



Community Development Department

# MINUTES

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

**7:30 p.m.**  
**Wednesday, February 6, 2019**  
**El Cerrito City Hall**  
Council Chambers  
10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

### **This Meeting Place Is Wheelchair Accessible**

**Roll Call:** Chair: Carl Groch; Board Members: Ben Chuaqui, Wenlin Li, Patrick Riley, and John Thompson.

#### **1. Comments from the Public**

Councilmember Paul Fadelli spoke about recent City Council items, including tenant protections and the El Cerrito library.

Cordell Hindler of Richmond spoke about creating a soothing place in El Cerrito.

#### **2. Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approval the minutes of the January 24, 2019 meeting: Riley; second; Li.

Vote:

Ayes: Chuaqui, Groch, Li, Riley, Thompson

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

#### **3. Board Member Communication/Conflict of Interest Disclosure**

Boardmembers Chuaqui and Thompson reported that they had had communication with Mark Rhoades of the Polaris project team.

#### **4. Continued Public Hearing: Polaris Apartments (formerly Baxter Creek Apartments) – Tier II Design Review**

Application: PL17-0028

Applicant: Charles Oewel, 11965 San Pablo, LLC

Location: 11965 San Pablo Ave

APN: 513-340-059

Zoning: Transit-Oriented Higher-Intensity Mixed Use (TOHIMU)

#### **COMMUNICATION ACCESS INFORMATION**

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Design Review Board Meeting Minutes

General Plan: Transit-Oriented Higher-Intensity Mixed Use (TOHIMU)  
Request: Design Review Board consideration of Tier II Design Review, pursuant to the San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan, for a new 8-story building containing 144 residential units pursuant to the California Density Bonus Law (Government Code Sections 65915 – 65918).  
CEQA: This project has been found to be consistent with the Program Environmental Impact Report prepared for the San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15168 and 15182.

Acting Planning Manager, Sean Moss presented the staff report and answered questions from the Board.

Mark Rhoades, Joe DeCredico and Jack Boyajian, of the project team, presented the project and answered questions from the Board.

The public hearing was opened.

The following speakers addressed the Board:  
Howdy Goudey, El Cerrito  
Cordell Hindler, Richmond

The public hearing was closed.

**5. Staff Communications**

Staff updated the Board regarding upcoming agenda items and recent City Council items.

**6. Adjournment**

9:18 p.m.