

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2015
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 WHEELER,
MEADOWS, and MOISON

STAFF: Planning Services Manager KORNFIELD and Assistant Planner DAVIS

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. Election of Design Review Commission Chair and Vice-Chair

Chair BLOCKHUS nominated Vice-Chair KIRIK as the new Design Review Commission Chair and Commissioner MEADOWS as the new Design Review Commission Vice-Chair. Commissioner WHEELER seconded the nominations. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. Design Review Commission Minutes

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of March 4, 2015.

MOTION by Commissioner MEADOWS, seconded by Chair BLOCKHUS, to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2015 regular meeting as amended by Commissioner MEADOWS to correct the final motion for agenda item No. 3 at 840 Madonna Way.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5/0).

PUBLIC HEARING

3. 15-V-01 – G. and J. Eger – 705 Raymundo Avenue

Variance to allow a six-foot tall fence with a setback of three feet from the exterior side yard along Springer Road, where a setback of five feet is required. *Project Planner: Gallegos*

Planning Services Manager KORNFIELD presented the staff report recommending approval of variance application 15-V-01 subject to the listed findings and conditions.

Project applicant Mrs. Eger stated that they wanted a six-foot fence for privacy from their bedrooms, and that the metal fence posts are to support the landscaping on the fence. There was no other public comment.

The Commissioners discussed the project and a majority expressed their general support for the variance. The Commission discussion included the appropriateness of landscape in front of the fence and that it should be linear in form to minimize impacts to the street, the consistency of the location of the nearby fences, the inconsistency in the plans and the need to survey the fence location. Chair KIRIK acknowledged public correspondence, noted his concerns that the plans were unclear and needed a survey even though it seems to meet the visibility triangle.

MOTION by Vice-Chair MOISON, seconded by Commissioner MEADOWS, to approve design variance application 15-V-01 per the staff report findings and conditions.
THE MOTION PASSED BY A 4/1 VOTE, WITH CHAIR KIRIK OPPOSED.

DISCUSSION

4. **15-SC-05 – D. Wilkinson – 1325 Oakhurst Avenue**

Design review for a two-story house. The project includes 2,848 square feet on the first story and 1,615 square feet on the second story. *Project Planner: Davis*

Assistant Planner DAVIS presented the staff report recommending approval of design review application 15-SC-05 subject to the listed findings and conditions.

Project designer Pearl Renaker spoke in support of the contemporary farm house design and stated that the property owner made outreach to the neighbors in the neighborhood context. She also said she considered a side facing garage, when asked by Chair KIRIK, but chose the front facing garage since it was the prevalent pattern already on the street.

Neighbor Kaye Chegwiddden opposed a two-story house, stated that the previous owner removed significant trees in the rear yard, and that there needs to be taller privacy screening included. Neighbor Russell Nord stated that it was a nice project, he prefers two-story for more open yard in the rear, and asked for more privacy screening along the south property line. There was no other public comment.

The Commissioners discussed the project and expressed their general support for the design.

MOTION Commissioner BLOCKHUS, seconded by Commissioner WHEELER, to approve design review application 15-SC-05 per the staff report findings and conditions.
THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5/0).

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None.

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Annual Commissioner training will be held on April 21, 2015 and Form 700 was mentioned.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair KIRIK adjourned the meeting at 8:24 PM.

David Kornfield
Planning Services Manager