



**ARCHITECTURAL AND LANDSCAPING
REVIEW BOARD
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the La Quinta Architectural and Landscaping Review Board was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Planning Manager David Sawyer.

Planning Manager Sawyer led the Board into the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Board Members Richard Gray, Kevin McCune, and Ray Rooker

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Planning Manager David Sawyer, Consultant Planner Nicole Criste, Community Services Director Edie Hylton, City Consultant and Project Manager Nick Nickerson, and Secretary Monika Radeva

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA – Confirmed

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion – A motion was made and seconded by Board Members Gray/Rooker to approve the Architectural and Landscaping Review Board Minutes of November 6, 2013 as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS SESSION

1. Conditional Use Permit 2013-155 submitted by Case and Lisa Swenson for consideration of architectural and landscaping plans for the construction of a 6,093 square-foot single-family residence on a 3.16 acre lot located at 77210 Loma Vista within the Enclave Mountain Estates.

Board Member Rooker recused himself from this item because of a professional conflict of interest with the applicant's architect.

Consultant Planner Nicole Criste presented the information contained in the staff report, a copy of which is on file in the Community Development Department.

Mr. John Vuksic, Architect with Prest Vuksic Architects, Palm Desert, CA – introduced himself, gave a detailed presentation of the proposed project, and answered the Board’s questions.

Mr. Chris Hermann, ASLA, Landscape Architect and President with Hermann Design Group, Palm Desert, CA – introduced himself, explained the proposed lighting for the project, and answered the Board’s questions.

Mr. Doug Franklin, P.E., Vice President with The Altum Group, Palm Desert, CA – introduced himself, explained the proposed drainage for the development, and answered the Board’s questions.

Motion – A motion was made and seconded by Board Members McCune/Gray recommending approval of Conditional Use Permit 2013-152, as submitted with staff’s recommendations and the following suggestions:

- Replace the proposed swing doors for the utility closet within the garage to facilitate the full use of the parking space.
- Use a cast of the existing on-site rocks in the design of the faux rock wall.
- Keep overall site disturbance to a minimum including establishment of the overlook area.

AYES: Board Members Gray and McCune. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: Board Member Rooker.

2. Site Development Permit 2013-935 submitted by the City of La Quinta for consideration of architectural and landscaping plans for the expansion of the existing Senior Center by 6,000 square feet. The expansion will result in the La Quinta Health and Wellness Center, and accommodate expanded services and facilities, including classrooms, a community gym, and expanded bathroom/shower facilities. Location: 78450 Avenida La Fonda, Civic Center, current Senior Center building.

Consultant Planner Nicole Criste presented the information contained in the staff report, a copy of which is on file in the Community Development Department.

Mr. Craig Pearson, Principal Architect with Pearson Architects, Inc., Palm Desert, CA – introduced himself, gave a brief overview of the projects, and answered the Board’s questions.

The Board asked as to the reasons for the proposed expansion of the existing Senior Center. Community Services Director Edie Hylton explained as part of the City’s 2007 City Master Plan a survey was completed that identified a large interest in health and fitness throughout the city, including parks, trails development, and both recreational programs and facilities. She noted that the building was built back in 1984-85 and was starting to show its age, as well as it was currently ADA non-compliant.

City Consultant and Project Manager Nick Nickerson said the City had prepared an ADA deficiency study for all city-wide facilities. This expansion would ensure that the building is completely ADA compliant.

Motion – A motion was made and seconded by Board Members Rooker/Gray recommending approval of Site Development Permit 2013-935 as submitted with staff’s recommendations. Motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE AND WRITTEN MATERIAL - None

REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS - None

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

- A joint meeting between the Planning Commission and the Architectural and Landscaping Review Board has been tentatively scheduled for January 28, 2014, at 6:00 p.m.
- A joint meeting between the City Council and the City’s Boards and Commissions has been scheduled for Wednesday, January 29, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. at the La Quinta Library.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved and seconded by Board Members McCune/Gray to adjourn this meeting at 11:14 a.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



MONIKA RADEVA, Secretary
City of La Quinta, California