



ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MINUTES

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**Thursday, April 17, 2014, Meeting
8:30 AM, Council Chambers**

Call to Order

Roll Call: Chair Lee Lippert, Vice-chair Randy Popp, Board Members Alexander Lew, Clare Malone Prichard, Robert Gooyer.

Staff: Amy French, Chief Planning Official; Russ Reich, Senior Planner; Diana Tamale, Administrative Associate, Clare Campbell, Senior Planner; Jodie Gerhardt, Senior Planner; Matt Raschke, Senior Engineer

Oral Communications: Members of the public may speak to any item not on the agenda; three minutes per speaker. The Architectural Review Board reserves the right to limit oral communications period to 15 minutes. None.

Agenda Changes, Additions and Deletions: The agenda may have additional items added to it up until 72 hours prior to meeting time. None.

Minutes Approval: None.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS:

Minor Items:

1. **1213 Newell Road [14PLN-00040]**: Request by the City of Palo Alto Public Works Department for Architectural Review of new signage at the Main Library. Zone: Public Facilities (PF). Environmental Assessment: Exempt from CEQA per CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 Existing Facilities.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Architectural Review Board (ARB) recommend approval of the proposed project to the Director of Planning and Community Environment (Director), based upon the ARB Approval Findings in Attachment A.

No public comment.

Architectural Review Board Action: Vice chair Popp moved seconded by Board Member Gooyer to approve the wall sign only with all other signage to be continued to a date uncertain.

Vote: Approval, 4-0-1-0 (Clare absent)

Major Items:

2. **600 East Meadow Drive [14PLN-00078]**: Request by Peter Jenson on behalf of the City of Palo Alto for Architectural Review of the Magical Bridge playground project and the replacement of the bridge over Adobe Creek, located at the southern end of Mitchell Park. Zone District: Public Facilities (PF). Environmental Assessment: A Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Architectural Review Board (ARB) recommend the Director of Planning and Community Environment approve the proposed project, based upon the Architectural Review findings (Attachment A) and subject to the conditions of approval (Attachment B).

Public Comments:

Leland Levy, spoke that the project is exciting and positive.

Roger Smith, spoke that this is a great opportunity for the children of all abilities to play.

Olenka Villarreal, spoke that she is excited about the full wheelchair accessibility.

Barbara Bulter, mentioned that this is a great project for the public and people of all abilities.

Architectural Review Board Action: Vice chair Popp moved seconded by Chair Lee to approve the project with the following items to return on consent:

1. Change redwood header to steel
2. Photometrics
3. Signage
4. Design for the playhouse

Vote: Approval, 5-0-0-0

3. **261 Hamilton Avenue [13PLN-00267]**: Request by Cody Anderson Wasney Architects for Architectural Review and Historic Resources Board review of a Historic Rehabilitation that includes the relocation of floor area from the existing basement to allow a 5,910 square foot addition at the rear of the building and establishment of a 1,196 square foot Mezzanine floor for a net zero gain in floor area for a Historic Resource located within the Ramona Street Historic District. The project also includes a request for reclassification from a Category 3 Historic Resource to a Category 2 Historic Resource to allow the approved Rehabilitation to generate 15,000 square feet of Transferable Development Rights. Zone District: Downtown Commercial with Ground Floor and Pedestrian Overlay (CD-C(GF)(P)). Environmental Assessment: Exempt from CEQA per CEQA Guidelines Sections 15331 Historical Resource Rehabilitation and 15301 Existing Facilities.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Architectural Review Board (ARB) recommend the City Council approve the proposed project, based upon the required findings (Attachments A & B) and subject to the conditions of approval (Attachment C).

Public Comments:

Bret van de Sande, spoke that they support the project but there should be some improvement to redesign the medallion at the alley. They don't support the plaques on their building.

Nelson Buchanan, spoke that he is concerned about the parking intrusion, the mathematics don't compute and the FAR does not calculate.

Doria Summa, spoke that the addition should be built to look taller and important to use non-reflective glass.

Jeff Levinsky, spoke that staff has misinterpreted the code in relationship to the language that limits modification of building.

Roxy Rapp, spoke that it is important the project improves the alley.

Architectural Review Board Action: Vice Chair Popp moved seconded by Board Member Gooyer to continue the project so the applicant can consider the Board's comments and staff can review the floor area questions. Vice Chair Popp made an amendment motion to continue the project to the regular meeting of June 5, 2014.

Vote: Approval, 5-0-0-0

4. **2555 Park Boulevard [13PLN-00381]:** Scoping session for preparation of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the redevelopment of 2555 Park Boulevard with a new three-story, 23,269 square foot office building in the Community Commercial (CC(2)) zone district.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Architectural Review Board (ARB) and public provide comments regarding the scope of environmental issues and alternatives to be considered in the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed office building project at 2555 Park Boulevard.

Public Comments:

Peter Brewer, spoke that the perimeter of the EIR is not separate from the whole project. He is concerned with the common boundaries, his building and his neighbor will be put in the shadow of the building.

Jared Jacobs, spoke that he lives adjacent to the project, he is concerned about the light and the sound that comes from a big building and traffic.

No action was taken, this was a scoping session.

Board/Staff Announcements, Updates, Reports, and Comments: Members of the public may not speak to the item(s).

Adjournment

Subcommittee Members: *Randy Popp and Alex Lew*

SUBCOMMITTEE:

5. **180 El Camino Real [12PLN-00382]:** Request by Macy's of behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Leland Stanford Junior University for a Subcommittee Review of changes to the glazing on the east and south elevations and changes to the loading dock doors for a previously approved commercial project (Bloomingdales) in the Community Commercial (CC) zoning district.

Subcommittee Action: The project was approved by the subcommittee.

6. **103 El Camino Real (El Camino Park) [13PLN-00434]**: Request by City of Palo Alto Public Works Engineering for Subcommittee review of minor project details that include project lighting and paver samples associated with a previously review project for park improvements for El Camino Park that include a synthetic soccer/lacrosse play field, natural turf softball/lacrosse play field, new restrooms, enlarged parking lot, and other improvements in the Public Facility zone district. Environmental Assessment: An Environmental Impact Report was adopted March 5, 2007 in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Subcommittee Action: The project was approved by the subcommittee.

7. **611 Cowper Street [13PLN-00259]**: Request by The Hayes Group for Subcommittee review of project modifications to a previously approved project to allow the construction of one 34,703 square foot four-story mixed used building (three floors commercial and one floor residential) with below grade parking. The proposed modifications are for landscape and building material changes on the south elevation. Zone District: CD-C(P). Environmental Assessment: Exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines Section 15332.

Subcommittee Action: The project was approved by the subcommittee.

STAFF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEWS:

Project Description: Two non-illuminated wall mounted signs; the building has already been repainted

Applicant: Brianna Menon

Address: 710 San Antonio Avenue [13PLN-00501]

Approval Date: 4/4/14

Request for hearing deadline: 4/17/14

Project Description: One non-illuminated wall mounted sign

Applicant: Sharon Lee

Address: 534 Ramona Street [13PLN-00467]

Approval Date: 4/3/14

Request for hearing deadline: 4/16/14

Project Description: One illuminated wall sign for Pizzeria Delfina in the CD-C(GF)(P) zone district

Applicant: Patrick Flynn

Address: 651 Emerson Street [14PLN-00069]

Approval Date: 4/9/14

Request for hearing deadline: 4/22/14

Project Description: The installation of two halo illuminated wall signs for Mongo DB

Applicant: Dan Kitzmiller

Address: 100 Forest Avenue [14PLN-00080]

Approval Date: 4/10/14

Request for hearing deadline: 4/23/14

Sub-Committee Members:

Vice chair Randy Popp
Alexander Lew
Robert Gooyer
Clare Malone Prichard
Lee Lippert
Randy Popp
Alexander Lew
Robert Gooyer

Terms:

February 20, 2014 to April 17, 2014
February 20, 2014 to April 17, 2014
May 1, 2014 to July 17, 2014
May 1, 2014 to July 17, 2014
August 7, 2014 to October 16, 2014
August 7, 2014 to October 16, 2014
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