CITY OF MERCED
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DESIGN REVIEW BOARD/HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES OF THE CITY OF MERCED

AGENDA

Monthly Regular Session – 4:00 p.m., Council Chambers

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

Merced City Council Chambers
Wednesday, September 14, 2011
4:00 P.M.

C. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

D. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF: June 15, 2011

S P E A K E R S

Please be brief and to the point - preferably 3 to 5 minutes.
Max Time Limit prior to Agendized items: 15 minutes. Once the maximum has been reached, remaining speakers will be asked to wait until the end of the meeting to make their comments.

Please use the microphone and write your name and address on the sign-in sheet provided for the record.

Information/instruction on how the meeting will be run appear on the reverse side of this page.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/REPORTS:

Permits, licenses, and other entitlements:
Applicant's Representative – 15 minutes (including rebuttal)
Appellant's Representative – 15 minutes (including rebuttal)
All other speakers will have 5 minutes each.

All other issues:
3 or less speakers: 5 minutes each
Over 3 speakers: Maximum of 3 minutes each

For further information on citizen participation and placing an item on the Design Review Board/Historic Preservation Commission Agenda, please refer to the handout provided outside the Council Chambers.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Development Services staff can assist you with other Design Review or planning questions on matters such as land subdivision, downtown Merced projects, zoning, etc. (Phone 385-6858) 678 West 18th Street, Merced, CA 95340. Prior to each regular Commission Meeting, a complete agenda packet is available for review in the Planning Department at 678 West 18th Street, Merced, and on the City's website at www.cityofmerced.org. Any documents provided to a majority of the Commissioners after this agenda is posted will be available for public inspection in the Planning Department during normal business hours.

THE DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION

The Design Review (DRC)/Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) performs comprehensive site plan and architectural review within the Downtown Redevelopment Project Area in order to promote orderly development of the City and stability of land values and investments. The DRC also serves as the Historic Preservation Commission established to promote the protection, enhancement, perpetuation, and use of structures, sites, and areas that are reminders of past eras, events, and persons important to local, state, or national history. Meetings are normally held at 4:00 p.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of the month (except for those months when the 1st of the month falls on a Tuesday or Wednesday, then the DRC meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month), in addition to special meetings as called. The schedule of meetings is available on the City's website at www.cityofmerced.org.

DESIGN REVIEW/HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETINGS

The Commissioners are interested in your views and want to hear them. The Commission will ask those who are for* or against** a proposal to speak at all Final Reviews. The sequence of events is:

1. Staff report of facts and a recommendation.
2. Applicant's statement.
3. Proponents* of the proposal.
4. Opponents** of the proposal.

(5. If necessary, a summary statement or rebuttal from the applicant.)

If you decide to speak, please submit a "Request to Speak" form prior to the start of the public hearing. You will be called up to speak at the appropriate time by the Recording Secretary. Please start by giving your name and city of residence, then tell the Commissioners your concern. We want your views; don't worry about how to say them. If several people have spoken, try not to be repetitious. If there are several in your area with concerns, why not appoint a spokesman. The Commission is particularly interested in the specific reasons you are for or against a proposal because their decision has to be based on specific reasons.

E. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

F. DESIGN REVIEW ITEMS

1. DR #11-03 - 2nd REVIEW of the Design for New Downtown Parking Lot Signs

   APPLICANT: Redevelopment Agency and City of Merced

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

   ACTION: Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

G. HISTORIC PRESERVATION

There are no Historic Preservation items to report on at this time.

H. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Newsletter - Redevelopment Update: August 2011
2. Upcoming projects/applications (discussion with staff)

I. ADJOURNMENT

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS/EVENTS

September	19	City Council/Redevelopment Agency, 7:00 p.m.
	21	Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m. *(Cancelled)*
October	3	City Council/Redevelopment Agency, 7:00 p.m.
	5	Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.
	12	***Design Review Commission Meeting, 4:00 p.m.***
	17	City Council/Redevelopment Agency, 7:00 p.m.
	19	Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.
	25	Bicycle Advisory Commission, 3:00 p.m.