



MINUTES ARCHITECTURE AND SITE REVIEW COMMITTEE

4:00 p.m., May 16, 2007
Los Altos Community Meeting Chambers
One North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California 94022

Call to Order

Commissioner BRESSACK called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Roll Call

Present: Commissioners BRESSACK, BAER, and UHLIR (for SATTERLEE)

Absent: Chair SATTERLEE

Staff: Senior Planner KORNFIELD and Assistant Planner LACEY

Minutes

Consideration of the minutes from the May 2, 2007 Architecture and Site Review Committee meeting.

Motion: BAER/BRESSACK

Moved to adopt the May 2, 2007 meeting minutes as amended.

PASSED: 2/0/1 (UHLIR abstained)

Discussion

1. 07-SC-12 – S. Simpson, AIA – 225 Cuesta Drive

Consideration of design review to construct a new 3,976 square-foot, single-story house. *Project Planner: Lacey*

Assistant Planner LACEY presented the staff report and made himself available to answer questions.

Public Comment

The project architect spoke in support of the proposal and made himself available for questions. There were no other speakers and BRESSACK closed the public meeting.

Discussion

Committee members noted their support of the project and ways to address their concerns.

Motion: BAER/UHLIR

Moved to approve application 07-SC-12 per the staff report findings and with the following condition:

- The applicant shall work with staff to improve the landscaping on the left side yard and rear yard.

PASSED: 3/0

2. 07-SC-13 – P. and M. Adams – 228 Marvin Avenue

Consideration of design review to construct a new, two-story house. The project includes a 3,453 square-foot first story and a 992 square-foot second story. *Project Planner: Lacey*

Assistant Planner LACEY presented the staff report and made himself available to answer questions.

Public Comment

The project architect spoke in support of the proposal and made himself available for questions. The owner also spoke in favor of the project. Several neighbors spoke in support of the design, while others voiced their concerns over the bulk of the project. Once all speakers had the chance to discuss the project, Commissioner BRESSACK closed the public meeting.

Discussion

Committee members noted their concerns over the volume and bulk of the project. The item took a brief recess, and upon its continuance, the owner elected to continue the hearing to a later date. Commissioner UHLIR noted her dissent to the condition because she found the design to be acceptable.

Motion: BAER/BRESSACK

Moved to continue application 07-SC-13 with the following direction:

- Reduce the perception of mass and reduce the scale and volume of the second floor in relation to the street.

PASSED: 2/1 (UHLIR opposed)

3. 07-SC-02 – Y. Wu – 126 S. Clark Avenue

Re-consideration of design review to construct a new, two-story house. The project includes a 2,769 square-foot first story and a 1,165 square-foot second story. *Project Planner: Lacey*

Assistant Planner LACEY presented the staff report and made himself available to answer questions.

Public Comment

The project architect spoke in support of the proposal and made herself available for questions. Some neighbors spoke with concerns about privacy and the size of the proposed house and the condition of the Deodara Cedar tree in the right side yard. Once all speakers had the chance to discuss the project, Commissioner BRESSACK closed the public meeting.

Discussion

Committee members noted their support of the project and ways to address their concerns. Commissioner BAER noted his dissent for the project in that the choice of roof materials were not compatible with the neighborhood and that the roof lacked design integrity.

Motion: UHLIR/BRESSACK

Moved to approve application 07-SC-02 per the staff report findings and conditions, with the following additional conditions:

- The Buckeye trees in the rear yard shall be replaced with Evergreen trees.
- The house shall be designed to maintain the Cedar tree in the right side yard and follow any recommendation in the arborist report.

PASSED: 2/1 (BAER opposed)

Adjournment

Commissioner BRESSACK adjourned the meeting at 6:00 PM.

Prepared by:

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