

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DESIGN REVIEW  
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY,  
JUNE 5, 2019 BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M. AT HILLVIEW SOCIAL HALL,  
97 HILLVIEW AVENUE, LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA**

**ESTABLISH QUORUM**

PRESENT: Chair Kirik, Commissioners Glew and Harding  
ABSENT: Vice-Chair Bishop and Commissioner Ma  
STAFF: Senior Planner Golden, Associate Planner Gallegos and Assistant Planners Hassan  
and Niday

**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 15, 2019.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Harding, seconded by Commissioner Glew, the Commission approved the minutes from the May 15, 2019 regular meeting as written.

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

AYES: Kirik, Glew, and Harding

NOES: None

ABSENT: Bishop and Ma

**2. 18-SC-04 – Michael Ma – 446 S. Clark Avenue**

Design review for a new two-story house. The project includes 2,081 square feet at the first story and 982 square feet at the second story. This project was continued from the April 3, 2019 DRC meeting. *Project Planner: Golden*

Senior Planner Golden presented the staff report, recommending approval of design review application 18-SC-04 subject to the listed findings and conditions.

Project arborist Kevin Kiely gave a brief overview of the tree concerns and said the proposed construction mitigation to tree #6 has been satisfied.

Chair Kirik asked the arborist about the inspection interval and Kevin stated as needed during construction and will need to irrigate during the dry season.

Public Comment

Neighbor Lisa Mitchell stated that the tree is in great shape, greenery is important, and wants the tree to be preserved.

Neighbor John Stuart stated there should be a further study of the tree with independent and impartial analysis, the revised plan will still damage the tree, and the revised plan should be further modified to address the Commission's concerns.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Harding, seconded by Commissioner Glew, the Commission approved design review application 18-SC-04 per the staff report findings and conditions, with the following additional condition:

- Increased inspections prior to excavations and weekly during construction or photos shall be provided by contractor to document that there were no changes to the site and incorporate into the final approval letter.

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

AYES: Kirik, Glew, and Harding

NOES: None

ABSENT: Bishop and Ma

### **3. 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 includes an addition of 485 square feet at the first story and 603 square feet at the second story. This project was continued from the September 5, 2018 DRC meeting. *Project Planner: Gallegos*

Associate Planner Gallegos presented the staff report, recommending approval of modifications to an approved design review application 18-SC-11 subject to the listed findings and conditions.

Project designer Revital Kaufman-Meron presented the project, describing the layout and design changes to the previous plan. A request was made to increase the window size on the second story towards the residential zoned area and reduce the window size facing the commercially zoned area.

Property owner Dr. Narasimhan stated that he planted privacy screening (Cypress) along the property line and the neighbor is not concerned about privacy based on their conversations.

#### Public Comment

None.

Action: Upon a motion by Chair Kirik, seconded by Commissioner Glew, the Commission approved design review application 18-SC-11 per the staff report findings and conditions, with the following additional condition:

- Allow for larger window size on the second story, left elevation per the applicant's request contingent upon a letter submitted by neighboring property owner agreeing to modification.

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

AYES: Kirik, Glew, and Harding

NOES: None

ABSENT: Bishop and Ma

### **4. SC19-0006 – Amnon Levy – 2375 Friars Lane**

Design review for a two-story addition to an existing one-story house. The project includes an addition of 16 square feet on the first story and 791 square feet on the second story. *Project Planner: Hassan*

Assistant Planner Hassan presented the staff report, recommending approval of design review application SC19-0006 subject to the listed findings and conditions.

Project owners Adi and Ilanit Ruppin presented the project, giving an overall context of the changes and function of the house.

Project applicant/designer Amnon Levy stated he wanted to keep the style of the house and create an addition that is integral to the overall design, which includes a clearstory element with a mezzanine overlooking the first floor.

Public Comment

None.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Harding, seconded by Chair Kirik, the Commission approved design review application SC19-0006 per the staff report findings and conditions.

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

AYES: Kirik, Glew, and Harding

NOES: None

ABSENT: Bishop and Ma

**5. SC19-0011 – Walter Chapman – 545 Covington Road**

Design review for first and second story additions to an existing two-story house. The project includes additions of 1,015 square feet on the first story and 346 square feet on the second story. *Project Planner: Niday*

Assistant Planner Niday presented the staff report, recommending approval of design review application SC19-0011 subject to the listed findings and conditions.

Project designer Walter Chapman stated there were no substantial changes to what staff reported; the garage needed to be removed because of rot and termite damage; described functional and design changes to the exterior; and that the property owner discussed the proposed design with the neighbors.

Public Comment

None.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Harding, seconded by Commissioner Glew, the Commission approved design review application SC19-0011 per the staff report findings and conditions.

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

AYES: Kirik, Glew, and Harding

NOES: None

ABSENT: Bishop and Ma

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

None.

**POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Kirik adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

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Steve Golden  
Senior Planner