



MINUTES ARCHITECTURE AND SITE REVIEW COMMITTEE

6:00 p.m., March 5, 2008
Los Altos Community Meeting Chambers
One North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California 94022

CALL TO ORDER

Chair BAER called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair BAER, Vice-Chair BRESSACK, and Commissioner LORELL
Staff: Senior Planner KORNFIELD, Associate Planner DAHL, and Assistant Planners LACEY and KOO

MINUTES

MOTION BY VICE-CHAIR BRESSACK, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LORELL, to approve the February 20, 2008 meeting minutes. THE MOTION PASSED 2/0/1, with Chair BAER abstaining.

CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

DISCUSSION

1. 1960 Noel Drive – Design Review Application

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

The property owner discussed the changes that were made to the plans and the difficulties in re-orientating the site plan (diagonal with grade contours).

Three neighbors spoke with concerns that not enough substantial changes were made to the plans.

The Committee expressed that there were not enough substantial changes made to the design plans and the project should be continued and/or go to a study session.

MOTION BY VICE-CHAIR BRESSACK, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LORELL, to continue the design review application 07-SC-38 to a study session. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. 1786 Newcastle Drive – Design Review Application

Assistant Planner KOO presented the staff report and made herself available to answer questions.

The project designer stated that they could modify the porch on the second living unit if necessary, that they wanted a three-car wide driveway, and could narrow the front walkway and remove the left side walk.

The Committee expressed support for the design, stated that they wanted another street tree to be planted and the paving to be reduced.

MOTION BY VICE-CHAIR BRESSACK, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LORELL, to approve the design review application 07-SC-54 per the staff report findings and conditions with the following additional conditions:

- Add a Category I street tree such as a Camphor or others on Newcastle Drive; and
- Work with staff to reduce paving.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. 569 Lassen Street – Design Application

Associate Planner DAHL presented the staff report and made himself available to answer questions.

The project architect spoke about the modular process.

Two neighbors spoke with concerns about parking, storage, trees, and privacy issues from the decks.

The Committee members stated that they supported the project and said it was well designed. A Committee member had a concern about the loss of on street parking.

MOTION BY VICE-CHAIR BRESSACK, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LORELL, to recommend approval of design application 08-D-01 to the City Council per the staff report findings and conditions with the following additional conditions:

- Add a Category I street tree; and
- Locate trash in best location (i.e. side).

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair BAER adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.

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