

MINUTES OF THE MAY 2, 2012 DESIGN REVIEW MEETING

CITY OF MESA
MINUTES OF THE
DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
MAY 2, 2012

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
Scott Marble
Ralph Smith
Eric Paul

OTHERS PRESENT

John Wesley
Tom Ellsworth
Debbie Archuleta
Wahid Alam
Jeff McVay
Gordon Sheffield

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dan Maldonado (excused)

- A. Discuss and Provide Direction Regarding Design Review cases:

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CASE: DR12-19 LA Fitness
2605 North Power

REQUEST: Review of a 45,000 sq. ft. fitness center

DISCUSSION:

Jorge Calderon explained that since the April meeting they had replaced the stucco with precision block and added canopies.

Boardmember Eric Paul thought the improvements were nice. He questioned whether they needed all of the shade canopies on the rear elevation.

Boardmember Ralph Smith thought the building was a lot better aesthetically. He thought the canopies were nice, but suggested they may not need to extend out quite so far.

Chair Craig Boswell thought the canopies would be nice for adjacent residential.

Boardmember Scott Marble agreed the building was nice. He appreciated the applicants doing what the Board asked them to do.

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CASE: DR12-20 Restaurant with drive-thru
1661 South Stapley

REQUEST: Review of a 2,000 sq. ft. drive thru restaurant

DISCUSSION:

The applicant explained the project had been designed to match the center. The colors would match the shopping centers new colors.

Staffmember Wahid Alam stated would like to see a larger outdoor seating area and larger shade structure. Staff would also like a pedestrian connection to Stapley.

Chair Craig Boswell:

- Confirmed the drive-thru overhang will be a solid structure
- There will be outdoor seating
- The pedestrian connection to Stapley might reduce some of the landscaping in that island

Boardmember Ralph Smith:

- There will be some indoor seating
- Likes the new colors
- Good looking building
- Agreed with staff, there should be a pedestrian link to Stapley

Boardmember Eric Paul:

- There will be cross access to the bank
- The vertical elements get busy for the size of the building
- Could the vertical elements be blocks instead
- Likes the balance of the entry

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B. Call to Order:

Chair Craig Boswell called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

C. Approval of the Minutes of the April 4, 2012 Meeting:

On a motion by Scott Marble seconded by Eric Paul the Board unanimously approved the minutes.

D. Design Review Cases:

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CASE #: DR12-16 **Dairy Queen LED**
LOCATION/ADDRESS: 2754 South Alma School Road
REQUEST: Approval of LED exterior illumination for the existing Dairy Queen at the northwest corner of Guadalupe and Alma School Roads
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3
OWNER: MG Mesa Associates
APPLICANT: Bill Sladek
ARCHITECT: Associated Architects, Inc.
STAFF PLANNER: Wahid Alam, AICP

REQUEST: Approval of exposed exterior illumination for an existing Dairy Queen

SUMMARY: Staffmember Wahid Alam the reason this project was back before the Board was for approval of the exterior illumination.

Chair Craig Boswell there was a lense over the LED, and the lighting was behind the eyebrow. He was concerned that the up-lighting not be brighter than allowed by the night sky ordinance. He liked the look of the LED. H thought the LED lighting should be subtle,

Boardmember Scott Marble thought it would be a good fit if was not overly done.

Boardmember Ralph Smith thought they should use diffusers on the up-lights. Confirmed the anodized aluminum would be the same as the windows.

MOTION: It was moved by Eric Paul and seconded by Ralph Smith that DR12-16 be approved with the following conditions:

1. Compliance with the development as described in the Design Review Board staff report and as shown on the site plan and exterior elevations submitted.
2. Compliance with all City development codes and regulations.
3. Compliance with all requirements of the Development and Sustainability, Engineering, Transportation, and Solid Waste Departments.

VOTE: Passed 4 – 0 (Boardmember Maldonado absent)

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E. Other business:

Staffmember Gordon Sheffield asked for volunteers for a committee to assist in rewriting the Sign Ordinance. He confirmed that he would work with the committee members to schedule any meetings around their schedules. He stated he would be willing to meeting early in the morning or in the evenings, whatever worked for the committee members. He anticipated the meetings would take about an hour and a half once a month in the beginning, then maybe twice a month midway through the project, then again once a month toward the end for confirmation that what staff was doing was what the advisory committee had agreed to in the earlier meetings.

Boardmember Marble stated he would try to work the meetings into his schedule.

F. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 5:09

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Archuleta
Planning Assistant

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