

**APPROVED MINUTES
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2023
SARATOGA PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

Chair Brownley called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chair Clinton Brownley, Vice Chair Jojo Choi, Commissioners Paul Germeraad, Anjali Kausar, Ping, Li, Razi Mohiuddin, and Herman Zheng

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Bryan T. Swanson, Community Development Director
Nicole Johnson, Senior Planner
Chrstitina Fusco, City Arborist
Frances Reed, Administrative Analyst

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action Minutes from the Regular Planning Commission Meeting of August 9, 2023.

Recommended Action:

Approve Minutes of Regular Planning Commission Meeting of August 9, 2023.

CHOI/LI MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 9, 2023 MEETING.
MOTION PASSED. AYES: BROWNLEY, CHOI, GERMERAAD, KAUSAR, LI, MOHIUDDIN, ZHENG. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS:

Tsing Bardin spoke.

Dick DuBridg spoke.

Pat Pfiefer spoke.

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS

2.1 (Continued from August 9, 2023) Application APTR23-0002; 18693 Devon Ave (389-13-053); Guina Wang (owner) - A neighbor to the property is appealing the approval of permit application TRP23-0356 for the removal of three (3) Canary Island Pine trees, Pinus Canariensis, with trunk diameters of 21, 23, and 28 inches which grow in the back yard of the property, Staff contact: Christina Fusco (408) 868-1276 or cfusco@saratoga.ca.us.

Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution No.23-0012 denying the appeal.

MOHIUDDIN/KAUSAR MOVED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION DENYING THE APPEAL.
MOTION PASSED. AYES: BROWNLEY, CHOI, KAUSAR, LI, MOHIUDDIN, ZHENG. NOES: GERMERAAD. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE.

2.2 Application PDR22-0015/ARB23-0001: 14256 Saratoga Ave (397-23-031) Subramanian and Krishnan Aswathanarayanan (Applicant): The applicant is requesting Design Review approval for a new 2, 865 square foot two story single-family residence (maximum height 25'7") with an attached ADU. One protected tree is proposed for removal. The site is zoned R-1-10,000 with a General Plan Designation of Medium Density Residential (M-10). Staff Contact: Nicole Johnson (408) 868-1209 or njohnson@saratoga.ca.us.

Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution No. 23-014 approving the project subject to conditions of approval included in Attachment 1.

MOHIUDDIN/KAUSAR MOVED TO **APPROVE APPLICATION PDR22-0015 SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL**. MOTION PASSED. AYES: BROWNLEY, CHOI, GERMERAAD, KAUSAR, LI, MOHIUDDIN, ZHENG. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE.

2.3 MOD23-0003; 18800 Cox Avenue; (389-12-021); Sand Hill Properties Quito Village LLC (Applicant/Property Owner) – The applicant is requesting modification of an existing master sign program for a commercial building located at 18800 Cox Avenue. The site is zoned Neighborhood Commercial (CN) with a General Plan Designation of Commercial Retail. Staff Contact: Staff Contact: Christopher Riordan (408) 868-1235 or criordan@saratoga.ca.us.

Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution No. 23-013 approving the modification to the existing sign program subject to conditions of approval included in Attachment 1.

KAUSAR/GERMERAAD MOVED TO **APPROVE APPLICATION MOD12-0003 SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL**. MOTION PASSED. AYES: BROWNLEY, CHOI, GERMERAAD, KAUSAR, LI, MOHIUDDIN, ZHENG. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE.

3. DIRECTOR ITEMS

Director Swanson thanked the Commission for their time in the agenda review meetings. He also reminded Commissioners about the upcoming Study Session for the Saratoga Retirement Community project on September 27, 2023.

4. COMMISSION ITEMS - NONE

5. ADJOURNMENT

KAUSAR moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted:

Frances Reed, Administrative Analyst
City of Saratoga