

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 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, Commissioners BLOCKHUS, WHEELER
and MEADOWS

STAFF: Planning Services Manager DAHL and Assistant Planner GALLEGOS

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 2, 2015.

MOTION by Commissioner MEADOWS, seconded by Commissioner WHEELER, to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2015 regular meeting as amended to remove additional condition 1(d) from the motion for 218 Mt. Hamilton Avenue.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5/0).

DISCUSSION

2. 14-SC-37 – InnerHouse Design – 1626 Austin Avenue

Design review for an addition and remodel to a two-story house. The project includes an addition of 278 square feet on the first story and 894 square feet on the second story. *Project Planner: Gallegos*

Assistant Planner GALLEGOS presented the staff report recommending approval of design review application 14-SC-37 subject to the findings and conditions.

Project applicant and designer Cindy Brozicevic presented and outlined the changes to the project. There was no other public comment.

The Commission discussed the project and gave their general support. Chair KIRIK stated that the design could be improved by adding a small side window in the bedroom and continuation of the eye-brow roof on the front elevation.

MOTION by Vice-Chair MOISON, seconded by Commissioner MEADOWS, to approve design review application 14-SC-37 per the staff report findings and conditions.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5/0).

3. 15-SC-18 – C. Nguyen – 444 Arboleda Drive

Design review for a two-story addition and remodel to a one-story house. The project includes an addition of 85 square feet on the first story and 742 square feet on the second story. *Project Planner: Gallegos*

Assistant Planner GALLEGOS presented the staff report recommending approval of design review application 15-SC-18 subject to the listed findings and conditions.

Project applicant and designer Chad Nguyen presented the project, outlined the design changes, and requested that the second floor be allowed to maintain nine-foot walls. Property owner Navneet Aron outlined why they want nine-foot ceilings on the second floor. There was no other public comment.

The Commission discussed the project and provided the following comments: the second floor should have an eight-foot wall plate height to reduce bulk and mass; concern about privacy on the right side of the house; consider coffering or vaulting to get taller ceilings; and the applicant could consider nine-foot first story walls with eight-foot second story walls.

MOTION by Chair KIRIK, seconded by Commissioner BLOCKHUS, to continue design review application 15-SC-18 to the September 30, 2015 meeting, with the following direction:

- Provide nine-foot plates on the first floor at the new addition in the center;
- Eight-foot plates on the second floor; and
- Consider connecting the entry and left side roof on the first floor.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5/0).

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None.

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair KIRIK adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.

Zachary Dahl, AICP
Planning Services Manager, Current Planning