

Pearl District Neighborhood Association
Planning, Design & Transportation Committee

Minutes for January 4, 2011

David August – Member	John Hirsch – Member	Pat Lydon – Member
John Baymiller - Member	Karen Hirsch – Member	Shiela McMahon – Member
Hugh d'Autremont – Member	LeRae Hunt – Member/Recess in the Pearl	Jason Naiman – Member
Peter Finley-Fry – Trader Vic's	Ron Jennings – Member	Steve Pinger – NWDA
Alyce Flitcraft – Member	Shaul Levi – Member	Jan Valentine – PDNA
Patricia Gardner – Chair	Catherine Levi – Member	
Bob Girsberger – Member	Bruce Levy – Member	

Trader Vics

- Peter Finley-Fry discussed the plans for a Trader Vic's restaurant in the former Manzana and Palamino's restaurant site at the corner of 12th and Glisan.
- The 3rd Trader Vic's in the chain was located at the Benson hotel for 30 years and closed in the mid-90s.
- The exterior design of the restaurant will include Trader Vic's themed Polynesian elements, such as tiki torches, and totem poles. The project will go through Type II design review, so the Committee will have a chance to review the design when it is further along in the process.
- Additional changes to the building will include improved ADA access, and an additional roof vent for a signature Trader Vic's Chinese oven required by City code.
- The windows are expected to be replaced to operable. It was discussed that it would be preferred if the windows were not as tinted to allow visibility of the restaurant from the outside (i.e. passing pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists).
- It was asked if exterior seating was planned. Finley-Fry responded that it was planned. Lydon mentioned that sidewalks tend to become blocked with exterior seating, and suggested that they be conscious of the sidewalk pedestrians when designing the exterior.
- A question was asked if the sign above the entrance in the design concept images was neon. Finley-Fry said that it would be a back lit neon sign.
- Finley-Fry mentioned that they would like to have the restaurant opened in April or May of 2011.

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- August move to approve the December 2 minutes as corrected. Flitcraft seconded. The motion passed with two abstentions.

Transportation

- Gardner presented a map of the Pearl divided into 6 sections. She asked each Committee member to walk each area to identify potential projects, such as cross walks, stop signs, and traffic signals. The information will be compiled at the next meeting and then used for the Access Circulation project.