



PLANNING COMMISSION ACTIONS

February 25, 2008

7:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers

701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025

CALL TO ORDER – 7:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL – Bims ([Absent](#)), Bressler, Deziel (Chair), Keith ([Arrived at 7:11 p.m.](#)), O'Malley, Pagee, Riggs (Vice chair)

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF – Deanna Chow, Senior Planner; Megan Fisher; Associate Planner; Thomas Rogers, Associate Planner

A. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

B. CONSENT – None

Items on the consent calendar are considered routine in nature, require no further discussion by the Planning Commission, and may be acted on in one motion unless a member of the Planning Commission or staff requests a separate discussion on an item.

C. REGULAR BUSINESS #1

1. [Review of Substantial Conformance/145 El Camino Real](#): Review of an existing commercial building for substantial conformance with earlier City approvals with regard to exterior color. **COMMISSION ACTIONS:** M/S Pagee/O'Malley to find that the building as constructed is not in substantial conformance with the earlier City approvals with regard to color, 6-0 with Commissioner Bims absent.

M/S Deziel/Keith to provide the following direction, 6-0 with Commissioner Bims absent;

- The revised color shall generally be similar to the earlier approvals as shown in the staff report Attachment A, although the revised color may be darker than that;
- The revised color shall be selected in consultation with a color professional;
- The applicant is encouraged to reach out to all members of the public who have previously submitted correspondence regarding the building's color when selecting the revised color;
- Review of the revised color proposal can be scheduled for Planning Commission review as a Consent Calendar item;
- Staff shall provide notice of the agenda item to all members of the public who have previously submitted correspondence regarding the building's color; and
- The applicant is encouraged to provide letter-size "brush-outs" for each Planning Commissioner's review.

D. PUBLIC HEARING

1. **Use Permit/Yiran Wu, WEC & Associates/680 Cambridge Ave:** Request for a use permit to demolish an existing single-story, single-family residence and construct a new two-story, single-family residence on a substandard lot with regard to lot width in the R-2 (Low Density Apartment) zoning district. **COMMISSION ACTION:** M/S Riggs/Bressler to approve with the following modifications, 6-0 with Commissioner Bims absent;

Add condition 4b: Simultaneous with the submittal of a complete building permit application, the applicant shall submit revised plans with the following plan set revisions, subject to review and approval of the Planning Division:

- i. The air conditioning pad and hook-ups shall be relocated to either the “L” shaped area bounded by the kitchen sink and the breakfast nook or the left side of the house next to the garage. The latter option shall require written consent of the adjacent left side property owner.
 - ii. The site plan shall be revised to include the removal of the Scotch pine (tree #6) at the rear right corner of the property.
 - iii. The site plan shall be revised to include a new London plane tree of minimum 15-gallon size at the left front corner of the property.
2. **Use Permit/Laurel Homes/958 Hermosa Way:** Request for a use permit to demolish an existing single-story, single-family residence and construct a new two-story, single-family residence with a basement on a substandard lot in regard to lot width in the R-E (Residential Estate) zoning district. As part of this development, the following three heritage trees are proposed for removal: A eucalyptus in the front yard with a 17.8-inch diameter at breast height (DBH) in fair condition, a black acacia in the front, left side yard with a 12.7/8.2/13.3-inch DBH in poor condition, and a Ponderosa pine in the middle of the property with a 38.1-inch DBH in good condition. **COMMISSION ACTION:** M/S Keith/Riggs to approve with the following modification, 6-0 with Commissioner Bims absent;

Add condition 4a: Simultaneous with the submittal of a complete building permit application, the applicant shall submit a construction parking plan that shows diagonal or 90-degree parking spaces for construction vehicles in the front yard for the construction period. The plan should not be in conflict with the erosion and control plan, and shall be subject to review and approval by the Planning and Building Divisions.

3. **Use Permit and Architectural Control/Tyco Thermal Controls/307 Constitution Drive:** Request for a use permit and architectural control to construct an addition of an enclosed loading dock to an existing industrial building and for outside storage of an emergency generator in the M-2 (General Industrial) zoning district. **COMMISSION ACTION:** M/S to approve as submitted, 5-0-1 with Commissioner Bims absent and Commissioner Pagee abstaining.

E. REGULAR BUSINESS #2

1. **Consideration of minutes from the January 28, 2007, Planning Commission meeting.** **COMMISSION ACTION:** M/S Unanimous consent to approve the minutes as modified:
 - Page 8, Last paragraph, 1st line – Add the words “as an architect” after the word “submittals”.

- Page 8, Last paragraph, 1st line – Add the word “own” after the word “his”.
- Page 8, Last paragraph, 2nd line – Replace the words “Planning Commission role” for the word “diligence”.

F. COMMISSION BUSINESS, REPORTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Review of upcoming planning items on the City Council agenda.

ADJOURNMENT 10:10 p.m.

Future Planning Commission Meeting Schedule

Regular Meeting	March 10, 2008
Regular Meeting	March 24, 2008
Regular Meeting	April 7, 2008
Regular Meeting	April 21, 2008
Regular Meeting	May 5, 2008
Regular Meeting	May 19, 2008

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