



MINUTES ARCHITECTURE AND SITE REVIEW COMMITTEE

6:00 p.m., November 4, 2009
Los Altos Community Chambers
One North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California 94022

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners BRESSACK and UHLIR.
Absent: Chair ABRAMS.
Staff: Planning Services Manager KORNFIELD and Assistant Planner KOO.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Architecture and Site Review Committee Minutes**
Approval of minutes – meeting of September 30, 2009.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER UHLIR, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BRESSACK, to approve the September 30, 2009 meeting minutes.
THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. **199 Main Street – Appeal of Sign Approval**
(Note: Commissioner UHLIR could not participate in any discussion or vote on this item due to a conflict of interest). Commissioner BRESSACK continued application 09-SC-31 to the November 18, 2009 Architecture and Site Review Committee meeting due to lack of a quorum to act on the item.

3. **190 Pasa Robles Avenue – Design Review Application**
Assistant Planner KOO presented the staff report recommending approval of the project.

The project architect spoke in favor of the project and made comments on the improved design. There was no other public comment.

The Committee recognized the changes to the project and stated their general support of the project.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER UHLIR, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BRESSACK, to approve design review application 09-SC-20 per the staff report findings and conditions. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. 287 Eleanor Avenue – Design Review Application

Planning Services Manager KORNFELD presented the staff report recommending approval of the project.

The project architect and the property owners spoke in favor of the project. There was no other public comment.

One Committee member stated that they had done a good job at minimizing the second story. The other Committee member stated a concern with the Pine tree removal and privacy of bedroom #2 and suggested raising the sill of one of the windows, whichever provides better privacy (per staff). She also said that the tree should be kept or the second story be made smaller.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BRESSACK, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER UHLIR, to approve design review application 09-SC-27 per the staff report findings and conditions, and with the following additional conditions:

1. Condition No. 2 was changed to specify including such design detailing as the wood siding, the gable braces, the vent, etc.;
2. Condition No. 3 was changed to specify that a Consulting Arborist report shall be prepared with the goal of preserving Tree No. 2 (Monterey Pine) and providing any necessary tree protection measures; and
3. A condition was added to require the raising of either window in Bedroom No. 2 to a sill height of 44 inches to provide the most privacy for the property to the east, at the discretion of staff.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. 09-SC-29 – R. Kohler – 1343 McKenzie Avenue

Assistant Planner KOO presented the staff report recommending approval of the project.

Several neighbors spoke about the project with concerns about privacy, neighborhood compatibility, and landscape shading. The property owner's representative spoke in favor of the project and stated that he would work with the neighbors on the landscaping and would plant in advance of starting the project. He also said that most of the side windows were passive. There was no other public comment.

The Committee discussed concerns with the project in regards to bulk, neighborhood compatibility, complex roof forms and tree maintenance. The Committee suggested keeping Tree Nos. 5 and 12 and recommended providing an alternative report on the trees from a Consulting Arborist.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER UHLIR, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BRESSACK, to
continue design review application 09-SC-29.
THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner BRESSACK adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Prepared by:

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