

CASE FILE: EA 15-123301 DA (Design Advice Request)
15-190986 PR (Encroachment Review)

Center for Health and Healing South

REVIEW BY: Design Commission

WHEN: July 30, 2015 @ 1:30pm

WHERE: 1900 SW Fourth Ave., 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>

Location: Block 29, bounded by SW Whitaker, Curry, Moody and Bond
Block 28, bounded by SW Whitaker, Curry, Bond and River Parkway

Zoning/Designation: CXd – Central Commercial with design overlay

Neighborhood Contacts: South Portland NA,, contact Jim Gardner 503-227-2096,
South Portland Business Assoc., contact Kevin Countryman 503-750-2984,
Southwest Neighborhoods Inc., contact Leonard Gard at 503-823-4592.

Design Advice Request (DA) Proposal: A DA 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 request is for 2 new buildings in South Waterfront. Building 1 (Block 29, bounded by SW Whitaker, Curry, Moody and Bond) will be a 12-story Ambulatory Care Facility constructed on top of existing underground parking. Building 1 will be approximately 360,000 gross square feet. Building 2 (Block 28, bounded by SW Whitaker, Curry, Bond and River Parkway) will be a 10-story mixed-use structure, including 1 level of below-grade parking, ground level retail, ground level conference center, above-grade parking at floors 2-5, a central utility plant at floor 6, and guest housing above. Building 2 will be approximately 264,000 gross square feet.

Encroachment Review: An Encroachment Review is a mandatory review process that allows the Commission to make a recommendation to the City Engineer on proposed Encroachments. The City Engineer will make a recommendation to City Council, the final decision-maker on Encroachment Reviews. A City Council hearing will be scheduled separately after July 30th. The Encroachments proposed are two skybridges. One is 2 stories, at floors 3 and 4, and will connect Block 29 to the existing Center for Health and Healing over SW Whitaker Street. The second skybridge is 1 story, at floor 4, and will connect Blocks 28 and 29 over SW Bond Avenue.

*** To view project information (including drawings), please visit the Design Commission Agenda www.portlandoregon.gov/bds/PortlandDesignCommission and click on the link at the top of the first page. This link is continually updated for 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: Central City Fundamental Design Guidelines, South Waterfront Design Guidelines and Greenway Design Guidelines, Encroachments in the Public Right-of-Way.

*** Further information is available from the Bureau of Development Services. Please contact Kara Fioravanti at (503) 823-5892, Kara.Fioravanti@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.