ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
AGENDA

Thursday, August 29, 2013
SPECIAL MEETING - 8:30 AM
City Council Chambers, Civic Center, 1st Floor
250 Hamilton Avenue
Palo Alto, CA 94301

ROLL CALL:
Board members:
Clare Malone Prichard (Chair)
Lee Lippert (Vice Chair)
Alexander Lew
Randy Popp

Staff Liaison:
Russ Reich, Senior Planner

Staff:
Diana Tamale, Administrative Associate
Amy French, Chief Planning Official
Aaron Aknin, Interim Planning Director

PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS
Please be advised the normal order of public hearings of agenda items is as follows:
• Announce agenda item
• Open public hearing
• Staff recommendation
• Applicant presentation – Ten (10) minutes limitation or at the discretion of the Board.
• Public comment – Five (5) minutes limitation per speaker or limitation to three (3) minutes depending on large number of speakers per item.
• Architectural Review Board questions of the applicant/staff, and comments
• Applicant closing comments - Three (3) minutes
• Close public hearing
• Motions/recommendations by the Board
• Final vote

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS. Members of the public may speak to any item not on the agenda with a limitation of three (3) minutes per speaker. Those who desire to speak must complete a speaker request card available from the secretary of the Board. The Architectural Review Board reserves the right to limit the oral communications period to 15 minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.
None.
AGENDA CHANGES, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS. The agenda may have additional items added to it up until 72 hours prior to meeting time.

POSTPONED ITEMS:

405 Curtner Avenue [13PLN-00098]: Request by Salvatore Caruso on behalf of Zhen Zhen Li for Architectural Review of a new 7,425 sq. ft., three-story building with six residential condominium units on a vacant, 12,375 sq. ft. site. Zone District: Residential Multiple-Family (RM-30). Environmental Assessment: Exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines Section 15303. This item is postponed and will be re-advertised for the meeting of September 19, 2013.

STUDY SESSIONS:

1. Downtown Context Discussion: Interim Planning Director will describe staff’s efforts toward review of the downtown cap and parking issues.

2. Recap of ARB-Council Joint Meeting: Discussion regarding (1) Council’s August 19, 2013 directive to develop specific recommendations to address concerns regarding sidewalk widths, and (2) modifications to the El Camino Real guidelines.

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

Major Reviews:

3. 3159 El Camino Real [13PLN-00040]: Request by FGY Architects on behalf of Portage Avenue Portfolio, LLC for Site and Design Review of the demolition of x sq.ft. a new 74,122 square foot four-story mixed use project with 48 residential units. The proposal also includes Design Enhancement Exceptions for height, and build to lines as well as a Conditional Use Permit for the parcel to exceed the 5,000 square foot limit for office space. Environmental Assessment: A Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Zone district: Service Commercial (CS).

BOARD MEMBER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS.

Subcommittee Members: Lee Lippert and Randy Popp

SUBCOMMITTEE:

4. 537 Hamilton Ave [13PLN-00087]: Request by Korth Sunseri Hagey Architects, on behalf of Smith Equities III LLC, for review of minor changes related to the sun shades and wall opening adjacent to driveway, for a previously approved commercial project in the CD-C(P) zone district.
STAFF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW:

Project Description: An existing utility pole mounted AT&T cross connect box to a ground mounted location within the public sidewalk
Applicant: Nestor Mauricio
Address: 2287 El Camino Real [13PLN-00330]
Approval Date: 8/21/13
Request for hearing deadline: 9/3/13

Project Description: Landscape modifications which include removal and replacement of 19 Designated trees
Applicant: JC Miller
Address: 1101 Embarcadero Road [13PLN-00276]
Approval Date: 8/22/13
Request for hearing deadline: 9/4/13

Project Description: Removal & replacement of one tree to allow for a new pedestrian accessibility path connecting city sidewalk to the building
Applicant: Scott Hutter
Address: 3172 Porter Drive [13PLN-00318]
Approval Date: 8/22/13
Request for hearing deadline: 9/4/13

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