

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2013,
BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M. AT LOS ALTOS CITY HALL, ONE NORTH SAN
ANTONIO ROAD, LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA**

ESTABLISH QUORUM

PRESENT: Chair WHEELER, Vice-Chair FARRELL and Commissioners MEADOWS,
BLOCKHUS and KIRIK
STAFF: Planning Services Manager KORNFIELD and Assistant Planner GALLEGOS

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Design Review Commission Minutes

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of October 2, 2013

MOTION by Commissioner MEADOWS, seconded by Vice-Chair FARRELL, to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2013 regular meeting.

THE MOTION PASSED BY A 4/0/1 VOTE, WITH COMMISSIONER KIRIK ABSTAINING.

DISCUSSION

2. 13-SC-21 – N. Villabroza – 702 Benvenue Avenue

Design review for a new, two-story house. The project includes 2,389 square feet on the first floor and 1,409 square feet on the second floor. *Project Planner: Gallegos*

Assistant Planner GALLEGOS presented the staff report, recommending approval of design review application 13-SC-21 subject to the listed findings and conditions.

The project architect Carl Hess explained the project details, provided a 3-D rendering to the Commission and stated that the neighbors were in agreement on the landscape plan. Neighbor Jim Fenton said that he was satisfied with the project as proposed and did not want tall evergreen screening between the homes. There was no other public comment.

The Commission discussed the project including such topics as the potential privacy impacts from stairway tower and the concept of the front yard landscaping (paving). The Commission applauded the applicant's outreach to the surrounding neighbors and expressed their general support for the project.

MOTION by Commissioner MEADOWS, seconded by Commissioner BLOCKHUS, to approve application 13-SC-21 per the staff report findings and revised conditions.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None.

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair WHEELER adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM.

David Kornfield, AICP
Planning Services Manager