

REPORT

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council
And the Redevelopment Agency Board
From the City Manager and the Redevelopment Manager

February 7, 2005

Subject

Courthouse Square preferred design

Recommendations

Provide direction to consultant and staff on design development issues related to the preferred design concept for Courthouse Square.

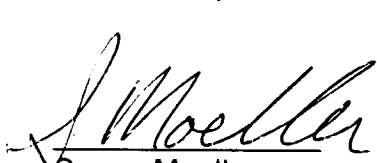
Background

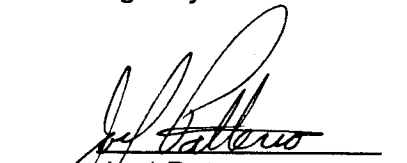
Over the course of three public workshops and two joint study sessions with the City Council, Planning Commission and Architectural Review Committee in the past year, interested Redwood City residents and committee members examined several design alternatives for the Courthouse Square. A preferred design concept was selected by the Council at the joint study session on July 12, 2004.

However, the Council directed the consultant Freedman, Tung & Bottomley (FTB) to return at a subsequent meeting with further information regarding some of the features in the preferred design concept selected. Among other questions, the Council wanted further study of the pavilions and the width of the columns supporting the proposed structures, as well as further information on the feasibility/viability of an interactive water feature in the center of the plaza.

Michael Freedman of FTB will be making a presentation at the Joint Study Session and asking Council for direction on finalizing the preferred design concept so the project can move forward and be completed.

A contract for the preparation of the construction drawings is currently being prepared, and will be presented for Council/Agency Board action in the near future.


Susan Moeller
Redevelopment
Manager


Joel Patterson
Community Services
Development Director


Ed Everett
City Manager