

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT
PRE-DESIGN SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE
DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY PLANNING COUNCIL

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2020
5:15 PM

CIVIC SAN DIEGO
401 B STREET, SUITE 400
SAN DIEGO, CA

1. Roll Call at 5:15pm, DCPC Committee Members in Attendance:

Jon Baker, Nancy Wilson-Ramon, Christine Takara, Dan Wery, Hasan Ahmed, Kenneth Moore, Pablo Colin

DCPC: Bill Orabone, Eric Ramos

City of San Diego: Brad Richter; James Alexander

Public: LC Cline

2. Report from Chairperson:

- First meeting of new DCPC subcommittee since election. Charter of the Pre-design subcommittee is to review the proposed architecture
- Structure of these meetings

3. Public comments on non-agenda items: None

4. Presentation or update: None

5. **Action items**

I. Cedar Park restaurant at 1565 India Street, corner Cedar and India.

Attending: Loren Wynn, Michael Rucinski, Ashley Simpson, Douglas Wham, Marin Gertler

Presentations:

James Alexander, San Diego: New restaurant at India and Cedar. Previously presented in 2015 and last year. Primary difference is that now the second floor will be enclosed. This creates more floor area and so they need a Process Four deviation. In previous versions, the open area created a neighborhood concern for noise. Now the enclosed area fixes that.

They may need a Sidewalk café permit.

Blank wall on east side will remain exposed for years. The preference is for blank walls to be decorated.

Speaker: Marin Gertler

- Primary difference is sliding glass doors to enclose the second floor area, and the roof is now solid
- The roof will have a skylight
- Two sidewalk patios – they are going to be on a platform that conforms to the neighborhood code or be at grade level
- They are considering a mural for the east facing wall

DCPC Members & Non-Member Questions

Q: Dan – For the sidewalk dining, some of the seating was previously below grade? A: That has gone away; we will have a raised plinth for step-up seating or go at grade.

Q: Dan – What is the artwork? A: Three choices for themes: neighborhood (Little Italy), brand related to the restaurant, or something related to the historical fire station

Q: Jon – Exterior material, what is it and how is it going to be finished? A: It is heavy timber, real wood that has to be resealed once per year. Mix of VLT and CLT. Spruce or Douglas Fir.

Q: Parking? A: No parking on site

Q: LC – What will the frames of the folding doors be made of? A: Wood frame product is number one, number two is aluminum with wood cladding or treated to be complimentary.

Public Comments: None

DCPC Member Comments:

Kenneth: You did a really nice job. Super cool. Awesome to do a firehouse mural.

LC: The glazing will add more visual interest. “Ladies Who Paint” is a company to check for a mural.

Pablo: Lovely looking project. Request for height and FAR are appropriate. The blank wall is not as exposed as you might think.

Dan: Like the design. The North Harbor Drive has a lot of exposed timber, whatever they have used has held up very well.

Rand: Definitely add a mural or other decorations to the east wall.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:50 pm