



Architectural Review Board

Staff Report (ID # 10691)

Report Type:	Subcommittee Items	Meeting Date: 10/17/2019
Summary Title:	3265 El Camino Real: Subcommittee Review of Louvre Window and Stair Mesh	
Title:	3265 El Camino Real [15PLN-00312]: Subcommittee Review of a Previously Approved Project That was Conditioned to Return With Project Changes Related to Louvre Window and Stair Well Trellis Mesh. Environmental Assessment: Use of Mitigated Negative Declaration Prepared for 15PLN-00312. Zoning District: CS (Commercial Service). For More Information Contact the Project Planner Adam Petersen at apetersen@m-group.us	
From:	Jonathan Lait	

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Architectural Review Board (ARB) take the following action(s):

1. Discuss and provide direction or approve project revisions.

Background

On June 21, 2018, the Director of Planning and Community Environment approved the subject project. The Board recommended inclusion of a condition that required certain project elements to return to the ARB subcommittee.

The application and plans dated July 23, 2019 were reviewed by the ARB Subcommittee (Board members Baltay and Lew) on August 1, 2019 in accordance with condition of approval 2, as stated below.

- The louvre window screen on the elevation fronting El Camino Real shall be designed to have a better opening and filtered light consistent with the El Camino Real Design Guideline Goals.
- Rework the mesh around the stairs to make it less oppressive.

At the meeting, the Subcommittee agreed with the proposed five window configuration provided that the control joint aligned with the central window, and with the proposed curved shroud at a shorter depth than the proposed two-and-a-half feet (2.5 ft).

However, the Subcommittee requested that the applicant return with a 3D color rendering of the proposed stair enclosure, construction details, and material sample of the proposed metal bars around the enclosure.

The ARB Subcommittee requested that the mesh stair enclosure return prior to issuance of the building permit.

Applicant's Response:

- The applicant has provided a 3D color rendering of the building as well as details of the mesh enclosure. These details are in the plan set, with images provided in summary below.

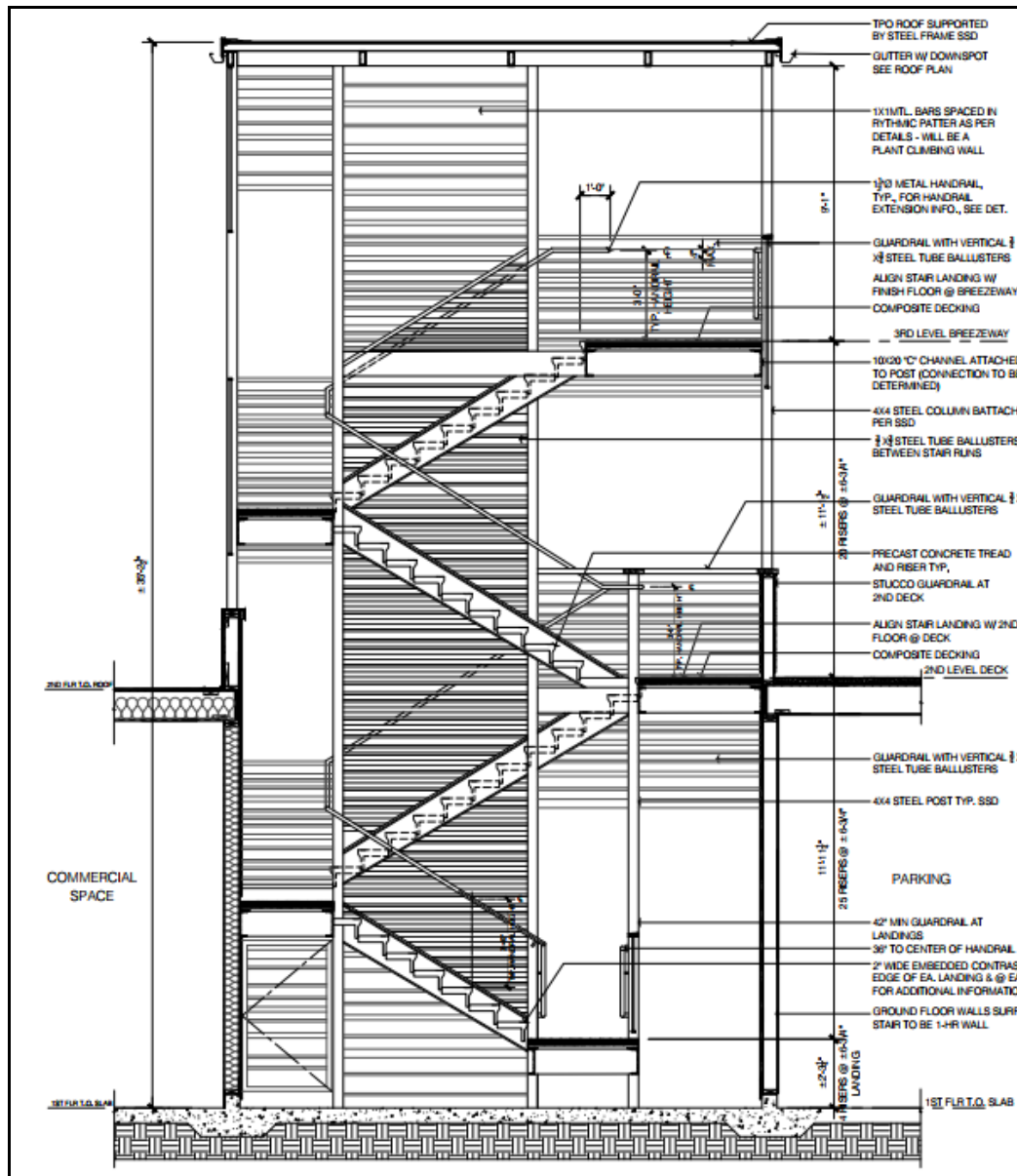
Figure 1 – Bird's Eye Rendering



Figure 2 – Close Up Rendering



Figure 3 – Exterior Stair Section



The Board is encouraged to provide direction to staff and the applicant as to whether the proposed changes are sufficient or require further refinement.

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Attachments:

¹ Emails may be sent directly to the ARB using the following address: arb@cityofpaloalto.org

- Attachment A: Project Plans (DOCX)

Attachment A

Project Plans

Hardcopies of project plans are provided to Board members. These plans are available to the public online and/or by visiting the Planning and Community Environmental Department on the 5th floor of City Hall at 250 Hamilton Avenue.

Directions to review Project plans online:

1. Go to: bit.ly/PAapprovedprojects
2. Scroll to find "3265 El Camino Real" and click the address link
3. On this project specific webpage you will find a link to the project plans and other important information

Direct Link to Project Webpage:

<https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/news/displaynews.asp?NewsID=3867&targetID=319>