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Design Review Commission Meeting

Location: Novato City Hall, 901 Sherman Avenue

February 17, 2016

MINUTES

Present: Beth Radovanovich, Chair
Marshall Balfe, Vice Chair
Michael Barber
Joe Farrell
Patrick MacLeamy

Absent:

Staff: Steve Marshall, Planning Manager
Hans Grunt, Senior Planner

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.

APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA:

M/S: MacLeamy/Farrell; Passed 4-0-1

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. **APPROVAL OF DRC MINUTES OF DECEMBER 16, 2015 (BR, JF, MBar, MBal, PM)**

M/S: Farrell/Barber: Passed 5-0-0

2. **APPROVAL OF DRC MINUTES OF JANUARY 6, 2016 (JF, MBar, MBal, PM)**

M/S: Farrell/MacLeamy: Passed 4-0-0-1 (Commissioner Radovanovich abstained)

PUBLIC HEARING: None

CONTINUED ITEMS: None

NEW ITEMS:

3. **OMA VILLAGE (SM)
P2014—008; DESIGN REVIEW
APN 155-020-46; 5394 NAVE DRIVE
CEQA – EXISTING MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

Conduct a public hearing to consider approving the exterior materials and colors for Oma Village, an approved 14-unit, two-story apartment project currently under construction.

Planning Manager Marshall introduced the item.

Doug Elliot and Paul Fordham, representing Homeward Bound of Marin, discussed the exterior colors proposed for Oma Village. They noted a desire for flexibility to mix and match colors, but if a single color combination were desired they would prefer color scheme A.

Commissioner Barber indicated the proposed colors could be a bit mundane and could be more exciting. A little more variation or accents would be beneficial. Perhaps use color scheme A, but with more variability.

Commissioner MacLeamy stated he found the colors to be much like what Commissioner Barber described. Lighter colors could be better to make courtyard feel larger. The proposed colors are not uplifting. Color scheme C could be a starting point.

Commissioner Farrell indicated he recalled a prior version of the project with bright colored renditions, which he felt had vibrancy. He would like to see a bit more daring color selection to create a good feeling for future residents. He wouldn't mind looking at a different color palette.

Commissioner Balf indicated a richer color scheme is desirable. The proposed colors are a bland. Consider brighter, stronger colors.

Commissioner Radovanovich indicated her thoughts echoed those of the other commissioners. The proposed colors have a lot of the same tonal variation. The colors need more vibrancy.

Senior Planner Grunt suggested appointing a subcommittee of the Design Review Commission to meet with the applicant at the project site to review and select an acceptable color palette.

Commissioner MacLeamy made a motion to form a subcommittee of the Design Review Commission consisting of Commissioner Barber and Commissioner Radovanovich to meet with the applicant at the project site to consider and select a different color scheme.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Farrell.

The motion passed 5-0.

PROJECT DESIGN WORKSHOP: None.

GENERAL BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.