



City of Sebastopol Design Review Board/Tree Board Staff Report

Meeting Date: February 27th, 2024
Agenda Item: 8B
To: Design Review Board
From: John Jay, Associate Planner

Subject: Priority Development Area (PDA) grant
Recommendation: Discussion

Introduction:

Staff is looking for feed back on what parts of town would be ideal to look at for a future walking tour with the DRB. This would be the third walking tour that staff and the DRB have participated in over the last few years. These tours have proven to be beneficial for the board to review past projects after they have been constructed. Some past tour locations include the Barlow Townhomes, Flavors restaurant, Florence Lofts, and a few businesses within the Barlow that were awarded façade improvement grants. Staff is also asking the board if a potential joint walking tour with the Planning Commission would be beneficial and that focus would be on the northern gateway into Sebastopol. The north gateway is an area that the General Plan has identified for future development possibilities and with the recent adoption of the Objective Design Standards the Redwood Market place would be a location that would qualify for a large site development.

Public Comment:

As of writing this report the Planning Department has not received any public comment. However, if public comment comes in after this report is published it would be distributed to the board members and made available on the city's meeting website.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Design Review Board discuss this item and provide staff with feedback on the following;

- Provide locations for a future walking tour
- Whether a joint walking tour meeting with the PC would be helpful