

Barkhurst, Kathryn Carrie

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To: City of Albuquerque Planning Department; Barkhurst, Kathryn Carrie; Lehner, Catalina L.
Cc: Schultz, Shanna M.
Subject: DRB Amendment

Hi Carrie and Catalina,
Can you include this in the record for the EPC?
Thanks!
Kind regards,
Petra

Good afternoon Mr. Chair and EPC, Commissioners,
Due to the unusual nature of a councilor requesting that an amendment be withdrawn while the request is at EPC, I thought it might be helpful to provide some additional perspective in anticipation of your meeting on Thursday March 4th. The Planning Staff Report states in Finding 25:

“Since the first hearing, Councilor Borrego has requested to withdraw the proposed amendment to Site Plan – DRB Review and Decision Criteria, § 14-16-6-6(l)(3). However, the proposed amendment had already entered the EPC process and is a part of the record. It is not a stand-alone bill sponsored by a Councilor, and would not be removed at this stage when sponsorship and/or support is withdrawn.”

The staff report does not include a condition to remove the DRB amendment but if it is not removed, it will appear to result in de facto support for the DRB amendment by the EPC.

The proposed DRB amendment has received a substantial amount of public comment both in support and opposition to this request. On January 29th, Clr. Borrego emailed the Planning Department requesting that this amendment be withdrawn. While Planning staff is correct in stating that it remains part of the record and cannot be withdrawn, it is still appropriate for the EPC to make a recommendation on this matter. This is because the City Council will be looking to the EPC’s recommendation and discussion on this matter to inform their deliberations in conjunction with the withdrawal of support by Councilor Borrego.

Here are some options to consider:

- If the EPC supports the proposed DRB amendment as submitted, i.e. that the DRB should have some discretionary authority, they should revise Finding 25 to indicate their support for DRB amendment, and no condition is needed.
- If the EPC does not support the proposed DRB amendment, i.e. that the DRB should not have any discretionary authority, they should revise Finding 25 to indicate that the amendment does not have support, and a condition should be added to strike the DRB amendment from the application.

It is the role of the EPC to consider all of the matters in front of them, and while Clr. Borrego has expressed that she no longer supports the DRB amendment, it is important for the City Council as whole understand the recommendation from the EPC on this and all matters before them.

Kind regards,

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