INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATION

TO:	**Urban Design Committee**	DATE:	**February 22, 2013**
DEPT:		FROM:	**Ed Zimmer**
CC:		DEPT:	**Planning**
		RE:	**2/28/13 Agenda Items**

Item #1:
"Project Oscar" in West Haymarket is proceeding towards City Council's hearing and action on a redevelopment agreement March 4. With the snow day yesterday, we did not have a quorum of UDC present to speak to the design, so JoAnne asked me to schedule a special meeting next week. A quorum of members responded to my "Doodle" invitation as able to attend at 3 p.m. on Thursday, February 28, Room 214 in County/City Building, and I'm mailing (and emailing) this today in order to give all of you as much notice as I can of the time and place.

The images of Project Oscar are again attached. We also will have samples available of the "cementitious board" proposed for sheathing the upper floors, and a brick sample of the first story material.

Historic Preservation Commission had a quorum yesterday in our joint gathering and so members took a vote on the project, unanimously recommending it for approval to City Council, while requesting updates as the project design is finalized. Discussion included the observation that review by HPC and UDC are related but can and should focus on different aspects of a project. HPC members pointed out that the "fresh" or "modern" design would not be appropriate within the historic Haymarket district, but did not detract from Haymarket in its West Haymarket location.

Item #2:
Enersen Urban Design Awards:
Along with the materials sent last week (and resent for your convenience), I am enclosing an email from Dennis Scheer suggesting the Antelope Valley Project, as a whole, for consideration this year; and materials from the Olsson Engineering web site forwarded by Mary Anne Wells regarding Antelope Valley and Fallbrook.

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