

**CITY OF SAN GABRIEL
DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2013
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Nadolney called the regular meeting of the Design Review Commission to order at 7:02 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 second 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 revised plans. Commissioner Cheng praised the applicant for all their hard work and coming a long way from the previous Design Review Commission meeting. Commissioner Cheng added additional concerns regarding the details of the building, including:

- Ensuring at least 6 inches of thickness for the reveals
- Emphasizing lighting in the building, pool and canopies etc.
- Identifying the restaurant spaces and services on the plans in order to adequately plan for ducting and venting
- Reconsidering the material and maintenance of the glass canopy as to not overheat them.

Commissioner Nadolney also added that some of the structural columns be eliminated. She also had questions on the following topics:

- Public art program
- Bus shelter plan
- Plans for parking on Manley Drive

Commissioner Nadolney asked for further clarity regarding the shade study being and whether community meetings were held to discuss concerns about traffic and parking.

City Architect Dale Brown suggested that the applicant revise their sign program and create a larger hotel sign. He also added that an alternate stone material be selected for the hotel and a smoother stone for the base. City Architect Brown asked that the applicant consider a larger canopy with lights underneath coming through. He said that the focusing on LED lighting will pick up the stained glass coloring.

Lastly, the Commission concurred that the applicant should:

- Consider a LEED Certification submittal because it could help set the project apart from other competitors.
- Obtain a traffic engineer to conduct a full site plan indicating traffic and bus lanes including pedestrian circulation patterns and loading and unloading areas.
- Identify the location for trash pick-up service.

The Design Review Commission concluded by stating the applicant is on the right track and recommended that the team fine tune the above issues and work with staff on any concerns they may have.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

None.

COMMENTS BY STAFF:

None.

COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS:

None.

Chairperson Nadolney adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m. to a regular meeting on October 28, 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.

Marla Nadolney, Chairperson
San Gabriel Design Review Commission

ATTEST: _____
Laura Castillo
San Gabriel Design Review Commission Secretary