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Thanks for following up on chair Saum's inquiry Vicrim.

Robert

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Good Morning Chair Saum,

Thank you for your patience. I've been gathering information in order to respond to your inquiries. I've had Rina Shah review all submittals related to the address and APN in our permit tracking system AMANDA. There has not been a submittal related to the proposed use or any programmatic changes to the San Jose Water Company building.

You are correct concerning an HP Permit for the building, there is an HP Permit and HL Amendment (HP2-002 & HL20-005) that is tentatively scheduled to be heard at the HLC at its first meeting of the year, on February 3rd, 2021.

Concerning HPAD20-006, I have confirmed that the exterior alterations to window openings and window material were reviewed and approved by the former HPO. The building permit plans conformed to HPAD plans and the permit was approved August 10, 2020. I have requested the plans to determine the specific nature of the alterations and the material with which they were replaced. Those plans are still en route and I will follow up when I have received them.

If there is anything more I can assist you with, just let me know.

Thanks,
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Vicrim + Robert -

Good morning. I wanted to verify whether there has been further submittals re: the reuse of the San Jose Water Company Building (APN 259-38-128, HP16-002).

I know that the HP Permit is being revised as part of Downtown West, to adjust parcel sizes, etc. I also saw that HPAD20-006 authorizes the replacement of windows on the building. That same Permit Adjustment calls for 'exterior modifications', with no further specifics. What is the scope of the other exterior tweaks?

On a related note, initially, the talk was of the SJWC building being reused as a Community Center of some sort by Google, which they have also referenced in some discussions of the larger Downtown West proposal. Will any Permit Adjustment or revised proposal be required to come before the HLC regarding the actual proposed reuse of the building, since it wasn't specifically enumerated in the previous approvals.

That has been the case previously - Century 21 and the First Church of Christ, Scientist, come to mind - where the applicant came back with a more specific plan for the building. Will Google be doing the same?

My concern is that we've been told, in very broad strokes, that a community serving, potentially open to the public use was initially proposed, but that the conversation has not evolved in the nearly five years since then.



Edward Saum
Chair
City of San Jose Historic Landmarks Commission

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