



MINUTES ARCHITECTURE AND SITE REVIEW COMMITTEE

6:30 p.m., October 19, 2011
Community Chambers
One North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California 94022

CALL TO ORDER

Chair LORELL called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

All Present: Chair LORELL, Vice-Chair BRUINS, and Commissioners JUNAID
Staff: Planning Services Manager KORNFIELD and Senior Planner DAHL

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Architecture and Site Review Committee Minutes

Reconsideration of the minutes from the September 14, 2011 meeting and consideration of the October 5, 2011 regular meeting minutes.

MOTION BY VICE-CHAIR BRUINS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JUNAID, to approve the September 14, 2011 meeting minutes as-is and the October 5, 2011 regular meeting minutes as amended to correct the maker of the motion for the item at 1714 Austin Avenue. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. 11-D-03 – Lowney Architecture –160 First Street

Commercial design review for a new Safeway grocery store. The project includes a grade level parking garage with a 45,265 square-foot grocery store on the second story. *Project Planner: Dahl*

Senior Planner DAHL presented the staff report recommending approval of design review application 11-D-03 to the Planning Commission subject to the findings and recommended direction.

A representative from Safeway presented the proposed design, noting that Safeway would expand the City's easement to accommodate the development at 400 Main Street and wanted to preserve the dedicated right turn at First and State intersection. Several residents spoke in support of the design, noting that the design fit in with the downtown character and urged that it get approved. The residents also noted that the right turn lane should be kept due to the congested intersection and that the sidewalk in front of the project should be widened. A representative from one of the

project's neighbors expressed support for the project but noted that the design on the sides and rear of the project could be improved and suggested using the rooftop for tables and solar, and including an EV charging station. There was no other public comment.

The Committee discussed the project and expressed their general support for the project. A Committee member stated that the roof design was well done, but the main entry driveway could be improved. Another Committee member expressed concern about the design, noting that the pedestrian scale should be improved on the right side, the center tower lacked character, the right turn lane should be kept and the main driveway enhanced. The Committee Chair stated that he was impressed with the project, noting that the sidewalk should be widened, a crosswalk added at the State Street driveway and that the project should keep the right turn lane.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JUNAID, SECONDED BY VICE-CHAIR BRUINS, to recommend approval of application 11-D-03 to the Planning Commissions per the staff report findings and recommended direction, with the following additional direction:

- Keep the right turn lane, but provide curb returns and a crosswalk.
- Widen sidewalks in front of the project.
- Enhance architecturally at the State Street driveway (e.g. entry columns).

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair LORELL adjourned the meeting at 7:48 PM.

Prepared by:

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