



City of Portland Design Commission

Design Advice Request Overview

Why we're here

Here's what you can expect:



What we do

Design Advice Requests (DAR) are a form of early assistance and are intended to provide feedback on early design concepts prior to Design Review. This feedback is advisory and preliminary in nature. This meeting is not a land use review. Decisions are not made in the DAR process.



Our criteria

Design Guidelines are used to guide the conversation during the DAR because they are the approval criteria used in Design Review. All feedback should relate to the concept's response to the context, public realm, or quality and permanence. Guidelines generally address one or more of these design tenets. Copies of the Design Guidelines are available in the hearings room and can be found online at: portlandoregon.gov/designguidelines



Your participation

The Design Commission relies on Portlanders to bring their perspective on their community. Portland has a strong design legacy that continues through this process. Your early input on significant projects helps to make sure we get this right. Your continued participation through the Land Use Review is necessary for your comments to be part of the record. You can find more information on projects at: www.portlandoregon.gov/designcommission



Outside our scope

The Design Commission only has the authority to influence elements of a project that relate to the approval criteria. For example, guidelines do not address private views. There are other resources for questions and feedback on issues that the Design Commission cannot address (see below).

Here are other resources:

Office of Community & Civic Life
503-823-4519
portlandoregon.gov/civic

- Neighborhood Association Information
- Crime Prevention
- Noise Control Program
- Neighborhood Mediation

Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (BPS)
503-823-7700
portlandoregon.gov/bps

- Off-street Parking Requirements
- Upcoming Legislative Projects on Zoning

Bureau of Transportation (PBOT)
503-823-5185
portlandoregon.gov/transportation

- On Street Parking
- Construction Impacts on Streets & Sidewalks