

MINUTES - FINAL

City of Orange

Design Review Committee

June 04, 2025

The Design Review Committee of the City of Orange, California convened on June 4, 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.

Item 1.2 was previously re-ordered to be heard before Item 1.1.

1.2 ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

1.1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Committee Member Grosse led the flag salute.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Laura Thomas spoke regarding a project located on Grovewood Lane.

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 May 7, 2025.

ACTION: Approved minutes as presented.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

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

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1. A request to add 491 square feet to a single-family home in the Old Towne Historic District located at 345 S. Pixley Street. (Design Review No. 5145).

Public Speakers:

The following spoke about the project:

Diana Zdenek (on behalf of Old Towne Preservation Association).

The following spoke on behalf the project:

Scott Suno, Applicant; Richard Suno, Applicant.

The Committee discussed the project plans and requested additional information from the applicant.

A motion was made by Committee Member McDermott, seconded by Committee Member Lopez, to continue Design Review No. 5145 to the August 6, 2025 Regular Design Review Committee Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

The Design Review Committee recessed at 6:43 p.m.

The Design Review Committee reconvened at 6:48 p.m.

4.2. A request for the renovation of an existing building at 1036 W. Taft Avenue (Design Review No. 5161).

Public Speakers:

The following spoke on behalf of the project:

Don Sherman, Applicant; Adrien Ben, Architect.

The following spoke in opposition to the project:

Chuck Noble.

A motion was made by Chair Skorpanich, seconded by Committee Member Gladson, to approve Design Review No. 5161 with the following additional conditions:

The Architectural Site Plan (Sheet G104) is to show the removal of the tree in front of the monument structure at the entrance ramp on the north side of the building.

The applicant is to move or omit the proposed bollards in the parking lot in the "No Parking" zone in front of the elevator shaft addition.

The project applicant is to plant a living plant on the proposed nature screen on the north elevation of the building and the proposed elevator shaft addition. Artificial greenery is prohibited on the proposed nature screens. All nature screens are to keep their existing height and be extended down to the ground elevation.

At least two new trees of species, *Platanus racemosa* (Western Sycamore) or similar,

shall be planted as replacement trees. The proposed Crepe Myrtle trees are to be removed from the plans. The size and location of the replacement Sycamore trees is to be to the satisfaction of the Planning division staff.

Landscape maintenance shall be performed in such a manner as to allow all trees to retain their full canopy height for screening and full canopy breadth for shade at point of maturity, except as required for public safety purposes.

The applicant is to consider placing the proposed HVAC equipment on top of the sprinkler riser room portion of the proposed addition.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

The next Regular Design Review Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber.

/s/Chad Ortlieb
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