

Tamalpais Design Review Board Meeting Minutes

Regular Public Hearing : 11.18.2020

I. Meeting Location :

online virtual meeting via ZOOM

II. Call to Order :

7PM Logan Link : chair

III. Board Members Present :

Logan Link (LL) : chair,

Doron Dreksler (DD): secretary

Alan Jones (AJ)

Andrea Montalbano (AM)

Douglas Wallace (DW)

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes :

- Motion to Approve meeting minutes dated : 10.21.2020 as written: DW 1st/ AJ 2nd : 5-0 Unanimous

V. Public Comment on Items not on the agenda:

- lee budish thanked the board for submitting the alta way letter to the county

VI. Correspondence + Announcements:

- a) LL- alta way - informed board that the letter was sent to the state, had conversation with tom lai and michelle levenson. "the project is complex". michelle levenson will be at our next meeting to discuss the process on the alta way project. LL- the alta way project is in process for another application. public -lee budish- commented that the grading application was completed. board agreed that the plan should be reviewed by the board in the future.
- b) AM- informed the board that she attended the objective design standards meeting she attended. asked to discuss, her comments at the end of the meeting. brian case (County Legal Counsel), reminded the board that because the item is not on the agenda that it should not be discussed / ruled on by the board. reminding the board to just spend a couple minutes on the factual items and if it needs to be discussed further it should be added to the agenda

of a future meeting. AM- continued that the design standards that the consultants prepared was very complete and over 300 pages but that it was lacking some items to make it applicable to our area / region. stating that there are 8 typologies described in the report and the requirement is to meet one and none of the descriptions embrace anything after 1950.

- c) LL- commented that Em-j decided to not continue with any alteration or modification to the good earth mural and instead has found another location at proof lab for a new mural.
- d) LL - next years chair vote needs to be addressed, suggesting that AJ should be the next chair. AJ- commented that he planned on stepping down adding that it has traditionally been the secretary that becomes the chair, and further suggesting that we add it to the agenda for our next meeting.

VII. Items on Agenda:

1. Routine Brown Act presentation from County Legal Counsel

marin county legal counsel, Brian Case presented a general overview of the the brown act. including history, application and specific instances that would pertain the the tam design review board. suggesting that anyone interested should seek out the information on the league of california cities website:

<https://www.cacities.org/Resources/Open-Government>

also adding that the entire brown act process is about 3 things:

- 1: public access
- 2: public attendance
- 3: open and transparent deliberation and action

BOARD QUESTIONS, COMMENTS + CONCERNS :

- AJ/DW- special meetings can be held / posted within 24 hours ? brian case "yes and 72 hours for regular meetings" AJ/AM: the county code requires 7 to 10 day notice to effected neighbors.
- AM- architects are legally bound to to inspect buildings during a disaster, how is that treated ? brian case "that doesn't apply to the brown act"
- AM- has design review always been advisory ? AJ- "yes, as long as i can remember". AM- the tam plan says design review has 8 people, when did it change ? AJ- long ago, i dont remember dates.
- board discussed the development of a policy for ad hoc meetings

2. Discussion regarding interactions with County staff on proposed projects, and the need for additional support and project background

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- LL- currently i do not receive any information from the county on projects we need to review. i have to review the projects online like anyone else. i dont get a packet of informations, plans, no notification at all. AJ- that is highly unusual, it has never worked like that.
- DW- how do we determine the projects that are ready for review ? as an example, the shoreline project came to us and our review didn't serve the applicant or serve the public because the project was not complete.
- LL- to determine what we review, i talk to county staff on a regular basis.
- AM- our next meeting with michelle is a good time to discuss the process over the last 2 years including : rules for hearings, rules for incomplete projects, rules for time limits.
- LL: we should formulate a list of needs / questions. we need a flowchart to better understand where the project is in the process with a timeline.
- LL + DW agreed to work on an outline for what is needed. DW- commented that we need time to develop a comprehensive list and i feel we should move this item to a future meeting. LL- agreed AJ- we need targeted questions for michelle showing our concerns. LL- maybe we focus on alta way next meeting and move the online to our dec 16th meeting .
- AM- we need to understand the county / board interaction and a brief summary of the objective design standards.
- board agreed to add to future agenda.

VIII.Forthcoming projects reviewed without comment:

None

IX. Adjournment:

9:07 P.M.

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