



MINUTES

**City of Gig Harbor Design Review Board
Meeting of February 27th, 2025
Civic Center, 3510 Grandview Street
5:30 PM**

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This meeting may also be viewed live in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center.

- I. **Call to order: 5:30 pm**
- II. **Roll call:** Jon Ashlock, Darrin Filand, Kristine Isberg and Brianne Blackburn
Staff Present: Jeremy Hammar and Cindy Andrews
- III. **Approval of Minutes: January 23rd, 2025**

MOTION: Move to approve the minutes of January 23rd, 2025, as written. Ashlock/Blackbrn all in favor. Motion carried
- IV. **Agenda Items for Formal Review.** Review will be conducted in the following order for each item.
 - a. Announcement of Application
 - b. Open Public Meeting Announcement
 - c. Appearance of Fairness Issues
 - d. Staff Report
 - f. Applicant Introduction and Presentation
 - h. Public Comment (See Assistance Memo)
 - i. Discussion and Voting
1. **GIG HARBOR FIRE & MEDIC ONE, STATION 51, 6711 KIMBALL DR., GIG HARBOR: Gig Harbor & Medic One, Station #51, (PL-DR-24-0017).**
The site is located at 6711 Kimball Dr., | Parcel Number - 022183129.

CONTINUATION OF THE JANUARY 23RD, 2025 MEETING.

The proposal includes the demolition of the existing Fire Station 51 and the construction of a new 22,000 square-foot, two-story facility in approximately the same location as the previous facility. The new facility will house up to 10 career fire and medical emergency response staff and one battalion fire chief. Site improvements include the replacement of the existing fuel island with a new fuel island, new stormwater quality retention systems, parking improvements for staff and public use, and a new public space between the new building and the Kimball Drive entrance.

The applicant is proposing two design exceptions pursuant to GHMC 17.98.060, requesting relief from the specific requirements of GHMC 17.99.300 and 17.99.330, and proposing design alternatives for the specific requirements of GHMC 17.99.180 and 17.99.380.B.2.

Chair Filand opened the meeting introducing the applicant for their presentation:

Applicant Presentation: Howard Struve of Rice Fergus Miller. Mr. Struve outlined made to the proposal requested by the DRB members.

DRB members discussion: All DRB members agree that simplifying the design would represent a better design.

DRB members recommendation: Members recommended that the burnt cedar siding material could be applied to the south side elevation, utilizing one or two materials at most. Western elevation, upper balcony and gable projections, a good utilization of the metal railing and glass, simplifying the gables or trusses. The fire house numbers should be more proportionate and incorporate them more into the building. Give more consideration to the rooflines at the right end of the large bay doors, and also, include more detail to the trim.

MOTION: Move to approve the project with the design recommendations on the west and south elevation as noted. With those recommendations included in the design it will make the design equivalent or superior to the Design Manual and would meet the 13 components of the Design Manual. Additionally, the simplification of the roof line and removing the hip on the back elevation of the roofline as well as removing the clearstory monitors, although it lengthens the ridgeline, is a superior design solution as it simplifies the overall building composition. Filand/Ashlock – all in favor. Motion carried.

V. **Upcoming Meetings** March 27, 2025. Rosedale Preliminary Plat.

Brianne will not be available.

VI. **Adjourn** at 6:27 pm

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 6:27 pm. Filand/Ashlock – all in favor. Motion carried.

Public comment is taken during the formal review portion of the agenda, specific to the application being considered. As a recommending body for project permits, the DRB acts in a quasi-judicial manner and, therefore, does not take general public comment.