



City of Santa Rosa

City Hall, Council Chamber
100 Santa Rosa Ave
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Design Review Board Regular Meeting Minutes - Draft

Thursday, January 16, 2025

4:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Jones-Carter called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

Present 4 - Chair Melanie Jones-Carter, Board Member Michael Cook, Board Member Victoria Liptak, and Board Member Drew Weigl

Absent 3 - Vice Chair Adam Sharron, Board Member Henry Huang, and Board Member Ernest Wuethrich

2. REMOTE PARTICIPATION UNDER AB 2449 (IF NEEDED)

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 Draft Minutes - December 19, 2024

Approved as submitted.

Chair Jones-Carter opened and closed public comment at 4:36 p.m.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Jones-Carter opened public comment at 4:37pm.

Jermaine Dowdell spoke regarding the local journeyman carpenter's livable wages, proper benefits, hiring apprenticeship, and the benefits of the Union and the positive impact these have for our community.

Kevin Flarity spoke regarding the need for an EIR to be done for the Downtown area to help streamline developments of buildings up to 12 stories.

Janice Karrman spoke regarding the density of the fire and flood areas.

Chair Jones-Carter closed public comment at 4:45 p.m.

5. BOARD BUSINESS

5.1 STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Chair Jones-Carter read aloud the Statement of Purpose.

5.2 BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

None.

5.3 OTHER (i.e. VICE CHAIR ELECTION, NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS)

None.

6. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Staff Susie Murray provided department reports.

Chair Jones-Carter opened and closed public comment at 4:47 p.m.

7. STATEMENTS OF ABSTENTION

None.

8. CONSENT ITEM(S)

None.

9. SCHEDULED ITEM(S)

9.1 CONCEPT DESIGN REVIEW - 425 HUMBOLDT APARTMENT PROJECT - 625, 631, 635 5TH ST, AND 431 HUMBOLDT ST - DR24-057

BACKGROUND: Concept Design Review for a seven-story mixed-use building featuring 309 residential units, ground floor commercial uses, and 194 parking spaces. CEQA Exempt - Not a Project.

PRESENTED BY: Monet Sheikhal, Senior Planner

RECOMMENDATION: Provide comments and recommendations.

Project Planner Sheikhal presented.

Applicant representatives made a presentation.

Chair Jones-Carter opened public comment at 5:16 p.m.

Jermaine Dowdell spoke in support of the project.

Carlos Rivas spoke in support of the project.

Chair Jones-Carter closed public comment at 5:19 p.m.

Staff and the Applicant representatives responded to Board Member inquiries.

Board Members provided comments and feedback.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jones-Carter adjourned the meeting at 5:57 p.m.

Approved on:

Krystal Camp, Recording Secretary