



DESIGN REVIEW BOARD AGENDA

Planning & Environmental Services
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REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

CONSENT CALENDAR – 2:30 P.M.

Members: Chair's Designee and Planning Staff

SIGN SUBCOMMITTEE – 2:30 P.M.

Members: Scott Branch, Carl Schneider, Thomas Smith

STREET TREE SUBCOMMITTEE – 2:00 P.M.

Members: Simon Herrera, Chris Messner, Bob Wignot

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:

Cecilia Brown (At-Large Member), Chair
Simon Herrera (Landscape Contractor), Vice
Chair
Scott Branch (Architect)

Chris Messner (Landscape Contractor)
Carl Schneider (Architect)
Thomas Smith (At-Large Member)
Bob Wignot (At-Large Member)

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 & 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.
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A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

B. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

B-1. MEETING MINUTES

A. Design Review Board Minutes for April 13, 2010

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 & PROJECTED AGENDA:** A brief review of the agenda for requests for continuance and scheduled projects on the next agenda.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

F-1. DESIGN REVIEW BOARD PERMIT NO. 10-027-DRB

7716, 7717, 7726 & 7727 Kestrel Lane (APN 079-780-023; -024; -034; -035)

This is a request for *Final* review. The properties include 4 vacant lots in the Bluffs Along the Santa Barbara Coast Subdivision, a partially constructed 62-home subdivision in the 7-R-1 zone district (Coastal Zone). The applicant proposes to construct the following Bluffs single-family model dwelling types: on Lot 42, Plan 2C Farmhouse (3,230 square feet); on Lot 43, Plan 1BR Rustic (2,788 square feet); on Lot 56, Plan 3A Villa (3,395 square feet); and on Lot 57, Plan 3BR Rustic (3,395 square feet). Materials would be light- to medium-earth tones, and would follow DRB-approved color schemes. The project was filed by Tiffany Sukay of Comstock Homes on behalf of Bob Comstock of Goleta Investment Partners, the property owner. Related cases: 67-SB-DRB; 10-027-LUP; 10-028-LUP; 10-029-LUP; 10-030-LUP. (Last heard 4-13-10, 3-23-10*) (Shine Ling)

Comments from prior DRB meeting:

4-13-10 Meeting (Unapproved Minutes):

1. Chair Brown commented: a) Requested clarification regarding the process if a potential buyer wants a certain model type, but with a different color than what was approved.
2. Member Schneider commented: a) He noted his only concern is that the proposed Plan 3A Villa model on Lot 56 is so close to another Plan 3A Villa model across the street, however, there are so few of these model types in the

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neighborhood that it's probably not a problem; and b) The proposed plans are fine.

3. Member Branch commented: a) Although the proposed Plan 3A Villa model on Lot 56 will be close to a similar plan across the street, there will be different materials on each of the dwellings.

MOTION: Wignot moved, seconded by Schneider, and carried by a 7 to 0 vote, to grant Preliminary Approval of Item L-2, DRB Permit No. 10-027-DRB, 7716, 7717, 7726 & 7727 Kestrel Lane, as submitted, and to continue Item L-2, DRB Permit No. 10-027-DRB, to April 27, 2010, for Final review on the Consent Calendar.

F-2. DESIGN REVIEW BOARD PERMIT NO. 10-031-DRB

7414 Hollister Avenue (APN 079-210-063)

This is a request for *Final* review. The property includes the Hollister Business Park (HBP), which contains 8 buildings totaling 292,130 square feet on 24.427 gross acres in the M-RP zone district. On the western parcel of the HBP at 7414 Hollister (Building 3), the applicant proposes to construct a 1,635-square foot addition for a cafeteria by enclosing an existing patio cover structure with a glass and aluminum storefront window system. New concrete walkways for access to the cafeteria are also proposed. The project was filed by Andrew Brenner of RCI Builders, agent, on behalf of IRE-SB Inc., property owner, and Citrix Online, tenant. Related cases: 10-031-LUP; 10-031-DPAM. (Continued from 4-13-10, 3-23-10) (Shine Ling)

Comments from prior DRB meeting:

4-13-10 Meeting (Unapproved Minutes):

1. Member Wignot commented: a) The proposed lighting specifications selected by the applicant for the ceiling are compact fluorescent vertical downlights, which he believes are fine, and a step up from using incandescent bulbs; b) However, he wanted to mention, with regard to this project or future projects, the benefits of converting from incandescent or fluorescent bulbs to light emitting diodes (LEDs) which emit less heat and last longer, although this alternative is more expensive (He will provide a related article he read in the *L.A. Times* to the DRB members and staff.)
2. Member Branch commented: a) The architectural details shown on the plans look good and are adequate for the Final review.

MOTION: Branch moved, seconded by Herrera, and carried by a 6 to 0 vote (Abstain: Smith), to grant Preliminary Approval of Item K-1, DRB Permit No. 10-031-DRB, 7414 Hollister Avenue, as submitted; and to continue Item K-1, DRB Permit No. 10-031-DRB, to April 27, 2010, for Final review on the Consent Calendar.

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G. SIGN SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

H. SIGN CALENDAR

H-1. DESIGN REVIEW BOARD PERMIT NO. 10-019-DRB

5754 Hollister Avenue (APN 071-063-010)

This is a request for *Final* review. The property includes an approximately 4,340-square foot commercial building on a 10,000-square foot lot in the C-2 zone district. This property is located in the Goleta Old Town Revitalization Area and the Goleta Old Town Heritage District. The applicant proposes to place one wall sign on the southern façade of the building facing Hollister Avenue. The wall sign will read "O'Reilly" on one line of text with a clover leaf logo within the 'O' of O'Reilly. The sign is a maximum of 4.08-feet tall by 10.5-feet long for an aggregate of 42.84 square feet. The sign will have internally LED illuminated channel letters with a ¾ - inch black trim cap, and 5-inch black aluminum returns. The letters will be white acrylic with black and green translucent vinyl on the faces. The project was filed by agent Brenda Compton of Dave's Signs, for O'Reilly Auto Parts, tenant, and Jay K. Torrey, property owner. Related cases: 10-019-SCC. (Continued from 4-13-10) (Brian Hiefield)

Comments from prior DRB meeting:

4-13-10 Meeting (Unapproved Minutes):

1. Member Brown commented: a) The maximum 10" height limit for Old Town would make the sign small, therefore, the applicant's alternate proposals may be considered; b) The addition of the words "Auto Parts" is acceptable; c) Expressed concern that the proposed molded plastic material design for the lettering is an outdated style from the fifties; d) Push-through lettering would be better than the proposed design; e) The new sign design is more proportioned with regard to the building; f) The existing paper signs that have been placed on the windows of the building are unattractive and degrade the building; and g) Staff is requested to check the new proposal revisions in terms of area and square footage consistency, and present the information at Final review.
2. Member Schneider commented: a) The original sign submitted is a maximum of 4.08-feet tall, which is too big and not appropriate for this location or for Old Town; b) The size of the new proposed sign feels proportionally correct to the building, and the sign area is very big, which makes the sign acceptable, although his preference would be to make the sign smaller; and c) A design with a flat face and push-through lettering would be acceptable rather than the proposed plastic molded face sign.

SIGN SUBCOMMITTEE MOTION: Schneider moved, seconded by Smith, and carried by a 3 to 0 vote, to grant Preliminary Approval of Item H-2, DRB Permit No. 10-019-DRB, 5754 Hollister Avenue, with the following conditions: 1) The new plan is acceptable with the language "O'Reilly Auto Parts", and with the height of 17" for all letters except the "O" in "O'Reilly" which shall be 24" in height; 2) The "O'Reilly" lettering design shall be push-through technology; 3) The "Auto Parts" lettering shall be front-lit, individual channel letters; 4) The sign shall be centered; and to continue Item H-2, DRB Permit No. 10-019-DRB, to April 27, 2010.

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H-2. DESIGN REVIEW BOARD PERMIT NO. 10-021-DRB

5444 Hollister Avenue (APN 071-330-003)

This is a request for *Final* review. The property includes Saint Raphael School with associated play yards and community buildings on a 7.55-acres parcel in the DR zone district. The applicant proposes to place a monument sign at the entrance to the school adjacent to the intersection of Sumida Gardens Lane and Hollister Avenue. The non-illuminated MDO plywood monument sign, located a minimum of 5-feet from City of Goleta right-of-way, will have 8.5-inch high blue letters stating "St. Raphael School" and a 13-inch high blue and gold logo with the top of the sign measuring 4 feet above grade. The 9-square foot sign will be mounted to wood posts with a total height of 4.5 feet above grade. The project was filed by agent Jim Slaughter on behalf of Saint Raphael Church and the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, property owner. Related cases: 59-CP-182; 10-021-LUP; 10-020-CUP AM. (Continued from 3-23-10) (Brian Hiefield)

Comments from prior DRB meeting:

3-23-10 Meeting (Approved Minutes):

1. Member Brown commented: a) When a sign is reviewed, typically the proposed landscaping plans are included; and b) The sign design is fine.
2. Member Schneider commented: a) The proposed sign is acceptable; and b) Initially, he would have suggested changing the orientation of the graphic to shrink the height of the sign; however, the applicant has indicated the design is the logo for the school.

SIGN SUBCOMMITTEE MOTION: Brown moved, seconded by Schneider, and carried by a 2 to 0 vote (Absent: Smith) to grant Preliminary Approval of Item H-1, DRB Permit No. 10-021-DRB, 5444 Hollister Avenue, as submitted, with the following condition: 1) Groundcovers or low shrub landscaping shall be installed around the base of the sign at a later date; and to continue Item H-1, DRB Permit No. 10-021-DRB, to April 27, 2010, for Final review.

I. REVISED FINAL CALENDAR

- NONE

J. FINAL CALENDAR

- NONE

K. PRELIMINARY CALENDAR

- NONE

L. CONCEPTUAL/PRELIMINARY CALENDAR

L-1. DESIGN REVIEW BOARD PERMIT NO. 09-189-DRB

5632 Cielo Avenue (APN 069-080-009)

This is a request for *Conceptual/Preliminary* review. The property is an undeveloped 1.01-acre parcel 20-R-1 zone district. The applicant proposes to construct 3,150-square foot single-story residence with an additional 1,088-square foot 3-car garage, 154-square foot breezeway and 258 feet of porches. The resulting single-story structure would be 4,392 square feet, consisting of a 3,150-square foot single-family dwelling and an attached (via 154-square foot breezeway) 1,088-square foot 3-car garage. This proposal is within the maximum floor area ratio guidelines for this property, which is 4,379 square feet plus an allocation of 650 square feet for a 3-car garage. New materials consist of stucco siding painted "X-53 Pure Ivory (Base 100)," a wood front door with a natural stain, Loewen wood windows painted "Sage Green," and a red barrel tiled roof. The project was filed by agent Preston Mann of Mann Construction on behalf of Lindsay and Lesa Mann, property owner. This property was formerly addressed 811 Cambridge Drive. Related cases: 09-183-CC, 09-189-LUP. (Continued from 4-13-10*, 3-23-10*, 3-9-10, 2-9-10) (Scott Kolwitz)

Comments from prior DRB meeting:

3-9-10 Meeting (Approved Minutes):

1. Member Wignot commented: a) The applicant is requested to provide a section through the hammerhead for review.
2. Member Branch commented: a) From an aesthetic standpoint, the applicant will need to provide the details that include materials and heights with regard to the hammerhead area; b) The applicant will need to address the comments regarding retaining as much water onsite as possible and also consider the concept of berms; c) After visiting the site, he believes the proposed placement of the house is the most logical choice; d) The size of the house works from the standpoint of floor area ratio; e) In his opinion, the proposed architectural style is acceptable in this situation on this site, noting that it is on an infill lot and one-story design; f) The heights of the project could possibly be reduced a little bit in a couple of places, and maybe lower the tower, but the project is not too ostentatious; g) More details will be needed in the grading plan; and h) Conceptually, the plans are okay.
3. Member Schneider commented: a) The Conceptual plans including the grading plan will need more detailing; b) The placement and orientation of the house is fine; c) The architectural character is probably fine; d) Encouraged darker colors, more earth tones, rather than the typical red tile roof and white color; e) The water retention system will need to meet the Stormwater Management Plan requirements, which will be reviewed within the jurisdiction of the Department of Community Services; f) He is not sure that the proposed surface ponds will be a solution that will be acceptable long-term; and g) The applicant is requested to provide an Arborist Report regarding plans to address the health of oak tree #3 and oak tree #5 which is a fairly significant tree.
4. Vice Chair Brown commented: a) The grading plan and arborist report will be very helpful to facilitate the review of this project; b) Agreed with Member Branch that the plate heights could possibly be reduced in a couple of places; and c) It

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would be helpful for the project landscape architect to be present at the next review to answer questions because there are a lot of issues related to landscape.

5. Member Herrera commented: a) The water retention basin should look natural, and could look like a bioswale but still serve as a retention basin.
6. Chair Smith commented: a) The applicant is requested to provide a grading section through the hammerhead area for review; and b) There is a need for the retention basins, noting that a design with something bermed would be preferable and would blend in better rather than a design that is more industrial.

MOTION: Smith moved, seconded by Brown, and carried by a 7 to 0 vote, to continue Item L-1, DRB Permit No. 09-189-DRB, 811 Cambridge Drive, to March 23, 2010, with the following Conceptual comments: 1) The applicant is requested to present a grading plan that is more developed, especially with respect to the runoff; 2) The applicant shall submit an Arborist Report to staff for review; 3) The retention basins should be more natural in shape; 3) Restudy and consider lowering the plate heights, at least possibly around the tower portion of the house; 4) The applicant is requested to provide the grading section through the hammerhead and an elevation showing specific details with regard to materials and heights at the hammerhead area; and 5) The project landscape architect should attend the next review on March 23, 2010.

M. CONCEPTUAL CALENDAR

M-1. DESIGN REVIEW BOARD PERMIT NO. 09-174-DRB

5484 Overpass Road (APN 071-220-033)

This is a request for *Conceptual* review. The property includes a 5,780-square foot shop building, a 1,362-square foot office building, a 18,835-square foot unenclosed materials storage area, a 640-square foot storage unit, and two unused fuel pumps and associated underground fuel tanks on a 84,070-square foot lot in the M-1 zone district. The applicant proposes to construct a wireless communications facility 10 feet from the northern property line in the rear yard. A 70-foot tall monopine would be constructed to support 9 antennae. The service area would occupy 1,000 square feet and would include the monopine structure, associated equipment cabinets, and an emergency generator. The facility would connect to a power/telephone pole adjacent to the lease site. Access to the site is via an existing access road to the construction yard. The project was filed by Jay Higgins of SAC Wireless, agent, on behalf of Verizon Wireless, lessee, and Randy and Susan Douglas, property owners. Related cases: 09-174-CUP. (Shine Ling)

N. ADVISORY CALENDAR

- NONE

O. DISCUSSION ITEMS

O-1. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS BY MEMBERS

O-2. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MEMBERS

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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, 07-22 & 09-04. The DRB currently operates under Bylaws from Resolution 09-04

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 (e.g. General Plan, Goleta Old Town Heritage District Architectural and Design Guidelines, Design Standards for Commercial Projects);
- 2) promote high standards in architectural design and the construction of aesthetically pleasing, architecturally correct, 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;
- 7) 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.

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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.
- 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.
- 2) Site layout, orientation, and location of structures, buildings, and signs are in an appropriate and well-designated 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 the 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.

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- 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.

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. Photographs 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. Site plan 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 shall also indicate any proposed grading, an estimate of the amount of such grading, and any existing vegetation to be removed or retained.
- c. Site statistics including all proposed structures, square footage by use, and the number of covered and uncovered parking spaces.
- d. Schematics of the proposed project shall include rough floor plans and at least two elevations indicating the height of proposed structures. Perspective sketches of the project may also be required. 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.

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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. Complete site plan 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 (1/8" scale minimum).
- c. All elevations (1/8" scale minimum) with heights, materials and colors specified.
- d. Preliminary landscape plan, 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. Site section for projects on slopes of 20 percent or greater, and when required by the DRB.

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. Complete set of architectural details, 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. 8 1/2" X 11" materials sample board 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 shall be included on the working drawings.
- c. Final site grading and drainage plan when required, including exact cut and fill calculations.
- d. Final landscape drawings, when required, showing the dripline of all trees and shrubs, and all wall, fence, and gate details. The drawings 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

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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 signs 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 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)

Sign Appeal Periods

The **Final** or **Revised Final** approval or **denial** of a sign project by the DRB may be appealed. Any person withstanding may appeal a DRB decision to the City Planning Commission. An appeal application, a letter stating the reasons for the appeal, along with the appropriate fee, must be filed with Planning and Environmental Services within the ten (10) days following the final action. If the tenth day falls on a day that the Planning and Environmental Services offices are closed or closed early (such as on Fridays which close at 1:00 p.m.), the appeal period is extended until 5:30 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.

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All Other Appeal Periods

The **Preliminary** or **Revised Final** approval or **denial** of a non-sign project by the DRB may be appealed. Any person withstanding may appeal a DRB decision to the City Planning Commission. An appeal application, a letter stating the reasons for the appeal, along with the appropriate fee, must be filed with Planning and Environmental Services within the ten (10) days following the final action. If the tenth day falls on a day that the Planning and Environmental Services offices are closed or closed early (such as on Fridays which close at 1:00 p.m.), the appeal period is extended until 5:30 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.