



MINUTES ARCHITECTURE AND SITE REVIEW COMMITTEE

6:00 p.m., December 3, 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, Commissioners HULL and UHLIR (for BRESSACK)
Absent: Commissioner BRESSACK
Staff: Planning Services Manager KORNFIELD, Associate Planner DAHL and Assistant Planners LACEY and KOO

MINUTES

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HULL, and SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER UHLIR, to approve the November 19, 2008 meeting minutes, per Chair BAER'S amendment.
THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

DISCUSSION

1. 1112 S. Springer Road – Design Review Application

Assistant Planner KOO presented the staff report recommending approval of the project and answered questions from the Committee.

The Committee stated their support for the project.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HULL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER UHLIR, to approve design review application 08-SC-30 per the staff report findings and conditions.
THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. 225 Del Monte Avenue – Design Review Application

Associate Planner DAHL presented the staff report recommending approval of the project and answered questions from the Committee.

The project architect spoke in support of the project, noting that their design goal was to create a contemporary design that was compatible with the neighborhood. The property owner's attorney spoke in regards to the civil matters that surrounded the subject and adjacent properties and noted

that they did not pertain to the design review approval. A neighbor spoke about the project, raising concerns about solar shading issues and neighborhood compatibility of the proposed design.

The Committee spoke in general support of the project, noting that it was a quality design and functionally compatible with the neighborhood. One commissioner raised a concern about neighborhood classification, noting that it appeared to be of a consistent character and that the contemporary design may not be appropriate.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER UHLIR, AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HULL, to approve design review application 08-SC-31 per the staff report finding and conditions. THE MOTION PASSED BY A 2/1 VOTE, WITH BAER OPPOSED.

3. 36 Lyell Street – Design Review Application

Assistant Planner LACEY presented the staff report recommending approval of the project and answered questions from the Committee.

The project architect and property owner spoke about the project. Some residents expressed concerns about the height and layout of the structure. In response, the applicant offered to lower the height of the building.

A majority of the Committee expressed support for the differentiated design as originally proposed and the suggestion that the applicant lower the height of the building. A minority of the Committee preferred to see a single design theme carried throughout the building, but also noted that differentiating the units may be appropriate with the inclusion of an alternative design brought before the Planning Commission.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HULL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER UHLIR, to recommend approval of design review application 08-D-02 to the Planning Commission, per the staff report findings and direction, with the following change:

- The project shall lower the ridge heights to approximately 26 feet.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair BAER adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.

Prepared by:

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