



City of Santa Rosa

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

Design Review Board Regular Meeting Minutes - Draft

Thursday, March 18, 2021

4:30 PM

4:30 PM REGULAR SESSION (TELECONFERENCE)

Board Member Weigl read aloud a summary of the Governor's Executive Orders N-25-20 AND N-29-20.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Present 6 - Board Member Warren Hedgpeth, Board Member Adam Sharron, Board Member Drew Weigl, Board Member Henry Wix, Board Member Michael Burch, and Board Member John McHugh

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Approved as submitted.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

4. BOARD BUSINESS

Board Member Weigl read aloud the Design Review Board Statement of Purpose.

5. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

None.

6. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

This item was moved before Board Member Reports.

Interim Deputy Director Bill Rose announced that Board Member Weigl is the new Chair.

Bill Rose announced that Chair Weigl has recently won the California AIA Young Architect Award.

Chair Weigl welcomed new Board Member, John McHugh.

7. STATEMENTS OF ABSTENTION

Vice Chair Hedgpeth abstained from item 8.1 due to association with the project and left the meeting at this time.

8 SCHEDULED ITEMS

Chair Weigl reminded the Board to keep comments specific and brief.

- 8.1** CONCEPT DESIGN REVIEW - 891 3RD STREET MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING PROJECT - 891 3RD ST - FILE NO. DR21-006
BACKGROUND: Concept Design Review for a proposed future three-story, 18-unit, 9,450-square-foot, multi-family building.

Presenter: Kristinae Toomians, Senior Planner

Senior Planner Kristinae Toomians gave the staff presentation.
The Applicant Team gave a presentation.

Chair Weigl opened public comments at 5:13 pm.

Tracie Elledge - Opposed the project, construction noise, and the unmasked construction workers.

Chair Weigl closed public comments.

Board Comments:

The Applicant did good job separating 888 4th Street from 891 3rd Street. The 4th St. side responds to the urban context of 4th St and the 3rd St side responds well to the 3rd Street context. There is a mature tree canopy and homes at greater height on 3rd Street. The material and color banding up to bottom of sills is good. The variations, historical colors, and 4-ft eave are good. The project speaks to dignity of design. Concern re: public comment that the project looks like public housing.

The attention to the skin of the building is appreciated. The design and compatibility with surrounding buildings is appreciated.

The project fits in well with neighborhood context. The more affordable complement to 888 4th Street and the two separate contexts is appreciated. The textured wood fencing with lattice for separation from neighbors is appreciated. Implement 4-sided design with more texture variation and push/pull; bring more modern textures to the side of the building. Pull out vertical areas to create shadows/depth. Implement juliette balconies for more rhythm on the faces. Make the greys richer and browns spicier for contrast.

Consider adding personal space in balconies of at least 2-3 feet deep for texture, and pulling out vertical elements 6-8 inches to create shadows. Consider wrapping soffit-line all the way around or open to the sky at vertical elements; consider keeping siding away from the soffits. Horizontal band between 1st and 2nd floors could be thicker.

Consider 2x8 or 2x10 framing for vertical elements, if feasible. Consider a rear entry to the rear unit, adding a canopy like the front. Consider using balconies as canopies for floor below, with columnar expression on corners. The simplicity in massing is appreciated; colors are good.

The comment about using the borrowed tree canopy from tree next door is appreciated.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Weigl adjourned the meeting at 6:01pm.