



**ACTION MINUTES
DESIGN COMMISSION
Tuesday, March 23, 2021**

**SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING AT 4:30 P.M.
Virtual Meeting**

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1. ROLL CALL– VICE CHAIR RAO CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:06 P.M.

Present: Commissioners, Chiao, Potter, Rao, Sales, and Toro
Absent: Commissioner Carpenter, Barar, and Sepulveda (All Excused)
Staff: Kevin Johnson and Michi Takeda

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve **February 9, 2021** was moved and second by Commissioners Sales and Chiao; Commissioners Carpenter, Barar, and Sepulveda were absent; no opposition, the minutes were approved.

Motion to approve **February 23, 2021** was moved and second by Commissioners Sales and Toro; Commissioners Carpenter, Barar, and Sepulveda were absent; no opposition, the minutes were approved.

3. INFORMATION ITEM

A. 1336 E. COLORADO BLVD – (COUNCIL DISTRICT 2)

Proposed new mixed use project including a 375 room hotel with subterranean parking on the northerly parcel and a mixed-use building with 40,916 square feet of commercial space, 49 residential units and subterranean parking on the southerly parcel.

(Case Planner: K. Johnson)
Owner: J&K Plus Investments, LLC
Applicant/Architect: ACRM Architects + Interiors

No action was requested or taken related to this information item.

4. CONCEPT DESIGN REVIEW

A. 1200 E. CALIFORNIA BLVD – (COUNCIL DISTRICT 7)

Demolition of an 8,500 square foot laboratory building to accommodate a proposed three-story-plus-basement, approximately 80,000-square-foot new laboratory building (Reznick Sustainability Resource Center) at Cal Tech.

(Case Planner: Kevin Johnson)

Owner/Applicant: CALTECH

Architect: CannonDesign

Public Comments: None

Commission Comments:

- The landscape plans provided for Final Design Review shall provide details of the improvements to Beckman Lawn that are proposed to be implemented in conjunction with this project, with the goal of ensuring consistency with the proposed building and appropriate treatment as an entry portal to the campus.
- Provide drawings and details of walls within the building interior that may be publicly visible through the exterior curtain wall, which shall be designed to be articulated as exterior walls.
- A tree protection plan prepared by a Certified Arborist shall be incorporated into the plans submitted for Final Design Review and shall include the City of Pasadena Tree Protection Guidelines dated 5/13/19 (see Attachment A). The trees, which will be protected, are tree numbers 1546, 1560, 1561, 1567, 1582-1585, 2780, 2788, 2779, 2797, 2801 3223 & 3545 as shown in the submitted tree inventory.
- The landscape plans submitted for Final Design Review shall clearly identify the tree numbers of all existing trees proposed to remain, as listed in the submitted tree inventory, and, if any additional protected trees are identified for removal, submit additional applications for Private Tree Removal in conjunction with the application for Final Design Review.
- The project shall comply with the development standards in the Caltech Master Plan, including those requirements listed in Attachment B. If changes to the current design are required to ensure compliance with the Master Plan, an application for Changes to an Approved Project may be required, either separately from or in conjunction with Final Design Review.
- Comply with the conditions provided by the Departments of Public Works and Transportation listed in Attachment C, to the satisfaction of said departments.
- Consider providing an entry canopy at the westerly building entry similar to the proposed canopy at the northerly entry

Motion:

Approve the application for Concept Design Review subject to conditions to be further reviewed during Final Design Review. Moved and seconded by Commissioners Sales and Toro.

AYES: Commissioners Chiao, Potter, Rao, Sales, and Toro
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Carpenter, Barar, and Sepulveda (Excused)
ABSTAIN: None
APPROVED: 5-0-3

5. COMMENTS AND REPORTS FROM STAFF

Staff reported on upcoming agenda items for the next meeting.

6. COMMENTS AND REPORTS FROM COMMISSION - NONE

7. COMMENTS AND REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Vice Chair Rao recommended forming the subcommittee as per staff recommendation for 1336 E. Colorado Blvd. The following volunteered; Commissioners Chaio, Potter, and Sales

1. Urban Forestry Advisory Committee - (Carpenter, Potter)
2. Historic Preservation Commission - (Potter)
3. Planning Commission - (Barar)
4. Transportation Advisory Commission - (Sales)
5. Arts & Culture Commission - (Sepulveda)
6. Concept Design Review Application Subcommittee - (Toro, Rao, Sales)
7. Las Encinas Psychiatric Hospital & Barn Subcommittee - (Carpenter, Barar)
8. 100 West Walnut St. Subcommittee (PARSONS) - (Toro, Chiao)
9. Olivewood (North and South) Subcommittee - (Chiao, Sales)

Projects on Hold

10. 3200 East Foothill Boulevard (SpaceBank) - (Chiao, Carpenter)
11. 130-140 N. Fair Oaks Avenue Subcommittee - (TBD, TBD, TBD)
12. 1539 East Howard St. (EF Academy) – (Toro, Chiao, TBD)
13. Design Awards Subcommittee – (TBD, TBD)

8. ADJOURNMENT – VICE CHAIR RAO ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 7:26 P.M.



Leon White, Principal Planner



Michi Takeda, Recording Secretary