

Minutes of Los Altos Hills Environmental Design and Protection Committee

Date: Tues, March 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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City Council Chambers Duxbury Room, 26379 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022

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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 Grace Tsang, Carol Gottlieb, Anne Hsiao, Ivy Mei (virtual)

Associate members: Peter Brown, Kjell Karlsson

Guests: Captain Paige Russell, Rajiv Bhateja, Jay Bradford

2. Presentations from the Floor

Jay Bradford - WUI and Fire Map - Updates to Code

3. Future Committee Dates of Interest & Assignments

- a. EDPC Meeting: 4/14/2026 2nd Tuesdays at 5pm
- b. City Council Meeting: (3/19/26) 3rd Thursdays, 6:00 pm
- c. Planning Commission Meeting: (4/2/26) 1st Thursday, 6:00 pm
- d. Field Trips: Friday mornings coordinated by Carol
- e. Fast Track/Site Development Meetings: Tuesday mornings, 10:00 am, Ivy/Elizabeth to alert

site reviewers

4. Review of Field Trip Reports

2/13

12291 Barley Hill Road - Fast Track Addition and Remodel - SD25-0051

12425 Hilltop Drive - Fast Track Addition to a Single Family Residence - SD25-0069

2/27

14422 Liddicoat Circle/Transformer

10701 Magdalena

3/6

26500 Purissima Road

26685 Snell Lane

5. Review of Site Development and Fast Tracks

March 03, 2026 - 13021 W Loyola Drive

6. Planning Commission Meeting Reports

3/5/26

- a. 26023 Alicante Lane - transformer
- b. Amending the Town's Accessory Dwelling Unit regulation
- c. Basement Ordinance Interpretation:

What is the maximum amount of bunker area excluded from the calculation of floor area?

*Can floor levels with minimum ceiling heights be excluded from the definition of
basement and bunker?*

- d. Fire Hazard Severity Zone(FHSZ) Designations and Enforcement Framework for
Mixed FHSZ Parcels

7. City Council Meeting Reports

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; Jan 13, 2026; Feb 10, 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+JimWachura) - mapping& photos*

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 @6:47 PM

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