

**Design and Historic Review Commission Meeting Minutes  
August 28, 2024**

A meeting of the City of Yuma Design and Historic Review Commission was held on Wednesday, August 28, 2024 at City Hall Council Chambers, One City Plaza, Yuma, Arizona.

**DESIGN AND HISTORIC REVIEW COMMISSION MEMBERS** present included Chairman Tom Rushin, Commissioners Juan Leal-Rubio, James Sheldahl, Chris Hamel and William Moody. Vice-Chairman Amanda Coltman and Commissioner Sandra Anthony were absent.

**STAFF MEMBERS** present included Alyssa Linville, Director of Planning and Neighborhood Services; Jennifer Albers, Assistant Director of Planning; Robert Blevins, Principal Planner; Amelia Domby, Principal Planner; Erika Peterson, Senior Planner; Guillermo Moreno-nunez, Assistant Planner; Zenia Fiveash, Assistant Planner; Meredith Burns, Assistant Planner; John LeSueur, Assistant City Attorney and Alejandro Marquez, Administrative Specialist.

**Chairman Tom Rushin** called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and noted there was a quorum present.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

August 14, 2024

**Motion by Commissioner Juan Leal-Rubio, second by Commissioner Chris Hamel to APPROVE the minutes of August 14, 2024. Motion carried unanimously, (5-0) with two absent.**

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**ITEMS REQUIRING COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

**DHRC-43082-2024:** *This is a request by Gabrielle Buchter, on behalf of Redondo Industrial Development, LLC, for aesthetic review of the exterior appearance of a new hotel, in the General Commercial/Aesthetic Overlay (B-2/AO) District for the property located at 888 E. Plaza Circle, Yuma, AZ.*

**Robert Blevins, Principal Planner** summarized the staff report and recommended **APPROVAL**.

**QUESTIONS FOR STAFF**

**Commissioner William Moody** asked if a copy of the updated changes to the plans could be sent to the Commission. **Blevins** replied yes.

**APPLICANT / APPLICANT'S REPRESENTATIVE**

**Chris Ludwig, on behalf of Woolpert**, was available for questions.

**Commissioner Juan Leal-Rubio** asked why a swimming pool was not included in the design of the hotel. **Ludwig** replied that this chain likes to focus on its courtyards and seating areas rather than a pool.

**Commissioner Chris Hamel** commented that he was in favor of the overall design of the proposed project.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**Motion by Commissioner Chris Hamel, second by Commissioner James Sheldahl, to APPROVE Case Number DHRC-43082-2024 as presented. Motion carried unanimously, (5-0) with two absent.**

## COMMISSION DISCUSSION

**Matt Molenaar** gave a presentation on "Marketing Yuma".

**Commissioner James Sheldahl** congratulated Molenaar for the work that he has accomplished on the project.

**Commissioner Juan Leal Rubio** stated that he was involved in a similar type of marketing campaign that highlighted areas of attraction for the City of Yuma, and then suggested that maybe this project could also expand to include some of the local industries. **Molenaar** replied that he has collaborated with "Visit Yuma", and that they were in favor the project. **Molenaar** went on to say that his team is also working on a plan to develop an itinerary on how to spend a day in Yuma.

**Commissioner William Moody** asked how a business could become part of the Downtown Yuma Merchants Association. **Molenaar** answered that the company would just have to contact Chris Wheeler or himself to get started.

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"Side Trips": A short presentation on the smaller historic sites with a focus on a particular location.

**Guillermo Moreno-nunez, Assistant Planner**, gave a presentation on the "Historic Prescott Main Post Office and Courthouse".

**Commissioner Chris Hamel** thanked Moreno-nunez for the presentation.

**Chairman Tom Rushin** commented that he appreciated the fact that the architect of this project kept most of the original design elements of the building, and then thanked Moreno-nunez for the presentation.

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## INFORMATION ITEMS

### Staff

None

### Administrative Approvals

None

### National Heritage Area

**Chairman Tom Rushin** stated that there will be a presentation in the near future.

### Commission

None

### Public Comment

None

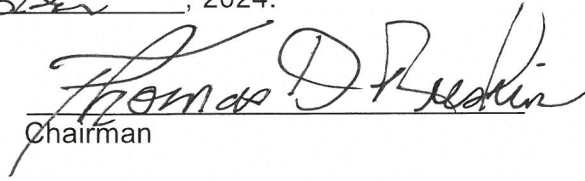
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**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Minutes approved this 9 day of October, 2024.

  
Chairman