

Minutes of Los Altos Hills Environmental Design and Protection Committee

Date: Tues, July 14, 2026, at 5:50 p.m.

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

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

Attending Associate Members: ~~Kjell Karlsson~~, Hajime Murakami (in person), Peter Brown

City Council Liaison: ~~Mayor Kavita Tankha~~

Other attendees: Saroop Mathur (27299 Bryne Park Ln), Dave Stewart (EPRC)

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

2. Presentations from the Floor

3. Future Committee Dates of Interest & Assignments

- a. EDPC Meeting: 8/11/2026 2nd Tuesdays at 5pm
- b. City Council Meeting: (8/20/26) 3rd Thursdays, 6:00 pm (break July)
- c. Planning Commission Meeting: (8/6/26) 1st Thursday, 6:00 pm (also July 20)
- d. Field Trips: Friday mornings (and occasional afternoons to accommodate Ivy) coordinated by Carol
- e. Fast Track/Site Development Meetings: Tuesday mornings, 10:00 am, Ivy/Elizabeth to alert site reviewers

4. Review of Field Trip Reports

6/12 CG, AC

26929 Almaden Court - Second Driveway for ADU

6/19 CG EL GT

27299 Byrne Park Lane - variance

26080 Quail Lane - Landscape screen

6/26 n/a

7/3 CG AC EL

12625 Viscaino Court - sports court

SD25-0050 / Almaden-Altamont - lot split (originally 27000 Almaden Court)

12769 Dianne Drive - variance for remodel

7/10 CG AC GT

13920 Mir Mirou Road - New swimming pool and hardscape improvements

26880 Ortega Drive - major addition to an existing SFR

25851 Estacada Way - Landscape Screening for Approved Addition

5. Review of Site Development and Fast Tracks

6/16 12800 Alto Verde Lane – File #SD25-0082 – Lands of Kianpour
Landscape screening for new residence, ADU, SB9

6/23 n/a 6/30 n/a 7/7 n/a 7/14 n/a

6. Planning Commission Meeting Reports

7/2 n/a

7. City Council Meeting Reports n/a

8. Old Business

- a. Heritage House Renovation - opening August 19 3pm
- b. Native Plant Garden - weed & restore barriers for north hedge; Michael S & town staff pruned orchard; \$25k approved; irrigation restarted (high water table noted); opportunity for grant funding for the NPG renovation project being considered by Public Works staff; weeding and updating/tidying of plant cages w/ Sue Welch Apr 30; re-establish irrigation
- 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. EDPC officer election (re-scheduled for Aug 4)
- b. EDPC statements for the revised town GreenSheets ::
http://www.couperus.org/Scrapbooks/Grab_Bag/Greensheets/
- c. Draft guidelines on planting under oaks for planning staff (especially for Bageshri, as she works with the permit applicants for 13867 Robleda Rd). We discussed in April's meeting allowing planting in possibly the outer 1/3 of the canopy for oaks with a canopy beyond a certain size.
- d. Draft a list of applicant design plan inclusions that EDPC would like to see when we review plans

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*
- c. *Standing Committees Resolution, Committee Charter (PB) – update charter with clearer wording*
- e. *Definition of Ridgelines and Hilltops (EL/CG/GT +JimWachura) - mapping& photos; invite EDPC to review work when writeup revised and illustrative photos added*
- 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) - updated Landscape Guide re wildfire prep*

11. Adjournment 6:52pm