



**CITY OF NOVATO**  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION**  
**MEETING AGENDA**

**NOVATO CITY HALL**  
**901 Sherman Ave**  
**Novato, CA 94945**

**Wednesday, May 6, 2026 – 6:00 PM**

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**Chair**

**Michael Barber**

**Vice Chair**

**Vacant**

**Members**

**Timothy Curtin**  
**Lia Heath**  
**Colm Keenan**  
**Lewis Randall**

**Alternate Members**

**William Reichert**  
**Lui Galletto**

**Staff Liaison**

**Steve Marshall – Deputy Director of Community Development**

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The Design Review Commission is regularly scheduled every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm. Your interest is encouraged and appreciated.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Steve Marshall, Deputy Director of Community Development, at (415) 899-8942. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable accommodation to help ensure accessibility to this meeting.

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- A. CONVENE AND ROLL CALL**
- B. APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA**
- C. PUBLIC COMMENT**

*There is a three-minute time limit to speak although the Chair may shorten the time based on*

*the number of speakers or other factors. A speaker may not yield his or her time to another speaker.*

*For issues raised during Public Comment that are not on the published agenda, except as otherwise provided under the Ralph M. Brown Act, no action can legally be taken. The Commission may direct that the item be referred to the staff liaison for action or may schedule the item on a subsequent agenda.*

**D. CONSENT ITEMS - NONE**

*All matters listed on the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and will be adopted by a single vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion unless specific items are removed from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion and action. Any Commissioner may remove an item from the Consent Calendar and place it under General Business for discussion.*

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

*Public hearings are announced and advertised in advance to allow interested persons to make comments for, against, or otherwise, regarding a proposed project or decision. Anyone who challenges any hearing matter in court may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described herein, or in written correspondence delivered to the Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing.*

**E. CONTINUED ITEMS – NONE**

**F. NEW ITEMS - NONE**

**WORKSHOPS**

**G. NEW WORKSHOPS**

**G.1 EAMES INSTITUTE OF INFINITE CURIOSITY  
DESIGN REVIEW; FILE NO. P2026-021  
8171 REDWOOD BOULEVARD; APN 125-180-83**

Conduct a design review workshop to receive public input and provide comments to the applicant and staff regarding conceptual site, building, and landscape improvements for the Eames Institute of Infinite Curiosity (“Institute”) at the former McGraw-Hill/Birkenstock USA offices and warehouse.

[G.1. Staff Report – Eames Institute \(P2026-021\) – DRC Workshop](#)

[G.1 Attachment 1 - Eames Institute \(P2026-021\) - Design Review Workshop Narrative](#)

[G.2 Attachment 2 - Eames Institute \(P2026-021\) - Conceptual Project Plans](#)

**H. GENERAL BUSINESS - NONE**

*These items include significant and administrative actions of special interest and will usually include a presentation and discussion by the Commission. They will be acted upon by a separate vote.*

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

*If urgent matters arise after the publication of the regular agenda, there will be an addendum, if posted at least 72 hours before the start of the regular meeting to which it pertains. Otherwise, the matter will be*

*agendized using a special meeting notice. It will be posted at the referenced locations mentioned in the Affidavit of Posting by Friday at 5:00 p.m., the week before the meeting.*

*To appeal a final decision of the Design Review Commission, a written letter of appeal and the required appeal fee must be filed with the Community Development Department within 10 calendar days of the decision. The appeal letter must specifically state the basis for the appeal. Additional information on the appeal process can be found in Division 19.54 of the Novato Municipal Code.*

*Materials that are submitted to members after the distribution of the agenda packet, are available for public inspection in the Community Development Department at 922 Machin Avenue during normal business hours. Such materials shall also be made available on the City of Novato website at [novato.org](http://novato.org) when practical and provided that City staff is able to post those documents prior to the meeting. A binder is available for the public at the meeting to view any distributed materials. Also, when non-confidential written materials are distributed to members of the Design Review Commission during a public meeting by staff or a member of the Design Review Commission, copies shall be made available to members of the public following that meeting.*

**AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING**

I, Rachelle Young, certify that on April 30, 2026, before the Design Review Commission meeting of Wednesday, May 6, 2026, the agenda was posted on the City Community Service Board at 922 Machin Avenue, Novato, CA, and on the City's website at [novato.gov](http://novato.gov).

/Rachelle Young/

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