



MINUTES ARCHITECTURE AND SITE REVIEW COMMITTEE

4:00 p.m., August 15, 2007
Los Altos Community Meeting Chambers
One North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California 94022

Call to Order

Chair SATTERLEE called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Roll Call

Present: Chair SATTERLEE, Commissioners BRESSACK and UHLIR (for BAER)
Staff: Senior Planner KORNFIELD and Assistant Planner LACEY

Minutes

Consideration of the minutes from the August 1, 2007 Architecture and Site Review Committee meeting.

Motion: BRESSACK/ SATTERLEE

Moved to adopt the August 1, 2007 meeting minutes as amended by Commissioner BRESSACK.

PASSED: 2/0/1 (UHLIR abstained)

Consent Calendar

None.

Discussion

1. 07-SC-19 – X. and S. Cremoux – 980 Miramonte Avenue

Re-consideration of a design review for a new, two-story house with a detached second living unit. The house includes 3,454 square feet on the first floor and 886 square feet on the second floor; the detached second living unit contains 408 square feet. *Project Planner: Lacey*

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

Public Comment

The project designer spoke in support of the proposal and explained that the clerestory of the house was to add light and to balance the design architecturally.

Discussion

Commissioner UHLIR stated that the clerestory areas should be removed due to being too bulky and BRESSACK thought that there were not enough changes made to the design and it was still bulky and formal.

Motion: BRESSACK/UHLIR

Moved to approve application 07-SC-19 per the staff report findings and conditions, with the following additional conditions:

- There shall be no cooking facilities in the basement.
- The off-street parking shall be designed for safe ingress and egress with a minimum depth of 18 feet.
- The linear light monitors (clerestory windows) shall be removed.

PASSED: 3/0

2. 07-SC-20 – R. Nalluri – 1097 Muir Way

Re-consideration of design review for a second-story addition. The project adds 85 square feet on the first floor and 1,342 square feet on the second floor. *Project Planner: Lacey*

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

Public Comment

None.

Discussion

Chair SATTERLEE questioned why the living room element was so tall and said that this was her only issue with the design. Commissioner BRESSACK commented that the roof was not a simpler design and the taller living room did not solve the problem, it exacerbates it and dwarfs the entry. Commissioner UHLIR stated that she liked the original plan better.

Motion: BRESSACK/UHLIR

Moved to approve application 07-SC-20 per the staff report findings and conditions, with the following change and additional condition:

- Modify condition No. 5 so that the windows be aesthetic in shape.
- The living room wall element shall be lowered to the approximate wall height of the garage.

PASSED: 3/0

3. 07-SC-15 – C. Hsu – 87 Pasa Robles Avenue – Lot 1

Consideration of a project modification to consider removing a condition of approval to preserve a large Deodara Cedar tree in the front yard for an approved two-story house. *Project Planner: Lacey*

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

Public Comment

The project designer spoke about the challenges of the site. The project arborist stated that the tree was a mature tree with deferred maintenance and recommended removal of it. Two neighbors expressed concern about the removal of the trees on the project site.

Discussion

Commissioner BRESSACK stated that she could not support the request to remove the tree because it was a design choice. She demonstrated how the tree could be saved. She thought the house should be moved back 10 feet, the porch be redone, limit the basement, and one Category I street tree should be put in the left corner of the property. Commissioner UHLIR said that she was inclined to grant the request to remove the tree and Chair SATTERLEE said that she was not sure of the information given and would like to continue the application to get more information.

Motion: BRESSACK/SATTERLEE

Moved to deny the modification to application 07-SC-15 to remove the condition to preserve the large Deodara Cedar tree.

PASSED: 2/1 (UHLIR opposed)

Adjournment

Chair SATTERLEE adjourned the meeting at 5:20 PM.

Prepared by:

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