

Meeting Minutes of Los Altos Hills Environmental Design and Protection Committee

Date: Tues, February 10, 2026, at 5 p.m.

Location: City Council Chambers Duxbury Conference Room
26379 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills, California 94022

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To attend the meeting in person:

City Council Chambers Duxbury Room, 26379 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022

To provide Public Comment in person:

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Committee Members: Grace Tsang (chair), Anne Hsiao (secretary), Elizabeth Loinaz (Vice-Chair), Carol Gottlieb, Vijay Chawla, Ivy Mei, Anna Chien

Associate Members: Kjell Karlsson, Hajime Murakami, Peter Brown

City Council Liaison: Mayor Kavita Tankha

1. Call to Order and Roll Call - Carol, Grace, Anna (5:09), Ivy (5:22), Elizabeth (5:51), Kavita (town council), David Kehlet (guest)

2. Presentations from the Floor - Danielle Xu (Corte Madera Ln), considering joining EDPC

3. Future Committee Dates of Interest & Assignments

a. EDPC Meeting: 3/10/2026 2nd Tuesdays at 5pm

b. City Council Meeting: (2/19/26) 3rd Thursdays, 6:00 pm

c. Planning Commission Meeting: (3/5/26) 1st Thursday, 6:00 pm

d. Field Trips: Friday mornings coordinated by Carol

e. Fast Track/Site Development Meetings: Tuesday mornings, 10:00 am, Elizabeth to alert site reviewers

4. Review of Field Trip Reports

1/16/26 Pinewood School on Fremont (EDPC)

1/30/26 Carol & Anna

Alicante transformer, 122?? W. Loyola

2/6/26 Carol & Grace

26918 Dezahara Way - house

27401 Edgerton Road – Fence

12871 Atherton Court – Landscape

5. Review of Site Development and Fast Tracks

January 20, 2026

27890 Via Feliz – File #SD25-0042 – Lands of Huang; project includes removal of eighteen (18) non-heritage-oak trees and two (2) heritage oak trees.

CEQA review: Categorical Exemption per Section 15303(a). APPROVED

26388 Ginny Lane – File #SD25-0064 – Lands of Lu & Wei; project includes removal of seventeen (17) non-heritage-oak trees and one (1) heritage oak tree.

CEQA review: Categorical Exemption per Section 15303(a). APPROVED

February 03, 2026

13021 North Alta Lane – File #SD25-0005 – Lands of Ding

CEQA review: Categorical Exemption per Section 15304(b)

11778 Maria Lane – File #SD25-0031 – Lands of Hyder & Farooqi

CEQA review: Categorical Exemption per Section 15303(e)

6. Planning Commission Meeting Reports

Jan 27, 2026

Study - 25623 Elena Road – File #PA25-0043 – Lands of Pliam & Lee

12000 Kate Drive – File #VAR25-0012 – Lands of Thomas

10320 Rolly Road – File #SD25-0039, VAR25-0015 – Lands of Shen & Zheng

27235 Byrne Park Lane – File #SD25-0057 – Lands of Tessone

Feb 5, 2026

26800 Fremont Road / Pinewood School - File #CUP25-0004 - Lands of Palo Alto

Unified School District

26500 Conejo Court (formerly 26498 Ascension Drive) – File #SD25-0015 – Lands of

Wavecho, LLC

7. City Council Meeting Reports

Jan 15, 2026

Consideration of Appointment to the Los Altos Hills Planning Commission (Staff: A. Miller)

Discussion and Possible Direction on Terminating Agreement with FLOCK Safety for the Town's Automatic License Plate Reader System (Staff: C. Einfalt)

Jan 21, 2026

Annual Reports by the Town of Los Altos Hills Planning Commission and Standing Committees on 2025 Accomplishments and Proposed Work Plans for 2026-2027

Approve 25k for native garden after reminder from Carol G and Kavita

8. Old Business

- a. Heritage House Renovation - May 1 possible public opening; zone 0 plantings to be transplanted into north hedge; plantings for public opening to be added
- b. Native Plant Garden - weed & restore barriers for north hedge; Michael S & town staff pruned orchard; \$25k approved
- c. Updates to the View Ordinance - not in staff work plan (needs additional hires)
- d. Discussion and vote on updates to the fence ordinance for the Objective Design Standards in the Housing Element (CG PB) - updated and at staff ((needs additional hires)

9. New Business

- a. Approval of Nov 11, 2025 and Jan 13, 2026 EDPC Meeting Minutes

10. Subgroup projects - prioritize these re staff bandwidth

- a. *Wildlife Corridors/Fence Ordinance (CG/PB) - at staff (intern reviewed): update to preclude wood from zone 0*
- b. *Committee Web Pages (PB) – list of recommendations to be shared*
- c. *Standing Committees Resolution, Committee Charter (PB) – update charter with clearer wording*
- d. *Use of native plants for landscaping including for town sites (PB/EL/GT) - done for now*
- e. *Definition of Ridgelines and Hilltops (GT/CG/EL) - mapping, Jim Wachura attending*
- f. *Artificial turf, full area to be in MDA (VC) - at staff (drainage important)*
- g. EDPC & EPRC joint committee to work on firescaping ordinance(s) (CG/EL/PB/GT) - initial meeting - Jan 29 meeting to update Landscape Guide re wildfire prep

11. Adjournment 7:36pm

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