

Color and Material Board

The requirement for a color and material board should not be required for R1 zone permit applications, at a minimum, for the following reasons:

1. The R1 zone is for individual properties and as such are much more personal than public buildings or businesses where the community at large has an interest. Color therefore, should be a personal decision
2. There is no preferred color palette in the code or general plan. Color approval then will vary from person to person and commissioner to commissioner. The only opinion that matters is that of the homeowner.
3. Requiring a color submittal may intimidate an applicant into playing it safe with a standard color that has already been approved, thereby limiting the vitality and creativity of the neighborhood.
4. Requiring a color selection at the time of application submittal is premature. Color selection should be a decision that is allowed to occur after construction has started and not be rushed. Allowing the applicant to choose a color on their own timeline will reduce the stress of the process.
5. It makes no sense to force a color on an applicant when anyone can paint their home any color they want without a permit.
6. With regards to materials, all necessary information is on the drawing set. A separate submittal with extra detail is unnecessary.