

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 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 and Commissioner MEADOWS
ABSENT: Commissioner WHEELER and Commissioner BLOCKHUS
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 30, 2015.

MOTION by Vice-Chair MOISON, seconded by Commissioner MEADOWS, to approve the minutes of the September 30, 2015 regular meeting as written.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (3/0).

Chair KIRIK reordered the Discussion agenda, putting item 4 first, followed by items 2 and 3, as shown below.

DISCUSSION

2. 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*

Assistant Planner GALLEGOS presented the staff report, recommending approval of design review application 15-SC-33 subject to the findings and conditions.

The applicant provided a brief overview of the design revisions. There were no other public comments.

The Commission discussed the project and gave their general support, noting that the site was fully accessible and that the design revisions addressed the Commission's direction.

MOTION by Commissioner MEADOWS, seconded by Vice-Chair MOISON, to approve design review application 15-SC-33 per the staff report findings and conditions.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (3/0).

3. 15-SC-09 – S. Woo and E. Dinh – 84 Doud Drive

Design review for a new two-story house. The project includes 2,429 square feet on the first story and 1,745 square feet on the second story. *Project Planner: Gallegos*

Assistant Planner GALLEGOS presented the staff report, recommending continuance of design review application 15-SC-09 subject to the recommended direction.

The owner presented the project, noting that the neighborhood should be considered as transitional, not consistent character, that he had done extensive outreach to the neighborhood and that all nearby property owners supported the project. Neighbor Greg Fair spoke in support of the project, stating that he was glad a 40-foot front yard setback was being provided. Neighbor Donald Weiden, stated that he wanted to make sure evergreen screening along the rear property line was provided. There was no other public comment.

The Commission discussed the project and provided the following comments: the architectural design is high quality, but may not be compatible with the neighborhood, which appears to be a transitional character; the heavy design elements, materials and large second story result in a house that appeared bulky and massive; the tall first story plates result in a larger scale than the surrounding neighborhood; the large rear balcony could create a privacy issue; and due to the house being located on a curve of Doud Drive, it will appear prominently on the street.

MOTION by Commissioner MEADOWS, seconded by Vice-Chair MOISON, to continue design review application 15-SC-09 with the following direction:

- Address concerns about bulk and mass;
- Address the bulk of the rear elevation and size of the balcony;
- Consider reducing plate heights; and
- Update the landscape plan to clarify proposed fence and screening.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (3/0).

4. 15-SC-25 – G. and Y. Li – 136 S. Clark Avenue

Design review for a new two-story house. The project includes 2,276 square feet on the first story and 1,641 square feet on the second story. *Project Planner: Davis*

Assistant Planner DAVIS presented the staff report, recommending approval of design review application 15-SC-25 subject to the findings and conditions.

Project architect Mike Ma presented the project, noting that the second story design was constrained due to the narrow lot width, but additional landscape screening could be added if needed. Neighbors Binh Tran and Ken Humble spoke, raising concerns about potential privacy impacts from the rear balcony and requesting that additional screening be included along the rear property line. There was no other public comment.

The Commission discussed the project and gave their general support, noting that additional landscape screening should be included along the rear property line to ensure that privacy was maintained.

MOTION by Commissioner MEADOWS, seconded by Vice-Chair MOISON, to approve design review application 15-SC-25 per the staff report findings and conditions, with the following change:

- Modify condition No. 2 to include evergreen screening trees along the left side and rear property lines.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (3/0).

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Planning Services Manager DAHL reported that Commissioner WHEELER had submitted his letter of resignation from the Design Review Commission.

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair KIRIK adjourned the meeting at 8:28 PM.

Zachary Dahl, AICP
Planning Services Manager
Current Planning