



SARATOGA PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING ACTION MINUTES

APRIL 11, 2018

7:00 PM PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Joan Pisani Community Center, Multipurpose Room | 19655 Allendale Avenue, Saratoga CA 95070

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chair Tina Walia, Commissioners Kookie Fitzsimmons, Sunil Ahuja, Joyce Hlava, Razi Mohiuddin, Len Almalech, Lucas Pastuszka

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Debbie Pedro, Community Development Director
Nicole Johnson, Planner II

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

WALIA/PASTUSZKA motioned to nominate Kookie Fitzsimmons as Chair.
ALMALECH/MOHIUDDIN motioned to nominate Joyce Hlava as Chair.
COMMISSION VOTED AND MOVED TO **APPROVE ELECTION OF JOYCE HLAVA AS CHAIR**. MOTION PASSED. AYES: WALIA, HLAVA, AHUJA, ALMALECH, FITZSIMMONS, MOHIUDDIN. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: PASTUSZKA.

WALIA/ALMALECH motioned to nominate Kookie Fitzsimmons as Vice Chair.
COMMISSION VOTED AND MOVED TO **APPROVE ELECTION OF KOOKIE FITZSIMMONS AS VICE CHAIR**. MOTION PASSED. AYES: WALIA, HLAVA, AHUJA, ALMALECH, FITZSIMMONS, MOHIUDDIN, PASTUSZKA. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action Minutes from the Regular Planning Commission Meeting of March 14, 2018.

Recommended Action:

Approve Minutes of March 14, 2018 meeting.

WALIA/AHUJA MOVED TO **APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OF MARCH 14, 2018**. MOTION PASSED. AYES: WALIA, HLAVA, AHUJA, FITZSIMMONS, MOHIUDDIN. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: ALMALECH, PASTUSZKA.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

Any member of the public will be allowed to address the Planning Commission for up to three (3) minutes on matters not on this agenda. This law generally prohibits the Planning Commission from discussing or taking action on such items. However, the Planning Commission may instruct staff accordingly regarding Oral Communications.

REPORT ON APPEAL RIGHTS

If you wish to appeal any decision on this Agenda, you may file an Appeal Application with the City Clerk within fifteen (15) calendar days of the date of the decision.

1. NEW BUSINESS

2. PUBLIC HEARING

Applicants and/or their representatives have a total of ten (10) minutes maximum for opening statements. All interested persons may appear and be heard during this meeting regarding the items on this agenda. If items on this agenda are challenged in court, members of the public may be limited to raising only issues raised at the Public Hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to the close of the Public Hearing. Members of the public may comment on any item for up to three (3) minutes. Applicants and/or their representatives have a total of five (5) minutes maximum for closing statements.

Planning Commission Ex Parte Contacts Policy Disclosure

- 2.1. **Application PDR17-0015/ARB17-0049/GEO17-0015; Cordwood Court (APN 397-05-103); Lands of Warda.** The applicant requests Design Review approval to construct a new two-story residence (maximum height 21'1") with partial basement and a detached accessory dwelling unit. No protected trees are requested for removal. The property is zoned R-1-40,000 and the lot size is approximately 40,001 square feet. Staff Contact: Nicole Johnson (408) 868-1209 or njohnson@saratoga.ca.us.
Recommended Action:
Adopt Resolution No.18-003 approving the project subject to conditions of approval included in Attachment 1.

ALMALECH/PASTUSKA MOVED TO **APPROVE WITH AMENDED CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL.** MOTION PASSED. MOTION PASSED. AYES: WALIA, HLAVA, AHUJA, ALMALECH, FITZSIMMONS, MOHIUDDIN, PASTUSZKA. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE.

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- 2.2. **Application PDR17-0009/ARB17-0039; 20200 La Paloma Ave (APN 397-24-071); Lands of Balakrishnan Family 2014 Trust.** The applicant requests Design Review approval to construct a new two story residence (maximum height 24') with a partial basement and attached accessory dwelling unit. No protected trees are requested for

removal. The property is zoned R1-20,000 and the lot size is approximately 40,467 square feet. Staff Contact: Nicole Johnson (408) 868-1209 or njohnson@saratoga.ca.us.

Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution No.18-004 approving the project subject to conditions of approval included in Attachment 1.

HLAVA/FITZSIMMONS MOVED TO **APPROVE WITH AMENDED CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL**. MOTION PASSED. MOTION PASSED. AYES: WALIA, HLAVA, AHUJA, ALMALECH, FITZSIMMONS, MOHIUDDIN, PASTUSZKA. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE.

DIRECTOR ITEMS

Director Pedro mentioned that there are no site visits on April 24th, but there will be a regular meeting on April 25th to discuss amendments to the ADU Ordinance, and summer calendar.

COMMISSION ITEMS

Vice Chair Fitzsimmons commented on the election of Chair and Vice Chair, extending congratulations to Chair Hlava. She also spoke of Saratoga Rotary Art Show coming Saturday/Sunday May 5th and 6th 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM on the lawn at West Valley College.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted:
Janet Costa, Administrative Assistant
City of Saratoga