



MINUTES – UNAPPROVED

DESIGN REVIEW BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

3:00 P.M.
City Hall – Council Chambers
130 Cremona Drive, Suite B,
Goleta, California

Members of the Design Review Board

Scott Branch (Architect), Chair
Dennis Whelan (Architect) Vice-Chair
Martha Degasis (Landscape Professional)
Cecilia Brown (At Large Member)
James van Order (At Large Member)
James King (At Large Member)
Karis Clinton (Alternate)

Mary Chang, Secretary
Deborah S. Lopez, City Clerk
Caitlin Colyer, PER Commission Clerk

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Branch called the Design Review Board meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL OF DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

Board Members present: Chair Branch, Vice Chair Whelan, Member King, Member van Order, Member Brown

Board Members absent: Member Degasis

Staff present: Staff present: Mary Chang, Supervising Senior Planner; Travis Lee, Associate Planner; Brian Hiefield, Associate Planner; Caitlin Colyer, PER Commission Clerk.

PUBLIC FORUM

AMENDMENTS OR ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

A. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

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A.1 REVIEW OF AGENDA

A.2 Review and Approve Design Review Board Meeting Minutes from September 10, 2024

Review and approve Design Review Board meeting Minutes from September 10, 2024.

Minutes

MOTION: Vice Chair Whelan moved, seconded by Member King, to
1. Approve the Design Review Board meeting Minutes from September 10, 2024.

VOTE: Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Chair Branch, Vice Chair Whelan, and Members King, van Order, and Brown. Noes: None. Absent: Member Degasis

B. CONCEPTUAL/PRELIMINARY/FINAL REVIEW

B.1 5599 Hollister Ave (APN: 071-140-057), Angelo's Liquor As-built Signs and California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Exemption, Case Nos. 24-0035-ZC and 24-0024-DRB

1. Adopt DRB and CEQA Findings provided as Attachment A; 2. Adopt CEQA Categorical Exemption § 15311(a) for the as-built signage as Attachment B; and 3. Conduct Conceptual/Preliminary/Final review and approve (or approve with conditions).

Staff Report

Att A - Findings

Att B - Notice of Exemption

Att C - Plans

Site visit and no ex parte discussions reported by Chair Branch, Vice Chair Whelan and Members King and van Order. No site visit and no ex parte discussions reported by Member Brown.

Staff Speaker: Travis Lee, Associate Planner

Applicant Wasantha Mohottige of Visual Image Design presented the plans.

Public Speakers: None.

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MOTION: Vice Chair Whelan moved, seconded by Member Brown, to continue this item to October 22, 2024. The Applicant is to work with Staff to make sure the proposal conforms to sign regulations and the Overall Signage Plan; more specifically that the character of the building not be compromised and the sign background be reduced.

VOTE: Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Chair Branch, Vice Chair Whelan, and Members King, van Order, and Brown. Noes: None. Absent: Member Degasis

C. CONCEPTUAL REVIEW

C.1 210 Old Ranch Drive (APN 079-570-068), Linberg As-Built Fence and Retaining Wall, Case Nos. 24-0025-DRB and 24-0011-LUP

1. Conduct Conceptual review and provide comments to applicant.

Staff Report
Att A - Project Plans

Site visit and no ex parte discussions reported by Chair Branch, Vice Chair Whelan and Member van Order. No site visit and no ex parte discussions reported by Members King and Brown.

Staff speaker: Brian Hiefield, Associate Planner

Applicant was not present.

Members made the following comments:

Member King: Stated he agreed with the Public Comment of Don Wilson; this project has a stockade appearance that doesn't go with the neighborhood.

Member van Order: He echoed it is difficult to support this project because the fence is too tall. It creates an even taller structure, which he could possibly support if it was set further back with some landscaping. He stated the galvanized fence posts with the wiring was invocative of penal institutions and did not support the project.

Member Brown: Stated it would be the only fenced front yard in the neighborhood; she was not supportive of a fence that high in a front yard because it detracts from the nature of the structure and how it relates to other structures in the neighborhood. She wished the Applicant was there

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to explain why they wanted this project built. Overall, she stated it is inappropriate and she did not support it.

Vice Chair Whelan: Stated he noticed this could be requested by the Applicant due to privacy concerns of the second story home across the street. This project was so out of character and the size/scale seemed a tiny bit mean spirited. He felt landscaping could be an ideal solution for the Applicant's predicament.

Chair Branch: Understands the intent of the project but doesn't agree with how this project is executed. This project feels higher due to the retaining wall. Adding the wires to the top is a bad idea and too tall. There's not much you could grow in the set back, but maybe something like a creeping fig/6-8 foot hedge could soften the aesthetic. He stated when someone comes into the Design Review Board asking for forgiveness instead of permission, it puts the Board in a tough place. His suggested planting something to cover the stark fence, which is massive and foreboding, could possibly help.

The Board is not in favor of this project.

Public Speakers: None.

D. FINAL REVIEW

D.1 Karam Addition, 6422 Caroldale Ln (APN 077-432-018), Case Nos. 24-0013-LUP and 24-0026-DRB

1. Conduct Final Design Review for the Karam Addition project.

Staff Report

Att A - Plans

Site visit and no ex parte discussions reported by Chair Branch, Vice Chair Whelan and Member van Order. No site visit and no ex parte discussions reported by Members King and Brown.

Staff speaker: Travis Lee, Associate Planner

Applicant Ben Crinsmen of Outside Architecture presented the plans.

Public speakers: None.

MOTION: Member Brown moved, seconded by Member van Order, to
1. Final approval for the Karam Addition project with the following conditions: move the shade tree further into the

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property and submit the shade tree type to Member Degasis for conformance review.

VOTE: Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Chair Branch, Vice Chair Whelan, Member King, Member van Order, Member Brown. Noes: None. Absent: Member Degasis

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MEMBERS AND STAFF

Mary Chang, Supervising Senior Planner stated the Design Review Board meeting of October 8, 2024 is cancelled. She amended the record for item B.1 stating the date for Applicant's to come back is actually October 22nd, not the 24th.

Vice Chair Whelan stated he would not be able to attend the October 22nd meeting.

Member Brown asked if there would only be one meeting in November and December of 2024. Supervising Senior Planner Mary Chang confirmed that yes only one meeting would be held each of those months.

F. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:59 P.M.