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**CITY OF ATASCADERO
DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE**

MINUTES

Regular Meeting – Thursday, April 14, 2022 – 2:00 P.M.
City Hall (Teleconference)
6500 Palma Avenue, Atascadero, CA 93422

CALL TO ORDER – 2:00 p.m.

Vice Chairperson Funk called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present:

By Teleconference

Vice Chairperson Susan Funk
Committee Member Emily Baranek
Committee Member Dennis Schmidt

Absent:

Chairperson Heather Newsom (excused absence)
Committee Member van den Eikhof (excused absence)

Others Present:

By Teleconference - Recording Secretary, Annette Manier

Staff Present:

By Teleconference
Senior Planner, Kelly Gleason
Associate Planner, Mariah Gasch

Staff Absent:

Community Development Director, Phil Dunsmore

Others Present:

By Teleconference
James Mullins
Janet Fillmore

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: By Committee Member Schmidt and seconded by Vice Chairperson Funk to approve the Agenda.

*Motion passed 3:0 by a roll call vote.
(Newsom, van den Eikhof absent)*

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Vice Chairperson Funk closed the Public Comment period.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 10, 2022 DRAFT MINUTES

MOTION: By Committee Member Schmidt and seconded by Committee Member Baranek to approve the Consent Calendar.

*Motion passed by 3:0 by a roll call vote.
(Newsom, van den Eikhof absent)*

DEVELOPMENT PROJECT REVIEW

2. DESIGN AND NEIGHBORHOOD COMPATIBILITY REVIEW OF A FENCE AT 8850 EL CENTRO

The proposed project includes a request to install a 6-foot, metal picket fence within the front setback on APN 030-513-004.

Recommendation: Staff requests the DRC approve the request for an exception to the front setback fencing requirement to allow a fence of six feet in height where a maximum fence height of four feet would normally be allowed based on findings and subject to Conditions of Approval. (PRE22-0033).

EX PARTE

Vice Chairperson Funk drove by the property and walked the backside of the property. Committee Member Baranek drove by the property. Committee Member Schmidt visited the site.

Planner Gasch presented the project, and she and Senior Planner Gleason answered questions from the Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following members of the public spoke during public comment: James Mullins and Janet Fillmore, who read an email that was also submitted via the public comment email, but was received after the deadline (Exhibit A).

Vice Chairperson Funk closed the Public Comment period.

The Committee deliberated on the item, and asked the applicant if he would be willing to remove the spikes on the top of the fence, and the applicant agreed.

MOTION: By Committee Member Schmidt and seconded by Committee Member Baranek to approve the following:

- Install a 6-foot wrought-iron fence, no spikes on the top of the fence.

- Either modify the existing wood fence within the front setback to be a maximum height of four feet or replace the opaque non-conforming fence on the side yard (within the 25 foot setback area). This fence can be a maximum of 6-foot wrought iron fence with no spikes, matching what was approved by the DRC along the front property line.
- Sliding gate must meet the site-distance requirements as approved by our City Engineer.
- If this becomes unworkable/cost-prohibitive for the applicant, then it can be appealed to the Planning Commission within 14-days in writing. A member of the public can appeal by paying a fee, or a Planning Commissioner or Council Member can appeal it at no charge.

Motion passed by 3:0 by a roll call vote.
(Newsom, van den Eikhof absent)

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

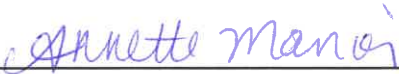
Senior Planner Gleason gave an update on Barrel Creek, Del Rio Marketplace, and stated that La Plaza called for a pre-final. She also gave an update on SB9/ADU's and stated those should go to hearing in May.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 28th, and we have one item, a cargo container on Serena Court.

ADJOURNMENT– 3:18 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the DRC is scheduled for Thursday, April 28, 2022.

MINUTES PREPARED BY:



Annette Manier, Recording Secretary
Administrative Assistant

The following Exhibit is available in the Community Development Dept.
Exhibit A – Email from Janet Fillmore

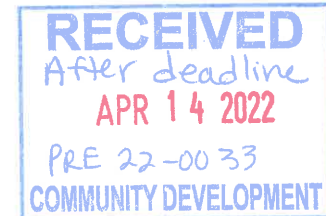
Adopted 4/28/22

From: Janet S Fillmore
Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2022 10:01 AM
To: DRC Public Comment
Subject: City of Atascadero

City of Atascadero Design Review Committee - Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 14, 2022, 2:00 P.M.

Agenda Item #2 – Development Project Review



Design and Neighborhood compatibility review of a fence at 8850 El Centro Road

The proposed project includes a request to install a 6-foot, metal picket fence within the front setback on APN 030-513-004.

I am writing this e-mail to express my strong opposition to allowing a 6-foot fence in the setback of the property mentioned above. The current design plan states a fence within the front setback be no more than 4-foot tall which is more than ample to draw boundaries.

I concur with the current design plan of fences withing the front setback be no more than 4-foot tall. If the board allows a 6-foot fence in this area I believe it will be a complete eye sore to those who live and drive on the street. Blocking this home from its current view will move our quiet little street into an industrialized atrocity. Making this kind of a change in our residential neighborhood will blemish the view and simplicity of our neighborhood.

As a resident of El Centro Road, I beg you not to allow this fence. It will be the biggest monstrosity in the neighborhood and is not acceptable to me, my husband, children, grandchildren, and other neighbors.

I hope you consider the feelings of those of us who will have to live with this disgrace and vote against this horrid encroachment to our neighborhood.

Thank you for your time,

Janet Fillmore

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