



Meeting Summary

The Design Review Panel met virtually on **Thursday October 14, 2021** via WebEx.

Panel Members Present:

David Clusiau, *Chair*

Hoda Kameli

Jana Kelemen

Jennifer Mallard

Jennifer Sisson

Staff Present:

Shannon McKie, Senior Project Manager, Urban Team

Joe Buordolone, Planning Technician I, Urban Team

Jennifer Allen, Planner II, Urban Team

Others Present:

Presentation #1 Museum Addition 1072 Main Street East	David Coussi , Workshop Architecture Elaine Chau , Workshop Architecture Carolyn Samko , City of Hamilton
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Regrets:

Dayna Edwards (Panel Member)

Eldon Theodore (Panel Member)

Joey Giaimo (Panel Member)

Ted Watson (Panel Member)

Declaration of Interest: None

Schedule:

Start Time	Address	Type of Application	Applicant/ Agent	Development Planner
2:4 p.m.	Residential Development 1072 Main Street Eastt, Hamilton	Pre-consultation	Owner: Jondar Investments Inc. Agent and Presentation: T. Johns Consulting Group Ltd. and Revelhouse Architecture	Jennifer Allen, Planner II

Summary of Comments:

Note: The Design Review Panel is strictly an advisory body and makes recommendations to Planning Division staff. These comments should be reviewed in conjunction with all comments received by commenting agencies and should be discussed with Planning Division staff prior to resubmission.

1072 Main Street East, Hamilton

Development Proposal Overview

The proposal is to construct a one storey side and rear addition to the existing Hamilton Children's Museum. The proposed addition will have a total area of approximately 344.0 square metres and will consist of two new program rooms, two covered terraces and a lobby area to connect the new program rooms.

Key Questions to the Panel from Planning Staff

- Does the proposal organize space in a logical manner through the design, placement and construction of new buildings, streets, structures and landscaping?
- Does the proposal provide connections and access to all buildings and places for all users, regardless of age and physical ability?
- Does the proposal use materials that are consistent and compatible with the surrounding context?

Panel Comments and Recommendations

a) Overview and Response to Context (Questions 1, 2 and 3)

- One panel member identified that the viewshed from the central formal garden and fountain to the museum is important. Another panel member had concerns about the asymmetrical relationship between museum and the formal gardens access, recommending further consideration be taken to celebrate this relationship.

- One panel member highlighted the proposal creates passive surveillance through exterior design and planting; and,
- One panel member identified the features of the proposed addition, such as the proposed cyan glazed brick material, do not reflect the formal, organized and symmetrical character of Gage Park. Other panel members appreciated the playful materials and colours being appropriate for the use of a children's museum.

b) Built Form and Character (Questions 1 & 3)

- The panel appreciated the gable form and playful materials and colours of the proposed addition; and,
- The panel recommended reducing the surface area of the proposed addition covering the existing building, particularly from the view from Gage Park.

c) Site Layout and Circulation (Questions 1 & 2)

- The panel recommended reevaluating the front entrance to be more welcoming from the exterior and interior of the building. The panel agreed the vestibule entrance is too tight as proposed;
- One panel member suggested considering locating the proposed addition at grade to allow for better connectivity throughout the building and to avoid requiring the large ramps currently proposed.

d) Streetscape, The Pedestrian Realm & Landscape Strategy (Questions 1 & 3)

- The panel appreciated the preservation of trees and proposed planting varieties; and
- The panel recommended the landscaping be better integrated with the proposed design, particularly at the entrance to be more inviting and contribute more to the public realm.

Summary

The Design Review Panel is pleased with the proposed addition to the existing children's museum. The panel was generally supportive of the proposed building materials and colours recognizing the humour and playful design is appropriate for a children's museum. The panel recommended more consideration be given to the proposed front entrance to be more open and welcoming from the exterior and interior of the building. The panel suggested reducing the surface area of the addition which covers the existing building and recommended better integrating landscaping into the proposed design.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.