

**Strawberry Design Review Board**  
 118 E. Strawberry Drive, Mill Valley, CA 94941  
**January 19, 2015**

**SUMMARY**

**I. The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm**

All members were present:

Negissa Araghi, Chair

Penna Amega

Barbara Rowe

Joe Sherer

Isis Spinola-Schwartz

Penna was welcomed as a new member of the board.

**II. Minutes of December 1, 2014 were approved with no changes.**

**III. Agenda Items:**

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Planner</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
AAA Sign Review Strawberry Village	Lenzora Sign Service	Jocelyn Drake	Approved
Mindigo Review	Peter Braun, Arch.	Scott Greeley	Approved with Modification

**IV. Administration and Other Business**

- 1) Welcomed Penna Amega
- 2) Agreed that Piontek project does not need to come back to SDRB.

**V. Comments to Planner**

- 1) Re: AAA signs, SDRB recommends that new signs be lit on the same hourly schedule as the current signs.
- 2) Re: Mindigo, SDRB recommends:
  - a) Approve color scheme for project. Research alternative stone including same stone along driveway retaining wall.
  - b) Approve floor plan and materials
  - c) Reduce deck width by 5 feet for a width of 15 feet (rather than 20).
  - d) For privacy of both homeowner and neighbor, plant redwood hedge of at least 6 trees, 24" boxes close together on south-east corner of property for screening.

**VI. Meeting adjourned at 9:06pm.**

**VII. Next meeting Monday, Feb. 2, 2015, 7:30pm.**

**Agenda Item – Strawberry Village Retail (AAA) Sign Review:**

Diana Lenzora of Lenzora Sign Service explained the project. The plan is to change the sign from red to white background and the lettering from white to blue. There will be no change in size of signs. The new color scheme matches shopping center. Lighting will be florescent. There is no change in lighting.

Board members asked questions of clarification.

Community was offered opportunity to comment but no one spoke.

Board members discussed the project.

**Motion:**

Isis moved **approval as proposed for front sign and small sign under canopy with continuing same hours of lighting.** Barbara Rowe seconded the motion.

**Vote:**

Negissa Araghi:	Yes
Penna Amega:	Abstain
Barbara Rowe	Yes
Joe Sherer	Yes
Isis Spinola-Schwartz	Yes

**Agenda Item: Mindigo Project 55 Bay Vista Drive, Mill Valley.**

Peter Braun, architect, presented the project asking for approval because the two houses on the property together are over 4,000 square feet. Only one house is being modified. The larger addition is on the west side of the house (2 stories) with a deck on the east side. Braun showed samples of roof material and taupe color siding and shingles. Deck railing will be white.

Board members asked questions of information and clarification.

Public given opportunity to comment. One neighbor, David Cromb, of 51 Bay Vista Drive, had objection that view from new deck would be into his patio and bedrooms.

Joanna Mindigo, speaking for property owner, also expressed concern for privacy which is a current issue and will continue to be an issue with the building modification. She offered to create a hedge to retain view of the City but limit view between her yard and neighbor's.

Board members discussed the project:

Isis recommended redwood trees – fast growing and easily maintained.

Joe recommended against use of El Dorado stone but instead split face actual stone and recommended that it also be placed on driveway retaining wall. He liked the siding.

Negissa recommended the deck width be cut back from 20 feet to 15 feet and redwood trees used for screen.

**Motion:**

Isis moved:

- a) Approve color scheme for project. Research alternative stone including same stone along driveway retaining wall.
- b) Approve floor plan and materials

- c) Reduce deck width by 5 feet for a width of 15 feet (rather than 20).
- d) For privacy of both homeowner and neighbor, plant redwood hedge of at least 6 trees, 24" boxes close together on south-east corner of property for screening.

Motion seconded by Joe.

**Vote**

Negissa Araghi:	Yes
Penna Amega:	Yes
Barbara Rowe	Yes
Joe Sherer	Yes
Isis Spinola-Schwartz	Yes

**Meeting adjourned at 9:06pm.**

*Barbara Rowe, SDRB*