

MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019
SARATOGA PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Chair Hlava called the Planning Commission Regular Meeting to order in the Civic Theater, Council Chambers at 13777 Fruitvale Avenue in Saratoga at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Debbie Pedro, Community Development Director
Victoria Hernandez, Planner I
Christopher Riordan, Senior Planner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action Minutes from the Regular Planning Commission Meeting of December 12, 2018.

Recommended Action:

Approve Minutes of December 12, 2018 meeting.

FITZSIMMONS/ALMALECH MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 12, 2018 MEETING. MOTION PASSED. AYES: HLAVA, FITZSIMMONS, AHUJA, ALMALECH, MOHIUDDIN, PASTUSZKA, WALIA. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE.

1. NEW BUSINESS**2. PUBLIC HEARING**

- 2.1 Application PDR18-0029, ARB18-0048; 12901 Pierce Road (503-18-009); FGY Architects/Ana Mendez and Rajeev Jayavant** – The applicant requests Design Review approval to construct a one-story, 14’8” tall, 7,287 square foot single-family home with a basement, detached garage, and detached accessory dwelling unit. Eight (8) protected trees are requested for removal. The site is zoned R-1-40,000 with a General Plan Designation of RVL (Residential Very Low Density). Staff Contact: Victoria Hernandez (408) 868-1212 or vhernandez@saratoga.ca.us.

Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution No.19-001 approving the project subject to conditions of approval included in Attachment 1.

ALMALECH/PASTUSZKA MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE PROJECT AS PROPOSED.

WALIA MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE PROJECT AND TO TREAT THE SUBTERRANEAN STRUCTURE AREA AS A BASEMENT. MOTION FAILED DUE TO LACK OF SECOND.

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

- 2.2 **Application PDR18-0007, ARB18-0013; 14374 Maclay Court (397-03-035); Gary Kohlsaat/John Cintas** – The applicant requests Design Review approval to construct a two-story, 22’5”, 4,565 square foot single-family home at 14374 Maclay Court. The existing residence on site will be removed. Two (2) protected trees are requested for removal including a Coast redwood and a Coast live oak. The site is zoned R-1-40,000 with a General Plan Designation of RVL D (Residential Very Low Density). Staff Contact: Christopher Riordan (408) 868-1235 or criordan@saratoga.ca.us.

Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution No.19-002 approving the project subject to conditions of approval included in Attachment 1.

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

DIRECTOR ITEMS

Director Pedro announced that Administrative Assistant Janet Costa has accepted the Executive Assistant position in the City Manager’s Office, and will begin her new role on January 22, 2019.

COMMISSION ITEMS

The Commission directed staff to bring forth the subterranean structure definition for review and discussion as soon as possible.

ADJOURNMENT

FITZSIMMONS/PASTUSZKA MOVED TO **ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:30 PM**. MOTION PASSED. AYES: HLAVA, FITZSIMMONS, AHUJA, ALMALECH, MOHIUDDIN, PASTUSZKA, WALIA. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE.

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