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NOTICE OF A TYPE II DECISION ON A PROPOSAL IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

The Bureau of Development Services has approved a proposal in your neighborhood. The reasons for the decision are included in this notice. If you disagree with the decision, you can appeal it and request a public hearing. Information on how to appeal this decision is listed at the end of this notice.

CASE FILE NUMBER: LU 10-204046 DZ **1315 NW OVERTON ROOFTOP EQUIPMENT SCREENWALL**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Applicant: Steve Fosler
Fosler Portland Architecture, LLC
720 SW Ankeny St.
Portland, OR 97205

Owner: Overton Pearl, LLC
1626 NW 15th Ave
Portland, OR 97209

Site Address: 1315 NW OVERTON ST

Legal Description: BLOCK 228 LOT 1-4, COUCHS ADD
Tax Account No.: R180220570
State ID No.: 1N1E33AA 01400
Quarter Section: 2928
Neighborhood: Pearl District, contact Patricia Gardner at 503-228-3273.
Business District: Pearl District Business Association, contact Adele Nofield at 503-223-0070.

District Coalition: Neighbors West/Northwest, contact Mark Sieber at 503-823-4212.
Plan District: Central City - River District
Zoning: EXd, Central Employment with design overlay
Case Type: DZ, Design Review
Procedure: Type II, an administrative decision with appeal to the Design Commission.

Proposal:

The applicant seeks design review approval for the addition of rooftop mechanical equipment screening on top of the existing building at 1315 NW Overton Street in the North Pearl subdistrict of the Central City Plan District. The screenwall will be a 48" tall solid wall that is wrapped on the face and top with roofing membrane to match the three existing equipment

screenwalls as well as the building's roof. The new screenwall will enclose the west side of the mechanical platform that is located at the far eastern edge of the roof. The top of the proposed screenwall will align with the top of the existing solid walls that appear on the other three sides of the enclosure. New rooftop equipment and screening in the Central City Plan District requires design review.

Relevant Approval Criteria:

In order to be approved, this proposal must comply with the approval criteria of Title 33, Portland Zoning Code. The relevant criteria are:

- 33.825 Design Review
- Central City Fundamental Design Guidelines
- River District Design Guidelines

ANALYSIS

Site and Vicinity: This site is in the center of a unique strip of buildings within the neighborhood along the west side of 14th Avenue. This strip has maintained a strong industrial character even as new development has occurred nearby, and is likely to retain its historic character especially in relationship to 15th Ave and the massive freeway structure overhead to the west.

NW Overton Street is a designated Traffic Access Street, City Bikeway, City Walkway, (the site is also within the Northwest Triangle Pedestrian District) and Local Service Street in the City's Transportation System Plan. The River District Right-of-Way Standards document identifies NW Overton as an Existing Typical Street for the purposes of determining specific frontage improvements. The site frontage along this street is currently improved with paving, curbs and sidewalks, although they do not meet River District Standards.

NW 14th Avenue is a designated Major City Traffic Street, City Bikeway, Community Corridor and Local Service Street in the City's Transportation System Plan. The River District Right-of-Way Standards document identifies NW 14th as an Existing Typical Street for the purposes of determining specific frontage improvements. The site frontage along this street is currently improved with paving, curbs and sidewalks, although they do not meet River District Standards.

Zoning: The Central Employment (EX) zone allows mixed-uses and is intended for areas in the center of the City that have predominantly industrial-type development. The intent of the zone is to allow industrial and commercial uses which need a central location. Residential uses are allowed, but are not intended to predominate or set development standards for other uses in the area. The development standards are intended to allow new development which is similar in character to existing development.

The Design "d" overlay promotes the conservation, enhancement, and continued vitality of areas of the City with special scenic, architectural, or cultural value. The Design Overlay Zone also promotes quality high-density development adjacent to transit facilities. This is achieved through the creation of design districts and applying the Design Overlay Zone as part of community planning projects, development of design guidelines for each district, and by requiring design review or compliance with the Community Design Standards. In addition, design review or compliance with the Community Design Standards ensures that certain types of infill development will be compatible with the neighborhood and enhance the area.

Land Use History: City records indicate that prior land use reviews include the following:

- LU 07-178895 DZ – design review approval for existing warehouse renovation.

Agency Review: A "Notice of Proposal in Your Neighborhood" was mailed **January 10, 2011**. The following Bureaus have responded with no issues or concerns:

- Water Bureau (Exhibit E-1)
- Fire Bureau
- Life Safety Review Section of BDS
- Bureau of Environmental Services
- Bureau of Transportation Engineering
- Site Development Section of BDS
- Bureau of Parks-Forestry Division

Neighborhood Review: A Notice of Proposal in Your Neighborhood was mailed on January 10, 2011. No written responses have been received from either the Neighborhood Association or notified property owners in response to the proposal.

ZONING CODE APPROVAL CRITERIA

Chapter 33.825 Design Review

Section 33.825.010 Purpose of Design Review

Design review ensures that development conserves and enhances the recognized special design values of a site or area. Design review is used to ensure the conservation, enhancement, and continued vitality of the identified scenic, architectural, and cultural values of each design district or area. Design review ensures that certain types of infill development will be compatible with the neighborhood and enhance the area. Design review is also used in certain cases to review public and private projects to ensure that they are of a high design quality.

Section 33.825.055 Design Review Approval Criteria

A design review application will be approved if the review body finds the applicant to have shown that the proposal complies with the design guidelines for the area.

Findings: The site is designated with design overlay zoning (d), therefore the proposal requires Design Review approval. Because of the site's location, the applicable design guidelines are the Central City Fundamental Design Guidelines and River District Guidelines.

River District Design Guidelines and Central City Fundamental Design Guidelines

The River District is a remarkable place within the region. The area is rich with special and diverse qualities that are characteristic of Portland. Further, the River District accommodates a significant portion of the region's population growth. This area emphasizes the joy of the river, connections to it, and creates a strong sense of community. The goals frame the urban design direction for Central City and River District development.

The Central City Fundamental Design Guidelines and the River District Design Guidelines focus on four general categories. **(A) Portland Personality**, addresses design issues and elements that reinforce and enhance Portland's character. **(B) Pedestrian Emphasis**, addresses design issues and elements that contribute to a successful pedestrian environment. **(C) Project Design**, addresses specific building characteristics and their relationships to the public environment. **(D) Special Areas**, provides design guidelines for the four special areas of the Central City.

River District Design Goals

1. Extend the river into the community to develop a functional and symbolic relationship with the Willamette River.
2. Create a community of distinct neighborhoods that accommodates a significant part of the region's residential growth.
3. Enhance the District's character and livability by fostering attractive design and activities that give comfort, convenience, safety and pleasure to all its residents and visitors.
4. Strengthen connections within River District, and to adjacent areas.

Central City Plan Design Goals

1. Encourage urban design excellence in the Central City;
2. Integrate urban design and preservation of our heritage into the development process;
3. Enhance the character of the Central City's districts;
4. Promote the development of diversity and areas of special character within the Central City;
5. Establish an urban design relationship between the Central City's districts and the Central City as a whole;
6. Provide for a pleasant, rich and diverse pedestrian experience for pedestrians;
7. Provide for the humanization of the Central City through promotion of the arts;
8. Assist in creating a 24-hour Central City which is safe, humane and prosperous;
9. Ensure that new development is at a human scale and that it relates to the scale and desired character of its setting and the Central City as a whole.

Staff has considered all guidelines and has addressed only those guidelines considered applicable to this project.

C2. Promote Quality and Permanence in Development. Use design principles and building materials that promote quality and permanence.

C3. Respect Architectural Integrity. Respect the original character of an existing building when modifying its exterior. Develop vertical and horizontal additions that are compatible with the existing building, to enhance the overall proposal's architectural integrity.

C5. Design for Coherency. Integrate the different building and design elements including, but not limited to, construction materials, roofs, entrances, as well as window, door, sign, and lighting systems, to achieve a coherent composition.

C11. Integrate Roofs and Use Rooftops. Integrate roof function, shape, surface materials, and colors with the building's overall design concept. Size and place rooftop mechanical equipment, penthouses, other components, and related screening elements to enhance views of the Central City's skyline, as well as views from other buildings or vantage points. Develop rooftop terraces, gardens, and associated landscaped areas to be effective stormwater management tools.

Findings for C2, C3, C5 & C11: The proposed screenwall is constructed of wood framing and covered with quality, durable, roofing membrane material that will withstand the rigors of the urban environment, making it a permanent part of the building envelope. The flat screenwall surface blends into the overall architectural composition by completing the fourth wall of a pure rectangular form that sits at the far edge of the curving bow-string truss roof. The rectangular enclosure completely surrounds the rooftop equipment with monolithic wall surfaces and does not violate the purity of the existing roof form. Finally, the completed rooftop equipment screen creates another interesting roof form that can be viewed along NW 14th and 15th Avenues and does not impede existing grander views of the city skyline. *These guidelines have therefore been met.*

DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

Unless specifically required in the approval criteria listed above, this proposal does not have to meet the development standards in order to be approved during this review process. The plans submitted for a building or zoning permit must demonstrate that all development standards of Title 33 can be met, or have received an Adjustment or Modification via a land use review prior to the approval of a building or zoning permit.

CONCLUSIONS

The design review process exists to promote the conservation, enhancement, and continued vitality of areas of the City with special scenic, architectural, or cultural value. The proposed solid screenwall hides otherwise unsightly rooftop equipment and blends into the building's architecture in a positive manner. The proposal meets the applicable design guidelines and therefore warrants approval.

ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION

Design Review approval for rooftop mechanical equipment screening on top of the 1315 NW Overton Street building in the North Pearl subdistrict of the Central City Plan District. The screening includes the following:

- A 48" tall solid wall that encloses the west side of the mechanical platform located at the far eastern edge of the roof;
- Top of the new screenwall aligns with the top of the existing solid walls on the other three sides of the enclosure; and
- Screenwall to be finished with roofing membrane that matches the roof and surrounding walls.

Approved per the approved site plans, Exhibits C-1 through C-5 signed and dated January 31, 2011, subject to the following conditions:

- A. As part of the building permit application submittal, each of the 4 required site plans and any additional drawings must reflect the information and design approved by this land use review as indicated in Exhibits C.1-C.5. The sheets on which this information appears must be labeled, "Proposal and design as approved in Case File # LU 10-204046 DZ. No field changes allowed."

Staff Planner: Chris Caruso

Decision rendered by:  **on January 31, 2011.**
By authority of the Director of the Bureau of Development Services

Decision mailed: February 4, 2011

About this Decision. This land use decision is **not a permit** for development. Permits may be required prior to any work. Contact the Development Services Center at 503-823-7310 for information about permits.

Procedural Information. The application for this land use review was submitted on December 23, 2010, and was determined to be complete on **January 6, 2011.**

Zoning Code Section 33.700.080 states that Land Use Review applications are reviewed under the regulations in effect at the time the application was submitted, provided that the application is complete at the time of submittal or complete within 180 days. Therefore this application was reviewed against the Zoning Code in effect on December 23, 2010.

ORS 227.178 states the City must issue a final decision on Land Use Review applications within 120-days of the application being deemed complete. The 120-day review period may be waived or extended at the request of the applicant. In this case, the applicant did not waive or extend the 120-day review period. Unless further extended by the applicant, **the 120 days will expire on: May 7, 2011.**

Some of the information contained in this report was provided by the applicant.

As required by Section 33.800.060 of the Portland Zoning Code, the burden of proof is on the applicant to show that the approval criteria are met. The Bureau of Development Services has independently reviewed the information submitted by the applicant and has included this information only where the Bureau of Development Services has determined the information satisfactorily demonstrates compliance with the applicable approval criteria. This report is the decision of the Bureau of Development Services with input from other City and public agencies.

Conditions of Approval. If approved, this project may be subject to a number of specific conditions, listed above. Compliance with the applicable conditions of approval must be documented in all related permit applications. Plans and drawings submitted during the permitting process must illustrate how applicable conditions of approval are met. Any project elements that are specifically required by conditions of approval must be shown on the plans, and labeled as such.

These conditions of approval run with the land, unless modified by future land use reviews. As used in the conditions, the term “applicant” includes the applicant for this land use review, any person undertaking development pursuant to this land use review, the proprietor of the use or development approved by this land use review, and the current owner and future owners of the property subject to this land use review.

Appealing this decision. This decision may be appealed to the Design Commission, which will hold a public hearing. Appeals must be filed **by 4:30 PM on February 18, 2011** at 1900 SW Fourth Ave. Appeals can be filed Tuesday through Friday on the first floor of the Development Services Center until 3 p.m. After 3 p.m. and Mondays, appeals must be submitted to the receptionist at the front desk on the fifth floor. **An appeal fee of \$250 will be charged.** The appeal fee will be refunded if the appellant prevails. There is no fee for ONI recognized organizations appealing a land use decision for property within the organization’s boundaries. The vote to appeal must be in accordance with the organization’s bylaws. Low-income individuals appealing a decision for their personal residence that they own in whole or in part may qualify for an appeal fee waiver. In addition, an appeal fee may be waived for a low income individual if the individual resides within the required notification area for the review, and the individual has resided at that address for at least 60 days. Assistance in filing the appeal and information on fee waivers is available from BDS in the Development Services Center. Fee waivers for low-income individuals must be approved prior to filing the appeal; please allow 3 working days for fee waiver approval. Please see the appeal form for additional information.

The file and all evidence on this case are available for your review by appointment only. Please call the Request Line at our office, 1900 SW Fourth Avenue, Suite 5000, phone 503-823-7617, to schedule an appointment. I can provide some information over the phone. Copies of all information in the file can be obtained for a fee equal to the cost of services. Additional information about the City of Portland, city bureaus, and a digital copy of the Portland Zoning Code is available on the internet at www.portlandonline.com.

Attending the hearing. If this decision is appealed, a hearing will be scheduled, and you will be notified of the date and time of the hearing. The decision of the Design Commission is final; any further appeal must be made to the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) within 21 days of the date of mailing the decision, pursuant to ORS 197.620 and 197.830. Contact LUBA at 550 Capitol St. NE, Suite 235, Salem, Oregon 97301, or phone 1-503-373-1265 for further information.

Failure to raise an issue by the close of the record at or following the final hearing on this case, in person or by letter, may preclude an appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) on that issue. Also, if you do not raise an issue with enough specificity to give the Design Commission an opportunity to respond to it, that also may preclude an appeal to LUBA on that issue.

Recording the final decision.

If this Land Use Review is approved the final decision must be recorded with the Multnomah County Recorder. A few days prior to the last day to appeal, the City will mail instructions to the applicant for recording the documents associated with their final land use decision.

- *Unless appealed,* The final decision may be recorded on or after **February 22, 2011 – (the day following the last day to appeal).**
- A building or zoning permit will be issued only after the final decision is recorded.

The applicant, builder, or a representative may record the final decision as follows:

- By Mail: Send the two recording sheets (sent in separate mailing) and the final Land Use Review decision with a check made payable to the Multnomah County Recorder to: Multnomah County Recorder, P.O. Box 5007, Portland OR 97208. The recording fee is identified on the recording sheet. Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.
- In Person: Bring the two recording sheets (sent in separate mailing) and the final Land Use Review decision with a check made payable to the Multnomah County Recorder to the County Recorder's office located at 501 SE Hawthorne Boulevard, #158, Portland OR 97214. The recording fee is identified on the recording sheet.

For further information on recording, please call the County Recorder at 503-988-3034
For further information on your recording documents please call the Bureau of Development Services Land Use Services Division at 503-823-0625.

Expiration of this approval. An approval expires three years from the date the final decision is rendered unless a building permit has been issued, or the approved activity has begun.

Where a site has received approval for multiple developments, and a building permit is not issued for all of the approved development within three years of the date of the final decision, a new land use review will be required before a permit will be issued for the remaining development, subject to the Zoning Code in effect at that time.

Zone Change and Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment approvals do not expire.

Applying for your permits. A building permit, occupancy permit, or development permit may be required before carrying out an approved project. At the time they apply for a permit, permittees must demonstrate compliance with:

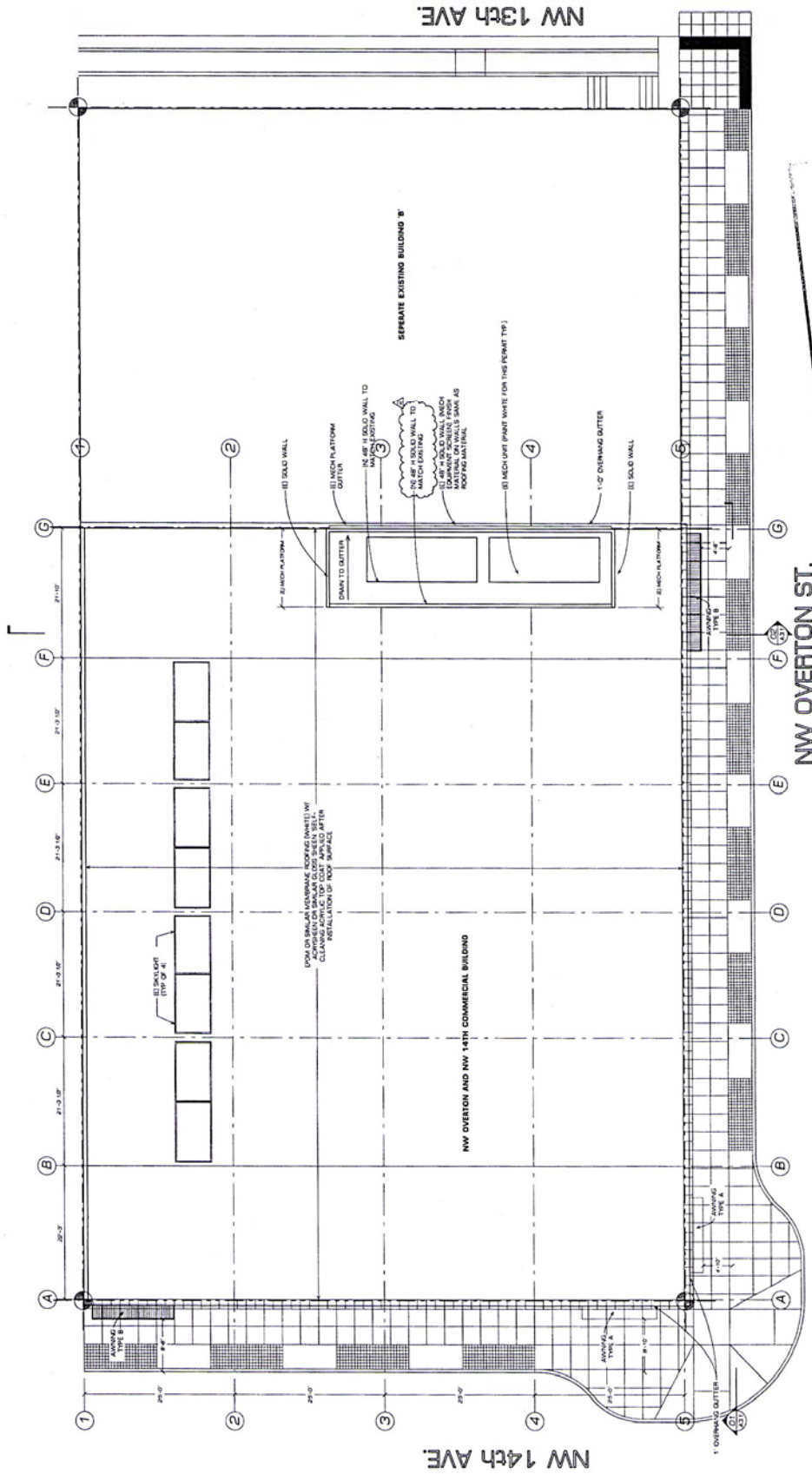
- All conditions imposed herein;
- All applicable development standards, unless specifically exempted as part of this land use review;
- All requirements of the building code; and
- All provisions of the Municipal Code of the City of Portland, and all other applicable ordinances, provisions and regulations of the City.

EXHIBITS

NOT ATTACHED UNLESS INDICATED

- A. Applicant's Statement
- B. Zoning Map (attached)
- C. Plans/Drawings:
 - 1. Site Plan (attached)
 - 2. Cover Sheet
 - 3. Elevations and Sections (attached)
 - 4. Photos
 - 5. Renderings
- D. Notification information:
 - 1. Mailing list
 - 2. Mailed notice
- E. Agency Responses:
 - 1. Water Bureau
- F. Correspondence: none received
- G. Other:
 - 1. Original LU Application
 - 2. Site History Research

The Bureau of Development Services is committed to providing equal access to information and hearings. Please notify us no less than five business days prior to the event if you need special accommodations. Call 503-823-7300 (TTY 503-823-6868).



Approved

City of Oakland - Bureau of Development

Planner D. Davis Date 11/21/11

* This approval applies only to the reviews requested and is subject to the conditions of approval. Additional zoning requirements may apply.

LU 10-2040AG D2 EXH. C-1

ROOF PLAN

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