

Minutes of the Community Design Commission Special Meeting
November 25, 2020 7:00 p.m.
Remote Participation

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Community Design Commission Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. and roll was called. A quorum was present.

Attendees: Acting Chair: Juan Betancur, Commissioners: Richard Katz, Nick Sinadinos, Cynthia Ross, Greg Kolar, Jonathan Kirk, Cindy Wong and Julie Kuhn.

Absent: and Commissioners, C. Scott Smith and Jason Bergwerff

Also present: Craig Failor, Village Planner and Michael Bruce, Zoning Administrator

Non-Agenda Public Comment: None

Minutes:

September 24, 2020: Commissioner Katz moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Ross seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the minutes were approved unanimously as submitted.

Public Hearing(s); Sitting as the Design Review Commission:

838 Madison Street - The Community Design Commission (“Commission”) conducted a public hearing on an application filed by the Applicant, Karla Linarez, seeking a sign variance from Section 7-7-15 (D) (1) (a) of the Village’s Sign Code, to permit the installation of one (1) wall sign on the east elevation of the building where there is no street frontage.

Ms. Linarez presented the application. Zoning Administrator Bruce provided an overview of the staff report. The Commission discussed the location and lighting of the sign, color of the raceway and possible impacts to the residential neighbors living above the sign.

Commissioner Sinadinos made a motion to approve the application for sign variance regarding the location of the east facing wall sign. Commissioner Kirk seconded the motion.

Sinadinos- Yes
Kirk - Yes
Katz - Yes
Kuhn - Yes
Kolar - Yes
Ross- Yes
Wong - Yes
Acting Chair Betancur – Yes

The Motion passed.

Commissioner Kirk made a motion to approve the resolution as amended. Commissioner Ross seconded the motion.

Kirk - Yes
Ross- Yes

Sinadinos- Yes
Katz - Yes
Kuhn - Yes
Kolar - Yes
Wong - Yes
Acting Chair Betancur – Yes

The Motion passed

Other Business – The Work Plan was passed unanimously as amended with a following vote:

Commissioner Kirk made a motion to approve the modified work plan. Commissioner Sinadinos seconded the motion.

Kirk – Yes
Sinadinos- Yes
Katz - Yes
Kuhn - Yes
Kolar - Yes
Ross- Yes
Wong - Yes
Acting Chair Betancur – Yes

The Motion passed.

The Commission heard an appeal of Zoning Administrator's decision regarding Design Standard requirements for 841 N. Lombard Avenue. The Commission reviewed the presentation by Mr. Foster Chambers and reviewed additional photographs provided by the Commission. Zoning Administrator Bruce provided an overview of staff's position. The Commission supported staff's position that the proposal did not meet the Design Standards in the Zoning Ordinance. The Commission provided some advice on modifications to the house.

Commissioner Kirk made a motion to approve the applicant's appeal request. Commissioner Katz seconded the motion.

Kirk – No
Katz - No
Sinadinos- No
Kuhn - No
Kolar - No
Ross- No
Wong - No
Acting Chair Betancur – No

The Motion failed.

Reports - None

Adjournment

Commissioner Wong moved to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Commissioner Kolar. The meeting adjourned by Roll Call at 8:00 p.m.

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