

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2016
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

STAFF: Planning Services Manager Dahl and Assistant Planner 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 January 20, 2016.

Action: Upon a motion by Vice-Chair Moison, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, the Commission approved the minutes of the January 20, 2016 regular meeting as written, by the following vote: AYES: Blockhus, Meadows and Moison; NOES: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: Kirik.

PUBLIC HEARING

2. 15-V-14 – S. Dalal – 1250 Monte Verde Court

Variance to allow a rear yard setback of 20 feet, where 25 feet is required. The project includes a one-story addition of 930 square feet to an existing one-story house. *Project Planner: Gallegos*

Planning Services Manager Dahl presented the staff report. Project architect Hari Sripadanna presented the application.

Public Comment

Neighbors Eileen Bugée and Kishen Bhagavan spoke in support of the project.

Action: Upon a motion by Vice-Chair Moison, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, the Commission unanimously approved variance application 15-V-14 per the staff report findings and conditions.

DISCUSSION

3. 15-SC-43 – E. Sakai, AIA – 1331 Holly Avenue

Design review for a new two-story house. The project includes 2,884 square feet on the first story and 1,202 square feet on the second story. *Project Planner: Gallegos*

Planning Services Manager Dahl presented the staff report. Property owner Peter Tran and project architect Eugene Sakai presented the application.

Public Comment

None.

Action: Upon a motion by Vice-Chair Moison, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, the Commission unanimously approved design review application 15-SC-43 per the staff report findings and conditions.

4. 15-SC-44 – D. Wyss – 1716 Morton Avenue

Design review for a new two-story house. The project includes 3,801 square feet on the first story, 932 square feet on the second story and a 562 square-foot detached garage. *Project Planner: Davis*

Assistant Planner Davis presented the staff report. The owner/applicant was not present.

Public Comment

None.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Blockhus, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, the Commission unanimously continued design review application 15-SC-44 per the staff report findings and recommended direction, with the following additional direction from the Design Review Commission:

- A consulting arborist should evaluate the Oak trees and make recommendations for appropriate setbacks for the new house;
- The design of the rear elevation should be updated to reduce perception of bulk and mass on adjacent properties and better integrate with the rest of the house;
- Improve design and placement of privacy screening trees along side and rear property lines.

5. 15-SC-45 – J. Jang – 419 Los Pajaros Court

Design review for a new two-story house. The project includes 2,835 square feet on the first story and 1,288 square feet on the second story. *Project Planner: Davis*

Assistant Planner Davis presented the staff report. Property owner John McIntyre and project architect Jon Jang presented the application.

Public Comment

None.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Blockhus, seconded by Commissioner Meadows, the Commission unanimously continued design review application 15-SC-45, with the following direction:

- Simplify the side wall and roof lines;
- Consider moving the house forward;
- Consider providing 3D renderings; and
- Consider aligning the house along the side property line.

6. 15-SC-51 – J. and K. Dressel – 22885 Aspen Drive

Design review for a two-story addition to an existing two-story house. The project includes an addition of 453 square feet on the first story and 859 square feet on the second story. *Project Planner: Gallegos*

Planning Services Manager Dahl presented the report. Property owner Ken Dressel presented the application.

Public Comment

Neighbor Noori Khadem spoke in opposition to the project.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Meadows, seconded by Vice-Chair Moison, the Commission unanimously approved design review application 15-SC-51 per the staff report findings and conditions, with the following additional conditions:

- Eliminate one rear window in Bedroom #4 and raise the other window sill to four feet, six-inches above the finish floor; and
- Replace rear fence with a six-foot solid fence with one or two feet of open lattice.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Chair Kirik reported on the recruitment for the Design Review Commission. The Commission noted that this was the last meeting Commissioners Blockhus and Meadows.

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kirik adjourned the meeting at 9:20 PM.

Zachary Dahl, AICP
Planning Services Manager
Current Planning