



DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

7:00 PM - Wednesday, July 6, 2022

Telephone/Video Conference Only

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

At 7:02 p.m. Chair Blockhus called the meeting to order.

ESTABLISH QUORUM

PRESENT: Chair Blockhus, Commissioners Bishop, Harding and Kirik

ABSENT: Vice-Chair Ma

STAFF: Senior Planner Gallegos and Associate Planner Liu

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 June 15, 2022.
2. **SC33-0021 – Dominique Price – 2161 Via Escalera**
Design review application for modifications to existing second-story windows along the front elevation of an existing two-story residence. This project is categorically exempt from environmental review under Section 15301 of the Environmental Quality Act because it involves exterior alterations to an existing structure. *Planner: Liu*

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Harding, seconded by Commissioner Bishop, the Commission approved the two consent calendar items.

The motion was approved (4-0) by the following vote:

AYES: Blockhus, Bishop, Harding, and Kirik

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ma

PUBLIC HEARING

3. **V21-0003 & DR22-0067 – California Water District – 10900 Beechwood Lane**
Request for a Variance for a 10-foot front yard setback, where a 25-foot setback is required in the R1-10 Zoning District and design review applications for an emergency generator in a sound attenuating accessory structure for a pre-existing community facility, an existing potable water

pump station at 10900 Beechwood Lane. No other improvements are proposed for the site. The project is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15301 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, as amended because it involves an existing facility of a public utility service. *Project Planner: Gallegos*

STAFF PRESENTATION

Senior Planner Gallegos presented the staff report recommending approval of variance and design review applications V21-0003 and DR22-0067 subject to the listed findings and conditions and answered questions from Commissioner Kirk.

APPLICANT PRESENTATION

Representatives for the applicant California Water Service in attendance were Mandy Mactiag, Melinda Schmidt, Gurkiran Kaur, and Dawn Smithson. They did not provide a project presentation, but answered clarifying questions from Commissioners Bishop, Kirik, and Chair Blockhus.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Chair Blockhus closed the public comment period.

Commissioner discussion then proceeded.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Kirik, seconded by Commissioner Harding, the Commission continued variance and design review applications V21-0003 and DR22-0067 with the following direction:

- Applicant shall conduct direct outreach to each adjacent property owner including the owners across the street.
- The applicant shall return with an operational schedule for testing between 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday, except holidays.
- Encourage the applicant to reduce the pad elevation to avoid looming over the street level.
- Provide a rendering of the structure from the street frontage to provide clarification on the aesthetics and acoustical.

The motion was approved (3-1) by the following vote:

AYES: Blockhus, Harding, and Kirik

NOES: Bishop

ABSENT: Ma

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. SC21-0047 – Amandeep Dulay – 265 Mt. Hamilton Avenue

Design Review for a 199 square-foot first story and 89 square-foot second story addition to an existing two-story house. This project is categorically exempt from environmental review under Section 15303 of the California Environmental Quality Act. *Project Planner: Gallegos*

STAFF PRESENTATION

Senior Planner Gallegos presented the staff report recommending approval of design review application SC21-0047 subject to the listed findings and conditions and answered a question from Commissioner Kirik.

APPLICANT PRESENTATION

Applicant/designer Amandeep Dulay did not provide a project presentation but made himself available for questions.

Property owner Brad Kashani stated that they are reconfiguring the second floor and first story, and this is not a major remodel.

Applicant/designer Amandeep Dulay shared a rendering of the project and material details.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Chair Blockhus closed the public comment period.

Commissioner discussion then proceeded.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Harding, seconded by Commissioner Bishop, the Commission approved design review application SC21-0047 subject to the staff report findings and conditions.

The motion was approved (4-0) by the following vote:

AYES: Blockhus, Bishop, Harding, and Kirik

NOES: None

RECUSED: Ma

5. SC21-0053 – Nick McCracken – 1848 Fallen Leaf

Design Review for a 14 square-foot first story and 440 square-foot second story addition to an existing one-story house. This project is categorically exempt from environmental review under Section 15303 of the California Environmental Quality Act. *Project Planner: Gallegos*

STAFF PRESENTATION

Senior Planner Gallegos presented the staff report recommending approval of design review application SC21-0053 subject to the listed findings and conditions and answered a question from Chair Blockhus.

APPLICANT PRESENTATION

Property owner Priyanka Roshyan did not provide a project presentation, but answered questions from Commissioners Kirik, Bishop, and Chair Blockhus.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Chair Blockhus closed the public comment period.

Commissioner discussion then proceeded.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Kirik, seconded by Commissioner Harding, the Commission approved design review application SC21-0053 subject to the listed findings and conditions with the following modification:

- Revise condition 2a to state that the balcony can remain as designed, but the applicant must add a six-foot solid screen wall that is seven to nine feet long and measured from the height of the balcony deck to the edge of the bathroom 2 water closet out to the face of the primary bedroom.

The motion was approved (4-0) by the following vote:

AYES: Blockhus, Bishop, Harding, and Kirik

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ma

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Harding reported on an email that he and the other DRC members received from Open Voices that seemed to be spam.

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Senior Planner Gallegos announced that the July 20, 2022 DRC meeting is cancelled and the next scheduled meeting will be held on August 3, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Blockhus adjourned the meeting at 8:48 PM.

Sean Gallegos
Senior Planner