



**MINUTES
SOLVANG DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING**

March 20, 2025
Thursday
Regular Meeting – 5:00 p.m.

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1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jacobsen Bates called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber, 1644 Oak Street, Solvang, California.

ROLL CALL

Present: Committee Members: Esther Jacobsen Bates, Melissa Bates, Richard Boyd, Charlene Goetz, Jennifer Johnson

Staff: Planning Manager Rafael Castillo, Assistant Planner Lisa Scherman, Assistant City Attorney Taylor Foland

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Member Johnson led in the Salute to the Flag.

APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA AS PRESENTED

Motion by Member Goetz, to approve the order of the agenda, as presented, seconded by Member Bates, and carried 5-0.

2. CONSENT ITEMS

- a. Approve Minutes of February 20, 2025 Design Review Committee Meeting**
- b. Receive and file Planning and Building Division Major Projects List March 2025**
- c. Approve a land use permit for 485 Alisal Road Suite 152 (APN 139-182-027) for proposed signage totaling seven (7) square feet including one (1) projecting sign, and one (1) window sign. The proposed project is categorically exempt from CEQA.**
- d. Discussion and possible action for a sign a permit (PA 25-011) for 1588 Mission Dr. (APN 139- 280-009) for proposed signage: two (2) awning signs, two (2) wall signs, 6.8 square feet in size and 1.4 square feet in size. The proposed project is categorically exempt from CEQA.**

There were no public comments on Consent Items.

Motion by Member Bates, to approve Consent Items as presented, seconded by Member Boyd, and carried 5-0.

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – NON AGENDA

Chair Jacobsen Bates opened the public communications portion of the meeting.

There were no public comments and Chair Jacobsen Bates closed this portion of the meeting.

4. DISCUSSION

- a. Discussion and possible action for zoning clearances (PA 25-009) and (PA 25-005) to be issued for an exterior paint color modification at 1689 Copenhagen Drive (139-182-010) and 1691 Copenhagen Drive (APN 139-182-009). The proposed project is categorically exempt from CEQA.**

Assistant Planner Scherman narrated a PowerPoint presentation with details of the project.

Discussion followed regarding the storefront accent color and the proposed ceiling color.

Chair Jacobsen Bates invited public comments.

Linda Rasmussen
John Cordero

There were no other public comments.

Discussion followed regarding the proposed color.

Motion by Member Boyd to approve the two project applications, as proposed (cream and brown colors for the door), with an alternative for 1689 Copenhagen to paint the dormer door, "Peppery Red", if the applicant chooses, seconded by Member Johnson, and carried 5-0.

- b. Discussion and possible action for a sign a permit (PA 24-024) for 539 Alisal Rd. (APN 139-143-004) for proposed signage: one (1) wall signs, 7.5 square feet in size. The proposed project is categorically exempt from CEQA.**

Assistant Planner Scherman narrated a PowerPoint presentation with details of the project.

Chair Jacobsen Bates invited public comments.

There were no public comments on this item.

Chair Jacobsen Bates provided a brief history of the item and commended the applicant.

Motion by Member Goetz, to approve sign permit (PA 24-024) for 539 Alisal Rd. (APN 139- 143-004) for proposed signage: one (1) wall signs, 7.5 square feet in size, seconded by Member Boyd, and carried 5-0.

5. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Chair Jacobsen Bates commented on the recent joint workshop session with the Planning Commission and on construction taking place downtown.

6. CITY STAFF COMMENTS

Planning Manager Castillo discussed items to be discussed by Council during its next session; spoke about items for discussion at the Planning Commission during its next meeting and future DRC items for discussion.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Rafael Castillo, Planning Manager