



DESIGN COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES APRIL 25, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair Colin Brandt called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM in the Council Chambers, 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

ROLL CALL:

Vice Chair Colin Brandt, Commissioners Tami Szerlip, Anthony Perez, Suzanne Zahr (arrived 7:07 pm) and Hui Tian were present. Commissioner Susanne Foster and Chair Richard Erwin were absent.

STAFF PRESENT:

Evan Maxim, Planning Manager; Nicole Gaudette, Senior Planner; Andrea Larson, Administrative Assistant, and Bio Park, Assistant City Attorney were present.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

The Commission reviewed the minutes from the April 11, 2018. Commissioner Szerlip moved to approve the April 11, 2018 minutes. Commissioner Tian seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as amended by a vote of 5-0-0.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

Agenda Item #1: Design Review DSR17-024: Aviara Landscaping

Nicole Gaudette, Senior Planner, provided a brief staff presentation on the proposed replacement of a water feature with a landscape feature at the Aviara in the Town Center.

The Design Commission reviewed the design of the landscape feature.

Josh Richards, with Rich Landscaping, provided some clarification on the plants that are being purposed. Mr. Richards provided clarification on what ground cover would be used around the pavers in the landscape feature.

Commissioner Zahr moved to approve the project with the recommended motion with all three recommended conditions of approval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Perez

Move to grant BRE Properties design approval for landscaping for a multi-family location in the Town Center located at 2441 76th Ave SE, as shown in Exhibit 1, subject to the following conditions and furthered conditioned as follows:

1. The completed project shall be consistent with the detail information submitted with this application (i.e. elevations, perspective drawings, colors, materials), as depicted by Exhibit 7 and 8 and the handout dated April 25, 2018 provided by the applicant at the meeting.
2. The project must be completed within one year of the approval date, or within one year from the decision on appeal from the final design review decision, or the design review approval shall expire. The Code Official may grant an extension for no longer than 12 months, for good cause shown, if a written request is submitted at least 30 days prior to the expiration date.
3. The vine maple and rhododendron shall be removed and shall be replaced with evergreen huckleberry.
4. Kinnikinnick shall be planted at a rate of one 4-inch pot at 12-inches on center throughout the entire planter as necessary to reach 100 percent ground cover in two years from the date of design review approval.
5. The black granite pavers are approved as shown in the drawing, subject to the "greencarpet" being planted and maintained between and around them.

Vote passed 5-0-0.

PLANNED ABSENCES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:

Commissioner Foster will be absent for meetings until the end of June

OTHER BUSINESS:

Evan Maxim provided the Commission with a brief description on the proposed procedural code amendments that are being reviewed by the Planning Commission.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

The next scheduled meeting is for May 9, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:39pm