



## ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD Workplan 2021-2022

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**Lead Department:** Planning and Development Services (PDS)

**General Purpose and/or Purview of Board/Commission:**

The Architectural Review Board reviews and makes recommendations to the Planning Director on design and related issues for certain new construction, and changes and additions to commercial, industrial and multiple family projects, as described in the Municipal Code. The Board's goals and purposes are to:

- Promote orderly and harmonious development of the City
- Enhance the desirability of residence or investment in the City
- Encourage the attainment of the most desirable use of land and improvements
- Enhance the desirability of living conditions upon the immediate site or in adjacent areas
- Promote visual environments which are of high aesthetic quality and variety and which, at the same time, are considerate of each other
- To implement and enforce the city's ordinances pertaining to architecture and design

The Board is composed of five members, at least three of whom are architects, landscape architects, building designers or other design professionals. Terms are for three years and commence on November 1. See Palo Alto Municipal Code (PAMC) Sections 2.16 and 2.21. Residency is not required.

For the ARB webpage, go to <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/gov/boards/architectural/>

Anticipated Item/Topic	Description and/or Info	Quarter (July 2021 – June 2022)
Review of projects	Review Planning applications for conformance with ARB Findings	On-going
Comprehensive Plan	Discuss specific Goals, Policies, Programs the ARB would like to further explore/implement	First/Second Quarter
Objective Standards	Ad Hoc Committee to work with staff, PTC, and Council to finalize the creation of Objective Standards that were approved by the full Board on April 1, 2021	First Quarter
ARB Awards (every 5 years)	Review projects constructed from 2015 to 2020 for ARB Awards. (Awards were postponed due to the pandemic)	First/Second Quarter
By-laws	Update By-laws as needed to be in conformance with Council's new Handbook	After Council adoption of necessary Ordinance changes

The ARB is interesting in being part of height and massing discussions, as may be needed to allow increased housing in the City. The Board is also interested to know if Council would like to update the South El Camino Real Guidelines and/or create guidelines for increased densities along San Antonio Road.