

Hi All

First off, an apology for being so late with this summary report.

The Squaw Valley Design Review Committee (DRC) met on Dec 4th from 3:30 to 5:30PM to discuss, for the first time, the October 2014 version of the SVRE (Squaw Valley Real Estate) Draft Specific Plan. As of this meeting, there are two new members of the DRC joining Kevin Strange, Jon Shanser, and Cindi Yakimow. The new members are Peter Werble and David Stepner, who will be the new chairperson.

As a reminder, the DRC is charged with reviewing and making recommendations on Appendix B of the Specific Plan - "Development Standards and Design Guidelines". When approved by the County, this will govern what future buildings can look like and where they can be placed. Remember as well that the illustrations in Appendix B are conceptual only.

The Specific Plan can be found at the Placer County website, <http://cts.vresp.com/c/?FriendsOfSquawValley/dd97ce44e3/59afab7ca7/5f5141df91>

Alex Fisch, the Placer County planner with responsibility for the Village Project, first gave an overview of Appendix B, as a refresher for the DRC members.

The main subject of business then was to agree on a sequence of topics to govern the next several DRC meetings. As agreed to (though subject to change) the list includes (in meeting order)

- Layout
- Mass & Scale
- Heights
- Parking
- Exterior design, landscaping, signage, lighting
- Miscellaneous

There are also several key topics arising from the Specific Plan that will be discussed at the upcoming MAC meetings (next one is Feb 5th) including parking and zoning/land use. And of course, the major discussions will occur with the publication of the draft Environmental Impact Report, due sometime in the next 6 months.

The topics now scheduled for discussion at the next DRC meeting (TUESDAY (NOT THURSDAY) Jan 6th at 3:30 in the PSD Community Meeting Room) are Layout and (if there is time) Mass & Scale.

Layout has several sub-topics, including

- open space
- separation
- pedestrian walkways
- public plazas/ main gathering spot(s)/ focal points
- shading
- view corridors & building orientation
- circulation
- landscape buffers

Mass & Scale has several sub-topics as well, including

- step backs
- shoulders

- first impacts
- comparison to existing Village buildings

As you can see, this is a lot to cover, and the DRC may not get through it all in the planned two hour meeting. If that happens, those sub-topics will carry over to the next meeting. The goal for each sub-topic is to present the issue, hear the public's views, and for the committee to then take a vote on approving the guideline as written (related to that sub-topic) or vote on some altered version.

The better prepared the public is to present their views on each sub-topic, the faster the meeting will progress. A great opportunity to gain background information on the sub-topics is to attend the Friends of Squaw Valley Community Meeting on Dec 28th at 4:30 in the PSD Community Meeting Room.

Thanks and Happy Holidays
Friends of Squaw Valley