



# DESIGN COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 25, 2017

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## **CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Richard Erwin called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM in the Council Chambers, 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

## **ROLL CALL:**

Chair Richard Erwin, Commissioners Anthony Perez, Suzanne Foster, Lara Sanderson, Tami Szerlip, Commissioners Hui Tian and Colin Brandt were absent.

## **STAFF PRESENT:**

Evan Maxim, Planning Manager; Kari Sand, City Attorney; Nicole Gaudette, Senior Planner; were present.

## **MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:**

The Commission reviewed the minutes from the December 14, 2016 meeting. The minutes were approved as amended by a vote of 5-0.

## **REGULAR BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Sanderson moved to consider all three agenda items under one motion. Commissioner Perez seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Commissioner Perez moved to recommend that the City Council direct the Planning Commission to review the sign code, specifically as relates to neon signage and light concealment related to design review as illustrated in DSR16-019 and DSR16-020, and the Town Center Design Standards as related to lighting and light transmittal off-site. Commissioner Sanderson seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

### **Agenda Item #1: Design Review DSR16-019 - Freshy's Tenant Wall Sign**

Nicole Gaudette, Senior Planner, provided a brief staff presentation on the project, which reflects a proposed wall sign at the Hadley building.

Nicole Gaudette reviewed the proposed sign design and its compliance with the adopted standards of the Town Center Design Standards (MICC 19.11).

CJ Williams, Western Neon Custom Sign Builders, the applicant representative provided additional detail regarding the proposed neon sign design.

Evan Maxim, Planning Manager, provided code citations to MICC 19.11.090(B)(6) and 19.11.110(B)(5) regarding the use of neon in lighting and building design.

Commissioners Perez and Sanderson discussed the halo effect associated with a neon sign and whether the neon lighting should be channel set.

### **Agenda Item #2: Design Review DSR16-020 - Mioposto Tenant Wall Sign**

Nicole Gaudette, Senior Planner, provided a brief staff presentation on the project, which reflects a proposed wall sign at the Hadley building.

Nicole Gaudette reviewed the proposed sign design and its compliance with the adopted standards of the Town Center Design Standards (MICC 19.11).

### **Agenda Item #3: Design Review DSR16-021 -Orange Theory Tenant Wall Sign**

Nicole Gaudette, Senior Planner, provided a brief staff presentation on the project, which reflects a proposed wall sign at the Hadley building.

Nicole Gaudette reviewed the proposed sign design and its compliance with the adopted standards of the Town Center Design Standards (MICC 19.10).

Commissioner Sanderson moved to grant design approval of all three design reviews, specifically for the proposed Freshy's, Mioposto, and Orange Theory wall signs. Approval will allow for construction of all three new wall signs as reflected in the staff recommendation(s) for DSR16-019, DSR16-0020, and DSR16-021 and the associated Exhibit 1. Commissioner Perez seconded the motion. It passed unanimously, 5-0.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**PLANNED ABSENCES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:** Commissioner Foster will be absent from the March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

The next scheduled meeting is February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Evan Maxim, Planning Manager