



**MINUTES
SOLVANG DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING**

September 15, 2022
Thursday
5:00 p.m

5:00 PM – REGULAR MEETING

1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Committee Members Jennifer Dryden Hess (arrived at 5:03 p.m.), Joy Culley, Brian Deputy, Esther Jacobsen Bates, Chair Patrick Cavanaugh

Absent: None

Staff: City Manager Xenia Bradford, City Clerk Annamarie Porter, Planning Consultant Laurie Tamura (via Zoom), Assistant Planner Sophia Checa

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Member Deputy led in the Salute to the Flag.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. Approve order of Agenda as presented
- b. Approve Minutes of the August 18, 2022 Meeting
- c. Receive and file Planning and Building Division Current Projects September 2022

Motion by Member Deputy, to approve consent, seconded by Member Jacobsen Bates, and carried, 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments on this item.

3. SIGN APPROVAL APPLICATIONS

- a. **Review and approve the revised ground sign, three directional/ identification signs, trellis sign, and parking/ handicap signs for The Hadsten at 1450 Mission Drive**

Planning Consultant Tamura (via Zoom) presented details of the report; noted previous consideration of the concept by the DRC; addressed overhead lighting; discussed the sizes of the proposed signs and recommended approval.

Discussion followed regarding the changes made, the size of the ground sign, the process of grandfathering non-compliant signs, factors to consider for approving the larger sign and review of the sign ordinance once the General Plan update has been completed.

Chair Cavanaugh invited public comments.

Aaron Petersen suggested that instead of making an exception to the ground sign, the DRC should call it a pole sign.

Discussion followed regarding the item being noticed as a ground sign, differences between a ground sign and a pole sign and approving the signs as presented, under the application currently before the DRC.

There were no other public comments on this item.

Discussion followed regarding the aluminum panels, sign designs, modification of the scale and the proposed tiles.

Motion by Member Deputy, to approve the revised ground sign, three directional/ identification signs, trellis sign, and parking/ handicap signs for The Hadsten at 1450 Mission Drive, as presented, seconded by Member Culley, and carried, 5-0.

b. Review and approve the proposed ground sign for Mortensen's Danish Bakery at 1588 Mission Drive

Member Culley recused herself from this item and left the Chambers.

Planning Consultant Tamura (via Zoom) presented details of the proposed sign.

Brian Schneider, 805 Signs, offered to respond to questions from the DRC.

Discussion followed regarding the sign material and the height of the sign.

Aaron Petersen reported that instead of going with the public sidewalk bricks, they have exposed aggregate throughout the area to match the exposed aggregate walkway throughout the square and discussed attaching a bakery crown embellishment on top of the sign and reducing its height to five feet.

There were no other public comments on this item.

Motion by Member Dryden Hess, to approve the proposed ground sign for Mortensen's Danish Bakery at 1588 Mission Drive, as modified to reduce the height of the pole to five feet and attach a bakery, kringle embellishment on top, seconded by Member Deputy, and carried, 4-0, with Member Culley, recused.

Member Culley returned to the Chambers and took her place on the dais.

4. EXTERIOR DESIGN REVIEWS

a. Review and approve the proposed ground sign, proposed exterior painting, and proposed exterior lighting for the Viking Inn at 1506 Mission Drive

Assistant Planner Checa presented details of the proposed project.

Chair Cavanaugh invited public comments.

Angie Horn, New Owner, Viking Inn, explained use of colors along the property and discussed painting the light poles.

Susan Bott, Save Our Stars Committee, We Watch, noted they are pleased to hear the proposed wall fixtures are fully shielded and are dark sky compliant; expressed concerns regarding the light globes with poles embedded in the hedge that borders the parking lot and hoped they can be replaced with fully shielded lamps.

Discussion followed regarding the proposed colors for the cottage, the proposed red doors, the dark fence and using a medium gray on the fence instead of a dark gray and the height of the fence.

There were no other public comments on this item.

Discussion followed regarding being dark sky compliant.

Motion by Member Culley, to approve the proposed ground sign, proposed exterior painting, and proposed exterior lighting for the Viking Inn at 1506 Mission Drive, as presented, seconded by Member Deputy, and carried, 5-0.

5. DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEWS - None

6. OTHER MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS - None

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Member Culley corrected her previous comment regarding neon signs and reported a sign with a significant amount of duct tape on it.

Discussion followed regarding non-conforming signs, working with local businesses to update their signs, and the possibility of implementing a campaign to help businesses update their signs and fund them.

8. CITY STAFF COMMENTS

City Manager Bradford discussed scheduling the next DRC meeting after public review of the General Plan update and noted the projected time would be late November or the beginning of December.

Assistant Planner Checa reported there will be no regular DRC meeting in October.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Annamarie Porter, City Clerk