

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DESIGN REVIEW  
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 5, 2018 BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M. AT LOS ALTOS CITY HALL, ONE  
NORTH SAN ANTONIO ROAD, LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA**

**ESTABLISH QUORUM**

PRESENT: Chair Harding, Vice-Chair Kirik, Commissioners Bishop and Ma  
ABSENT: Commissioner Glew  
STAFF: Planning Services Manager Dahl, Senior Planner Golden and Associate Planner Gallegos

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

None.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**1. Design Review Commission Minutes**

Approve minutes of the special meeting of August 23, 2018.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Bishop, seconded by Commissioner Ma, the Commission approved the minutes from the August 23, 2018 special meeting with modifications to agenda item #4 to state that Vice-Chair Kirik recused himself prior to the item and the motion to show a 4-0-1 vote with Vice-Chair Kirik recused.

The motion was approved (4-0) by the following vote:

AYES: Chair Harding, Vice-Chair Kirik, Commissioners Bishop and Ma

NOES: None

ABSENT: Glew

**DISCUSSION**

**2. 18-SC-03 – M. and A. Hodges – 160 W. Portola Avenue**

Design review for a new two-story house. The proposed project will include 2,307 square feet at the first story and 1,192 square feet at the second story with a 2,307 square-foot basement.

This project was continued from the June 20, 2018 DRC meeting. *Project Planner: Gallegos*

Associate Planner Gallegos presented the staff report, recommending approval of design review application 18-SC-03 subject to the listed findings and conditions.

Project architect Chip Jessup of M Designs Architects and property owner Anh Hodges presented the project.

Public Comment

Resident Bryan Johnson requested that the construction minimize impacts to Egan Junior High during school pick-up/drop-off times.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Ma, seconded by Commissioner Bishop, the Commission approved design review application 18-SC-03 per the listed findings and conditions, with the following additional condition:

- Recommend that construction deliveries be minimized during school pick-up/drop-off times.

The motion was approved (4-0) by the following vote:

AYES: Chair Harding, Vice-Chair Kirik, Commissioners Bishop and Ma

NOES: None

ABSENT: Glew

**3. 17-SC-33 – Mary Maydan/Maydan Architects – 745 Campbell Avenue**

Design review for a new two-story house. The proposed project will include 2,255 square feet at the first story and 1,302 square feet at the second story with a 1,048 square-foot basement. This project was continued from the August 1, 2018 DRC meeting. *Project Planner: Gallegos*

Associate Planner Gallegos presented the staff report, recommending approval of design review application 17-SC-33 subject to the listed findings and conditions.

Project architect Jennifer Dahl presented the project, noting a planter with privacy screening could be added along the rear facing portion of the balcony if necessary.

Public Comment

Neighbor Ken Altera stated that he appreciated the design changes, especially the removal of the rear facing balcony and addition of evergreen screening along the rear but is concerned about damage to his trees along the rear; does not like the industrial design style; and supports an additional planter along the rear deck railing.

The property owner Atilla Bodis responded that he would be happy to accommodate the neighbor's request.

Action: Upon a motion by Vice-Chair Kirik, seconded by Commissioner Ma, the Commission approved design review application 17-SC-33 per the listed findings and conditions.

The motion was approved (4-0) by the following vote:

AYES: Chair Harding, Vice-Chair Kirik, Commissioners Bishop and Ma

NOES: None

ABSENT: Glew

**4. 18-SC-21 – Casey Farmer – 81 Arbuelo Way**

Appeal of an administrative design review denial for a new one-story house. The project includes a new house with 3,787 square feet on the first story and a 1,640 square-foot basement. *Project Planner: Golden* This project was continued from the August 23, 2018 DRC Special Meeting.

Senior Planner Golden presented the staff report, recommending denial of the appeal for design review application 18-SC-21 subject to the listed findings.

Project architect Eugene Sakai spoke on behalf of West Valley Ventures, noting that he just came on board and was not the author of the plans, has concerns with the proposed design, and wants the Commission's feedback to help guide a successful redesign.

Public Comment

The neighbor on the right, Patricia, said she would like to see the climbing vines on the existing side fence maintained.

Neighbor Jon Winny expressed concern over the overall bulk, mass and scale of the project and that the scale should be reduced to better fit in with the rest of the neighborhood.

Action: Upon a motion by Vice-Chair Kirik, seconded by Commissioner Bishop, the Commission denied the appeal of design review application 18-SC-21 per the listed findings.

The motion was approved (4-0) by the following vote:

AYES: Chair Harding, Vice-Chair Kirik, Commissioners Bishop and Ma

NOES: None

ABSENT: Glew

**5. 18-SC-11 – K. Y. Narasimhan – 1540 Neston Way**

Design review for a two-story addition to an existing one-story house. The proposed project will include an addition of 611 square feet at the first story and 627 square feet at the second story. *Project Planner: Gallegos*

Associate Planner Gallegos presented the staff report, recommending denial of design review application 18-SC-11 subject to the listed findings.

Project engineer/designer Suping Shi presented the project, stating that it is a simple addition needed for an expanding family; the design works with the neighborhood setting; the side windows are needed for egress; the neighbors do not have any concerns; and the addition faces the Lucky Supermarket parking lot and office buildings.

Public Comment

None

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Bishop, seconded by Vice-Chair Kirik, the Commission continued design review application 18-SC-11, with the following direction:

- Improve the interior layout;
- Improve the exterior elevations and details;
- Provide a landscape/planting plan;
- Integrate the first-floor roofline into the addition;
- Consider addition of a first-floor porch and bay windows to reduce bulk/mass; and
- Re-evaluate the roof design.

The motion was approved (4-0) by the following vote:

AYES: Chair Harding, Vice-Chair Kirik, Commissioners Bishop and Ma

NOES: None

ABSENT: Glew

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

None

**POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Harding adjourned the meeting at 8:52 PM.

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Zachary Dahl, AICP  
Planning Services Manager

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