

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2012, BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M. AT LOS ALTOS CITY
HALL, ONE NORTH SAN ANTONIO ROAD, LOS ALTOS,
CALIFORNIA**

**MEETING WILL BE ADJOURNED TO A JOINT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AND THE BICYCLE AND
PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair BRESSACK called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

ALL PRESENT: Chair BRESSACK, Vice Chair MOISON, Commissioners BAER, BODNER,
CHIANG, JUNAID, and McTIGHE

STAFF: Assistant City Manager WALGREN and Assistant Planner LACEY

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Resident Zahra Ardehali spoke with concern about her neighbor's one-story addition to their home and the privacy impacts it imposes on her property.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Planning and Transportation Commission Minutes

Recommendation to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2012 regular meeting.

MOTION by Commissioner BAER, seconded by Vice-Chair MOISON to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2012 regular meeting as-written. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC HEARING

Vice-Chair MOISON recused himself from the item because his house is within 500 feet of the project address.

2. 12-D-07 – Palo Alto Medical Foundation – 715 Altos Oaks Drive

Design review for a new, two-story medical office building. The project includes a total floor area of 8,977 square feet with 37 parking spaces. *Project Planner: Lacey*

Assistant Planner LACEY presented the staff report recommending approval of design review application 12-D-07 to the City Council subject to the recommended findings and conditions and answered questions from the Commission.

The project architect and landscape architect presented the project to the Commission and answered questions. Several residents raised concerns about the project including the hours of operation, appropriate scale and compatibility, and lighting, noise and traffic impacts. Members of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC) speaking as residents encouraged the project to incorporate short-and long-term bicycle parking racks and to evaluate the bicycle travel impacts along Fremont Avenue.

The Commission stated their support for the project and commended the applicant on their plans and presentation. A majority of the Commission recommended that the project include specific conditions to include motion sensors for second-story lighting and to improve the design of the bicycle racks. Commissioner CHIANG recommended that the project be reviewed by BPAC prior to City Council review.

MOTION by Commissioner BAER, seconded by Commissioner BODNER, to recommend approval of application 12-D-07 to the City Council, per the staff report findings and conditions, with the following comments and direction:

- Use eight-foot tall light poles along the parking lot;
- Include additional water gum trees along the north property boundary;
- Improve the bicycle rack design and incorporate covered racks;
- Include motion sensors for lighting within the building and timed exterior lighting to limit light impacts to adjoining properties;
- Encourage solar hot water and rainwater harvesting systems with the project; and
- Consider a darker color palette for the trellises and reconsider the stone veneer along the front elevation.

THE MOTION PASSED BY A 5/1 VOTE, WITH COMMISSIONER CHIANG OPPOSED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Resident Bill Crook spoke about the former Traffic Commission's tasks that were still in play when that Commission was dissolved and suggested that the Planning and Transportation Commission invite a traffic officer to regularly attend their meetings to be available to answer questions.

COMMISSION REPORTS AND DIRECTION ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

COMMISSIONER McTIGHE suggested a future agenda item considering amending the Floor Area Ratio requirements for the Commercial Neighborhood (CN) districts.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair BRESSACK adjourned the meeting at 11:00 P.M.