

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2020 BEGINNING
AT 7:00 P.M. AT LOS ALTOS CITY HALL, ONE NORTH SAN ANTONIO ROAD, LOS
ALTOS, CALIFORNIA**

ESTABLISH QUORUM

PRESENT: Chair Kirik, Commissioners Harding and Ma
ABSENT: Vice-Chair Bishop and Commissioner Glew
STAFF: Planning Services Manager Persicone

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 January 15, 2020.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Ma, seconded by Commissioner Harding, the Commission approved the minutes from the January 15, 2020 regular meeting as amended to modify a condition to 1265 Eva Avenue to read “Add screening along the right-side property line with fast growing shrubs or trees all the way to the rear property line.”

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

AYES: Kirik, Harding and Ma

NOES: None

ABSENT: Bishop and Glew

DISCUSSION

2. SC19-0017 – Mayura Garg – 510 Benvenue Avenue

Design review for a new two-story house with a basement. The project includes 1,783 square feet on the first story, 1,079 square feet on the second story, and a 1,545 square-foot basement. This project was originally continued from the November 20, 2019 DRC meeting and then continued to a date certain at the January 15, 2020 DRC meeting. *Project Planner: Gallegos*

Planning Services Manager Persicone presented the staff report recommending approval of design review application SC19-0017 subject to the listed findings and conditions.

Property owner Mayura Garg spoke in support of the project and project architect Galina Novick presented an overview of the design changes.

Public Comment

Neighbors Jill Woodford, Amy Papciak, Viji Jagannathan, Jeffrey Hecker and Sharon Wei spoke in opposition of the project.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Ma, seconded by Commissioner Harding, the Commission approved design review application SC19-0017 subject to the listed findings and conditions in the staff report and the following additional conditions:

- The easterly balcony shall be removed and replaced with a high window with a sill height of at least 54 inches;
- Modify condition No. 3 to require 24-inch or 36-inch box trees;
- Mandate the tree protection in the rear is accurately depicted; and
- Move the drainage field out of the tree protection area.

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

None.

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kirik adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM.

Guido Persicone, AICP
Planning Services Manager