

**Los Altos Hills**  
**Environmental Design & Protection Committee**  
**Regular Meeting Agenda**

**Date:** Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 5 p.m.

**Location:** Duxbury Conference Room, Town Hall, 26379 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022

Committee Meetings are held in-person. As a courtesy, and in compliance with applicable state law, staff and members of the public may participate in the meeting in person at Town Hall or virtually via Zoom Video Conference.

**To attend the meeting in person:**

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**To attend via Zoom Video Conference:**

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**Meeting ID:** 883 8164 3971 // **Passcode:** 279361

**To Provide Public Comment:**

Members of the public wishing to speak are requested to raise their hand during the meeting and wait to be acknowledged by the Chair. You may optionally identify yourself by name.

**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**

**2. Presentations from the Floor**

**3. Future Committee Dates of Interest & Assignments**

- a. EDCP Meeting: 6/9/2026 2nd Tuesdays at 5pm
- b. City Council Meeting: (5/21/26) 3rd Thursdays, 6:00 pm
- c. Planning Commission Meeting: (6/4/26) 1st Thursday, 6:00 pm
- d. Field Trips: Friday mornings coordinated by Carol (to be further discussed)
- e. Fast Track/Site Development Meetings: Tuesday mornings, 10:00 am, Ivy/Elizabeth to alert site reviewers

**4. Review of Field Trip Reports**

- a. **4/17/26 Anna, Anne, Grace, Carol**  
13961 Fremont Avenue- swimming pool  
13470 Robleda- new home  
14884 Manuella Road - new house with three variances
- b. **4/24/26 Elizabeth, Carol, Peter**  
23100 Encinal Ct

**c. 5/1/26**

SD25-0002 / 28155 Christopher's Lane – New SFR

SD25-0067 / 14210 Berry Hill Court – Major Addition

CUP26-0002 / 27210 Altamont Road – Conditional Use Permit Amendment for Westwind Barn

**d. 5/8/26 - no visits**

**5. Review of Site Development and Fast Tracks**

**a. April 21, 2026**

11035 Magdalena Avenue – File #SD25-0033 – Lands of Gujral, Site Development Permit for landscape improvements

**b. May 5, 2026**

12291 Barley Hill Road – File #SD25-0051 – Lands of Kohli & Bhasin, Site Development Permit for a 1,351-square-foot addition

13867 Robleda Road – File #SD25-0049 – Lands of Kurmann, Site Development Permit for landscape screening plan

**c. May 12, 2026**

13961 Fremont Pines Lane File #SD26-0011 – Lands of Kumar, Site Development Permit for the construction of a new 648 square-foot swimming pool etc.

26685 Snell Lane – File #SD25-0063 – Lands of Joseph, Site Development Permit for the demo then new SFR

**6. Planning Commission Meeting Reports – May 7, 2026, n/a**

**7. City Council Meeting Reports April 16, 2026**

- a. Resolution Authorizing Staff to Submit 2026 Valley Water Standard Grants Program Applications for Byrne Preserve Restoration and Heritage House Native Garden (Staff: W. Kim)

**8. Old Business**

- a. Heritage House Renovation - Jul 4 possible public opening; 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; 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. Approval of Apr 14 EDPC Meeting Minutes
- b. Discuss Field Trip Scheduling

**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. c. Standing Committees Resolution, Committee Charter (PB) – update charter with clearer wording
- c. Definition of Ridgelines and Hilltops (GT/CG/EL + Jim Wachura) - mapping& photos; invite

EDPC to review work when writeup revised

- d. Artificial turf, full area to be in MDA (VC) - at staff (drainage important)
- e. EDPC & EPRC joint committee to work on firescaping ordinance(s) (CG/EL/PB/GT) – updated Landscape Guide re wildfire prep

## **11. Adjournment**

*Any writings or documents provided to a majority of the Environmental Design and Protection Committee regarding any item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection in the City Clerk's office located at Town Hall, 26379 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills, California during normal business hours.*