



## MINUTES ARCHITECTURE AND SITE REVIEW COMMITTEE

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6:00 p.m., July 15, 2009  
Los Altos Community Chambers  
One North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California 94022

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### CALL TO ORDER

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

### ROLL CALL

Present: Chair BRESSACK, Commissioners ABRAMS, and BAER (for UHLIR)  
Absent: Commissioner UHLIR  
Staff: Associate Planner DAHL

### CONSENT CALENDAR

#### 1. Architecture and Site Review Committee Minutes

Approval of minutes – meeting of June 17, 2009

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ABRAMS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BRESSACK, to continue the June 17, 2009 meeting minutes due to lack of a quorum from subject meeting. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### 2. 1925 Farndon Avenue – Design Review Application

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

The applicant presented the revised project designs, noting that the second story side elevations had been reduced in length by 11 feet, the roof lines had been simplified, the front elevation design had been improved with the addition of a Monterey Mission style balcony and that the overall profile of the house was very low for a two story structure.

Multiple neighbors spoke in opposition to the project, noting that the proposed architectural style and two-story design was not consistent with the surrounding neighborhood, and that there would privacy impacts from the proposed second story side elevation windows.

The Committee noted that the revised design was much improved from the previous design and that the second massing was as minimal as could be given the constraints of the nonconforming structure. However, the Committee noted that the proposed design still needed to do more to reduce the second story bulk and mass and that this could only be accomplished by removing square footage from the second floor. The Committee also expressed support for converting the fireplace to non-wood burning so the chimney could be reduced or removed, for having all evergreen trees

and screening along the side property lines and for using materials that were more compatible with the surrounding neighborhood.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BAER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ABRAMS, to continue design review application 09-SC-09, with the following direction:

- Reduce the height of, or eliminate, the chimney by converting the fireplace to non-woodburning.
- Further reduce bulk and mass of the second story by reducing square footage on the second story.
- Consider changing the proposed roof material.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair BRESSACK adjourned the meeting at 6:35 PM.

Prepared by:

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Zachary Dahl, AICP  
Associate Planner