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Town of Castle Rock

## PROPOSED ENCORE PROJECT CASTLE ROCK

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#### CASTLE ROCK BUILDINGS



## SIENA PLAZA





3RD ST.





### POLICE STATION



FIRE STATION



WHITE CONSTRUCTION BLDG

#### **EXAMPLE** DESIGN REVIEW BOARD STATEMENTS **ABOUT** CASTLE ROCK DESIGN AND STYLE

#### **Review and Approval Criteria**

The independent staff analysis following each criterion takes into account the representations made in the application and attachments submitted to date.

Development and Design Standards

The following Downtown Overlay District development and design standards apply to this application:

#### Castle Rock Design and Downtown Master Plan:

All project design should be based on the Castle Rock Design and the Downtown Master Plan.

Staff Analysis – Castle Rock Style states, "New buildings should be compatible with the surrounding district and existing historic buildings by respecting established patterns of building orientation, style, massing, height, and scale. . . . Design elements and features should be used that fit into neighboring context. . . . Facades in Downtown buildings should typically have recessed ground level entries and large glass display windows." (p. 20) The Downtown Master Plan states that the Downtown Core District should restore facades to create attractive buildings that respect Castle Rock's history (p. 22).

#### Crown Design:

A building's crown design shall be reviewed by and is subject to approval of the Board based on aesthetic design, conformity with the Downtown Master Plan, and the need to maintain appropriate view sheds. The crown of a building is defined as the area of the structure that is above the top floor, and may include angled roofs, decorative elements, towers and other similar construction.

Staff Analysis – The proposed façade has a clearly defined pedestrian/window level and crown, which is accented with signage, lighting, and an arch.

#### Window or Transparency Requirements:

The main front elevation shall provide at least thirty-five percent (35%) window or transparency at the pedestrian level. Side elevations that face a public roadway shall provide at least thirty percent (30%) window or transparency at the pedestrian level. The window or transparency is measured in a lineal fashion. (For example, a one-hundred-foot long building elevation shall have at least thirty-five percent (35%) transparency in length equal to 35 linear feet of total window or transparency area). The height of the glass or plexiglass must be a minimum height of five (5) feet.

Staff Analysis – The new façade will maintain existing window openings. In addition, adding a faux door window to the center of the façade increases the transparency. The proposed windows provide over 65% transparency.

#### B. Building Design

New buildings should be compatible with the surrounding district and existing historic buildings by respecting established patterns of building orientation, style, massing, height and scale. New developments should utilize complementary architectural features and materials. Design elements and features should be used that fit into the neighboring context. These include building heights, architectural style, building form, the rhythm of building bays and openings, details, materials, textures, and color. The goal is to develop new buildings that respect the past but also allow for individual buildings and businesses to present their unique image. Applicants should refer to Castle Rock Style for information on historic commercial architecture.

Another goal is the creation of pedestrian-friendly streets with design elements such as display windows, awnings, canopies, seating, and extending interior uses, such as dining, into the sidewalk area. Façades of Downtown buildings should typically have recessed ground level entries and large glass display windows.

#### CASTLE ROCK DESIGN GUIDELINES

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### THESE SIMPLE AESTHETICS TYPIFY CASTLE ROCK

#### DENVER BUILDINGS



**AMLI** Riverfront Park

AMLI Riverfront Park 1900 Little Raven Street Constructed: 2014



DOESN'T
ENCORE
STRONGLY
RESEMBLE
THIS
DENVER
BUILDING?



Line 28 at LoHi

Line 28 at LoHi 1560 Boulder Street Constructed: 2014 Encore – facing north



## THIS ONE TOO?



Encore – south side

Solera

Solera 1956 Lawrence Street Constructed: 2011



#### DOESN'T **ENCORE** STRONGLY RESEMBLE THIS HOTEL IN **DENVER?**



Residence Inn

Residence Inn Denver City Center 1725 Champa Street Constructed: 2006

#### Encore – Perry & South St.



# AND THIS TOO?

IS CASTLE ROCK TRYING TO BE DENVER OR DO WE **WANT TO** CONTINUE BEING CASTLE ROCK?



## WE WANT TO CONTINUE BEING CASTLE ROCK!

BY HAVING THE TOWN ADD JUST A LITTLE MORE MONEY TO THE COP'S, WE CAN HAVE SMALL AESTHETIC DETAILS WHICH ARE COMPATIBLE WITH EXISTING DOWNTOWN BUILDINGS INCORPORATED INTO THE PROJECT

Residents asked for this according to our Community Survey

#### **Community Survey**

What did respondents value most about downtown?

Historic architecture and small-town charm

Community gathering spaces – specifically Festival Park

**Eclectic shops and entertainment** 

Ease of mobility and accessibility