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**APPROVED BY THE BOARD
JANUARY 10, 2017**

FINAL ACTION AGENDA/MINUTES

**Village of Estero
9401 Corkscrew Palms Circle
Estero, FL 33928
Design Review Board
August 24, 2016 5:30 p.m.**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** 5:30 p.m.
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Chairman McHarris.
- 3. ROLL CALL:**

Present: Chairman Joe McHarris and Board Members W. Scott Anderson, Barry Jones, Anu Lacin, William Prysi, and Patty Whitehead. Absent: Board Members Albert O'Donnell and William Glass.

Also present: Village Land Use Counsel Nancy Stroud, Community Development Director Mary Gibbs, Development Review Manager Walter McCarthy, and Village Clerk Kathy Hall.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion: Move to approve the agenda, cancelling agenda item 5 (a)(2).

Motion by: Board Member Prysi

Seconded by: Board Member Jones

Action: Approved the agenda, cancelling agenda item 5 (a)(2).

Vote:

Aye: Unanimous (Board Members O'Donnell and Glass absent)

Nay:

Abstentions:

5. BUSINESS:

(a) Public Information Meetings

- (1) Athenian Charter Academy of Estero (District 5)
Located on the east side of Via Coconut Point Road in the southwest part of the Estero Community Park. Two story, 68,000 square foot K-8 Charter School having a capacity of 1,145 students. Workshops held on July 27 and August 10, 2016.

Community Development Director Gibbs provided a brief introduction.

Presentation/Information by:

Kristina Johnson, JR Evans Engineering, provided information regarding the school; soccer fields at the park; Master Concept Plan; one school bus to begin with, additional buses will be added as needed; parking lot and school amenities in the rear of the building; one access (south) serves as entrance and exit; other access on north serves as exit only; vehicle stacking lanes; no building access along front area on Via Coconut; added dumpster location at northeast corner; second soccer fields project shared access at south location; shared parking agreement with the park for events, etc.; proposed pedestrian connection from soccer fields and school as well as to the west and north; incorporation of fire truck turn around at end of parking area.

Questions or Comments by: Board Members Whitehead, Prysi, and Jones.

Discussion included future connection to the south adjacent to the park and the existing connection; concern regarding lack of vehicular access; concerns regarding the site plan; and confusion related to location of soccer fields.

Richard Losee, LAI Construction Management, addressed pedestrian and vehicular connectivity as well as the goal to have two soccer fields.

Questions or Comments by: Board Members Jones, Prysi, Whitehead, Anderson, Lacin and Chairman McHarris.

Discussion ensued related to possibility of flipping the main access; Master Concept Plan; storm water management; possibility of parking lot on north side of fields; explanation regarding the dead-end parking lot – Kristina Jones explained that it would be a stabilized fire truck hammer head area; if overflow parking was needed, the charter school and park have agreed to a shared parking agreement between two parking lots.

Discussion followed regarding wetland; soccer field design has appropriate drainage design; the western access; the Village Center; parking lot lighting; the upper curve of the property should include a stub out to the park to allow for future connectivity; reviewed facility plan with list of elevation modifications, enhanced faux detail between windows, enhanced window gable, detail at front colonnade, trellis detail, break up drive through canopy with balustrade look and add column row.

Discussion continued regarding first floor plan; concern related to the lack of access to the front of the building; the need to bring back colors and materials, detail of dumpster, more detail on the upper peak, faux balustrades should have some relation between elements, need shade structure colors, upper corners need to be pulled out more, wing wall needs to be extended further for visual effect, roof top equipment may need to be screened if necessary, the actual color of the blue squares on elevations needed to be identified, details for light poles, and the need for it to be clear that the Board was not approving the concession stand or the location, and that they were just showing a concept for the future.

Discussion followed related to the number of different building elements; concern regarding the building façade and columns; possibility of a public gathering space; concern regarding double-paired windows between columns on second floor; coping indicated on south side renderings; landscape plan; pedestrian connections on southern end; student drop-off/pick-up area; airnasium pedestrian connection, benches and lighting; different material in the front between the steps and the hard surface; possible use of pavers; concrete pad with bike rack; possibility of designating the building as an evacuation/emergency shelter; possibility of planting the medians; possibility of decorative fenced areas and changing the windows to French doors, allowing for the opportunity to use the site for other events.

Public Comment: None.

- (2) Estero Grande – (District 4) (DOS2016-E003)
Located west of the intersection of Estero Parkway and US 41. Chapter 177 subdivision plat application and infrastructure development order consisting of turn lane improvements, construction of an entry road, and the installation of backbone utility to support four commercial parcels and one multi-family residential parcel.

This agenda item was cancelled at the request of the applicant and will be rescheduled.

6. PUBLIC INPUT: None.

7. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:

- (a) **Committee Reports:** None.
(b) **Chairman's Reports:** None.
(c) **Member Reports and Comments:** None.

A motion to adjourn was duly made and passed.

8. ADJOURNMENT: 7:05 p.m.



Kathy Hall, MMC
Village Clerk

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