



**MINUTES
SOLVANG DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING**

May 15, 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 Dave Fleishman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Member Johnson led in the Salute to the Flag.

APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA AS PRESENTED

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

2. CONSENT ITEMS

- a. Approve Minutes of April 17, 2025 Design Review Committee Meeting**
- b. Receive and file Planning and Building Division Major Projects List May 2025**

There were no public comments on Consent Items.

Motion by Member Boyd, to approve Consent Items as presented, seconded by Member Goetz, 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 to approve Facade changes at 1693 Mission Drive (APN 139-143-025)

Planning Manager Castillo narrated a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed façade changes at 1693 Mission Drive and addressed Objective Design Standards.

Chair Jacobsen Bates invited public comments.

Ed St. George, applicant, provided comments.

Chair Jacobsen Bates closed public comments.

Motion by Member Boyd to approve façade changes at 1693 Mission Drive (APN 139-143-025), seconded by Member Johnson, and carried 5-0.

b. Discussion and direction on Color Palette for Design Handbook for the Village Design District (DD-1)

Planning Manager Castillo narrated a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed color palette for the Design Handbook for the Village Design District.

Discussion followed.

There were no public comments on this item.

5. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS - None

Chair Jacobsen Bates reported that City Council voted to keep the DRC active. No other committee member comments.

Discussion followed on the history of the DRC.

6. CITY STAFF COMMENTS

Planning Manager Castillo announced the June meeting will include discussion on sign ordinances and continuation of the color palette discussion. Provided updates on City Council and Planning Commission items and reported on the recent fire-damaged building.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Rafael Castillo, Planning Manager