



MINUTES DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION

7:00 P.M., Wednesday, October 17, 2012
Community Chambers, Los Altos City Hall
One North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California

CALL TO ORDER

Chair MEADOWS called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

ROLL CALL

All Present: Chair MEADOWS, Vice-Chair WHEELER, Commissioners BLOCKHUS, FARRELL and ZOUFONOUN
Staff: Planning Services Manager KORNFELD, Senior Planner DAHL and Assistant Planner DAVIS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Design Review Commission Minutes**
Minutes of the October 3, 2012 regular meeting.
2. **12-SC-24 – R. and A. Stern – 412 Cypress Drive**
Design modification to an approved two-story house to change the building materials to include standing seam metal roofing. *Project Planner: Dahl*

MOTION by Commissioner FARRELL, seconded by Commissioner ZOUFONOUN, to approve the Consent Calendar including the minutes of the October 3, 2012 regular meeting; and design review application 12-SC-24, per the staff report findings and conditions.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC HEARING

3. **12-V-09 – Chapman Design Associates – 1747 Kircher Court**
Setback variance to allow a front yard setback of 20 feet where 25 feet is required for an addition/remodel to an existing one-story house. *Project Planner: Dahl*

Senior Planner DAHL presented the staff report, recommending approval of variance application 12-V-09 subject to the listed findings and conditions.

Project designer, Walter Chapman, spoke in support of his application. There was no other public comment.

The Commission discussed the project and expressed their general support.

MOTION by Vice-Chair WHEELER, seconded by Commissioner BLOCKHUS, to approve variance application 12-V-09 per the staff report findings and conditions.
THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DISCUSSION

4. 12-SC-19 – J. McCarthy Designer, Inc. – 932 Parma Way

Design review for a new, two-story house. The project includes 3,247 square feet on the first floor and 884 square feet on the second floor. *Project Planner: Davis*

Assistant Planner DAVIS presented the staff report, recommending approval of design review application 12-SC-19 subject to the recommended findings and conditions.

Project designer, Jack McCarthy, spoke about the window size on the sides of the house and stated that he would agree to taller sills. Resident and neighbor, Terry Couture, spoke in support of the project design, stated that the higher quality materials were appreciated, and that the solar access on the property to the north should not be affected because of the daylight plane requirements. There was no other public comment.

The Commission discussed the project and expressed their general support. The Commission noted that privacy was reasonably maintained by the smaller size of the second story windows facing the sides and the recommended condition for landscape screening.

MOTION by Commissioner BLOCKHUS, seconded by Commissioner FARRELL, to approve design review application 12-SC-19 per the staff report findings and conditions.
THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. 12-SC-22 – L. Kahle – 1452 Aura Way

Design review for a new, two-story house. The project includes 2,368 square feet on the first floor and 1,664 square feet on the second floor. *Project Planner: Davis*

Assistant Planner DAVIS presented the staff report, recommending approval of design review application 12-SC-22 subject to the recommended findings and conditions.

The property owners spoke in support of the project. There was no other public comment.

The Commission discussed the window orientation and the reduced need for landscaping adjacent to Bedroom No. 2 and expressed their general support.

MOTION by Vice-Chair WHEELER, seconded by Commissioner ZOUFONOUN, to approve design review application 12-SC-22 per the staff report findings and conditions, with the following changes:

- Fix the typos in the staff report regarding north and south direction.

- Revise condition No. 3 to split the condition and remove the reference to Bedroom No. 2 and bathroom.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair MEADOWS adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM.

David Kornfield, AICP
Planning Services Manager