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Subject:

Call for Review: 151 S. De Lacey Lot1 & 2

Please agendize for Council consideration a call for review of this project.

10/25/2010 Item 12



PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PLANNING DIVISION

October 7, 2010

Justin Smith Equity Residential 26970 Aliso Viejo Parkway Suite 250 Aliso Viejo, CA 92656

RE: NOTICE OF DECISION

Application for Time Extension of Final Design Review Approvals

151 S. De Lacey Avenue, Lot 1—PLN2007-00668 151 S. De Lacey Avenue, Lot 2—PLN2007-00669

Dear Mr. Smith:

The Planning Division has reviewed your application for an extension of time under the provisions of Pasadena Ordinance No. 7180 of the approval of Final Design Approval granted for the property located at 151 S. De Lacey Avenue on December 12, 2007.

The approval of **PLN2007-00668** (New Construction of an Urban Housing Project, Westgate Pasadena Block 2, Lot 1) and **PLN2007-00669** (New Construction of an Urban Housing Project, Westgate Pasadena Block 2, Lot 2)

According to your application for a time extension, the severe economic reversal of the last 18 months has made financing of new residential projects difficult. New lending standards for condominiums have caused that market to collapse and recovery is uncertain at this moment. In light of these circumstances, Equity Residential is pursuing redesign of Block 2 based on current market conditions and has met with City staff to pursue design changes to the approved project.

The approval of design review cases PLN2007-00668 and PLN2007-00669 expires on December 21, 2010. Without this extension, the project will not be able to move forward. As such, you are requesting a twelve-month extension in accordance with the regulations of the City of Pasadena Ordinance No. 7180.

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After careful consideration, the Planning Director has made the findings, shown in Attachment A, necessary to grant a time extension. Based on the findings, a time extension is granted for a period of one year, effective December 21, 2010 to December 21, 2011. Be aware that the approval of PLN2007-00668 and PLN2007-00669 is void unless building permits are issued and construction is diligently pursued prior to December 21, 2011.

EFFECTIVE DATE—APPEAL—CALL FOR REVIEW

You are hereby notified that, pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code Chapter 17.72, any person affected or aggrieved by the decision of the Planning Director has the right to appeal this decision within ten days. The last day to file an appeal is **Monday, October 18, 2010.** The regular appeal fee is \$1,406.20. The appeal fee for non-profit community based organizations pre-registered with Neighborhood Connections is \$703.10. The effective date of this case is **Tuesday, October 19, 2010.** Prior to this effective date, a member of the City Council or Planning Commission may request that it be called for review to the Board of Zoning Appeal. However, if there is a request for a Call for Review, the appeal period will continue to run. It is recommended that you contact **Robert Avila** at (626)744-6706 to find out if any appeal has been filed or a call for review has been requested.

Sincerely,

John R. Poindexter Planning Manager

jp:xra

xc: Case File; 2010 Reading File, Mayor and City Council, Field Representative District 6; Planning Commission; City Clerk, Director of Planning; Tidemark Cases PLN2007-000668 and PLN2007-000669

Attachments:

A-Findings for Extension of Time B-Applicant's Request

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ATTACHMENT A FINDINGS FOR EXTNESION OF PLN2007-000668 and PLN2007-000669

- The applicant filed an application for an extension of time with the Department on August 24, 2010 which has preceded the date of expiration of the design review approval.
- 2. The findings and conditions of the original approval are still applicable in that the basic parameters of the project (i.e. maximum number of units, maximum building envelopes, maximum building heights, mitigation monitoring plan, etc.) remain unchanged and conditions of approval still apply.
- 3. The applicant has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Director that there is a good faith intent to pursue the proposed project in that the applicant has continued to complete the residential buildings envisioned in Phase 1 of the project and maintained the services of the Phase 2 project designers since final design approval was granted in December 2007.



REQUEST FOR TIME EXTENSION

APPLICATION INFORMATION				
Project Address: 151 S. Delacey Ave (Westgate Pas	sadena Block 2, Lot 1)			
Case Type (MCUP, TTM, etc.) and Number: Design	Review PLN2007-006	68		
Hearing Date: 12/10/2007				
Approval Effective Date: 12/21/2007				
Approval Expiration Date: 12/21/2010				
APPLICANT/OWNER INFORMATION				
APPLICANT FOR THIS APPLICATION: Equity Resid	ential	Telephone:	[562] 619-4208	
Address: 26970 Aliso Viejo Pkwy #250			000 0057	
City Aliso Viejo State: CA	Zip: 92656	-	dsmith3@eqrworld.com	
ORIGINAL APPLICANT (IF DIFFERENT): Sares Reg		-	[949] 756-5959	
Address: 18802 Bardeen Ave		Fax:	[949] 756-5955	
City Irvine State: CA_	7in: 92612	-	ncarlson@sares-regis.com	
PROPERTY OWNER: Equity Residential	Zip	Telephone:	[562] 619-4208	
Address: 26970 Aliso Viejo Pkwy #250		Fax:	[949] 360-3957	
City Aliso Viejo State: CA	71 02656	-	dsmith3@eqrworld.com	
REASON FOR EXTENSION REQUEST (attach	additional sheets if r	necessary)		
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If this is the second extension request for a s	subdivision application	(TTM, CE, etc.) a	public hearing is required.	
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Reason for Extension Request

As a result of the worst recession since the Great Depression and near melt down of the financial markets, over the past 18 months there were no construction loans available to build a multi-family development. Through all of 2009 there were no multifamily construction starts anywhere in Southern California. Only recently have we been made aware that a few starts may occur by the end of 2010. Rents dropped as well which made projects economically infeasible. Far tighter lending standards for condo construction and purchasers caused the condo market to completely collapse. The condo market has not returned and will not for the foreseeable future. However, rents have stabilized. EQR continues to diligently pursue construction completion of Phase 1 and is also diligently pursuing development of Phase 2, as evidenced by our recent meetings with Planning staff and engaging our architects, engineers and landscape architect to prepare materials for submission to the City of Pasadena.



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DATE APPLICATION / SUBMITTALS RECEIVED: APPLICATION FEES: \$	77.70 RECEIVED BY: WAY)
HISTORIC ARCHITECTURAL RESEARCH REQUIRED? YES, NO. PUBLIC ARTS FEE RE	QUIRED? YES (NO)

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PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT //
CURRENT PLANNING SECTION

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