

**BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW**  
**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, March 14, 2019 6:00 P.M.  
Council Chambers - Solvang Municipal Center – 1644 Oak Street

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**B.A.R. Members Present:** Scott Gold, Joannie Jamieson, Michael Mendizza,  
Elsemarie Petersen, William Rodgers

**Staff Present:** Brynda Messer, Assistant Planner

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**1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS:**

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

- A. Swearing in of new Board of Architectural Review Members  
Lisa Martin, City Clerk, swore in the four new members.
- B. Selection of Chair and Co-Chair of Board of Architectural Review  
Board Member Jamieson nominated Board Member Petersen as Chair, and the nomination was seconded by Board Member Gold. Board Member Jamieson nominated herself for Co-Chair and the nomination was seconded by Board Member Rodgers. Vote is 5-0.

Brynda Messer, Assistant Planner, briefly discussed the maps that are used to determine if a Board Member has a possible conflict of interest.

- C. Public Comment  
None.
- D. Approval of the February 14, 2019 meeting minutes.  
*Motion made by Board Member Gold to approve the minutes as presented, and seconded by Board Member Jamieson. Vote is 5-0.*

**2. SIGN PROPOSALS:**

- A. **Mission Pilates**  
**1607 Mission Drive, Suite 102 – APN 139-142-014**

**Applicant: Brian Schneider, 805 Signs**

Request for approval for one new projecting sign and one new wall sign in the TRC zone district.

*Board Member Rodgers excused himself from participating due to a possible conflict of interest.*

Brynda Messer presented staff memo.

Co-Chair Jamieson stated she has a concern with the projecting sign along Mission Drive. She thinks that there might be better visibility if the sign was located facing Atterdag. The applicant stated they are utilizing the existing bracket for the projecting sign, but asked if there is an existing bracket, perhaps they can propose another projecting sign that could possibly be approved at the staff level.

Discussion followed regarding the design and the consensus of the board is that it is an attractive sign.

*Motion made by Board Member Mendizza to accept the proposal as presented and added that if the applicant wished to have an additional projecting sign along Atterdag it could be approved at the staff level and seconded by Board Member Gold. Vote is 4-0-1, with Board Member Rodgers not participating in voting due to a possible conflict of interest.*

**B. Osteria Grappolo**

**1546 Mission Drive – APN 139-173-023**

**Applicant: Brian Schneider, 805 Signs**

Request for approval for one new ground sign, three new wall signs, new umbrellas for the patio, and exterior string lights in the TRC zone district. An exception to the Sign Ordinance is being requested for one wall sign to exceed the size maximum.

*Board Member Rodgers excused himself from participating due to a possible conflict of interest.*

Brynda Messer presented staff report. She stated that the board can review the signage first, and then the umbrellas and lights after with separate motions.

Ms. Messer explained the previous wall sign at facing Mission Drive was 40 square feet. The new sign is proposed to be 12 square feet, and the applicant is requesting an exception to the sign ordinance meeting the finding that the building has an unusual setback. The applicant explained that the maximum

size of 7 square feet looked out of place on the wall. He showed an example of what it looks like at 7 square feet.

Board Member Mendizza asked how the original sign was permitted that large, and Mr. Schneider explained it was grandfathered in since it was an existing sign.

Chair Petersen stated using the finding for an unusual building location doesn't seem correct. She stated that the architecture is fitting for a larger sign.

Discussion followed regarding the ground sign.

*Motion made by Board Member Gold to approve the signs as presented and seconded by Board Member Mendizza. Vote is 4-0-1, with Board Member Rodgers not participating due to a possible conflict of interest.*

Ms. Messer presented the memo regarding umbrellas and lighting.

Board Member Jamieson asked the applicant how many strings of lights there would be on the patio. The applicant explained he would like to have the lights going back and forth above the patio.

Chair Petersen stated she could not visualize how the lights would look with the site plan provided. Discussion followed regarding the lights and if the applicant can return to staff to get a better plan and idea of how the lights would look and work. The consensus of the board was that the umbrellas were fine.

*Motion made by Board Member Mendizza to approve the umbrellas as presented and a new site plan for lighting shall be submitted to staff and emailed to the Board for review and seconded by Board Member Gold. Vote is 4-0-1, with Board Member Rodgers not participating due to possible conflict of interest.*

**C. Ramen Katori**

**1618 Copenhagen Drive – APN 139-191-003**

**Applicant: Budi Kazali, Owner**

Request for approval for one new projecting sign, one new wall sign, one new patio sign, and one new menu case in the TRC zone district.

*Board Members Mendizza and Rodgers excused themselves from participating due to a possible conflict of interest.*

Brynda Messer presented staff report. She added that staff was

recommending that the patio sign be centered, like the previous sign was.

The applicant stated the artist George Kenny, who did lots of pieces in Solvang, will be carving the projecting sign.

Discussion followed regarding the patio area and whether or not the framing members shall be removed. The applicant stated they want to remove the framing members.

*Motion made by Board Member Jamieson to approve the signs as presented and seconded by Board Member Gold. Vote is 3-0-2, with Board Members Mendizza and Rodgers not participating due to possible conflict of interest.*

### **3. DEVELOPMENT PROJECT REVIEW**

#### **A. Denmark Square**

**1693 Mission Drive – APN 139-143-025**

**Applicant: Aaron Petersen, Owner**

Request to approve new umbrellas for businesses within Denmark Square in the TRC zone district.

*Board Member Mendizza excused himself from participating due to a possible conflict of interest.*

Ms. Messer presented the staff report, stating the umbrellas has been replaced without BAR approval. She also stated that she included the ordinance section regarding the approval of umbrellas.

Discussion followed regarding colors of umbrellas and the placement of them.

*Motion made by Board Member Jamieson to approve the umbrellas as presented and seconded by Board Member Rodgers. Vote is 4-0-1, with Board Member Mendizza not participating due to a possible conflict of interest.*

### **4. DISCUSSION**

Ms. Messer discussed an issue regarding receiving a complaint letter sent to the BAR and Planning staff that was forged. She encouraged the members to give any correspondence regarding complaints to her.

Board Member Mendizza asked about the “physics” of dark sky compliance and when it was adopted. Ms. Messer stated she would research that for him.

Chair Petersen closed the meeting at 7:25 PM.