



Environmental and Development Services
Department

MINUTES

OF THE Design Review Board

Wednesday, December 1, 2010
7:30 PM
El Cerrito City Hall
Council Chambers
10890 San Pablo Avenue

Roll Call: Radziah Loh, Maggie Leighly, Glenn Wood, and Gary Hill. Cassandra Adams called and will be absent for the meeting.

1. Council / Staff Liaison Report

Councilwoman Ann Cheng gave a brief update to the Board citing the following: 1) the Council awarded the contract to the team of Pankow/Noll and Tam, 2) the Council approved the Cal Green building codes to be implemented in January, 3) the Council selected Eden Housing to build a senior housing development next to City Hall.

2. Comments from the Public – None were reported

3. Approval of Minutes

Approve the minutes of the November 3, 2010 meeting. Chairwoman Loh corrected the minutes to reflect the correct date of December 1st not December 7th on Item 5 and to read that “shop” drawings were also requested for by the Board, on the November 3, 2010 DRB meeting. Motion to approve the minutes with the proposed changes: Leighly, 2nd: Wood. Vote 4-0-0-1.

4. Board Member Communication/Conflict of Interest Disclosure

This time on the agenda is reserved for Board Members to disclose communications from individuals regarding specific agenda items or to state a potential conflict of interest in relation to a specific agenda item.

5. Public Hearing – Del Norte Plaza (Continued from the 10/6/10 Design Review Board Meeting)

Application: PL10-0134
Applicant: Aaron Vitale
Location: 11299 San Pablo Avenue
APN: 504-410-004
Zoning: CC (Community Commercial)
General Plan: Commercial/Mixed Use
Request: Design Review Board consideration to repaint, resurface, and reroof an existing shopping center (Del Norte Plaza) and reface an existing pole sign on a property located at 11299 San Pablo Avenue in the Community Commercial Zoning district.
CEQA: Exempt, Section 15301, Class 1 Existing Facilities.

Senior Planner Noel Ibalio, presented the case and answered questions from the Board members. Motion to approve the application: Wood, 2nd: Leighly. Vote 3-1-0-1.

6. Conceptual Review – OSH – DR, UP

Application: PL10 - 0154
Applicant: Bruce Williams
Location: 1741-55 Eastshore Blvd.
APN: 513-371-022
Zoning: TOM (Transit Oriented Mixed Use)
General Plan: Commercial/Mixed Use
Request: Design Review Board consideration to allow for outdoor display of storage sheds along the front of the building located at 1741-55 Eastshore Blvd. (Section 19.20.160 ECMC)
CEQA: Exempt, Section 15301, Class 1 – Existing Facilities

Senior Planner Noel Ibalio presented the case and answered questions from the Board members.

7. Public Hearing - Safeway

Application: PL09-0110
Applicant: Todd Paradis, Safeway, Inc.
Location: 11450 San Pablo Avenue
APN: 502-100-040
Zoning: TOM (Transit Oriented Mixed Use)
General Plan: Commercial/Mixed Use
Request: Design Review of modifications to the existing commercial building and site improvements at 11450 San Pablo Avenue in the TOM zoning district.

Senior Planner Sean Moss presented the case and answered questions from the Board members. Motion to approve the Safeway building shell only with the condition that:

1) The glass façade treatment at the front entrances be clear glass to the top of the façade. Motion to approve the Design Review for the Safeway remodel and related site improvements.; Wood, 2nd: Hill. Vote: 4-0-0-1.

8. Conceptual Review – Recycling Center – DR, UP

Application: PL10-0155
Applicant: City of El Cerrito – Environmental Division
Location: 7450 Schmidt Lane
APN: 503-160-024
Zoning: PS (Public and Semipublic)
General Plan: Parks and Open Space
Request: Design Review Board consideration of a conceptual review for the renovation of the existing recycling center facility located at 7451 Schmidt Lane.
CEQA: Negative Declaration

Senior Planner Noel Ibalio and Environmental Division Manager Melanie Mintz presented the case and answered questions from the board.

9. Staff Communications

Staff asked if the members would be present for a January 5, 2011 meeting. All would be present.

10. Adjournment: 10:35 p.m.