



Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting format of the Development Review Committee has been temporarily modified to protect the residents, property owners, applicants, staff, and appointed officials. This change is in accordance with the “Safer at Home” Order, Executive Order N-29-20, and guidance from the California Department of Public Health on gatherings. To further reduce the spread of COVID-19, all DRC review and determination authority was temporarily delegated to the Community Development Director pursuant to City Council Urgency Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2020-06U).

Members of the public were encouraged to participate in the meeting by emailing public comments to planning@ci.monrovia.ca.us before or during the meeting, and was read by the planning staff during public comment. Any lengthy public comments were summarized in the interest of time.

All parties that provided public comment on any items were notified of the decision and the appeal process.

CONVENE: Chair Jimenez convened the Regular Meeting of the Monrovia Development Review Committee on Wednesday, March 17, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. electronically via video conference. In attendance were Planning Division Manager Sheri Bermejo, Senior Planner John Mayer, Associate Planner Teresa Santilena, Assistant Planner Austin Arnold, Planning Technician Vincent Gillespie, and Planning Technician Brenda Quezada.

ROLL CALL: Community Development Director Craig Jimenez was in attendance.

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW:

AR-1 AR2021-0005, Advisory Review; 204 West Foothill Boulevard, Brian Whelan, Applicant

Associate Planner Teresa Santilena presented the staff report and answered questions of the Community Development Director.

Community Development Director asked if public comments were received and discussed the comments that were sent before the meeting. Written comments were received from:

1. Nathan Kurisu, in favor.
2. Alan and Naomi Ladner, in favor.
3. Catherine Gallagher, in favor.
4. Sari Canales, Monrovia Chamber of Commerce, in favor.
5. Paul Bockhorst, with concerns.
6. Kim Doolan, with concerns.
7. Danny Villareal, with concerns.
8. Jeff and Keiko Kagan, with concerns.
9. Brian B. Brooks, with concerns.
10. Geema Eisenbise, with concerns.
11. Margarita Crispo, with concerns.
12. Don Class, with concerns.
13. Jake Steedman, with concerns.
14. Norman Ross, with concerns.
15. Kathleen Cooper and Charli Salisbury, with concerns.

16. Jeanne Johnson, with concerns.
17. Dannelou Machi, with concerns.
18. Elizabeth Terlip, with concerns.
19. James Melovich, with concerns.
20. Alan and Sue Nagai, with concerns.
21. Susan Downign, with concerns.
22. Kim Tracy, with concerns.
23. Gina Thrane, with concerns.
24. Robin Nixon, with concerns.
25. Shelby Stasenka, with concerns.

It was noted that a number of the Conditions were added or modified to address the concerns of the neighborhood.

Following discussion, Community Development Director Jimenez recommended approval of AR2021-0005 to the Planning Commission with Conditions.

AR-2 MAJD2021-0003, Major Determination; 821 South Myrtle Avenue, Amil Gupta for Avalon Bay, Applicant

Assistant Planner Austin Arnold presented the staff report and answered questions of the Community Development Director.

Community Development Director asked if public comments were received. No written comments were received pertaining to the item.

Following discussion, Community Development Director Jimenez approved MAJD2021-0003 with Conditions.

AR-3 MAJD2021-0004, Major Determination; 806 East Huntington Drive, Chad Hawkins, Applicant

Planning Technician Vincent Gillespie presented the staff report and answered questions of the Community Development Director.

Community Development Director asked if public comments were received. No written comments were received pertaining to the item.

Following discussion, Community Development Director Jimenez approved MAJD2021-0004 with Conditions.

AR-4 SIGN2021-0004, Sign Review; 1310 South Myrtle Avenue, B & H Signs, Applicant

Assistant Planner Austin Arnold presented the staff report and answered questions of the Community Development Director.

Community Development Director asked if public comments were received. No written comments were received pertaining to the item.

Following discussion, Community Development Director Jimenez Approved SIGN2021-0004 as presented.

REPORTS FROM STAFF: None

ADJOURNMENT: Community Development Director Jimenez adjourned the meeting at 4:44 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Craig Jimenez, AICP, Chair
Monrovia Development Review Committee

Sheri Bermejo, Secretary
Monrovia Development Review Committee