

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 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,
WHEELER and MOISON

STAFF: Planning Services Manager KORNFIELD and Assistant Planner LIM

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 August 6, 2014.

MOTION by Commissioner MOISON, seconded by Commissioner MEADOWS, to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2014 regular meeting as-amended to omit a typographical error. THE MOTION PASSED BY A 3/0/2 VOTE, WITH BLOCKHUS AND WHEELER ABSTAINED.

DISCUSSION

2. 14-SC-22 – Studio 3 Design – 910 Oxford Drive

Design review for a second story addition to an existing one-story house. The project includes a remodel of the first story and the addition of 761 square feet on the second story. *Project Planner: Lim*

Assistant Planner LIM presented the staff report recommending approval of design review application 14-SC-22 subject to the findings and conditions.

Property owners Max and Daphne Ross stated that they met with the neighbors and there were no apparent issues, they took pictures, and shared models on potential view impacts. The project designer Bess Wiersema spoke in support of the project and said her intent was to minimize bulk impacts with low walls, eight-foot plates and the addition away from impact areas.

Neighbors Bob Slate and Dieppedahe Emmanuel of Kent Drive spoke with concerns about privacy impacts. There was no other public comment.

The commissioners expressed support for the project's design but had concerns about the size of the deck and its potential privacy impacts on the neighbors. They also asked the applicant to provide a landscape plan and site sections for the down-sloped portion of the property.

MOTION by Commissioner WHEELER, seconded by Commissioner MOISON, to continue design review application 14-SC-22 to the September 3, 2014 Design Review Commission meeting, with the following direction:

- Provide a detailed landscape plan; and
- Provide site sections for down-slope of property.

THE MOTION PASSED BY A 4/1 VOTE, with Commissioner MEADOWS opposed. Commissioner MEADOWS supported staff-level conditions to resolve the landscape/deck privacy issue.

3. 14-SC-23 – G. Novitskiy – 1215 Altamead Drive

Design review for a second story addition to an existing one-story house and an accessory structure. The project includes 2,068 square feet on the first story, 1,119 square feet on the second story, and a 326-square-foot accessory structure. *Project Planner: Lim*

Assistant Planner LIM presented the staff report recommending approval of design review application 14-SC-23 subject to the findings and conditions.

The property owner Pei Huang stated she was expanding the house for the family and she is using a non-invasive variety of bamboo. Project designer George Novitskiy stated that the house was a Spanish-Mediterranean style. There was no other public comment.

The commissioners discussed the project and expressed their general support for the design. One Commissioner was concerned about using an invasive bamboo for landscape screening.

MOTION by Commissioner WHEELER, seconded by Commissioner MOISON, to approve design review application 14-SC-23 per the staff report findings and conditions.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None.

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair BLOCKHUS adjourned the meeting at 8:16 PM.