CITY OF ORANGE
DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE
MINUTES – FINAL

April 2, 2014

Committee Members Present:	Robert Imboden - Chair Tim McCormack – Vice Chair Carol Fox Craig Wheeler Joe Woollett
Committee Members Absent:	None
Staff in Attendance:	Anna Pehoushek, Principal Planner Angie Cisneros, Recording Secretary

Administrative Session – 5:00 P.M.

Chair Member Imboden opened the Administrative Session at 5:11 p.m.

Chair Member Imboden stated there was no Policy or Procedural information.

Anna Pehoushek, Principal Planner, stated that staff will be mindful about including key DRC feedback on the minutes.

Committee Member Fox stated that there have been anomalies on the project location maps this year, and requested that the maps be double-checked by the staff for accuracy for the packets.

Chair Member Imboden stated that the Committee would prefer that the applicants submit reduced sized drawings for their projects.

The Committee Members reviewed the meeting minutes from the Design Review Committee meeting of 3-5-2014 and 3-19-2014.

Committee Member Fox made a motion to close the Administrative Session of the Design Review Committee meeting.

SECOND:	Joe Woollett
AYES:	Carol Fox, Robert Imboden, Joe Woollett, Craig Wheeler, and Tim McCormack
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

Administrative Session adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED.

Regular Session – 5:37 pm

ROLL CALL:

All Committee Members were present.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Opportunity for members of the public to address the Design Review Committee on matters not listed on the Agenda.

CONSENT ITEMS:

Committee Member McCormack made a motion to approve the minutes of 3-5-2014 and 3-19-2014 from the Design Review Committee, as well as the corrections that were discussed during the Administrative Sessions.

SECOND: Joe Woollett
AYES: Carol Fox, Robert Imboden, Joe Woollett, Craig Wheeler, and Tim McCormack
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Committee Member Fox requested that DRC No. 4730-14 be pulled from the Consent Agenda moving it to the regular Agenda.

Vice Chair McCormack stated that he would recuse himself from Item 2, DRC No. 4730-14.

AGENDA ITEMS:

(2) DRC No. 4730-14 – PHAM-TON RESIDENCE FINAL LANDSCAPE PLAN

- The applicant has submitted the final landscape plans for review and approval prior to installation of landscaping in compliance with Conditions of Approval from DRC No. 4456-09.
- 6022 Jack Pine Lane
- Staff Contact: Anne E. Fox, (714) 744-7236, afox@cityoforange.org
- DRC Action: Final Approval

Anne Fox, Associate Planner presented a project overview consistent with the Staff Report.

Public Comment:

None.

Chair Imboden opened the item to the Committee for discussion.

- The Committee questioned the use of chain link fencing and discussed the use of an alternative material.

Douglas Kent, Applicant, was present to answer questions and concerns regarding the project.

Committee Member Joe Woollett made a motion to approve DRC No. 4730-14 in accordance with the staff findings and conditions of the staff report and with the following additional conditions:

- That the chain linked fence shown in the drawings be replaced by coated rectangular mesh fencing.

SECOND: Craig Wheeler
AYES: Carol Fox, Joe Woollett, Robert Imboden, and Craig Wheeler
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Tim McCormack
ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

New Agenda Items:

(3) DRC No. 4734-14 – ELEVEN 10 WEST (THE PICERNE GROUP)

- The applicant proposes to construct a 5-level, approximately 226,511 square-foot residential building containing 260 units with a maximum building height of 63 feet, 6 inches. The project building would be designed around three interior courtyards, one of which would contain a pool.
- 1110 W. Town and Country Road
- Staff Contact: Robert Garcia, 714-744-7231, rgarcia@cityoforange.org,
- DRC Action: Preliminary Review

Robert Garcia, Associate Planner, presented a project overview consistent with the Staff Report.

Public Comment: None

Present were John Olivier, Matt Jackson, Irwin Yau, and Brad Perozzi of The Picerne Group, Applicant, to answer any concerns or questions regarding the project.

The Committee discussed and commented on the following:

- The need for more attention to be given to the interface between the east elevation of the project and adjacent office plaza space. The DRC suggested that the design refinements could provide for a distinctive interesting urban space. Refinements may include articulation landscaping greenscreen.
- The need to explore the interface between the project the commercial center to the west, and particularly the property line landscape area. The DRC made suggestions about plant material and the use of vertical elements to break up the linear appearance of the vehicular access and possible articulation of the western elevation of the apartments
- The need to revisit the proposed exterior building materials, with special attention given to the making the elevations interesting, but not too busy looking. Consider articulation, recess spaces, needs to be more composed.
- The treatment of stairwells, giving consideration to how they will look at night when lit in relation to the overall elevations.
- Accommodating sustainable landscaping in appropriately designed planting wells that support the plant material, but also maintain a pedestrian oriented, safe condition. Use materials that do well in both shade and sunlight areas.
- Giving attention to mechanical equipment as seen from adjacent 16-story building.
- Lighting needs attention, provide a concept for architectural, landscaping, safety and inhabitants. Lighting needs to account for all the different elements.
- North/West corner tower needs attention. It could be designed differently. Horizontal planes are busy.

The item was presented for preliminary review; therefore, no action was taken.

DRC No. 4687-13 – AVONTI SALON FINAL LANDSCAPE PLAN

- The applicant has submitted the final landscape plans for review and approval in compliance with Conditions of Approval for DRC No. 4687-13.
- 206 West Almond Avenue, Old Towne Orange Historic District
- Staff Contact: Anna Pehoushek, (714) 744-7228, apehoushek@cityoforange.org
- DRC Action: Final Approval

Anna Pehoushek, Principal Planner, announced that the applicant was not present and has requested that the item be continued.

Committee Member Fox made a motion to continue DRC No.4687-13 upon request of planning staff.

SECOND: Craig Wheeler
AYES: Joe Woollett, Robert Imboden, Carol Fox, Tim McCormack and Craig Wheeler
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Committee Member Joe Woollett made a motion to adjourn to the next regular scheduled Design Review Committee meeting on April 16, 2014.

SECOND: Tim McCormack
AYES: Joe Woollett, Robert Imboden, Carol Fox, Tim McCormack and Craig Wheeler
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.