



MINUTES DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION

7:00 P.M., Wednesday, September 19, 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 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Design Review Commission Minutes

Minutes of the September 5, 2012 regular meeting.

MOTION by Commissioner BLOCKHUS, seconded by Commissioner FARRELL, to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2012 regular meeting as amended with the correct date.
THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. 12-SC-11 – G. Yu – 425 Benvenue Avenue

Design review for a new, 4,682-square-foot one-story house over 20 feet in height. *Project Planner: Dahl*

Senior Planner DAHL presented the staff report, recommending approval of design review application 12-SC-11 subject to the recommended findings and conditions.

The property owner spoke in support of the project, provided the Commission with site and neighborhood photos, and noted that she had met with adjacent neighbors. She raised concerns about the conditions requiring an increased right side yard setback, lowering the height of the front entry element and lowering the tennis court fence. There was no other public comment.

The Commission discussed the project and expressed their general support for the design. The Commission noted that more street trees and landscaping in the front yard would buffer the bulk/mass of

the new house, that right side yard setback was appropriate as designed and that the front entry element was in scale with the new house.

MOTION by Vice-Chair WHEELER, seconded by Commissioner BLOCKHUS, to approve design review application 12-SC-11 per the staff report findings and conditions, with the following changes:

- Strike condition No. 2.
- Strike condition No. 3.
- Modify condition No. 4 to include additional landscape and trees in the front yard

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair MEADOWS adjourned the meeting at 8:12 PM.

Zachary Dahl, AICP
Senior Planner