



PARKLETS CAFÉ SEATING/RETAIL AREAS

Car Free California Avenue

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Agenda

Parklets & Café Seating/Retail Areas

- Submittal Checklists
- Outdoor Dining Elements – Issues and Proposed Solutions
- Discussion

Café Seating/Retail Submittal Requirements

Site plan, section, elevation drawings with existing conditions plus:

Required

1. Business frontage
2. Seating footprint
3. Enclosure (ABC railings, planters...)
4. Furniture layout with ADA access
5. Service/storage areas

Options Applicants can Include

1. Sidewalls/screens
2. Shading (e.g. umbrellas)
3. Heaters
4. Lighting
5. Signage

Electrical required if lighting, electric heating, or evening/night operations

Additional Submittal Requirements for Parklets

Site plan, section, elevation drawings with existing conditions plus:

Required

1. Business frontage
2. **Parklet footprint & flooring**
3. **Enclosure structure (ABC railings, planters...)**
4. Furniture layout with ADA access
5. Service/storage areas

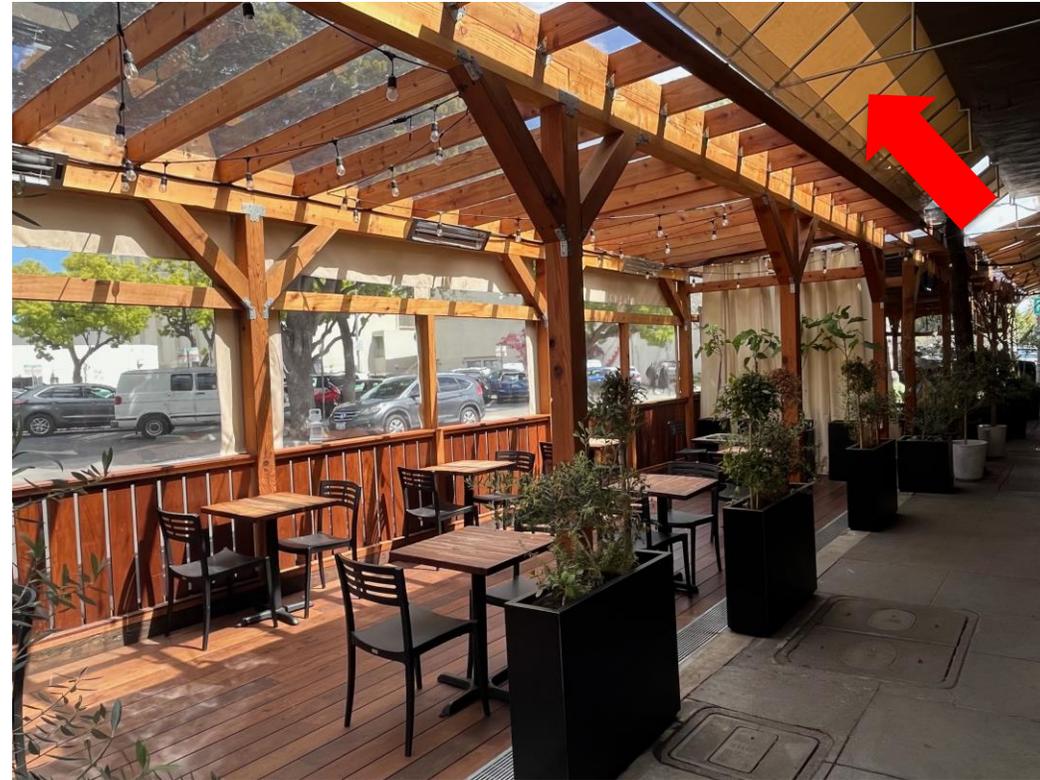
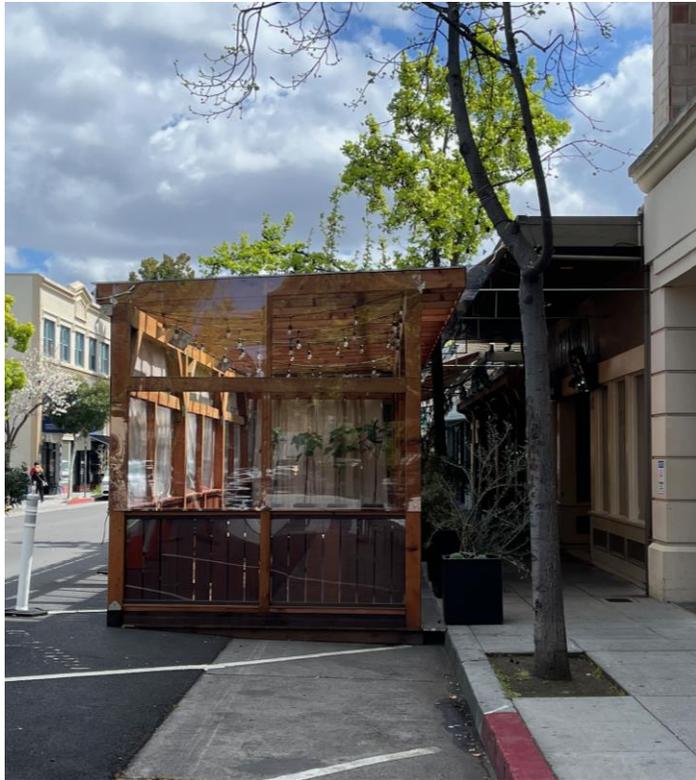
Options Applicants can Include

1. **Roof & supporting structure**
2. Sidewalls/screens
3. Shading (e.g. umbrellas)
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Outdoor Dining: Covered Connections

Evvia Estiatorio Parklet, Downtown Palo Alto



Issue – not cover and privatize sidewalk (fabric cover not permitted); **Proposal** – minimum 4 feet (# TBD) clear view to sky from sidewalk between awning & parklet, permit one covered connection between entrance and parklet 5-6 feet in width

Outdoor Dining: Residential Fencing



Issue – Residential fencing looks temporary



Railing attached to planters,
Theater Way
Redwood City



Railings with accessible gaps for service,
Santana Row
San Jose

Proposal – Eliminate residential fencing, require commercial grade railings or planters (no attachments on mosaic sidewalks)

Outdoor Dining: Pre-Fabricated Pergola Structures



Issue – prefab pergolas look temporary and not secure

Proposal – permit as a parklet attached to a platform (this includes platforms on sidewalk)

Outdoor Dining: Pop-up Tents for Events



Issue – Pop-up tents look temporary

Proposal – require umbrellas for outdoor dining, permit pop-up tents for events, not daily use

Outdoor Dining: Seasonal Tents



Issue – seasonal tents are temporary, look oversized, frequent violation of propane heater requirements

Proposal – Businesses implement parklets with weather protection features, stop use of tents

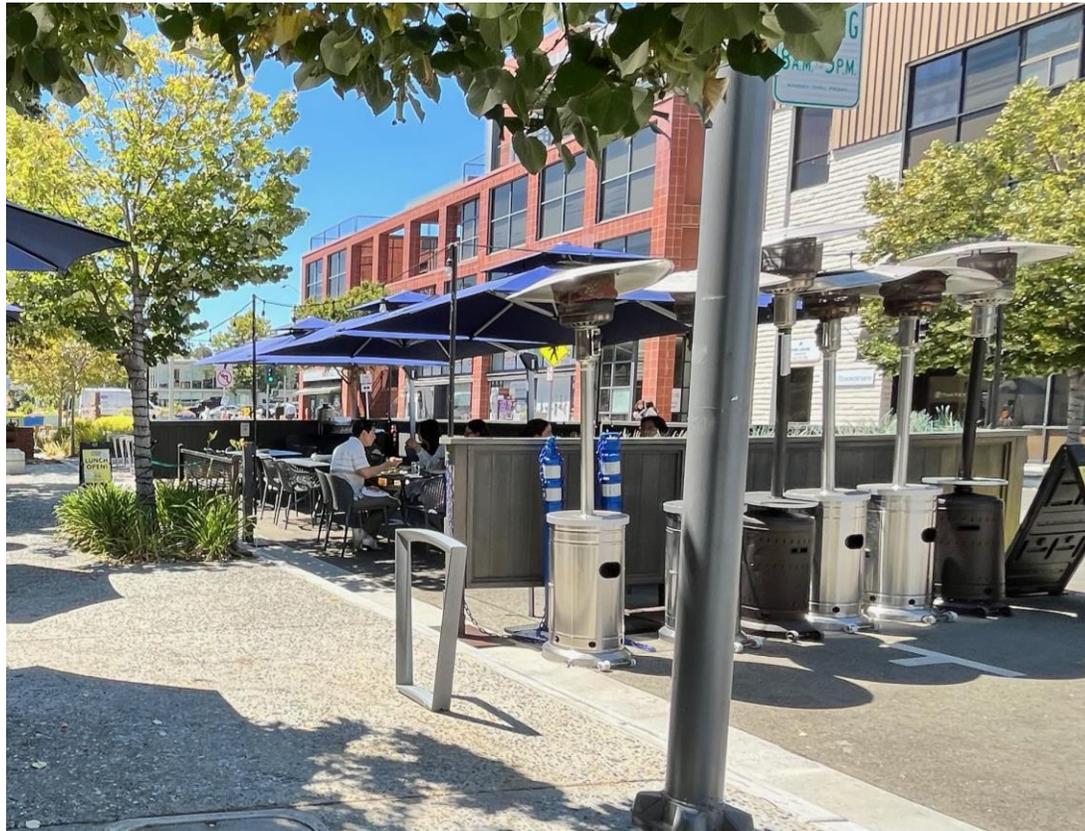
Outdoor Dining: Visible Service Areas



Issue – service area obstructs required 8-foot clear pedestrian path, unsightly

Proposal – move service areas out of pedestrian path, screen from pedestrian path view with planters, other design elements

Outdoor Dining: Visible Storage



Issue - Storage of heaters & furniture can block emergency access from street to/from building

Proposal – Merchants agree to not block emergency access, propose own solution where to locate not on sidewalk

Outdoor Dining: Rolldown Awning Screens



Issue – Desire visibility of dining from sidewalk and roadway, not have sunshade screen from view

Proposal – Explore options for sunscreens with transparent windows or mesh to view inside dining area

Discussion