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City of Naples Design Review Board Workshop series *Design Review Handbook and application process revisions*

Naples, FL (December 21, 2021) – The Design Review Board (DRB) of the City of Naples will be conducting a series of Town Hall meetings during the first four months of 2022 to revamp its design standards, procedures, and processes. The meetings will be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall located at 735 8th Street South.

The DRB is a quasi-judicial body that is authorized to review all new and rehabilitation projects in commercial and multi-family districts of the City; a project cannot receive a Building Permit without the approval of the DRB. The criteria for the boards review process are documented in its Design Review Handbook.

The City determined that the document had not been reviewed and updated for some time, and it may not be responsive to present design, planning, technical advancements, and current market conditions, and should be reviewed and updated.

In June 2021, the DRB held a special meeting and voted to begin the process. On September 17, 2021, the DRB held a Town Hall meeting to gather input from the public, particularly the professionals whose projects must come before the board, on what changes and improvements they suggest.

On December 20, 2021, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Design Review Board agreed to conduct four workshops to develop the specifics of the revisions. The following is the workshop schedule and topics for each meeting:

- January 21, 2022: 1:00pm to 4:00pm
 - Site Planning, Mass, Scale and Proportion, and Context, Continuity and Transition
- February 25, 2022: 1:00pm to 4:00pm
 - Fenestration and Portals, Articulation and Details, and Materials, Colors and Textures
- March 25, 2022: 1:00pm to 4:00pm
 - Signage, Climate Responsiveness, and Building, Site and Landscape Lighting
- April 22, 2022: 1:00pm to 4:00pm
 - Legislative Authority, Design Review Process, and Submission Requirements

All architects, engineers, developers from Naples, and do work in the City of Naples should attend this important session. It will have impact your future work in the City.

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