

City of Calistoga Planning Commission Agenda Item Summary

DATE

March 25, 2015

APPLICATION NO.

Design Review DR 2015-2

APPLICANT

New Vine Homes, LLC

REQUESTED ACTION

Design review request of a new residence and residential second unit at 1801 Michael Way.

RECOMMENDATION

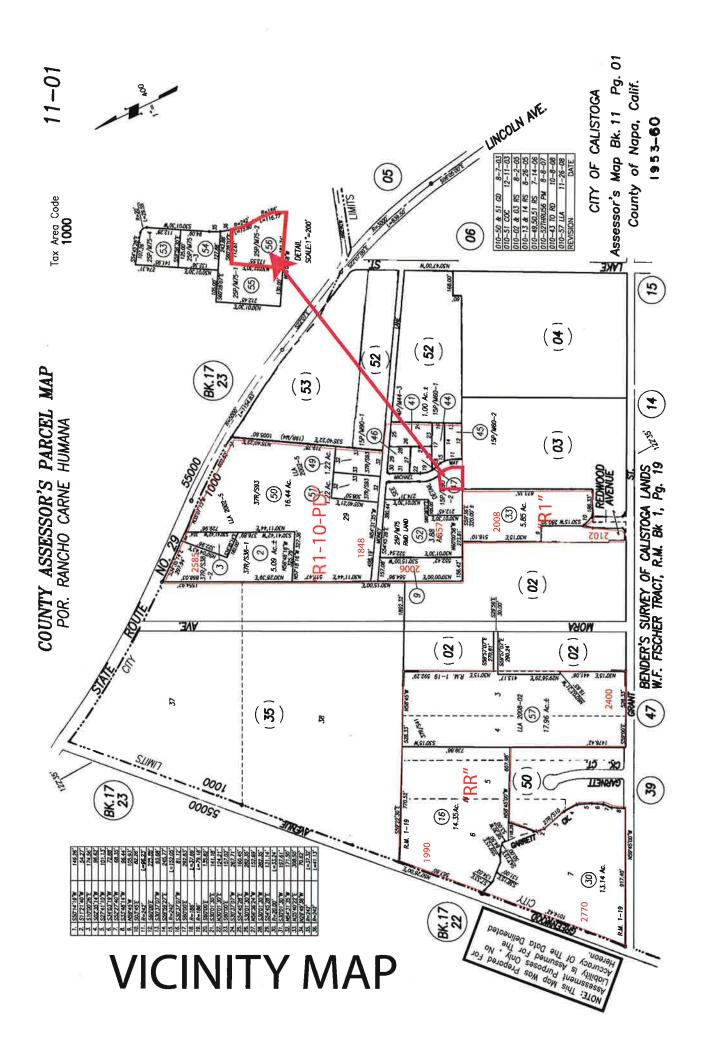
Adopt a resolution approving Design Review DR 2015-2 for a new residence and residential second unit at 1801 Michael Way

SUGGESTED MOTION

"I move that the Planning Commission adopt a Resolution approving Design Review DR 2015-2 for a new residence and residential second unit at 1801 Michael Way."

POTENTIAL CONFLICTS

None



CITY OF CALISTOGA

STAFF REPORT

CHAIRMAN MANFREDI AND PLANNING COMMISSIONERS TO:

FROM: **ERIK V. LUNDQUIST, SENIOR PLANNER**

MEETING DATE: **MARCH 25, 2015**

DESIGN REVIEW DR 2015-2 SUBJECT:

SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING AND RESIDENTIAL SECOND UNIT

AT 1801 MICHAEL WAY

REQUEST

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Consideration of a design review application for a new residence and residential second 2

unit at 1801 Michael Way 3

BACKGROUND 4

- The property was created in 2007 as a result of the Brogan Parcel Map (25 PM 74/76) 5
- and is within the R-1-10-PD One-Family Residential Planned Development District. 6
- The property is designated by the Calistoga General Plan as Low Density Residential. 7
- Existing infrastructure includes a public street with curbs, gutters, sidewalks and street 8
- lighting. 9
- The conditions of approval for the parcel map require design review consideration by 10
- the Planning Commission, prior to receiving a building permit and commencing 11
- construction on the property. 12
- The purpose of design review is to secure the general purposes of the Zoning 13
- Ordinance and General Plan, to promote high quality design and a harmonious 14
- relationship of buildings, to preserve the unique character and ambiance of Calistoga, to 15
- ensure compatibility of new development with existing development, and to promote the 16
- preservation of historic structures of Calistoga (CMC Section 17.06.010). In this case in
- 17 order to achieve the purpose of design review, the Planning Commission must
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- determine whether the proposed development is consistent with the City's Residential 19
- Design Review Guidelines and the Residential Design Objectives that are specific to the 20
- Brogan Parcel Map. 21

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PROPOSED DESIGN

The project plans feature a hybridCore¹ one-story, ranch-style home and pool house/ 23

¹ A hybridCore Home is a "hybrid" between a factory-built core and conventional construction. The factory-built core contains the more costly areas typically found in home construction. It contains all the "wet" areas - kitchen, bathrooms, and laundry hookups. The core will therefore include all of the appliances, fixtures, cabinetry and countertops typically associated with these rooms. The core also includes the mechanical system and water heater.

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- residential second unit clad with board and batt siding, lap siding and corrugated metal.
- The roofs would be asphalt shingle and corrugated metal. Design interest would be
- provided by shed roofing over certain windows and the main entry, a multi-tiered roof, a
- front porch, a carriage-style garage door and gridded windows. The primary board and
- batt siding color would be Benjamin Moore "Silver Fox" and the lap siding would be
- ²⁹ "Lacey Pearl". Front yard landscaping would include low water use plantings, vineyard
- 30 and existing trees.

DISCUSSION

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- 32 General Plan Consistency
- The General Plan land use designation for this site is Low Density Residential, which
- provides for single-family homes at a density of 1 to 4 dwelling units per acre. The
- single-family dwelling unit located on the 27,675 square foot parcel complies with the
- 36 allowed density. Per state law the residential second unit is exempt from the density
- 37 requirements.
- 38 Consistency with Residential Design Guidelines
- The Residential Design Guidelines, adopted April 1, 2014, provide guidance for the
- design of the streetscape, building form and massing, building articulation, roofs,
- building materials and finishes, windows, doors, and entries, garages and driveways,
- landscaping, lighting, walls and fences and viewshed protection. Upon examination of
- the project's architectural drawings, staff finds them consistent with the guidelines
- because the single-story structure is proportionate to the size of the buildable area; is
- compatible with the surrounding neighborhood; has architectural interest, varied
- rooflines, and a well-placed garage; and uses landscaping, fencing and lighting to
- enhance the overall design.
- 48 Consistency with Brogan Property Residential Design Objectives
- When the Brogan Parcel Map was approved, project-specific Residential Design
- 50 Objectives were established since the City did not have clear residential design
- 51 guidelines at that time (See Attachment 4). The Residential Design Objectives are
- similar to the City's, now adopted, Residential Design Guidelines.
- 53 The quality of the architectural detail, the building materials and building setbacks help
- to assure that the custom design of the proposed residence on all four elevations is
- 55 compatible with the adjacent residential properties within the neighborhood. The garage
- is set back farther than the minimum required and is located away from the street. As
- such, the project is consistent with the Brogan Property Residential Design Objectives.

Development Plan and Zoning Code Compliance

Per the building envelopes illustrated on Parcel Map 25 PM 76, this property is required to maintain a 25-foot front yard setback from Money Lane, a 25-foot front yard setback from Michael Way, a 20-foot rear yard setback, a 15-foot setback on the north side, and a 20-foot setback on the south side. These setbacks are generally more restrictive than the setbacks required per the R-1-10 Zoning District, which are reiterated in the Brogan Property Residential Design Objectives. Attached residential second units are subject to the same setbacks as the primary residence. Upon staff's review of the Parcel Map and R-1-10 Zoning District development standards, it appears that this proposal will meet these standards, as shown in the table below.

Applicable Deve	elopment Standards for Primary Residence	Proposed
Minimum Front Yard	25 feet from property line (Building Envelope)	26 feet from property line
Minimum Side Yard	15 feet from northern property line (Building Envelope)	32 feet from property line
	20 feet from southern property line (Building Envelope)	33 feet from property line
Minimum Rear Yard	20 feet from property line (Building Envelope and R-1-10-PD)	20 feet from property line
Maximum Lot Coverage	30% (8,302.5 sq. ft.)	18% (Approx. 5,087 sq. ft.)
Maximum Building Height*	25 feet	< 20 feet
Maximum Stories	Two	One
Minimum Parking	3 spaces outside required setbacks (2 for single-family residence and 1 for second unit)	2 spaces within garage and 1 in driveway
Applicable Development Standards for Residential Second Unit		Proposed
Floor Area	Not less than 300 sq. ft. and shall not exceed 705 sq. ft.	405 sq. ft.
Max. Bedrooms	No more than 1	Studio
Setbacks for Attached Unit	Same as principal dwelling unit	20 feet from rear property line 33 feet from south side property line

^{*} Maximum Height is measured from the average natural grade to the midpoint of the roof.

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71 Tree Protection and Removal

- The landscape plan indicates that a majority of the trees along Michael Way would be
- preserved, while three protected walnut trees toward the back of the property would be
- removed. Three other unprotected trees would also be removed. The existing
- grapevines would be retained around the back and sides of the structure with ground
- cover and ornamental shrubs and trees installed at the entry. Staff is supportive of the
- preliminary landscape plan since it would enhance the site. Upon building permit
- issuance, a final landscape plan would be required to confirm preservation of the trees
- and compliance with the water-efficient landscape requirements.

80 PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments have been received.

82 FINDINGS

- 83 To reduce repetition, all of the necessary design review findings are contained in the
- resolution (Attachment No. 2).

85 ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

- The proposed project is Categorically Exempt from the requirements of the California
- 87 Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15303 (New Construction or
- 88 Conversion of Small Structures) of the CEQA Guidelines.

89 RECOMMENDATION

- 90 Adopt a resolution approving Design Review DR 2015-2 for a new residence and
- residential second unit at 1801 Michael Way.

92 ATTACHMENTS

- 93 1. Vicinity Map
- 94 2. Draft Design Review Resolution
- 3. Brogan Parcel Map Pages 75 and 76
- 96 4. Brogan Property Residential Design Objectives
- 97 5. Project Plans
- 98 6. Colors and Materials Board