

**CITY OF SAN GABRIEL  
DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2013  
7:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Nadolney called the regular meeting of the Design Review Commission to order at 7:03 p.m.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Chairperson Nadolney and Commissioner Cheng

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Associate Planner Larissa De La Cruz, City Architect Dale Brown and Design Review Commission Secretary Laura Castillo.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. 101-111 W. Valley Blvd.**  
**Planning Case No. PL-12-070**  
**Applicant: Donald Schmidt (Landwin Corp)**  
**Architect: Eric Chen (CDA Design)**

**Project Summary:** This is a preview of a proposed development on Valley Blvd. The applicant is proposing to construct two hotels, retail and restaurants, along with a pocket park on Manley Drive.

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Design Review Commission (DRC) review the plans and provide direction to staff and the project architects.

**DRC RESPONSE:**

The Commissioners reviewed the proposed plans and said that they would like to see a more exciting landmark on the corner of Valley and Del Mar Blvd., because this is a dominant corner in the city of San Gabriel. They also stated that the proposed project has too many conflicting elements in regards to design, windows and art details. Most importantly, the current proposed hotel lacks an interesting entry way to the hotel that will attract pedestrians and consumers alike.

The Commissioners were thoroughly impressed with the pocket park design concept. However, they expressed that a few security features would be necessary to address such as: lights for the park, lights for pedestrian/cars at night and vehicular slow-downs.

Commissioner Cheng stated a concern with the hotel's pop out frame going into the city's right-of-way. Even though the hotel rooms don't pop out into the city property line, the frame might not be

approved. Chairperson Nadolney recommended that the applicant verify the code with the Building division.

The Commission recommended that the applicant work with staff and obtain the following information:

1. An established building design and a location for the hotel sign.
2. Reserve space for tenant business signs but don't focus on the exact names yet.
3. Names and details of building materials being used.
4. Look into solar panels that are both attractive and functional.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Commissioner Cheng made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 24, 2013 and the special joint meeting minutes with the Planning Commission on July 22, 2013. Chairperson Nadolney seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

**COMMENTS BY STAFF:**

None.

**COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS:**

None.

**Chairperson Nadolney adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m. to a regular meeting on September 23, 2013 at 7pm.**

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The complete text of the Design Review Commission meeting minutes is available on tape and may be reviewed within 90 days after the meeting in the Community Development Department office at City Hall during regular business hours.

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Marla Nadolney, Chairperson  
San Gabriel Design Review Commission

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Laura Castillo  
San Gabriel Design Review Commission Secretary