

MINUTES OF THE JULY 7, 2010 DESIGN REVIEW MEETING

CITY OF MESA
MINUTES OF THE
DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
JULY 7, 2010

A meeting of the Design Review Board was held in the Lower Level of the Council Chambers 57 East First Street, at 4:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Craig Boswell - Chair
Tom Bottomley
Greg Lambright
Dan Maldonado
Scott Marble

MEMBERS ABSENT

Wendy LeSueur (excused)

OTHERS PRESENT

Lesley Davis
Debbie Archuleta
John Wesley
Wahid Alam
Tom Ellsworth
Lily Khalafyan-Wilk
Maher
Jim Zemski
Tom Weber
Steve Cook
Karen Shik
John Reddell
James Carpentier
Others

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1. Work Session:

CASE: Compass Bank
10923 East Baseline (District 6)

REQUEST: Review of a 4,354 sq. ft. bank with drive through lanes

DISCUSSION:

Boardmember Greg Lambright:

- Should be more silver than white
- How would they feel about using the yellow (Classic Gold) color from the shopping center?
- Would like to see more of the stone
- The bands in the stone should be recessed
- Maybe the teller window piece could be the stone

Boardmember Dan Maldonado:

- Really liked the Arisscraft stone
- Could they vary the height of the bands between the stucco and the metal
- On the metal portion the bands are a grid; could they be thinner on the stucco?
- Concerned with the very thin strips of turf areas
- Use something xeriscape instead of the turf
- Make sure the trees don't conflict with the solar panels or with the pedestrian paths
- ATM canopy should match the metal color on the building

Boardmember Tom Bottomley:

- Why more white than silver
- Prefer the silver with white as an accent
- Would like more stone; maybe as a wainscot
- Vary the grids; maybe eliminate every other score line on the stucco
- OK with using the Downing Straw and the yellow from the center

Chair Craig Boswell:

- Excellent project
- Questioned the height of the parapet around the solar
- Confirmed that the drive-through has a solid roof

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CASE: Superstar Express Carwash
4420 East Baseline; (District 6)

REQUEST: Review of a 3,525 sq. ft. car wash with 6,462 sq. ft. of canopies

DISCUSSION:

Boardmember Tom Bottomley:

- Confirmed the arch is being used to tie the building to the canopies
- Likes the angle of the arches
- Look at the height of the yellow awning on the elevation; maybe lower it one course

Boardmember Greg Lambright:

- Likes the yellow from the building for the canopies
- Could they widen the landscape planters?

Boardmember Dan Maldonado:

- Look at using trees with a smaller canopy to replace the Mesquite
- See if it is possible to fit the Palm trees along the east foundation base of the building; or at the west property line
- The landscaping along Baseline is fine

Boardmember Scott Marble:

- The west elevation is flat
- He appreciated that the roof varies in height

Chair Craig Boswell:

- Confirmed all the canopies are fabric
- Would prefer integral masonry, but understands why it is painted

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CASE: AZ Health Tech Freeway Landmark Monument Sign
5840 East Still Cir. (District 6)

REQUEST: Review of an 85' tall Freeway Landmark Monument Sign

DISCUSSION:

Boardmember Greg Lambright:

- The stone needs to come down to the ground to anchor the mass
- Let the cantilever be playful
- Whatever is visible needs to be anchored with flagstone
- The lighter brown color should be a lighter shade of brown
- The brown should be reddish not greenish
- The color needs to contrast between the dark brown and the flagstone
- Play up the taper on the steel element, but leave the flagstone element the same

Boardmember Tom Bottomley:

- Make sure the flagstone doesn't look tacked on
- Maybe pull out the base, so the flagstone sits on it
- Play with the proportions of the base so it becomes a shelf for the flagstone
- Likes the proportions of the sign
- Could the brown portion surrounding the sign cabinet line up with the score line below the words AT Still?

Boardmember Scott Marble:

- Could the base be thinner where it isn't flagstone?

Boardmember Dan Maldonado:

- Could the flagstone flow down
- Could the flagstone be thinner at the top and then thicker at the bottom?
- The base will be visible to people inside the campus
- Doesn't want the taper to look like a mistake
- Questioned the choice of the font

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A. Call to Order:

Chair Craig Boswell called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

B. Approval of the Minutes of the June 2, 2010 Meeting:

On a motion by Dan Maldonado seconded by Scott Marble the Board unanimously approved the minutes.

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C. Other business:

Discussion of the Zoning Ordinance Update:

Planning Director, John Wesley explained staff would be taking the comments received from the public to the July Planning and Zoning meeting. Staff would then revise the Ordinance and take it back to the August Planning and Zoning meeting for a recommendation to City Council.

D. Adjournment:

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Archuleta
Planning Assistant

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