

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2015
BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M. AT LOS ALTOS CITY HALL, ONE NORTH SAN
ANTONIO ROAD, LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA**

ESTABLISH QUORUM

PRESENT: Chair KIRIK, Vice-Chair MOISON, Commissioners BLOCKHUS and MEADOWS

ABSENT: Commissioner WHEELER

STAFF: Planning Services Manager DAHL and Assistant Planners GALLEGOS and DAVIS

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Design Review Commission Minutes

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of September 16, 2015.

MOTION by Commissioner MEADOWS, seconded by Commissioner BLOCKHUS, to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2015 regular meeting as amended.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4/0).

PUBLIC HEARING

2. 15-V-11 – S. Kolappa – 271 Margarita Court

Variance to allow an accessory structure with pool equipment to be located within the left side yard setback. *Project Planner: Dahl*

Senior Planner DAHL presented the staff report recommending approval of variance application 15-V-11 subject to the findings.

Property owner Siva Kolappa spoke in support of the project stating hardship due to rear yard utilities and that he wanted to keep the pool equipment in its existing the location. There was no other public comment.

The Commissioners discussed the project and gave their general support for the variance. Chair KIRIK said he was unable to access the property due to the locked gate, but noted that he still supports the variance.

MOTION by Vice-Chair MOISON, seconded by Commissioner MEADOWS, to approve variance application 15-V-11 per the staff report findings.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4/0).

DISCUSSION

3. **15-SC-16 – K. Pao and B. Pao – 1030 Covington Road**

Design review for an addition and remodel to a two-story house. The project includes an addition of 163 square feet to the first story and 404 square feet to the second story. *Project Planner: Davis*

Assistant Planner DAVIS presented the staff report recommending approval of design review application 15-SC-16 subject to the listed findings and conditions.

There was no comment from the applicant or any members of the public.

The Commission discussed the project and the majority gave their general support for the design. Commissioner BLOCKHUS expressed concern about the bulk of the front entry and Commissioner MEADOWS noted the need to maintain at least 50 percent due to the existing non-conforming side yard setbacks. Chair KIRIK stated that the drawings were not very legible, that the addition would be bulky and very visible from the street, that the second story addition would be better integrated if added on the right and overall the project does not meet the intent of the Design Guidelines due to creating excessive bulk and mass.

MOTION by Vice-Chair MOISON, seconded by Commissioner BLOCKHUS, to approve design review application 15-SC-16 per the staff report findings and conditions.

THE MOTION PASSED BY A 3/1 VOTE, WITH CHAIR KIRIK OPPOSED.

4. **15-SC-18 – C. Nguyen – 444 Arboleda Drive**

Design review for a two-story addition and remodel to a one-story house. The project includes an addition of 85 square feet on the first story and 742 square feet on the second story. *Project Planner: Gallegos*

Senior Planner DAHL presented the staff report recommending approval of design review application 15-SC-18 subject to the listed findings and conditions.

There was no comment from the applicant and no public comment.

The Commission discussed the project and gave their general support. Commissioner BLOCKHUS noted that a first story roof connection on the left side of the house would have further improved the design.

MOTION by Commissioner MEADOWS, seconded by Vice-Chair MOISON, to approve design review application 15-SC-18 per the staff report findings and conditions.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4/0).

5. **15-SC-33 – T. Martin Associates, A.I.A. – 44 View Street**

Design review for a new, two-story house. The project includes 2,318 square feet on the first story and 1,654 square feet on the second story. *Project Planner: Gallegos*

Senior Planner DAHL presented the staff report recommending approval of design review application 15-SC-33 subject to the listed findings and conditions.

Project architect Brad McCurdy presented the project, noting that they would be willing to modify the design to replace the barrel tile roofing with composition shingles and modify the design of the rear balcony to address privacy concerns if required by the Commission required it. There was no other public comment.

The Commission discussed the project and provided the following comments: project should consider an alternative window design on the stairwell; could not gain full access the property due to locked gates; potential privacy concerns about the balcony in the rear; preferred original materials to those currently proposed; consider raising the height of the garage doors to be more proportional with front elevation; and clarify the proposed materials.

MOTION by Commissioner MEADOWS, seconded by Vice-Chair MOISON, to continue design review application 15-SC-33 to the October 14, 2015 meeting, with the following direction:

- Make the site accessible to the Design Review Commission;
- Evaluate balcony design to address potential privacy issues on the side and rear;
- Clarify the materials board to match the plans; and
- Consider the other Commission comments.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4/0).

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None.

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair KIRIK adjourned the meeting at 8:12 PM.

Zachary Dahl, AICP
Planning Services Manager
Current Planning