

BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 9, 2019 6:00 P.M.
Council Chambers - Solvang Municipal Center – 1644 Oak Street

B.A.R. Members Present: Chair Elsemarie Petersen; Co-Chair Joannie Jamieson, Scott Gold, William Rodgers

B.A.R. Members Absent: Michael Mendizza

Staff Present: Brynda Messer, Assistant Planner

1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS:

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

A. Public Comment

Susan Bott:

Introduced herself as a member of We Watch and Save Our Stars. Provided brochures to explain what they do. Added that she is working with Planning Staff to update exterior lighting examples.

B. Approval of the April 11, 2019 meeting minutes.

Motion made by Board Member Gold to approve the minutes as presented, and seconded by Board Member Rodgers. Vote is 4-0-1, with Board Member Mendizza absent.

Ms. Messer stated that the Rule of Necessity shall be evoked, due to possible conflicts of interest on one of the agenda items.

2. SIGN PROPOSALS:

A. Lace & Leather Salon & Barbering

455 Fifth Street – APN 139-171-002

Applicant: Lorraine Thompson, Valley Sign Co.

Request for approval to replace one hanging sign and replace one ground sign

in the TRC zone district.

Board Member Rodgers excused himself from participating due to a possible conflict of interest.

Brynda Messer presented staff memo, stating the applicant is asking for the small hanging sign to be flat, since it is hanging far from the street.

Co-Chair Jamieson asked the applicant if the ground sign was flat, and Ms. Thomson stated no, it will be carved, but they are asking that the hanging sign be flat.

Motion made by Co-Chair Jamieson to accept the proposal as presented and seconded by Chair Petersen. Vote is 3-0-2, with Board Member Rodgers not participating in voting due to a possible conflict of interest and Board Member Mendizza absent.

B. Crawford Family Wines/Cailloux Cheese Shop

1661 Mission Drive – APN 139-142-010

Applicant: Janelle Norman, Owner, Cailloux Cheese Shop

Request for approval for two wall signs, awning changes, exterior paint change, and several patio improvements in the TRC zone district.

Chair Petersen excused herself from participating due to a possible conflict of interest. Co-Chair Jamieson chaired the item.

Brynda Messer presented staff report and asked the Board Members if they can review the sign first, then the patio improvements.

Co-Chair Jamieson asked for clarification on the awning changes, and Ms. Norman stated that one awning will be fabric, and the other will have the roof shingles removed, and add a flat seem bronze material over it.

There was consensus with the Board Members that the signage proposal is nice.

Motion made by Board Member Rodgers to approve the signs and awnings as presented and seconded by Board Member Gold. Vote is 3-0-2, with Chair Petersen not participating due to a possible conflict of interest, and Board Member Mendizza absent.

Ms. Messer presented the portion of the staff report that included patio improvements consisting of wooden planters filled with succulents to provide barrier requirements for ABC, wooden bench seating, tables, chairs,

umbrellas, heaters, and new trim paint color. Ms. Norman presented one of the umbrellas for the Board to see.

Consensus of the Board was that it is a nice proposal.

Motion made by Board Member Gold to approve all patio improvements as presented and seconded by Board Member Rodgers. Vote is 3-0-2, with Chair Petersen not participating in voting due to a possible conflict of interest, and Board Member Mendizza absent.

Board Member Rodgers commented to the applicant that he did like the existing green trim of the building and would like to see more color in Solvang.

C. Fairy & Frog

1607 Mission Drive, Units 109 & 110 – APN 139-142-014

Applicant: Brian Schneider, 805 Signs

Request for approval of one projecting sign and one wall sign in the TRC zone district.

Ms. Messer announced that the rule of necessity would be evoked due to Chair Petersen and Board Member Rodgers having possible conflicts of interest. Ms. Messer put the two names in a hat and asked a member of the public to pull a name, which was Chair Petersen. Board Member Rodgers excused himself from participating due to a possible conflict of interest.

Brynda Messer presented staff report, stating the applicant is requesting that the rear wall sign to be flat, not carved, as it only faces the rear parking area.

Chair Petersen asked the applicant what kind of business it is, and the applicant responded it is a retail gift shop.

Board Member Gold stated he thinks the artwork is great with a modern touch. Co-Chair Jamieson agreed, stating it is charming.

Motion made by Co-Chair Jamieson to approve the sign as presented and seconded by Board Member Petersen. Vote is 3-0-2, with Board Member Rodgers not participating due to possible conflict of interest, and Board Member Mendizza absent.

3. DEVELOPMENT PROJECT REVIEW

A. 1250 Hans Park Trail

Applicant: Henry and Cheri Glimp, Owners

Request for approval for front yard fencing and landscape alterations in the Skytt Mesa Development.

Ms. Messer presented the staff report, stating this project was part of an enforcement case, due to a complaint regarding visual blight (including a play-structure and various toys seen from the public right of way). She added that all exterior improvements or changes require review and approval from the BAR according to the approved design guidelines for Skytt Mesa.

Discussion followed regarding whether or not there were CC&R's and an HOA for Skytt Mesa and the applicant provided an explanation of the project.

Motion made by Board Member Rodgers to approve the proposal as presented and seconded by Co-Chair Jamieson. Vote is 4-0-1, with Board Member Mendizza absent.

4. Board Member Comments

Co-Chair Jamieson asked staff what the status was regarding the Sign Ordinance update and the Design Guidelines update. Ms. Messer answered that she, the Planning Director, and City Manager are going through the sign ordinance currently, and did not have an answer regarding the Design Guidelines update. She believed it would be a Council direction. Co-Chair Jamieson stated that staff, BAR members and Planning Commission is able to do this work without hiring an outside consultant.

Discussion followed regarding the definition of "old world" and what historic Danish colors are.

Chair Petersen adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.