

DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

RECORD OF ACTIONS

November 5, 2009

A. Call to Order 9:00 a.m.

Board members present: Carol Bell, Sandy Diefenbach, Merle Watson, Cathrine Laguna, Robert James and Edward McArdle

Board member absent: Karl Ulle

Staff present: Rozanne Cherry

B. Record of Actions October 22, 2009 meeting

MOTION: Moved by R. James, seconded by S. Diefenbach to approve the minutes.

APPROVED: 5-0-1 (Laguna abstained)

C. Oral and Written Communications – Staff noted that item E.4, E.5 and E.6 had been withdrawn.

D. Consent Calendar

1. PHG09-0033, 64 SF Additions to an Existing Equipment Enclosure for Wireless Facility, 1002 E. El Norte Parkway, Zone R-1-8

Applicant: Mark Phillips, M&M Telecom Inc, 2014 Granada Avenue, San Diego, CA 92104

Planner: Kristina Owens

2. 2004-19-CUP, Roof Mounted Photovoltaic Panels on Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1500 S. Juniper Street, and Zone R-2-12

Applicant: Robert Bessler, Silverwood Energy, Inc., 6716 Bestwood Court, San Diego, CA 92119

Planner: Jasmin Perunovich

MOTION: Moved by M. Watson, seconded by R. James to approve the consent items as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0-0

E. Individual Case Review

1. 2007-104-PPL, Existing Exterior Mural on a Fitness Center Building in the Downtown Retail Core/Historic District, Zoned SP, 237-239 E. Valley Parkway

Applicant: Joe Lopez, 237 E. Valley Parkway, Escondido, CA 92025

Planner: Rozanne Cherry

Continued from 10-22-09. Staff summarized the mural which included the location, size, previous comments from the Police Department and the Downtown Business Association/Design Review Committee. Staff recommended eliminating or modifying the left panel closest to the alley.

Board member Diefenbach had a concern that the mural was similar to graffiti in an area with a big graffiti problem. She suggested revamping the mural and to consider using something other than the artist's name as the subject/design. Board member Watson felt the two murals looked good together and that the colors were great and brightened up the alley. Board member James felt the left panel mural did not resemble graffiti or anything objectionable. He also felt that the murals would deter graffiti. Board member Laguna clarified that the City has no mural guidelines. She felt that although the two panels seemed "off-balance", the murals were not promoting graffiti and that they looked like art. Board member McArdle felt that the mural went against his design sensibilities, but that it seemed that it would be more of a deterrent rather than encouraging graffiti. He noted that the panels were two contrasting styles with the left panel being sharper and more angular, which he felt may be why it appeared more like graffiti. He thought the two panels competed with each other. Chairman Bell felt the size of the mural would deter graffiti on that wall and noted that after seeing the mural in person, she felt that it was more a mural than graffiti.

MOTION: Moved by M. Watson, seconded by R. James to approve both panels of the mural as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED: 4-2-0 (Diefenbach, and McArdle voting no)

2. PHG09-0030, Modification to Existing Wireless Facility on Athletic Field Light at 1118 South Citrus Avenue, Zoned OS-P

Applicant: Mark Phillips, M&M Telecom Inc, 2014 Granada Avenue, San Diego, CA 92104

Planner: Kristina Owens

Staff recommended approval of the project as submitted.

The board concurred the project looked fine.

MOTION: Moved by S. Diefenbach, seconded by R. James to approve the project as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0-0

3. PHG09-0039, Variance for Setbacks for fence at Church of the Resurrection, 1445 Conway Drive, Zoned R-1-8

Applicant: Craig Prestininzi, Kluger architects, 1855 Coronado Avenue, Signal Hill, CA 90755

Planner: Kristina Owens

Staff described the request to provide security fencing around the campus as part of the parking lot expansion approved as phase one of the church master development project. Staff indicated that the required setbacks can be met except along Conway due to the San Diego County Water Authority waterline easement which required the fence to be 10' away from the easement. Staff also indicated the church proposes a 6' high fence 2' behind the property line. Staff recommends approval of the design and location of fence as proposed.

The applicant described the waterlines, the security needed with a higher fence, and that disparate building locations precluded fencing between the buildings. He also indicated the fence was 14' behind the curb with landscaping between the sidewalk and fence.

Carol Rae questioned the distance between the fence and the sidewalk.

Board member James discussed the current vandalism problem and that the fence on one side would deter people cutting through the property. Board member Laguna had a concern with fencing around churches but was okay with the location since the fence was not set right at the sidewalk. Board member McArdle noted the primary reason for the setbacks was to provide landscaping, and felt that the reduced setback requested was appropriate in this case since there would still be a wider landscape area between the fence and sidewalk. Chairman Bell clarified that the south fence would connect to the existing school fence in the interim. She also clarified that in future phases of the project the decorative wrought iron fence would extend along the south and west property lines.

MOTION: Moved by E. McArdle, seconded by M. Watson to approve the variance for fence setback as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0-0

4. Withdrawn

5. Withdrawn

6. Withdrawn

F. Current business: None

G. Oral Communication- None.

H. Board member Discussion – Board member Laguna indicted that the canopy for the Tango restaurant still had not been installed. Chairman Bell clarified that the office project at Beech and Pennsylvania had been reviewed by the board. Board member Watson noted that the Caltrans sound walls along the I-15 freeway looked sensational. Board member Diefenbach indicated that the windmill at the Meadowbrook facility was up and running.

I. Adjournment at 9:35. a.m. to the next regularly scheduled Design Review Board meeting to be held on November 22, 2009, at 9 a.m. at City Hall in Training Room 1, 201 North Broadway, Escondido, CA.

Carol Bell, Chairman
of the Design Review Board

Rozanne Cherry, Secretary
of the Design Review Board