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Subject: HARC Tuesday September 25

Good Morning:

KOTO has been looking at tonight's HARC agenda and observes the following:

#5/6 501-501 Greene Street

- a) Not sure why the HARC application would be reviewed under the old guidelines. Planning approval for conditional use and variance given 6/16/16. The current HARC Guidelines were approved by the City Commission on 6/21/16 after a lengthy and very public process. The applicant was presumably aware of pending changes. The variance was for parking and conditional use permit – not HARC issues. Why would prior guidelines apply if the HARC application is first made 8/16/18? The actions taken by other City departments/boards/agencies have not determined HARC Guideline applicability in the past – it has always been determined by date of HARC application filing.
- b) The plans show signage: a large awning sign and halo lighting around existing signage. Signage is not referenced in the application or the staff report. Is this application intended to include signage? Note page 50 of the signage regulations: *“The main goal of these guidelines is to eliminate visual clutter along buildings and public streets . . .”* There is a photograph illustrating “Visual Clutter – Unpermitted Signs Over a Column”. The photograph depicts the corner column of this property. The HARC application clearly shows the column signage to be more cluttered today. Clean-up is needed on this site and should not go unaddressed when evaluating this application.

#11/12 819 White Street: The photos of this property show window HVAC units. The elevations of both existing and proposed conditions omit the window units. The application and report are silent with respect to the future of the window units. If the applicant contemplates continued use of window HVAC units as currently configured then the application should be denied. The Guidelines provide:

“The installation of through-the-wall or window air conditioner is not appropriate on the front façade of any building in the historic district” (p.42 #3, emphasis in the Guidelines)

“Exterior air conditioning units . . .should be mounted out of sight of the public right-of-way and obscured behind landscaping or fencing wherever possible” (p. 42 #5, emphasis in the Guidelines)

Thank you for your consideration.

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