

MINUTES - DRAFT

City of Orange

Design Review Committee

September 03, 2025

The Design Review Committee of the City of Orange, California convened on September 3, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, 300 E. Chapman Avenue, Orange, California.

1. OPENING/CALL TO ORDER

Chair Skorpanich called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

1.1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Committee Member Adrienne Gladson led the flag salute.

1.2 ROLL CALL

Present: Farfan, McDermott, Lopez, Gladson, and Skorpanich

Absent: Grosse, and Ledesma

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine by the Design Review Committee and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of said items unless members of the Design Review Committee, staff or the public request specific items removed from the Consent Calendar for separate action.

3.1. Approval of minutes of the City of Orange Design Review Committee Regular Meeting held on August 6, 2025.

ACTION: Approved minutes as presented.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Item 3.2 was removed from the Consent Calendar. All other items were approved as recommended.

A motion was made by Committee Member McDermott, seconded by Committee Member Lopez, to approve the Consent Calendar as recommended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Farfan, McDermott, Lopez, Gladson, and Skorpanich

Noes: None

Absent: Grosse, and Ledesma

3.2. A request to establish a new master sign program for an industrial business center located at 1570-1594 N. Batavia Street (Design Review No. 25-0023).

Item 3.2 was inadvertently removed from the Consent Calendar by Chair Skorpanich.

A motion was made by Chair Skorpanich, seconded by Committee Member McDermott, to approve Design Review No. 25-0023. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Farfan, McDermott, Lopez, Gladson, and Skorpanich

Noes: None

Absent: Grosse, and Ledesma

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1. A request to install a new blade sign on a building located in the Old Towne Orange Historic District located at 394 W. Chapman Avenue (Design Review No. 25-0008).

Public Speakers:

The following spoke in opposition of the project:

Diana Zdenek (representing Old Towne Preservation Association).

A motion was made by Committee Member Gladson, seconded by Committee Member McDermott, to approve Design Review No. 25-0008 with staff recommended conditions and the following additional conditions:

The applicant will work with staff to either remove the faux neon from the sign or replace it with a real neon border.

The applicant shall work with staff to reduce the LED backlit panel Kelvin rating to a range between 2,700 and 3,000.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Farfan, McDermott, Lopez, Gladson, and Skorpanich

Noes: None

Absent: Grosse, and Ledesma

4.2. A request to construct a new detached garage at the rear of a single-family home in the Old Towne Historic District located at 150 S. Parker Street (Design Review No. 25-0017).

Public Speakers:

The following spoke on behalf of the project;

Alex Benavides, Applicant.

The following spoke in opposition of the project:

Diana Zdenek (representing Old Towne Preservation Association).

During deliberation Committee Members discussed site design and expressed to the applicant that in light of the loss of the original structure, preference should be given to

replacement structures located in their original configuration to conform to the historic pattern of development. The Committee also discussed appropriate application of subordinate height requirements, the materials of doors and exterior finishes, and future site lighting.

A motion was made by Chair Skorpanich, seconded by Committee Member Gladson, to continue Design Review No. 25-0017 to the November 19, 2025 Regular meeting, to allow the applicant time to make revisions to the plans.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Farfan, McDermott, Lopez, Gladson, and Skorpanich

Noes: None

Absent: Grosse, and Ledesma

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

The next Regular Design Review Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 17, 2024 at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber.

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