

## MINUTES

### STOCKYARDS CITY URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE

July 12, 2006 - 1:30 p.m.  
Livestock Exchange Building

Note: These minutes are subject to Committee approval.

The meeting of the Stockyards City Urban Design Committee was called to order in conference room 109 of the Livestock Exchange Building, 2501 Exchange Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The meeting convened at 1:36 p.m. Notice of the meeting and agenda were filed with the City Clerk's office and posted on the Council bulletin board 24 hours prior to the meeting.

#### I. ROLL CALL

Members Present: R. Michael Barber, Chair  
Tom Garner, Vice-Chair  
Bob Bright  
Martha Kulmacz  
Ann Lee Suttles

Members Absent: none

Staff Present: John R. Calhoun, Planner II (Committee Secretary)  
Susan Miller, Planner IV, Planning Department

#### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVED. Motion: Kulmacz / Bright to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2006, Stockyards City Urban Design Committee meeting. Ayes: Barber, Garner, Bright, Kulmacz, Suttles. Nays: None. (No meetings were held in May or June.)

#### III. CASES FOR CONSIDERATION (no items)

#### IV. OTHER BUSINESS

IV-A. Zoning changes: Consider and discuss proposed Zoning Code.

Mr. Matt Brown participated in the discussion with the Committee members.

Staff noted that the general consensus for zoning changes is that the Stockyards City Urban Design Committee should continue in the existing SYD area, plus reviewing an enlarged area, and the new Riverfront board would not review those areas. However, the criteria for decision-making by the Stockyards City committee should support design standards similar to those stated for the Riverfront.

Mr. Barber talked about his conversations with Mr. Pat Downes, Executive Director of the Riverfront Authority, and the Riverfront Board Chair, Mr. Ron Norick.

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The proposed revision of the SYT Stockyards Transitional Zoning Code, submitted to Committee members, includes most of the general provisions of the SROD Scenic River Overlay proposal, and incorporated most of those in the SROD's Stockyards City/Fairgrounds section. Committee members and Mr. Brown discussed ideas of changing uses listed as "prohibited" to "conditional," which would be subject to Committee approval. Existing uses that become prohibited could continue in place, but would not be able to expand; one option to overcome such a rule has been to request a variance from the Board of Adjustment. The uses 2409, 2410.1, 2410.2, 2411, 2412, 2413, 2424.2, and 2602.2 (pages 3-5) were discussed. The consensus was that few changes should be made to the SROD language, in order to gain support for the expanded SYT role.

Ms. Kulmacz noted a discrepancy for the block length maximums in D.(1)(b)2.a. and D.(1)(b)3.b., on pages 8 and 9.

RECOMMENDED. Motion: Bright / Garner to recommend approval of the rezoning proposal as written, with the one correction. Ayes: Barber, Garner, Bright, Kulmacz, Suttles. Nays: None.

Staff agreed to revise the inconsistent wording and forward the proposal. Also, the Committee would receive copies of the use units listed in the Zoning Code. [Additional inconsistencies in the proposed SROD Code had also been found by other staff members; these will be corrected in the next revision of SYT.]

## V. COMMUNICATIONS

- V-A. Riverfront rezoning: Public meetings are scheduled for July 18. Stockyards City is included: Staff reported that the Riverfront meetings have been postponed to early August; they will be posted as special Committee meetings so that a quorum of members could be present to discuss business. [Since the Committee meeting, the Riverfront meetings have been scheduled for August 23 and 24.]
- V-B. On July 5, the City Council confirmed the Mayor's submissions for reappointment of Committee members Bright and Kulmacz for two-year terms ending September 24, 2007: Staff reported the Mayor's intent to reappoint Ms. Suttles on July 18. [It was done.]
- V-C. Ms. Susan Miller has joined the Planning Department staff, supervising design review and long-range planning. The Urban Design staff has moved to the north side of 420 W Main St, 9th floor.
- V-D. The City Council-approved budget adds a new position for a design review compliance inspector: Ms. Miller described the process for identifying the scope of work and hiring procedure.

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- V-E. The next scheduled meeting for the Stockyards City Urban Design Committee is Wednesday, September 13, 2006, at 1:30 p.m. New applications and information on continued projects are to be submitted to staff by 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 29.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT (3:07 p.m.)**

Motion: Kulmacz / Garner to adjourn the July 12, 2006, meeting of the Stockyards City Urban Design Committee. Ayes: Barber, Garner, Bright, Kulmacz, Suttles. Nays: None.

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