



Architectural Review Board

Staff Report (ID # 10406)

Report Type: Subcommittee Items **Meeting Date:** 6/6/2019

Summary Title: 180 El Camino Real: Subcommittee Review of Pacific Catch

Title: 180 El Camino Real [18PLN-00265]: Subcommittee Review of a Previously Approved Project That was Conditioned to Return With Project Changes Related to Increase Pedestrian Pathways, Outdoor Seating, and Reduce Signage Sizes. Environmental Assessment: Exempt from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per Guideline Section 15301 (Existing Facilities). Zoning District: CC (Community Commercial District). For More Information Contact the Project Planner Samuel Gutierrez at Samuel.Gutierrez@cityofpaloalto.org.

From: Jonathan Lait

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Architectural Review Board (ARB) take the following action(s):

1. Discuss and provide direction or approve project revisions.

Background

On May 3, 2019 the Director of Planning and Community Environment approved the subject project. At the Board's recommendation, a condition was imposed that required certain project elements return to the ARB subcommittee. Below are the items that were requested to return to the subcommittee and the applicant's response to the ARB's comments:

Architecture Review Condition:

- A. Increase walking path clearances around the exterior patio areas in order to maintain a minimum eight foot clearance for pedestrian travel (measured from the existing tree wells).

Applicant's Response:

City of Palo Alto
 Planning & Community Environment
 250 Hamilton Avenue
 Palo Alto, CA 94301
 (650) 329-2442

- The area around the two outdoor patios and the entry door have been revised to reflect an eight foot clear path free of any obstructions. A new tree well cover is also proposed to add further egress around the two existing trees in addition to the eight foot clear space. The corners of the two patios have been adjusted to accommodate the additional clearance. (Sheet A101B, A101C)

Architecture Review Condition:

- B. Install new public seating (benches) near the entry of the proposed restaurant.

Applicant's Response:

- Three new benches have been added for use by restaurant customers, as well as other Shopping Center customers as needed. (Sheet A101B, Sheet EX-B.3)

Architecture Review Condition:

- C. Signage to be designed in compliance with the Master Tenant Façade & Sign Program for the Stanford Shopping Center. (Sheet 1 – 5, end of plan set)

Applicant's Response:

- The main wall sign has been updated to bring all signage into full compliance with the Master Tenant Façade & Sign Program eliminating the need for a sign exception.

Minutes for the Board's last meeting on this project are available online: <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/71283>. The Board is encouraged to provide direction to staff and the applicant as to whether the proposed changes are sufficient or require further refinement.

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Attachments:

- Attachment A: Applicant Response Letter (PDF)

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LandShark Development Services Group

May 23, 2019

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Palo Alto, CA 94301



**Re: Pacific Catch – ARB Subcommittee
180 El Camino Real, #711, Bldg. E
Palo Alto, CA 94304**

To Whom It May Concern:

To address the ARB concerns we have modified the following to comply with their requests.

1. The area around the two outdoor patios and the entry door have been revised to reflect an eight foot clear path free of any obstructions. A new tree well cover is also proposed to add further egress around the two existing trees in addition to the eight foot clear space. The corners of the two patios have been adjusted to accommodate the additional clearance..
2. Three new benches have been added for use by the customers as well as to serve the public as needed.
3. The main wall sign has been updated to bring all signage into full compliance with the Master Tenant Façade & Sign Program eliminating the need for a sign exception.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Jason M. Smith
LandShark Development Services Group