

**CITY OF SONOMA  
DESIGN REVIEW AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
June 17, 2014**

**Community Meeting Room, 177 First Street West, Sonoma, CA  
MINUTES**

Chair Barnett called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

Present: Chair Barnett, Comms. Randolph, Johnson (Alternate)  
Absent: Chair Tippell, Comm. Anderson  
Others: Associate Planner Atkins, Administrative Assistant Morris  
Present:

Chair Barnett stated that no new items would be heard after 10:30 p.m. unless the Design Review and Historic Preservation Commission so decides. Any decisions made tonight can be appealed within 15 days to the City Council. He reminded everyone to turn off cell phones and pagers.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**CHANGES TO AGENDA ORDER:**

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Late mail was received for Item #1

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Comm. McDonald recused due to proximity and left the room.

**Item #1 –Continued consideration of new paint colors and a new wall sign for a commercial building (Studebaker Cheese Cake, The Arch, Cynthia’s Scones).**

**Applicant: Cynthia Owings/ Kevin Fay**

Associate Planner Atkins presented staff’s report.

**Chair Barnett opened the item to public comment.**

Maurice Horn, business representative, proposed a revised/simpler version of the sign in black and white with a modest theme to attract patrons that would also accommodate new businesses in the complex. The sign would advertise Studebaker Cheese Cake and Cynthia Scones.

Comm. Barnett confirmed with the applicant that the property owner, Sylvia Bernard supported the application and preferred the column at the face of the building

**Chair closed the item to public comment.**

Comm. Johnson is pleased with the color scheme that appropriately represents the Studebaker Cheese Cake business.

Ms. Atkins noted that during a recent site visit there were several unapproved/illegal signs displayed that shall be removed.

A sign application should be submitted for modifications that were made to an existing free standing sign.

Chair Barnett appreciated the applicant taking into consideration the comments from the last meeting.

Comm. Randolph made a motion to approve the sign with the condition that the column be painted the base color of the building. Comm. Johnson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Comm. McDonald returned to the dais.

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**Item #2 – Consideration of a new wall sign for a pharmacy (Rite Aid) at 19205 Sonoma Highway.**

**Applicant: David Ford**

Associate Planner Atkins presented staff's report.

Robert Sanders, Robert Sanders & Company, stated the sign is the same size but a simplified version. National change out on corporate identity and the Led lighting will save on energy. Sign Art hired. Neon letters replaced with LED lighting.

Comm. Randolph confirmed the size of the sign has no concerns with the new sign.

**Chair opened the item to public comment.**

No public comments.

**Chair closed the item to public comment.**

Comm. McDonald made a motion to approve the sign with a reduction in size as proposed. Chair Johnson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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**Item #3 –Public Hearing –Consideration of a new monument sign for a vineyard (Sealey Mission Vineyard) at 277 Fourth Street East.**

**Applicant/Property Owner: Peter Sealey**

Associate Planner Atkins presented staff's report.

**Chair opened the item to public comment.**

Peter Sealey, property owner, is of the opinion that his property was the first vineyard in Sonoma established in 1825. He proposed a standard Vintners monument sign to identify this very significant historical site.

Comm. Johnson felt that the exact location might be on the Sebastiani property.

Comm. McDonald questioned the applicant about whether he sought a State or Historic designation which he has not.

Comm. Randolph recommended and the applicant agreed to consult with the local Historical groups for clarification.

**Chair Barnett closed the item to public comment.**

Chair Barnett confirmed with the applicant that Sealy Mission Vineyard is operating as an LLC.

Chair Barnett is confident that this is the site of the first vineyard in Sonoma.

Comm. Johnson is uncomfortable with the wording of "First Vineyard" on the sign before it has been "officially confirmed".

Comm. Randolph made a motion to approve the sign as submitted subject to the applicant consulting with the local historic groups and the following amended conditions of approval that the sign read Sonoma Valley Sealey Mission part of Sonoma's First Vineyard established in 1825. Comm. McDonald seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Item #4 —Public Hearing — Consideration of a temporary sign for a commercial building (Sonoma Cycle Fit) at 551 Fifth Street West.**

**Applicant/Property Owner: Adam Kovac**

Associate Planner Atkins presented staff's report.

**Chair Tippell opened the item to public comment.**

Adam Kovac, business co-owner, noted that the previous tenant has removed their sign and the new sign is a coming soon banner to promote the new business.

**Chair Tippell closed the item to public comment.**

All Commissioners supported and welcomed the new business to the community.

Comm. McDonald made a motion to approve the temporary sign. Comm. Randolph seconded. The motion unanimously carried.

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**Item #5-Public Hearing–Consideration of a landscape plan for a new single family residence at 159 West Spain Street.**

**Applicant: Rozanski Design**

Associate Planner Atkins presented staff's report.

**Chair Barnett opened the item to public comment.**

Comm. McDonald confirmed with Mr. Rozanski, landscape planner, that the olive trees will be a certain size so not to become overbearing.

Mr. Rozanski, will install water conservation plants and is under the allotted water use. There will be no fence as was previously discussed with the owners.

Comm. McDonald confirmed with Mr. Rozanski that the olive trees will be a certain size so not to become overbearing.

**Chair Barnett closed the item to public comment.**

All the commissioners supported as a visual improvement to West Spain Street.

Comm. Randolph made a motion to approve the landscape plan as submitted. Comm. Johnson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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**Associate Planner Atkins reported the following:**

The State sponsored workshop was attended by commissioners and City staff.

Chair Barnett and Comm. Randolph felt that the City has prepared the DRHPC sufficiently over the years.

Chair Barnett mentioned that the process for noting a situation of noncompliance with regulations is to report to staff for review.

**Election of Officers:**

Comm. McDonald nominated Comm. Randolph as Vice Chairman. Comm. Barnett seconded.

Comm. McDonald nominated Comm. Barnett as Chairman. Comm. Randolph seconded.

**Comments from the Audience:**

Chair Barnett made a motion to adjourn.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m. p.m. to the next regular meeting scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 15, 2014.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing minutes were duly and regularly adopted at a regular meeting of the Design Review and Historic Preservation Commission on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014.

Approved:

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Cristina Morris, Administrative Assistant