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Design Review Commission Meeting

Location: Novato City Hall, 901 Sherman Avenue

March 6, 2013

MINUTES

Present: Patrick MacLeamy, Chair
Joseph Farrell
Tom Telfer

Absent: Michael Barber, Vice Chair
Jon Strickling

Staff: Alan Lazure, Principal Planner

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order.

APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA: The final agenda was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. APPROVAL OF DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 20, 2013

The February 20, 2013 meeting minutes were continued.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

CONTINUED ITEMS: None

NEW ITEMS: None

PROJECT DESIGN WORKSHOP:

2. HOMEWARD BOUND (AL) P2012-066; DESING REVIEW APN 155-020-46; 5394 NAVE DRIVE

Conduct a public workshop to review and provide comments on a proposed 14 unit multi-family apartment project.

Staff then applicants made presentations.

Chair MacLeamy announced he had met with the applicants since the last DRC meeting at their invitation to answer site plan questions.

General comments:

- Height of sound wall along Nave may be imposing if not dealt with in a thoughtful manner by the use of materials and landscaping.
- Sidewalk along Nave needs to be moved away from street and landscaped (curve-a-linear wall and sidewalk design).
- Concern that limited parking will be inadequate if development is someday converted to traditional multi-family residential use.
- Move community building forward towards Marin Valley Dr. to create a larger interior community space.
- Design a welcoming entry feature at the central access from the parking lot.

No public speakers

The Commissioners agreed that the site plan and building/unit concepts are now much improved and supported the applicant's efforts to move forward with the project to the Planning Commission. The applicant's understood that they would return to the DRC for final project architecture, colors and materials and landscape plan once the project received entitlement approval from the City Council.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT: M/s Farrell/Telfer for adjournment (passed 3-0-2). Adjourned by the Chair at 8:45 p.m.