

Public Comment -- 5/29/24 PC Mtg., Item No. 6A, Fire Station Rebuild

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Planning Commission,

Although I am generally pleased with these designs, which appear to follow your direction from the preliminary review, I recommend making some minor additions to the west elevation because it is a little plain and will be visually prominent from the Coastal Trail. A little more interest in order, which is already reflected on the east elevation. For example, I recommend adding a single or two small awnings over the rear doors to mimic the style of the awning over the pedestrian door on the west of the building that faces Main Street. Alternatively, two gooseneck barn lights could be added above the doors rather than the single industrial light that is currently proposed in between the two doors. Actually, I would consider replacing most of the proposed exterior industrial style lighting with something more interesting like gooseneck barn lights (e.g., centered over the three garage bays rather than in between the bays). I installed solid copper barn lights over my garage door and they both look good and hold up to our salty marine air. Something like that over the three garage bays and the smaller doors would be an improvement over the proposal, IMO.

Basically, a couple of minor additions would make the currently very plain (and IMO thereby inconsistent with the Citywide Design Guidelines) west elevation. This is similar to the additional elements you required on the otherwise very plain industrial building at Fort Bragg Transmission.

Regards,

--Jacob