

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2015 BEGINNING
AT 7:00 P.M. AT LOS ALTOS CITY HALL, ONE NORTH SAN ANTONIO ROAD, LOS
ALTOS, CALIFORNIA**

ESTABLISH QUORUM

PRESENT: Chair KIRIK, Vice-Chair MOISON, Commissioners BLOCKHUS and
MEADOWS and WHEELER

STAFF: Planning Services Manager KORNFIELD, Assistant Planner DAVIS and City
Attorney HOUSTON

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 May 6, 2015.

MOTION by Vice-Chair MOISON, seconded by Commissioner MEADOWS, to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2015 regular meeting as written. THE MOTION CARRIED BY A 4/0/1 VOTE, WITH COMMISSIONER WHEELER ABSTAINED.

DISCUSSION

2. 15-SC-10 – S. Stotler – 1075 Golden Way

Request to reconsider the recent action regarding the conditional approval of a new, two-story house. *Project Planner: Gallegos*

Planning Services Manager KORNFIELD presented the staff report to consider a reconsideration of a conditional approval of application 15-SC-10.

Property owner Richard Choi summarized his letter asking for reconsideration.

The Commissioners discussed the reconsideration and noted that the Commission had appropriately discussed the project and the potential conditions of approval; and, that according to the applicant's testimony, there was no new information presented supporting a request for reconsideration. The Commission also discussed the complexity of the motions leading to their ultimate action.

MOTION by Vice-Chair MOISON, seconded by Chair KIRIK, to not reconsider the conditional approval of application 15-SC-10.

THE MOTION PASSED BY A 2/1/2 VOTE, WITH BLOCKHUS OPPOSED and WHEELER AND MEADOWS ABSTAINED.

3. 14-SC-41 – Design Discoveries – 1265 Estate Drive

Design review modification for a new, second story balcony at the rear of the house. *Project Planner: Davis*

Assistant Planner DAVIS presented the staff report recommending approval of a modification to design review application 14-SC-41 to add a second story balcony subject to the listed findings.

The project applicant respectfully declined to present. There was no public comment.

The Commissioners discussed the project and gave their general support. The Commission discussed the potential privacy impacts; however, with the passive use of the balcony and the large oak tree providing reasonable privacy, the Commissioners gave their support.

MOTION by Commissioner MEADOWS, seconded by Vice-Chair MOISON to approve a modification to design review application 14-SC-41 per the staff report findings.
THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5/0).

4. 15-SC-14 – A. Williamson Architect – 1183 Lisa Lane

Design review for a two-story addition. The project includes additions of 542 square feet at the first-story and 623 square feet at the second-story. *Project Planner: Davis*

Assistant Planner DAVIS presented the staff report recommending approval of design review application 15-SC-14 subject to the listed findings and conditions and noted the post-report correspondence and line of sight diagram she received.

Owner and project applicant Carol Hayworth stated that the addition was placed to preserve prior remodeling efforts. Project designer Eric Asato noted the constraints of locating the addition at the first story given the two rear yard setback areas and that the design minimized the massing and privacy impacts.

Neighbor Richard Feldman supported the design but preferred that it be kept to a single-story. Neighbor Henry Pastorelli said he was concerned about privacy (windows 201 and 202), that there was no owner outreach prior to the City's notification. There was no other public comment.

The Commissioners discussed the project and gave their general support. The Commission discussion included noting the modest design approach and that it was in keeping with the existing design however imbalanced, that the privacy concern was reasonably mitigated by orientation and distance, that a concern over the rear facing windows was mitigated by trees; and that a cupola or other rooftop architectural element could be added block the sight lines.

MOTION by Commissioner BLOCKHUS, seconded by Commissioner MEADOWS to approve design review application 15-SC-14 per the staff report findings and conditions.
THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5/0).

5. Findings and Conditions

Presentation regarding project findings and conditions. *Project Manager: Attorney Houston*

City Attorney HOUSTON provided a PowerPoint presentation on how to develop legal and effective findings and conditions.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Chair KIRIK noted that 1977 Churton Avenue was appealed and the City Council upheld the Design Review Commission's approval. He said that the lesson-learned was to clarify landscape conditions.

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Commissioners unanimously supported adding line-of-sight diagrams and surveys on a future agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair KIRIK adjourned the meeting at 9:10 PM.

David Kornfield
Planning Services Manager