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CITY OF SIERRA MADRE
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
Regular Meeting of
Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

8 **CALL TO ORDER**

10 Acting Chair called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

12 **ROLL CALL**

14 **Present:** Vice Chair Hutt, Commissioners Catalano, Denison, Frierman-Hunt,
15 Pevsner

16 **Absent:** Chair Spears and Commissioner Desai

17 **Staff:** Vincent Gonzalez, Director of Planning and Community Preservation
18 Jennifer Peterson, Administrative Analyst
19 Aleks Giragosian, Assistant City Attorney

21 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

23 Commissioner Frierman-Hunt moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Denison
24 seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

26 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 1, 2018**

28 Commissioner Denison moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Frierman-Hunt
29 seconded. Motion carried unanimously (Commissioner Pevsner abstained due to his
30 absence at that meeting).

32 **AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

34 None.

36 **PUBLIC HEARING**

- 38 **1. DISCRETIONARY DEMOLITION PERMIT 18-02**
39 **CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS 18-02**
40 **Address: 125 East Mira Monte Avenue**
41 **Applicant: Lynn and Michael Dean**

43 Director Gonzalez delivered the Staff Report and PowerPoint presentation.

45 Jesse Emmert
46 Ty Otjen
47 Hartman Baldwin

49 Mr. Echen stated that the choice of the steel windows was made to retain differentiation
50 and that the materials are the most appropriate. He also pointed out the distinctive
51 characteristics of the windows. He also stated that the new windows are dual pane,
52 therefore Title 24 compliant.
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54 Commissioner Catalano voiced concern over the oak tree on site and requested a
55 condition of approval that the arborist shall be on-site to monitor excavation of the
56 footing adjacent to the root-crown.
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58 Cheryl Galbraith
59 E. Mira Monte
60 Ms. Galbraith spoke in favor of the project.
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62 Lynn Dean
63 Applicant
64 Ms. Dean thanked the Commission, and reassured the Commission that they love the
65 house and the tree.
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67 **Discussion**
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69 Commissioner Frierman-Hunt spoke in favor of the proposed project. She also agrees
70 with the historic value of the house and the added condition of approval that an arborist
71 be present on-site to monitor excavation adjacent to the oak tree.
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73 Commissioner Catalano inquired about the siding materials. The architect stated that it
74 will be fire retardant cedar shingles to comply with Fire Department requirements.
75 Director Gonzalez indicated that there is a condition of approval requiring the installation
76 of DensGlass underlayment to serve as a one-hour fire rated wall.
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78 Commissioner Pevsner stated that he can make the findings.
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80 Commissioner Denison stated that he could make the findings as well.
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82 Acting Chair Hutt spoke in favor of the project.
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84 Director Gonzalez suggested revisions to accommodate the requirement of an on-site
85 arborist to monitor excavation adjacent to the root-crown of the oak tree.
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87 **Action: Commissioner Catalano moved to approve Discretionary Demolition**
88 **Permit 18-02 and Certificate of Appropriateness 18-02 with the added condition.**
89 **Commissioner Denison seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**
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91 **ORAL COMMUNICATION**
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93 **Audience**
94 None.
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96 **Planning Commission**

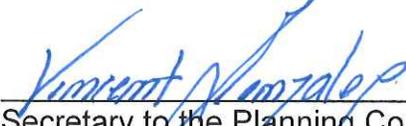
97 Commissioner Catalano stated that he had recently read two articles; one which spoke
98 about the drought continuing, and the other that spoke about the amount of compliant
99 housing. He felt that it spoke to the diminishing resources in California.
100 He also noted that the newly installed bike racks in town are always empty.
101 Commissioner Catalano announced that Eagle Restoration has been contracted to work
102 on the Frank Lloyd Wright "Holly Hock House".

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104 Acting Chair Hutt noted the new directional signage in the downtown area.
105 He also announced that the subcommittee finalized the draft of the revised Commercial
106 Zone and forwarded to staff.

107 **Planning & Community Preservation Staff**

108 Director Gonzalez stated on March 13, the City Council will consider the Non-
109 Conforming ordinance.
110 He stated that the next Planning Commission would be held on March 15, 2018.
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113 Acting Chair Hutt adjourned the Planning Commission meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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117 Secretary to the Planning Commission
118 Vincent Gonzalez, Director of Planning & Community Preservation

