MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2019 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