

URBANE DESIGN IN INDIANAPOLIS
Stable and Historic Areas Sub-Committee
Wednesday, October 12, 9:00 a.m.
Ball State College of Architecture and Planning
Indianapolis Center

Present: James Kienle, Co-chair, John Watson, Co-chair, David Baker, Jenelle Collins, Leslie Glantz, Pat Jacobs, Carolyn Schleif, Blake Wagner.

Staff: Bob Wilch, Harold Rominger, Scott Truex, John Byrnes.

Discussion

1. **“Sub-Committee Draft Recommendations”:** The co-chairs met after the sub-committee’s previous meeting and used Jim Kienle’s paper “Thoughts on Guiding Principles for Urban Design,” the study of other cities’ design review ordinances commissioned by Historic Landmarks Foundation, and sub-committee comments from the previous meetings to develop the attached “Sub-Committee Draft Recommendations” the review of which was begun at this meeting.

Additions/changes agreed to were the following:

- Indianapolis Historic Preservation Commission’s Local Historic Areas are adequately protected.
- The design review committee should report to the Metropolitan Development Commission or a committee the MDC designates.
- Add to site design or site improvement factors that should initiate the design review: parking lots, signage, permanent trees and shrubs.
- Add proposed building demolition to factors that should initiate the design review process.
- To Principle I add to the start of first sentence: “Where a traditional urban context exists” Add a second sentence “If no current context exists or the context is inappropriate look to the other principles to reintroduce context.”
- For Principle IV, it may be difficult to have actual numbers for percent and number of feet of setback.
- For Principle V change the third sentence to read “Surface parking in other areas should be behind buildings where feasible.” Add the two sentences: “Property owners are encouraged to develop shared parking with nearby users through shared use agreements. Shared use parking that encourages 24 hour utilization should be given added consideration.”

- For Principle VII:
 - Staff should research wording for Building Materials.
 - Change Storefront Windows to Pedestrian Level Windows.

- For Principle X change second sentence to read: “Buildings that were built more than 50 years ago are considered “historic” in character and repairs and alterations that relate to change are to be sympathetic to the original materials and coloration.”

2. Next Step: The Sub-Committee will continue review of the draft recommendations at the next meeting.

Next Meeting - Tuesday, October 25, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. at the Ball State University, CAP Indianapolis Center at 22 East Washington Street.