



SARATOGA PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 9, 2023

7:00 P.M. - PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Civic Theater | 13777 Fruitvale Avenue, Saratoga, CA 95070

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action Minutes from the Planning Commission Meeting of July 12, 2023.

Recommended Action:

Approve Minutes of July 12, 2023 Planning Commission Meeting.

[07122023 Draft Minutes](#)

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

Any member of the public will be allowed to address the Planning Commission for up to three (3) minutes on matters not on this agenda. This law generally prohibits the Planning Commission from discussing or taking action on such items. However, the Planning Commission may instruct staff accordingly regarding Oral Communications.

REPORT ON APPEAL RIGHTS

Any interested person objecting to the whole, or any portion of decision on this Agenda, may file an Appeal Application with the City Clerk within fifteen (15) calendar days of the date of the decision. The City Council conducts de novo review of appeals.

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS

2.1 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.

[Staff Report](#)

[Attachment 1 - Resolution No. 23-0012](#)

[Attachment 2 - Appeal Application and Supporting Letter](#)

[Attachment 3 - Tree Permit and Supporting Letter](#)

[Supplemental Memo No. 1](#)

2.2 Application PDR22-0016/ARB22-0080: 19348 Athos Place; (389-33-010) David Kuoppamaki (Applicant) - The applicant is requesting Design Review approval for a new 4,750 square foot two story single-family residence. The project includes a request for a height exception to increase the allowable 26' tall building height by an additional 1'-7.5" for a total building height of 27'-7.5". The project will also include a 736 square foot detached accessory dwelling unit with a maximum height of 15'-5". No protected trees are proposed for removal. The site is zoned R-1-20,000 with a General Plan Designation of Low Density Residential (RLD). Staff Contact: Christopher Riordan (408) 868-1235 or criordan@saratoga.ca.us.

Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution No. 23-011 denying the project as staff cannot make all the required findings for design review and for granting a height exception for a single-family dwelling to exceed a height of 26 feet.

[Staff Report](#)

[Attachment 1 - Resolution No. 23-011](#)

[Attachment 2 - City Arborist Report](#)

[Attachment 3 - Applicant written project description and justification](#)

[Attachment 4 - Neighbor Comments](#)

[Attachment 5 - Story Pole Certification](#)

[Attachment 6 - Materials Board](#)

[Attachment 7 - Images of Prairie Style Home](#)

[Attachment 8 - Project Plans](#)

[Supplemental Memo No. 1](#)

[Supplemental Memo No. 2](#)

[Supplemental Memo No. 3](#)

[Supplemental Memo No. 4](#)

4. DIRECTOR ITEMS

5. COMMISSION ITEMS

6. ADJOURNMENT

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