



PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

VII. 1

MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 14, 2009

ITEM NUMBER:

SUBJECT: PLANNING COMMISSION MESA GREEN DESIGN AWARDS PROGRAM

DATE: DECEMBER 3, 2009

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DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this memo is to obtain feedback on a proposed Planning Commission Mesa Green Design Awards Program.

RECOMMENDATION

Provide direction to staff to initiate the Planning Commission Mesa Green Awards Program for Spring 2010.

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Senior Planner

KHANH NGUYEN
Acting Asst. Development Svs. Director

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The Planning Commission Design Awards Program was created in August, 2002 to provide public recognition of exceptional public and private projects that exhibit excellence in community planning and design. The 2008 Design Awards Recipients included The Enclave Apartment Homes, Coast Community College Administration Building, and Carmax Auto Superstore. Eligible projects completed during the preceding year are selected by the Commissioners in February and awarded in March.

Commissioner McCarthy suggested a design award program specifically for "green" projects in addition to the existing Design Awards Program. The purpose of this memo is to obtain feedback and direction on a possible Planning Commission "Mesa Green" Awards Program.

The green awards could be part of the existing Design Awards Program. However, if Planning Commission wishes to create a separate design awards program (such as a "Mesa Green" Awards Program) to specially recognize green building projects, this program could follow the Design Awards Program in Spring 2010.

It should also be pointed out that the Coast Community College Administration Building obtained Silver LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, Green Building Rating System) certification in the summer of 2009 and features the first photo-voltaic covered carport structure in Costa Mesa, becoming the first "green" project to be recognized by the Planning Commission.

Attachments: Planning Commission 2008 Design Awards Program Materials

cc: Acting Development Services Director
Deputy City Attorney
City Engineer
Fire Protection Analyst
Staff (4)
File (2)

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City of Costa Mesa

Inter Office Memorandum

To: Planning Commission
From: Mel Lee, Senior Planner *MEC*
Date: January 17, 2008
Subject: PLANNING COMMISSION DESIGN AWARDS SELECTION
Planning Commission Meeting of January 28, 2008

It is time for the annual Planning Commission Design Awards selection. This award recognizes projects that exhibit design excellence and were "finaled" in the preceding year.

Attached for your review are reports detailing the building permit finals for 2007. There are two separate listings: one for residential finals and the other for commercial/industrial/institutional finals.

Included in the residential listings residential projects ranging from the larger Richmond American "Bungalows on Bay Street" project at 330 and 340 W. Bay Street (32 units), to the smaller Patriot Development project at 168 through 176 Merrill Place (5 units).

Included in the commercial/industrial/institutional listings is the retail center at the corner of Newport and Del Mar and the expansion of the Mesa Verde United Methodist Church.

You may notice that the new South Coast Home Furnishings Center at Hyland and Sunflower is not included in the list. Staff confirmed that the project was finaled in 2007 and therefore is eligible for the 2007 Design Award if the Commission so chooses.

A nomination form has also been attached for your use. Please submit your nominations to me by February 8th, 2008. You will be selecting the award recipient on February 28, 2008. Please note that you are not required to select a recipient. My phone extension is 5611 should you have any questions.

Attachments: Planning Commission Design Award Nomination Form
Residential and Commercial/Industrial Building Finals Listings

**NOMINATION FORM
COSTA MESA PLANNING COMMISSION
DESIGN AWARD PROGRAM**

NOMINATED PROJECT:

PROJECT ADDRESS:

DEVELOPER/OWNER NAME:

REASONS FOR NOMINATION:

NOMINATED BY:

DATE:

PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION:

DATE:

City of Costa Mesa

Inter Office Memorandum

To: Planning Commission
From: Mel Lee, Senior Planner *MEL*
Date: March 12, 2009
Subject: 2008 PLANNING COMMISSION DESIGN AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

At your February 23, 2009 meeting, Planning Commission selected the following projects for 2008 Planning Commission Design Awards:

1. 450 Anton – 890 apartment units for Enclave Apartment Homes.
2. 1370 Adams Avenue – LEED certified administration building for Coast Community College.
3. 1640 Newport Boulevard – four-story medical office building for Pacific Medical Plaza.
4. 3200 Harbor Boulevard – auto dealership for Carmax Auto Superstore.

Staff has contacted the project applicants and confirmed that they will be available to attend your March 23, 2009 meeting to accept their awards.



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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

PRESS RELEASE

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March 11, 2009

Costa Mesa, California – Costa Mesa Planning Commission to Present 2008 Design Awards

On Monday, March 23, 2009, the Costa Mesa Planning Commission will recognize several outstanding projects completed in 2008 with Planning Commission Design Awards. The projects include:

- The Enclave, a project of the Irvine Company's Apartment Communities located at 450 Anton Boulevard
- Coast Community College Administration Building located at 1370 Adams Avenue
- Four-story Pacific Medical Plaza located at 1640 Newport Boulevard, and
- CarMax Auto Superstore located at 3200 Harbor Boulevard.

These projects were selected by the Commission because they further enhance their immediate surroundings, as well as the overall image of the City. The Commission will make the presentations at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa.

The Planning Commission Design Awards Program, established in August 2002, provides public recognition of exceptional public and private projects that exhibit excellence in community planning and design. Previous awards include The Bridge of Gardens, which links the two parts of South Coast Plaza over Bear Street, The CAMP adventure retail center located at 2937 Bristol Street, and the Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall located at 615 Town Center Drive.

For further information, please contact Senior Planner Mel Lee at (714) 754-5611.

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MANAGEMENT REPORT

Allan L. Roeder, City Manager



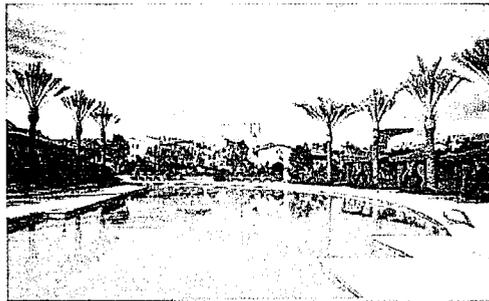
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PLANNING COMMISSION 2008 DESIGN AWARDS

The Costa Mesa Planning Commission at their meeting of March 23, 2009, had the opportunity to recognize several outstanding developments completed in 2008 with the Planning Commission Design Awards. The projects were selected by the Commission because they further enhanced their immediate surroundings and the overall image of the City. The projects included the following:



The Enclave
A project of the Irvine Company's Apartment Communities (450 Anton Boulevard)



Coast Community College Administration Building
(1370 Adams Avenue)



Pacific Medical Plaza (1640 Newport Boulevard)



CarMax Auto Superstore (3200 Harbor Boulevard)

The Planning Commission established the Design Awards Program in 2002 to provide public recognition of exceptional public and private projects that exhibit excellence in community planning and design. (Mel Lee, Development Services)

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