

**REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE SAN MARINO PLANNING COMMISSION  
MAY 27, 2020 - 7:00 P.M.**

**This meeting is held pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom on March 17, 2020. Members of the public Planning Commission Members and staff may participate by teleconference/virtual meeting.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Wright called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. via teleconference/virtual meeting.

**ROLL CALL**        **PRESENT:** Chair Jeri Wright, Vice-Chair John Dustin, Commissioner Shelley Boyle, Commissioner Raymond Cheng, Commissioner Se-Yao Hsu, Alternate Commissioner Monte Ross and Alternate Commissioner James Okazaki.

**ABSENT:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments at this time.

**OTHER MATTER**

Chair Wright moved Agenda Item 6 forward before Agenda Item 1.

**6. APPEAL OF DETERMINATION OF DAMAGED TREES  
975 ORLANDO RD., (975 ORLANDO LLC)**

Chair Wright stated that this item involves a brief discussion since it is not a public hearing. The purpose of the discussion is to determine whether the Commission would like to re-open this item to be heard at a future publicly noticed hearing, in order to allow the applicant to submit additional evidence in support of the appeal.

It was the consensus of the Commission that it would be helpful to re-open the appeal hearing and place it on the June 24, 2020 agenda as a public hearing item.

Commissioner Cheng moved to re-open the appeal item and place it on the June 24, 2020 agenda. Second by Commissioner Hsu. AYES: Commissioner Boyle, Commissioner Cheng, Commissioner Hsu, Vice-Chair Dustin, and Chair Wright. NOES: None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**I. DESIGN REVIEW CASE NOS. DRC19-57HP AND DRC20-15  
1215 SAINT ALBANS RD., (WANG/DIG INC.)**

Senior Planner Edwards presented the staff report.  
The following persons spoke on the project:  
Alex Chang, Project architect

Hearing no further public comments, Chair Wright closed the public hearing.

Majority of the Commission had concerns related to building height, building volume, and fencing design. Commissioner Boyle and Vice-Chair Dustin expressed their disappointment with the lack of progress to address concerns stated at the prior hearing and found the proposed design incompatible with the legal neighborhood.

Commissioner Cheng moved to continue the project to the July 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Second by Commissioner Hsu. AYES: Commissioner Cheng, Commissioner Hsu, and Chair Wright. NOES: Commissioner Boyle and Vice-Chair Dustin.

**2. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP20-3 AND DESIGN REVIEW NO. DRC19-70  
2275 LORAIN RD., (NEWTON/HANNA)**

Associate Planner Choi presented the staff report.

The following persons spoke:  
Joel Newton, Property owner  
Paula Steele, 2285 Lorain Rd.  
Grace Wehbeh, 2295 Lorain Rd.  
Jennifer Giles, 2290 Lorain Rd.  
Marci Wendling, 2325 Lorain Rd.

There was no further public comments and Chair Wright closed the public hearing.

The Commission thanked the property owner for the improvement on the front porch. It was the consensus of the Commission that the massing and flat roof concerns remain, and the project was not compatible with the neighborhood as presented.

Vice-Chair Dustin moved to continue the project to the June 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. Second by Commissioner Cheng. AYES: Commissioner Boyle, Commissioner Cheng, Commissioner Hsu, Vice-Chair Dustin, and Chair Wright. NOES: None.

**3. DESIGN REVIEW NO. DRC17-114  
2731 GAINSBOROUGH DR., (CHIH/LIN)**

Assistant Planner Cervantes presented the staff report.

The following persons spoke:  
Eric Lin, Project designer  
Female speaker, property owner of a residence on Gainsborough Drive

Hearing no further public comments, Chair Wright closed the public hearing.

The Commission found the overall design incompatible with the legal neighborhood, the addition is poorly executed and rendered the project incompatible with the existing residence itself.

Commissioner Boyle moved to deny the project as submitted. Second by Commissioner Cheng. AYES: Commissioner Boyle, Commissioner Cheng, Commissioner Hsu, Vice-Chair Dustin, and Chair Wright. NOES: None.

**4. APPEAL FOR DESIGN REVIEW CASE NO. DRC19-19  
2200 EL MOLINO PL., (CHEN)**

Assistant Planner Cervantes presented the staff report.

Hearing no public comments, Chair Wright closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Boyle found it difficult to review the project due to inadequate drawings and missing information on the proposed gate project. Vice-Chair Dustin found the proposed gate incompatible with the existing fencing pattern on the block.

Commissioner Cheng moved to overturn the DRC's decision and approved the project as presented to the DRC in March, 2020. Second by Commission Hsu. AYES: Commissioner Cheng, Commissioner Hsu, and Chair Wright. NOES: Commissioner Boyle and Vice-Chair Dustin.

**OTHER MATTERS**

**5. APPEAL OF DETERMINATION OF DAMAGED TREES  
1011 OAK GROVE AVE., (TOSETTI)**

Planning and Building Director Cervantes presented the staff report.

The following person spoke:  
Catherine Tosetti, Property owner

Hearing no further public comments, Chair Wright closed the appeal hearing.

It was the consensus of the Commission that the removal of four Eucalyptus trees will not impact the matured landscaping on the property, and that a permit extension to December 20, 2020 is reasonable given the current health pandemic.

Commissioner Cheng move to grant the appeal, in part, of the tree permit. Second by Vice-Chair Dustin. AYES: Commissioner Cheng, Commissioner Hsu, Commissioner Boyle, Vice-Chair Dustin, and Chair Wright. NOES: None.

**7. RESOLUTION OF FINDINGS DESIGN REVIEW CASE NOS. DRC19-27HP AND DRC19-28  
2275 S. OAK KNOLL AVE., (LUI/LCRA ARCHITECT)**

The resolution of findings was approved by the following votes:

Commissioner Cheng moved to approve the resolution as presented. Second by Commissioner Hsu. AYES: Commissioner Cheng, Commissioner Hsu, Commissioner Boyle, Vice-Chair Dustin, and Chair Wright. NOES: None.


**8. MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 25, 2020.**

The meeting minutes were approved by the following votes:

Commissioner Cheng moved to approve the resolution as presented. Second by Commissioner Hsu. AYES: Commissioner Cheng, Commissioner Hsu, Commissioner Boyle, Vice-Chair Dustin, and Chair Wright. NOES: None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further items to consider, the Planning Commission adjourned to the next regular meeting on Wednesday, June 24, 2020, at 7:00 P.M. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 2200 Huntington Drive, San Marino, CA 91108.



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ALDO CERVANTES,  
SECRETARY