

KENSINGTON MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING NOTES - DRAFT

CONFERENCE ROOM, COMMUNITY CENTER

59 ARLINGTON AVE., KENSINGTON, CALIFORNIA

Tuesday, May 31, 2016 – 7:00 PM

1. Roll Call: Brydon, Engberg, Gilfillan (quorum)
2. Citizens' Comments - None
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes – None
4. **PG&E Presentation on LED conversion in Kensington**

Representatives from PG&E and the County provided a presentation on LED streetlight conversion in Kensington. Program is part of a County-wide effort to replace approx. 150,000 PG&E-owned High Pressure Sodium fixtures with high efficiency LED fixtures. Program will result in substantial energy and GHG reductions. If residents are concerned that new LED lights are too bright, not bright enough, etc., they may contact PG&E representative Lina Binns at 510-423-8279.

For more info, visit: www.pge.com/streetlightupgrade

5. **165 Purdue (VR16-1010)** The applicant is requesting a Variance Review for the purposes of performing structural upgrades to an existing detached garage with a 1' – 3" side yard (where 3' is the minimum required). Proposed modifications include altering the pitch of the roof and adding seismic frames to the structures western elevation, resulting in a lengthening of the garage by 7 inches.

Applicant Bart Jones, 48 year resident at the property, explained that the project is a maintenance project to repair an existing garage that is nonconforming due to placement on the lot. No objections from the neighbors.

No speakers opposed.

Engberg moved to recommend the project, finding that the project meets the conditions for a variance. Motion to approve (3-0) (Brydon, Engberg, Gilfillan – aye)

6. **35 Marguerita Rd. (VR16-01018)** The applicant requests approval of a variance to allow a 0 foot rear yard (where 15' is the minimum required) for the installation of ~~nine~~ four concrete piers to be utilized as supports for a failing retaining wall. The project also includes a request for approval of a Kensington Design Review.

Art Ward (applicant) explained that the project will provide structural support for an existing concrete retaining wall. There was an error in the project description; he is only planning to install four (not nine) new concrete piers.

Engberg moved to recommend the project, finding that the project meets the conditions for design review and a variance. Motion to approve (3-0) (Brydon, Engberg, Gilfillan – aye)

No speakers opposed.

7. Adjourn: 8:00 p.m.