



MINUTES ARCHITECTURE AND SITE REVIEW COMMITTEE

6:00 p.m., February 3, 2010
Los Altos Community Chambers
One North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California 94022

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner BAER called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners BAER (for ABRAMS) and BRESSACK and UHLIR
Absent: Chair ABRAMS
Staff: Planning Services Manager KORNFIELD and Assistant Planner LACEY

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Architecture and Site Review Committee Minutes

Approval of minutes – meeting of January 20, 2010

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BRESSACK, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER UHLIR, to approve the January 20, 2010 meeting minutes as-is.
THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. 176 Coronado Avenue – Design Review Application

Assistant Planner LACEY presented the staff report recommending approval of the project.

There was no public comment.

The Committee stated their general support of the project.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BRESSACK, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER UHLIR, to approve design review application 09-SC-01 per the staff report findings.
THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. 343 Second Street – Commercial Design Application

Planning Services Manager KORNFIELD presented the staff report recommending approval of the design application to the Planning Commission subject to the listed findings.

The property owner and project architects reviewed the project philosophy and scope.

Several members of the public spoke to the project. The statements included angst about the loss of the health spa use on the property, a question about the width of the proposed sidewalks and concern about the lack of parking.

The Committee stated their general support of the project and remarked on the outstanding design quality. The Committee discussed such issues as the size of the visitor parking lot as it related to the peak parking demand, the potential for three story development, the nature of the mid-block crosswalk on Second Street, making the Whitney/Second intersection a four-way stop, the undergrounding of utilities in the alley, the character of the open space landscape at the Second Street/San Antonio Road intersection, the use of adjacent properties in common ownership including the former bank on San Antonio Road and the potentially historic structure on Second Street, maintaining the alley behind the building, and whether the building courtyard should engage a site frontage.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BRESSACK, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER UHLIR, to approve design application 08-D-06 per the staff report findings with the following direction:

- Review mid-block crosswalk on Second Street for the use of flashing yellow lights;
- Evaluate the possibility of undergrounding more of the utility poles in the alley adjacent the visitor parking lot and to the northwest;
- Review the intended character of the open space landscape at the Second Street/San Antonio Road intersection; and
- Provide a plan for the use of adjacent properties in common ownership including the former bank on San Antonio Road and the potentially historic structure on Second Street.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner BAER adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM.

Prepared by:

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