

AGENDA



VALLEJO BEAUTIFICATION AND DESIGN REVIEW BOARD SPECIAL MEETING – 7:00 P.M

Adam Chavez, Chairperson
Cynthia Ripley, Vice-Chair
Patrick Moran
Chris Riley
Sarah Nichols
Doug Darling
Kathy O'Hare

City Hall
555 Santa Clara Street
Vallejo, CA 94590

JANUARY 16, 2014

This AGENDA contains a brief general description of each item to be considered. The posting of the recommended actions does not indicate what action may be taken. If comments come to the Beautification and Design Review Board without prior notice and are not listed on the AGENDA, no specific answers or response should be expected at this meeting per State law.

Agenda Items: Those wishing to address the Board on a scheduled agenda item should fill out a speaker card and give it to the Secretary. Speaker time limits for scheduled agenda items are five minutes for designated spokespersons for a group and three minutes for individuals.

Notice of Availability of Public Records: All public records relating to an open session item, which are not exempt from disclosure pursuant to the Public Records Act, that are distributed to a majority of the Beautification and Design Review Board will be available for public inspection at City Hall, 555 Santa Clara St., 2nd Floor, or the Vallejo Public Library, 505 Santa Clara St. at the same time that the public records are distributed or made available to the Beautification and Design Review Board. Such documents may also be available on the City of Vallejo website at www.ci.vallejo.ca.us subject to staff's ability to post the documents prior to the meeting.

Disclosure Requirements: Government Code Section 84308 (d) sets forth disclosure requirements which apply to persons who actively support or oppose projects in which they have a "financial interest", as that term is defined by the Political Reform Act of 1974. If you fall within that category, and if you (or your agent) have made a contribution of \$250 or more to any board member within the last twelve months to be used in a federal, state or local election, you must disclose the fact of that contribution in a statement to the Board.

Appeal Rights: The applicant or any party adversely affected by the decision of the Beautification and Design Review Board may, within ten days after the rendition of the decision of the Beautification and Design Review Board, appeal in writing to the City Council by filing a written appeal with the City Clerk. Such written appeal shall state the reason or reasons for the appeal and why the applicant believes he or she is adversely affected by the decision of the Beautification and Design Review Board. Such appeal shall not be timely filed unless it is actually received by the City Clerk or designee no later than the close of business on the tenth calendar day after the rendition of the decision of the Beautification and Design Review Board. If such date falls on a weekend or City holiday, then the deadline shall be extended until the next regular business day.

Notice of the appeal, including the date and time of the City Council's consideration of the appeal, shall be sent by the City Clerk to all property owners within two hundred or five hundred feet of the project boundary, whichever was the original notification boundary.

The Council may affirm, reverse or modify any decision of the Beautification and Design Review Board which is appealed. The Council may summarily reject any appeal upon determination that the appellant is not adversely affected by a decision under appeal.

If any party challenges the Beautification and Design Review Board's actions on any of the following items, they may be limited to raising only those issues they or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this agenda or in written correspondence delivered to the Secretary of the Beautification and Design Review Board.

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If you have any questions regarding any of the following agenda items, please call the assigned planner or project manager at (707) 648-4326.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. January 9, 2014

5. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

6. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

A. Upcoming Meetings:

February 13, 2014: Public Hearing on a Unit Plan for a downtown office building
(Tentative)
Review of Wayfinding signs in downtown/waterfront area –
(Tentative)

7. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

8. REPORT OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER AND MEMBERS OF THE BEAUTIFICATION AND DESIGN REVIEW BOARD AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. Report of the Presiding Officer and Members of the Beautification and Design Review Board

B. Council Liaison to Beautification and Design Review Board

C. Beautification and Design Review Board Liaison to the General Plan Working Group

D. Beautification and Design Review Board Liaison to City Council

9. COMMUNITY FORUM

Anyone wishing to address the Board on any matter for which another opportunity to speak is not provided on the agenda, and which is within the jurisdiction of the Board to resolve, is requested to submit a completed speaker card to the Secretary. When called upon, each speaker should step to the podium, state his/her name and address for the record. The conduct of the community forum shall be limited to a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes, with each speaker limited to three minutes pursuant to Vallejo Municipal Code Section 2.20.300. The Board may take information but may not take action on any item not on the agenda.

10. CONSENT CALENDAR AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Consent Calendar items appear below, with the Secretary's or City Attorney's designation as such. Members of the public wishing to address the Board on Consent Calendar items are asked to address the Secretary and submit a completed speaker card prior to the approval of the agenda. Such requests shall be granted, and items will be addressed in the order in which they appear in the agenda. After making any changes to the agenda, the agenda shall be approved.

All matters are approved under one motion unless requested to be removed for discussion by a board member or any member of the public.

11. STUDY SESSION

A. Project Title: **Planned Development Unit Plan PD #13-0005;
Minor Exception ME #13-0009**

Applicant: Joseph Callahan

Location: 200 Georgia St.

Project Description: The applicant has proposed to construct a new office building and parking garage on the northeast corner of Georgia and Santa Clara Streets in downtown Vallejo. The project includes two levels of parking with 106 parking spaces, and two levels of office space totaling 34,600 square feet of floor area above the parking garage. The project involves demolition of the existing two-story Vallejo Housing Authority building and replacement of the pocket park adjacent to the building on Georgia Street as a linear extension of Unity Plaza.

The applicant has also requested an Exception from the Downtown Vallejo Specific Plan and Design Guidelines standards that require the building to be sited on the corner, to provide ground floor retail space along the Georgia Street frontage, and to provide a frontage with a pedestrian orientation along Santa Clara Street.

Proposed Environmental Determination:

The proposed project qualifies for a Class 32 Categorical Exemption (Infill Development), per Section 15332 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.

Staff Recommendation:

No recommendation; study session only. For guidance, the BDRB may choose to: (1) review, receive public comment, and discuss the site, architectural and landscape plans for the proposed project; and (2) continue the public hearing to February 13, 2014.

Project Manager:

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i. Disclosure of Ex Parte Communications

12. ADJOURNMENT