

JEFF CAR 2015 Design Review Team S106 Meeting Notes

Meeting #31: May 27, 2015

Time: 9-10 CT

I. Attendees

Role	Name	Participated
DRT Member	Tom Bradley	X
DRT Member	Maggie Hales	
DRT Member	Vern Remiger	X
DRT Member	Judith Deel	X
DRT Member	Toni Prawl	X
DRT Member	Bill Hart	
DRT Member	Karen Bode Baxter	
DRT Member	Kathryn Thomas	X
Facilitator	Margo Brooks	X
Great River Greenways	Lonny Boring	X
CAR2015	Anna Leavey	X
JEFF	Ed Dobbs	X
JEFF	Kathy Schneider	X
CRM Team	Susan Dolan	X
Trivers	Amy Huff	X

II. Old Courthouse Phase II Program

Amy Huff provided overviews of several aspects of the Phase II program for the Old Courthouse for the DRT to provide direction.

Family Restroom Location

The design team determined that there is a potential obstruction in the basement that could lead to the destruction of historic material when installing a family restroom in the initial preferred location off of one of the cross corridors northeast of the rotunda (alternative 1).

Huff presented three additional alternatives.

Alternative 2—would mirror Alternative 1 and put the restroom on the other side of the hallway. There is no basement obstruction; however the newly appointed conference room would need to be switched to the other side of the corridor.

Alternative 3A—would add a family restroom next to one of the existing restrooms. Little historic material would be affected but the space allotted for the bookstore would be severely limited. The bookstore would need to be relocated.

Alternative 3B—would modify the 2 existing bathrooms to make them accessible to the majority of people and add one family restroom. Less room would be taken out, but only one fully accessible restroom would be provided (not in compliance with agreements). Also, more historic fabric would be impacted and recently refurbished restroom would need further changes.

The park discussed some programming needs and then tabled that discussion for later. In general the DRT agreed that alternatives 2 and 3B were the best for historic fabric. This is in agreement with the Accessibility Boards findings. However, since the CRM Team had not

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commented on the plans, the design team was asked to get comments from them and to work together as design ideas moved forward.

Fire Protection

The concept for fire protection is to hide vertical piping in closets as much as possible. At the rotunda, the pipes would be visible for a short stretch and then be hidden within the rotunda. No sprinklers are proposed from the dome, but the interstitial space between the dome and the outer wall would be sprinkled.

The DRT agreed this was an acceptable approach and looks forward to seeing the details.

Penetrations from Utility Systems

Huff provided general diagrams explaining the rationale behind HVAC, electrical, and fire and protection systems, indicating where penetrations may be able to be reused and where new ones will be needed. They are proposing to put fire suppression outside of the main corridors, which will mean new wall penetrations, but these will be in drop ceilings.

The DRT understood the rationale and agree generally that the approach to keep as many pipes out of the main corridors as possible is sound. They understand that wire mold will still be needed to run wires to fixtures.

III. Site Furniture

Vern Reminger provided a short presentation on the replacement of the trash and recycling containers and placement and type of bicycle racks.

Trash/Recycling Receptacles

The project calls for the replacement of all trash receptacles and the addition of recycling containers within the park. A modern design with a light grey finish would be lighter than the light poles and compatible with the stone paving. Trash receptacles will have a grey button top. Recycling containers will have a green button top. There will be 62 pairs of containers (130 total) spread across the site, including Luther Ely Smith Square and the North Gateway and 6 of each container (12 total) bought as replacement stock. The receptacles will mostly be placed in areas where people are entering or leaving the site, with some placed along walkways. In general, these will be placed in the locations where receptacles were previously placed, except in the North Gateway and Luther Ely Smith Square where pedestrian patterns are changing.

There were some questions over the numbers and spacing of trash receptacles and a question about why the aggregate covered receptacles were not being used. One reason that they were to be replaced is that the receptacles are frequently vandalized and difficult to clean. A suggestion was made to reuse some of the current receptacles in key areas near the Arch since they were thought to be compatible with the landscape. It was unclear how many of the original containers were left. The CRM Team landscape advisor was not on the phone, so it was agreed that the park would answer the outstanding questions and consult with the CRM Team.

After the meeting, it was determined that the park had 124 containers throughout the park—with the majority (approximately 85) being trash receptacles and fewer being recycling receptacles. Only 40 remain and most are in poor condition. Additionally, the cultural landscape report (NPS 2010) was consulted for clarification. The CLR determined that the trash receptacle is incompatible with the Monument and states:

These trash receptacles are unrelated to the Saarinen/Kiley design. Although the existing trash receptacles are functional, they are somewhat intrusive due to their size and number. (page 4-38)

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Treatment recommendations are as follows:

Recommended Preservation Action:

- Retain, maintain, and limit the number of trash receptacles on the Memorial grounds to the minimum needed.

Recommendations for Future Design:

- In the future, consider replacing the existing trash receptacles with uniform, modern substitutes. The receptacles should be carefully placed so as not to be visually intrusive.
- Consider adding recycling bins. (page 5-28)

After consultation with the CRM Team landscape advisor, it was determined that the proposed receptacles were compatible with the site and that they will actually be placed in fewer locations than currently. As a result, the NPS decided that the proposed receptacles should be approved. NPS will continue to work with their advisors to determine the best placement of the receptacles.

Bike Racks

Proposed bike racks are approximately 2'5"-tall stainless-steel circles to be bolted to the pavement. 53 racks would be placed, 24 at the eastern park entrance and 7 on each side of the Grand Staircase (14 total).

There were no objects to the bike racks. They were approved as proposed.

IV. Future DRT Meeting Dates

June 30, 2015 @ 1 PM Central