



## City of Santa Clara

### ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, June 20, 2012 – 6:00 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1500 Warburton Avenue  
Santa Clara, CA 95050

Please refer to the Architectural Committee Procedural Items coversheet for information on all procedural matters.

#### **ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

The following items from this Architectural Committee agenda will be scheduled for Council review following the conclusion of hearings and recommendations by the Architectural Committee. Due to timing of notices for Council hearings and the preparation of Council agenda reports, these items will not necessarily be heard on the date the minutes from this meeting are forwarded to the Council. Please contact the Planning Division office for information on the schedule of hearings for these items:

- None

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

#### **2. ROLL CALL**

The following Committee Members responded to roll call: Councilmember Pat Kolstad, Planning Commissioner Robert Mayer, and Planning Commissioner Keith Stattenfield

Staff present: Associate Planner Yen Chen

#### **3. DISTRIBUTION OF AGENDA**

Copies of the current agenda are available from the Planning Division office on the Friday afternoon preceding the meeting and were also available at the Committee meeting.

#### **4. DECLARATION OF COMMITTEE PROCEDURES**

Councilmember Pat Kolstad reviewed the Committee procedures for those present.

#### **5. REQUESTS FOR EXCEPTIONS, WITHDRAWALS AND CONTINUANCES**

- A. Withdrawals – None
- B. Continuances without a hearing – None
- C. Exceptions (requests for agenda items to be taken out of order) – None

#### **6. ORAL PETITIONS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Members of the Public may briefly address the Committee on any item not on the agenda.

- None

#### **7. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Consent Calendar items may be enacted, approved or adopted, by one motion unless requested to be removed by anyone for discussion or explanation. If any member of the Architectural

Committee, staff, the applicant or a member of the public wishes to comment on a Consent Calendar item, or would like the item to be heard on the regular agenda, please notify Planning staff, or request this action at the Architectural Committee meeting during the Consent Calendar review. Items listed on the Consent Calendar with associated file numbers constitute Public Hearing items.

- None

\*\*\*\*\*END OF CONSENT CALENDAR\*\*\*\*\*

## 8. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

**8.A. File No.(s):** **PLN2012-09228** (PLN1999-01084/PLN2011-08836)  
**Project:** Santa Clara Gateway Project - PD Rezoning and Development Agreement approved on April 25, 2000 allows five and six-story office buildings totaling 911,000 square feet in six buildings.  
**Location:** 5555 Great America Parkway, 2500 and 2600 Yerba Buena Way, an approximately 20 acre portion of 41.8 acre site (Phase 2 - Parcel 1 and 3), located at Yerba Buena Way and Great America Parkway. Property is zoned PD (Planned Development), APN: 104-01-099 and 101.  
**Applicant:** The Irvine Company  
**Owner:** City of Santa Clara  
**Request:** **Review of plan modifications** to Santa Clara Gateway Project, involving adjustment of Phase 2 building footprints and heights, site improvements, parking and landscaping.  
**CEQA Determination:** Certified Environmental Impact Report (SCH#97112024)  
**Project Planner:** Yen Han Chen, Associate Planner  
**Staff Recommendation:** **Approve**, subject to conditions

**Notice:** The notice of public hearing for this item was posted within 300 feet of the site and was mailed to property owners within 300 feet.

**Discussion:** Mr. Chen gave a brief description of the project. Tom Sullivan, Roger DeWames and Scott McRobie from the Irvine Company, and Michael Bischoff from Pei Cobb Freed & Partners, and Rene Bihan from SWA Group were present for the discussion.

The representatives from the Irvine Company presented the project and noted adjustments to the Phase 2 building footprints and heights. Mr. McRobie commented that Irvine Company will work with the City and Caltrans to landscape the corner of Yerba Buena Way and Lafayette Street. Mr. Chen commented that the Irvine Company is working with the Public Works Department to secure the use of an easement area for bioretention on the easterly side of the project site as part of the urban runoff program.

Mr. Chen noted that the parking provided on Parcel 1 and 3 exceed the parking required for the development. The Committee stated that amenities which compliment permitted uses are supported by the City, such as exercise courts and other landscaping enhancements. Mr. Chen commented that minor modifications up to 10 percent can be permitted by the Zoning Administrator for adjustments to automobile parking space and loading space requirements.

The public hearing was opened and closed with no public comments received.

**Motion/Action:** The Architectural Committee approved the project design (3-0-0-0) as proposed.

## 9. OTHER BUSINESS

### 9.A. Committee Procedures and Staff Communications

- i. **Announcements/Other Items**
  - Single Family and Duplex Design Guidelines Update
- ii. **Report of the Liaison from the Planning and Inspection Department**
  - City Council Actions
- iii. **Committee/Board Liaison and Committee Reports**
- iv. **Committee Activities**
- v. **Upcoming Agenda Items**

## 10. ADJOURNMENT


The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting of the Architectural Committee will be held on July 18, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

Prepared by:



Yen Chen  
Associate Planner

Approved:



Gloria Sciara, AICP  
Development Review Officer

I:\PLANNING\2012\VAC 2012\06-20-12\VAC062012min.doc