

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DESIGN REVIEW
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY,
MAY 1, 2019 BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M. AT HILLVIEW SOCIAL HALL,
97 HILLVIEW AVENUE, LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA**

ESTABLISH QUORUM

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

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 April 17, 2019.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Harding, seconded by Commissioner Ma, the Commission approved the minutes from the April 17, 2019 regular meeting as written.

The motion was approved (3-0) by the following vote:

AYES: Kirik, Harding and Ma

NOES: None

ABSENT: Bishop and Glew

DISCUSSION

2. MOD19-0002 – Via Builders, Inc. – 656 Benvenue Avenue

Modification to a previously approved two-story house (17-SC-37) to allow for changes to the size, shape and placement of windows on the second story. This project was continued from the April 17, 2019 DRC meeting. *Project Planner: Gallegos*

Associate Planner Gallegos presented the staff report, recommending approval of modifications to an approved design review application 17-SC-27 subject to the listed findings and conditions.

Property owner Mike Corsa and Contractor Ralph Saviano of Via Builders, Inc. presented the project, providing an overview of the window changes and the reasons why they were changed.

Public Comment

Neighbor Jeff Calmere expressed concerns about the window changes and the impacts to his privacy.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Harding, seconded by Commissioner Ma, the Commission denied modification application MOD19-0002.

The motion was withdrawn by Commissioner Harding.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Ma, seconded by Commissioner Harding, the Commission approved modification application MOD19-0002 per the staff report findings and conditions, with the following changes:

- Consistent with Condition No. 3, the two master bathroom windows sill heights shall be raised to four feet, six-inches from the second story finished floor.
- Remove the proposed window at the stairs; and
- Allow a skylight above the stairs.

The motion was approved (3-0) by the following vote:

AYES: Kirik, Harding and Ma

NOES: None

ABSENT: Bishop and Glew

3. 19-SC-01 – Daryl Harris – 119 Coronado Avenue

Design review for a new two-story house. The project includes 3,156 square feet at the first story and 1,294 square feet on the second story. *Project Planner: Hassan*

Assistant Planner Hassan presented the staff report, recommending denial of design review application 19-SC-01 subject to the listed findings.

Property owners Upendra Chinta and Durga Bhavani presented the project, outlining the reasons for their architectural design choice and why the project is consistent with the City's design findings.

Chair Kirik noted the multiple public correspondence letters that has been submitted to the commission via email.

Public Comment

Resident and neighbor David Zensius expressed support for the project, but noted that he would like additional evergreen screening planted along the rear property line to provide privacy.

Resident and neighbor Tom Riordan expressed support for the project.

Resident and neighbor Mark Lunsford expressed support for the project, noting that the neighborhood is evolving.

Resident and neighbor Linda Gass expressed support for the project, noting that it is a diverse character neighborhood.

Resident and neighbor Daniel Fisher expressed support for the project.

Resident and neighbor Pat Johnson expressed support for the project.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Ma, seconded by Commissioner Harding, the Commission continued design review application 19-SC-01 with the following direction:

- Revise the front elevation design to reduce massing and scale of front entry; and
- Update the landscape plan to clarify screening along the rear (specifically adjacent to the shed).

The motion was approved (3-0) by the following vote:

AYES: Kirik, Harding and Ma

NOES: None

ABSENT: Bishop and Glew

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Chair Kirik reported on the April 23, 2019 City Council meeting.

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kirik adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Zachary Dahl, AICP
Planning Services Manager

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