

Agenda Report

March 9, 2020

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Planning & Community Development Department
SUBJECT: CALL FOR REVIEW OF THE DESIGN COMMISSION'S DECISION ON AN APPLICATION FOR CONSOLIDATED DESIGN REVIEW FOR A NEW 112,205-SQUARE-FOOT, 5-STORY MEDICAL OFFICE AND RETAIL BUILDING AT 550-566 EAST COLORADO BOULEVARD

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council remand the call for review of the Design Commission's approval of the application for Consolidated Design Review for a new 112,205-square-foot, 5-story medical office and retail building at 550-566 E. Colorado Boulevard to the Design Commission for further review.

BACKGROUND:

On July 10, 2018, the Design Commission (DC) considered, at its regularly noticed meeting, an application for Consolidated Design Review for construction of a new five-story, medical office and commercial building, at 550-556 E. Colorado Blvd. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the DC adopted the environmental determination that the Environmental Impact Report that was certified by the Planning Commission on July 24, 2013 applies to this action and approved the application subject to 13 conditions of approval.

On July 19, 2018, Councilmember Wilson initiated a request to call the DC's decision for City Council review. The City Council voted to call the DC's decision for review at its July 23, 2018 meeting. In addition, on July 23, 2018, the Downtown Pasadena Neighborhood Association submitted an appeal application to the City Council citing several concerns with the DC's decision. The appeal was subsequently terminated in light of the Council's action to call the DC's decision for review.

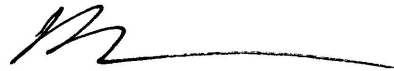
Since call for review, the Council has continued the call for review hearing multiple times at the request of the applicant. More recently, the applicant initiated conversations with staff about substantially modifying the approved design to accommodate a hotel use for the proposed building. As such, staff recommends that the City Council remand the call for review to the DC so that it may review the revised design when an

application is formally submitted. Upon completion of the review process for the revised design, the City Council would have another opportunity to call the Design Commission's decision for review if such action were deemed necessary.

FISCAL IMPACT:

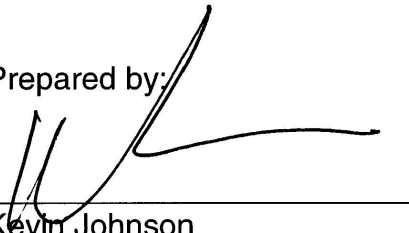
There is no fiscal impact to the City as a result of this action.

Respectfully submitted,



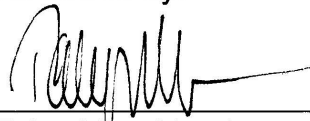
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