

DESIGN ADVICE REQUEST POSTING NOTICE

CASE FILE: EA 13-200312 DA  
**Washington Park Reservoirs**  
(EA 13-162228 APPT)  
REVIEW BY: Historic Landmarks Commission  
WHEN: **April 28, 2014 @ 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:** 2403 SW Jefferson Street

**Zoning/Designation:** OS, OSc, OSp – Open Space with Environmental Concern and Environmental Protection overlay  
Washington Park Reservoirs Historic District

**Neighborhood**

**Contacts:** Jeff Boly, 503.223.4781, Arlington Heights Neighborhood Association  
Mark Sieber, 503.823.4212, Neighbors West/Northwest neighborhood coalition

**Proposal:** A Design Advice Request is a voluntary review process that allows the Commission to provide early feedback on a development proposal, prior to the required land use review.

The proposal is for alterations to Reservoir 3, Reservoir 4, and associated landscaping to address landslide effects, seismic concerns, and federal regulations. Reservoir 3 is proposed to have an engineered cascading reflecting pool with clean edges matching the existing basin footprint with a buried reservoir beneath. Reservoir 4 is proposed to have a significantly smaller footprint than the existing with a preserved ruin aesthetic, featuring a pond with water-adapted plants. The proposal also includes retention of the gatehouses and dams, as well as preservation of other structures, an educational component and restoration of views and access to the reservoirs edges for recreation. This hearing is a continuation of the hearings from October 14, 2013 and January 27, 2014.

\*\*\* To view project information (including drawings), please visit the Historic Landmarks Commission Agenda <http://efiles.portlandoregon.gov/webdrawer/rec/4907284/view/> 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 required land use review, this proposal must comply with the approval criteria of Title 33, Portland Zoning Code. The applicable approval criteria are **33.846.060.G 1-10 Other approval criteria.**

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\*\*\* Further information is available from the Bureau of Development Services. Please contact Hillary Adam at (503) 823-3581, [hillary.adam@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:hillary.adam@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.