

**CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
DESIGN REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE
June 24, 2015**

Subcommittee Members Present: Bart Crandell, Julia Darden and Jim Ruehlin

Staff Present: Cliff Jones

1. MINUTES

Minutes from June 10, 2015 meeting.

2. ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

A. Pre-application 15-096, Verizon at Baha'i Church (Jones)

A request to review design, massing, height, and scale of a proposed church tower which would conceal cellular antennae. The site is located at 3316 Avenida Del Presidente within the Residential High (RH-CZ) zoning district.

Associate Planner Cliff Jones summarized the staff report.

The Design Review Subcommittee either individually or as a group discussed the following items:

- Staff should investigate whether religious symbols on religious buildings are classified as signage.
- Visual simulations that demonstrate the appearance of the tower from the freeway and surrounding neighborhood should be provided if a formal application is submitted.
- Tower is out of scale and incompatible with the Baha'i church buildings. The current buildings have a humble appearance and the tower does not reflect that character.
- Concern about the mass and view from the freeway.
- Expressed that the proposed tower does not look like a church tower. Suggested the tower design should be inspiring like a typical church steeple.
- Tower footprint should be reduced.
- Suggested the height of the tower be reduced to improve compatibility.
- Suggested a design that is an expression of the church is more likely to be accepted.

3. NEW BUSINESS

None

4. OLD BUSINESS

None

5. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn to the Regular Meeting of the Design Review Subcommittee to be held July 15, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. in Conference Room A, Community Development Department, 910 Calle Negocio, Suite 100, San Clemente, CA 92673.

Respectfully submitted,

Bart Crandell, Chair

Attest:

Cliff Jones, Associate Planner

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