

## JEFF CAR 2015 Design Review Team S106 FINAL Meeting Notes

Meeting #2: October 11, 2012

### I. Attendance

Role	Name	Participated
DRT Member	Tom Bradley	X
DRT Member	Maggie Hales	
DRT Member	Vern Remiger	X
DRT Member	Judith Deel	X
DRT Member	Bill Hart	X
DRT Member	Karen Bode Baxter	
DRT Member	Ann Honious	X
DRT Member	Mark Miles	X
Advisor: CRM Team	Kathryn Thomas	X
Advisor: CRM Team	Tim Schilling	X
Advisor: CRM Team	Bob Moore	X
Advisor: CRM Team	Michael Evans	
Advisor: CRM Team	Marla McEnaney	X
Advisor: CRM Team	Al O'Bright	
Advisor: National Trust	Jennifer Sandy	
Advisor: National Trust	Betsy Merritt	
DSC	Ron Shields	X
DSC	Christopher Lewis	
DSC	Philip Lawrence	X
DSC	Rich Kagiyama	
DSC	Robert Parrish	
DSC	Ron Shields	
MVVA	James Smith	X
Cooper Robertson	Scott	X
Facilitator	Margo Brooks	X
Facilitator	Greg Cody	X
Other-NPS	Kathy Schneider	
Other-NPS	Dawn Bringleson	
Other		

### II. Presentation on Berm Height

Representatives from MVVA and Cooper Robertson provided a visual presentation on the berm height, including what factors on the interior building design as well as the entry plaza are driving the need to raise the berm height. Views were provided from inside the museum looking toward the courthouse, the middle of the courthouse steps looking toward the arch, beneath the arch looking toward the courthouse, and from the Illinois shore looking toward the courthouse for an increase in berm height of 3'6", 4'6" and 5'6", corresponding to ceiling heights on the interior of the building

of 12'6", 13'6" and 14'6". The presentation will be distributed to the DRT when it is received.

### III. Discussion of Berm Height

- Bob Moore compiled information on the history of the berm, which was emailed to the DRT during the presentation. He also recounted that the berms were not originally part of the design, but were added and executed as part of the design in 1957-1961. The berm height was later raised by NPS in order to help with traffic noise.
- There was general discussion about why the berm was being preserved. Kathryn Thomas made the point that it isn't the berm, but the views that are critical to preserve.
- There was a question about how the accessible paths will run through the berm. They will need to be depressed 5' from their current elevation. MVVA is working on a design that will smooth that transition.
- Tom Bradley suggested that NPS conduct an internal review of the materials received and formulate a proposal to circulate to the other DRT members for comment as they try to reach consensus on how to proceed with the berm height. MVVA and Cooper Robertson should receive a formal comment from the DRT in the next 7-10 days. The DRT members agreed to this.

### IV. Discussion of Security System

DRT members and advisors asked MVVA to provide a presentation at the next meeting about the proposed new security barrier system. Specific questions included what the walls might look like both from inside the memorial and from Memorial Drive, where the bollards would run as opposed to walls, and justification for the change in location of the security measures. The questions were brought up because there was not enough detail in the Schematic Design plans to determine the potential effect of the walls. MVVA will provide a presentation on October 30<sup>th</sup> to address these questions.

### V. Ely Smith Square SD Package

The DRT agreed that MVVA can move forward with the concept from the Ely Smith Square Schematic Design package to develop the Design Development package. Areas of concern that the designers should keep in mind are:

1. The archeology has not yet been done, so minimizing ground disturbance is desired. Initial archeological test results will come in by mid-November.
2. Views to the courthouse from the arch and from the arch to the courthouse should not be obscured by the new vegetation.
3. The security system along Memorial Drive still needs to be reviewed by the team before that design goes forward.

To address archeological concerns, MVVA can provide more information to Tim Schilling that shows that there is actually little excavation anticipated, since that was difficult to see on the design plans.

**VI. Formal Design Team Review Comments**

1. Ely Smith Square Design may proceed with the caveat that archeology is still outstanding. The results of the archeological testing will be known in mid-December.
2. The design team should keep in mind the views of the Courthouse and arch as they proceed with the Ely Smith Square design.
3. The DRT requests more information of the security barrier system along Memorial Drive and how that system will be integrated throughout the memorial. Questions include the general look, height and location of walls versus bollards with the understanding that further design would be needed to determine the exact look.
4. The DRT will return comments on the berm height within 7-10 days.

**VIII. Next Steps**

- A. Presentation. The presentation will be circulated to DRT members when it is received at DSC.
- B. Future reviews. In the future when design packages become available, they will be distributed. People will be encouraged to submit questions to the design team and the design team will provide a presentation on the design to answer those questions. The DRT will then meet approximately one week later to discuss implications and provide comments on the package.
- C. Next Meeting
  - Tuesday, October 30 at 9 am Central  
*Topic: General Project/Progress Overview & Presentation on Security Barrier System*
  - There will likely be another meeting on Tuesday November 6 to discuss the October 30 presentation and develop formal comments.