

**CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE
MINUTES OF THE
DESIGN REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
February 1, 2012**

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Subcommittee Members Present: Michael Kaupp, Lew Avera and Julia Darden

Staff Present: Jim Pechous, Tom Bonigut, Tom Frank and Cliff Jones

I. **MINUTES**

II. **ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS**

A. **Aesthetic Review of the La Pata/Forster Ridgeline Bridge** (Pechous)

A request for concurrence on the proposed aesthetic design concept for the new bridge overcrossing near the northeastern border of the City, being developed with the Avenida La Pata road extension. The County's design team has requested feedback from the City on the proposed aesthetic treatment of this bridge.

Jim Pechous, City Planner, presented the staff report and project plans. Mr. Pechous indicated that La Pata serves as a secondary entry to the City; therefore, special attention to the aesthetics of the bridge is warranted.

The County of Orange design team was in attendance including the County's Project Manager, Harry Persaud, and the bridge designer, Blake Hinman.

DRSC members suggested that the design elements of the bridge should reflect the broader community, not just the Talega area, while still blending with the surrounding area. DRSC members suggested that the preferable bridge design option is "A1" and should incorporate the following design elements:

- earth tones to reflect the surroundings;
- include a smooth surface rather than stamped concrete,
- increased height of pilasters and perhaps a finial;
- smaller columns that penetrate the bridge's wall/fence barrier;
- reduction in fence height and assure the fence material is a dark color to appear like black wrought iron.
- Elimination of the "SC" logo on the bridge because it may be confusing to non-residents. DRSC members and staff suggested that an entry

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monument sign closer to the City's border would be more appropriate for identifying the City entrance.

- Elimination of the subtle arching element beneath the bridge. The County bridge designer indicated that this DRSC suggestion should reduce the construction cost of the bridge.

Mr. Pechous indicated that in order to expedite DRSC review of the revised plans he would email them to DRSC members so that the County could collect their subsequent design comments (if any). This would assure that the County's schedule for the project is not interrupted.

B. I-5 Overpass at Avenida Pico - Bridge Design Update (Bonigut)

A presentation to update the DRSC on the status and progress on the proposed aesthetic design for the new I-5 bridge that will replace the existing bridge over Avenida Pico as part of the Caltrans/OCTA I-5 HOV lane extension and Pico Interchange project.

Tom Bonigut, Assistant City Engineer, made a presentation providing feedback from the State Architect regarding bridge design elements discussed at the November 30, 2011 DRSC meeting. Following are key points from the discussion:

Vertical Seams

DRSC members indicated that special consideration should be provided with regards to the location of the vertical seams and the chosen design.

Arch Design below Bridge

Mr. Bonigut indicated that the insets on the arches could not be one-foot, the maximum inset is three-inches.

DRSC asked that staff investigate whether eliminating the detail around the arch might allow for a slightly deeper inset.

Concrete Barrier Arched Insets

Mr. Bonigut explained that the concrete barrier at the top edge of the bridge needs to be solid and the arched designs cannot penetrate through the barrier. Mr. Bonigut indicated that the arched design can be inset or protrude.

The DRSC members agreed that the arched design should be inset and stained to appear deep. DRSC members also indicated that the scale of the arches should be increased as the current design is very narrow.

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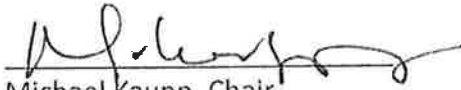
Landscape

DRSC members indicated that they would like to see plans that demonstrate the location of future landscaping and how landscape would work with the overall design of the bridge.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn to the Design Review Subcommittee meeting of February 15, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room A, Community Development Department, 910 Calle Negocio, Suite 100, San Clemente, CA 92673.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Kaupp, Chair

Attest:



Jim Pechous, City Planner