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CITY OF SIERRA MADRE
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
Regular Meeting of
Thursday, September 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

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CALL TO ORDER

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Chair Spears called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

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ROLL CALL

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Present: Chair Spears, Vice Chair Hutt, Commissioners Desai, Pevsner
Absent: Commissioner Frierman-Hunt
Staff: Vincent Gonzalez, Director of Planning and Community Preservation
Jonathan Perez, Assistant Planner
Jennifer Peterson, Administrative Analyst
Theresa Highsmith, City Attorney

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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Vice Chair Hutt moved to approve the agenda. Vice Chair Desai seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 17, 2017

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Commissioner Desai moved to approve the minutes. Vice Chair Hutt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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AUDIENCE COMMENTS

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None.

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DISCUSSION

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CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS 17-01 (CA 17-01)

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Address: 390 Olive Tree Lane (Blumer Farmhouse)

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Applicant: Brian & Delna Abernathy

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Assistant Planner Perez delivered the Staff Report.

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Brian Abernathy

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Applicant

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Mr. Abernathy spoke of the unique challenge presented by the gable in front of the bedroom window. He stated that this solution is presented to alleviate aesthetic as well as practical issues.

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Marla Ferber
Historic Designer

Ms. Ferber discussed her experience in the historic architecture field and with this property. She feels that preservation of the home's original scale is important. She illustrated how the different proposed materials would marry the old to the new.

Chair Spears inquired if the wraparound deck is original. Ms. Ferber stated that it was likely added in 1889, but modified over time.

DISCUSSION

Commissioner Pevsner stated that he can make findings. Vice Chair Hutt agreed adding that this is a great project. Commissioner Desai agreed Chair Spears also agreed and commended the applicant on the signage, brush clearance & undergrounding of the utilities.

ACTION: Vice Chair Hutt move to adopt Planning Commission Resolution 17-07, approving Certificate of Appropriateness 17-01. Commissioner Desai seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ORAL COMMUNICATION

Audience

None.

Planning Commission

Chair Spears stated that he will be unable to attend the next meeting.

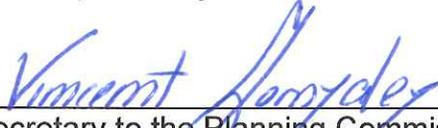
Vice Chair Hutt provided an update on Non-Conforming committee's progress.

Chair Spears suggested a review of Earthquake preparedness and retrofitting.

Planning & Community Preservation Staff

Director Gonzalez reviewed the agenda items for the upcoming meetings.

Chair Spears adjourned the Planning Commission meeting at 7:38 p.m.



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