

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 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, Vice-Chair Harding and Commissioner Moison
ABSENT: Commissioners Kirik and Zoufonoun
STAFF: Planning Services Manager Kornfield

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

3. 17-SC-10 – J. Nesmith – 107 E. Portola Avenue

Design review application for a new two-story house. The project includes 1,914 square feet on the first-story and 1,078 square feet on the second-story with a basement. *Project Planner: Davis*

Action: As recommended by staff, Upon a motion by Vice-Chair Harding, seconded by Commissioner Moison, the Commission continued design review application 17-SC-10 to its August 16, 2017 meeting due to the Commission losing its quorum at 7:45 p.m. The motion passed by the following vote: AYES: Glew, Harding, and Moison; NOES: None; ABSENT: Kirik and Zoufonoun; ABSTAIN: None. (3-0)

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Design Review Commission Minutes

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of July 19, 2017.

Action: Upon a motion by Vice-Chair Harding, seconded by Commissioner Moison, the Commission approved the minutes of the July 19, 2017 Regular Meeting as written. The motion passed by the following vote: AYES: Glew, Harding, and Moison; NOES: None; ABSENT: Kirik and Zoufonoun; ABSTAIN: None. (3-0)

DISCUSSION

2. 16-SC-36 – R. Shee – 796 Nash Road

Design review application for a new two-story house. The project includes 2,808 square feet on the first-story and 2,042 square feet on the second-story with a basement. *Project Planner: Davis*

Planning Services Manager Kornfield presented the staff report, recommending approval of the project.

Project architect Steve Yang presented the project stating that he wanted to use a height up to 27 feet and will replace the retaining wall with concrete in the rear.

Public Comment

Neighbor Gerald Dellheim spoke with concerns about the rear retaining wall failing, privacy impacts, and limits for air conditioner noise.

Neighbor Connie Strayer spoke in with concerns over traffic and road degradation on the narrow street, wear and tear and access limitations.

Neighbor Kai Fan spoke with concerns about the retaining walls, stability, tree impacts, and air conditioner noise and stated that she would plant her own trees for privacy screening.

Project architect Steve Yang stated that he would study the retaining walls, will work out the landscaping issues with the neighbors, would raise the second story plate by one foot, and locate the air conditioner at the rear.

Action: Upon a motion by Vice-Chair Harding, seconded by Commissioner Moison, the Commission continued design review application 16-SC-36 with the following direction:

- Provide civil plan review for the existing retaining walls;
- Clarify the air conditioner location; and
- Allow the applicant to increase the second story plate height by one foot.

The motion passed by the following vote: AYES: Glew, Harding, and Moison; NOES: None; ABSENT: Kirik and Zoufonoun; ABSTAIN: None. (3-0)

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None.

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Glew adjourned the meeting at 7:46 PM.

David Kornfield
Advanced Planning Services Manager