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**CITY OF SIERRA MADRE**  
**PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**  
Regular Meeting of  
Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.  
City Council Chambers, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Commissioners Desai, Catalano, Pevsner, Spears  
**Absent:** Chair Hutt, Vice Chair Denison  
**Staff:** Vincent Gonzalez, Director of Planning and Community Preservation  
Clare Lin, Associate Planner  
Jennifer Peterson, Administrative Analyst  
Aleks Giragosian, Deputy City Attorney

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Catalano moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Desai seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 7, 2019**

Approval postponed due to lack of quorum of members who were present at the March 7, 2019 meeting.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

None.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**1. HILLSIDE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT 12-03 (HDP 12-03) AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 12-10 (CUP 12-10)**

Address: 638 Baldwin Ct. (Lot 21)

Applicant: C.E.T.T

Continued from December 6, 2019

Associate Planner Lin delivered the Staff Report and Power Point presentation.

Eduardo Garcia

LCA Architect

Applicant representative

46 Mr. Garcia delivered a Power Point presentation in which he provided response to  
47 comments from previous meeting.

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49 **Public Comment**

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51 Marguerite Shuster  
52 Mt. Wilson Trail

53 Ms. Shuster spoke against the project voicing concerns over bulk and mass.

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55 **Discussion**

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57 Commissioner Pevsner stated that he had expected to see cottage style architecture  
58 with basement as previously presented, and the applicant returned with an eclectic roof  
59 design. He stated that he was disappointed with deletion of the basement and feels  
60 that the articulation of the building is too busy.

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62 Commissioner Desai stated that he feels like a traditional house was there, and that the  
63 contemporary elements were added. He felt that the proposed design does not fully  
64 embrace the contemporary style. The building lacks identity and that there is a lot going  
65 on (stucco, siding, flat and shed roof elements). As presented the building appears  
66 more massive than the floor plan. He also indicated that the revised floor is more  
67 successful and provides more usable open space. Commissioner Desai also stated  
68 that this is a good location to utilize the Mid-century modern style. Consider continuing  
69 window frame at corner window locations and butterfly roof configuration.

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71 Commissioner Catalano stated that the building design is too busy. He directed the  
72 applicant to simplify the building forms and color palette and that the use of two different  
73 siding materials were unnecessary. He further added that view sheds of the foothills  
74 should be taken into consideration and directed the architect to reference the Sea  
75 Ranch development in Sonoma County, California for inspiration.

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77 Acting Chair Spears noted that this is totally different from the original submission. He  
78 also stated that he was disappointed by omission of the basement, which allowed more  
79 of the massing to be located underground. Acting Chair Spears stated that he felt that  
80 modern design will work at this location. The applicant should consider simplifying the  
81 use of building materials and to consider more horizontal lines to unify the design. He  
82 also directed the applicant to drive by the house at 580 North Hermosa Avenue  
83 designed by Harwell, Hamilton Harris Architects.

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85 Commissioner Desai provided specific design suggestions.

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87 **Action: Commissioner Desai moved to continue this item to May 2, 2019.**  
88 **Commissioner Pevsner seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

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90 **Oral Communication**

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92 **Audience**

93 None.

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95 **Planning Commission**

96 None.

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98 **Staff**

99 Director Gonzalez stated that currently there are no items scheduled for the April 4th  
100 meeting.

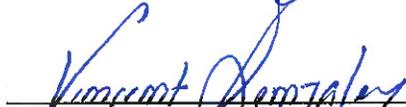
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102 Acting Chair Spears adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm

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106 Secretary to the Planning Commission

107 Vincent Gonzalez, Director of Planning & Community Preservation

