

**City of Venice
Meeting Minutes
Planning Commission
Tuesday, January 21, 2014 1:30 PM Council Chambers**

Architectural Review Board Guidelines Handbook
POLICY & TEXT AMENDMENT
Staff: Scott Pickett, Planner

Attachments:

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Chair Snyder stated this is a quasi-judicial hearing; read a memorandum dated January 21, 2014, stated no written communications have been received regarding this petition; and opened the public hearing.

Mr. Pickett stated this is a housekeeping text amendment, stated it recognizes and approves three amendments to the Architectural Review Board (ARB) handbook, along with establishing public notice requirements for the board. He reviewed current notice actions being taken, pointed to the amendment to the ARB public notice procedures and changes to the historic preservation notice requirement, and noted the changes to the guidelines handbook include fences, canopies and awnings, and a list of colors.

Mr. LaPorta answered questions on the color issue and the deletion of the word pastels, whether the colors are part of the official record, stated pastel colors were not included in the old color book, displayed the color book, and explained the book format.

Mr. Persson answered questions on how the color book is integrated into the guidelines.

Mr. Pickett referenced the provision definition of the ARB guideline handbook in the land development code.

Discussion followed concerning adding light reflective value colors to the book, the penalty phase, code enforcement involvement, whether sign descriptions in the handbook are consistent with the code, and whether the sign provision should be removed.

Mr. Clark stated staff will review the sign provision, and that most signs in the Historic District are also in the Commercial Business District which takes precedence.

Discussion continued on whether to delete the sign provision from the ARB handbook, ensuring pages from the ARB handbook are not missing, giving a copy of the color book to the clerk's office, criteria for Northern Italian architecture, and whether the commission should use this criteria when approving Northern Italian architecture.

Mr. Clark stated he refers architects to the ARB guidelines, the Venetian Overlay and the Venetian Urban Design districts, and that the city has their own Northern Italian architectural concepts.

Discussion continued on whether to use the ARB guidelines, and whether hurricane shutters are permissible.

Mr. Snyder closed the public hearing.

Discussion took place on the sign portion of the ARB guidelines and whether they should be removed.

approved

Yes: Chair Snyder, Ms. Moore, Mr. Williams, Mr. Towery, Mr. Graser, Mr. Murphy and Mr. Newsom 7 -

approved as amended

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