

REQUEST:

Mayor Beutler has asked the Urban Design Committee and Historic Preservation Commission to meet jointly, discuss, and advise on proposals for the private property west of Lincoln Station, formerly the area of Tracks 1 and 2 (between the two railroad canopies).

DISCUSSION:

The West Haymarket Streetscape design team has shown the joint boards designs for streetscape improvements in the space between the canopies, west of Lincoln Station, including rain gardens, benches, and other amenities.

This space is private property which the City is interested in assisting with improvements, due to its prominence in the West Haymarket development. Due to this possibility of public assistance, the advice of the design boards is requested.

Jim Arter, managing partner to Lincoln Station Partnership, has engaged Erickson Sullivan Architects to assist in the design of the space, which he refers to as "Lincoln Crossing." A design proposal for Lincoln Crossing is attached.

Mayor Beutler is also interested in exploring the desirability of incorporating public art in the space, namely a playful bronze sculpture of a train by artist Tom Otterness. Otterness originally proposed this composition for the Pinnacle Bank Arena entrance plaza. The artist's proposal is also enclosed.