

# Design Advice Request

## Multnomah County Courthouse Re-Use

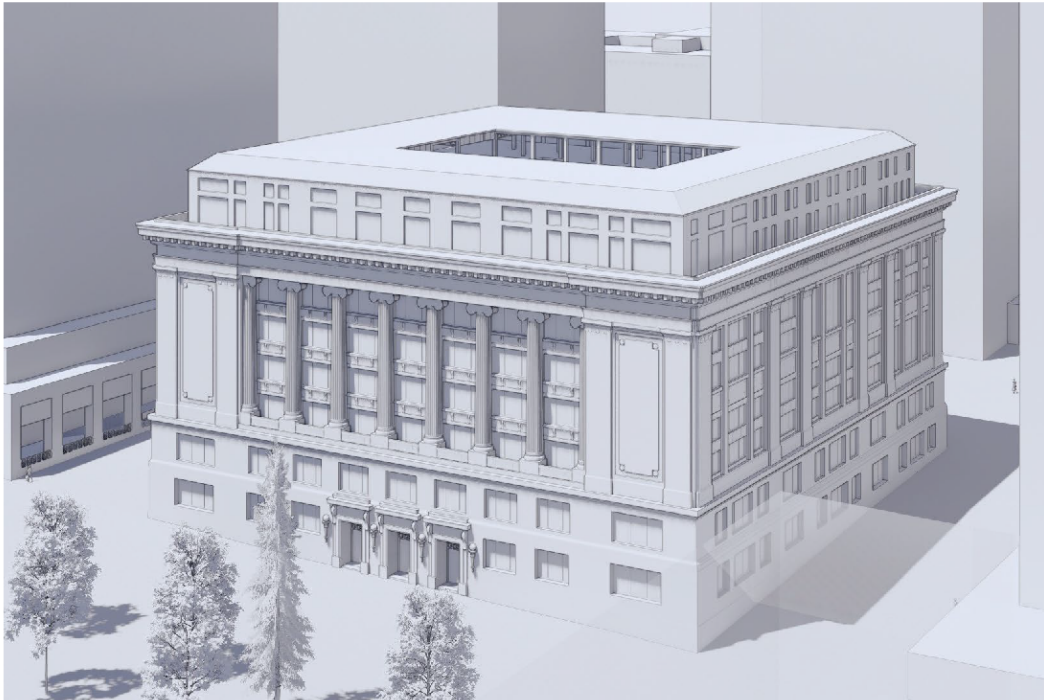
WHEN

SEPTEMBER 9, 2019 @ 1:30 PM

*(meeting start time –see Historic Landmarks Commission agenda for estimated project start time)*

WHERE

1900 SW 4<sup>TH</sup> Avenue, Room 2500 B, Portland, OR 97201



REVIEW BY

HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

CASE FILE

EA 19-206934 DA  
(EA 19-158074 PC)

MEETING TYPE

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.

PROPOSAL

Design Advice Request for alterations associated with the renovation and adaptive re-use of the Multnomah County Courthouse building, an individually listed Landmark on the National Register of Historic Places. Proposed work includes converting the building to ground-floor retail and office above, a seismic upgrade, re-introduction of a historic pedestrian entry on SW 5<sup>th</sup>, a new accessible entry on SW Main, (2) new parking and loading entries on SW Salmon for, and new window openings on all elevations at the penthouse level. An Adjustment to allow two (2) new vehicle access points on SW Salmon, and Modifications to reduce Ground Floor Windows requirements on all four frontages are expected.

PROJECT INFO

[www.portlandoregon.gov/bds/hlcagenda](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bds/hlcagenda)

SITE LOCATION

1021 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Ave

ZONING/  
DESIGNATION

**CXd** – Central Commercial with Design and Historic Resource Protection Overlays  
**Central City Plan District** / Downtown Subdistrict

QUESTIONS?  
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## **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.