



**CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**Amedee O. "Dick" Richards, Jr. Council Chamber
1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena, CA 91030**

Monday, September 24, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.

*In order to address the Planning Commission, please complete a Public Comment Card.
Time allotted per speaker is three minutes.*

- CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Kelly M. Koldus
- ROLL CALL:** Steven, Dahl, Commissioner, John Lesak, Commissioner, Richard Tom, Secretary, Janet Braun, Vice-Chair, and Kelly M. Koldus, Chair
- COUNCIL LIAISON:** Marina Khubesrian, MD
- STAFF PRESENT:** David Bergman, Interim Director of Planning and Building
Holly O. Whatley, Assistant City Attorney
Edwar Sissi, Associate Planner
Darby Whipple, Senior Planner
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chair Kelly M. Koldus

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

(Time limit is three minutes per person)

Time reserved for those in the audience who wish to address the Planning Commission on items not on the agenda and within the subject-matter jurisdiction of the Planning Commission. The audience should be aware that the Planning Commission may not discuss details or vote on non-agenda items. Your concerns may be referred to staff or placed on a future agenda.

Note: Public input will also be taken during all agenda items. Time allotted per speaker: 3 minutes.

CONTINUED HEARING

1. 728 Bonita Drive (Hillside Development Permit/Variance – New Single Family Residence)

The Planning Commission will consider approval for a Hillside Development Permit and a Variance the construction of a new 3-bedroom single-family residence on a vacant hillside lot with an average downslope of 49%. The proposed square footage of the house will be 2,190 square feet with an additional 431 square feet for an attached 2-car garage. The house will consist of two levels that descend down the slope from the street with the garage, front entry, kitchen and living room areas located at the street level, and lower level containing the private living spaces. The house is designed in a modern style with cement plaster finish, wood siding, and split gable or shed-style roofing. The volumes of the house are grouped together into simple interconnected forms as they descend the hillside in an effort to reduce the scale and massing of the project. The proposed house also incorporates two levels of outdoor decks that will allow the residents to take advantage of the outdoor environment at the down sloping rear yard. The house will be sited upon a 6,286 square foot hillside parcel located in the RS zoning district with a proposed net total of 968.72 cubic yards of soil slated for removal. The applicant is proposing to have a 4’-5” front yard setback instead of the standard 10 feet for hillside properties. The variance is required given the steep slope, height restrictions, and neighborhood compatibility. The average front yard setback of the neighborhood is 3’-5” and if the applicant were to comply with the 10-foot setback requirement, the project would sit much lower at the street level than other properties within the area and it will require extensive shoring and high retaining walls given the sensitive nature of the steep hillside parcel. Four trees, one native and three non-native are slated for removal and will be subject to approval replacement plantings through the Public Works Department.

Recommendation:

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PUBLIC HEARING

2. 325 Camino Verde (Hillside Development Permit – New Single Family Residence)

The Planning Commission will consider approval for a Hillside Development Permit, which consists of the demolition of an existing 1,582 square foot one-story single-family residence constructed in 1965 in addition to the replacement of the structure with a new 4,620 square foot two-story single-family house with a detached 595 square foot detached accessory structure/pool house, a 400 square

foot two-car attached garage not visible from the street, and a 490 square foot rear yard pool. A breakdown of the proposed house square footages are as follows: the first floor will be 2,236 square feet; the second floor will be 2,384 square feet; and the detached bonus room/pool house will be 595 square feet. The proposed house is traditionally designed in a Mediterranean style with a central front entry portico, a symmetrical façade, shallow roof eaves with a classical cornice profile, a hipped clay s-tile roof, and fiberglass windows. The house will be rectangular in form and will be finished in stucco with a stone cladding base. The project will also involve the construction of a new 490 square foot rectangular pool next to the bonus room/pool house at the rear yard. The Cultural Heritage Commission has reviewed and determined that the existing house is not an Historic Resource, and the project may proceed with the demolition pursuant to the approval of the Hillside Development Permit by the Planning Commission

Recommendation:

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3. 1800 Via Del Rey (Hillside Development Permit – New Single Family Addition and Façade Change)

The Cultural Heritage Commission will consider approval for a Hillside Development Permit, regarding a proposal for a new single family addition, which consists of a 1,430 square foot addition to an existing 1,850 single-story, single-family residence that was constructed in 1969. A detailed breakdown of the square footage includes the following: the demolition of 12 square feet on the existing ground floor, the addition of 187 square feet on the first floor, and the addition of a new 1,242 square foot second floor. All together, the first floor is proposed to be 2,025 square feet and the new second floor will be 1,242 square feet. The total FAR will grow from 11% to 19% with a lot coverage that increases from 13.42% to 15.35% for the 17,307 square foot parcel. The subject site is a hillside lot with an average slope of 36% and is located in the Altos De Monterey Overlay (AM) Zoning District. The project scope also involves a façade change from the existing nondescript Stylized Ranch home with tile roofing and partial brick cladding façade. The proposed façade change includes a new modern material palette of gray standing seam metal roofing, smooth stucco walls, gray cement-board paneling, and horizontal wood siding. The new second floor addition will primarily be within the existing footprint of the first floor and will comply with the required front setback of second story additions. A new rear-facing balcony will extend from the new second story master bedroom and also serve as a patio cover for the ground floor. All new windows and doors are proposed to complement the new modern façade change. Additionally, the project will involve the removal of the existing impermeable concrete driveway and replacement with concrete pavement inserted into a permeable grid of turf area. The existing rear yard pool is proposed to be filled and no trees are proposed for removal.

Recommendation:

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ADMINISTRATION

5. Comments from City Council Liaison
6. Comments from Planning Commissioners
7. Comments from Staff

ADJORNMENT

Adjourn to the regular Planning Commission meeting scheduled for October 22, 2018

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Date

9/20/18

Elaine Serrano,
Administrative Secretary