

**APPROVED MINUTES
WEDNESDAY JULY 14, 2021
SARATOGA PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

Chair Kausar called the virtual Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. via teleconferencing through Zoom. Prior to Roll Call, the Chair and Community Development Director explained that the Planning Commission meeting was conducted pursuant to provisions of the Brown Act and a recent Executive Order issued by the Governor to facilitate teleconferencing to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission at public meetings. Ordinarily the Brown Act sets strict rules for teleconferencing. The Governor's Executive Order has suspended those rules. The Executive Order does require that public agencies continue to notice meetings in advance and provide members of the public an opportunity to observe the meeting and offer public comment. The Planning Commission met all the applicable notice requirements and the public is welcome to participate in this meeting. Information on how the public can observe the meeting and provide public comment was also shared. Additionally, the Chair explained that votes would be taken through roll call.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chair Anjali Kausar, Vice Chair Herman Zheng, Commissioners Sunil Ahuja, Clinton Brownley, Jojo Choi, Cheriell Jensen and Razi Mohiuddin

ABSENT: None

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action Minutes from the Regular Planning Commission Meeting of June 9, 2021.

Recommended Action:

Approve Minutes of Regular Planning Commission Meeting of June 9, 2021.

CHOI/MOHIUDDIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 9, 2021 MEETING WITH AMENDMENT. MOTION PASSED. AYES: AHUJA, BROWNLEY, CHOI, JENSEN, KAUSAR, MOHIUDDIN, ZHENG. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS: NONE

REPORT ON APPEAL RIGHTS

1. NEW BUSINESS - NONE

2. PUBLIC HEARING

2.1 (Continued from June 9, 2021) Application PDR20-0009/ARB20-0043/VAR21-0002/GRE21-0001; 22551 Mount Eden Road (503-13-117); Tom Sloan AIA (Applicant) – The applicant is requesting Design Review approval for a new 4,733 square foot two-story single-family residence with a 930 square accessory dwelling unit. The project also includes requests for variances for 1) retaining walls with heights more than five feet and greater than three feet in the

front setback area, 2) a reduction in the width of the front setback area from 70'-7" to 30 feet, and 3) to locate the residence on an area of the site with slopes more than 40%, and a grading exception for the combined cut and fill to exceed 1,000 cubic yards. No trees are proposed for removal. The site is zoned Hillside Residential with a General Plan Designation of Residential Hillside Conservation. Staff Contact: Christopher Riordan (408) 868-1235 or criordan@saratoga.ca.us.

Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution No. 21-009 approving the applications for Design Review, Variances, Grading Exception, and City Arborist clearance – no trees are proposed for removal.

MOHIUDDIN/AHUJA MOVED TO **APPROVE RESOLUTION 21-009 APPROVING APPLICATION PDR20-0009/ARB20-0043/VAR21-0002/GRE21-0001**. MOTION PASSED. AYES: AHUJA, BROWNLEY, KAUSAR, MOHIUDDIN, ZHENG. NOES: CHOI, JENSEN. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE.

3. DIRECTOR ITEMS

Director Pedro reported that at their 7/7/21 meeting, the City Council introduced the Tree Ordinance as recommended by the Planning Commission. They also directed staff to add a more comprehensive tree ordinance review to the Planning Commission's work plan next year.

4. COMMISSION ITEMS

5. ADJOURNMENT

AHUJA/JENSEN Moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted:

Frances Reed, Administrative Analyst
City of Saratoga