

MINUTES

OF THE Design Review Board

Wednesday, February 6, 2010 7:30 PM El Cerrito City Hall

Council Chambers 10890 San Pablo Avenue

Roll Call: Carl Hampson, Radziah Loh, and Maggie Leighly. Gary Hill and Glenn Wood had excused absences.

- 1. **Council / Staff Liaison Report None.**
- 2. **Election of Chair and Vice-Chair** Postponed to the next DRB meeting.
- 3. Comments from the Public

Speakers: Jeff Peters
Phil Zimmerman Marina Ratner
Pam Bennett Irene Fandry
Michael DeMay

- **4. Approval of Minutes** Postponed to the next DRB meeting.
- 5. Board Member Communication/Conflict of Interest Disclosure

None were reported.

Scott Houser

6. Public Hearing – Gate at Camp Herms

Application: PL10-0001

Applicant: Valerie Ridgers, Mt. Diablo Silverado Council, BSA

Location: 1100 James Place APN: 505-340-001

Zoning: PR (Parks and Recreation)
General Plan: Parks and Open Space

Request: Design Review Board consideration of a new gate at the main entrance to Camp

Herms Boy Scout Camp (19.38.020 2. d. of the El Cerrito Municipal Code).

CEQA: Exempt, Class 1 Existing Facilities – Additions or minor changes to existing

structures.

Associate Planner Sean Moss presented the case and answered questions from the Design Review Board members. The Board added the following conditions of approvals:

- 1) Require a maximum gap of 4" in between tubing.
- 2) The color shall be brown to match the existing post.
- 3) The gate and overhead arch shall match in radius.

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4) Add a wheel at the base of the gate (on center) to help support its weight.

Speakers:

Michael DeMay, 1120 James Place

Motion to approve the proposed gate: Loh, 2nd: Leighly. Vote: 3-0-0-2

7. Conceptual Design Review – 1739 Elm Street

Application: PL09-0187
Applicant: Joseph Dao
Location: 1739 Elm Street
APN: 502-112-043

Zoning: RM (Multi-Family Residential) General Plan: High Density Residential

Request: Design Review Board consideration of a conceptual review to add a unit on the lot,

pursuant to 19.38.020 2. b. of the El Cerrito Municipal Code, for a unit to locate within the rear setback, and for a fence to exceed the height of 3' within the front

setback (19.38.50 of the El Cerrito Municipal Code).

CEQA: Exempt, Class 1 Existing Facilities – Additions or minor changes to existing

structures.

Senior Planner Noel Ibalio presented the case and answered questions from the Design Review Board members. The Board provided the following comments to be forwarded to the Planning Commission:

- 1) The carport shall be compatible in design with the existing house.
- 2) The front fence should be reduced to 3'.
- 3) Provide a panorama of the block to show compatibility.
- 4) Revise plans to show swing mechanism on the gate and replace trees along northern fence with ground cover or creeping vines.

8. Staff Communications

- The T-Mobile monopine could come before the Board in April.
- Update on Safeway. Safeway has responded to the City's incomplete letter.

9. Adjournment – 9:40 p.m.