



**Action Minutes
Design Commission
Tuesday August 25, 2020**

**Special Public Meeting at 3:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting**

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1. **ROLL CALL** – Chair Carpenter called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
Present: Commissioners Carpenter, Barar (arrived late), Chiao, Elfarra, Lim, Loomis, Rao (arrived late), and Sepulveda
Absent: Commissioners Toro and Loomis
Staff: David Reyes, Theresa Fuentes, Leon White, and Kevin Johnson

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** –
Motion to approve minutes for **March 10, 2020**, moved and second by Commissioners Sepulveda and Chiao; Commissioner Elfarra abstained; no opposition, minutes were approved.
Motion to approve minutes for **May 12, 2020** was moved and second by Commissioners Sepulveda and Lim; no opposition, the minutes were approved.

3. **DESIGN COMMISSION TRAINING**
 - A. Commission Roles and Procedures
 - B. State Housing Law

(Presented by Theresa Fuentes and David Reyes)

4. **DESIGN REVIEW APPLICATIONS**
Preliminary Consultation

Item deferred to a subsequent meeting

5. **OLD BUSINESS - CONCEPT DESIGN REVIEW**
 - A. **101 S. MARENGO AVE – (COUNCIL DISTRICT 6)**
(Continued from 8/11/2020)

The project involves major alterations to the existing Bank of America office building, including the creation of window openings and re-cladding the building with new material to match the existing travertine as closely as possible.

(Case Planner: Kevin Johnson)
Owner/ Applicant: Atlas V Marengo LLC
Architect: RCH Studios

Public Comments: Mic Hansen, Andrew Salimian, Nina Chomsky, and Chris Fedukowski

Commission Comments:

- Further explore ways to improve pedestrian access on Green Street.
- Explore the possibility of creating a through-block connection between Marengo Avenue and Arroyo Parkway at the southern end of the block.
- Explore ways to improve the façade to clearly address the location of the entrance to the building.
- Provide photorealistic images, including pedestrian-level visualizations from all three streets on which the property has frontage.
- Explore ways to salvage the travertine cladding and solutions to reuse it in the project to the extent possible.
- Explore differentiation between the Arroyo Parkway and Marengo Avenue facades in light of the existence of a plaza vs. a street wall and the directionality.
- Study an alternative option that ties the fenestration panels together between panels and at the building corners to create a screen-like element.
- Study the incorporation of a solid, horizontal spandrel centered vertically within the fenestration panels, which would create 16 square openings on the east and west facades in lieu of the proposed eight rectangular openings.
- Study the selection of glazing or other treatments that would avoid easily seeing into the building's structure

Motion:

Motion made to approve with conditions. Moved and seconded by Commissioners Rao and Lim.

AYES: Commissioners Rao, Lim, Chiao, and Carpenter

NOES: Commissioners Sepulveda, Elfarra, and Barar

ABSENT: Commissioners Toro and Loomis

ABSTAIN: None

APPROVED: 4-3-2

6. COMMENTS AND REPORTS FROM STAFF - None

7. COMMENTS AND REPORTS FROM COMMISSION - None

8. COMMENTS AND REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

- 1. Urban Forestry Advisory Committee** - (Loomis, Carpenter) No Report
- 2. Historic Preservation Commission** - (Elfarra)
 - One historic monument and one landmark application were approved
- 3. Planning Commission** - (Barar)
 - Reported that at the last meeting on 8/12, there was an update/study session. They reviewed the Inclusionary Housing and Affordable Housing Concession Menu. There was a study session on Mansionization.
- 4. Transportation Advisory Commission** - (Lim) No Report
- 5. Arts & Culture Commission** - (Sepulveda)
 - Reported that the Commission approved their annual Grant Program awards to local Arts and Culture organizations. C grant.
- 6. Concept Design Review Application Subcommittee** - (Loomis, Toro) No Report
- 7. Las Encinas Psychiatric Hospital & Barn Subcommittee** - (Carpenter, Elfarra) No Report
- 8. Specific Plan Implementation Process Subcommittee** - (TBD, Rao, Loomis) No Report
- 9. 100 West Walnut St. Subcommittee (PARSONS)** - (Toro, Chiao, Loomis) No Report
- 10. Olivewood (North and South) Subcommittee** - (Lim, Chiao, Loomis) No Report
- 11. 130-140 N. Fair Oaks Avenue Subcommittee** - (TBD, TBD, Loomis) No Report
- 12. 3200 East Foothill Boulevard (SpaceBank)** - (Chiao, Loomis) No Report
- 13. 94 S. Los Robles Avenue (Kaiser)** - (Loomis, Lim, Chiao) No Report
- 14. 1539 East Howard St. (EF Academy)** – (Toro, Chiao, Loomis) No Report
- 15. Design Awards Subcommittee** – (Loomis, Lim) No Report

9. **ADJOURNMENT** – Chair Carpenter adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m.



Leon White, Principal Planner



Michi Takeda, Recording Secretary