

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION OF  
THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2020 BEGINNING AT 7:05  
P.M. AT LOS ALTOS CITY HALL, ONE NORTH SAN ANTONIO ROAD, LOS ALTOS,  
CALIFORNIA**

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**ESTABLISH QUORUM**

PRESENT: Chair Kirik, Vice-Chair Bishop Commissioners Glew, Harding and Ma  
STAFF: Planning Services Manager Persicone, Associate Planner Gallegos, and Assistant Planner 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 April 15, 2020.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Harding, seconded by Commissioner Ma, the Commission approved the minutes from the April 15, 2020 regular meeting with an adjustment that 126 Mt. Hamilton Avenue come back for additional review on May 20, 2020.

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

AYES: Kirik, Bishop, Glew, Harding and Ma

NOES: None

**PUBLIC HEARING**

2. **V20-0001 and SC20-0001 – D. DiVittorio – 725 University Avenue**  
Variance to allow a dormer and second story addition to encroach into the daylight plane and Design Review for a second story addition. The project includes a variance to allow a daylight plan intrusion along the interior side elevation for a new second story addition and dormer, and a design review for a 60 square-foot two-story addition to an existing two-story house. *Project Planner: Gallegos*

Associate Planner Gallegos presented the staff report recommending approval of variance and design review applications V20-0001 and SC20-0001 subject to the listed findings and conditions.

Property owner Erick Albert spoke in support of the project.

Project architect Danielle DiVittorio of DiVittorio Architecture spoke about the project.

Public Comment

None.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Kirik, seconded by Commissioner Glew, the Commission approved variance application V20-0001 subject to the listed findings in the staff report.

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

AYES: Kirik, Bishop, Glew, Harding and Ma

NOES: None

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Ma, seconded by Commissioner Glew, the Commission approved and design review application SC20-0001 subject to the listed findings and conditions in the staff report and with the following modifications:

- Eliminate the skylights; and
- Have the dormer option reviewed by a historic consultant, if approved by said consultant, and if 20 square feet or less is being added to the house, no additional review is needed by the DRC.

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

AYES: Kirik, Bishop, Glew, Harding and Ma

NOES: None

**DISCUSSION**

**3. SC19-0010 – Eugene Sakai – 126 Mount Hamilton Avenue**

Design review for a new two-story house. The project includes 2,740 square feet on the first story, 1,206 square feet on the second story, and a 2,704 square-foot basement. This project was continued from the April 15, 2020 DRC meeting. *Project Planner: Niday*

Assistant Planner Niday presented the staff report recommending approval of design review application SC19-0010 subject to the listed findings and conditions.

Property owner YJ Chen spoke in support of the project.

Public Comment

Neighbors Alloo Maryann, Judge Eugene Hymann and Ann Hambly, spoke in opposition of the project.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Glew, seconded by Commissioner Ma, the Commission approved design review application SC19-0010 subject to the listed findings and conditions in the staff report.

The motion was approved (3-2) by the following vote:

AYES: Bishop, Glew and Ma

NOES: Kirik and Harding

**4. SC19-0026– Bahi Oreizy – 1400 Richardson Avenue**

Design review for a new two-story house. The project includes 2,504 square feet on the first story, 1,299 square feet on the second story, and a 1,541 square-foot basement. *Project Planner: Niday*

Assistant Planner Hassan presented the staff report recommending approval of design review application SC19-0025 subject to the listed findings and conditions.

Property owner Oren Naim spoke in support of the project and Revital Kaufman Meron/BEKOM DESIGN, INC. from the design team spoke about the project.

Public Comment

Neighbor Sid Gilbert spoke against the style of the project.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Glew, seconded by Commissioner Harding, the Commission approved design review application SC19-0026 subject to the listed findings and conditions in the staff report and with the following modification:

- More mature landscaping shall be required for the entire project. Specifically, large specimens of landscaping of at least 24-inch box trees along the rear and a minimum of 36-inch box trees along the front.

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

AYES: Kirik, Bishop, Glew, Harding and Ma

NOES: None

## **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

None.

## **POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Kirik adjourned the meeting at 10:03 PM.

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Guido Persicone, AICP  
Planning Services Manager