



ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MINUTES

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**Thursday, April 3, 2014, Meeting
8:30 AM, Council Chambers**

Call to Order

Roll Call: Chair Lee Lippert, Vice-chair Randy Popp, Board Members Alexander Lew, Clare Malone Prichard, Robert Gooyer

Staff: Amy French, Chief Planning Official; Russ Reich, Senior Planner; Diana Tamale, Administrative Associate

Oral Communications: Members of the public may speak to any item not on the agenda; three minutes per speaker. The Architectural Review Board reserves the right to limit oral communications period to 15 minutes. **None.**

Agenda Changes, Additions and Deletions: The agenda may have additional items added to it up until 72 hours prior to meeting time. **None.**

Minutes Approval:
February 20, 2014

Architectural Review Board Action: Board Member Malone Prichard moved seconded by Board Member Lew to approve the minutes as amended by the Board.

Vote: Approval, 5-0-0-0

Report from Officials:

1. Summary of the Our Palo Alto Initiative.

Public Hearing:

Major Review:

2. **2500 El Camino Real [13PLN-00469]**: Request by Stanford Real Estate for Architectural Review of a proposed four-story mixed use project with 70 residential units (one, two and three bedroom units) of below market rate rental housing and approximately 6,981 square feet of commercial space. Zone: CS (AS1). Environmental Assessment: In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, an Environmental Impact Report was prepared and certified for this project on May 5, 2005.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Architectural Review Board (ARB) recommend the Director of Planning and Community Environment approve the proposed project, based upon the required findings in Attachment B and subject to conditions of approval (Attachment C).

Public Comments:

Pam Brandin, spoke of her support for the project.

Alice McGrath, spoke about how public transportation is critical and of the importance of the location relative to transit.

Travis Giggly, he is concerned about bike and pedestrian access, requested access across the back of the property.

Brent Barker, spoke that he is very pleased that Vista accommodated their request to reduce construction hours and the parking reduction is wonderful. He commented that they also need access across the back of the site. He also spoke of the need for additional parking.

Doria Summa, spoke that she is concerned about the parking reduction, they should be required to monitor and address any parking issue.

Phyllis Cassel, spoke that she supports the project because it places affordable housing in close proximity to the transit.

Jessica de Wit, mentioned that she supports the parking reduction.

Shiloh Ballard, spoke that she supports the project, housing density in proximity to the transit.

Chris Wuthmann, spoke that they interpreted the Comp Plan Policy to mean "safe" access. They have worked with Wells Fargo to widen the sidewalk.

Architectural Review Board Action: Board Member Malone Prichard moved seconded by Chair Lee to approve the project in according with the findings and conditions with the following items to return for subcommittee review:

1. The lacy panel color should come back to the subcommittee for review of the brightness.
2. Some provision for the property line improvements.
3. Look at the extra skin materials.

Vote: Approval, 5-0-0-0

Board/Staff Announcements, Updates, Reports, and Comments: Members of the public may not speak to the item(s).

Adjournment

Subcommittee Members: *Randy Popp and Alex Lew*

SUBCOMMITTEE: *None.*

STAFF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW.

Project Description: To allow the installation of two non-illuminated wall signs

Applicant: Jordan Wheeler

Address: 291 Alma Street [14PLN-00012]

Approval Date: 3/20/14

Request for hearing deadline: 4/2/14

Project Description: To allow exterior improvements to the existing building

Applicant: Mark Conore

Address: 341 California Avenue [14PLN-00051]

Approval Date: 3/24/14

Request for hearing deadline: 4/7/14

Sub-Committee Members:

Vice chair Randy Popp

Alexander Lew

Robert Gooyer

Clare Malone Prichard

Chair Lee Lippert

Terms:

February 20, 2014 to April 17, 2014

February 20, 2014 to June 19, 2014

June 19, 2014 to October 16, 2014

October 16, 2014 to November 6, 2014

November 6, 2014 to February 19, 2015

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