment. There will be no final decision about this proposal during this Design Advice Request process. At the request of the Commission, a submittal for a Design Advice Request may be continued to a future date for further discussion.

### **Opportunity for Public Comment**

The neighborhood association may take a position on the proposed development and may have scheduled an open meeting prior to providing comment to the Design Commission. Please contact the person listed as the neighborhood contact to determine the time and date of this meeting. The public meeting with the Design Commission will provide an opportunity for parties to submit oral and written comment on this matter

### **Design Advice Request Results**

Design Advice Requests will provide informal, advisory response only. Responses received at the meeting may inform City staff when processing future land use reviews, but will not be considered a formal directive from the Commission. The Commission may offer future procedural or design direction, and may also offer a preliminary assessment against approval criteria that would apply were the proposal to be reviewed formally through the land use review process. Comment provided at the meeting will be documented by City staff, and will be available for further and future reference.