

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2014,
BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M. AT LOS ALTOS CITY HALL, ONE NORTH SAN
ANTONIO ROAD, LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA**

ESTABLISH QUORUM

PRESENT: Chair BLOCKHUS, Vice-Chair KIRIK, Commissioners MEADOWS, MOISON
and WHEELER
STAFF: Planning Services Manager KORNFIELD and Senior Planner DAHL

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

CONSENT CALENDAR

Chair BLOCKHUS announced that design review application 14-SC-17 for 178 Santa Rita Avenue is continued to a date uncertain per the applicant's request.

1. **Design Review Commission Minutes**
Approve minutes of the regular meeting of July 2, 2014.
2. **14-SC-21 – K. Fitzpatrick – 15 San Juan Court**
Design review for a 628-square-foot detached accessory structure over 12 feet in height. *Project Planner: Dahl*

MOTION by Commissioner WHEELER, seconded by Commissioner MEADOWS, to approve the consent calendar. THE MINUTES PASSED BY A 4-0-1 VOTE, WITH COMMISSIONER MEADOWS ABSTAINED and 15 SAN JUAN COURT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0).

PUBLIC HEARING

3. **14-V-05 – D&G Residential Builders, Inc. – 195 Coronado Avenue**
Variance request to allow a front yard setback of 20 feet, where 25 feet is required for an addition of 260 square feet to an existing one-story house. *Project Planner: Dahl*

Senior Planner DAHL presented the staff report, recommending approval of variance application 14-V-05 subject to the findings and conditions.

Property owner Sanjay Kapoor spoke in support of the variance request, noting that the revised design reduced the visual impact of the garage. There was no other public comment.

A majority of commissioners expressed support for the variance request, noting that the revised design met the intent of the Commission's direction, that there is minimal visual impact from the garage and that the gable design is compatible with the existing house. The dissenting commissioner noted that he could support the variance request but opposed the motion based on design concerns about the prominence of the garage gable.

MOTION by Commissioner MEADOWS, seconded by Commissioner WHEELER, to approve application 14-V-05 per the staff report findings and conditions.
THE MOTION PASSED BY A 4/1 VOTE, WITH VICE-CHAIR KIRIK OPPOSED.

DISCUSSION

4. 14-SC-17 – W. Hui and S. Chang – 178 Santa Rita Court

Design review for a new, two-story house. The project includes 2,055 square feet on the first story and 1,138 square feet on the second story. *Project Planner: Dahl*

Application continued to a date uncertain at the request of the applicant.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None.

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair BLOCKHUS adjourned the meeting at 7:20 PM.

David Kornfield, AICP
Planning Services Manager