



MINUTES ARCHITECTURE AND SITE REVIEW COMMITTEE

6:00 p.m., July 16, 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

All Present: Chair BAER, Commissioners BRESSACK and HULL
Staff: Planning Services Manager KORNFIELD, Associate Planner DAHL, and Assistant
Planners LACEY and KOO

MINUTES

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BRESSACK, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HULL, to approve the July 2, 2008 meeting minutes, as amended. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. 1380 Montclair Way – Design Review Application

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HULL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BRESSACK, to approve the consent calendar per the staff report findings and conditions. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DISCUSSION

2. 846 Clinton Road – Design Review Application

Assistant Planner KOO presented the staff report and answered questions of the Committee.

The project architect spoke in regard to removing tree Nos. 2 and 5 based on the arborist report and providing a revised site plan for the trees.

The Committee discussed their general support of the project.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BRESSACK, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HULL, to approve design review application 08-SC-16 per the staff report findings and conditions, with the following additional condition:

- The removal of tree Nos. 2 and 5 shall be permitted.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. 08-SC-09 – R. and S. Sayar – 514 Torwood Lane

Assistant Planner LACEY presented the staff report and answered questions of the Committee.

The applicant and his architect spoke about the changes that were made to the design plans. Neighborhood input ranged from concerns about potential privacy impacts and the bulk of the project to statements about the project's appropriate relationship to the neighborhood character.

Commissioner HULL noted that he could support the project as amended by the applicant with some conditions. Commissioners BRESSACK and BAER discussed their concerns about the project as they related to the perceived mass and bulk, the formality of the design, and the building materials.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BRESSACK, SECONDED BY CHAIR BAER, to continue design review application 08-SC-09, with the following direction to work with staff on "good neighbor" design changes that:

- Reduce the bulk and mass of the second story;
- Consider materials that are more consistent with the neighborhood and less formal in appearance;
- Minimize abrupt changes; and
- Consider alternative window and design elements.

THE MOTION CARRIED 2-1 (HULL opposed).

4. 07-D-07 WD Partners – 988 N. San Antonio Road

Associate Planner DAHL presented the staff report and answered questions of the Committee.

The applicant spoke in support of the project, noting that "design scheme no. 1" was the preferred design alternative but that they were willing to make modifications if necessary.

The Committee expressed general support for "design scheme no. 1," noting that the design started to incorporate human scale into the project, that they liked the darker color and simple design of the mini-market. However, the Committee noted that they would like to see more human scale incorporated into the design of the mini-market, reduce the bulk of the gas pump canopies and provide additional articulation/relief to the side and rear elevations.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BRESSACK, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HULL, to recommend approval of design review application 07-D-07 to the Planning Commission subject to the following direction:

- Improve/increase the human scale details of the project design, including:
 - Lowering the awnings;
 - Breaking up the undifferentiated stucco massing on the side and rear elevations; and
 - Reducing the fascia height of the gas pump canopies to more resemble "design scheme no. 2."

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair BAER adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM.

Prepared by:

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