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City of Santa Barbara
HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION
CONSENT AGENDA
FEBRUARY 2, 2022
11:00 A.M.
This Meeting Will Be Conducted Electronically As Described Below

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD BY TELECONFERENCE AS AUTHORIZED BY GOVERNMENT CODE § 54953(e)(1)(A) TO PROMOTE SOCIAL DISTANCING AND PRIORITIZE THE PUBLIC’S HEALTH AND WELL-BEING UNDER SANTA BARBARA COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS. AS A PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY PRECAUTION, THE DAVID GEBHARD PUBLIC MEETING ROOM WILL NOT BE OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. COMMISSIONERS MAY PARTICIPATE ELECTRONICALLY. THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA STRONGLY ENCOURAGES AND WELCOMES PUBLIC PARTICIPATION DURING THIS TIME. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:

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WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comments may be submitted via email to HLCSecretary@SantaBarbaraCA.gov before the beginning of the Meeting. All public comments submitted via email will be provided to the Board and will become part of the public record. You may also submit written correspondence via US Postal Service (USPS); addressed to HLC Secretary, PO Box 190, Santa Barbara, CA 93102-1990. However, please be advised, correspondence sent via USPS may not be received in time to process prior to the meeting and email submissions are highly encouraged. Please note that the HLC may not have time to review written comments received after 4:30 p.m. the Tuesday before the meeting.

All public comment that is submitted before 4:30 p.m. the Tuesday before the meeting will be published on the City’s website at SantaBarbaraCA.gov/HLC. Comments provided via USPS or e-mail will be converted to a PDF before being posted on the City’s website. Note: comments will be published online the way they are received and without redaction of personal identifying information; including but not limited to phone number, home address, and email address. Only submit information that you wish to make available publicly.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDIZED ITEMS: Members of the public wishing to speak on a matter on the agenda must “raise their hand” in the Zoom platform by selecting the virtual hand icon during the presentation of that item or by pressing *9 if calling by phone. When persons are called on to speak, their microphone will be

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activated by City staff and the speaker will be notified that they can now unmute themselves in order to begin speaking. To unmute select the ‘mute/unmute’ icon or press “Alt+A” on the keyboard; If using a phone press *6 to unmute. Each speaker will be given a total of 2 minutes to address the Commission. Pooling of time is not permitted during meetings conducted electronically.

If you want to be listed as an interested party on an item you have the following options available to submit a request: 1. Submit an e-mail request to HLCSecretary@SantaBarbaraCA.gov, 2. Call the HLC Secretary at (805) 564-5470, ext. 3308, or 3. Submit a written request via US Postal Service (USPS); addressed to HLC Secretary, PO Box 1990, Santa Barbara, CA 93102-1990. You will need to provide your Name, Email Address, Mailing Address, and the project number (PLN) you want to be added to.

AGENDAS, MINUTES, REPORTS, & PUBLIC RECORD WRITINGS: Documents relating to agenda items are available for review online at SantaBarbaraCA.gov/HLC. If you have any questions about the posted documents, contact Barbara Burkhart, Assistant Planner at (805) 897-2687 or email BBurkhart@SantaBarbaraCA.gov. You may contact City Planning staff at (805) 564-5470 for general questions about the status of a case.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: If you need services or staff assistance to attend or participate in this meeting, contact the HLC Secretary at (805) 564-5470, ext. 3308. If possible, notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will usually enable the City to make reasonable arrangements. Specialized services, such as sign language interpretation or documents in Braille, may require additional lead time to arrange.

APPEALS: Decisions of the HLC may be appealed to the City Council. For further information and guidelines on how to appeal a decision to City Council, please contact the City Clerk’s office at Clerk@SantaBarbaraCA.gov as soon as possible. Appeals may be filed in person at the City Clerk’s office at City Hall or in writing via email to Clerk@SantaBarbaraCA.gov and by first class mail postage prepaid within 10 calendar days of the meeting at which the Commission took action or rendered its decision. Appeals and associated fee post marked after the 10th calendar day will not be accepted.

NOTE TO INTERESTED PARTIES: Only those persons who participate through public comment either orally or in writing on an item on this Agenda have standing to appeal the decision. Grounds for appeal are limited to those issues raised either orally or in written correspondence delivered to the review body at, or prior to, the public hearing.

STATE POLITICAL REFORM ACT SOLE PROPRIETOR ADVISORY: State law, in certain circumstances, allows an architect, engineer, or a person in a related profession who is a “sole practitioner” to make informational presentation of drawings or submissions of an architectural, engineering, or similar nature to the same Commission on which he or she is seated, if the practitioner does not advocate for the project.


NOTICE: On Friday, January 28, 2022 this Agenda was posted on the outdoor bulletin board at the Community Development Department, 630 Garden Street and online at SantaBarbaraCA.gov/HLC.

PLEASE BE ADVISED

Consent items are reviewed in a sequential manner as listed on the agenda. Applicants are advised to approximate when their item is to be heard and should arrive 15 minutes prior to the item being announced. If applicants are not in attendance when the item is announced, the item will be moved to the end of the agenda.

The applicant’s presence is suggested in order to respond to questions and discuss potential conditions of approval, thereby avoiding project continuances. If an applicant cancels or postpones an item without advance notice, the item will be postponed indefinitely and will not be placed on the following Historic Landmarks Commission (HLC) agenda.

Actions on the Consent agenda are reported to the Full Commission at the 1:30 p.m. meeting on the same day. The Full Commission has the discretion to ratify or not ratify the Consent actions. The Consent agenda reviewing member of the HLC may refer items to the Full Commission for review.
CEQA Guidelines §15183 Exemptions (Projects Consistent with General Plan). Under this California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines section, projects with new development (new nonresidential square footage or new residential units) qualify for an exemption from further environmental review documents if (1) they are consistent with the General Plan development density evaluated in the 2011 General Plan Program Environmental Impact Report, and (2) any potentially significant project-specific impacts are addressed through existing development standards. Section 15183 exemptions are determined by staff based on a preliminary environmental review process. A decision-maker CEQA finding is required for a Section 15183 exemption. City Council General Plan environmental findings remain applicable for the project.

NOTICE OF LINKED DIGITAL PLANS
Hyperlinks to project plans are provided in the agenda. If the project plan is available, you will see the address in the agenda displayed as a blue underlined text. To view the project plans, simply click on the blue underlined address. Architectural and Engineering drawings are made available to facilitate the public dialog only. All such material is subject to the restrictions of U. S. Copyright Law and may not be used for other purposes without obtaining the permission of the copyright holder.

REVIEW AFTER FINAL APPROVAL

A. 1601 STATE ST
Assessor’s Parcel Number: 027-181-009
Zone: C-G
Application Number: PLN2015-00524
Owner: Jess Parker, 1601 State Street Hotel Investors, LLP
Applicant: Shawn Ridenhour, Arris Studio Architects

(The El Prado Inn main building, constructed in 1959, is a designated Structure of Merit as a Mid-Century Modern Motor Inn. The project is also in El Pueblo Viejo Landmark District. The approved project consists of additions and alterations at the site of the existing "El Prado" La Quinta Inn and Suites, which is a 29,829 square foot, three-story hotel comprising 56 hotel rooms and 34 covered parking spaces, a lobby off Arrellaga Street, and a pool (Parcel 1). There is an adjacent annex property (Parcel 2) that is developed with a one-story hotel with 14 rooms and 34 uncovered parking spaces. The project involves the demolition of the 14-room hotel annex, the pool, and the uncovered parking spaces and a 39,459 square foot, three-story addition to the existing hotel. The additions consist of a new sub-grade parking lot with 62 parking spaces and the ground floor will have 28 new covered parking spaces, a new entrance lobby off State Street, a courtyard, a new pool, spa, dining/bar area, kitchen, and 6 hotel rooms. The second floor would have 32 rooms, and the third floor would have 28 rooms with a third-story deck and a roof top deck both facing State Street. The project will result in a combined 63,110 square foot, three-story hotel with 122 hotel rooms and 123 parking spaces. The project will require a voluntary lot merger of two legal lots (APNs 027-181-008 & 009) located in the El Pueblo Viejo District, with C-G, Commercial General Zone, and a General Plan Land Use Designation of Commercial/Medium-High Residential (15-27 du/acre). The nonresidential additions are proposed with existing available floor area for the site along with a Transfer of Existing Development Rights.)

A Review After Final is requested to review revisions to the color of the doors and the “El Prado” sign on the Structure of Merit, based on comments received at the September 1, 2021 meeting; and to review alternative light fixtures associated with the entry and the guestroom balcony on the new structure. Project plans must demonstrate substantial conformance to the plans that received Final Approval on November 29, 2017. The project was last reviewed September 1, 2021 on a Review After Final. All reports can be found at SantaBarbaraCA.gov/HLC.
NEW ITEM: PROJECT DESIGN APPROVAL AND FINAL APPROVAL

B. 2720 DE LA VINA ST
Assessor's Parcel Number: 051-220-021
Zone: C-G/USS
Application Number: PLN2021-00561
Owner: William Meller
Applicant: Ken Dickson, Windward Engineering

(The 1937 brick commercial building and storefront is listed on the Historic Resources Inventory designed by noted architect Keith Lockard as a Safeway grocery store, one of the first grocery stores on the outskirts of the city. The City’s Architectural Historian prepared a Significance Report. All reports can be found at SantaBarbaraCA.gov/HLC. The project proposes installation of new pavers, planter boxes, and bollards to accommodate an expanded outdoor seating area; and to permit the "as-built" removal of 524 square feet of parking lot landscape planter beds. Approval of an Alternative Parking Lot Landscape Design Waiver is required to allow variations to parking area landscape and fence standards. The project would abate violations associated with ENF2021-00193.)

Project Design Approval and Final Approval are requested. As per Santa Barbara Municipal Code (SBMC) §30.220.020.F, Project Compatibility Findings and SBMC §30.157.110, Minor Alterations for a Historic Resource Findings are required. All reports can be found at SantaBarbaraCA.gov/HLC.