



# ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MINUTES

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**Thursday, January 15, 2015, Meeting  
8:30 AM, Council Chambers**

## **Call to Order**

**Roll Call:** Chair Randy Popp, Vice Chair Robert Gooyer, Board Members Alexander Lew, Kyu Kim, Catherine Ballantyne

**Staff:** Amy French, Chief Planning Official; Diana Tamale, Administrative Associate III; Elizabeth Ames, Senior Project Manager; Christy Fong, Planner; Clare Campbell, Senior Planner; Jodie Gerhardt, Senior Planner

**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:** None.

## **Public Hearing Items:**

- 1. Bike Bridge Design Competition:** Review and Comment on the Three Proposed Designs for the Palo Alto Highway 101 Pedestrian/Bicycle Overcrossing Design Competition. For more information contact Elizabeth Ames at [Elizabeth.ames@cityofpaloalto.org](mailto:Elizabeth.ames@cityofpaloalto.org).

## **Recommendation**

Staff requested that the board provide general comments on the bridge concepts that will be forwarded to the City Council.

Public comments:

*Vita Gorbunova*, spoke to the board about her personal opinion on aesthetics, noting the first project, the arc looks more prominent because it's unnecessarily taller.

*Carl Jones*, asked whether Palo Alto has to accept the designs as is or can ask for changes or modifications. He noted there are some wonderful parts of both designs that the other doesn't necessarily have; for example, one has a pathway, stairway that allows you to get down on the west side.

The Board provided comments on Item #1.

- 2. 429 University Avenue [14PLN-00222]:** Request by Ken Hayes Architects, Inc. on behalf of Kipling Post LP for Architectural Review of a proposal to demolish two existing one-story

commercial/retail buildings with a total of 11,633 sf and construct a 31,407 sf, four-story mixed use building with two levels of underground parking providing 40 on-site spaces on an 11,000 sf site in the Downtown Commercial (CD-C (GF)(P)) zoning district. Environmental Assessment: Initial Study and draft Mitigated Negative Declaration public review period was November 17, 2014 through December 12, 2014. **The hearing of this item was continued from the December 18, 2014 ARB meeting to this date.**

## **RECOMMENDATION**

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

Note: Verbatim minutes have been prepared for this item.

Public Comments:

*Tim Orbelier, noted that he supports the project, and that Palo Alto needs more parking and housing.*

*Vita Gorbunova, stated that the scale of the building is out place for the area.*

*Michael Harbour, noted that Kipling Street is unique and that the building being considered at the corner should not dominate the street.*

**Architectural Review Board Action** Vice Chair Gooyer moved seconded by Board Member Lew to continue the project to the meeting on February 19, 2015.

*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 Catherine Ballantyne*

### **SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS:**

- 3. 456 University Avenue [14PLN-00226]:** Request by Gensler for Subcommittee Review of signage and lighting details for a previously approved project for exterior modifications to the entry courtyard that include outdoor seating, new entry doors, signage, storefront system, and lighting for a Category 1 historic resource (Varsity Theater). Zone District: CD-C(GF)(P). Environmental Assessment: Categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA, Sections 15303 and 15331.

The subcommittee approved the details with the following revisions: (1) The lettering on the three panels of the marquee cannot be modified with exception of updating new events; the remaining Hanahaus and Blue Bottle Coffee lettering and logos shall remain consistent with plans approved. (2) Once installed, the Subcommittee shall perform a site visit to determine the appropriate light intensity of the wall sign at the rear of the building.

- 4. 1730 Embarcadero [13PLN-00515]:** Review of revisions to Audi's front landscaping, site fencing, exterior storage and bird friendly glass.

Recommended approval with the following conditions: (1) Redesign of front landscaping, front auto display area, and retention of the requirement to provide two specimen trees. (2) Ornlux bird-friendly glass for the large expanses of glass in the auto showroom. (3) 6 gauge wire fence material for

perimeter fencing. (4) Exterior storage enclosure with no roof for parts that will be kept in their own containers.

**STAFF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW.**

*Project Description: Re-facing of two exiting wall signs*

*Applicant: Indiana Ortega*

*Address: 525 University Avenue [14PLN-00441]*

*Approval Date: 12/16/14*

*Request for hearing deadline: 12/29/14*

*Project Description: Re-facing of one existing monument sign*

*Applicant: Indiana Ortega*

*Address: 1860 Embarcadero Blvd [14PLN-00442]*

*Approval Date: 12/16/14*

*Request for hearing deadline: 12/29/14*

*Project Description: To allow the installation of one non-illuminated wall sing on a commercial building*

*Applicant: Thuy Tran*

*Address: 2720 Middlefield Road [14PLN-00420]*

*Approval Date: 12/30/14*

*Request for hearing deadline: 1/12/15*

*Project Description: A minor exterior modification that includes new paint color for an existing multifamily residential*

*Applicant: Lee Lippert*

*Address: 360 Sheridan Avenue [14PLN-00481]*

*Approval Date: 12/31/14*

*Request for hearing deadline: 1/13/15*

*Project Description: Re-facing of two existing externally-illuminated monument signs*

*Applicant: Stephanie Chong*

*Address: 3400 Hillview Avenue [14PLN-00457]*

*Approval Date: 1/5/15*

*Request for hearing deadline: 1/20/15*

*Project Description: Addition of three new panel antennas and three new remote radio heads installed behind the existing roof-top screen*

*Applicant: Tom Derkas*

*Address: 3600 W. Bayshore Road [14PLN-00456]*

*Approval Date: 1/6/15*

*Request for hearing deadline: 1/20/15*

*Project Description: Addition of three new panel antennas and three new remote radio heads installed behind the existing roof-top screen*

*Applicant: Tom Derkas*

*Address: 925 Commercial Street [14PLN-00455]*

*Approval Date: 1/6/15*

*Request for hearing deadline: 1/20/15*

**Sub-Committee Members:**

Randy Popp  
Catherine Ballantyne  
Alexander Lew  
Kyu Kim  
Robert Gooyer

**Terms:**

January 15, 2015 to May 7, 2015  
January 15, 2015 to July 16, 2015  
May 21, 2015 to October 15, 2015  
July 16, 2015 to December 17, 2015  
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