

**CITY OF SAN GABRIEL
DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2013
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Nadolney called the regular meeting of the Design Review Commission to order at 7:00 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chairperson Nadolney and Commissioner Cheng

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Associate Planner Larissa De La Cruz, City Planner Mark Gallatin, 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 the 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 review the plans and provide direction to staff and the project architects.

DRC RESPONSE:

The DRC reviewed the project and made several suggestions that would further enhance the project prior to presenting to the Planning Commission. Those suggestions included:

- Pay close attention to long term maintenance of the white, smooth, stucco walls to prevent cracking and deterioration;
- Ensure that the lighting consultant clearly identifies lights on the renderings and also shows different colors on accent lighting;
- Consider white pool canopies to have colored lights installed to enhance the canvas umbrellas;
- Identify the peak hours of the hotel including check-in and check-out hours;
- Design a traffic pattern plan from all angles, entrances and exits to both hotels and identify the intended circulation pattern of cars flowing in and out of the hotel property including striping patterns on the street;

- Reconsider the placement of the truncated domes on the narrow sidewalk on Manley Dr.;
- Provide an alternate drop zone location, along the west side, was suggested for better vehicular access and to ease the flow of traffic;
- Clearly identify how large drop offs for food and supplies etc. will be executed for services such as restaurants; and
- Consider the following questions:
 - ❖ Will there be room service at this high end hotel?
 - ❖ If so, where will the service elevator be located?
 - ❖ Where will the kitchen be located?
 - ❖ Will one of the three restaurants provide the room service?

The Commission also recommended adding the following two conditions of approval:

- Provide a parking management plan that requires valet service; and
- Indicate a raised median at Del Mar Ave.

DRC ACTION:

The Commission suggested that the project be presented at the next Planning Commission meeting for a preview meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

None.

COMMENTS BY STAFF:

None.

COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS:

The Commission discussed the upcoming interviews in December which will take place to fill the vacant seats for both the Design Review and Planning Commissions.

Chairperson Nadolney cancelled the December 23, 2013 meeting and adjourned at 8:55 p.m. to a regular meeting on January 27, 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