



Design Review Commission Meeting

Location: Novato City Hall, 901 Sherman Avenue*

December 5, 2018

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Present: Michael Barber, Chair
Joseph Farrell, Vice Chair
Michael Edridge

Absent: Patrick MacLeamy
Beth Radovanovich

Staff: Hans Grunt, Senior Planner
Vivek Damodaran, Planner I

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA:

M/s, Farrell/Edridge (3-0-2) to approve

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. **[APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 7, 2018](#)** (MB, JF, BR, PL, ME)
M/s, Farrell/Edridge (3-0-2) to approve

PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE

CONTINUED ITEMS:

2. P2018-069 NOVATO CHEVROLET ART PIECE (VD)
APN 140-071-48, 7123 REDWOOD BLVD

**CEQA: CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT – SECTION 15311, ACCESSORY
STRUCTURES**

Continued from November 7, 2018: Consider approval of a Design Review application to allow for the installation of a new art sculpture at Novato Chevrolet, which is located at 7123 Redwood Boulevard (APN 140-071-48).

Planner I, Vivek Damodaran, presented the project proposal, explaining why the meeting was continued and briefly explained the commission's role in the reviewing the project.

The applicant, Ray Malgradi representing Novato Chevrolet, presented the proposed artwork and went over the proposed art's contextual location, design details, materials, meaning and the relationship to the Novato Chevrolet.

Public Comments (summary)

Michael Barber, Chair, opened up Public Comment. There were no members of the public present.

Michael Barber, Chair, closed Public Comment.

Commission Questions and Comments

Commissioner Joe Farrell commented that he is fine with the artwork, and appreciates it. Thanked applicant for providing additional context plans/exhibits. He added that it would be interesting to view from the showroom.

Commissioner Michael Edridge asked staff to clarify why the artwork was being proposed.

Senior Planner, Hans Grunt, briefly explained the project's history and requirements of the Art Program.

Commissioner Michael Barber commented that he appreciates it when an applicant chooses artwork over an in-lieu fee. He also had no issue with the design of the artwork but suggested scaling the size of the artwork up, and/or placing it on a more elevated pedestal.

Commissioners Edridge and Farrell agreed and expressed support for both increasing the scale of the art piece and/or incorporating a pedestal that elevates the piece in an effort to make it more notable.

M/s, Farrell/Edridge 3-0-2 to approve, based on the findings and conditions of approval below as supported by the facts discussed in the staff analysis and design review findings analysis sections of the Commission's report dated November 7, 2018.

FINDINGS

1. In accordance with Section 19.42.030.F of the Novato Municipal Code and on the basis of the discussion in the staff analysis section of this report, the DRC finds that:
 - a. The art sculpture proposed for the Novato Chevrolet is consistent with the General Plan and with the development standards, design guidelines and all applicable provisions of the Novato Municipal Code, including the approved master plan and precise development plan.
 - b. The art sculpture proposed for the Novato Chevrolet would maintain and enhance the community's character, provide for harmonious and orderly development, and create a desirable environment for the occupants, neighbors, and visiting public.
 - c. The art sculpture proposed for the Novato Chevrolet would not be detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare; is not materially injurious to the properties or improvements in the vicinity; does not interfere with the use and enjoyment of neighboring existing or future developments and does not create potential traffic, pedestrian or bicycle hazards.

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

1. The art sculpture shall be installed to the satisfaction of the Community Development Director prior to the issuance of a refund the art in-lieu payment.
2. No deviation from approved plans, including color changes or substitution of materials, shall be made without City approval. Minor alterations may be considered by Planning Division staff. Significant design alterations shall be returned to the Design Review Commission for consideration.

NEW ITEMS: NONE

GENERAL BUSINESS: NONE

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.