

**APPROVED MINUTES
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 12, 2022
SARATOGA PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

Chair Zheng 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 Government Code section 54953(e) of the Ralph M. Brown Act allowing teleconferencing during a proclaimed state of emergency when state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing. 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 Herman Zheng, Vice Chair Clinton Brownley, Commissioners Sunil Ahuja, Jojo Choi, Anjali Kausar, Ping Li,
ABSENT: Commissioner Razi Mohiuddin
ALSO PRESENT: Debbie Pedro, Community Development Director
Victoria Banfield, Associate Planner
Nicole Johnson, Senior Planner

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action Minutes from the Regular Planning Commission Meeting of September 14, 2022.

Recommended Action:

Approve Minutes of Regular Planning Commission Meeting of September 14, 2022.

KAUSAR/LI MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2022 MEETING. MOTION PASSED. AYES: BROWNLEY, CHOI, KAUSAR, LI, ZHENG. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: MOHIUDDIN. ABSTAIN: AHUJA.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS: NONE

REPORT ON APPEAL RIGHTS

2. PUBLIC HEARING

2.1 Application PDR21-0032/ARB21-012020538 Lynde Court (503-52-012); Rajesh & Sunita Lalwani (Continued from September 14, 2022) – The applicant is requesting Design Review approval for a new 3,369 square foot two-story single-family home (maximum height 25’-11”) with a 752 square foot attached accessory dwelling unit. Three protected trees are proposed for removal. The site is zoned R-1-10,000 with a General Plan Designation of Medium Density Residential (M-10). Staff Contact: Victoria Banfield (408) 868-1212 or vbanfield@saratoga.ca.us.

Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution No. 22-020 approving the project subject to conditions of approval included in Attachment 1.

2.1

Chair Zheng opened the public hearing and notified the public that the applicant for this project requested to be continued to next meeting, November 9, 2022.

Chair Zheng closed the public hearing.

2.2 Application APTR22-0001; 20196 Franklin Ave (393-39-009); Jiabin Zhao. - The applicant is appealing the denial of permit application TRP22-0227 for the removal of one (1) redwood (*Sequoia sempervirens*) tree with a trunk diameter of 48 inches which grows in the front yard of the property, Staff contact: Christina Fusco (408) 868-1276 or cfusco@saratoga.ca.us.

Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution No. 22-022 denying the appeal.

CHOI/LI MOVED TO CONTINUE APPLICATION TO A DATE UNCERTAIN TO PROVIDE THE APPLICANT TIME TO FURTHER INVESTIGATE IF THERE ARE FOUNDATION ISSUES DUE TO TREE ROOTS AND HAVE AN INDEPENDENT ISA CERTIFIED ARBORIST PROVIDE A SECOND OPINION REGARDING THE TREE. MOTION PASSED. AYES: AJHUJA, BROWNLEY, CHOI, KAUSAR, LI, ZHENG. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: MOHIUDDIN. ABSTAIN: NONE.

2.3 Application PDR21-0023/ARB21-0084; 19518 Glen Una Drive; (510-06-066); Cherine Bassal (Applicant) / Sanjay Banerjee and Anuja Sehgal (Property Owners) – The applicant is requesting Design Review approval for a first and second story addition to an existing 4,241 square foot two story residence for a total floor area of 6,870 square feet. The project will include a detached 430 square foot pool cabana. An existing 501 square foot detached garage will be removed. Four protected trees are proposed for removal which include a Deodar cedar, coast live oak, camphor, and a Ficus. The site is zoned R-1-40,000 with a General Plan Designation of Residential Very Low Density (RVLD. Staff Contact: Christopher Riordan (408) 868-1235 or criordan@saratoga.ca.us.

Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution No. 22-019 approving the project subject to conditions of approval included in Attachment 1.

CHOI/KAUSAR MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 22-019 SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS. MOTION PASSED. AYES: AJHUJA, BROWNLEY, CHOI, KAUSAR, LI, ZHENG. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: MOHIUDDIN. ABSTAIN: NONE.

3. DIRECTOR ITEMS

Director Pedro reported to the Commission that City Council voted at the October 5, 2022 meeting to begin holding hybrid (both virtual and in-person) meetings beginning November 2, 2022. The Planning Commission meeting on November 9, 2022 will be the hybrid format.

4. COMMISSION ITEMS: NONE

5. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Zheng adjourned the meeting at 8:02 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted:

Frances Reed, Administrative Analyst
City of Saratoga