



**MINUTES
SOLVANG DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING**

Council Chamber
1644 Oak Street
Solvang, CA 93463

June 16, 2022
Thursday
5:00 p.m.

1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Members Patrick Cavanaugh, Joy Culley, Brian Deputy, Jennifer Dryden Hess

Absent: Member Esther Jacobsen Bates

Staff: City Manager Xenia Bradford, Assistant Planner Sophia Checa, Planning Consultant Laurie Tamura, City Clerk Annamarie Porter

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Committee Member Culley led in the Salute to the Flag.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Approve order of Agenda as presented

Motion by Member Deputy, to approve the agenda, as presented, seconded by Member Dryden Hess, and carried, 4-0, with Member Jacobsen Bates, absent.

b. Approve Minutes of May 19, 2022

Motion by Member Deputy, to approve the minutes of the regular and special meetings of May 19, 2022, as presented, seconded by Chair Cavanaugh, and carried, 3-1, with Member Culley, abstaining and Member Jacobsen Bates, absent.

c. Receive and file Planning and Building Division Current Projects June 2022

The DRC concurred to receive and file the Planning and Building Division Current Projects for June 2022.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

3. SIGN APPROVAL APPLICATIONS

a. Review and approve the proposed hanging sign for Skinderella Soaps and Essentials

at 1608 Copenhagen Drive, Suite A

Member Culley recused herself from the item and left the Chamber.

Assistant Planner Checa presented details of the staff report; addressed the proposed signs; commented on adhering to old world colors and stated they are not proposing illumination.

Chair Cavanaugh invited public comments. There being no one wishing to comment, Chair Cavanaugh closed public comments.

Discussion followed regarding application of the pink bubbles to the sign and preference for a border the same thickness as the letters.

Motion by Member Dryden Hess, to approve the proposed hanging sign for Skinderella Soaps and Essentials at 1608 Copenhagen Drive, Suite A, with the addition of a border, the same thickness as the lettering, seconded by Member Deputy, and carried, 3-0, with Member Culley, recused and Member Jacobsen Bates, absent.

Member Culley returned to the Chamber and took her place on the dais at 5:17 p.m.

4. EXTERIOR DESIGN REVIEWS

a. Review and approve the proposed colors for the exterior of the building, umbrellas, and exterior lighting for Craft House at Corque at 420 Alisal Road

Member Culley recused herself from the item and left the Chamber at 5:17 p.m.

Assistant Planner Checa presented details of the staff report; discussed the proposed building colors, umbrellas and exterior lighting and noted concerns with the proposed string lighting. She stated that string lights are used in other areas of the TRC.

Chair Cavanaugh invited public comments.

Brendan Searls, Applicant, reported they were under the impression that colors had been previously approved when they purchased the property.

Discussion followed regarding the existing tower that still needs to be painted, the possibility of the pergola reflecting the lighter gray of the half timbers, painting the half timbers a darker color, making sure that prime locations look like traditional, historic Denmark, requirements in the design guidelines regarding use of old-world style lanterns for exterior lighting instead of string lights and complying with dark-sky requirements.

Applicant Searls agreed with the DRC's suggestions and stated he will return to submit paint chips at the next DRC meeting.

Planning Consultant Tamura suggested establishing a subcommittee to work with the applicant regarding choosing appropriate colors and the subcommittee will return to the DRC with recommendations.

Members Deputy and Dryden Hess agreed to be on the subcommittee to work with the applicant regarding colors and lighting.

Susan Bott, We Watch, spoke about exterior light fixtures being dark-sky compliant which minimize glare and light trespass and suggested alternative lighting options and removal of existing spotlights.

There were no other public comments.

The DRC took no action at this time.

Member Culley returned to the Chamber and took her place on the dais.

5. DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEWS

a. Review and approve the proposed architecture, colors, materials, exterior lighting, and landscaping for three proposed two-story single-family dwellings at 1621 Fir Avenue

Planning Consultant Laurie Tamura presented the staff report with details of the proposed project.

Discussion followed regarding the previous units, adjacent structures, the importance of compatibility with the neighborhood, being sensitive to the neighborhood and reconsidering exterior colors.

Chair Cavanaugh invited public comments.

Renee, spoke about eclectic colors and designs used in the neighborhood and reported she helped pick the colors but agreed to tone them down.

Jim Knell, Applicant, reported the park building and cottage were designed because it was too difficult to make changes to the existing structures; noted the design of the three units are consistent with the park building and the contrast works and stressed he wants an approval or denial and will appeal to City Council in case of the latter.

Connie Meynet, Architect, discussed the landscape; noted the intent was to create an environment that is reflective of the architecture and complementary to the neighborhood; hoped to include privacy and visual screening and usable outdoor space and discussed installation of perimeter fencing and use of drought tolerant plant materials.

There were no other public comments.

Motion by Member Culley, to approve the proposed architecture, colors, materials, exterior lighting, and landscaping for three proposed two-story single-family dwellings at 1621 Fir Avenue, as presented.

The motion died for lack of a second.

Motion by Member Hess, to have the Applicant work with the subcommittee of Member Hess and Member Deputy, to determine acceptable colors, seconded by Member Deputy, and failed 2-2, with Member Culley and Chair Cavanaugh, opposed and Member Jacobsen Bates, absent.

Jim Knell, Applicant, stated he would love to have an approval with further direction to work with staff to change the exterior colors before resubmitting the colors for approval in July.

Motion by Member Dryden Hess, to approve the proposed architecture, materials, exterior lighting, and landscaping for three proposed two-story single-family dwellings at 1621 Fir Avenue; work with the subcommittee of Member Dryden Hess and Member Deputy, regarding the choice of colors, and return to the DRC in July for approval of the colors, seconded by Member Deputy, and carried 4-0, with Member Jacobsen Bates, absent.

6. OTHER MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS - None

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Discussion followed regarding the third lot for Bella Vista, which was considered at the DRC Meeting on

May 19th.

8. CITY STAFF COMMENTS

Planning Consultant Tamura addressed upcoming Planning Commission agenda items.

Assistant Planner Checa listed items to be considered by the DRC at its next meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Annamarie Porter
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Annamarie Porter, City Clerk