

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2017
BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M. AT LOS ALTOS CITY HALL, ONE NORTH SAN
ANTONIO ROAD, LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA**

ESTABLISH QUORUM

PRESENT: Chair Glew and Commissioners Kirik, Moison and Zoufonoun
ABSENT: Vice-Chair Harding
STAFF: Current Planning Services Manager Dahl

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 4, 2017.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Moison, seconded by Commissioner Zoufonoun, the Commission approved the minutes of the October 4, 2017 Regular Meeting as written. The motion passed by the following vote: AYES: Glew, Kirik, Moison and Zoufonoun; NOES: None; ABSENT: Harding; ABSTAIN: None. (4-0)

DISCUSSION

2. 16-SC-22 – L. Yao and Y. He – 425 Harrington Court

Design review for a new two-story house. The project includes 2,368 square feet on the first story and 1,116 square feet on the second story with a 1,975 square-foot basement. This application was continued from the November 2, 2016 Design Review Commission meeting.

Project Planner: Dahl

Planning Services Manager Dahl presented the staff report, recommending approval of the design review application and answered questions from the Commission.

Project architect Henry Zing presented the project and provided graphics to show the design changes related to second story massing, rear yard privacy and one-site parking.

Public Comment

Resident Melinda Franssen expressed concerns about the number of bedrooms in the house, the limited amount of on-site parking provided, and that the Neighborhood Compatibility Worksheet was not filled out correctly.

Resident Katie Dellamaggiore expressed concerns about potential increased traffic from the project and that the house is too large for the neighborhood.

Resident Aditya Kapoor expressed concerns about the size of the house, potential issues with future rental of the house and negative impacts to the cul-de-sac neighborhood.

Citizen and friend of the applicant Joyce Lin expressed support for the project, noting that the owners intend to live in the neighborhood and that the project is compatible with the neighborhood.

Resident Anne Chan expressed concerns that the house was functionally three-stories, that the basement could be converted into an accessory dwelling unit and that it could create parking issues.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Kirik, seconded by Commissioner Moison, the Commission approved design review application 16-SC-22 per the staff report findings and conditions, with the following additional conditions:

- Add a third on-site uncovered parking space and widen the driveway accordingly; and
- Consider rotating the house footprint clockwise to better align the face of the garage with the cul-de-sac.

The motion passed by the following vote: AYES: Glew, Kirik, Moison and Zoufonoun; NOES: None; ABSENT: Harding; ABSTAIN: None. (4-0)

Commissioner Moison departed the meeting (8:10 PM).

3. Preparation for the Annual Joint DRC/CC Meeting

Project Manager: Dahl

The Commission discussed items for the upcoming joint meeting with the City Council and voiced concerns about the new Council Chambers layout for meetings.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None.

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Glew adjourned the meeting at 8:17 PM.

Zach Dahl, AICP
Current Planning Services Manager