



MINUTES ARCHITECTURE AND SITE REVIEW COMMITTEE

6:00 p.m., August 5, 2009
Los Altos Community Chambers
One North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California 94022

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

All Present: Chair BRESSACK, Commissioners ABRAMS, and UHLIR
Staff: Planning Services Manager KORNFIELD and Assistant Planner LACEY

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Architecture and Site Review Committee Minutes

Approval of minutes – meetings of June 17, 2009 and July 15, 2009

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ABRAMS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER UHLIR, to approve the June 17, 2009 meeting minutes as amended.
THE MOTION PASSED BY A 2/0/1 VOTE, WITH BRESSACK ABSTAINED.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ABRAMS, SECONDED BY CHAIR BRESSACK, to approve the July 15, 2009 meeting minutes as-is.
THE MOTION PASSED BY A 2/0/1 VOTE, WITH UHLIR ABSTAINED.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. 176 Coronado Avenue – Design Review Application

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

The applicant spoke in support of the project. There was no public comment.

The Committee stated their general support of the project.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ABRAMS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER UHLIR, to approve design review application 09-SC-01 per the staff report findings and conditions.
THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. 1052 Ray Avenue – Design Review Application

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

The property owner spoke in support of the project and answered questions from the Committee. Several neighbors spoke with concerns about the project pertaining to vermin control, parking, and the location of mechanical equipment. Staff noted to the Committee that we will follow up administratively with regard to the vermin issue and vector control requirements.

Originally, a majority of the Committee stated that they could support the project per the conditions of approval. A minority of the Committee stated that the mass and bulk of the second story was excessive, and that the project did not protect enough trees in the rear yard.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER UHLIR, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BRESSACK, to continue design review application 09-SC-02, with the following direction:

- Reduce the mass and bulk of the second floor.
- Selective retention of trees in the rear yard.

THE MOTION PASSED BY A 2/1 VOTE, WITH ABRAMS OPPOSED.

4. 09-SC-15 – A. and J. Cohn – 787 Sunshine Drive

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

The project architect and property owners spoke in support of the project and discussed alternatives to staff's landscaping conditions. There was no public comment.

The Committee stated their general support of the project.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER UHLIR, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ABRAMS, to approve design review application 09-SC-15, per the staff report findings and conditions and with the following changes:

- Remove condition No. 2.
- Revise condition No. 3 to work with staff on identifying and filling-in screening on the right side and rear yard of the property to maintain the existing landscaping as much as possible to provide more privacy.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair BRESSACK adjourned the meeting at 7:08 PM.

Prepared by:

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Planning Services Manager