# ACTION MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE HELD ON May 20, 2021

#### **ROLL CALL**

Committee Members present: Steven Scharf, Chair

Vikram Saxena, Commissioner

Committee Members absent: none

Staff present: Erika Poveda, Associate Planner

Piu Ghosh, Planning Manager

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. January 21, 2021

The minutes of January 21, 2021 were postponed due to a lack of a quorum for approval by proxy

### **ORAL COMMUNICATION:**

None

## WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

None

## **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

None

## **PUBLIC MEETING:**

2. Application No.(s): EXC-2020-005

Applicant: T.N. Design (Kumar residence)

Location: 10290 Imperial Avenue APN: 357-19-053

R-1 Exception Permit to allow the construction of a new 3,026 SF single-story residence with reduced side-yard setbacks of 5' on each side, where a combined side-yard setback of 15' is typically required in the R1-7.5 zoning district.

Design Review Committee decision final unless appealed.

Staff Member Poveda reviewed the project with the Committee. The project site was annexed into the City in 2004 from the County. The lot is of substandard width (10' narrower) and substandard size (774 square feet smaller) as are many of the homes in this area that have been annexed. Granting this exception will allow the property owner greater flexibility to construct their home with a balanced floor plan. The proposed residence complies with the R-1 Ordinance and is consistent in design with the other homes in the Monta Vista neighborhood.

The Committee Members asked clarifying questions regarding the overall neighborhood design, allowed slot size and proposed landscaping.

Chair Scharf opened the Public Comment period.

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Chair Scharf agreed with Committee Member Saxena's thoughts that allowing the reduced setbacks would not adversely affect the neighborhood. The City has granted these types of exceptions where appropriate in the past.

MOTION: Commissioner Saxena moved to approve EXC-2020-005 per the draft resolution APPROVE: Chair Scharf ABSENT: none ABSTAIN: none VOTE: 2-0-0

OLD BUSINESS:
None

NEW BUSINESS: None

Respectfully submitted:

/s/Beth Ebben

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Deputy Board Clerk