



LA MESA DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

A Regular Meeting via Teleconference

Monday, August 10, 2020
12:30 PM

City Manager's Conference Room, 8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, CA

This meeting was conducted utilizing teleconferencing and electronic means consistent with State of California Executive Order N-29-20 dated March 17, 2020, regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Langdon called a regular meeting of the Design Review Board to order at 12:37 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Board members: Kinnard, Kusiak, Langdon, Lorenz, and Robinson

Absent: None.

Staff: Contract Planner Emery Papp

INFORMATION ITEMS None

BUSINESS

- A. **Project No. 2017-30 (CUP 17-87) and 2017-41 (CUP 17-93) (DQSA Holdings, LLC)** – Consideration of a design review for the demolition of an existing structure and construction of a new 12,000 square-foot, three-story industrial building exceeding 40 feet in height for the purpose of medical marijuana cultivation and medical marijuana manufacturing on a 15,200 square-foot site located at 8250 Commercial Street in the M (Industrial Service and Manufacturing) zone.

Mr. Papp presented the staff report.

Sam Attisha, Applicant, was available for questions.

Mr. Robinson inquired as to whether there would be additional fenestration added. He also asked whether there would be any skylights or other roof openings. Mr. Papp stated that there will not as the lighting needs to be controlled for cultivation purposes.

Chair Langdon felt that the south elevation facing the street was okay. He originally had some concerns regarding the east elevation, but realized it wasn't an issue as it faces the storage building. He felt that the plantings in front of the walls would be sufficient to meet landscaping requirements.

There were no additional comments.

Mr. Kusiak made a motion to approve the design review for Project No. 2017-30 and 2017-41 (CUP 17-87 and 17-93) and recommended the project be forwarded to the Planning Commission for consideration.

Chair Langdon seconded the motion.

Aye: Board members Kinnard, Kusiak, Langdon, and Robinson.
Nay: None.
Absent: None.
Abstain: Board member Lorenz

- B. Project No. 2018-12 (CUP 18-04) and 2018-13 (CUP 18-05) DRB (Bay City Genetics, Inc.) –** Consideration of a design review for the demolition of an existing structure and construction of a new 13,989 square-foot two-story industrial building at the maximum of 30 feet in height for the purpose of medical marijuana cultivation and medical marijuana manufacturing on a 13,808 square-foot site located at 8181 Center Street in the M (Industrial Service and Manufacturing) zone.

Mr. Papp presented the staff report.

Ms. Kristi Byers, Project Architect, stated that it will be a steel building, either pre-fab or built in place.

Chair Langdon stated he would like more fenestration on the west elevation facing the street.

Mr. Robinson suggested that Ms. Byers take a look at the north elevation and provide additional fenestration.

Mr. Lorenz had no comment, but stated he was looking forward to the improvement to the area.

Mr. Langdon stated that he would like to see more shrubs on the southwest corner of the drive aisle. He expressed concern that the lighting on the south side of the building might impact Bolt Brewery.

Ms. Byers stated that the lights will be shielded to prevent spillover to Bolt Brewery.

Mr. Kusiak was in agreement with the additional conditions regarding the west elevation, lighting and landscaping. He was also comfortable with the north elevation as shown on the plans.

Chair Langdon made a motion to approve the design review for Project No. 2018-12 and 2018-13 (CUP 18-04 and 18-05) DRB with the addition of the following conditions:

1. Architectural changes to the western façade to break up the mass.
2. Additional landscaping to be added to the west entry of the southwest side of the driveway.
3. Lights to be shielded to prevent overspill to adjacent properties.

Mr. Robinson seconded the motion.

Aye: Board members Kinnard, Kusiak, Langdon, Lorenz, and Robinson.
Nay: None.
Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

Mr. Lorenz and Mr. Robinson requested that they be provided with hard copies of plans. Chair Langdon stated he was fine with an electronic copy.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION AND AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Davis
Administrative Coordinator