

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON
THURSDAY, AUGUST 02, 2012, BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M. AT LOS ALTOS CITY
HALL, ONE NORTH SAN ANTONIO ROAD, LOS ALTOS,
CALIFORNIA**

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chair BRESSACK, Vice-Chair MOISON, Commissioners BODNER, JUNAID,
McTIGHE and BAER (arrived at 8:02 PM)
ABSENT: Commissioner CHIANG
STAFF: Assistant City Manager WALGREN and Senior Planner DAHL

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Resident, Jim Wing, suggested a future agenda item to look at one-way traffic control for Whitney Street in downtown Los Altos as well as setting a priority list of City traffic issues for City Council.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Planning Commission Minutes**
Recommendation to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2012 regular meeting.

MOTION by Commissioner McTIGHE, seconded by Commissioner JUNAID, to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2012 regular meeting as amended by Commissioners McTIGHE to add more detail to the Commission discussion in the second paragraph on page 2, reflect that Commissioner McTIGHE seconded the motion on page 2 (not Vice-Chair MOISON) and remove the reference to incorporating more glass and additional bike racks on page 3 under the additional conditions for Safeway at 160 First Street. THE MOTION PASSED BY A 5/0/1 VOTE, WITH COMMISSIONER BODNER ABSTAINING.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. **12-GPA-01, 12-Z-01, 12-D-01 and 12-UP-01 - Cody Anderson Wasney
Architects/Pinewood School - 327 and 357 Fremont Avenue**

Senior Planner DAHL presented the staff report recommending approval to the City Council of the General Plan Map Amendment and Zoning Amendment subject to the findings; and the Design Review and Use Permit applications subject to the findings and conditions.

Scott Riches, the project applicant/business owner, presented the project to the Commission stating that there is an old home on the property, but it is not of historic significance and the campus design was inspired by the house; the property is tax exempt; the classrooms are expanding in size and will provide more labs, offices, and storage, but would not increase enrollment; he did extensive outreach with the neighborhood starting last October 2011; and that the rezoning will allow the

school to reduce queuing, keep all buildings one-story, and add extensive landscaping. Chris Wasney, project architect, presented the design.

Two residents spoke in opposition to the project citing that the expansion of a business in a residential neighborhood would threaten the neighborhood, create terrible traffic as a result of the school use, could lead to a future enrollment increase, and should reduce enrollment, not increase the campus size. There was no other public comment.

The Commission discussed the project and gave their general support. They commended the applicant for the positive outreach to the neighborhood, they observed and discussed the queuing on Fremont Avenue, the good circulation plan, the benefits the school provides to the City by enrolling a majority of Los Altos and Los Altos Hills students, appreciated the inspiration for the new buildings design from the existing house on the property, the enrollment cap, and landscaping.

MOTION by Commissioner JUNAID, seconded by Commissioner BODNER, to approve applications 12-GPA-01, 12-Z-01, 12-D-01 and 12-UP-01 per the staff report findings and conditions.

It was MOVED by Commissioner BAER, seconded by Vice-Chair MOISON, to amend the motion to add the following additional condition:

- Require the applicant to plant at least 1-2 additional Pepper trees on site.

THE AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION WAS REJECTED BY A 1/5 VOTE.

THE ORIGINAL MOTION PASSED BY A 5/1 VOTE, WITH COMMISSIONER BAER OPPOSING.

COMMISSION REPORTS AND DIRECTION ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner JUNAID reported on the City Council, made note of a joint meeting to be held in September between the Planning and Transportation Commission and the City Council, and mentioned that the photo-simulation requirement code amendment would be coming before the Commission soon.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Bressack adjourned the meeting at 8:48 P.M.

Zachary Dahl, AICP
Senior Planner