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Design Review Commission Meeting

Location: Novato City Hall, 901 Sherman Avenue

April 2, 2014

MINUTES

Present: Michael Barber, Chair
Joseph Farrell, Vice Chair
Patrick MacLeamy
Beth Radovanovich
Tom Telfer

Absent: None

Staff: Alan Lazure, Principal Planner

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:

The meeting was called to order.

APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA:

The agenda was approved without changes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT CALENDAR: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

CONTINUED ITEMS: None

NEW ITEMS:

- 1. VINTAGE WAY “K” SHOPS (AL)
P2014-014; DESIGN REVIEW
APN 153-340-35; 208 VINTAGE WAY
CEQA: EXEMPT PER SECTION 15301**

Conduct a Design Review hearing on the architecture, materials, colors, and landscaping for the renovation of the central two story “K Shops” portion of the Vintage Oaks at Novato shopping center. Also, to be considered is a determination that the project is Exempt per Section 15301 of the California Environmental Act (CEQA).

Applicant’s representative – Stuart Lyle, architect with SGPA

Planner Lazure gave a staff presentation summarizing the analysis and recommendation contained in the staff report.

The public hearing was opened and the applicant’s architect gave a Power Point presentation of the project proposal to make site and architectural modifications to the central K Shops of Vintage Oaks. The architect stressed that the modifications were intended to update the cosmetics of the center while retaining some elements to relate to the vintner theme of the buildings within the shopping center.

The public hearing was closed.

The Commissioners generally supported the intent and design of the proposed modifications with some minor concerns related to the proposed cast stone base of the two remodeled support columns of the pass-through, more details on the water/fountain feature, colors and more complete landscape plan.

M/s MacLeamy/Radovanovich (passed 5-0) to approve the application with the findings and subject to the conditions as recommended in the staff report, and additional conditions subject to the review and approval of the Commission at a future meeting as follows:

1. Provide and alternate design approach to make the cast stone at the base of the pass-through columns more substantial, including stone texture, color and a cap on the stone base.
2. Provide more detail on the design and use of the overhead light strings in the plaza seating area.
3. The water feature is understated for the plaza; provide a more substantial water feature design.
4. Submit a more detailed landscape plan, including specific plant types, sizes and locations.
5. The exterior material colors need to be better described.
6. Samples, of sufficient size to depict the proposed exterior materials and colors of the building façades shall be painted either on the building or on a mock-up, to be reviewed by the Design Review Commissioners, so that they may determine color compatibility prior to applying the final colors to the building. This shall be a noticed meeting.

PROJECT DESIGN WORKSHOP: None

GENERAL BUSINESS:

2. Update on Council/Executive Staff discussion on Boards, Commissions and Committees.

Planner Lazure gave background on Council/Executive Staff discussion material and noted the inclusion of DRC comments in the final document. Commission accepted report.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.