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# **REGULAR MEETING**

Tuesday, November 25, 2008

# CONSENT CALENDAR

Scott Branch, Planning Staff

# SIGN SUBCOMMITTEE – 2:45 P.M.

Members: Carl Schneider, Cecilia Brown, Thomas Smith

# STREET TREE SUBCOMMITTEE - 2:00 P.M.

Members: Chris Messner, Bob Wignot, Simon Herrera

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA - 3:00 P.M.

# **REGULAR AGENDA – 3:15 P.M.**

# GOLETA CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS 130 CREMONA DRIVE, SUITE B, GOLETA, CALIFORNIA

## Members:

Bob Wignot (At-Large Member), Chair Thomas Smith (At-Large Member), Vice Chair Scott Branch (Architect) Cecilia Brown (At-Large Member) Simon Herrera (Landscape Contractor) Chris Messner (Landscape Contractor) Carl Schneider (Architect)

## Notices:

- Requests for review of project plans or change of scheduling should be made to the City of Goleta, 130 Cremona Drive, Suite B, Goleta, California, 93117; Telephone (805) 961-7500.
- In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the City of Goleta at (805) 961-7500. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City staff to make reasonable arrangements.
- Preliminary approval or denial of a project by the Design Review Board may be appealed to the Goleta Planning Commission within ten (10) calendar days following the action. Please contact the Planning and Environmental Services Department for more information.
- Design Review Board approvals do not constitute Land Use Clearances.
- The square footage figures on this agenda are subject to change during the review process.
- The length of Agenda items is only an estimate. Applicants are responsible for being available when their item is to be heard. Any item for which the applicant is not immediately available may be continued to the next meeting.



# A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

## B. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

### **B-1. MEETING MINUTES**

A. Design Review Board Minutes for November 12, 2008

## B-2. STREET TREE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

## **B-3. PLANNING DIRECTOR REPORT**

- C. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** General comments regarding topics over which the Design Review Board has discretion will be allowed. Comments from concerned parties regarding specific projects not on today's agenda will be limited to three minutes per person.
- **D. REVIEW OF AGENDA:** A brief review of the agenda for requests for continuance.

# E. CONSENT CALENDAR SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

- F. CONSENT CALENDAR
  - NONE
- G. SIGN SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

## H. SIGN CALENDAR

## H-1. DESIGN REVIEW BOARD PERMIT NO. 08-131-DRB

5505-5585 Overpass Road & 5410 Hollister Avenue (APN 071-330-011 & 071-330-012) This is a request for *Final* review. The property includes the approved Sumida Gardens Apartments development, which will contain 9 buildings totaling 194,448 square feet on approximately 10.26 acres in the DR-20 zone district. The applicant requests a new Overall Sign Plan (OSP) for the Sumida Gardens Apartments development. The proposed OSP provides for five (5) different types of signs: monument and identification signs; directional signs; pool signage; parking signage; and miscellaneous signage. The OSP would specify the design and maximum number of signs of each type and the maximum sign area for each permissible sign. A total of 20 sign types are proposed. Sign materials generally consist of wood, aluminum, and acrylic. Sign colors are generally ivory, gold, beige, brown, red, and green. Some signs are proposed to be internally illuminated. The project was filed by Craig Minus of The Towbes Group, agent for Sumida Family Limited Partnership, property owner. Related cases: 08-131-OSP; -CUP. (Continued from 11-12-08, 10-14-08, 9-09-08\*, 8-12-08) (Shine Ling)

Comments from prior DRB meeting:

#### 11-12-08 Meeting (Unapproved Minutes):

- 1. Member Branch commented: a) All of the signs are fine.
- 2. Vice Chair Smith commented: a) The changes made by the applicant in response to the DRB comments are a definite improvement.

MOTION: Branch moved, seconded by Messner, and carried by a 4 to 0 vote (Recused: Schneider; Absent: Brown, Wignot) to grant Preliminary Approval of Item H-1, No. 08-131-DRB, 5505-5585 Overpass Road & 5410 Hollister Avenue, as submitted, noting that the Zoning Administrator's approval may be subject to a change with regard to the actual street name in the street address on the off-site monument sign; and to continue to November 25, 2008, for Final review.

# I. REVISED FINAL CALENDAR

• NONE

## J. FINAL CALENDAR

### J-1. DESIGN REVIEW BOARD PERMIT NO. 07-141-DRB

6325 Lindmar Drive (APN 073-005-021)

This is a request for Final review. The property includes a 27,927-square foot industrial/manufacturing building, 20,276-square feet of courtyards, loading docks and parking, an as-built 1,964-square foot solvent storage/water treatment enclosure/addition, and 23,535-square feet (32%) of landscaping on a 73,616square foot lot in the M-RP zone district. The applicant proposes to construct a mechanical courtyard in the existing courtyard between buildings A and C, construct two new mechanical roof wells (one on building B and one on building C), permit the aforementioned as-built 1,964-square foot solvent storage area on the west side of building A, permit an as-built parking lot on the east side of buildings B and C (which requires the removal of 1,167-square feet of landscaping), alter the loading area on the west side of building A, abandon an existing driveway on the north side of the property, remove equipment from the front yard setback for re-location into the proposed mechanical courtyard, remove an unpermitted parking lot storage area on the southwest side of the property, and re-locate equipment from the side yard (along the south property line) setback. All materials used for this project are to match the existing buildings with the exception of new lighting, which will be Lamps Plus bronze, 9" high outdoor dark sky tube lights. The project was filed by agent Bruce Burke on behalf of James L. Bartlett, property owner. Related cases: 07-141-DP AM01; 07-141-LUP. (Continued from 10-14-08\*, 08-26-08) (Laura VIk)

Comments from prior DRB meeting:

### 08-26-08 Meeting:

1. The addition of trees in the front would be nice and would soften the building.

2. The colors need to be called out on the plans.

MOTION: Brown moved, seconded by Branch and carried by a 7 to 0 vote to grant Preliminary Approval of Item L-1, No. 07-141-DRB, 6325 Lindmar Drive, with the following conditions: 1) the applicant shall provide a landscape plan that includes the addition of trees on the eastern elevation and northern elevation; and 2) the colors shall be called out on the plans; and to continue for Final review on the Final Calendar on October 14, 2008.

#### K. PRELIMINARY CALENDAR

#### K-1. DESIGN REVIEW BOARD PERMIT NO. 07-171-DRB

351 S. Patterson Avenue/Hollister Avenue (APNs 065-090-022, -023, -028) This is a request for *Preliminary* review of a new application for the Goleta Valley Cottage Hospital which proposes to improve its existing facilities in order to comply with State Senate Bill 1953, a law requiring the seismic retrofit and/or upgrading of all acute care facilities. Existing development consists of a 93,090square foot hospital and a 41,224-square foot Medical Office Building (MOB).

The applicant proposes to replace the hospital with an entirely new facility and demolishing the old hospital building, resulting in a total of 152,658 square feet, a net increase of approximately 59,568 square feet. The existing MOB located north of the hospital is also proposed to be replaced and will be demolished, resulting in a total of 55,668 square feet, a net increase of approximately 14,444 square feet.

Parking to serve both the hospital and MOB uses will be redeveloped on both sites and a temporary construction parking area including 377 spaces is proposed across South Patterson Avenue in the northwestern portion of the parcel known as the "Hollipat" site.

Phased construction is planned through 2011 in a manner that will continue to provide all existing medical services to the community.

The hospital, MOB, and a portion of the Hollipat parcels have a General Plan Land Use Designation of Office & Institutional. The hospital parcel has a Hospital Overlay. The remaining portion of the Hollipat parcel has split land use designations of medium and high density residential. The zoning for the hospital, MOB, and a portion of the Hollipat parcel is Professional & Institutional (PI). The remaining portion of the Hollipat parcel has split zoning of Design Residential, 20 and 25 units per acre. The MOB parcel and a portion of the Hollipat parcel have a Design Control Overlay and the southern portion of the hospital parcel has the Approach Zone Overlay. The project was filed by agent Suzanne Elledge on behalf of the Goleta Valley Cottage Hospital, property owner. Related cases: 07-171-OA, 07-171-DP. (Continued from 7-8-08, 6-24-08, 5-28-08, 5-13-08\*, 2-12-08, 01-23-08, 12-18-07, 11-06-07) (Cindy Moore)

Comments from prior DRB meeting regarding Temporary Parking Lot Only:

### 7-8-08 Meeting:

- 1. Member Brown commented: a) the applicant has done a good job with the landscape plan to try to make the temporary parking lot attractive, considering the constraints with regard to the temporary parking lot site; and b) the planting materials will provide a nice robust "hedge" to help soften the temporary parking lot.
- 2. Member Schneider commented: a) there are some constraints at this time, however, it is understood that this parking lot is a temporary situation and that the real improvements will need to happen when this site is developed or at some other point in the future; and b) there are some other issues, which include the bioswale being in the right-of-way along Patterson Avenue, that will need to be worked out by the applicant with Community Services staff as the project progresses.

MOTION: Schneider moved, seconded by Branch, and carried by a 7 to 0 vote that Conceptual review of Item M-3, No. 07-171-DRB, 351 S. Patterson Avenue/Hollister Avenue, has been completed with comments, and the item will be taken off calendar to continue with further processing.

# L. CONCEPTUAL/PRELIMINARY CALENDAR

## L-1. DESIGN REVIEW BOARD PERMIT NO. 08-194-DRB

5755 Hollister Avenue (APN 071-122-001)

This is a request for *Conceptual/Preliminary* review. The property includes an approximately 1,000-square foot retail commercial building a 912-square foot gasoline fueling station canopy, three double-sided fueling dispensers, and a car storage lot on a 25,000-square foot commercial property in the C-2 and C-3 zone districts. The applicant proposes new blue and white aluminum fascia panels for the fueling station canopy and the service station façade. No new floor area or other structural development is proposed. The project was filed by Harwood White, agent, on behalf of John Price of Goleta Properties LLC, property owner. Related cases: 08-194-LUP. (Shine Ling)

## M. CONCEPTUAL CALENDAR

### M-1. DESIGN REVIEW BOARD PERMIT NO. 08-109-DRB

550 South Patterson Avenue & 5305/5324 Ekwill Street (APNs 065-090-029, 034, & 036) This is a request for *Conceptual* review. 550 South Patterson Avenue is already fully developed with approximately 97,000 square feet of office and warehouse space. 5305 Ekwill Street is partially developed with approximately 79,000 square feet of existing warehouse and office space south of the existing Ekwill cul-de-sac. That portion of 5305 Ekwill Street to the north of the cul-de-sac, as well as the easterly half of 5324 Ekwill Street, is currently improved and fenced as a gravel parking area for tractor/trailer rigs used in the applicant's food and beverage distribution business. There is approximately 7,000 square feet of existing office space and associated parking and landscaping on the western half of 5324 Ekwill Street.

The proposed project involves a final development plan application for a 2,880-square foot expansion of existing office space and corresponding 1,600-square

\* Indicates request for continuance to a future date.

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foot reduction in existing warehouse space at facilities owned by the applicant located at 5305 Ekwill Street; demolition of 6,680 square feet of existing office space and construction of 51,080 square feet or new warehouse, 11,320 square feet of office space, 1,600-square foot truck washing facility, loading docks, and truck parking located at 5324 Ekwill Street and the portion of 5305 Ekwill Street north of the Ekwill Street cul-de-sac currently being used for tractor/trailer parking.

Additional project elements include a request for abandonment of 22,679 square feet of Ekwill Street right-of-way (ROW) easement and 4,699 square feet of Ekwill Street ROW held in fee by the City to allow for the proposed facility expansion. In return the applicant is offering to dedicate 2,723 square feet of property owned by the applicant at 550 South Patterson Avenue to be used for a cul-de-sac at the proposed eastern terminus of Ekwill Street.

The project includes landscaping, utility, and drainage improvements to serve new development on 5324 Ekwill Street and the northern portion of 5305 Ekwill Street as well as changes to parking and landscaping on the southerly portion of 5305 Ekwill Street and 550 South Patterson Avenue to support the proposed facility expansion.

Although not part of the DRB's review, the project also includes a lot line adjustment application to adjust the lot lines between 5324 and 5305 Ekwill Street; a modification to the City's parking requirements to allow for eight (8) fewer parking spaces than required under City ordinance, a rezoning application to rezone 5324 Ekwill Street and the northern portion of 5305 Ekwill Street from PI (Professional & Institutional) to M-1 (Light Industrial); an ordinance amendment application to provide for a project specific exemption in the Goleta Growth Management Ordinance (GGMO); and a General Plan Amendment (GPA) application to change the existing General Plan land use designation of 5324 Ekwill Street and the northern portion of 5305 Ekwill Street from I-OI (Office & Institutional) to I-G (General Industrial).

The project was filed by Suzanne Elledge Planning & Permitting Services, agent on behalf of Jordano's Inc and Ekwill Properties, property owner. Related cases: 08-109-GPA, RZ, OA, LLA, FDP. (Alan Hanson)

## N. ADVISORY CALENDAR

- NONE
- O. DISCUSSION ITEMS

# O-1. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS BY MEMBERS

- O-2. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MEMBERS
- P. ADJOURNMENT

# Design Review Board Abridged Bylaws and Guidelines

#### Purpose (Design Review Board Bylaws, 1.1)

The purpose of the City Design Review Board (DRB) is to encourage development that exemplifies the best professional design practices so as to enhance the visual quality of the environment, benefit surrounding property values, and prevent poor quality of design.

#### Authority (Design Review Board Bylaws, 1.2)

The Goleta City Council established the DRB and DRB Bylaws in March of 2002 (Ordinance No. 02-14 as amended by Ordinance No. 02-26). DRB Bylaws have subsequently been amended through Resolutions 02-69, 04-03, 05-27, and 07-22. The DRB currently operates under Bylaws from Resolution 07-22.

# **Design Review Board Procedures**

#### Goals (Design Review Board Bylaws, 1.3)

The DRB is guided by a set of general goals that define the major concerns and objectives of its review process. These goals are to:

- 1) ensure that development and building design is consistent with adopted community design standards;
- 2) promote high standards in architectural design and the construction of aesthetically pleasing structures so that new development does not detract from existing neighborhood characteristics;
- 3) encourage the most appropriate use of land;
- 4) promote visual interest throughout the City through the preservation of public scenic, ocean and mountain vistas, creation of open space areas, and providing for a variety of architectural styles;
- 5) preserve creek areas through restoration and enhancement, discourage the removal of significant trees and foliage;
- 6) ensure neighborhood compatibility of all projects;
- ensure that architecture will respect the privacy of neighbors and is considerate of private views and solar access;
- 8) ensure that grading and development are appropriate to the site and that long term visible scarring of the landscape is avoided where possible;
- 9) preserve and protect native and biologically and aesthetically valuable nonnative vegetation or to ensure adequate and appropriate replacement for vegetation loss;
- 10) ensure that the continued health, safety and welfare of the neighborhood are not compromised;
- 11) provide for adequate street design and sufficient parking for residents and guests in a safe and aesthetically pleasing way;
- 12) ensure that construction is in appropriate proportion to lot size;
- 13) encourage energy efficiency; and
- 14) ensure that air circulation between structures is not impaired and shading is minimized on adjacent properties.

#### Aspects Considered in Review (Design Review Board Bylaws, 6.1)

The DRB shall review each project for conformity with the purpose of this Chapter, the applicable comprehensive plan policies and guidelines, including without limitation, the Goleta Old Town Heritage District Architecture and Design Guidelines, the Highway 101 Corridor Design Guidelines, the Goleta Architecture and Design Standards for Commercial Projects, and the applicable City sign and zoning regulations. The DRB's review shall include:

1)Height, bulk, scale and area coverage of buildings and structures and other site improvements.

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- 2) Colors and types of building materials and application.
- 3) Physical and design relation with existing and proposed structures on the same site and in the immediately affected surrounding area.
- 4) Site layout, orientation, and location of buildings, and relationship with open areas and topography.
- 5) Height, materials, colors, and variations in boundary walls, fences, or screen planting.
- 6) Location and type of existing and proposed landscaping.
- 7) Sign design and exterior lighting.

#### Findings (Design Review Board Bylaws, 6.2)

In approving, approving with conditions, or denying an application, the DRB shall examine the materials submitted with the application and any other material provided to Planning and Environmental Services to determine whether the buildings, structures, or signs are appropriate and of good design in relation to other buildings, structures, or signs on the site and in the immediately affected surrounding area. Such determination shall be based upon the following findings, as well as any additional findings required pursuant to any applicable comprehensive plan policies and guidelines, including without limitation, the Goleta Old Town Heritage District Architecture and Design Guidelines, the Highway 101 Corridor Design Guidelines, the Goleta Architecture and Design Standards for Commercial Projects and the applicable City sign and zoning regulations:

- 1) The development will be compatible with the neighborhood, and its size, bulk and scale will be appropriate to the site and the neighborhood.
- Site layout, orientation, and location of structures, buildings, and signs are in an appropriate and welldesignated relationship to one another, and to the environmental qualities, open spaces and topography of the property.
- 3) The project demonstrates a harmonious relationship with existing and proposed adjoining developments, avoiding excessive variety and monotonous repetition, but allowing similarity of style, if warranted.
- 4) There is harmony of material, color, and composition of all sides of a structure or buildings.
- 5) A limited number of materials will be on the exterior face of the building or structure.
- 6) There is consistency and unity of composition and treatment of exterior elevation.
- 7) Mechanical and electrical equipment is well integrated in the total design concept and screened from public view to the maximum extent practicable.
- 8) All visible onsite utility services are appropriate in size and location.
- 9) The grading will be appropriate to the site.
- 10) Adequate landscaping is provided in proportion to the project and the site with due regard to preservation of specimen and landmark trees, and existing native vegetation.
- 11) The selection of plant materials is appropriate to the project and its environment, and adequate provision will be made for the long-term maintenance of such plant materials.
- 12) The project will preserve and protect, to the maximum extent practicable, any mature, specimen or skyline tree, or appropriately mitigate the loss.
- 13) The development will not adversely affect significant public scenic views.
- 14) Signs, including their lighting, are well designed and are appropriate in size and location.
- 15) All exterior site, structure and building lighting is well designed and appropriate in size and location.
- 16) The proposed development is consistent with any additional design standards as expressly adopted by the City Council.
- 17) The development will enhance the appearance of the neighborhood.
- 18) The public health, safety and welfare will be protected.
- 19) The project architecture will respect the privacy of neighbors and is considerate of private views and solar access.
- 20) The project will provide for adequate street design and sufficient parking for residents and guests in a safe and aesthetically pleasing way.

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#### Levels of Review (Design Review Board Bylaws, 5.1)

#### **Conceptual Review**

Conceptual review is a required step that allows the applicant and the DRB to participate in an informal discussion about the proposed project. Applicants are encouraged to initiate this review as early in the design process as possible. This level of review is intended to provide the applicant with good direction early in the process to avoid spending unnecessary time and money by developing a design concept that may be inconsistent with the City's architectural guidelines and development standards. When a project is scheduled for conceptual review, the DRB may grant preliminary approval if the required information is provided, the design and details are acceptable and the project is properly noticed for such dual approval.

Information required for conceptual review includes:

- a. <u>Photographs</u> which show the site from 3 to 5 vantage points or a panorama from the site and of the site as seen from the street, and photographs of the surrounding neighborhood showing the relationship of the site to such adjacent properties. Aerial photographs are helpful if available and may be required at later stages.
- b. <u>Site plan</u> showing vicinity map, topography, location of existing and proposed structures and driveways, and locations of all structures adjacent to the proposed structure. The site plan should also indicate any proposed grading, an estimate of the amount of such grading, and any existing vegetation to be removed or retained.
- c. <u>Site statistics</u> including all proposed structures, square footage by use, and the number of covered and uncovered parking spaces.
- d. <u>Schematics</u> of the proposed project shall include rough floor plans and at least two elevations indicating the height of proposed structures. Perspectives sketches of the project are also encouraged. Proposed materials and colors shall be indicated. (Schematics and sketches may be rough as long as they are to scale and describe the proposed development accurately and sufficiently well to allow review and discussion.)

#### **Preliminary Review**

Preliminary review involves the substantive analysis of a project's compliance with all applicable City architectural guidelines and development standards. Fundamental design issues such as precise size of all built elements, site plan, elevations and landscaping are resolved at this stage of review. The DRB will identify to the applicant those aspects of the project that are not in compliance with applicable architectural guidelines and development standards and the findings that the DRB is required to make.

Preliminary approval of the project's design is the point in the process at which an appeal of DRB's decision can be made. Preliminary approval of the project's design is deemed a basis to proceed with working drawings, following the close of the appeal period and absent the filing of an appeal.

Information required for preliminary review, in addition to the information required for conceptual review, includes:

- a. <u>Complete site plan</u> showing all existing structures, proposed improvements, proposed grading, including cut and fill calculations, lot coverage statistics (i.e., building paving, usable open space and landscape areas), vicinity map, and topography.
- b. Floor plans and roof plans
- c. All elevations with heights, materials and colors specified.
- d. <u>Preliminary landscape plan</u>, when required, showing existing and proposed trees and shrubs, including any existing vegetation to be removed. This landscape plan shall also include all retaining and freestanding walls, fences, gates and gateposts and proposed paving and should specify proposed materials and colors of all these items.
- e. <u>Site section</u> for projects on slopes of 20 percent or greater, and when required by the DRB.

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#### **Final Review**

Final review confirms that the working drawings are in conformance with the project that received preliminary approval. In addition to reviewing site plan and elevations for conformance, building details and the landscape plan will be reviewed for acceptability.

Final review is conducted by the Planning and Environmental Services staff, in consultation with the DRB Chair or the Chair's designees. In the event that final plans are not in substantial conformance with the approved preliminary plans, the DRB Chair and Planning staff shall refer the matter to the full DRB for a final determination.

Information required for final review, in addition to the previous review requirements, includes:

- a. <u>Complete set of construction drawings</u>, which must include window, eave & rake, chimney, railing and other pertinent architectural details, including building sections with finished floor, plate, and ridge heights indicated.
- b. <u>8 ½" X 11" materials sample board</u> of materials and colors to be used, as well as an indication of the materials and colors on the drawings. Sheet metal colors (for vents, exposed chimneys, flashing, etc.) shall also be indicated. All this information should be included on the working drawings.
- c. Final site grading and drainage plan when required, including exact cut and fill calculations.
- d. <u>Final landscape drawings</u>, when required, showing the dripline of all trees and shrubs, and all wall, fence, and gate details. The drawing must show the size, name and location of plantings that will be visible from the street frontage, landscape screening which will integrate with the surrounding neighborhood, and irrigation for landscaping. Landscape drawings shall include a planting plan specifying layout of all plant materials, sizes, quantities and botanical and common names; and a final irrigation plan depicting layout and sizes of all equipment and components of a complete irrigation system (automated system required on commercial and multiple-residential developments). Planting and irrigation plans shall depict all site utilities, both above and below grade.

#### **Revised Final**

Revised final review occurs when a substantial revision (e.g., grading, orientation, materials, height) to a project is proposed after final DRB approval has been granted. Plans submitted shall include all information on drawings that reflect the proposed revisions. If the revisions are not clearly delineated, they cannot be construed as approved.

#### Multiple Levels of Approval at a Single Meeting

Planning staff may accept and process smaller projects for two or more levels of DRB review (e.g., conceptual and preliminary) at a single meeting provided all required information is submitted and the project is properly noticed and agendized for such multiple levels of approval.

#### Presentation of Projects (Design Review Board Bylaws, 5.3)

All levels of review with the exception of the consent agenda require the presentation of the project by the applicant or the applicant's representative. Items on the regular agenda that do not have a representative will be continued to a later hearing or removed from the agenda. The applicant or representative will be responsible for rescheduling the project if the project is removed from the agenda.

#### Public Testimony (Design Review Board Bylaws, 5.4)

Members of the public attending a DRB meeting are encouraged to present testimony on agenda items. At the appropriate time, the DRB Chair will ask for public testimony, and will recognize those persons desiring to speak. A copy of any written statements read by a member of the public shall be given to the DRB Secretary. All speakers should provide all pertinent facts within their knowledge, including the reasons for their position. Testimony should relate to the design issues of the project and the findings upon which the DRB must base its decision. An interested party who cannot appear at a hearing may write a letter to the DRB indicating their

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support of or opposition to the project, including their reasoning and concerns. The letter will be included as a part of the public record.

#### Continuances, Postponements, and Absences (Design Review Board Bylaws, 5.5)

A continuance is the carrying forward of an item to a future meeting. The applicant may request continuance of a project to a specified date if additional time is required to respond to comments or if they will be unable to attend the meeting. This is done either during the DRB meeting or by calling the DRB Secretary prior to the scheduled meeting so that the request may be discussed as part of the agenda status report at the beginning of the meeting.

#### Appeals (Design Review Board Bylaws, 5.8)

The preliminary approval or denial of a project by the DRB may be appealed. Any person may appeal a DRB decision to the City Planning Commission. A letter stating the reasons for the appeal, along with the appropriate fee, must be filed with Planning and Environmental Services within ten (10) days following the final action. If the tenth day falls on a day that the Planning and Environmental Services offices are closed, the appeal period is extended until 5:00 p.m. on the following business day. Planning and Environmental Services will notify the DRB as to the scheduled date of the appeal hearing. The DRB will designate a member to attend an appeal hearing.