

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DESIGN REVIEW
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 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, Glew and Ma
STAFF: Planning Services Manager Dahl and Senior Planner Golden

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 November 7, 2018.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Glew, seconded by Vice-Chair Kirik, the Commission unanimously approved the minutes from the November 7, 2018 special meeting.

The motion was approved (5-0) by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC HEARING

2. 18-V-07 – Venkat Devireddy – 640 Covington Road

Variance to allow a one-story house to maintain an existing nonconforming front yard setback. The proposed project is seeking to maintain a front yard setback of 23.75 feet where 25 feet is required as part of a one-story addition and remodel. *Project Planner: Gallegos*

Planning Services Manager Dahl presented the staff report for Associate Planner Gallegos, recommending approval of the variance per the listed findings.

Project architect Glen Katz presented the project, requesting approval of the variance due to the odd shaped lot and atypical placement of the house.

Public Comment

None.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Glew, seconded by Commissioner Bishop, the Commission unanimously approved variance application 18-V-07 per the staff report findings and conditions.

The motion was approved (5-0) by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

DISCUSSION

3. 18-SC-16 – Shlomi Caspi/Timeline Design – 360 S. El Monte Avenue

Design Review for a new two-story house. The project includes 3,149 square feet at the first story and 959 square feet at the second story with a 1,268 square foot basement. *Project Planner: Golden*

Senior Planner Golden presented the staff report, recommending approval of the application per the listed findings and conditions.

Project applicant/designer Matthew Harrigan and property owner George Farber presented the project, noting extensive neighborhood outreach and requesting approval.

Multiple Commissioners noted concerns that the project's landscape plan was inadequate.

Public Comment

Resident Gennady Farber, former owner of 360 S. El Monte Ave, spoke in support of the project, noting that moving the driveway from El Monte Avenue and Edna Court will be a safety improvement.

Resident Prosper Neumann, owner of 351 Edna Court, expressed concerns related to construction parking on Edna Court and potential obstruction of the neighborhood's mailboxes.

Resident Christine Maloney, owner of 343 S. Gordon Way, expressed concerns related to privacy impacts from the west side windows on the second story and requested uniform evergreen screening trees be planted along the property line.

Resident Paul Simon, owner of 341 S. Gordon Way, expressed support for the proposed project.

Action: Upon a motion by Vice-Chair Kirik, seconded by Commissioner Bishop, the Commission unanimously approved design review application 18-SC-16 per the staff report findings and conditions, with the following additional conditions:

- The project's updated and complete landscape plan with enhanced evergreen screening along the west property line shall come back to the DRC for final approval; and
- The sill height of all second story windows on the west elevation shall be raised to five feet.

The motion was approved (5-0) by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Vice-Chair Kirik requested a 6:00 PM start time for the December 19, 2018 Design Review Commission meeting and the other Commissioners agreed.

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Harding adjourned the meeting at 8:35PM.

Zachary Dahl, AICP
Planning Services Manager

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