



City of Beverly Hills

Planning Division

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Architectural Commission Report

Meeting Date: Wednesday, May 20, 2015

Subject: **BANK OF AMERICA (PL1504799)**
9440 South Santa Monica Boulevard

Request for approval of a construction barricade graphic. The Commission will also consider adoption of a Categorical Exemption, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

Project agent: Ashok Vanmali – Gruen Associates

Recommendation: Conduct public hearing to discuss the project details and provide the applicant with an approval.

REPORT SUMMARY

The applicant is requesting review and approval of a construction barricade graphic for Bank of America located at 9440 South Santa Monica Boulevard. The project's façade remodel was previously approved by the Architectural Commission at their meeting on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 with the project-specific condition that the construction barricade graphic be redesigned and returned to the Commission for final review and approval. The construction barricade includes the following components:

- Red, white, and blue graphic pattern that mimics the façade design (no size limit);
- One (1) 12 SF business identification sign on each barricade elevation, and;
- One (1) 22.17 SF construction sign on the corner barricade elevation.

Pursuant to BHMC §10-4-612, construction barricades may include one (1) 12 SF sign that includes the name of the business, a company logo, and the opening date of the business on that portion of the construction barricade parallel to the street. Additionally, a construction barricade may also include up to 50 SF of construction signage.

URBAN DESIGN ANALYSIS

The barricade graphic is highly artistic and references directly the approved façade design in a creative manner. While temporary in nature, the design of the construction barricade will positively enhance the streetscape of South Santa Monica Boulevard and North Beverly Drive during its period of installation.

ZONING CODE COMPLIANCE

Applications for design review are preliminarily evaluated for compliance with the zoning code. Applicants are encouraged and have the option of requesting a comprehensive review separate and apart from this application. Formal compliance review will occur when a building permit application is filed (plan check). The applicant has been advised that changes during plan check may require revisions and subsequent approval from the Architectural Commission or staff, as appropriate.

Attachment(s):

- A. Project Design Plans
- B. DRAFT Approval Resolution

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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

The subject project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA – Public Resources Code §§21000 – 21178), pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines in that the project includes the review of building design, colors and materials to the façade of the building, front yard landscaping or minor low-scaled accessory structures, such as fences or walls. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the subject activity could result in a significant effect on the environment. The project has also been reviewed and found not be a historic resource. The existing improvements to be demolished or altered were not designed by an architect or builder identified on the City's Master Architect list and the site and improvements are not listed on the City's historic resource inventory.

PUBLIC OUTREACH AND NOTIFICATION

Public outreach and notification was not required for this project.



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Attachment A
Project Design Plans



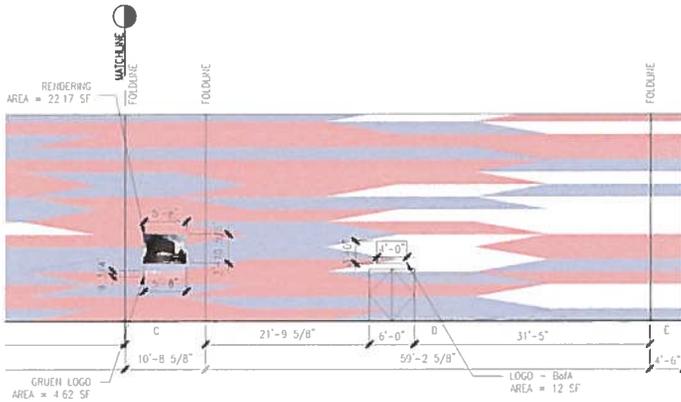
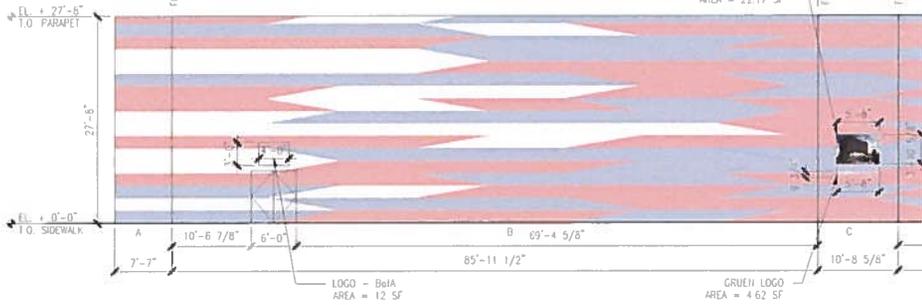
RENDERING
(FOR REFERENCE IHS)



BANK OF AMERICA (BoA) LOGO
(FOR REFERENCE IHS)

GRUENASSOCIATES
ARCHITECTURE PLANNING INTERIORS

GRUEN LOGO
(FOR REFERENCE IHS)

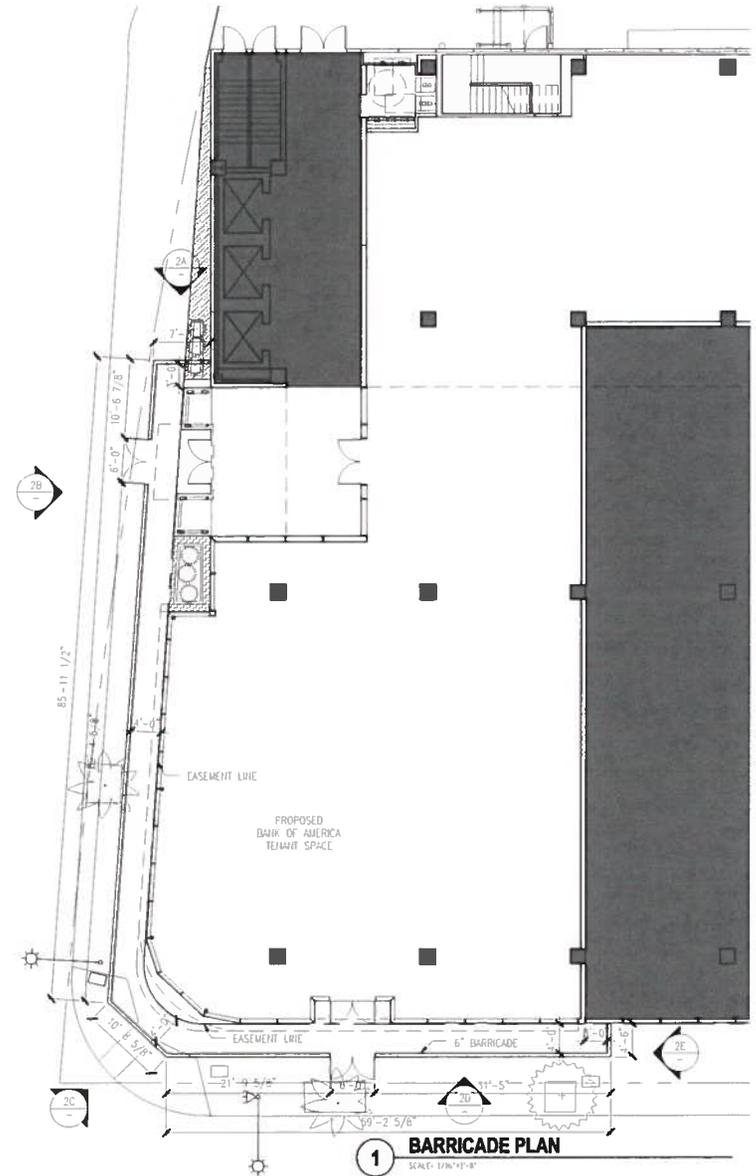


LOGO AREA CALCULATIONS	
LOGO	AREA (SQ. FT.)
BoA (2)	EACH: 3x4 = 12 SQ. FT.
TOTAL	24 SQ. FT.

CONSTRUCTION SIGN AREA CALCULATIONS	
SIGN	AREA (SQ. FT.)
RENDERING (1)	5.70x3.89 = 22.17 SQ. FT.
GRUEN ASSOCIATES (1)	5.70x0.81 = 4.62 SQ. FT.
TOTAL	26.79 SQ. FT.

2 BARRICADE ELEVATIONS - ENLARGED
SCALE: 3/16"=1'-0"

SOUTH SANTA MONICA BLVD.



1 BARRICADE PLAN
SCALE: 1/16"=1'-0"



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Attachment B

DRAFT Approval Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. AC XX-15

RESOLUTION OF THE ARCHITECTURAL COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS CONDITIONALLY APPROVING AN ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW PERMIT FOR A CONSTRUCTION BARRICADE GRAPHIC FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 9440 SOUTH SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD (PL1504799 – BANK OF AMERICA).

The Architectural Commission of the City of Beverly Hills hereby finds, resolves and determines as follows:

Section 1. Ashok Vanmali, Gruen Associates, agent, on behalf of the property owner, BH Triangle Associates LP, and the tenant, Bank of America, (Collectively the “Applicant”), has applied for architectural approval for a construction barricade graphic for the property located at 9440 South Santa Monica Boulevard.

Section 2. Beverly Hills Municipal Code Article 30, Chapter 3 of Title 10, authorizes the Architectural Commission the authority to approve, approve with conditions, or deny design-related aspects of projects located in the city’s commercial and multi-family districts, subject to findings set forth in Beverly Municipal Code Section 10-3-3010.

Section 3. Consistent with Beverly Hills Municipal Code Section 10-3-3010, this resolution documents the official action of the Architectural Commission with respect to the project.

Section 4. The subject project has been reviewed pursuant to the provisions set forth in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA – Public Resource Code Sections 21000, *et seq.*), the State CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Sections 15000 *et seq.*), and the city’s local CEQA Guidelines. The subject project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA – Public Resources Code §§21000 – 21178), pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA

Guidelines in that the project includes the review of building design, colors and materials to the façade of the building, front yard landscaping or minor low-scaled accessory structures, such as fences or walls. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the subject activity could result in a significant effect on the environment. The project has also been reviewed and found to not be a historic resource. The existing improvements to be demolished or altered were not designed by an architect or builder identified on the City's Master Architect list and the site and improvements are not listed on the City's historic resource inventory.

Section 5. The Architectural Commission conducted a duly noticed public hearing on **May 20, 2015** at which time oral and documentary evidence was received concerning the application.

Section 6. Based upon the evidence presented at the hearings, including the staff report(s), oral and written testimony, the Architectural Commission hereby makes the following findings:

A. The plan for the proposed building or structure is in conformity with good taste and good design and, in general, contributes to the image of Beverly Hills as a place of beauty, spaciousness, balance, taste, fitness, broad vistas, and high quality. Specifically, the project incorporates an appropriate balance of color, high quality materials and appropriate architectural design principles to reinforce the city's urban form and promote the image of Beverly Hills.

B. The plan for the proposed building or structure indicates the manner in which the structure is reasonably protected against external and internal noise, vibrations, and other factors which may tend to make the environmental less desirable. The proposed project is proposed to be constructed using contemporary building materials and practices, and, as conditioned, compliant with all applicable building codes, including standards that protect against unwanted noise and vibrations.

C. Proposed building or structure is not, in its exterior design and appearance, of inferior quality such as to cause the nature of the local environment to materially depreciate in appearance and value. Specifically, the commission has reviewed the design and construction materials proposed for the project, which incorporates contemporary building material of known quality and durability. Moreover, the project design is appropriate to the building and surrounding improvements and is well matched to the selected materials.

D. As conditioned, the proposed building or structure is in harmony with the proposed developments on land in the general area, with the general plan for Beverly Hills, and with any precise plans adopted pursuant to the general plan. The proposed project complies with the applicable goals and policies set forth in the general plan, and, as conditioned, designed in a manner that complies with local ordinances. The overall design is consistent with and appropriate to other improvements in the general vicinity.

E. The proposed development is in conformity with the standards of this code and other applicable laws insofar as the location and appearance of the buildings and structures are involved. As conditioned, the project will be designed in compliance with all applicable regulations.

F. The proposed development is designed in a manner that protects and preserves those exterior elements of the building which the Planning Commission found contributed to the determination of the project as a "character contributing building" in accordance with section 10-2-707 of this title. The proposed project does not include a request and has not been determined by the Planning Commission to be a project that qualifies as a "character contributing building" under section 10-2-707. Therefore, this finding is not applicable to the subject project.

Section 7. Based on the foregoing, the Architectural Commission hereby grants the request defined in this resolution subject to the following conditions:

Project-Specific Conditions

No project-specific conditions are proposed.

Standard Conditions

1. **Revised Plan Submittal.** For all projects that are approved with project-specific conditions, a revised plan set that has fully incorporated all such conditions shall be submitted to the project planner, both in hard copy format and in electronic format, prior to submitting for the building permit plan check process.
2. **Architectural Approval.** Project approval is for the design-related aspects of the project only. No approval is implied or granted with regard to applicable city zoning or technical codes, which may require review and approval from other city commissions or officials.
3. **Compliance with Municipal Code.** Prior to issuance of a building permit, the applicant shall demonstrate compliance with all applicable provisions of the city's municipal code and applicable conditions imposed by any discretionary review approval.
4. **Compliance with Special Conditions.** Any special conditions that require approval by the Director of Community Development, or designee, shall be submitted to the staff liaison to the commission within fourteen (14) days of approval or prior to submittal of the plan check review application, whichever is greater.
5. **Project Rendering.** Prior to issuance of a building permit, the applicant shall incorporate into the building permit set of plans, an updated color rendering of all building facades. The quality and

detail of the rendering shall be subject to approval from the Director of Community Development, or designee, and shall include sufficient design information to evaluate project compliance during construction.

6. **Approval Resolution.** A copy of the signed resolution of approval shall be scanned onto the cover sheet(s) of the building permit set of plans.
7. **Substantial Compliance with Approved Plans.** The Director of Community Development, or designee, shall determine if changes to the approved project are in substantial compliance with the commission's action. This determination shall be subject to applicable fees and charges. A substantial modification to the approved project requires approval from the Architectural Commission.
8. **Validity of Permits.** The rights granted by this approval shall remain valid for three (3) years from the date of approval, unless extended pursuant to Beverly Hills Municipal Code Section 10-3-207.

Section 8. The Secretary of the Architectural Commission shall certify to the passage, approval, and adoption of this resolution, and shall cause this resolution and its certification to be entered in the administrative record maintained by the Community Development Department.

Section 9. Decisions of the Architectural Commission may be appealed to the City Council within fourteen (14) days of the final action by filling a written appeal and paying appropriate fees with the City of Beverly Hills City Clerk.

Approved as to Form and Content:

Adopted: **May 20, 2015**

William Crouch, Commission Secretary
Community Development Department

Barry Bernstein, Chair
Architectural Commission