

# **REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

Date:4/24/2017Time:7:00 p.m.City Council Chambers701 Laurel St., Menlo Park, CA 94025

- A. Call To Order
- B. Roll Call

# C. Reports and Announcements

Under "Reports and Announcements," staff and Commission members may communicate general information of interest regarding matters within the jurisdiction of the Commission. No Commission discussion or action can occur on any of the presented items.

# D. Public Comment

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# E. Consent Calendar

E1. Approval of minutes from the March 27, 2017, Planning Commission meeting. (Attachment)

# F. Public Hearing

F1. Use Permit/Chris Pandolfo/1065 Trinity Drive:

Request for a use permit to add on to the main floor and lower floor, and conduct interior modifications to an existing two-story, single-family residence that would exceed 50 percent of the replacement value of the existing nonconforming structure in a 12-month period. The proposal includes excavation in the required right side and rear yard setbacks, associated with creating access to the lower floor addition and landscape improvements. The parcel is located in the R-E-S (Residential Estate Suburban) zoning district. As part of the proposed development, nine heritage-size trees (two white birches and seven Monterey pines) in poor health, are proposed to be removed. (Staff Report #17-019-PC)

- F2. Use Permit/Arzang Development L.P./262 Yale Road: Request for a use permit to demolish an existing single-story home and detached garage, and build a new two-story residence on a substandard lot with respect to width. The subject property is in the R-1-U (Single Family Urban Residential) zoning district. (Staff Report #17-020-PC)
- F3. Use Permit/Alex Lai & Jessy Tseng/845 Arbor Road: Request for a use permit to demolish an existing single-story, single-family residence and construct a new two-story, single-family residence on a substandard lot with respect to width and area in the R-1-S (Single Family Suburban Residential) zoning district. (Staff Report #17-021-PC)
- F4. Use Permit/Kanler, Inc./515 Bay Road:

Request for a use permit to construct a new two-story, single-family residence on a substandard lot with regard to lot width and lot area in the R-1-U (Single Family Urban Residential ) zoning district. In addition, one heritage Joshua tree, 30 inches in diameter, in fair condition, and one heritage coast live oak, 22 inches in diameter, in fair condition, at the right side of the property would be removed. In addition, a heritage coast live oak, 16 inches in diameter, in fair condition, would be pruned more than 25 percent. An earlier version of the proposal was reviewed and continued by the Planning Commission on Feburary 27, 2017. *Application withdrawn.* 

F5. Use Permit/Goldsilverisland Properties LLC/674-676 Partridge Avenue:

Request for a use permit to demolish two existing one-story single-family residences and a detached two-car garage, and construct two new two-story single-family residences, an attached one-car garage and a detached one-car garage. The proposal includes the removal of one heritage black acacia tree in the right rear area of the parcel as well as administrative review of a tentative parcel map to subdivide the project into two condominium units. The subject property is in the R-2 (Low Density Apartment) zoning district. (Staff Report #17-022-PC)

F6. Use Permit Revision and Architectural Control Revision/The Kastrop Group/210 Oak Grove Avenue:

Request for a use permit revision and architectural control revision for a single-story addition to an existing social hall (O'Hare Center) on a church site in the R-E (Residential Estate) zoning district. Modifications to on-site parking are proposed, including the conversion of an existing three-car garage to gathering space and the construction of a new detached two-car garage. (Staff Report #17-023-PC)

# G. Informational Items

- G1. Future Planning Commission Meeting Schedule The upcoming Planning Commission meetings are listed here, for reference. No action will be taken on the meeting schedule, although individual Commissioners may notify staff of planned absences.
  - Regular Meeting: May 8, 2017
  - Regular Meeting: May 22, 2017
  - Regular Meeting: June 5, 2017

#### H. Adjournment

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# **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT**

Date: 3/27/2017 Time: 7:00 p.m. City Council Chambers 701 Laurel St., Menlo Park, CA 94025

# A. Call To Order

Chair Katherine Strehl called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

### B. Roll Call

Present: Andrew Barnes, Drew Combs (Vice Chair), Susan Goodhue, Larry Kahle, John Onken, Henry Riggs, Katherine Strehl (Chair)

Staff: Thomas Rogers, Principal Planner; Jean Lin, Senior Planner, Arnold Mammarella, Consultant

### C. Reports and Announcements

Principal Planner Thomas Rogers said the City Council at its March 14 meeting approved the Housing Element Annual Report. He noted that there were not any substantive changes to the report since the Planning Commission's review and recommendation of it. He said the Council also approved an amendment to the green building regulations to make a small change regarding car chargers and the ConnectMenlo areas. He said the Council at its March 28 meeting would consider appointing subcommittees for the 500 El Camino Real and the Stanford General Use Permit projects. He said the Community Development Department had happily welcomed Mark Muenzer as Assistant Community Development Director for Planning.

# D. Public Comment

There was none.

#### E. Consent Calendar

E1. Approval of minutes from the February 27, 2017 Planning Commission meeting. (Attachment)

**ACTION:** Motion and second (John Onken/Susan Goodhue) to approve the minutes as presented; passes 7-0.

Chair Strehl noted that Commissioner Onken would be recused from the items on the agenda pertaining to Stanford University. Mr. Onken left the dais. Chair Strehl also noted that a court reporter was recording item F1 to prepare a transcript of the public hearing item.

# F. Public Hearing

F1. Draft Infill Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Public Hearing/Stanford University/300-550 EI Camino Real: Public hearing to receive public comments on the Draft Infill EIR for the proposed development at 300-550 El Camino Real Project (also known as the Middle Plaza at 500 El Camino Real project). The Draft Infill EIR prepared for the project identifies environmental effects at a less than significant level without mitigation in the following categories: Air Quality (construction health risk) and Noise (vehicle traffic noise). The Draft Infill EIR identifies potentially significant environmental effects that are significant and unavoidable in the following category: Transportation/Traffic. The following categories were previously identified as requiring no further analysis in the associated Infill Environmental Checklist, due to being analyzed in a prior EIR and/or being substantially mitigated by uniformly applicable development policies: Agricultural and Forestry Resources, Air Quality (other than construction health risk), Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Agenda Page 2 City of Menlo Park 701 Laurel St., Menlo Park, CA 94025 tel 650-330-6600 www.menlopark.org Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Mineral Resources, Noise (other than noise impacts from vehicle traffic). Population and Housing. Public Services. Recreation, Transportation/Traffic (air traffic patterns), and Utilities and Service Systems. The Infill Environmental Checklist is included as an Appendix of the Draft Infill EIR. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires this notice to disclose whether any listed hazardous waste sites are present at the location. The project location does contain a hazardous waste site included in a list prepared under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. The Hazards and Hazardous Materials section of the Draft Infill EIR discusses this topic in more detail. Written comments on the Draft Infill EIR may also be submitted to the Community Development Department no later than 5:30 p.m., Thursday, April 13, 2017. (Staff Report #17-016-PC)

#### Transcript prepared for item F1.

#### G. Study Session

G1. Study Session/Stanford University/300-550 EI Camino Real: Study session to receive comments on the 500 EI Camino Real proposal (also known as the Middle Plaza project) for a mixed-use development consisting of office, retail, and residential uses on a 8.4-acre site, with a total of approximately 10,000 of retail/restaurant, 144,000 square feet of non-medical office, and 215 residential units. The study session will allow Planning Commissioners and the public to provide feedback on the overall project (Staff Report #17-016-PC).

Staff Comment: Senior Planner Lin said the applicant and team would make a presentation after which the public would be given the opportunity to comment on the project. She said finally the Commission would have an opportunity to ask questions and make comments on the proposed project.

Applicant Presentation: Mr. John Donahoe, Stanford Real Estate, said representatives from DES Architects, Dahlin Group Architects and Planning, and Guzzardo Partnership were present. He said representatives from Standis Engineering and the traffic consultants were present.

Mr. Donahoe said their proposed plan had and would continue to comply with the Specific Plan. He said they had received considerable input on the project since it was first presented in 2013 and 2014. He said at the end of 2014 they chose to reset the project and hosted listening events. He

said they met with focus groups, 10 people at a time, representing the surrounding community. He said they asked the participants questions about other projects and desired architectural styles. He said participants indicated while there was no specific Menlo Park style that whatever style was chosen should be executed strongly. He said the highest preference was to have different architectural styles in the project. He said they revised the project accordingly and in 2015 held community meetings on the revised plans. He said they took that input and further revised the plans, which was the proposal the Commission was being shown. He said they significantly changed the office and residential architectural styles. He said they added 43% more residential units, increasing from 150 to 215 units. He said they decreased office square footage and were not proposing any medical office as part of this project. He said these changes significantly reduced the average daily trip count and the a.m. and p.m. trips for the project. He said their project was seeking the basic floor area ratio (FAR) of the Specific Plan for this area. He said they would have more open space than the minimum required.

Mr. Donahoe said Office Building 1 would have 10,000 square feet for retail spaces with access from the public plaza. He noted that the proposal had Office Buildings 1, 2 and 3 and Residential Buildings A and B. He said the architectural character for this project was based on input from the community to have more traditional architecture. He said they were using Spanish-style architecture for the office buildings and Craftsman-style architecture for the residential buildings. He said staff had concerns that it was disjointed but they did not think it was. He said the Specific Plan demanded that breaks all the way through their site needed to line up with cross streets. He said buildings on a typical city block were not necessarily built at the same time and didn't look the same. He said having a bit of differentiation was intentional and they thought appropriate.

Mr. Donahoe said Stanford faculty would be given preference for the residential units. He said 48% of the units were one-bedroom and 52% were two-bedroom. He said in previous iterations they had studio units and some three-bedroom units. He said feedback from the community led them to redesign the project to be all one-bedroom and two-bedroom units. He said the buildings had a number of amenities.

Mr. Donahoe said there was a public utility easement between Office Buildings 2 and 3 that could not be removed or relocated. He said they would have parking on the first floor and offices on the second and third floors. He said Office Building 1 would have 10,000 square feet of required retail on the first floor. He provided slides showing details.

Mr. Donahoe said the Specific Plan required the Middle Avenue Plaza size to be 120 feet between buildings. He said they made the Plaza significantly larger based on community input so that there was 120 feet of Plaza not counting the circulation for the project. He said they planned to plant mature trees along El Camino Real. He said the programming within the Plaza was intended to be flexible to allow for tents, tables and patio areas as well as an area for a stage. He said they superimposed their plaza design over Café Borrone's plaza and Redwood City History Museum plaza to provide a tool to help people understand the proposal. He said they have worked collaboratively with the City of Menlo Park on how the Middle Avenue crossing might proceed in the future, noting feasibility studies.

Chair Strehl opened the public comment period.

• Adina Levin, Menlo Park resident and member of the Transportation Commission, said she was speaking as an individual. She commented favorably on increasing the number of residential

units. She said that more could be done to reduce transportation trips; for instance limiting the number of cars permitted per unit and unbundling parking for residential and creating a system of incremental payments for people to get additional parking spaces. She said she thought the project was over-parked and asked what staff was doing to assess the parking required.

• Fran Dehn, Menlo Park Chamber of Commerce, said the Chamber endorsed the Middle Plaza project, and described the decision process it used to arrive at that support. She said the comprehensiveness of the project and its design had all the elements of mixed use and open space in an integrated use development. She said the community engagement was evolutionary for the project, and it was a community product through Stanford's stewardship.

Chair Strehl closed the public comment period.

Commission Questions: Commissioner Kahle asked about the feasibility studies Mr. Donahoe had mentioned. Mr. Donahoe said the project did not touch the right of way where the Specific Plan showed the location of the Middle Avenue crossing. He said the question was how to acquire that right of way. He said the crossing was not Stanford's responsibility to build and it was the City's project. He said Stanford had made a commitment to fund a significant portion of the cost of the crossing but as the cost of it was not known, it was challenging to identify what the amount significant funding was. He said to get that information they looked at three options of design: one was an overcrossing that was the least expensive to do but was not the highest choice for pedestrians and bicyclists; two was a crossing of the Caltrain track exactly as shown in the Specific Plan. He said at that location was a very important switch and Caltrain highly recommended not doing anything there as it would require diaging very deeply for an undercrossing but very carefully so the tracks and switches were not disturbed or moved. He said that option would be the most expensive one. He said the third option was moving the actual crossing further north clearing the switches and lights. He said that would be a much shallower undercrossing but would require part of the Big Five property and would ramp down from the project Plaza. He said the City was now doing its own process on how to do the crossing. Commissioner Kahle asked if Stanford was interested in acquiring that piece of land. Mr. Donahoe said they were not.

Commissioner Kahle asked about the narrow strip on the rear of Stanford's property and if they had considered a bike path there. Mr. Donahoe said there had been much discussion about potential bike routes behind the Stanford property. He said during the Specific Plan discussions that use was deemed inappropriate as such a path would not go anywhere. He said they were using that piece of land for floor area ratio (FAR) purposes. He said they would be open for discussion if the City had other uses for that land that would not conflict with their FAR use of it. He said their property along the railroad would have two different utilities in a narrow strip and there was not room for a separate area for a bike route there.

Commissioner Kahle asked about the curved exit from Stanford Park Hotel to Cambridge Avenue. Mr. Donahoe said it was part of their long-term lease with the Hotel and the Hotel was entitled to have and preserve it. He said at the back of the property, Office Building 3, they would create a new connection from which traffic from the Hotel could exit to Cambridge Avenue without the need of a u-turn as it was currently situated.

Commissioner Kahle asked how the layout of office and residential was determined. Mr. Donahoe said an existing easement from Cambridge Avenue to the railroad tracks meant they could not put a building there. He said they had from the start intended a smaller office building next to Stanford Park Hotel. He said they moved the office all around the site and at one point had the residential all

the way to the north. He said due to concerns with vehicles turning near the plaza, they relocated uses to prevent such conflict.

Commissioner Kahle said the roof plan was light on solar panels. Mr. Donahoe said state requirements were to show potential locations for solar and that the Specific Plan had LEED Silver requirement for the property. He said Stanford had a long history of being sustainable and that did not correlate specifically to panels on roofs. He said their direction was overall construction efficiencies.

Commissioner Barnes asked about earlier comments on impacts to the Menlo Park City School District. Mr. Donahoe said they were aware of the school district's concerns and intended to meet with them. He said they removed the three-bedroom units in the project in response to the school district's concerns. Commissioner Barnes asked why they removed the studio units. Mr. Donahoe said their housing office preferred three to four bedroom units as that was what their faculty members wanted square footage-wise. He said they needed to build a project that if not faculty occupied would be desirable to other tenants in the marketplace. He said the difference in square footage between a studio and one-bedroom apartment was not significant. He said what was significant was the elimination of the three-bedroom units.

Commissioner Barnes asked about property tax requirements. Ms. Jean McCown, Associate <u>Vice</u> <u>President</u> for Stanford Community Relations, said throughout all Stanford properties, a <u>non-</u> Stanford commercial tenant was treated for property tax purposes as any other property was. She said Stanford had no tax exemption it could request if the property was not being used for university academic purposes. She said for student and faculty housing they were eligible to file for an exemption for whatever amount of space that was. She said it was on a per tenancy basis.

Commissioner Barnes asked if the office space was to drive rental income. Ms. McCown said the office component of the proposal from the start was intended to be non-Stanford commercial revenue generating use. She said the housing was of great interest to Stanford to provide housing for faculty. Commissioner Barnes asked if they would prefer all residential. Ms. McCown said mixed use was an attractive way to use the site. Commissioner Barnes said that the Stanford construction group was working near the pedestrian overpass over Willow Road. Chair Strehl said Willow Place. Ms. McCown said she thought Stanford rented space there but didn't own the property.

Mr. Donahoe said related to mixed-use versus solely residential that residential made more of a demand on City services than commercial and did not generate as much tax revenue as commercial could. He said if the project was all commercial there would be undesired traffic impacts.

Commissioner Barnes asked about the comment that the project was over-parked. Mr. Donahoe said they were asking a slight reduction in the amount of required parking. He said the Plan area had built-in reduced parking, versus other areas of the City. He said the redesign would have more surface parking to allow for shared uses between the office and the residential. He said the garages underground were now physically separated and slightly smaller. He said they were willing to look at unbundling the residential parking and thought that would not impact the long term marketability of the project. He said in some areas people were pushing for less parking and in other areas offices were getting denser so that if the TDM wasn't pushed hard enough there was a risk of having parking issues. He said he thought they were being slightly conservative in their approach.

Commissioner Barnes said SRI touts a 50% rate of driving to work. He asked if the applicant had a sense of the commute rate for this project. Mr. Donahoe said with TDM that the larger the tenant and the larger the square footage of the building, the easier it was to reduce the drive alone numbers. He said they would have multiple tenants and likely would need to rely on two or three tenants to do TDM with a smaller group of participants. He said they have Caltrain at both ends of the site and the office was at the south end with a nice connection to the Palo Alto train station.

Commissioner Barnes said the open space of the proposal was 39.5% and landscaping was at 15%. Mr. Donahoe said they have over 88,000 square feet of pedestrian hardscape and 67,000 square feet of planting areas. He said they were meeting and exceeding the required open space. Commissioner Barnes said he was worried about the landscaping. Mr. Donahoe said they asked people during the discussions on the Plaza if they wanted that area planted or hardscaped and the preference was for hardscape to support many different activities there.

Chair Strehl said that balconies were being counted as open space. Mr. Donahoe said balconies open to the sky were counted as open space but their open space numbers were not inflated because of balconies. Chair Strehl asked if the Plaza that was part of the residential buildings was open to the public. Mr. Donahoe said that was for the residents of those units. Chair Strehl asked if they were charging for parking. Mr. Donahoe said they were not charging for office parking. He said if they unbundled the residential parking that each unit would get one parking space and have to pay for a second parking space. Chair Strehl asked about the availability of the Marguerite Shuttle to office tenants. Mr. Donahoe said the Marguerite service picked up anyone waiting for the shuttle without charge and that practice would continue. Chair Strehl asked if TDM would also apply to residential. Mr. Donahoe said that the TDM had elements for residential and elements for office use noting the key elements were proximity to Caltrain station, bus and shuttle stops, both public and private, provision of a transportation coordinator whose job would be to coordinate TDM efforts for both residential and commercial, preferred parking for carpools and van pools, a bike share program, do it yourself bike repair stations both for residential and office, secured bike areas in the residential buildings, spaces for car share vehicles such as zip cars. He said outside the TDM was the funding and Stanford's willingness to facilitate the separate Caltrain grade crossing. Chair Strehl confirmed with Mr. Donahoe that he was talking about significant contributions to the bicycle and pedestrian grade separation at Middle Avenue and not the Ravenswood grade separation.

Commissioner Goodhue said numerous comments had been made that the proposed 10,000 square foot retail was small, and asked what the expected tenancy was. Mr. Donahoe said the 10,000 square feet was significant noting many retail uses in the surrounding area. He said they had to be flexible about what tenants came into the space. Commissioner Goodhue asked about the actual amount of funding meant by significant for the Middle Avenue crossing. Mr. Donahoe said that discussion was starting with the City Council at its March 28 meeting and how that would occur. He said Stanford was willing to fund but there were other things desired of the project and they wanted to have that as a whole to consider. He said they have discussed the development agreement and the discussion at the City Council the next evening would be to initiate the agreement. He said unlike the Station 1300 project their project was at the base level and they were not required to do a development agreement. He said the agreement was to look at how to get the money to the City to fund the Middle undercrossing with protections for Stanford.

Commissioner Goodhue asked about Stanford's projections on the residential unit tenants and whether they wanted to have all the units rented to Stanford faculty and staff. Mr. Donahoe said

this project in relation to faculty housing was somewhat of an experiment. He said attracting faculty to this region was difficult due to housing costs. He said Stanford has a 170-unit project under construction along California Avenue that had been part of the Stanford Research Park. He said some of those units were small, single-family detached homes. He said there was also a condominium and apartment building. He said they do not know if faculty was interested in attached housing.

Commissioner Kahle asked if faculty and staff would have a reduced rental rate. Mr. Donahoe said faculty would but staff would not. Responding to Chair Strehl, Mr. Donahoe said that Stanford continues to house undergraduates 100% on campus and they felt student housing was well addressed. He said regarding Below Market Rate (BMR) housing that they were providing actual housing.

Replying to Commissioner Combs, Senior Planner Lin said there had been a Council subcommittee formed based on a prior iteration of this project tasked to provide guidance to revise the project. She said that has been completed. She said negotiations for the development agreement were a new task requiring a Council subcommittee. She said there would be a separate Council subcommittee for the Stanford General Use Permit. She said the City Attorney advised that the same two Council members serve on both committees to avoid conflicts and to have a broader knowledge of Stanford projects in the area.

Commissioner Combs said the project might not generate any tax revenue except for whatever retail might be located there. He said in other communities with large universities they have alternative impact fees. He asked if Stanford currently paid any such impact fee to a municipal body based on owning a large portion of land not producing any tax revenue. Mr. Donahoe said that Stanford did not pay any kind of in-lieu tax fee or PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes). He said Stanford was embarking on the construction of a new, 1.5 million square foot, employee-only campus in Redwood City. He said with that investment and the investment into this project it did not make financial sense for Stanford to occupy the 500 Middle Plaza rather than tenants who would provide revenue. He said his office was currently in the Stanford Research Park but would relocate to the Redwood City site. Commissioner Combs asked regarding staff concern that the architecture was disjointed using Mission and Craftsman styles if there was a local example of the Craftsman style. Mr. Donahoe said that the guidelines for the Specific Plan were very specific about the modulations required. He said the original proposal had residential units based on what was shown in the Specific Plan and they got a strong push back. He said they heard repeatedly that people wanted traditional looking architecture. He said they would bring back more visuals to show the intent in their choice of architectural styles.

Commissioner Riggs said on page 11 of the staff report concern was raised about the sidewalk width at the south end and where on the landscape plan that appeared. Senior Lin said fronting Building 3 that the sidewalks become much narrower because of the access driveway to Stanford Park Hotel, which was an existing condition. She said the sidewalk width being proposed was to accommodate that condition. Commissioner Riggs asked if the portion of sidewalk fronting the hotel met ADA width. Senior Planner Lin said that they would have to look at that to know the width. She said all of the new sidewalks along the frontage would have to comply with ADA requirements. Mr. Donahoe said they would look further at the sidewalk in the area next to the Stanford Park Hotel driveway to accomplish full 10-foot walking width.

Commissioner Barnes said staff found the residential facades too repetitive. He asked if they had considered a break in the residential buildings as they faced El Camino Real. Mr. Donahoe said

the Plan had a series of mandated breaks along the project frontage based on the streets on the other side of El Camino Real. He provided a visual to explain. He said also the Plan required that building breaks along the frontage could not exceed 25% of the site. He said coupling the required breaks and the 25% there was very little latitude outside of requesting an exemption to the plan of any additional breaks in the frontage. He said the Plan required major and minor modulations. He said for Building B they were using brick elements along the first floor and on Building A plaster.

Commissioner Barnes asked staff if a break between Buildings A and B by a variance request was desired to break up the repetition and massing along El Camino Real. Senior Planner Lin said the Plan had very precise standards for modulations that were insets into the buildings to provide visual relief and building breaks at street intersections. She said Middle Plaza's break was required to be a minimum 120 feet in width and they were providing more than that to accommodate a vehicular drive that would not cut through Middle Plaza. She said if the applicant wanted to request a variance findings needed to be made. She said part of that could relate to the need for Middle Plaza to be wider and increase the number of building breaks. She said what was proposed was to adhere to the standard requirements of 25% building breaks. Principal Planner Rogers said regarding variances that those had to be based on something unique to the site. He said breaks were not the only way to reduce architectural repetition. He said style and scales could be used. Mr. Mammarella said that staff was looking at the forma of the building and to create variety within that of the residential units.

Commissioner Kahle asked about the comment that the Plaza would be lightly used, the interface between Building 1 and Building B, and Commissioner Barnes' comments. Mr. Mammarella said in the Plan was a diagram of the Middle Plaza bounded by areas of buildings. He said as the Office Building on the one side and the Residential building on the other side were very distinct and different, there was no wall on the residential side to define that, and it was not a very defined urban space. He said the design of the Plaza seemed to be dictated by the roadway going through it and raised a question of how the Plaza was going to take form. He said with the 1300 Station project there was a real connection between the landscape, the plaza spaces and the building forms. He said with this project the Plaza just sat in front of the building and was sort of an open space that could be flexible for use but which was not very well defined by landscape or buildings. He said the articulation of the paving did not really give an identity to it. He said there were concerns as to how the Plaza could be defined more by its landscaping and architectural elements.

Chair Strehl said the parking for the retail was behind Building 1. Mr. Donahoe said some of it was and some was below grade. Chair Strehl asked about the BMR units. Mr. Donahoe said that those would go to the City. Senior Planner Lin said the BMRs would be offered to candidates on the City's wait list.

Commissioner Riggs asked about aesthetic intentions for stairwells to the garages and the office and residential buildings. John Thatch, Dahlin Group Architecture and Planning, said their intent was to have stairways that were very pleasant noting in today's world many like to use stairs. He said they would be well lit. He said they had not finished detailing those yet.

Commissioner Riggs asked about the paving patterns through the drive aisles. Gary Laymon, Guzzardo Partnership, said the paving for the Plaza articulated the pedestrian and driving areas differently. He said they were using two blends of pavers; one a charcoal blend and the other a rosier, redder blend. Commissioner Riggs suggested that the paving could be simplified and made less expensive, and still work. Commissioner Riggs noted the bicyclist and pedestrian crossing and suggested Stanford might assist in investigating signal buttons with different cross times to accommodate various user crossing speeds. Mr. Donahoe said he expected their project would make upgrades to both the Cambridge and Middle Avenue intersection with additional crosswalks and materials that would affect the timing. He said although primarily a City engineering matter, his group would be the ones executing so they were willing to explore crossing times.

Commissioner Riggs said it was feasible to connect the bicycle bridge in Palo Alto to this project. Mr. Donahoe said they had looked at that but the site was relatively narrow. He said they had given up right of way along El Camino Real for 15-foot sidewalks. He said they were extremely concerned about giving up any land on the rear of the property considering the easements they would locate and reconstruct in that area, access along the rear of the property and assumption of liability of such devices. Commissioner Riggs commented on use of informal routes by bicyclists and his safety concerns with the site having three vehicular access points. He emphasized his opposition to El Camino Real being a bicycle route for families. Mr. Donahoe said he believed the best outcome would be the undercrossing at Middle Avenue that would get bicyclists to Alma Street.

Commission Comments: Commissioner Kahle said this was a great project and he generally supported it, noting he was glad to see vacant lots developed. He said he was glad there was no medical use associated with the project. He said the architecture was great although he supported the architectural consultant's comment about the repetitive nature of the two residential buildings. He suggested differentiating the two buildings. He said the Plaza was a great addition. He said it would need to be very carefully designed in detail and encouraged them to consider this evening's paving discussion. He said he would like to see more detail on the Plaza and he concurred that the railroad undercrossing would be great. He said his concerns included this might feel like a Stanford satellite site if it was all Stanford faculty and staff space and the tax related issues with that. He said he would like to see more retail particularly in the Plaza area. He said even with an undercrossing he would like the 25-foot width in the rear to be used to make a connection for pedestrian and bicyclist access. He said not being able to use the Big Five parking lot differently was a detriment to the City. He said if possible he would like to see more solar panels. He said looking at the Office 3 elevation with parking on the first level it showed some grilles on the side which would be the first thing seen driving down El Camino Real and suggested it be screened.

Commissioner Barnes said the Plaza needed some thought and delineation by architecture, landscaping and special elements were important. He said he expected the Plaza would be a food and beverage destination and somehow the space had to be blended for the enjoyment of people drinking and eating there with the community space envisioned there and private businesses, and potentially with the transit point for pedestrian and bikes to the underpass located there. He said regarding TDM that the office and residential components had to have paid parking. He said office tenants must be required to offer to their employees transit passes and all the other things they do at Stanford Research Park such as Zipcars and emergency rides home to mitigate the car trips generated by the project. He said the issue with the Menlo Park School District had to be resolved and he did not think that was an insignificant impact. He said they should assume that this project would not generate tax revenues and use worst case scenario when considering impacts to the school district. He said he would like the repetitiveness of the two residential buildings to be addressed. He said he was fine with 10,000 square feet of retail and trying to define in advance what would be there was extremely difficult. He said they should not be prescriptive about what type of retail. He said he thought the project was short of greenery and he did not see the project as emblematic of the City and its trees. He said he was very excited with the "bones" of the project. Commissioner Goodhue said this project was the gateway to Menlo Park and she did not see Spanish architecture having the significance for that. She said she attended the community meetings and she thought that you get input on what was shown. She said she would like Stanford and DES to do something more creative. She agreed with the mixing of the architectural styles and thought they should be more creative with the project architecture. She said this development could be a prime point to start the movement of getting people out of their cars. She said she would like the TDM for this project to be the model for future projects.

Commissioner Riggs said he agreed with the comments made. He said regarding the architecture that the forms for the residential buildings were well done and the architecture and forms were excellent for the office buildings. He said he had an issue with the palette for the residential buildings. He said they could be bolder with a Craftsman style. He suggested looking at elevation sheet A25.5 and suggested the use of grays and whites might work. He said regarding the office buildings there was one beige finish on the board that concerned him. He suggested off white. He said with the continuity of three or four blocks they should not be as shy about the lighter colors. He said with the transition between Office Building 3 and Residential Building B the color board indicated three brick materials that were not that red vet the renderings showed dark red. He said he wanted to clarify if it was trying to relate to the base of the hotel or he was reading the wrong image for the samples. He noted stucco surfaces on the base of Building B that were painted dark. He said stucco at the lower floors at the west end of Building B could create a link to the stucco on Office Building 3 that might respond to the consulting architect's concern. He said he was concerned about the tower eaves as those did not seem related to the rest of the style. He said they needed more detail so they did not look like equipment screening or doghouses. He said his greatest concerns were about the Plaza and he had some suggestions. He said the paving was designed from one level and it had three opportunities to be lovely. He said currently it was beautiful from the bird's eye view. He said the second and third floor office and the pedestrian views were particularly important. He said there was an assumption that a Plaza was defined by the people in it – he suggested that it was the features of the Plaza that were important. He suggested the pattern of pavers could offer more levels and variety. He said the City really needed the tunnel crossing. He said the problem was not the project but El Camino Real. He said he would maintain his support for this project but it should not be built until El Camino Real was brought to a functional resolution of traffic, noting an earlier promise to do that before projects were developed along it under the Specific Plan.

Commissioner Goodhue said the Plaza should be given more thought. She said she agreed with Commissioner Riggs that the paving plan for it was beautiful when looking at it from a bird's eye view but questioned how it would appear with the Plaza in use. She said someone used the word container and she did not think the Plaza had a container noting its right side. She said she didn't think there was an alternative to having cars travel through there but she worried about the right side with the primary ingress and egress for vehicles, the possibility of bicyclists and pedestrians coming out of the tunnel. She questioned the location of the stage area. She said she did not know what the focus of the Plaza was and how all the modalities would work in the space.

Commissioner Riggs said the Plaza needed containment with space definition.

Commissioner Barnes emphasized the importance of the undercrossing. He said it was important for those like him who lived in the Willows to have that connection. He said he did not think that inducing demand on El Camino Real was the solution to any of the City's transportation problems.

He said the way to address that project specific was to work smartly on and manage transportation demand.

Commissioner Combs said he generally supported the project and even the more traditional architecture, although he understood the concern about the two different styles. He said this was an improvement from one of the earlier iterations and certainly more modern. He said regarding boldness that it was very easy for boldness to go wrong and it was much harder to go wrong with Mission style architecture. He said of the two choices he preferred more traditional. He said although the project was not seeking bonus level development, the site had been up-zoned through the Specific Plan and the applicant was benefiting from that. He said the project probably would generate little in tax revenue and the City subcommittee for the development agreement should look to Stanford for some fees such as in-lieu or impact fees, and contributions toward the undercrossing.

Chair Strehl said she agreed with much of what the Commission had said including the school fee and paid parking noting Station 1300 was charging for commercial and residential parking as a way to reduce auto travel.

### H. Informational Items

H1. City Council Work Plan Transmittal and Capital Improvement Program (CIP) process update (Attachment)

Principal Planner Rogers said that commissions no longer were asked to comment as a group on the City's proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP). He said the City Council has created a work plan and prioritized CIP projects for consideration at a future Council meeting.

- H2. Future Planning Commission Meeting Schedule
  - Regular Meeting: April 10, 2017
  - Regular Meeting: April 24, 2017
  - Regular Meeting: May 8, 2017

Principal Planner Rogers noted some potential agenda items for the upcoming meetings.

Chair Strehl asked when the Oak Court project was expected to come back to the Commission. Principal Planner Rogers said early May but it was not confirmed noting the applicant had received some comments about its survey and would work with neighbors and their surveyor before coming back to the Commission.

Chair Strehl asked about a proposal for a boardinghouse on Willow Road. Principal Planner Rogers said he thought that staff was waiting for the project's resubmittal.

Commissioner Riggs said he did not see any repaving projects in the CIP noting it was a multi-year plan. Principal Planner Rogers said repaving might be classified as an ongoing operational expense, which might be why it was not called out in the CIP. He said Public Works staff confers with Planning staff each year to coordinate paving around expected development projects.

Commissioner Barnes noted number five in the Work Plan referenced single-family residential requirements and guidelines with Planning Commission input, and asked if that was a project the Commission would see in 2017. Principal Planner Rogers said he would discuss with others to

bring back more information as he did not think the exact phasing of the project had been established.

### I. Adjournment

Chair Strehl adjourned the meeting at 10:54 p.m.

Staff Liaison: Principal Planner Thomas Rogers

Recording Secretary: Brenda Bennett

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STANFORD UNIVERSITY MIDDLE PLAZA) AT 500 EL CAMINO REAL PROJECT - ) DRAFT INFILL ENVIRONMENTAL ) IMPACT REPORT )

PUBLIC HEARING

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2017

MENLO PARK CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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Page 2 1 ATTENDEES THE PLANNING COMMISSION: 2 3 Katherine Strehl - Chairperson Drew Combs - Vice Chairperson Susan Goodhue 4 John Onken (Recused) 5 Henry Riggs Larry Kahle 6 Andrew Barnes 7 THE CITY STAFF: Thomas Rogers - Principal Planner 8 Jean Lin - Senior Planner 9 Kristiann Choy - Senior Transportation Engineer THE PROJECT SPONSOR: 10 11 John Donahoe - Stanford University SUPPORT CONSULTANTS: 12 13 Jessica Viramontes - ICF International Mark Spencer - W-Trans 14 15 16 ---000---17 18 BE IT REMEMBERED that, pursuant to Notice 19 of the Meeting, and on March 27, 2017, 7:05 PM at the 20 Menlo Park City Council Chambers, 701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, California, before me, MARK I. BRICKMAN, CSR 21 22 No. 5527, State of California, there commenced a Planning 23 Commission meeting under the provisions of the City of 24 Menlo Park. 25 -----

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Page 4 1 PROCEEDINGS 2 CHAIRPERSON STREHL: We are now going to go into a public hearing, and at this point, I will, ask 3 Mr. Onken to recuse himself. 4 I would just like to note, John, that the City 5 Council plans that were submitted to us at the Capital 6 7 Improvement Plan update. We're not asking for initial feedback, but if 8 9 you want feedback --10 COMMISSIONER ONKEN: Thank you. 11 CHAIRPERSON STREHL: So at this point -- well, 12 this is the Draft Infill Environmental Impact Report 13 Public Hearing for the Stanford University 300 to 500 El 14 Camino Real. 15 This is an opportunity for the public to provide comments on the Draft EIR Proposed Development, 16 17 also known as Middle Plaza, and I'm going to then turn it over to Jean Lin. 18 19 I just want to note that because this is a 20 public hearing, we are take -- recording the comments via court reporter, and if anybody is here to provide public 21 22 comment on the Draft EIR, please fill out a card or you 23 can forward and they -- the staff will pass it to me. 24 So with that, Ms. Lin. 25 MS. LIN: Great. Thank you and good evening,

Page 5 Planning Commissioners. As you can see behind me, we 1 have these color material boards for the project. 2 We've also received five additional pieces of 3 correspondence of which you've all been copied on, and as 4 a reminder of tonight's meeting procedure, there's going 5 to be two parts to this meeting. 6 7 The first would be the public hearing for the Draft Infill Environmental Impact Report. We would start 8 9 with a presentation by our environment consultant ICF, as well as W-Trans, and then we will move on to public 10 11 comments on the Draft EIR. 12 Then we will take Commissioners' questions and 13 comments on the Draft EIR, and then we will close the 14 public hearing. 15 The second part of the meeting will be focusing on the Study Session, and I'll reserve the procedure for 16 17 that once we get to that item. 18 Here with me at the table is Kristiann Choy 19 from our Transportation Division, and now I'll turn it 20 over to our environmental consultants, Jessica Viramontes from ICF as well as Mark Spencer from W-Trans. 21 22 Thank you. 23 CHAIRPERSON STREHL: May I just ask a simple 24 question? How do we turn the computers on up here so we don't have to look --25

Page 6 MR. ROGERS: I'll start taking a look while 1 2 the presentation is going. Sorry about that. CHAIRPERSON STREHL: That's okay. Thank you. 3 Welcome. 4 MS. VIRAMONTES: Good evening, Commissioners 5 and members of the public. Thank you for coming to the 6 public hearing for the Middle Plaza at 500 El Camino Real 7 Project Draft Infill EIR. 8 9 My name is Jessica Viramontes with ICF and we prepared the Draft Infill EIR for the project. Our 10 11 transportation consultant W-Trans is also here with us 12 tonight. My presentation will cover the environmental 13 review process. I will also provide an overview of the 14 15 proposed project, explain how to submit comments and 16 describe the next steps. 17 We are currently in the Draft Infill EIR Public Comment phase of the environmental review. Comments are 18 19 most helpful when they consider the significant 20 environmental impact of the project and provide 21 recommendations to reduce these impacts or address the 22 adequacy of the Infill EIR. 23 Although my presentation includes an overview 24 of the project, I want to note that the intent of 25 tonight's meeting as well as of the Draft Infill EIR

Page 7 review period is not focused on the project itself or its 1 2 merits. Instead, comments should be focused on the 3 environmental impacts of the project and the adequacy of 4 the document. 5 The EIR team consists of the City of Menlo Park 6 7 as the lead agency, meaning they have principal responsibility for carrying out the project. ICF is the 8 9 lead EIR consultant and W-Trans prepared the transportation analysis. 10 11 I'll turn the presentation to Mark Spencer of 12 W-Trans shortly for a discussion of the transportation 13 analysis that was conducted for the project. The proposed 8.4 acre project site is located 14 15 in the City of Menlo Park. In total, the project site contains seven existing buildings with approximately 16 17 71,000 square feet that front on the El Camino Real. The project site is within the El Camino 18 19 Downtown Specific Plan area. The EIR for the Specific 20 Plan was certified in June 2012. 21 The project sponsor, Stanford University, is 22 proposing to redevelop the project site into a mixed use 23 development. The project would demolish the existing structures and construct up to 459,013 square feet of 24 25 mixed uses.

Page 8 1 In total, the project would include two residential buildings, one mixed use retail and office 2 building and two office buildings as well as a publicly 3 accessible plaza at Middle Avenue, other plazas and 4 outdoor amenity spaces and underground parking garages 5 and surface parking. 6 7 The uses of the project site would include approximately 305,000 square feet of residential space, 8 9 up to 215 residential units in two buildings, approximately 144,000 square feet of non-medical office 10 space throughout three buildings and approximately 10,000 11 12 square feet of retail space in one building. 13 The project will provide approximately 960 parking spaces within two underground parking garages and 14 15 at grade garage. 16 As discussed, the project site is within the 17 Specific Plan area. The project development parameters are consistent with the development anticipated by the 18 19 Specific Plan. 20 Therefore, the California Environmental Quality Act or CEQA analysis for this project demonstrates 21 22 consistency with Senate Bill 226, CEQA's streamlining for 23 infill projects. SB 226 was developed by the State Legislature 24 25 to eliminate repetitive analysis of the effects of a

Page 9 project that were previously analyzed in a programmatic 1 EIR for a Planning level decision or substantially 2 mitigated by uniformly applied development policies. 3 SB 226 is applicable to the project because of 4 the project's proximity to the Menlo Park Caltrain 5 station, but is not necessarily applicable to other 6 7 developments proposals in the Specific Plan area. Other ways that the project meets the threshold 8 9 for SB 226 is that it will be located along a corridor serving numerous bus lines and within walking distance of 10 11 downtown Menlo Park. 12 The project site is also in a low vehicle mile 13 travel area and is consistent with Plan Bay Area, which is the -- which is the Sustainable Community Strategies 14 15 for the Bay Area. 16 This slide shows the general steps involved 17 with the CEQA process for the project. The NOP was released in June 2016. 18 19 Following the close of the NOP scoping period, 20 we prepared the Draft Infill EIR. The Draft Infill EIR was released last month on February 28. The comment 21 22 period for the Draft Infill EIR closes on April 13th. 23 A Final Infill EIR will then be prepared that will address all of the comments received during the 24 25 Draft Infill EIR review period.

Page 10 A certification hearing for the Final Infill 1 2 EIR will be held before the Planning Commission and City 3 Council. After the Infill EIR is certified, the project 4 5 can then be approved. Following approval of the project, a Notice of 6 7 Determination is issued. An Infill Environmental Checklist was prepared 8 for the project per SB 226. The Infill Checklist was 9 released in June 2016 and compared the project to the 10 Specific Plan EIR. 11 Where applicable, the checklist applied to the 12 13 CEQA analysis in the Specific Plan EIR to the project. The checklist also applied to mitigation 14 15 measures and uniformly applicable development policies 16 from the Specific Plan. 17 It was determined that the project would have effects that either have not been analyzed in the prior 18 Specific Plan EIR or are more significant than described 19 20 in the Specific Plan EIR. 21 Therefore, since these impacts could be 22 significant, an Infill EIR was required to analyze those 23 effects. 24 The Draft Infill EIR is a tool for identifying physical impacts to the environment by using an analysis 25

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1 conducted by our EIR team.

The Infill EIR is also used to identify direct, indirect and cumulative physical environmental impacts of the project, inform the public and decision-makers about a project prior to project approval and recommend ways to reduce impacts.

7 Because the project is an infill project under 8 CEQA Section 21094.5, this Infill EIR is not required to 9 consider project alternatives that would result in the 10 location, densities or building intensities of the 11 project.

Because any alternatives to the project that could reduce its environmental impacts would change the project location, densities or building intensities, project alternatives are not analyzed in the Infill EIR.

As shown here, the Draft Infill EIR analyzed air quality, specifically construction air quality health risks, traffic noise and transportation and traffic.

SB 226 relieves the need to do an alternative analysis based on locations, densities or building intensities.
Thus, as previously mentioned, no alternatives

23 were evaluated in the Draft Infill EIR.

The Draft Infill EIR identifies and classifiesenvironmental impacts as significant, potentially

Page 12 1 significant, less than significant or no impact. For each impact identified as significant, this 2 Infill EIR provides mitigation measures to reduce, 3 eliminate or avoid the adverse effect. 4 If the mitigation measures would successfully 5 reduce the impact to a less than significant level, this 6 7 is stated in the Infill EIR. However, if the medication measures would not 8 9 diminish these effects to a less than significant level, then this Infill EIR classifies the impacts as 10 11 significant and unavoidable. 12 The Draft Infill EIR identifies impacts that 13 will remain significant and unavoidable even after mitigation of the proposed mitigation measures. 14 15 Consequently, the City will need to determine whether to approve the project as proposed, and if so, 16 17 provide its rationale in a Statement of Overriding 18 Considerations. 19 Significant and unavoidable impacts of the project include transportation impacts, which Mark from 20 W-Trans will now address. 21 22 MR. SPENCER: Thank you. 23 Okay. So I want to give a brief overview of 24 the Transportation Impact Analysis and the items that 25 were covered in that and some of the findings.

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1 This will be a -- the first level or sort of a 2 broad stroke overview, and if there are follow-up 3 questions as the evening goes on, certainly I'll be happy 4 to address those as we move forward.

5 The first slide that you see before you shows 6 in essence what our study area is. It's a series of 7 intersections and roadways surrounding the project site.

8 These were chosen in cooperation with City 9 Staff as the facilities that would most likely be 10 impacted or potentially impacted by the proposed project.

11 There is a fair amount of overlap with what was 12 studied in the Specific Plan EIR, and then based on prior 13 analysis that was done leading up to the environmental document, there are also several other intersections and 14 15 roadway segments added to the analysis, particularly as we wanted to focus in the Allied Arts neighborhood with 16 17 potential for cut-through traffic and some of the potential intersection impacts and roadway impacts. 18

As you can see, the study area also extends as far south as the Embarcadero interchange with 101 and to the north going as far as Encinal and El Camino and actually Middlefield and Marsh.

23 So it covers a pretty wide range given the 24 potential regional nature as well as local nature of the 25 traffic.

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We've identified sort of four key areas to 1 2 highlight, including the impacts to intersections, roadway segments, routes of regional significance and 3 railroad grade crossings. 4 Of those two in the middle, the local roadway 5 segments are literally just that. Those would be streets 6 7 that are not, say, El Camino or Middlefield Road or, say, a state highway such as 101. 8 9 They're more city operated streets or residential streets, and we separate those. The routes 10 11 of regional significance by definition are ones that the 12 County takes a look at and has a much broader regional 13 scope. In the Transportation Impact Analysis, there 14 15 were thirty-six intersections that were analyzed,

16 including nine local roadway segments and eighteen routes 17 of regional significance.

18 Two analysis scenarios: A near-term scenario, 19 which we've identified as the year 2021, and that also 20 includes approved developments in the vicinity of the 21 project.

We know that there's also development coming forth. We've recently talked about the 1300 El Camino project as well as the other projects in the area that could potentially affect the same study segments, the

Page 15 same intersections, the same roadway segments. 1 And so where there's overlap, we want to see 2 what the cumulative effects of those might be as you lay 3 your traffic from one along with traffic from another. 4 Longer term, the City's buildout year in the 5 General Plan as well as in the -- the Countywide 6 7 documents to the year 2040 for area-wide buildout. So we have a near-term and a longer term look 8 9 at the potential project effects. 10 When taking into consideration what the project 11 is proposing and along with potential for internal trip 12 capture and pass-by trips and other factors that may help 13 to lessen the trips to a certain extent, there'd be 2,658 net new daily trips, including 336 in the morning and 326 14 15 in the afternoon peak hour. 16 In addition, we've also taken a look at 17 bicycle, pedestrian, transit effects. We note that the nearby railroad -- railroad crossing is one which we've 18 19 looked at in previous projects, also particularly 20 important in this case given the project's location and proximity to Caltrain and the grade crossing near --21 22 right nearby. 23 As well as traffic signal warrants, and that 24 would be taking a look at unsignalized intersections and 25 whether or not they satisfy at least a warrant for a peak

Page 16 hour traffic signal before you look at other warrants. 1 In terms of the independ -- sorry. 2 The significant unavoidable impact Jessica was alluding to, 3 there are several in -- in the transportation chapter 4 that we've taken a look at and we've tried to develop and 5 take a look at what our what are feasible mitigation 6 7 measures and whether or not those would reduce the level of impact to a less than significant level. 8 9 We did find there would still be impacts to intersections both in the near-term and the longer term 10 11 condition. 12 Similarly with roadway segments and the routes 13 of regional significance and in the rary -- railroad grade crossings. I'll explain those a little bit in more 14 15 detail right now. 16 In terms of the intersections, in the near-17 term, eight of the thirty-six intersections would wind up with significant and unavoidable impacts, and those are 18 19 not just the ones that are right nearby -- do you want to 20 hold my calls, Thomas? 21 And then in the longer term, similarly those 22 eight -- that number grows to twelve of the thirty-six or 23 a third of the intersections at that point would experience either an AM or the PM or both peak hours 24 25 significant and unavoidable impacts.

Page 17 Of the local roadway segments, and we analyzed 1 nine, three of which in the near-term and then four of 2 the longer term cumulative condition without significant 3 4 and unavoidable impacts. In terms of the routes of regional 5 significance -- and remember, this would be either El 6 7 Camino or 101, typically two of the eighteen routes, both in the near and the far term condition, and then the 8 9 railroad grade crossing at Ravenswood by definition is how we define the impact for railroad grade crossings. 10 That concludes the overview of the 11 12 transportation analysis. I recognize that there might be 13 some need for more detail and some questions, but I just wanted to give that broad stroke overview first. 14 15 So with that -- I think that was our last 16 slide. 17 MS. VIRAMONTES: Second to last. 18 MR. SPENCER: Second to last. I'll turn back 19 to Jessica. 20 MS. VIRAMONTES: All right. You can submit comments on the Draft Infill EIR via e-mail, letter or 21 22 fax to Jean Lin, Senior Planner with the City of Menlo 23 Park. 24 You can also speak tonight and we will note 25 your comments and consider them during the preparation of

Page 18 the Response to Comments and Final Infill EIR. All 1 2 comments must be received by April 13th. 3 CHAIRPERSON STREHL: So at this point, we're changing our procedure a bit. We're going to do public 4 5 comment and then we'll have clarifying questions to the staff from the Commission and then we'll have Commission 6 7 comments on the Draft EIR. So is there something you wanted to say, Mr. 8 Riggs? 9 COMMISSIONER RIGGS: No. I was going to ask 10 for a clarification. I can certainly hold that. 11 12 CHAIRPERSON STREHL: Okay. Thank you. 13 So at this point, we're going to go into 14 public -- pardon me. 15 MS. LIN: Madam Chair --16 CHAIRPERSON STREHL: Oh, sorry, Jean. 17 MS. LIN: The consultant just has just maybe one or two slides to finish her presentation. 18 19 CHAIRPERSON STREHL: Oh, I'm sorry. MS. VIRAMONTES: That's okay. 20 21 CHAIRPERSON STREHL: I thought you had 22 completed --23 MS. VIRAMONTES: Almost done. 24 Okay. The next steps include compiling the 25 Responses to Comments document. We will consider and

Page 19 respond to all comments both oral and written received on 1 2 the Draft Infill EIR. 3 Comments that are repeated by several commenters will be addressed in master responses. 4 Anv changes to the Draft Infill EIR as a result of comments 5 received or staff initiated changes will be shown as 6 7 strike-through for deleted text and underlined for new 8 text. 9 The Responses to Comments, plus the Draft Infill EIR will constitute the final Infill EIR, and 10 11 that's it. 12 CHAIRPERSON STREHL: So are we ready for 13 public comment period? Yes? Are you finished? MS. VIRAMONTES: I am finished. Sorry. 14 15 CHAIRPERSON STREHL: At this point, I'm going to ask the public if they have any comments that they 16 17 wish to provide on the Draft EIR, if they would please 18 come forward. 19 In the back there's a table that has the 20 comment card information on it. We record all of these comments and we'd like to have a card so that we can keep 21 22 the comments -- we can be responsive to the comments so 23 we have it for the public record. 24 And if there's anybody who's here who wishes to 25 comment aside from this one card, please limit your

Page 20 comments to three minutes, state your name and address 1 and political jurisdiction. 2 And I'd -- I'd like to note that the Commission 3 did receive some written comments earlier today and 4 5 they're up here on the dais. So we have a request from -- to comment from 6 7 Ahmad -- Ahmad -- Ahmad is representing -- I apologize. I can't pronounce your last name -- for representing the 8 9 City -- representing Menlo Park City School District. And thank you. Welcome, and if you could keep 10 11 your comments to three minutes. 12 MR. SHEIKHOLESLAMI: Good evening, 13 Commissioners. My name is Ahmad Sheikholeslami and I'm representing the Menlo Park City School District. I am 14 15 the chief business and operations officer. 16 I'm not here to advocate for or against a 17 project, but the Menlo Park City School District does 18 have significant concerns and would like those to be 19 addressed by the project. 20 We will be providing our comments with specific detail in a -- in a written format in the next week or 21 22 so. 23 MPCSD is a community funded school district, meaning we don't receive additional funding from the 24 25 State for new students or additional students.

Page 21 1 Our main funding sources are property tax and parcel taxes. We also received -- we also receive 2 funding from donations, as well. 3 This -- this report relies upon the 2012 4 Specific Plan and fiscal report to make the conclusion of 5 no significant impacts to public services. 6 7 That report relied on dated student generation ratios from 2009. The district has seen significant 8 9 enrollment increases from all housing sectors, and specifically from attached housing in the last decade. 10 11 We've had an increase of about forty percent and enrollment since 2005. 12 13 So our concerns are mainly that the 2012 Specific Plan and 2011 fiscal analysis do not appear to 14 15 have taken into consideration the potential that because of the owner's educational non-profit status, the 16 17 property or portions of the property may not be assessed 18 par -- property tax. 19 This would considerably reduce the over --20 overall property tax collection and would adversely affect MPCSD's ability to fund additional enrollment. 21 The new unfunded source of student enrollment 22 23 and their -- and their -- the project is deemed -- the 24 project, if exempted from payment of property tax, would 25 present a significant new unfunded source of student

Page 22 enrollment and therefore cannot be deemed as not 1 significant or less than significant impact on public 2 services, unless mitigated by a make whole agreement by 3 which the owner makes a separate payment to the school 4 district the loss of property tax caused by the owners 5 the tax exemption for the property or portions of the 6 7 property. The other concern we have is with traffic. In 8 9 terms of traffic, the district is concerned that the impact of safe route to school programs have not been 10 taken into consideration. 11 12 Our safe route to school programs are intended 13 to encourage walking or biking to our schools, and we have some of the highest bicycle rates in the county, 14 15 both at Oak Knoll and Hillview, and we are concerned that these would be significantly impacted through the impacts 16 17 of both intersection and roadway segments identified in 18 the EIR. 19 We -- we note that the EIR has looked at 20 mitigation measures through the TDM program, but we're concerned that those measures don't include the funding 21 of crossing guards, which would create safe cross --22 23 crossing passages along the critical corridors and 24 intersections. 25 Thank you very much.

Page 23 1 CHAIRPERSON STREHL: Thank you very much. You 2 hit right at three minutes. Is there anyone else here who wishes to provide 3 public comment on the Draft Infill EIR? 4 Seeing none, then I am going to close public 5 comment and bring this back to the comm -- this is the 6 7 time to speak if you want to speak on this draft, so I'm giving -- I'm giving you another opportunity. 8 9 Okay. So at this point, I'm going to close the public comment period and we'll bring this back here to 10 11 the Commission for clarifying questions to the staff and 12 to the applicant, and they're clarifying questions, when 13 we finish with that, then we will go into the comment period, what we feel about the project and the EIR -- not 14 15 the project. The EIR. 16 So Mr. Riggs. 17 COMMISSIONER RIGGS: Yeah, thank you. I have 18 a question each for staff and for the applicants 19 regarding the EIR. First for staff. I believe that would be for 20 Christie. Can you tell me what the threshold is that 21 22 creates a significant impact for the -- for the record? 23 Did you want it for all of the MS. CHOY: 24 different -- so we looked at four different types of 25 impacts. Signal -- intersection impacts, roadway segment

Page 24 impacts, the --1 2 COMMISSIONER RIGGS: Right. I think the most interesting to the public would be intersection impacts. 3 That's how we identify quote traffic unquote if there's 4 5 actually delay. That's how we read that. 6 MS. CHOY: Sure. Let me just pull that up so 7 I have it exact. So page 3.3-15 and 16. MR. SPENCER: 8 MS. CHOY: Okay. So our level of service 9 policy is that we're keeping the level of service D, and 10 11 then if the intersection is already operating at level of 12 service A through C, then -- then it's an impact. 13 If it goes -- adds twenty-three seconds of delay to the intersection, an average of twenty-three 14 15 seconds or decreases the level of service to D, E or F, and then if it's already at an unacceptable level of 16 17 service -- so that's a level of service E or F. 18 So that's if it increases the average delay by 19 .8 seconds. 20 COMMISSIONER RIGGS: that was .8? 21 MS. CHOY: That's correct. 22 COMMISSIONER RIGGS: All right. And when you have say an average of twenty-two seconds, would that be 23 24 an average during a particular period? For example, AM 25 peak or PM peak?

Page 25 1 MS. CHOY: Correct. It's during either during 2 the AM peak hour or the PM peak hour. COMMISSIONER RIGGS: 3 Oh. MS. CHOY: And then that's an average of 4 seconds of delay per vehicle. 5 COMMISSIONER RIGGS: Per vehicle. Okav. 6 So 7 if -- if there's a line of five vehicles, potentially they're 110 seconds longer to get through the light? Is 8 that -- is that how it works? 9 MS. CHOY: Well, it -- it's a little bit more 10 11 complicated because it depends on the amount of green 12 time that each approach to the intersection might have 13 and then also dependent on some other delay. There was like a multitude of delays, so there's 14 15 also some startup delay and queuing delay. So some -some movement may have longer delays, because like, for 16 17 example, left turn. Because they have less green time, so tend to wait at the intersections for longer, but then 18 19 a through movement has a longer green time, so then both 20 usually have the higher volumes. 21 And so they -- they tend to weight the average 22 a little differently. So it depends on the intersection 23 movements, as well. 24 COMMISSIONER RIGGS: Right, but twenty-two 25 seconds is about what I would get crossing Middlefield

Page 26 or -- well, one normally doesn't cross Middlefield, but 1 crossing El Camino would be between twenty and thirty 2 seconds I would think at the most for, say, Oak Grove or 3 4 even at Ravenswood. 5 Is that correct? MS. CHOY: Well, I think it -- yeah. I think 6 7 it depends on where you might be. I mean, it's dependent on who -- what movement you're trying to make. 8 So --9 COMMISSIONER RIGGS: Right, but say you're going straight and the light will hold for between twenty 10 11 or thirty seconds in order to get, say, six to eight cars 12 through. 13 You're saying that the threshold would be twenty-two seconds? 14 15 In other words, if it -- if -- if you had to wait that entire cycle. 16 17 MS. CHOY: Well, let me just go and I can 18 point out to you one of the intersections that we studied 19 just so we can go through that. 20 COMMISSIONER RIGGS: Just to make it understandable by the public, I'm trying to envision a 21 22 vehicle hoping to cross El Camino, and if they are 23 delayed twenty seconds rather than twenty-two, then that 24 is not a significant impact. 25 So I'm -- I'm trying to fit that into terms

Page 27 that we can relate to. 1 MS. CHOY: Sure. I'm trying to see which one 2 has the -- so, for example, if you look at the -- so 3 table 3.3-12 -- it's on page 3.3-53 in the Draft EIR --4 5 it has, for example, intersection 7, which is Middlefield and Willow. 6 7 It shows that the -- in the morning peak hour, there's 54.4 seconds of delay, but at assigned level of 8 9 service D, and then when you add the project traffic to that intersection, the average intersection delay goes up 10 11 by .5 seconds. 12 So that's 54.9 and it remains a level of 13 service D. And then in the -- in the PM, it's 60.6 14 15 seconds, level of service E, and then that's an unacceptable of level of service and it stays at the 16 17 level service E and it adds 62 point -- sorry. It 18 doesn't add. It goes down to -- or increases to 62.0 19 seconds, and that was considered a significant impact 20 because that's more than .8 seconds. I don't think we actually had anywhere where it 21 was level of service A, B or C currently and went to D or 22 23 added twenty-three seconds in this -- in this analysis. 24 COMMISSIONER RIGGS: All right. Thank you. 25 And then I did have a question or two for the

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Page 28 applicant. If someone is present to speak for the 1 2 applicant. CHAIRPERSON STREHL: Would you like to 3 introduce yourself, please, for the record? 4 MR. DONAHOE: I would. 5 My name is John Donahoe. I'm associate 6 7 director for planning entitlement for Stanford Real 8 Estate. 9 Steve Elliott would normally be here, but he's out of town tonight, so --10 11 CHAIRPERSON STREHL: Okay. Thank you. 12 Mr. Riggs? 13 COMMISSIONER RIGGS: Thank you, John. 14 Welcome. 15 MR. DONAHOE: Thank you. 16 COMMISSIONER RIGGS: So there are a couple of 17 assumptions made in the EIR or at least indications and 18 mostly having to do with mitigations. 19 One of them is a repeated reference to -- to 20 TDM and what sort of -- what sort of mitigations is Stanford committed to as part of this project? 21 22 MR. DONAHOE: Okay. To back up just a second, 23 if you look at the mitigation measures from the adopted Specific Plan, TDM is a requirement of a project, but 24 25 required to be submitted prior to occupancy.

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Page 29 We have gone ahead and advanced that and 1 2 submitted a Draft TDM program with our initial 3 application -- actually, with our project description last year. 4 5 So that was -- although taken into consideration, the traffic numbers that you see in the 6 7 traffic report, there is no credit applied for any TDM that we're doing. So I want to make sure that that was 8 9 clear. 10 In terms of TDM measures, we have a couple 11 things that our side was particularly blessed with that 12 other projects may not be. 13 We're equidistant between both the Menlo Park 14 and Palo Alto Caltrain station. For all of those who 15 take Caltrain, you realize Palo Alto is the bullet stop, 16 so that's -- that's important. 17 In addition, one of the things that currently runs along El Camino is a Stanford Marguerite, which is 18 our private shuttle system that currently stops in front 19 20 of the project, and also on its way back, on its route, 21 it actually stops in front of the Safeway on the back 22 end. So we have access to both private and public bus 23 systems. 24 We have included variety of other TDM measures 25 which -- which are addressed -- actually, I have a slide

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|   | 1  | in our other presentation. I can I can talk about        |
|   | 2  | that at great great length later, but the intent is      |
|   | 3  | essentially we have an office building. We have the      |
|   | 4  | residential portion. There's a balance between the two.  |
|   | 5  | We can't guarantee that one will live/work in            |
|   | 6  | the same area, but you hope. That's why we do mixed use  |
|   | 7  | projects.  |
|   | 8  | From Stanford's perspective, we hope and we              |
|   | 9  | give priority to Stanford's faculty to occupy the        |
|   | 10 | residential portion, which makes that Marguerite shuttle |
|   | 11 | even more important and flexible that you have people    |
|   | 12 | living or working in the same geographical area.         |
|   | 13 | And then in addition, we have a host of other            |
|   | 14 | what I would call more traditional TDM measures within   |
|   | 15 | our plan.  |
|   | 16 | COMMISSIONER RIGGS: All right. Thank you.                |
|   | 17 | And if you're going to include that in the               |
|   | 18 | project presentation, I can hold my question about the   |
|   | 19 | Caltrain passes for for that                             |
|   | 20 | MR. DONAHOE: Sure.                                       |
|   | 21 | COMMISSIONER RIGGS: period.                              |
|   | 22 | And then Madam Chair, is it appropriate to               |
|   | 23 | to discuss the tax basis issue as part of EIR or would   |
|   | 24 | you prefer to move that to the project?                  |
|   | 25 | CHAIRPERSON STREHL: I I look for staff,                  |
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Page 31 but I think that's probably more appropriate for the 1 project as opposed to the EIR. 2 COMMISSIONER RIGGS: All right. I'll hold 3 it --4 CHAIRPERSON STREHL: Okay. Thank you. 5 COMMISSIONER RIGGS: -- till then. Thank you. 6 7 Thank you, Tom. MR. DONAHOE: I won't go far. Thank you. 8 9 CHAIRPERSON STREHL: Thank you. Mr. Kahle. 10 11 COMMISSIONER KAHLE: I'm not sure who to 12 address this question to, but it's about the bike/ 13 pedestrian undercrossing, and I wanted to see if those impacts for anyone riding their bike was added to the 14 15 traffic study. I'm thinking about kids riding from, say, the 16 Willows to Hillview, if that was -- has been analyzed in, 17 say, the Middle/El Camino intersection or any other 18 19 intersections. 20 CHAIRPERSON STREHL: So William, do you want to address that or staff? Well, somebody. It was a 21 22 question. 23 MS. CHOY: So the -- the project did -- or the 24 EIR did analyze bicycle impacts, and I think one of the 25 mitigation measures was to add kind of the bicycle --

Page 32 some kind of striping for bicycle lanes on Middle Avenue 1 2 between El Camino Real and University Drive. COMMISSIONER KAHLE: And how did you come up 3 with numbers for projected bicyclists? 4 MS. CHOY: I don't - I don't believe we 5 estimated the number of bicyclists there. We just -- we 6 7 just estimated that business based on the Downtown Specific Plan, identified this -- this route as either a 8 9 class 2 or class 3 bicycle route. COMMISSIONER KAHLE: Okay. Thank you. 10 11 CHAIRPERSON STREHL: Mr. Barnes? And pardon me for calling you William as opposed to Mark. 12 13 Mr. Barnes? COMMISSIONER BARNES: Yes. Thank you. 14 15 First as it relates to trip count. I'm curious how in the EIR, the extent to which the proximity of the 16 17 site, for instance, the residential, folks who live there 18 working at Stanford. 19 What do you figure in the modeling that was 20 specific to this geographical proximity between this site and folks working at Stanford? That's on the outbound 21 from the residential. 22 23 And I'm curious about the modeling for the 24 inbound, for the folks who are going to working at the 25 component to the project.

Page 33 What modeling you put in, what percentage and 1 2 how you came to that to aggregate up to the trip count numbers that you have in here? 3 Certainly. The project is -- is MR. SPENCER: 4 uniquely situated and as currently proposed, obviously 5 would very much serve the Stanford community. 6 7 One of the things which we have to look at in the EIR is not just what the currently proposed project 8 9 is in terms of its population, but what if it were to turn over into another developer or to another owner or 10 11 just the mix would change in the future so that it wasn't 12 a Stanford population, but a general population. 13 This is similar to how other projects are treated in Menlo Park and elsewhere. For example, what 14 15 if Facebook was not the occupant of the Facebook site and it was a general office site and so on. 16 17 We don't like to necessarily think that as a possibility, but in an EIR we kind of say what does this 18 19 look like both near and longer term. 20 For Menlo Park traffic analysis, we have a circulation system assessment document that guides how we 21 22 project trips for residential, for employment, for 23 commercial uses, and we've been using that as a guide to say here's where the trip pattern will likely come from. 24 25 In other words, if you have an office at 500 El

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Camino, where will those employees likely come from, 1 2 north, south, east and west, and how many from each. Similarly with the residences, where are they 3 likely to be employed. In this case, we know that 4 obviously Stanford's going to have a significant effect 5 on this. 6 7 And what we do when we look at the patterns is there's two parts. One is sort of at a macro level, how 8 9 many are coming from different areas or neighborhoods or other cities. That's the trip distribution. 10 11 The trip assignment is what route do they take 12 to get there. Clearly in this case, you have a very 13 strong linkage to go a few blocks on El Camino and you make a right you're in Stanford when you head south and 14 15 vice versa. 16 So the trip assignment part of this we were 17 looking at how do we distribute various trips and whether they're vehicle trips or shuttles or bikes or whatever, 18 19 that figures into the analysis, and that's built into the 20 intersection and the roadway analysis that we projected in the EIR and what those -- those likely trip patterns 21 22 would be as well as how many might take Middle Avenue or 23 how many might potentially go north or south on El Camino 24 or Middlefield Road or across the Dumbarton Bridge. 25 So it's so it's all factored into that.

Page 35 1 COMMISSIONER BARNES: Okay. So to paraphrase, the modeling was done without the consideration about who 2 the owner is and what the use, for instance, of the 3 residential component would be in that would be linked, 4 for instance, to Stanford in terms of trip count volume; 5 is that correct? 6 7 MR. SPENCER: Well, with respect to how the -the trips were distributed, with respect to the trip 8 9 count --10 COMMISSIONER BARNES: Right. MR. SPENCER: -- and the actual use that's 11 12 being proposed, the apartments, the office and the 13 retail, each of those was taken into advisement 14 independently. 15 And so there's a table in the EIR, which is table 3.3-10, and that actually shows based on X number 16 17 of apartments how many trips that would generate, including with consideration of the fact that, yeah, some 18 19 of these are going to be taking shuttles to Stanford and 20 some of these are walking to Caltrain and so on. 21 Similarly with the office component and with the 22 retail component, and then we also look at the 23 intersection between those three elements, people who 24 live in this development will likely shop locally either 25 right there or across the street, Safeway or what have

Page 36 you. Similarly with the office workers. 1 There's also the potential for people to live 2 and work on the same site, as well, which also reduces 3 4 trips. And so that -- that trip reduction, that 5 potential for trip reduction is also used built into the 6 7 trip count that's used in the analysis. Could you at the time me COMMISSIONER BARNES: 8 9 what percentage you modeled would be driving to work? For instance, in the office. 10 11 MR. SPENCER: Of the total percentage, what 12 would be driving to work? I don't have that -- the 13 detail on that right in front of me. There is some backup to the -- what I'm looking 14 15 at is the traffic chapter of the EIR, and prior to this, we had submitted to City Staff for their review and 16 17 approval a more detailed trip generation and assignment and distribution memorandum of understanding. 18 19 So the analysis gets flushed out in a lot more 20 detail before we run it through any of the modeling. So I don't have that in front of me. I could 21 22 check my folder, but again that would be in that, and 23 that's something that City Staff reviewed, and we went 24 back and forth through several iterations before they 25 said, yes, this is what we think this is going to happen

Page 37 and what makes sense for the project. 1 COMMISSIONER BARNES: Thank vou. 2 Second question. As it relates to this EIR, 3 it's -- it uses level of service. 4 5 Is it correct to say that for projects like this where there's 2018, VMT would be the metric by which 6 7 the ERI -- EIR would operate. Is that a correct statement? 8 9 MR. SPENCER: It is largely a correct statement, but there's caveats to that. 10 11 Vehicle miles traveled or VMT will replace 12 level of service as the met -- metric for traffic impacts 13 in CEOA documents. However, it is also equally likely that we will 14 15 continue to analyze intersections and delay in level of 16 service to prepare an operational analysis. 17 They might not be under the CEQA umbrella in terms of a CEQA impact. However, operational effects 18 19 will still be analyzed so that we know how each 20 intersection might be performing or a certain roadway 21 segment. 22 So it's splitting out those parts of the analysis under what is covered under a CEQA significant 23 24 impact versus operational effects. 25 Right now, those operational effects fall under

Page 38 that CEQA umbrella. 1 COMMISSIONER BARNES: Mm-hmm. 2 CHAIRPERSON STREHL: Just for clarification, I 3 think that Menlo Park during the General Plan process 4 elected to do both VMT as well as level of service. 5 COMMISSIONER BARNES: Mm-hmm. Are you able to 6 7 say if this -- for the CEQA portion of it, were this to be under VMT, would you expect to see different impacts 8 9 associated with the project? MR. SPENCER: Well, it would take those 10 11 intersection and roadway segment impacts off the list, so 12 you would see a lot less significant impact. 13 Whether or not it would qualify under the VMT threshold criteria, I can't say with certainty. This is 14 15 a good project for that, however. 16 In terms of the location being so close to 17 Caltrain, the fact that it is a Stanford-based project 18 with the Marguerite shuttle and the TDM program -- and 19 the TDM program -- you know, what Mr. Donahoe was saying 20 earlier -- is not factored into the analysis, and we -for lack of saying this more elegantly, we get a lot of 21 22 flack for that. Actually, why don't you include that? 23 Because the applicant has to do a really stringent TDM 24 program. 25 I hear this not just here. I hear this all

Page 39 over the Bay Area on our projects, and I understand the 1 concern from the applicant's side. I empathize with 2 3 that. It's not included because we don't know whether 4 or not they're going to achieve the goals that they're 5 setting out, whether it's going to be a twenty percent 6 7 reduction or thirty percent or five or forty-five. We know it's going to be effective. We know 8 9 that the more you do, the more effective it will be, and it's good that -- it's very good that they're doing that, 10 11 and I would project a lot of success with their TDM 12 program. 13 But we don't know that. It's speculative, so it's not built into the analysis, and that's also 14 15 partially because we're handcuffed by the way the -- the 16 threshold criteria and the guidelines are written. 17 This project, though, with the TDM program and being so close to Caltrain and with the mix of -- of 18 19 commercial and residential and office clearly has the 20 potential to lower VMT per capita than, say, a pure residential project or a pure office project. 21 22 And so it's likely that it would -- it would fall and -- and look very well, let's say, under that 23 criteria that's going to come forth probably some time 24 later this year in terms of the change in CEQA 25

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Page 40 guidelines. 1 2 But -- that's speculative on my part, but with a fair amount of engineering judgment and experience in 3 4 this matter. COMMISSIONER BARNES: 5 Thank you. CHAIRPERSON STREHL: Mr. Combs. 6 7 COMMISSIONER COMBS: Thank you. This question is -- is for Mark. 8 9 Specifically when we talk about impacts at some of the -- the intersections -- I know you're going to 10 11 detail it in -- in the report, but when you come to the 12 conclusion that they're sort of significant and 13 unavoidable and that the standard sort of measures and mitigation don't work, could you walk us through so we 14 15 have it in this form what are some of those standard measures and mitigation that you guys would look to when 16 17 you get to that significant and unavoidable impact and why they don't sort of -- why they wouldn't work in this 18 19 situation. 20 And I know for each intersection, it's -- it's different, but if you could give us sort of like a 21 22 broad -- broad view of some of those -- the reasons why 23 those mitigations won't -- won't work. 24 MR. SPENCER: Certainly. There is a -- a 25 series of tables in the back of the transportation

Page 41 chapter that kind of give it -- that answer your question 1 in a nutshell, and I'll -- I'll give you the brief 2 version of it right now. 3 A typical mitigation in an intersection 4 traditionally, you say, well, clearly there's a lot of 5 left-turn delay and that is driving the fact that you've 6 got an excess amount of delay that results in a 7 significant and unavoidable impact or significant impact. 8 9 The typical thing to do is say, well, can we add a -- a second left-turn lane? Is there room within 10 11 the right-of-way or do we have to require additional 12 right of way? Is there a medium we can cut into or is it 13 something that's, you know, constricted. A lot of what we're dealing with in built out 14 15 environment, such as what we have in Menlo Park, is fairly restricted geometrically and physically. You 16 17 know, not only on El Camino, but also on a lot of the other streets, particularly if you look at how many times 18 19 that we've had to talk about Middlefield and Marsh, and, 20 you know, we have private property on all sides of that intersection becomes difficult, plus you have the channel 21 22 and the canal and on and on. 23 So specifically can we add a lane, can we add a 24 turn lane? Can we adjust the signal timing? Are there 25 things that we can do to change the, you know, phasing

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1 from a separate left turn to allowing everybody to go at 2 once from the north and then everybody can go from the 3 south or something like that.

Those are the kind of typical mitigation measures, and I call them traditional because there's also a strange movement that says even if you can add another turn lane, is that really necessarily a good idea? Are you just inducing more traffic on to the street because you're providing additional capacity?

10 That has air quality disbenefit when you start 11 attracting more traffic on to the street versus would you 12 be better off putting in a bicycle lane or improving 13 pedestrian facilities or as Ahmad would say, more safe 14 routes to the school and having more kids walk rather 15 than having parents drop them off in the morning. 16 So there's a number of -- of ways to -- to look at this.

And then the tables that we have, and I'm -- it looks like table 3.3-25 is one of the ones that I'm referring to in the back.

We talk about, you know, can you add a third travel lane? And some of these intersections are impacted to the extent where it's not just, you know, something -- typically a -- one more left-turn lane or separate right turn like. That might be feasible and doable within a -- within the existing right-of-way.

Page 43 When you start talking about can we add a third 1 through lane and a right-turn lane and an opposing 2 left-turn lane, we have to start taking away from the 3 sidewalk or we have to start taking away from property. 4 We have to start relocating utilities. 5 It becomes infeasible as the project grows in 6 7 its magnitude, and therefore in most cases, the conclusions were it's just not feasible because of the --8 9 the level of physical change that would have to occur in 10 the environment. 11 And even with that level of change, should we be able to do it somehow, you may not reduce the 12 13 additional delay to a less than significant level. It may not bring it back to the extent that 14 15 would change the project effects are, and so then we 16 start looking at other partial mitigation. 17 And there's a fair amount of that that's talked about in here. Contribute -- contributions to the 18 19 traffic impact fee program, which would contribute to 20 other traffic improvements in the area, which will have a -- a benefit not only for this project, but for the 21 22 community as a whole. 23 So you'll see TIF payment written quite a bit 24 in here in terms of contributing. So we can do some of 25 the physical changes, and some of these are going to be

Page 44 programmatic changes like the TDM plan, and those all 1 contribute to lessening the effects of the project, even 2 if it doesn't fully reduce it to less than significant 3 impact, it certainly lessens the impact quite a bit. 4 CHAIRPERSON STREHL: Is that it? 5 I have a question. You said that the --6 7 because you have a live/work on the same site, but people who, as I understand it, live in the residential aren't 8 9 going to be necessarily working in the office because that's, as I understand it, primarily going to be leased 10 11 out. 12 MR. SPENCER: Mm-hmm. 13 CHAIRPERSON STREHL: So it won't be 14 Stanford --15 MR. SPENCER: Well --16 CHAIRPERSON STREHL: -- people working there. 17 MR. SPENCER: -- let me give you an example. 18 Let's say I want to live there with my wife and I work at 19 Stanford. 20 So I'm over there and I'm teaching the kids all day long or whatever I'm doing at Stanford, but my wife 21 22 doesn't work for Stanford, but we live together. 23 Where does she work? Does she work in the 24 office right there on site? Does she work at Safeway 25 across the street? Does she work in San Francisco?

Page 45 CHAIRPERSON STREHL: We don't know. 1 I mean, 2 the thing is --3 MR. SPENCER: Right. CHAIRPERSON STREHL: -- she can't really --4 5 MR. SPENCER: Right. CHAIRPERSON STREHL: -- compute what -- you 6 7 know, whether that's really saving --MR. SPENCER: Right. 8 CHAIRPERSON STREHL: -- any trips --9 10 MR. SPENCER: Which is why it's --CHAIRPERSON STREHL: -- from the office side. 11 12 MR. SPENCER: A small percentage is assumed of 13 the potential for that to happen does exist --CHAIRPERSON STREHL: 14 Okay. 15 MR. SPENCER: -- even in this type of project, 16 but we don't take a lot of credit for it, but there's 17 some. 18 CHAIRPERSON STREHL: So in your analysis, was 19 it assumed that office workers would be able to a avail 20 themselves of -- of the Marguerite shuttle to go downtown 21 or whatever? 22 I know it's for the -- for the residential, but 23 would that be part of a TDM program for the office 24 workers? 25 MR. SPENCER: We didn't assume that, but I

Page 46 think that's also a question for the applicant because 1 you -- you'd have to make sure it goes with whatever the 2 current guidelines are for the -- who can ride the 3 Stan -- the Stanford Marguerite --4 5 CHAIRPERSON STREHL: All right. MR. SPENCER: -- and what --6 7 CHAIRPERSON STREHL: Then I'll ask that question later. 8 9 Are there any other questions, clarifying 10 questions? 11 So at this point we will move on to Planning 12 Commissioner -- Planning Commission comments, and once we 13 are complete with that, we will then close the public 14 hearing. 15 So do we have any Planning Commission projects as opposed to clarifying questions? Anyone? Mr. Riggs. 16 17 COMMISSIONER RIGGS: Yeah, thank you. 18 I guess I would initially address there to 19 Jean. We know that we have traffic impacts, and in the 20 presentation of the Downtown Specific Plan to the public before we enacted it, we indicated -- and of course 21 22 that's a City project, not an applicant project. 23 We evaluated in here most of the impacts that 24 are repeated in here, of course, and we determined 25 mitigations.

Page 47 1 At that time the implication was that we were as a City going to address the inevitable traffic 2 3 increase mitigations. Regarding this project, 500 El Camino Real, is 4 the City indicating that it will make modifications to 5 address this increase in traffic or is that left for some 6 7 future council to enact or not enact? MS. LIN: Commissioner, could you clarify your 8 9 question in terms of what do you mean by "modifications"? 10 COMMISSIONER RIGGS: Well, the mitigations, 11 for example, might be to add a right-turn lane, to add a 12 left-turn pocket, add a receiving lane and they might be 13 somewhat simpler, like modified traffic signals or traffic signal timing. 14 15 So I'm -- I guess I'm asking -- and I'm -- I'm 16 asking this for the public more than from -- from my own 17 knowledge, because I think I have the answer, but I'm asking if as part of this project, the City commits to 18 19 making any improvements regarding El Camino traffic flow. 20 MR. ROGERS: So I can add on just a little because I worked on a similar Infill EIR with the Station 21 22 1300 project. 23 And I will say that with regard to that 24 analysis and this analysis, the City didn't just take 25 those mitigation measures and adopt them without looking

Page 48 critically at them. 1 So in both project cases, we looked at what 2 the Specific Plan had adopted for different 3 intersections, but gave a fresh look to say is this the 4 5 right outcome for right now. Not being involved as closely on this project, 6 7 I can't say whether anything changed. But that overall spirit of not taking it for 8 9 granted but looking at what is appropriate did occur, but then for this moment, if there's any particular 10 11 intersection or segment that you think a mitigation 12 measure was not considered, then make that comment and we'll look at it in more detail and respond in more 13 detail with the Final EIR. 14 15 COMMISSIONER RIGGS: All right. Very well. I -- I can't enumerate all of the troublesome impacts 16 17 or -- or of those which the Specific Plan indicated mitigations, but they would include Middle at El Camino, 18 19 Ravenswood/Menlo at El Camino, and although I don't 20 remember the recommendations, I'm sure that Oak Grove and Valparaiso were also significantly impacted. 21 22 So I think what I'm hearing is that mitigations 23 may be identified in the -- in this case in the Infill 24 EIR. However, that does not mean that they will take place, only that they've been identified. 25

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| 1  | MS. LIN: So we did look at a number of                  |
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| 2  | considerations when considering the feasibility and     |
| 3  | ability to implement the mitigation measures that have  |
| 4  | been identified in the EIR.                             |
| 5  | My very, very simplified summary in the staff           |
| 6  | report I believe it is in table tables 2 through 5      |
| 7  | kind of explains the what could be feasible, but that   |
| 8  | a lot of the impacts still remain significant and       |
| 9  | unavoidable.  |
| 10 | And in particular if you look at table 2, I             |
| 11 | footnoted three general reasons for why certain         |
| 12 | mitigation measures may be infeasible or undesirable to |
| 13 | implement.  |
| 14 | COMMISSIONER RIGGS: Right. And that's                   |
| 15 | appropriate for a CEQA document because that is what is |
| 16 | required in a CEQA document, that the agency identify   |
| 17 | those mitigations within its control and not try to     |
| 18 | identify mitigations that are actually out of town or   |
| 19 | or state jurisdiction. That makes sense.                |
| 20 | Now, from a practical point of view and                 |
| 21 | perhaps we best talk about this as part of the project  |
| 22 | I hope that a mitigation that is considered impractical |
| 23 | because we would have to pick up a phone and talk to    |
| 24 | Atherton would then be presented in a different light,  |
| 25 | and I can raise that question during the project        |
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| 1  | discussion for for that.                                  |
| 2  | All right. Thank you.                                     |
| 3  | CHAIRPERSON STREHL: Is there any other                    |
| 4  | Planning Commission comment?                              |
| 5  | We've had our questions, we've had our comment.           |
| 6  | So I think at this point, our discussion of the EIR and   |
| 7  | the public hearing is now closed.                         |
| 8  | I just want to encourage people who have                  |
| 9  | comments that didn't make comments tonight, you can make  |
| 10 | public comments in writing or through e-mail by April     |
| 11 | 13th, Thursday April 13th, 5:30 PM, and I would encourage |
| 12 | you to do so, and at this item will come back to the      |
| 13 | Planning Commission at some point as the Final EIR.       |
| 14 | So thank you very much, Mark and team, and we             |
| 15 | will now go on to the project proposal study session.     |
| 16 | (The record was terminated at 8:06 PM).                   |
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| 25 | STATE OF CALIFORNIA )                                     |

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| 1      | COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO )                              |
| 2      | I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the            |
| 3<br>4 | discussion in the foregoing meeting was taken at the   |
| 5      | time and place therein stated; that the foregoing is a |
| 6      | full, true and complete record of said matter.         |
| 7      | I further certify that I am not of counsel or          |
| 8      | attorney for either or any of the parties in the       |
| 9      | foregoing meeting and caption named, or in any way     |
| 10     | interested in the outcome of the cause named in said   |
| 11     | action.  |
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| 13     | IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have                             |
| 14     | hereunto set my hand this                              |
| 15     | day of,  |
| 16     | 2017.  |
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| 18     | MARK I. BRICKMAN CSR 5527                              |
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# **Community Development**



# STAFF REPORT

Planning Commission Meeting Date: Staff Report Number:

4/24/2017 17-019-PC

**Public Hearing:** 

Use Permit/Chris Pandolfo/1065 Trinity Drive

#### Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission approve a request for a use permit to add on to the main floor and lower floor, and conduct interior modifications to an existing two-story, single-family residence at 1065 Trinity Drive. The work would exceed 50 percent of the replacement value of the existing nonconforming structure in a 12-month period. The proposal includes excavation in the required right side and rear yard setbacks, associated with creating access to the lower floor addition and landscape improvements. The residence is located in the R-E-S (Residential Estate Suburban) zoning district. As part of the proposed development, nine heritage trees (two white birches and seven Monterey pines) in poor health, are proposed to be removed. The recommended actions are contained within Attachment A.

#### **Policy Issues**

Each use permit request is considered individually. The Planning Commission should consider whether the required use permit findings can be made for the proposal.

#### Background

#### Site location

The subject site is located at 1065 Trinity Drive, between Klamath Drive and Whitney Drive in the Sharon Heights neighborhood. On the left side, the rear yard of the property backs onto the side of a flag lot (1055 Trinity Drive). On the right side, the property is adjacent to a single-family residence (1075 Trinity Drive), and backs onto the golf course of the Sharon Heights Golf and Country Club, at the rear-right.

The subject property has varied topography which slopes downward at the right side and rear yards. All parcels on Trinity Drive contain single-family residences that are also zoned R-E-S. The country club is in the OSC (Open Space and Conservation) zoning district. Nearby are other properties, mainly townhomes in the R-1-S(X), (Single Family Suburban, Conditional Development) zoning district. A location map is included as Attachment B. There is a mix of one and two-story single-family residences surrounding the project site which feature varied architectural styles, including ranch and modern style homes.

The house is situated approximately nine feet, six inches from the left property line, and 10 feet from the right property line. The side yard requirements for the R-E-S zoning district dictate a combined 25 feet of side yard, with a minimum of 10 feet on each side. The existing residence is nonconforming with respect to the left side setback, as well as the cumulative side setback total.

The existing residence is situated primarily towards the front of the lot, and it resembles a one-story home from the street. However, the grade of the property slopes downward so that the lower level of the home opens out onto a lower grade. Since the lower level does not qualify as a basement under the Zoning Ordinance's definition of a basement or Floor Area Limit (FAL), the residence is considered a two-story house.

## Analysis

## **Project description**

The applicant is requesting approval from the Planning Commission to modify and expand the existing legal nonconforming residence. The combination of the proposed additions, interior and exterior modifications, and new roof structure over the existing square footage will exceed the 50 percent value threshold, thus requiring use permit review. A data table summarizing parcel and project attributes is included as Attachment C. The project plans and the applicant's project description letter are included as Attachments D and E, respectively. The applicant proposes to add approximately 250 square feet to the main floor of the residence, largely at the front of the house on the right side, and approximately 420 square feet to the lower floor. The additions to the lower floor at the front of the house on the right side beneath the main floor addition would create a new bedroom suite. This suite would not have internal access to the rest of the house, although would not be a secondary dwelling unit as it does not include cooking facilities. The lower floor additions at the rear would expand into existing crawlspace towards the center of the house.

The master bath and bedroom, family and living rooms, bathrooms, dining room, garage, and kitchen would all be remodeled. The existing circular driveway would be maintained. A new gable over the master suite is being proposed, along with an extension of the existing deck to a new exterior stairway. This deck would meet setback requirements for balconies and decks above the first level.

#### Excavation

The applicant is also requesting a use permit to allow excavation in the right side and rear yard setbacks. In the rear setback, and towards the rear part of the right side setback, excavation is proposed to replace existing retaining walls as well as change their configuration to create more usable outdoor space. Towards the front of the proposed residence along the right side setback, excavation is being proposed for a retaining wall at the entry to the proposed addition. Excavation, which is defined by the Zoning Ordinance as the removal of dirt to a depth of more than 12 inches within required setbacks, requires use permit approval by the Planning Commission.

The applicant has identified the area to be excavated on the proposed site plan (sheet A0.5). The proposed rear and right side yard excavations are requested to create a patio area with more usable outdoor space, and an entryway to the front lower-floor addition. The retaining walls in the rear yard would be approximately three feet in height. The proposed right side excavation is to continue an existing footpath along the right side of the house to provide access to the proposed front lower-floor addition. The proposed retaining wall would be approximately two feet, 10 inches in height.

The proposed excavation is relatively modest in scale, and would have limited visibility from other

properties and the golf course. Staff believes the proposed excavation would generally be similar to other residential excavation in this area, which is hilly. The proposed retaining walls would be reviewed to ensure compliance with Building Code standards.

#### Design and materials

The applicant has stated the proposed design is a craftsman shingle style. The front façade is proposed to be updated with newer materials, and a more prominent entry. The scale of the addition, and pitch of the roof above it on the right side would balance the garage on the left. The existing two-car garage door is proposed to be replaced by two single-car wooden roll-up doors, and a stone veneer is proposed to be added along the bottom of the main floor, wrapping the home. The existing solid core front door would be replaced with a new solid core door and flanked on both sides by sidelight windows. Staff believes that the new front entry and new addition at the right would add visual interest to the residence and would be consistent with the neighborhood's mix of architectural styles.

On the right side, the existing slider windows are proposed to be replaced by windows matching the style of the new windows at the front of the house, and a number of windows along the right side are proposed to be added. Staff feels the difference in grade between the subject residence and the neighboring residence, as well as the existing landscape screening on the neighboring residence and proposed new landscaping, would adequately mitigate privacy concerns associated with the new windows on the right side.

On the main floor level of the rear façade, the applicant is proposing to replace the existing slider windows across the façade, specifically on the left side with a larger fixed casement window, which would match the style of the replacement window proposed on the right side. The applicant is proposing to replace three large fixed windows with a large fixed window flanked by two sets of sliding glass doors at the center of the rear façade. Staff believes that the changes to the window style and additional windows in combination with the new gables at the rear would make for a balanced, yet architecturally interesting rear façade at the main level. At the lower floor of the rear façade, two new glass sliding doors are proposed to flank full-height windows, and the existing posts supporting the deck are proposed to be replaced by columns clad in stone. The railing design for the stairway would provide a horizontal line across the full width of the home, adding visual interest. Massing impacts would be limited by the topography of the lot and the location of the majority of the floor area at the front and middle of the lot, where it is perceived as a one-story residence.

#### Trees and landscaping

There were a total of 21 trees on the subject property, 11 of which are heritage trees. The applicant has submitted an arborist report (Attachment F) detailing the species, size, and conditions of trees on the property.

The applicant has applied to remove nine heritage sized trees, and intends to remove three non-heritage sized trees. Two of these heritage trees (numbered 20 and 21) are located at the front of the property and are proposed for removal due to poor health. Two of the heritage trees to be removed are at the front in the right side yard of the property (numbered 2 and 3) and are being proposed for removal due to impacts

associated with construction of the proposed addition at the front-right of the home. Two heritage sized white birch trees in poor condition are proposed to be removed from the center of the rear yard as a result of their health and conflicts with the proposed landscape improvements. Three heritage Monterey pines (numbered 4, 6, and 7) at the right have been proposed to be removed due to the results of arboreal testing for pine pitch canker disease and a visual inspection that also confirms likely infestation. The City Arborist has tentatively recommended approval of all the heritage tree removals for the reasons stated above. The heritage trees would be replaced with nine Saratoga bay laurel, two Marina strawberry, and one red horse-chestnut trees. The applicant has included a preliminary landscape plan, Sheet L-1 of Attachment D, and the proposed replacement trees are shown on the proposed site plan as well.

#### Valuation

The City uses standards established by the Building Division to calculate the replacement and new construction costs on which the use permit threshold is based. The City has determined that the replacement cost of the existing structure would be \$783,299, meaning that the applicant would be allowed to propose new construction and remodeling at this site totaling less than \$391,649.50 in any 12-month period without applying for a use permit. The City has determined that the value of the proposed work would be approximately \$563,351.90. Based on this estimate, the proposed project exceeds 50 percent of the replacement cost of the existing structure, therefore requiring use permit approval by the Planning Commission. The project plans include a new work value calculation spreadsheet and associated diagrams detailing the proposed work.

## Correspondence

Staff has not received any items of correspondence regarding the proposed project.

# Conclusion

Staff believes the scale, materials, balanced style, and decorative elements such as stone accents at the front façade and wood deck at the rear of the home are compatible with the surrounding neighborhood's mix of architectural styles. The perceived massing would be limited by the topography of the lot and the location of most of the floor area at the front and middle of the parcel, where it appears to be a one-story residence. Staff recommends that the Planning Commission approve the proposed project.

#### **Impact on City Resources**

The project sponsor is required to pay Planning, Building and Public Works permit fees, based on the City's Master Fee Schedule, to fully cover the cost of staff time spent on the review of the project.

#### **Environmental Review**

The project is categorically exempt under Class 1 (Section 15301, "Existing Facilities") of the current California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

#### **Public Notice**

Public Notification was achieved by posting the agenda, with the agenda items being listed, at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. Public notification also consisted of publishing a notice in the local newspaper and notification by mail of owners and occupants within a 300-foot radius of the subject property.

# Appeal Period

The Planning Commission action will be effective after 15 days unless the action is appealed to the City Council, in which case the outcome of the application shall be determined by the City Council.

## Attachments

- A. Recommended Actions
- B. Location Map
- C. Data Table
- D. Project Plans
- E. Project Description Letter
- F. Arborist Report

## Disclaimer

Attached are reduced versions of maps and diagrams submitted by the applicants. The accuracy of the information in these drawings is the responsibility of the applicants, and verification of the accuracy by City Staff is not always possible. The original full-scale maps, drawings and exhibits are available for public viewing at the Community Development Department.

#### Exhibits to Be Provided at Meeting

None

Report prepared by: Ori Paz, Planning Technician

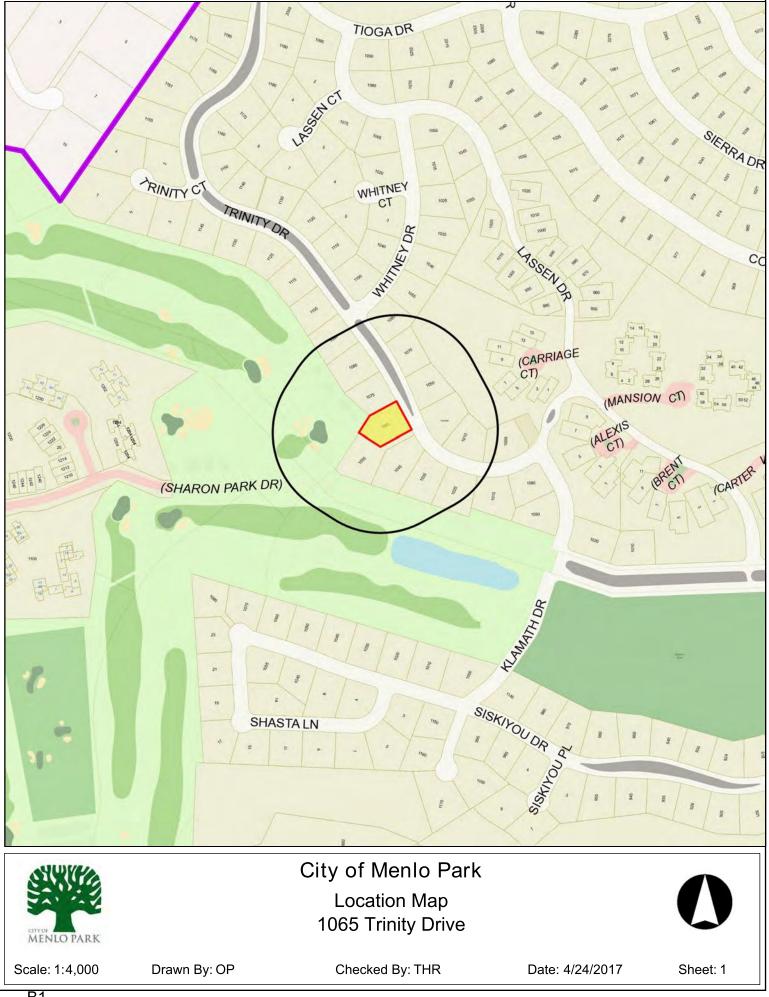
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| 2.                              | 2. Make findings, as per Section 16.82.030 of the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to the granting of use permits, that the proposed use will not be detrimental to the health, safety, morals, comfort and general welfare of the persons residing or working in the neighborhood of such proposed use, and will not be detrimental to property and improvements in the neighborhood or the general welfare of the City. |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |
| 3.                              | Approv   | ve the use perm  | it subjec  | t to the following <b>s</b>  | tandard condition  | s:   |   |  |
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g. Heritage trees in the vicinity of the construction project shall be protected pursuant to the

| LOCATION: 1065 Trinity<br>Drive  |      |                   | APPLICANT: Chris<br>Pandolfo |             | OWNER: Chris Pandolfo |  |  |
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| <b>REQUEST:</b> Request for a use permit to add on to the main floor and lower floor, and conduct interior modifications to an existing two-story, single-family residence that would exceed 50 percent of the replacement value of the existing nonconforming structure in a 12-month period. The proposal includes excavation in the required right side and rear yard setbacks, associated with creating access to the lower floor addition and landscape improvements. The parcel is located in the R-E-S (Residential Estate Suburban) zoning district. As part of the proposed development, nine heritage trees (two white birches and seven Monterey pines) in poor health, are proposed to be removed. |      |                   |                              |             |                       |  |  |
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| Heritage Tree Ordinance.   |      |                   |                              |             |                       |  |  |

## ATTACHMENT B



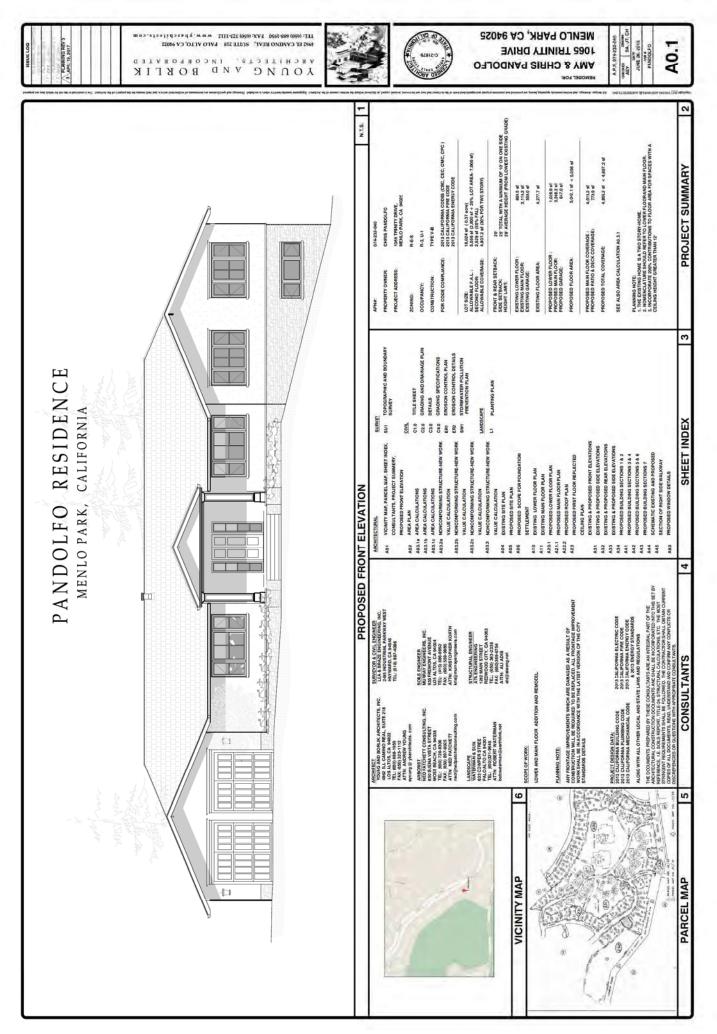
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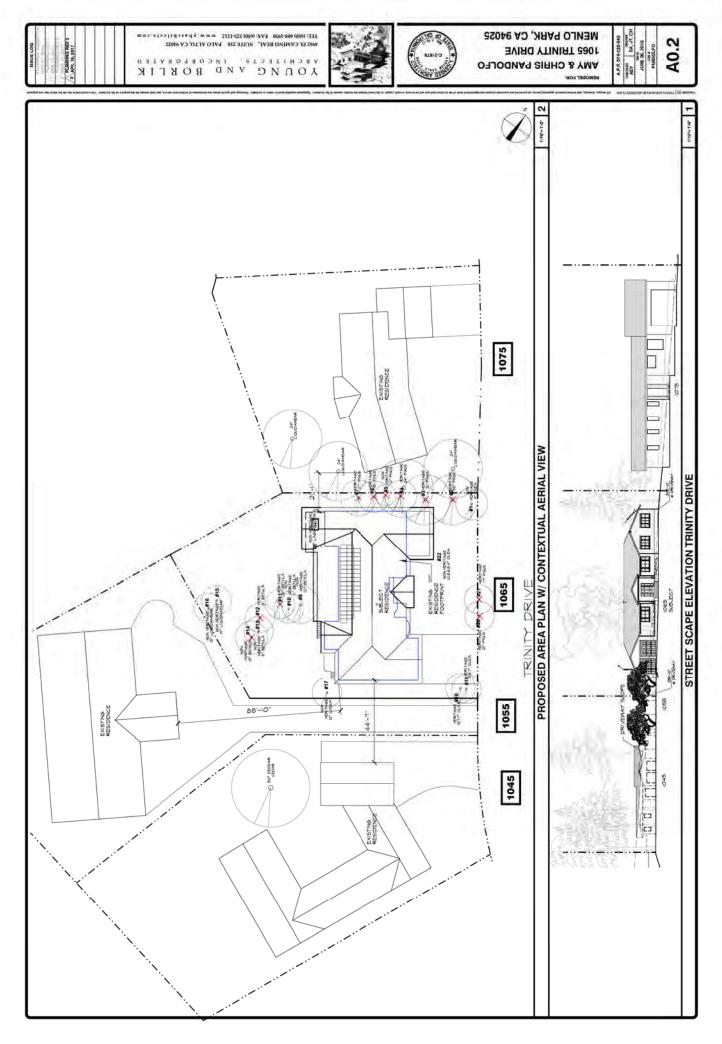
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| Lot area                      | 16,024      | sf           | 16,024                    | sf           | 15,000       | sf min.      |
| Lot width                     | 110.8       | ft.          | 110.8                     | ft.          | 100          | ft. min.     |
| Lot depth                     | 146         | ft.          | 146                       | ft.          | 100          | ft. min.     |
| Setbacks                      |             |              |                           |              |              |              |
| Front                         | 22.9        | ft.          | 29.8                      | ft.          | 20           | ft. min.     |
| Rear                          | 51          | ft.          | 51                        | ft.          | 20           | ft. min.     |
| Side (left)                   | 9.8         | ft.          | 9.8                       | ft.          | 25 ft. to    | al, with     |
| Side (right)                  | 10          | ft.          | 10                        | ft.          | minimum 1    | ) ft. on any |
|                               |             |              |                           |              | one (1       | ) side       |
| Building coverage             | 4,806.2     | sf           | 4,296.4                   | sf           | 4,807        | sf max.      |
|                               | 29          | %            | 28.8                      | %            | 30           | % max.       |
| FAL (Floor Area Limit)        | 5,042.1     | sf           | 4,278.7                   | sf           | 5,056        | sf max.      |
| Square footage by floor       | 3,366.2     | sf/main fl.  | 3,114.2                   | sf/main fl.  |              |              |
|                               | 1,028.9     | sf/lower fl. | 605.5                     | sf/lower fl. |              |              |
|                               | 647         | sf/garage    | 559                       | sf/garage    |              |              |
|                               | 779.9       | sf/porch     | 623.2                     | sf/porch     |              |              |
|                               | 13.1        | sf/fireplace |                           |              |              |              |
| Square footage of<br>building | 5,835.1     | sf           | 4,901.9                   | sf           |              |              |
| Building height               | 26.3        | ft.          | 26.8                      | ft.          | 28           | ft. max.     |
| Parking                       | 2 cov       | /ered        | 2 cov                     | ered         | 1 covered/1  | uncovered    |
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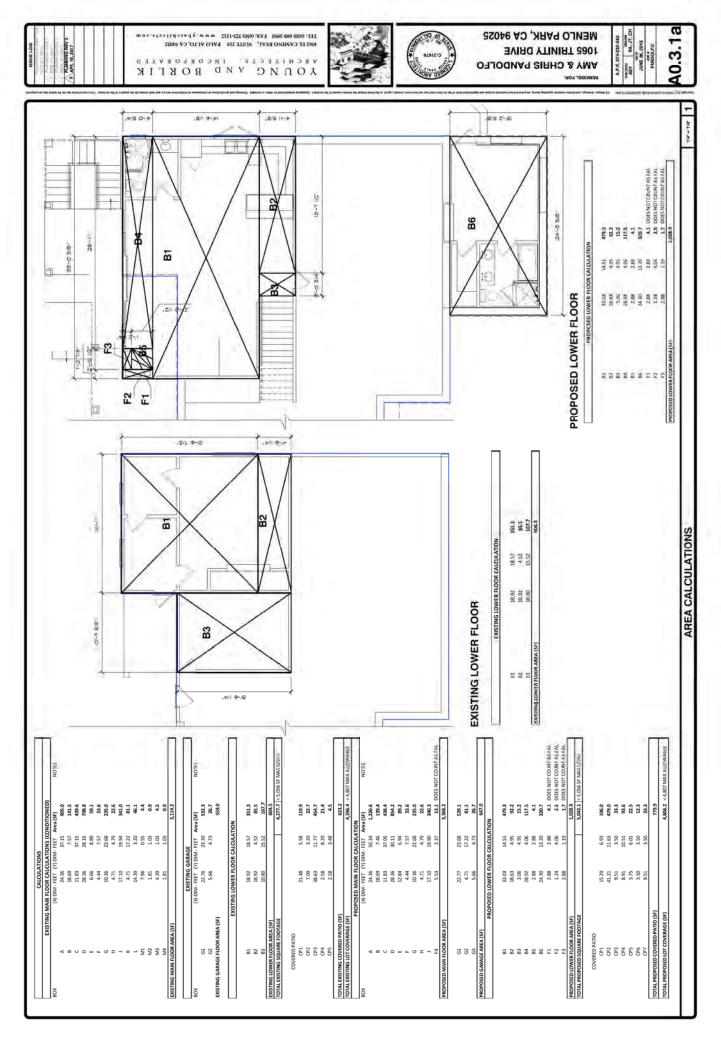
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| Heritage trees          | 11 | Non-Heritage trees   | 11 | New Trees       | 12 |
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| Heritage trees proposed | 9  | Non-Heritage trees   | 3  | Total Number of | 22 |
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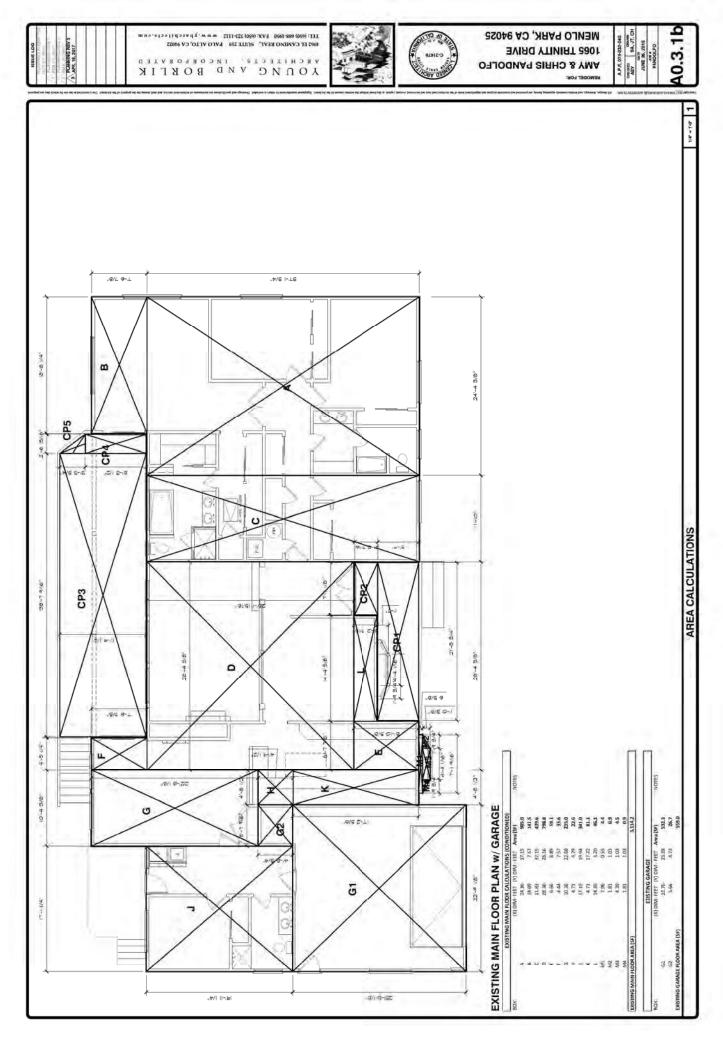
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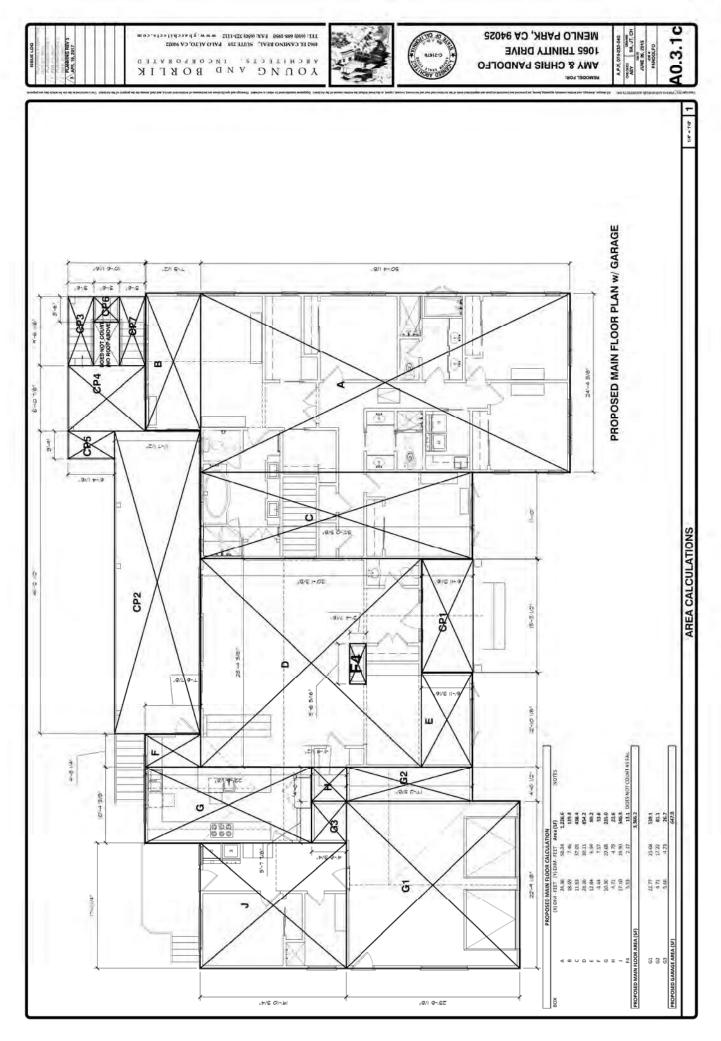


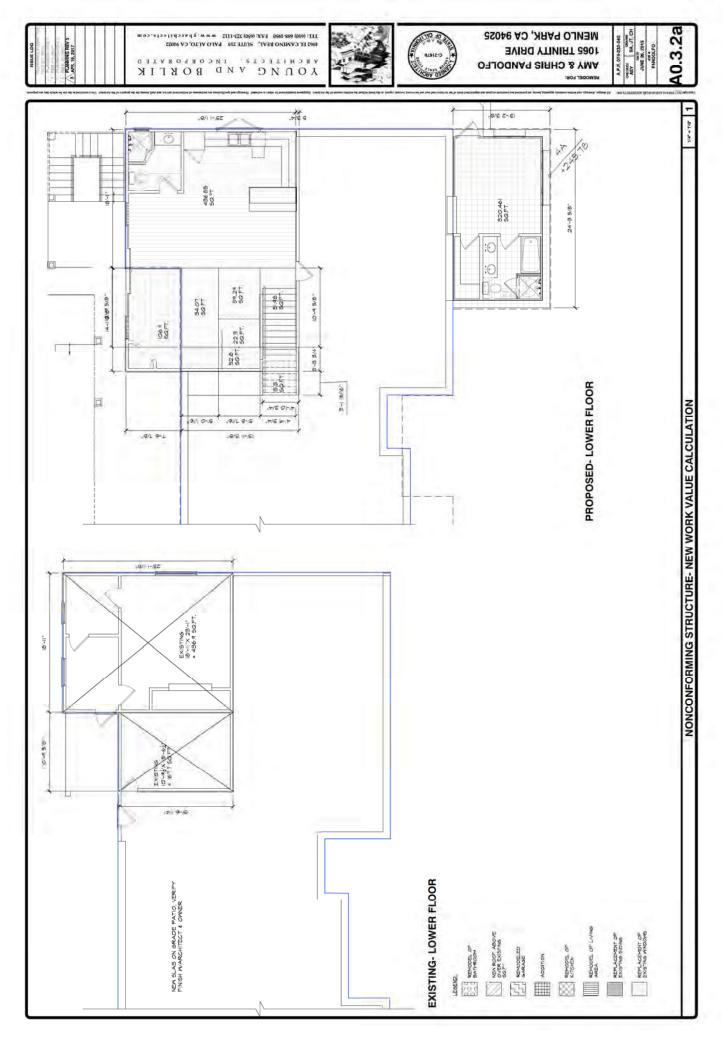


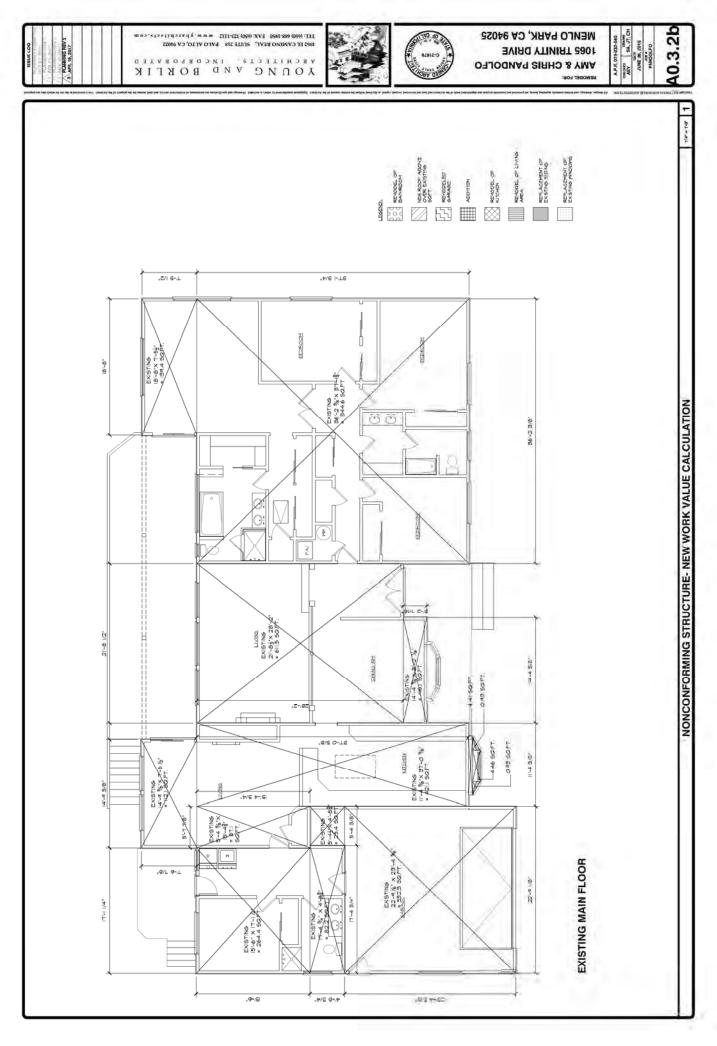


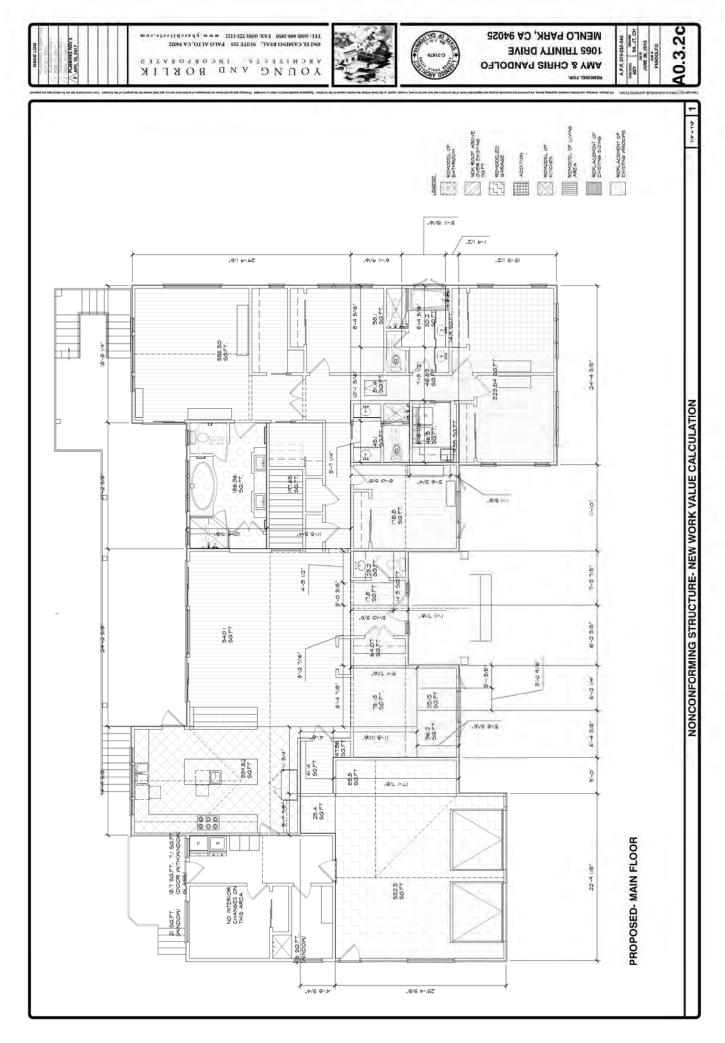
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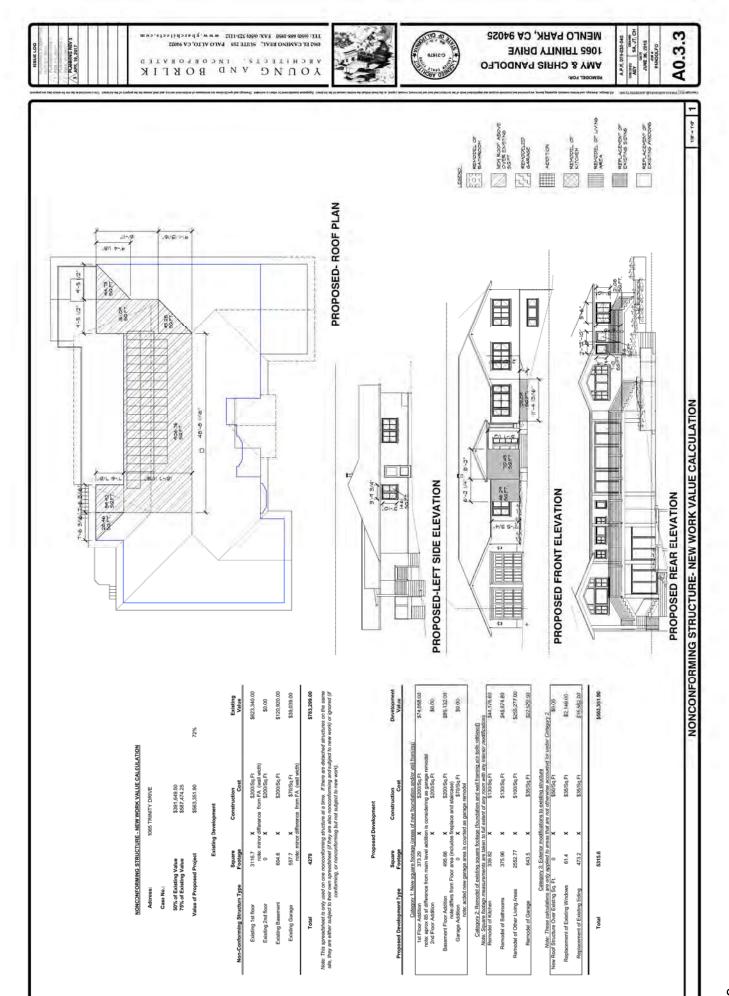


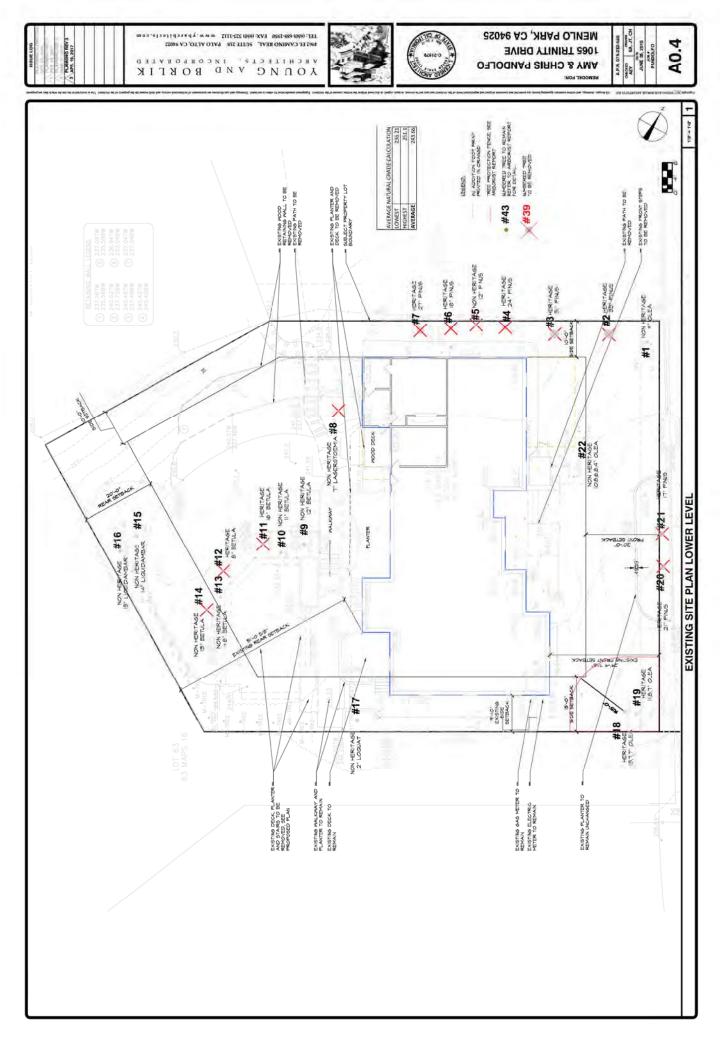


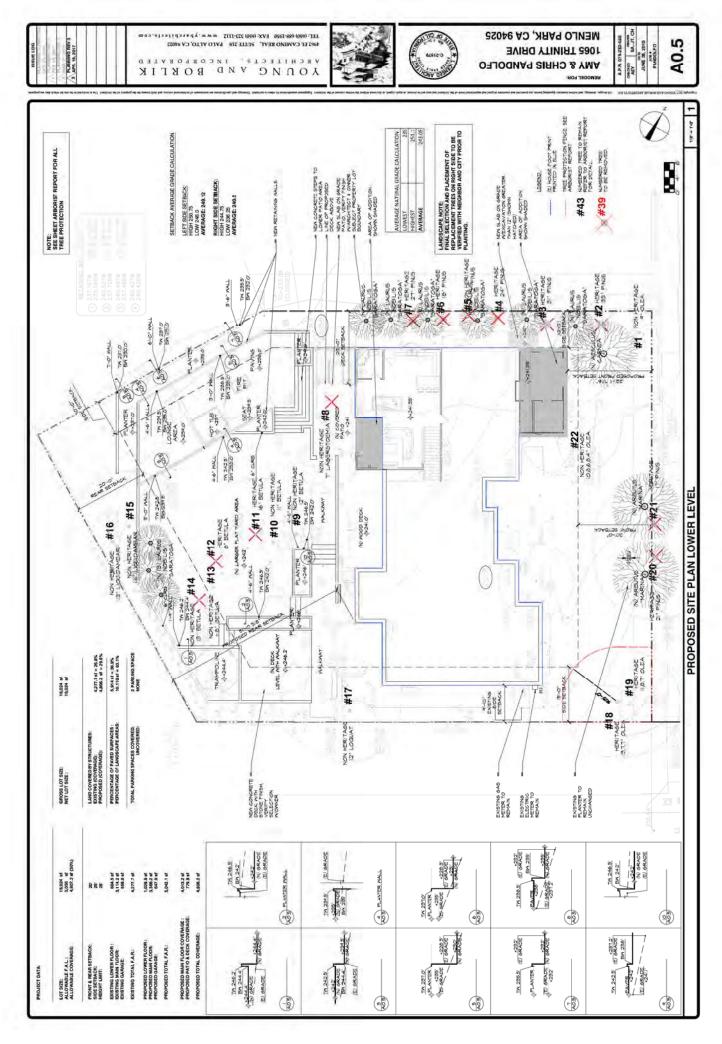


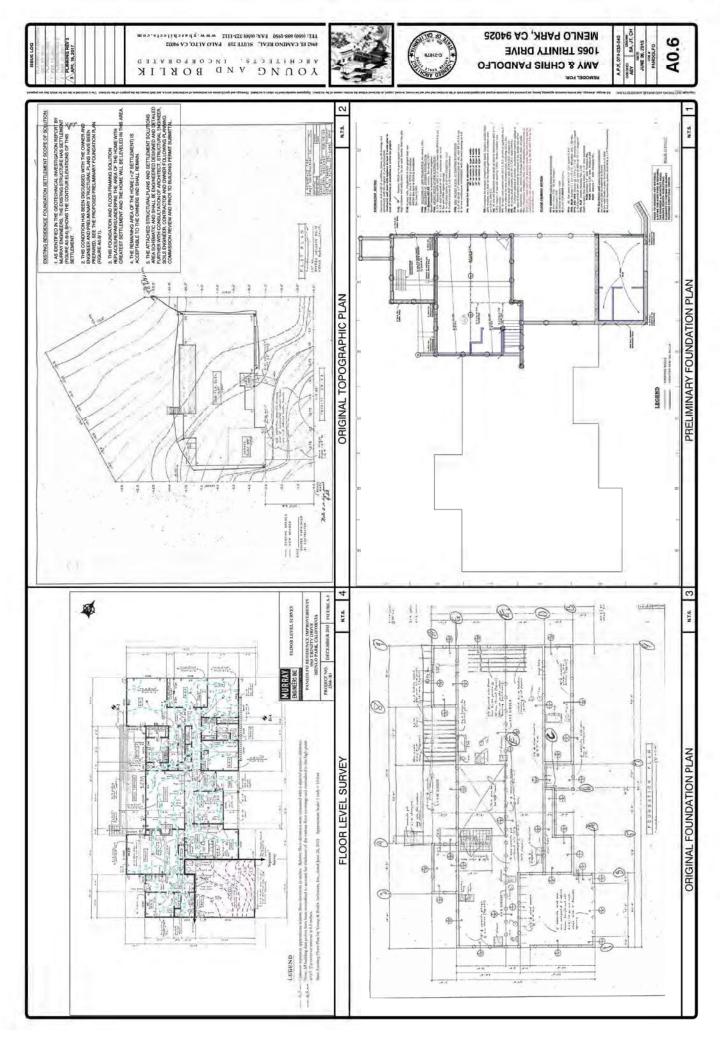


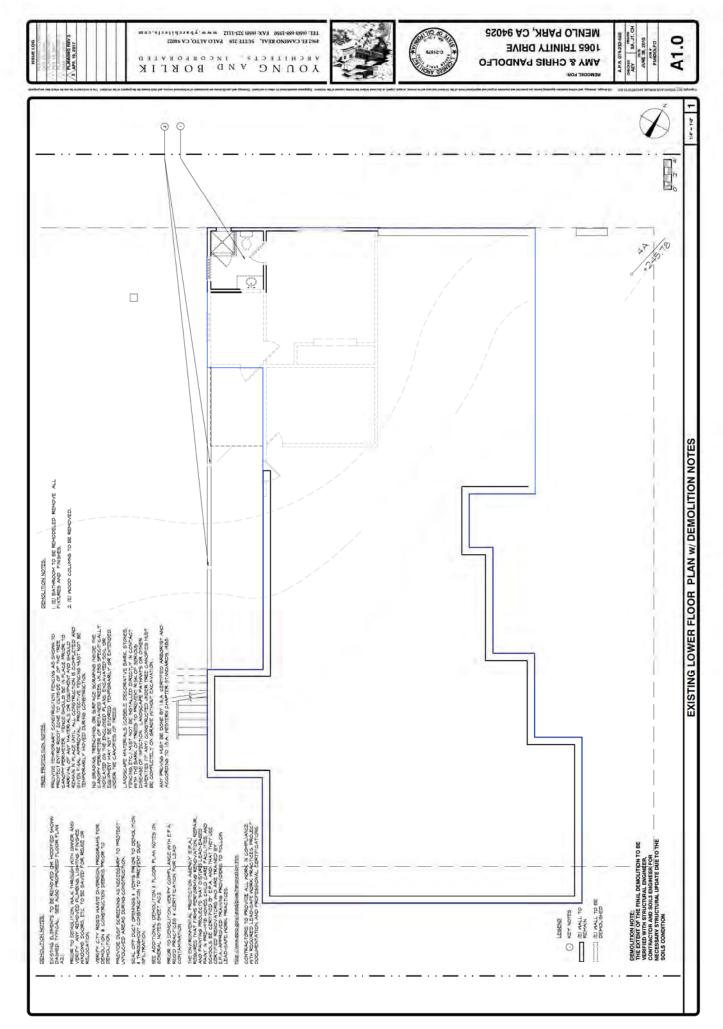


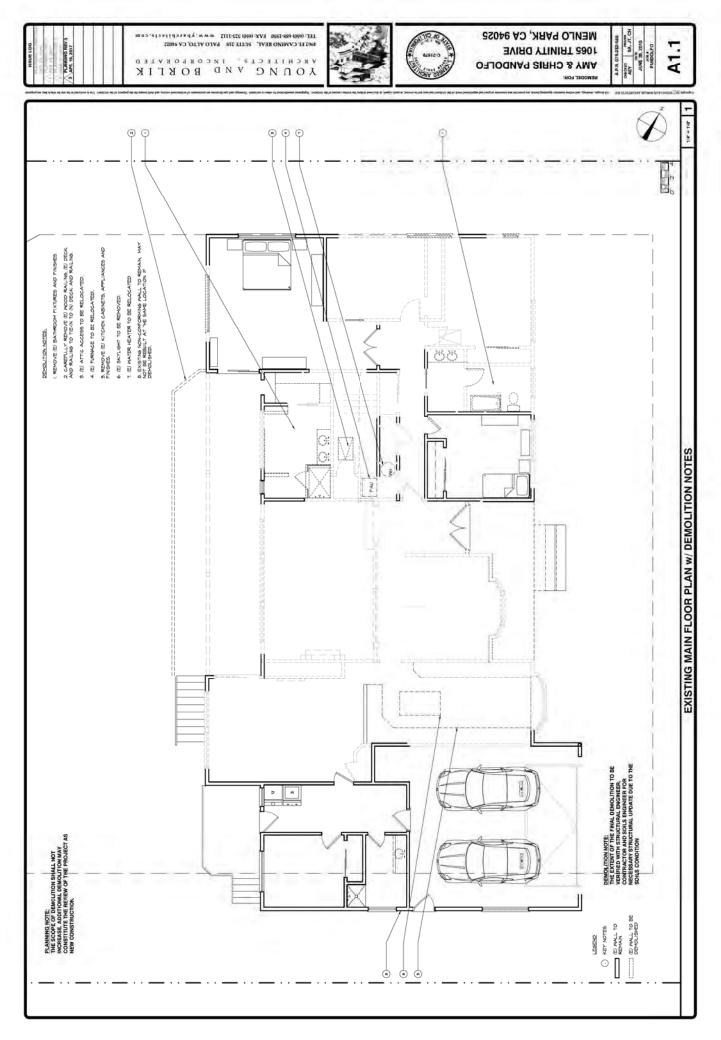


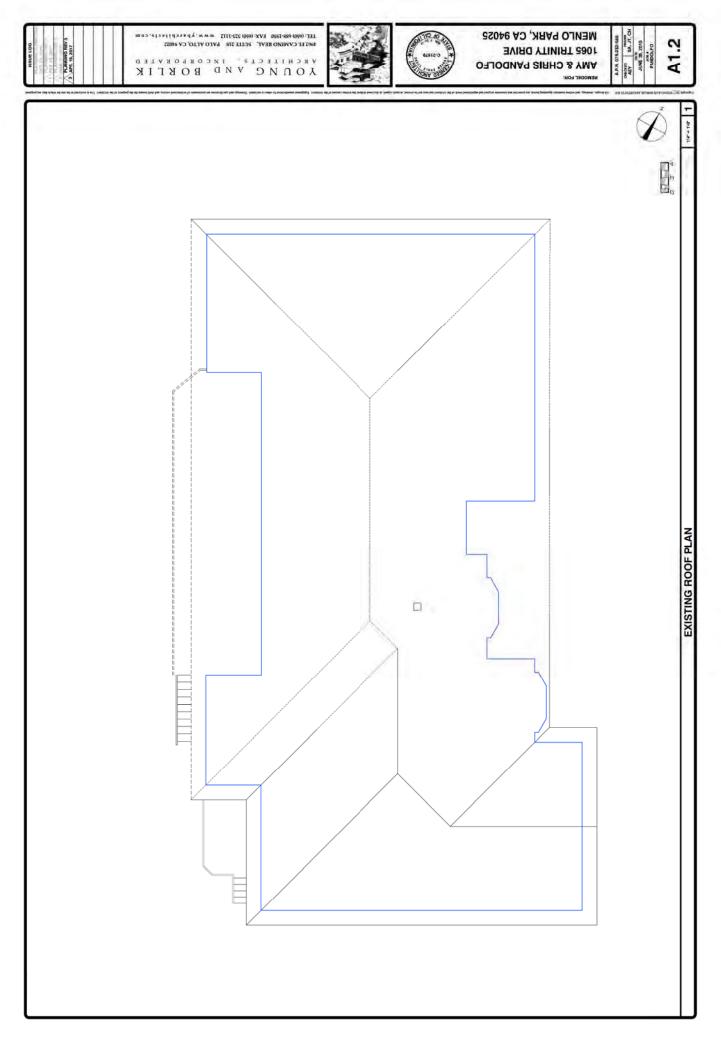


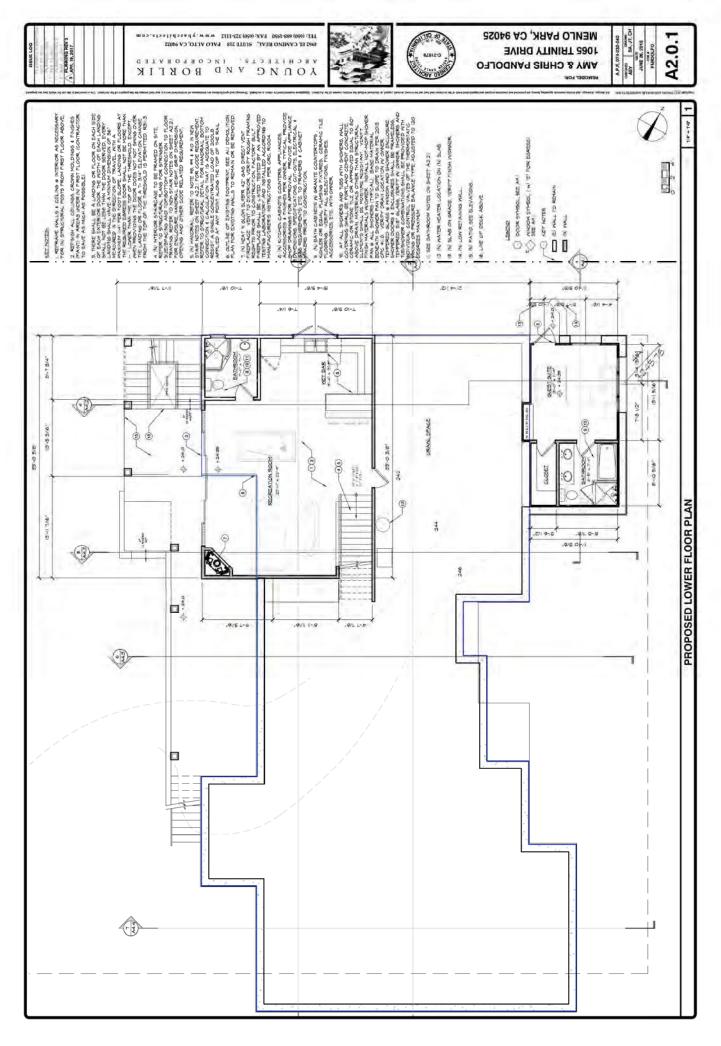


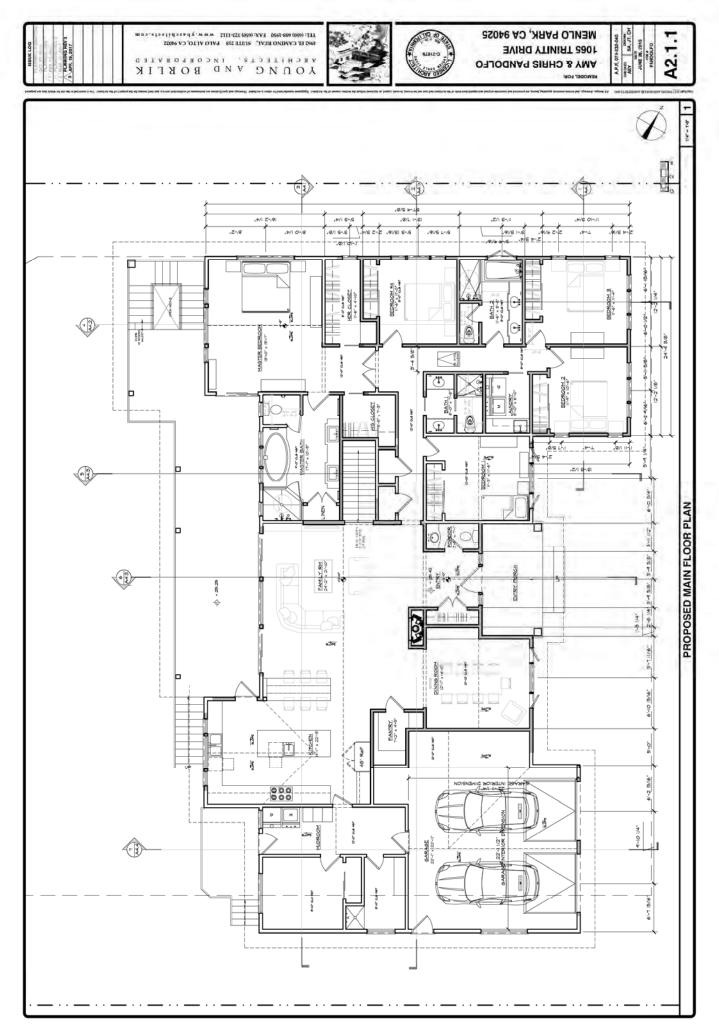


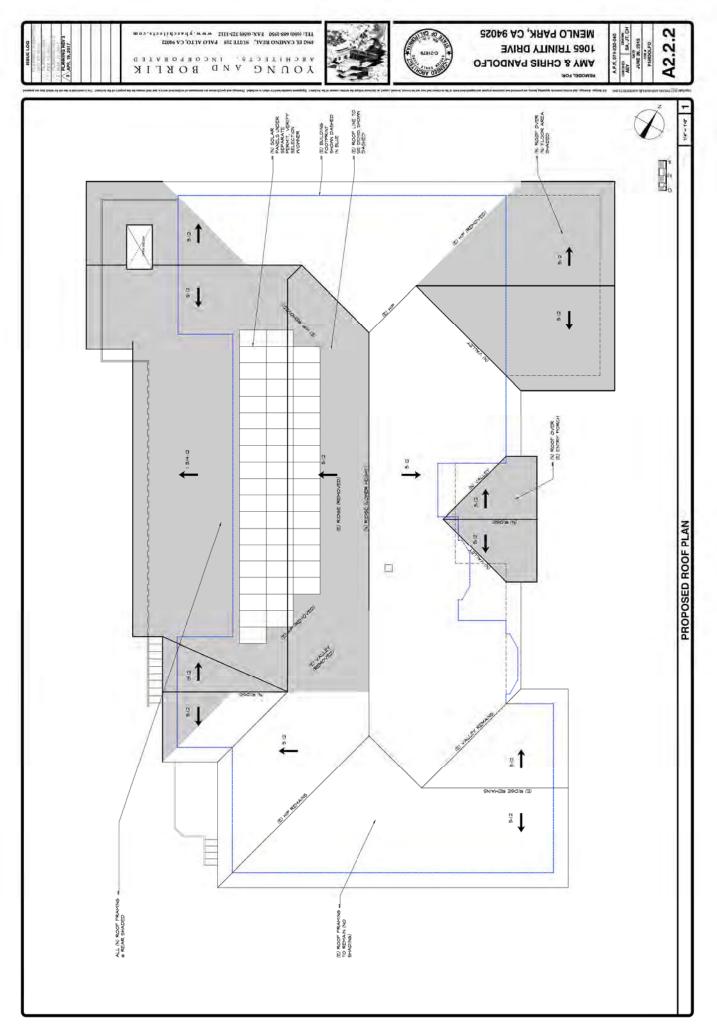


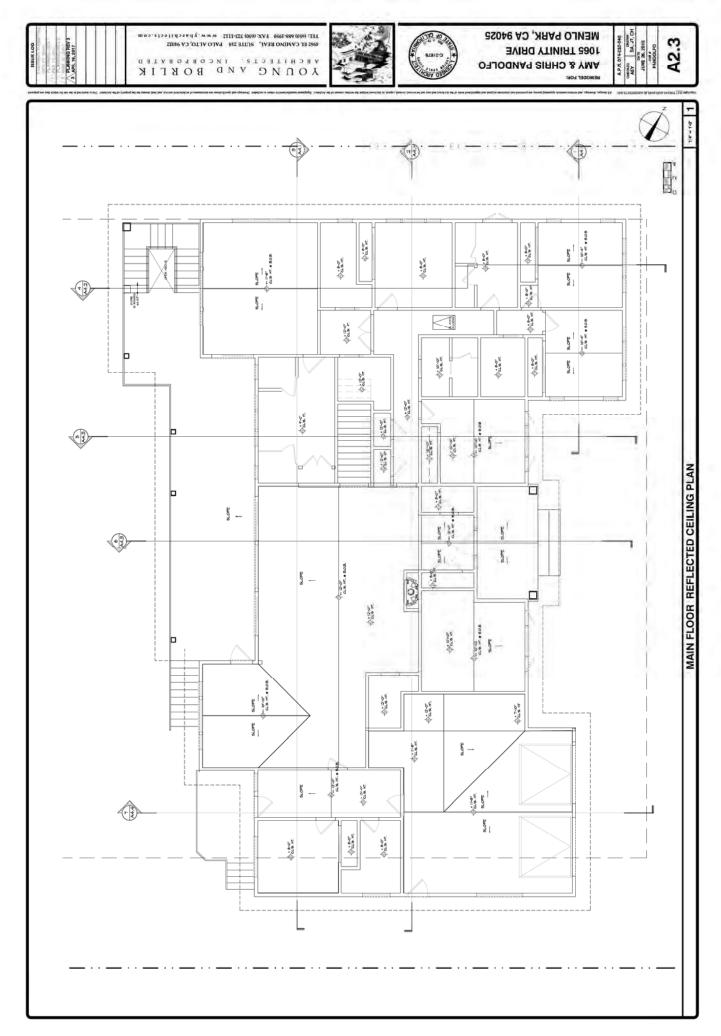


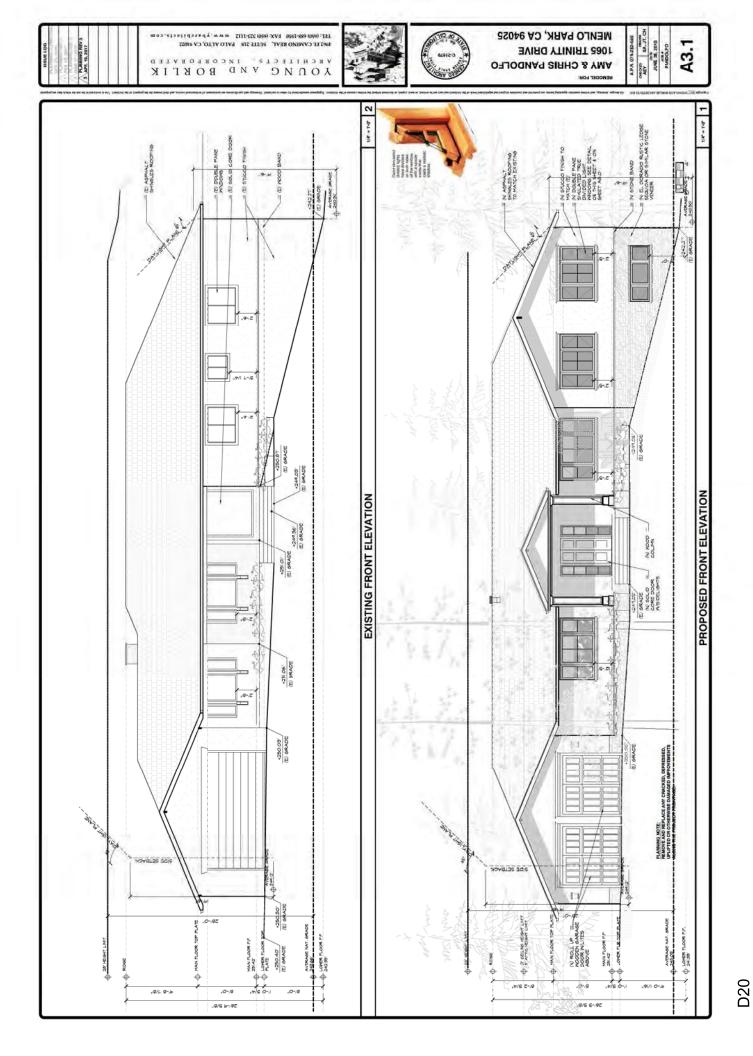


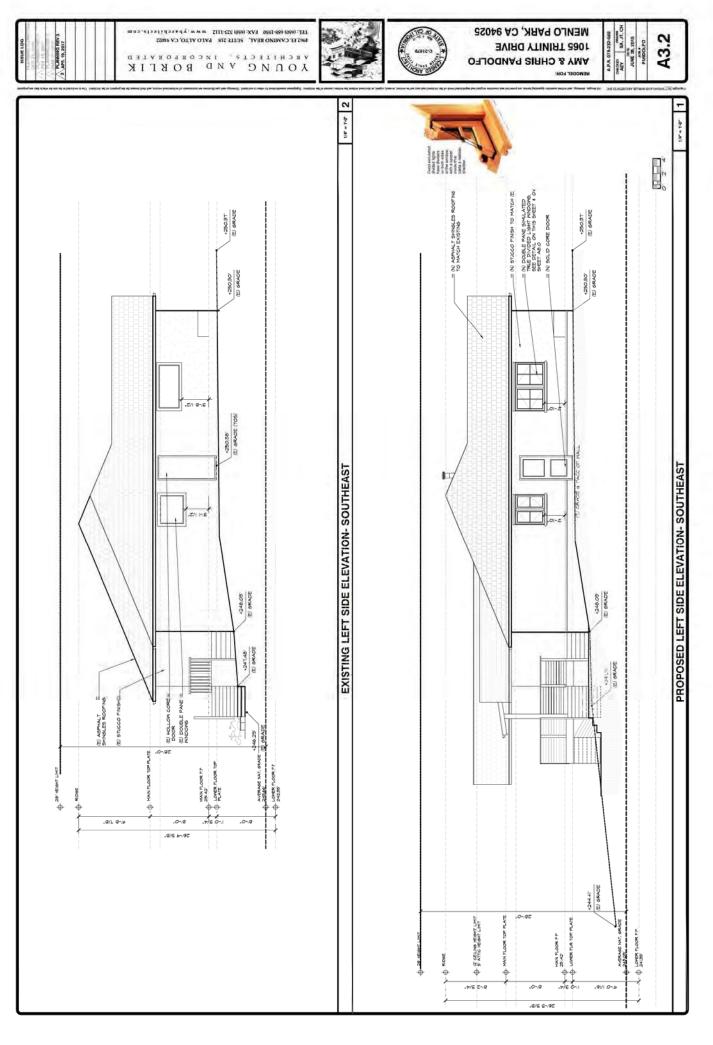


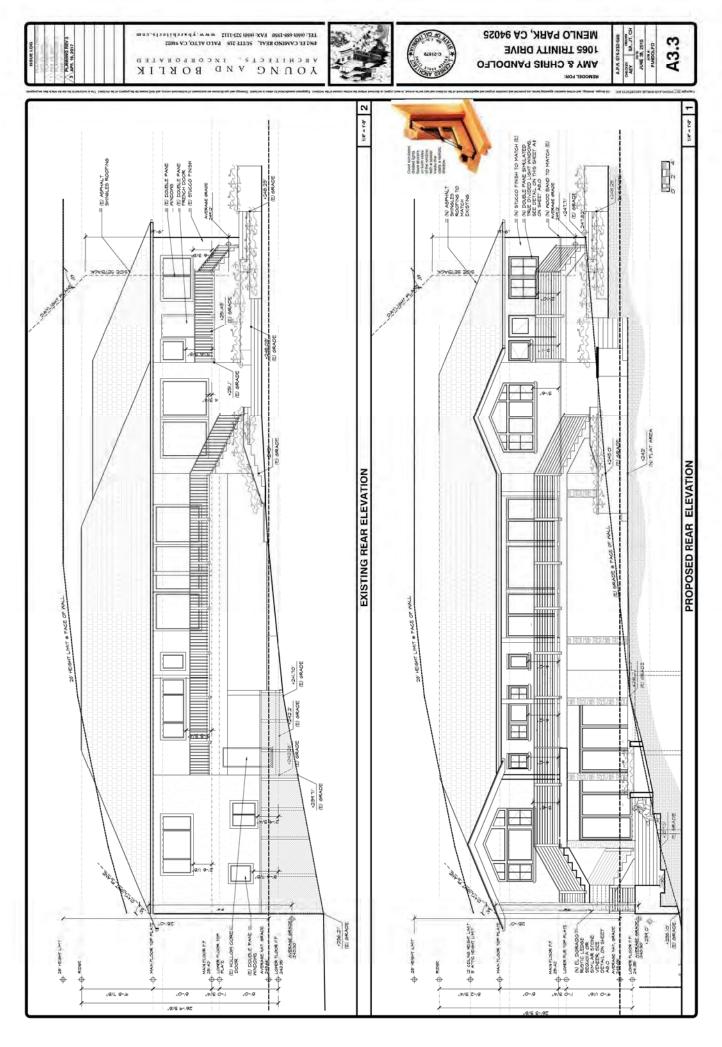


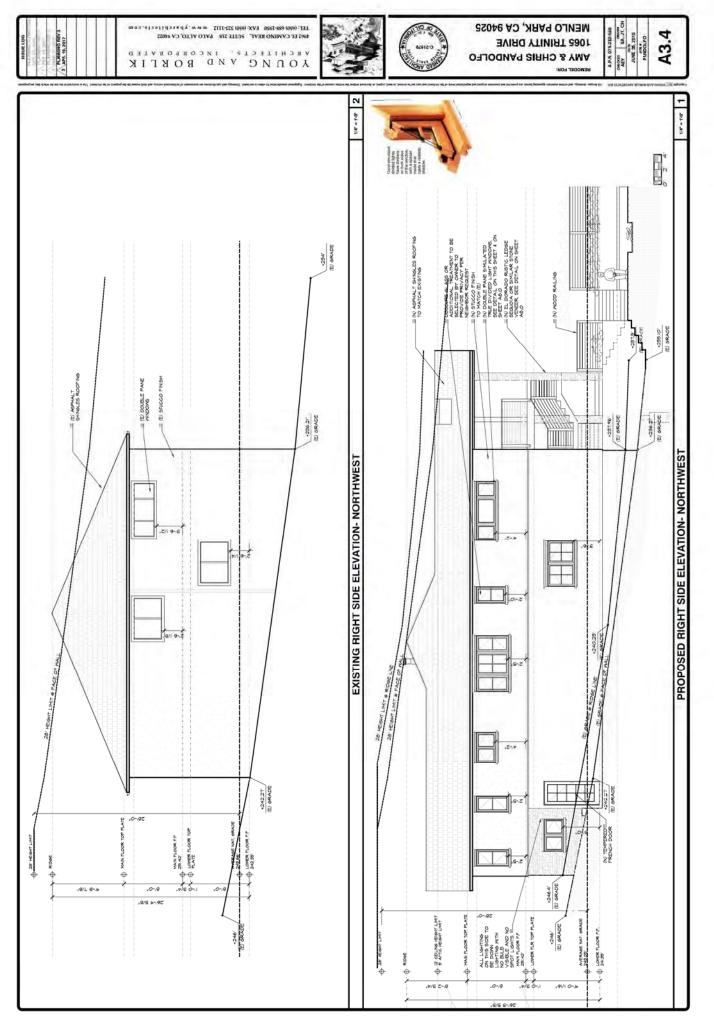


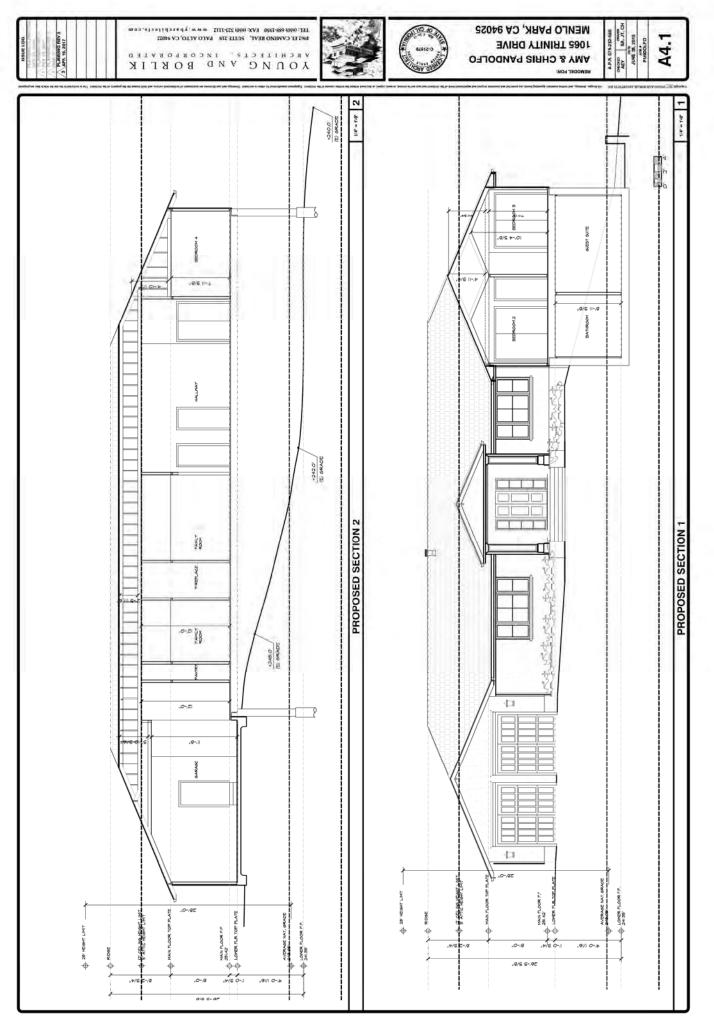


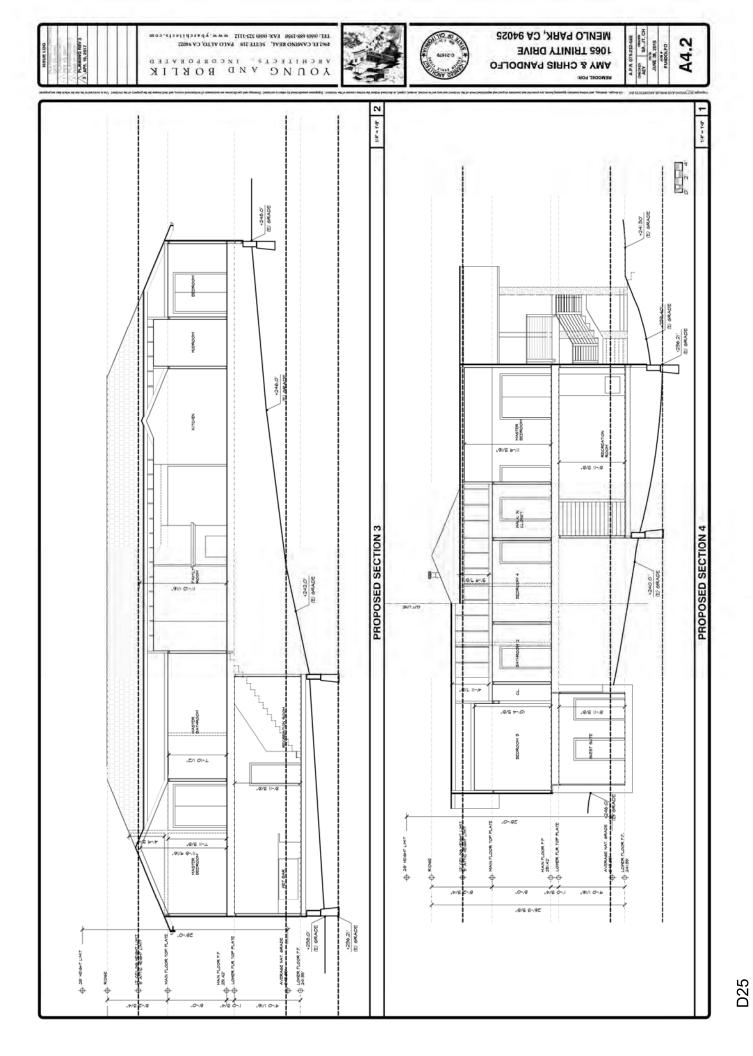


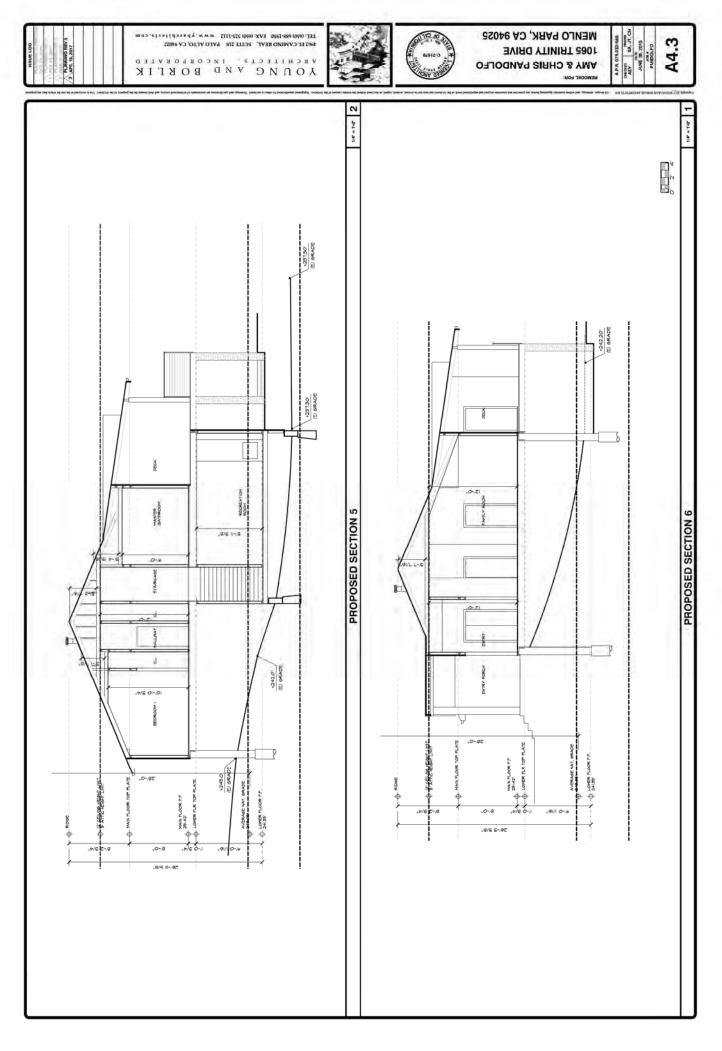


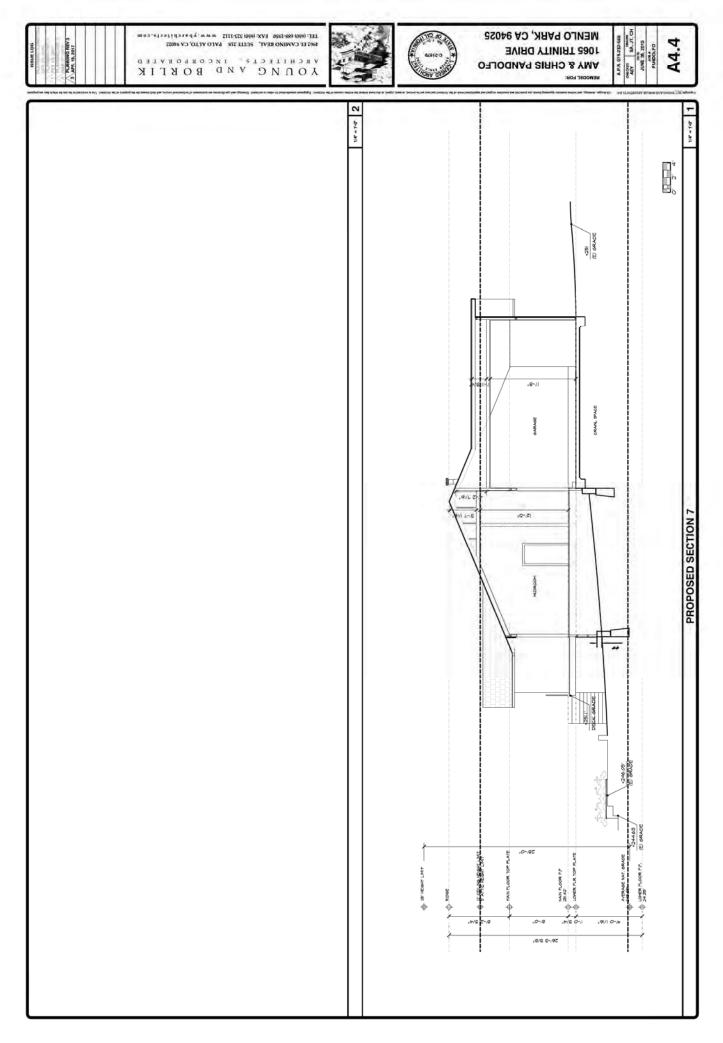


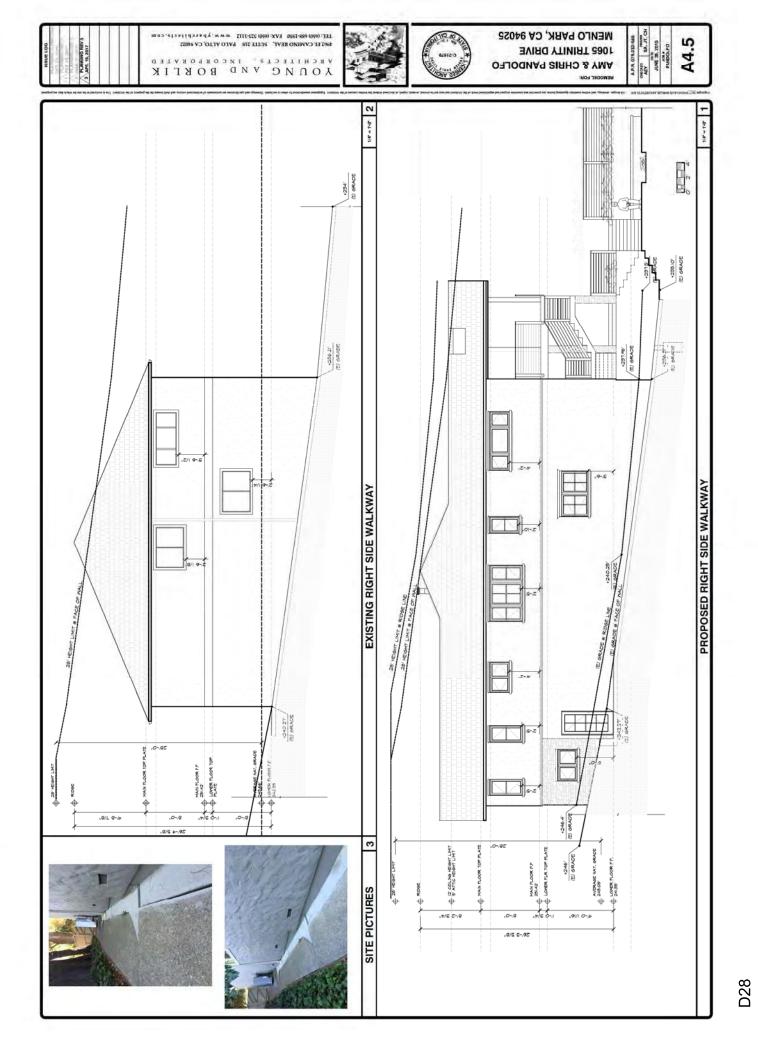


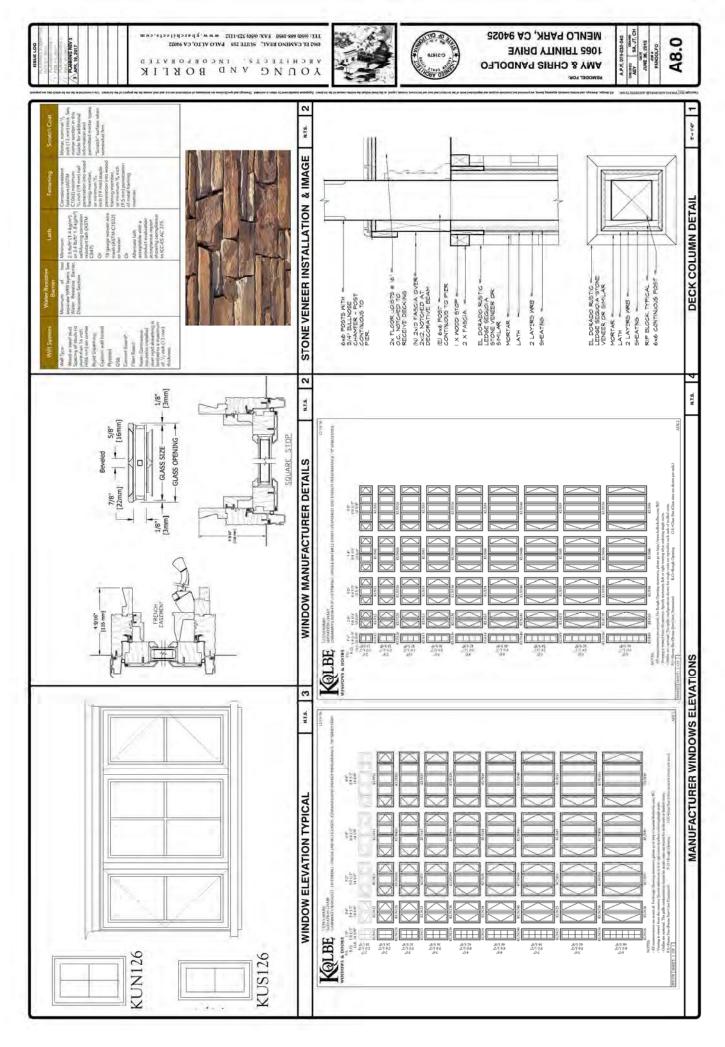


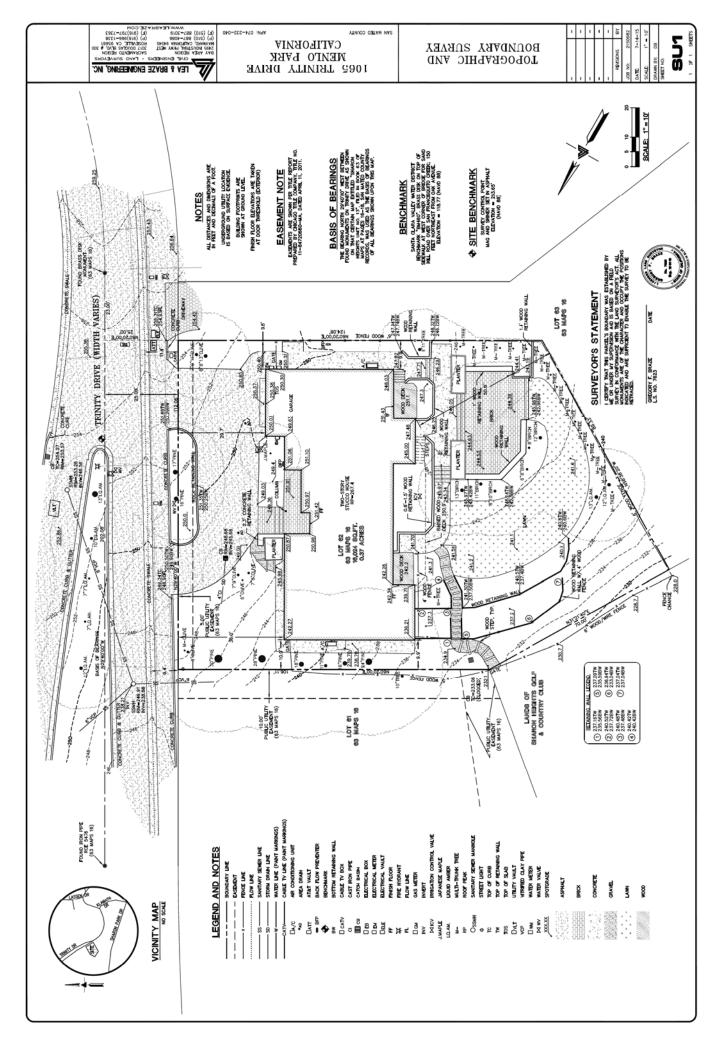


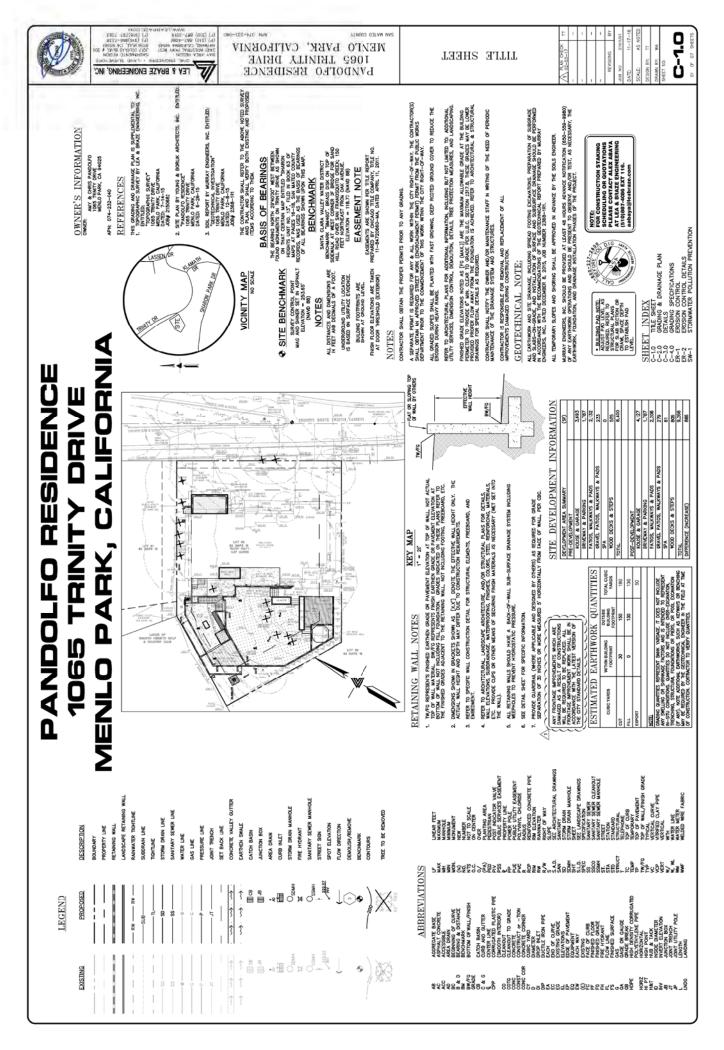


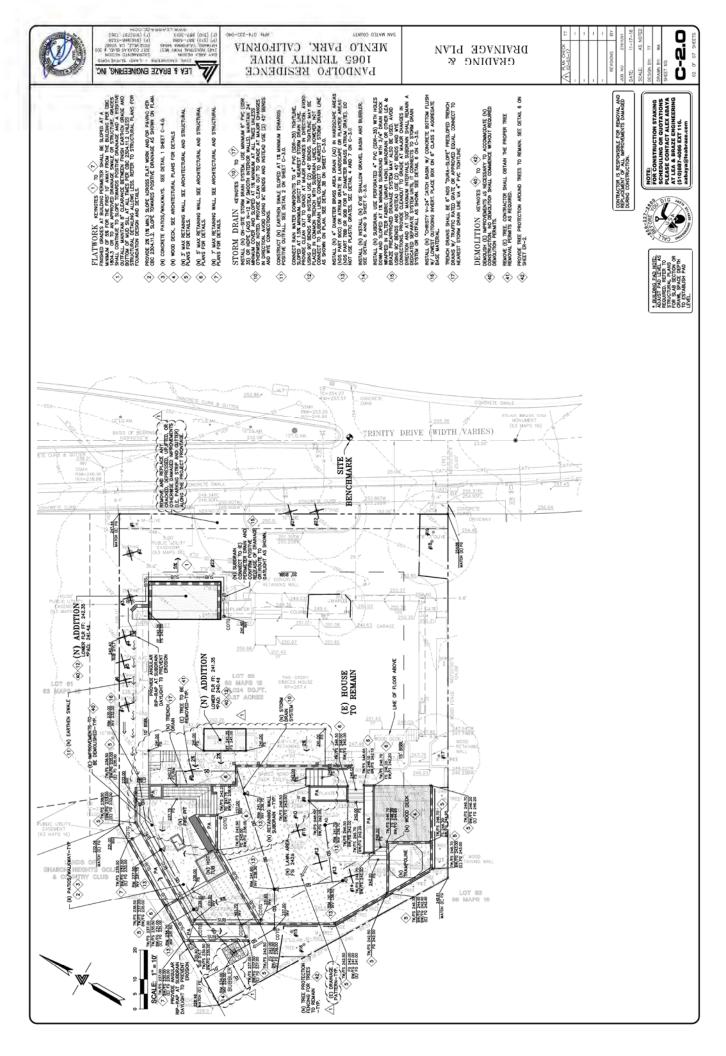


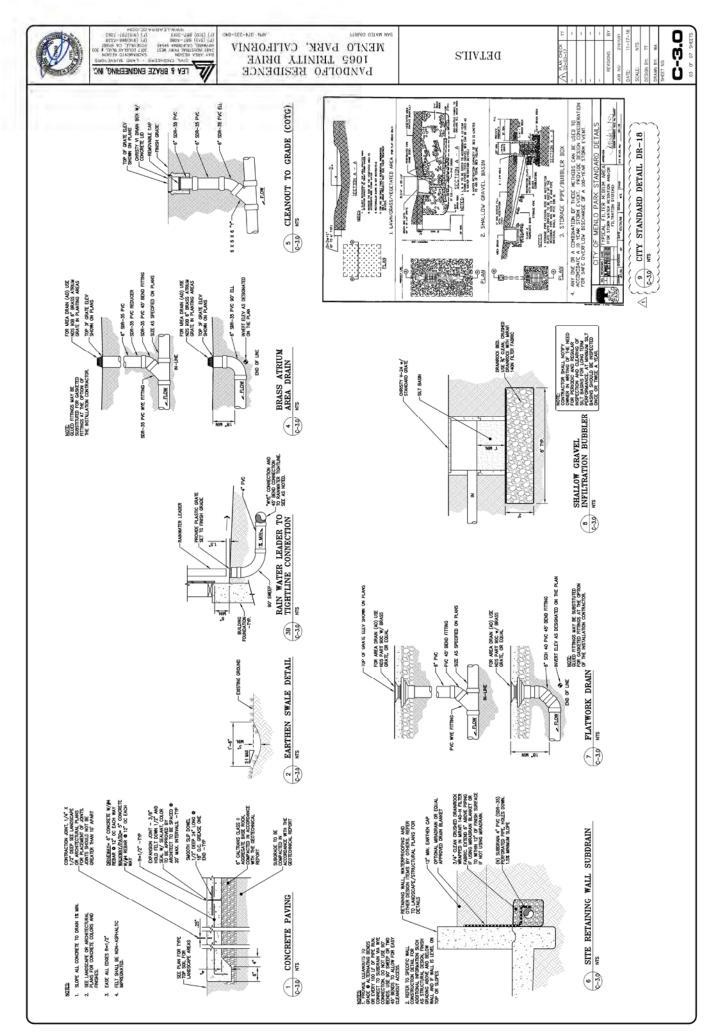


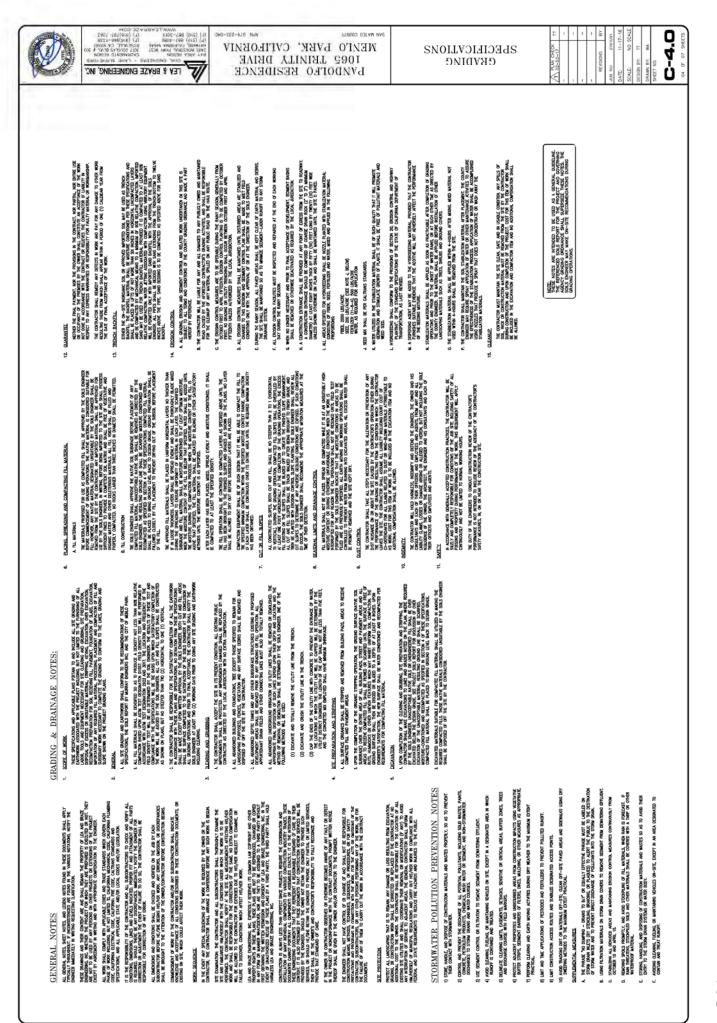


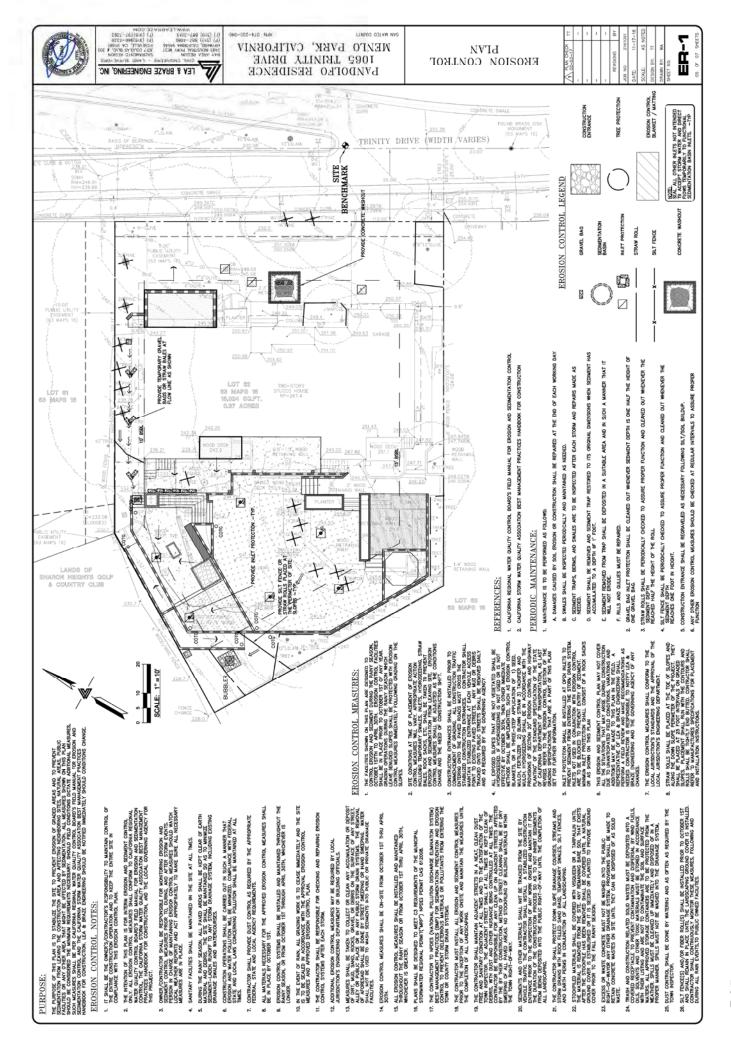


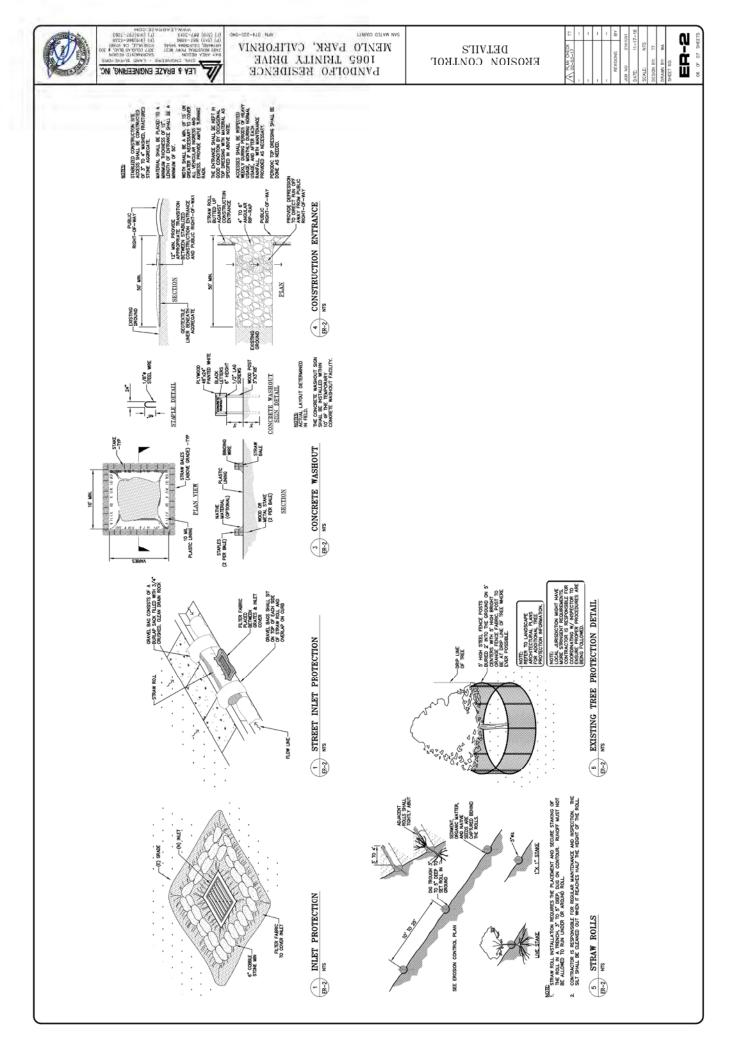


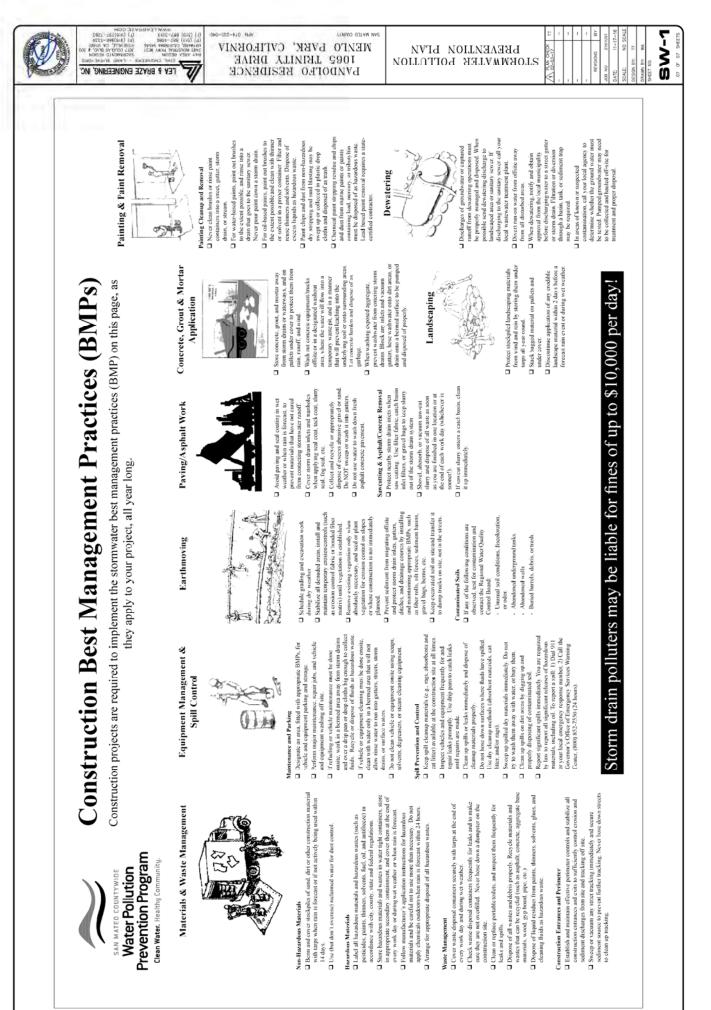


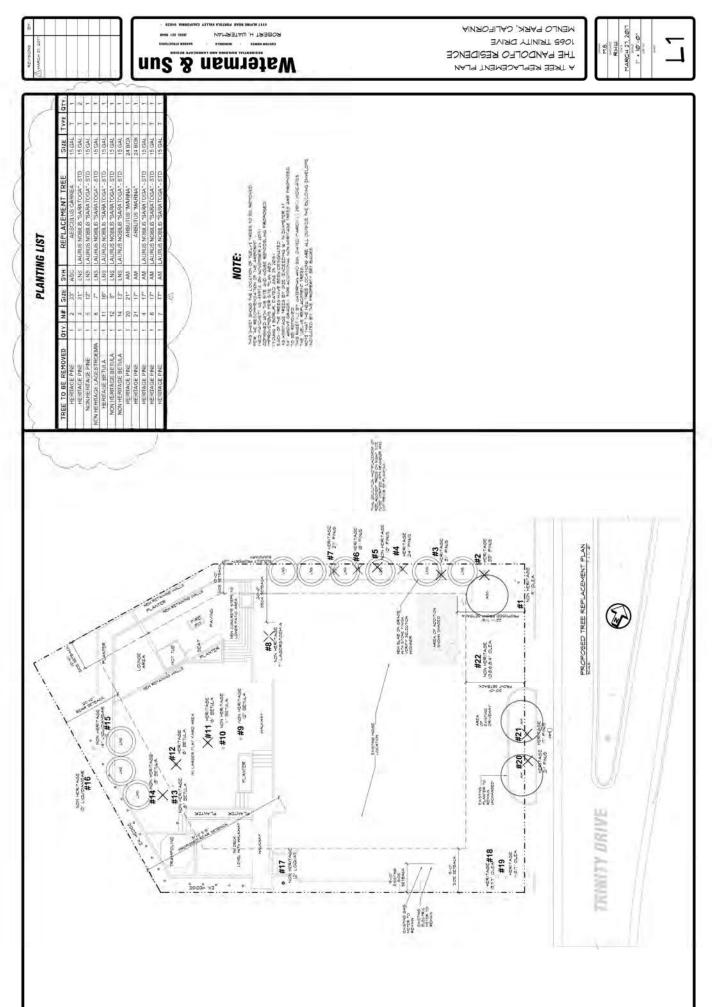












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Re: 1065 Trinity Drive Project description letter for Pandolfo Residence

The purpose of this letter is to describe the proposed addition and remodel project at 1065 Trinity Drive, to accompany our submittal of plans and application for the Use Permit approval. The overall project includes adding 350 sf to the existing lower floor and combined with interior remodeling of the existing residence, as well as adding 267 sf to the existing main floor. The total proposed residence addition will be 617 sf.

The parcel is 16,024 sf, zoned as R-E-S. Based on lot dimensions. The existing home structure is located approximately 9' -10" from the side yard property line, where 15' is the current minimum required, so that section of home and eave represent an existing non-conformity. The proposed rear hardscape includes new retaining walls within the rear setback, which requires an excavation greater than 12" depth. The proposed scope of work, as well as the excavation within the required setback and on the right side setback to provide access to the front addition, necessitate a Use Permit approval for development.

The owners would like to expand their house for their growing family while maintaining the main character of the house and be able to reside in the same neighborhood they have lived for 5 1/2 years.

The architecture of the home is designed in a craftsman shingle style, with front facing gable ends, open eaves, tapered front porch columns, and trim/moulding consistent with the style. The design will feature a wide covered front porch, to provide a welcoming presence and emphasize the pedestrian scale of the streetscape. The front door will face the street with high visibility. Wall materials will be stucco to match existing finish, with painted trim, casing, and mouldings. The entry columns will be painted wood to coordinate with the trim and millwork and with a stone veneer at the base. The windows will be aluminum clad with wood trim, predominantly casement style with simulated true divided light, also shown on the window detail sheet. On the left side there is no proposed new window and the existing driveway provides additional setback distance, and on the right side the pine trees to be removed by arborist recommendation will be replaced by new landscape to serve as a privacy screen, the replacement ratio is 1:1 for all the trees to be removed, for reference see Landscape plan L1. For the front two proposed

bedrooms and master bedroom addition, the larger casement windows are facing the front and rear to minimize privacy concerns.

The existing attached garage will remain and there will be no change to the existing driveway which provides additional off-street parking.

The existing lower and main floor left side setback of 9'-10" will remain unchanged. The existing right side setback of 10' will remain, with the front addition aligning with this existing wall line, to maintain the driveway width. Most residences have an attached two-car garage with a side driveway connecting to the street for the additional tandem parking.

As part of the outreach efforts for this project, the owners have reached out to immediately adjacent neighbors to the side and rear, as well as a few others, to provide awareness of the proposed improvements and to solicit feedback and support. Any correspondence received with be included with the application.

Thank you for your time in review of this project. We are proud to present this design for your consideration, and look forward to the opportunity to create this high quality residence remodel and addition to compliment the neighborhood.

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## Tree Inventory and Preservation Report For Chris Pandolfo

1065 Trinity Drive in Menlo Park, CA.

Submitted by Ned Patchett Certified Arborist WE-4597A Date: November 23, 2016 Revised: March 24, 2017

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### Summary

Chris Pandolfo retained my services to inventory and assess trees 6 inches in diameter and larger on his property located at 1065 Trinity Drive in Menlo Park, CA. The purpose of my examination was to identify which trees are considered Heritage Trees as defined by the City of Menlo Park, to assess the health and condition of the trees, determine their potential for preservation during the proposed construction, and to provide recommendations to reduce the impacts of the proposed construction to a less than significant level.

There are a total of (22) trees included in this report and (11) of these trees are considered Heritage Trees by the City of Menlo Park. I have recommended removal of (4) Monterey Pine trees. However, I believe that removal of all the Monterey Pine trees on the site should be considered because the are all infected with Pine Pitch Canker, have numerous dead branches in the upper crown and are in a state of decline that I suspect will result in all of these trees dying within the next few years. In addition, some of these pines have poor branch attachments that can lead to failures and the roots of some of these trees have caused uplifting and damage to the walkway and foundation of the house.

At this time Trees 4, 6 & 7 have been designated for retention and protection per the request of the City Arborist. Therefore, I have provided tree protection recommendations to protect these trees during the construction process. However, the City Arborist has stated that review of laboratory test results indicating the presence of Pine Pitch Canker could potentially be sufficient reason overturn the determination to retain these trees.

It is my opinion that the other trees surrounding the property are far enough away from the proposed construction activities that they will not be significantly impacted by the proposed construction.

### Introduction

### Assignment

Chris Pandolfo retained my services to perform the following tasks:

- 1. Assess tree health, condition and potential impacts from the proposed construction located at 1065 Trinity Drive in Menlo Park, CA.
- 2. Identify which trees are considered Heritage Trees as defined by the City of Menlo Park.
- 3. Provide construction guidelines to be followed throughout all phases of the construction project.

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4. Document this information in a written report.

### **Limits of Assignment**

I did not perform an **aerial inspection** of the upper crown or a detailed **root crown inspection** on the subject trees.

### **Tree Assessment Methods**

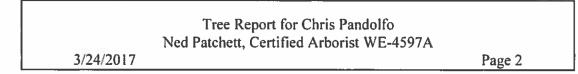
On November 11, 2016, Certified Arborist Dan Patchett performed a site visit to collect information for this report. On November 23, 2016, I returned to collect additional information for this report. A Visual Tree Assessment (VTA) was performed on each of the subject trees. Each tree included within this tree report has been assigned a number that corresponds to the trees on the included tree map (see Tree Map in Appendix B). The following outlines the procedure for collecting information for this report:

- 1. Identify tree species
- 2. Measure the diameter of the trunk at 54 inches above grade **Diameter at Standard Height (DSH)**
- 3. Identify if the tree is a Heritage Tree, as defined by the City of Menlo Park
- 4. Assess the health and condition of each tree
- 5. Assess the structural stability of each tree
- 6. Inspect the trees for pest or disease.

### **Suitability for Preservation**

The goal of tree preservation is for the existing trees to remain assets to the site for years to come. Trees that are in poor condition and cannot tolerate construction impacts will become a liability and therefore should be removed. An assessment of a tree's suitability for preservation includes the following:

- 1. **Tree Health-**A healthy tree can tolerate construction impacts better than a tree in poor health and is more likely to adapt to new site conditions after development.
- 2. **Tree Structure-**Trees with structural defects such as decayed wood, weak branch attachments and codominant stems are a liability and therefore should be removed.
- 3. **Tree Age-**Mature and over-mature trees are less able to tolerate construction impacts while younger trees have more tolerance for construction impacts.
- 4. **Species Tolerance**-All trees require protection to avoid injury. However, certain tree species can tolerate construction impacts better than others.



### Observations

### Site Description

The site is located at 1065 Trinity Drive in Menlo Park, CA. The proposed construction consists of some additions to the existing home, which are located in the Tree Protection Zone of some of these trees. In addition, there will be some landscape improvements in the rear yard, which are not located in the vicinity of any protected trees.

### **All Trees**

I have prepared a tree inventory that contains all of the necessary tree information to satisfy the City of Menlo Park's requirements (See Tree Inventory in Appendix A). In addition, I have calculated the optimal **tree protection zone (TPZ)** for each Heritage Tree that I consider suitable for preservation and I have provided recommendations to protect these trees during all phases of the construction process (See Tree Preservation Recommendations).

### **Monterey Pine Trees**

I have recommended removal of (4) Monterey Pine trees. However, I believe that removal of all the Monterey Pine trees on the site should be considered because the are all infected with Pine Pitch Canker *Fusarium circinatum*, have numerous dead branches in the upper crown and are in a state of decline that I suspect will result in all of these trees dying within the next few years. In addition, some of these pines have poor branch attachments that can lead to failures and the roots of some of these trees have caused uplifting and damage to the walkway and foundation of the house.

At this time Trees 4, 6 & 7 have been designated for retention and protection per the request of the City Arborist. Therefore, I have provided tree protection recommendations to protect these trees during the construction process.

### Conclusion

Protection of Heritage Trees during construction is a mandatory part of the construction process in Menlo Park. In addition, proposed construction within Tree Protection Zones can require the direct onsite supervision of a Project Arborist and can include specialized construction designs and methods to reduce tree impacts.

There are a total of (22) trees included in this report and (11) of these trees are considered Heritage Trees by the City of Menlo Park, CA. 1 have recommended removal of (4) Monterey Pine trees.

Portions of the proposed construction are located within the Tree Protection Zone (**TPZ**) of some of the trees on site. I have provided specific tree preservation recommendations to minimize the potential for impacts to these trees during the construction process. It is



my opinion that the other trees surrounding the property are far enough away from the proposed construction activities that they will not be significantly impacted by the proposed construction.

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### **Tree Preservation Recommendations**

The following are my recommendations to reduce the construction impacts to the Heritage Trees on the site from the proposed construction.

### **Protective Tree Fencing for Heritage Trees**

Fenced enclosures shall be erected around trees to be protected to establish the **TPZ** in which no soil disturbance is permitted and activities are restricted.

#### Size and type of fence

All trees to be preserved shall be protected with 6-foot high, minimum 12-gauge chain link fence. Fences are to be mounted on 2-inch diameter galvanized iron posts, driven into the ground to a depth of at least 2-feet at no more than 10-foot spacing.

#### **Duration**

Tree fencing shall be erected before any demolition, grading or construction begins and remain in place until the project is completed.

### **Tree Protection Zones**

Each Heritage Tree to be protected shall have a designated **TPZ** identifying the area sufficiently large enough to protect the tree and roots from disturbance. **The TPZ area can be determined by the formula: One foot per inch of diameter.** For example a 20" diameter tree shall have a 20' radius from the perimeter of the trunk or a 20-foot **TPZ**. Any deviation in determining the **TPZ** will require approval by the Project Arborist.

I have calculated the optimal **TPZ** for each tree that is going to be retained. This information can be found in the Tree Inventory (See Tree Inventory in Appendix A).

### Activities prohibited within the TPZ include

1. Storage or parking vehicles, building materials, refuse, excavated spoils or dumping of poisonous materials, including but not limited to, paint, petroleum products, concrete, stucco mix or dirty water.

**2.** The use of tree trunks as a winch support, anchorage, as a temporary power pole, signposts or other similar function.

**3.** Cutting of tree roots by utility trenching, foundation digging, placement of curbs and trenches and other miscellaneous excavation.

4. Soil Disturbance, Soil Compaction or grade changes.

5. Drainage changes.

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### **Trees 4-7-Specific Tree Protection Recommendations**

Portions of the proposed construction are located within the tree protection zone of these trees and therefore this work has the potential to impact these trees and cause decline. The following are my recommendations to reduce the potential for these impacts.

- 1. Tree Protection Fencing should be erected around these trees prior to the commencement of any construction activities occurring on the site. I recommend the Project Arborist supervise the installation of the Tree Protection Fencing.
- 2. The existing walkway should be left in place. If sections of this walkway require replacement then the portions that are to be replaced should be removed in a manner that does not harm the roots and the new walkway sections should be poured in place on grade to minimize damage to the roots. The roots of the pine tree should define the grade, which should not be altered.
- 3. The portions of the excavation work needed for the foundation of the new addition, which are located in the TPZ of these trees, should be excavated using an Air-spade or by hand digging. This foundation should be piers set on a grade beam that minimizes excavation into the root zone (ideally 6 inches or less). The location of the proposed piers should be excavated to the depth of 2 feet using an Air-Spade or by hand digging. If roots larger than 1 inch in diameter are encountered then the pier location should be offset to allow for the preservation of the root. Any roots that are encountered which are smaller than 1 inch in diameter should be cleanly cut at the edge of the excavation zone and covered with burlap that is kept moist until the roots can be covered again with soil. Mechanical excavation of the piers holes can occur after the initial 2 feet have been cleared of root concerns. If at anytime roots larger than 2 inches in diameter are encountered they should be retained and wrapped in the burlap, which is kept moist until, the Project Arborist can inspect them to determine an appropriate course of action.
- 4. No utility lines should be routed through the TPZ of the trees.
- 5. Provide the trees with supplemental irrigation via a dripline during spring and summer of 2017.

### **Tree Pruning Recommendations**

A **crown cleaning** is removal of all dead branches 2 inches in diameter and larger, removal of all broken branches and selective limb removal or end weight reduction to reduce the chances of limb failure.

I have indicated which trees require a crown cleaning within the Tree Inventory.

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### **Mulching Recommendations**

I recommended that wood chips be spread within the **TPZ** to a 3-to 5-inch depth, leaving the trunk clear of mulch.

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### **Glossary Of Terms**

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| Aerial inspection                    | An inspection of the upper crown of the tree that requires climbing.   |
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| Crown                                | Parts of the tree above the trunk, including leaves, branches and scaffold limbs. (Matheny and Clark, 1994)                          |
| Diameter at standard<br>height (DSH) | The diameter of a tree's trunk as measured at 4.5 feet from the ground. (Matheny and Clark, 1994)                                    |
| Windthrow                            | Tree Failure due to uprooting caused by wind. (Glossary of Arboriculture Terms, 2007)  |
| Root crown                           | Area where the main roots join the plant stem, usually at or near ground level. Root Collar. (Glossary of Arboriculture Terms, 2007) |
| Root crown inspection                | Process of removing soil to expose and assess the root crown of a tree. (Glossary of Arboriculture Terms, 2007)                      |
| Visual Tree<br>Assessment (VTA)      | A method of visual assessing the condition of a tree that does not include a root crown inspection or an aerial inspection.          |

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### **Appendix A – Tree Inventory**

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|-------------|------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
| Tree<br>no. | Genus<br>Species | Trunk<br>diameter<br>(in.) | Condition<br>Rating | Heritage<br>Tree | Optimal<br>TPZ<br>(Radial<br>Feet) | Comments   | Recommendation  |
| 1           | Olea<br>europaea | 9                          | 3                   | No               | 9                                  | This tree has<br>some dead<br>branches in the<br>upper crown and<br>has been pruned<br>in an aggressive<br>manner in the<br>past.  | Crown cleaning  |
| 2           | Pinus radiata    | 33                         | 2                   | Yes              | 33                                 | This tree has<br>several large dead<br>branches in the<br>upper crown,<br>shows signs of<br>advanced pine<br>pitch canker<br>infection and has<br>a large heavy and<br>over-extended<br>limb hanging over<br>the driveway.   | Consider Removal-If<br>this tree is retained then<br>I recommend a root<br>crown inspection, crown<br>cleaning and installation<br>of a support cable on<br>the large limb hanging<br>over the driveway,  |
| 3           | Pinus radiata    | 31                         | 2                   | Yes              | 31                                 | This tree has<br>several large dead<br>branches in the<br>upper crown,<br>shows signs of<br>pine pitch canker<br>infection This<br>tree will be<br>significantly<br>impacted by the<br>proposed<br>construction.   | Removal   |
| 4           | Pinus radiata    | 24                         | 2                   | Yes              | 24                                 | This tree has<br>several large dead<br>branches in the<br>upper crown,<br>shows signs of<br>pine pitch canker<br>infection. This<br>has tree weak<br>branch<br>attachments<br>between the two<br>main stems and<br>the roots of this<br>tree have caused<br>damage to the<br>nearby walkway. | Consider Removal-If<br>this tree is retained then<br>I recommend a root<br>crown inspection and a<br>crown cleaning. At this<br>time this tree is<br>designated for retention<br>and must be protected<br>per the request of the<br>City Arborist. We will<br>continue to pursue<br>removal by testing the<br>tree. However, if the<br>tree is ultimately<br>retained then I<br>recommend a root<br>crown inspection and<br>crown cleaning. |

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| Tree<br>no. | Genus<br>Species        | Trunk<br>diameter<br>(in.) | Condition<br>Rating | Heritage<br>Tree | Öptimal<br>TPZ<br>(Radial<br>Feet) | Comments   | Recommendation  |  |
|-------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| 5           | Pinus radiata           | 12                         | 2                   | No               | 12                                 | This tree is<br>crowded and<br>suppressed by<br>neighboring trees,<br>has dead<br>branches in the<br>upper crown and<br>evidence of Pine<br>Pitch Canker<br>Infection.   | <b>Consider Removal-</b> If<br>this tree is retained then<br>I recommend a root<br>crown inspection and a<br>crown cleaning.  |  |
| 6           | Pinus radiata           | 18                         | 2                   | Yes              | 18                                 | This tree has a<br>weak codominant<br>branch attachment<br>between the two<br>main stems that is<br>susceptible to<br>failure. I also<br>observed dead<br>branches in the<br>upper crown and<br>evidence of Pine<br>Pitch Canker<br>infection.   | Removal-At this time<br>this tree is designated<br>for retention and must<br>be protected per the<br>request of the City<br>Arborist. We will<br>continue to pursue<br>removal by testing the<br>tree. However, if the<br>tree is ultimately<br>retained then I<br>recommend a root<br>crown inspection, crown<br>cleaning and installation<br>of a support cable.  |  |
| 7           | Pinus radiata           | 27                         | 2                   | Yes              | 27                                 | There is a lean to<br>the main trunk and<br>the upper crown is<br>one-sided due to<br>being suppressed<br>by neighboring<br>trees. I also<br>observed<br>evidence of Pine<br>Pitch Canker and<br>dead branches in<br>the upper crown.<br>Additionally, the<br>roots from this<br>tree have caused<br>uplifting and<br>damage to the<br>nearby walkway. | Consider Removal-If<br>this tree is retained then<br>I recommend a root<br>crown inspection and a<br>crown cleaning. At this<br>time this tree is<br>designated for retention<br>and must be protected<br>per the request of the<br>City Arborist. We will<br>continue to pursue<br>removal by testing the<br>tree. However, if the<br>tree is ultimately<br>retained then I<br>recommend a root<br>crown inspection and<br>crown cleaning. |  |
| 8           | Lagerstroemia<br>indica | 7                          | 3                   | No               | 7                                  | This tree has been poorly pruned and topped in the past.   | Crown cleaning  |  |
| 9           | Betula<br>pendula       | 12                         | 2                   | No               | 12                                 | Tree has a wound<br>at the base of the<br>main trunk, has<br>been poorly<br>pruned and<br>topped in the past.  | Crown cleaning  |  |

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|             |                            | Trunk             |                     |                  | Optimal                 |   | The second se      |
|-------------|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------|---|--|
| Tree<br>no. | Genus<br>Species           | diameter<br>(in.) | Condition<br>Rating | Heritage<br>Tree | TPZ<br>(Radial<br>Feet) | Comments  | Recommendation   |
| 10          | Betula<br>pendula          | 11                | 3                   | No               | 11                      | This tree has<br>some dead<br>branches in the<br>upper crown.   | Crown cleaning   |
| 11          | Betula<br>pendula          | 16                | 2                   | Yes              | 16                      | The two main<br>stems of this tree<br>are fused together<br>and there is a<br>wound in the<br>lower trunk. There<br>are dead<br>branches in the<br>upper crown. | Consider Removal-If<br>this tree is retained ther<br>I recommend a root<br>crown inspection and a<br>crown cleaning. |
| 12          | Betula<br>pendula          | 6-8               | 2                   | Yes              | 8                       | This tree has been<br>topped in the past<br>and has dead<br>branches in the<br>upper crown.   | Consider Removal-If<br>this tree is retained ther<br>I recommend a root<br>crown inspection and a<br>crown cleaning. |
| 13          | Betula<br>pendula          | 8                 | 2                   | No               | 8                       | This tree has been<br>topped in the past<br>and has dead<br>branches in the<br>upper crown.   | Crown cleaning   |
| 14          | Betula<br>pendula          | 13                | 2                   | No               | 13                      | This tree has been<br>topped in the past<br>and has dead<br>branches in the<br>upper crown.   | Consider Removal-If<br>this tree is retained ther<br>I recommend a root<br>crown inspection and a<br>crown cleaning. |
| 15          | Liquidambar<br>styraciflua | 14                | 2                   | No               | 14                      | This tree has been topped in the past.  | Crown cleaning   |
| 16          | Liquidambar<br>styraciflua | 13                | 2                   | No               | 13                      | This tree has been topped in the past.  | Crown cleaning   |
| 17          | Loquat                     | 12                | 2                   | No               | 12                      | This tree has<br>some dead<br>branches in the<br>upper crown.   | Crown cleaning   |
| 18          | Olea<br>europaea           | 13-7-7            | 3                   | Yes              | 15                      | This tree was<br>poorly pruned in<br>the past and has<br>some dead<br>branches in the<br>upper crown.   | Crown cleaning   |
| 19          | Olea<br>europaea           | 11-8-7            | 3                   | Yes              | 15                      | This tree was<br>poorly pruned in<br>the past and has<br>some dead<br>branches in the<br>upper crown.   | Crown cleaning   |
| 20          | Pinus radiata              | 21                | 2                   | Yes              | 21                      | This tree has dead<br>branches in the<br>upper crown and<br>evidence of pine<br>pitch canker<br>infestation.  | Removal  |

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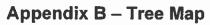
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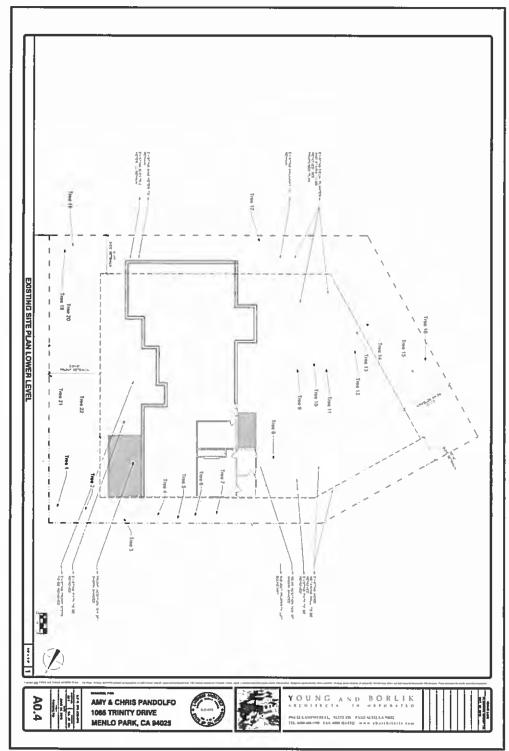
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| Tree<br>no. | Genus<br>Species | Trunk<br>diameter<br>(in.) | Condition<br>Rating | Heritage<br>Tree | Optimal<br>TPZ<br>(Radial<br>F <u>eet)</u> | Comments   | Recommendation |
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| 21          | Pinus radiata    | 17                         | 2                   | Yes              | 17   | This tree has dead<br>branches in the<br>upper crown and<br>evidence of pine<br>pitch canker<br>infestation. | Removal        |
| 22          | Olea<br>europaea | 10-8-6-8-<br>4.            | 2                   | No               | 10   | There is a portion<br>of the upper crown<br>that is completely<br>dead.                                      | Crown cleaning |

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### **Appendix D – Certification of Performance**

I, Ned Patchett, certify;

- That I have personally inspected the tree and the property referred to in this report. I have stated my findings accurately. The extent of the evaluation and appraisal is stated in the attached report and the Terms of Assignment;
- That I have no current or prospective interest in the vegetation or the property that is the subject of this report and have no personal interest or bias with the parties involved;
- That the analysis, opinions and conclusions within this report are my own;
- That my analysis, opinions and conclusions were developed and this report has been prepared accordingly to commonly accepted arboricultural practices;
- That no one provided significant professional assistance to the consultant, except as indicated within the report;
- That my compensation is not contingent upon the reporting of a predetermined conclusion that favors the cause of the client or any other party.

I further certify that I am an International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist, and have been involved in the practice of arboriculture and the study of trees for over 24 years.

Signed: Ned Patetatt

Date: 3/24/17

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## **Community Development**



#### STAFF REPORT

Planning Commission Meeting Date: Staff Report Number:

4/24/2017 17-020-PC

Public Hearing:

Use Permit/Arzang Development/262 Yale Road

#### Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission approve a use permit to demolish an existing singlestory home and detached garage, and build a new two-story residence with a basement on a substandard lot with respect to width in the R-1-U (Single Family Urban) zoning district at 262 Yale Road. The recommended actions are included as Attachment A.

#### **Policy Issues**

Each use permit request is considered individually. The Planning Commission should consider whether the required use permit findings can be made for the proposal.

#### Background

#### Site location

The subject property is located on the north side of Yale Road, between College and Cambridge Avenues in the Allied Arts neighborhood. A location map is included as Attachment B. The surrounding area contains a mixture of older and newer residences. The older residences are generally one-story cottages, with detached garages at the rear of the property, while the newer residences are generally two-story in height, with attached front-loading garages. A wide variety of architectural styles are present in the neighborhood, including traditional and contemporary. All parcels in the neighborhood are also in the same R-1-U zoning district.

#### Analysis

#### **Project description**

The property is currently developed with a one-story single-family residence with a detached two-car garage at the rear. The lot is substandard due to not meeting the minimum lot width of 65 feet in the R-1-U district, with a width of 50 feet. The applicant is proposing to remove the existing residence to construct a new two-story, single-family residence with a basement and an attached two-car garage. A data table summarizing parcel and project attributes is included as Attachment C. The project plans and the applicant's project description letter are included as Attachments D and E, respectively.

The proposed residence would be a five-bedroom home with four full bathrooms and one half-bathroom. The first-story living space would feature an open floor kitchen, dining and family room area, a guest

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bedroom and a living room. The second-story living space would be comprised of three bedrooms, three bathrooms, and a laundry area. The basement would have one bedroom and bathroom, a game room, an exercise room, a wine cellar, an entertaining area and a secondary laundry area. At the rear of the residence, on the first floor, a sliding glass wall system would open from the family room area onto an outdoor covered patio with skylights. At the center of the residence, a below grade courtyard is proposed, which would be accessed from both the bedroom and game room in the basement. The below grade courtyard would adhere to the setback requirements, so use permit approval of excavation within yards would not be required.

The proposed project adheres to all Zoning Ordinance regulations for setbacks, lot coverage, floor area limit, height, daylight plane, and parking. The driveway would remain toward the left side of the property, although it would be shifted slightly and widened.

#### Design and materials

The applicant states that the proposed residence would be constructed in a contemporary style but with traditional elements, using a variety of materials. The exterior materials would include a smooth finish integrated colored stucco for the walls, aluminum framing for the windows, and a decorative, non-functional chimney would be capped with metal. To improve the appearance of the garage and provide visual interest, a sectional wood garage door is proposed, and a decorative trellis with vines would frame the door. The front door is proposed to be clad in wood and glass, while the roof would be clad in composition shingle.

To minimize the overall massing of the new two-story building, the upper floor would be offset from the first-floor walls at the front, and on the left and right sides. As an effort to promote privacy, the second-story windows on the left side elevation, which face an adjoining single-story residence, would have sill heights of at least three feet, four inches. These windows would also be set back approximately five feet, six inches from the required setback line, which would help limit views somewhat. On the right side, window sills on the second floor would have the same three feet, four inches. Although the hallway windows are fairly low, these windows are set back significantly from the required setback line, with a distance of approximately 13 feet, eight inches from it. The second-story bedroom windows on this side would be set back approximately five feet, eight inches, and six feet, eight inches from the required setback.

Staff believes that the architectural style of the proposed residence would be generally attractive and consistent with the surrounding neighborhood.

#### Trees and landscaping

The applicant has submitted an arborist report (Attachment G) detailing the species, size, and conditions of the heritage and non-heritage trees on site. The report determines the present condition, discusses the impacts of the proposed improvements, and provides recommendations for tree preservation. As part of the project review process, the arborist report was revised several times to include greater detail and to address comments from the City Arborist. All recommendations identified in the arborist report shall be implemented and have been included as condition 3g.

There are 13 trees located on or near the property, two of which are heritage trees. A heritage tree removal permit application was submitted by the applicant on July 18, 2016 to remove a large incense cedar tree (tree #11) that is located near the southeastern property line and would be located relatively near the new home. The applicant stated the reason for proposing to remove the tree is that the tree posed a safety concern due to a poor crotch formation, and that the tree previously caused structural damage to his and his neighbor's property. However, after the conducting tree condition and tree risk assessments, the permit was denied by the City Arborist on August 12, 2016, due to the fact that the tree is healthy and has a moderate risk rating, which can be mitigated to a low residual risk level. Secondly, the City Arborist denied the permit because there is no evidence of property damage to existing structures near the tree. The applicant then appealed the City Arborist's decision to deny the permit, to the Environmental Quality Commission (EQC). On November 30, 2016, the EQC heard the appeal and voted to deny it based on Heritage Tree Ordinance criteria used to determine whether there is good cause to permit the removal of a heritage tree. The applicant has now agreed to keep and maintain the tree. The arborist report has been updated accordingly to include tree-specific protection measures.

Four non-heritage trees are proposed to be removed and three new evergreen trees would be planted at the site. The demolition of the existing residence and garage and the construction of the new home are not anticipated to adversely affect the incense cedar heritage tree or the other nearby heritage tree.

#### Correspondence

After receiving the notification of application submittal from the City, the adjacent left side neighbor at 272 Yale Road contacted staff and expressed concern over the design of the home which originally incorporated a mixture of board and batten siding and horizontal wood siding. The applicant subsequently revised the design in order to alleviate this concern, and the neighbor then indicated to staff that the revised stucco exterior, as currently proposed, is much more pleasing and compatible in the neighborhood. The same neighbor also expressed concern at the same time over the proposed ground-floor rear covered porch, which she indicated poses a privacy and noise impact, as its location at the rear of the property is near one of her bedroom windows. Staff relayed the additional concern to the applicant, however, the neighbor and the applicant were not able to come into an agreement on this matter, after some discussion. Staff believes that the patio would provide covered outdoor space and that the patio-bedroom proximity is not particularly unusual for residential districts. With regard to noise, in extreme cases of noise disturbance, enforcement of the Noise Ordinance would be able to provide relief.

The applicant indicated to staff that he also spoke to the adjacent neighbor on the right, at 250 Yale Road, and he had no concerns in regard to the proposed new house. Additionally, the applicant indicated that he hand-delivered an introduction letter to his neighbors with his contact information, should questions about the project and/or construction arise. The letter is included as Attachment F. Staff has not received correspondence from any neighbors.

#### Conclusion

Staff believes that the design, scale and materials of the proposed residence are compatible with the surrounding neighborhood. The variety of the materials, the decorative features, along with the second-

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story offsets, would provide visual interest and help limit the perceived mass of the structure. The floor area, building coverage and height of the proposed residence would all be at or below the maximum amounts permitted by the Zoning Ordinance, and the new structure would be within the daylight plane requirements. Nearby heritage trees would be protected in accordance with the revised arborist report. Staff recommends that the Planning Commission approve the proposed project.

#### Impact on City Resources

The project sponsor is required to pay Planning, Building and Public Works permit fees, based on the City's Master Fee Schedule, to fully cover the cost of staff time spent on the review of the project.

#### **Environmental Review**

The project is categorically exempt under Class 3 (Section 15303, "New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures") of the current California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

#### **Public Notice**

Public Notification was achieved by posting the agenda, with the agenda items being listed, at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. Public notification also consisted of publishing a notice in the local newspaper and notification by mail of owners and occupants within a 300-foot radius of the subject property.

#### **Appeal Period**

The Planning Commission action will be effective after 15 days unless the action is appealed to the City Council, in which case the outcome of the application shall be determined by the City Council.

#### Attachments

- A. Recommended Actions
- B. Location Map
- C. Data Table
- D. Project Plans
- E. Project Description Letter
- F. Applicant Letter to Neighbors
- G. Arborist Report

#### Disclaimer

Attached are reduced versions of maps and diagrams submitted by the applicants. The accuracy of the information in these drawings is the responsibility of the applicants, and verification of the accuracy by City Staff is not always possible. The original full-scale maps, drawings and exhibits are available for public viewing at the Community Development Department.

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## Exhibits to Be Provided at Meeting None

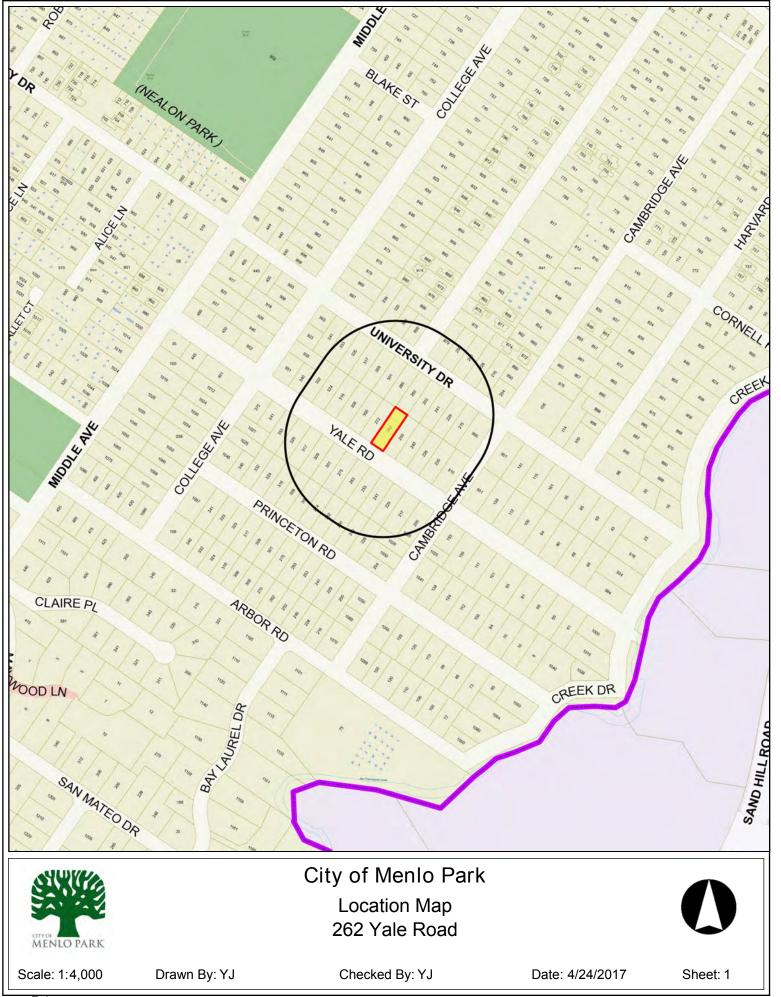
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ATTACHMENT A

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| and              | <b>REQUEST:</b> Request for a use permit to demolish an existing single-story home and detached garage, and build a new two-story residence on a substandard lot with respect to width. The subject property is in the R-1-U (Residential Single Family Urban) zoning district. |  |   |  |  |                                      |  |  |  |  |
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### ATTACHMENT B



#### 262 Yale Road - Attachment C: Data Table

### ATTACHMENT C

|                                | PROPOSED<br>PROJECT                    |                   | EXISTING<br>PROJECT |                   | ZONING<br>ORDINANCE |          |  |
|--------------------------------|--|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------|--|
| Lot area                       | 7,493                                  | sf                | 7,493               | sf                | 7,000               | sf min.  |  |
| Lot width                      | 50                                     | ft.               | 50                  | ft.               | 65                  | ft. min. |  |
| Lot depth                      | 149                                    | ft.               | 149                 | ft.               | 100                 | ft. min. |  |
| Setbacks                       |  |                   |                     |                   |                     |          |  |
| Front                          | 20.3                                   | ft.               | 29.3                | ft.               | 20                  | ft. min. |  |
| Rear                           | 62.2                                   | ft.               | 54.1                | ft.               | 20                  | ft. min. |  |
| Side (left)                    | 5.2                                    | ft.               | 9.1                 | ft.               | 5                   | ft. min. |  |
| Side (right)                   | 5.1                                    | ft.               | 5.0                 | ft.               | 5                   | ft. min. |  |
| Building coverage              | 2,349.3                                | sf                | 2,115               | sf                | 2,623               | sf max.  |  |
|                                | 31                                     | %                 | 28                  | %                 | 35                  | % max.   |  |
| FAL (Floor Area Limit)         | 2,912.1                                | sf                | 2,115               | sf                | 2,923.3             | sf max.  |  |
| Square footage by floor        | 1,526.8                                | sf/1st            | 1,657               | sf/1st            |                     |          |  |
|                                | 966.8                                  | sf/2nd            | 458                 | sf/garage         |                     |          |  |
|                                | 418.5                                  | sf/garage         | 182                 | sf/shed           |                     |          |  |
|                                | 1,510.5                                | sf/basement       |                     |                   |                     |          |  |
|                                | 393.6                                  | sf/porches        |                     |                   |                     |          |  |
|                                | 10.4                                   | sf/fireplace      |                     |                   |                     |          |  |
| Square footage of<br>buildings | 4,826.6                                | sf                | 2,298               | sf                |                     |          |  |
| Building height                | 25.8                                   | ft.               | 15                  | ft.               | 28                  | ft. max. |  |
| Parking                        | 2 covered 2 covered 1 covered/1 uncove |                   |                     |                   |                     |          |  |
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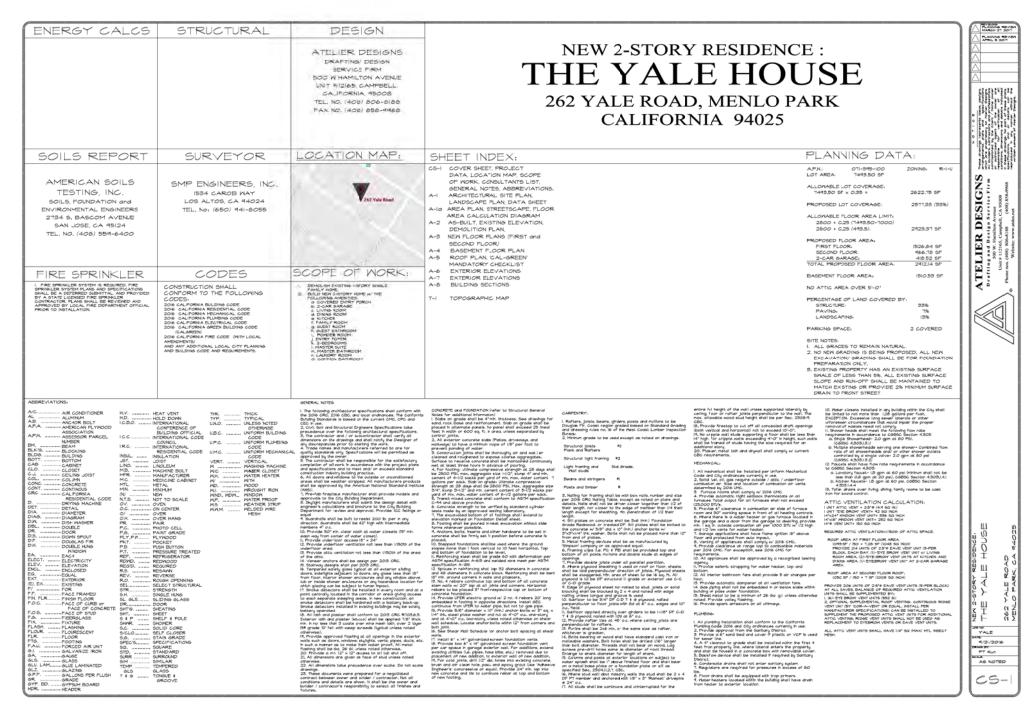
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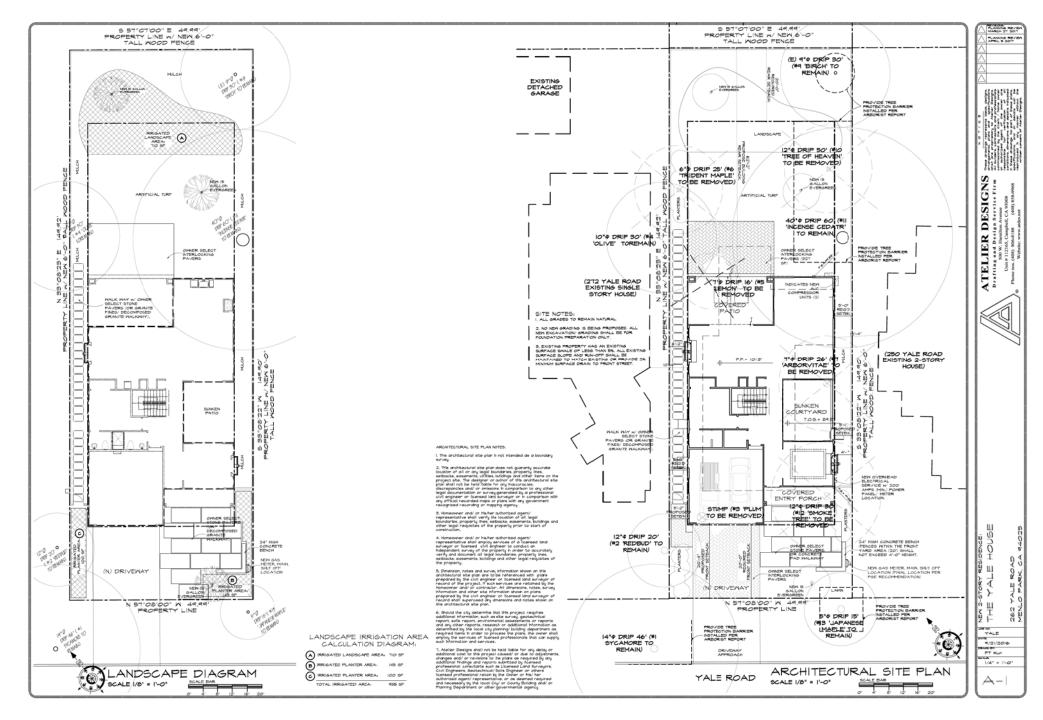
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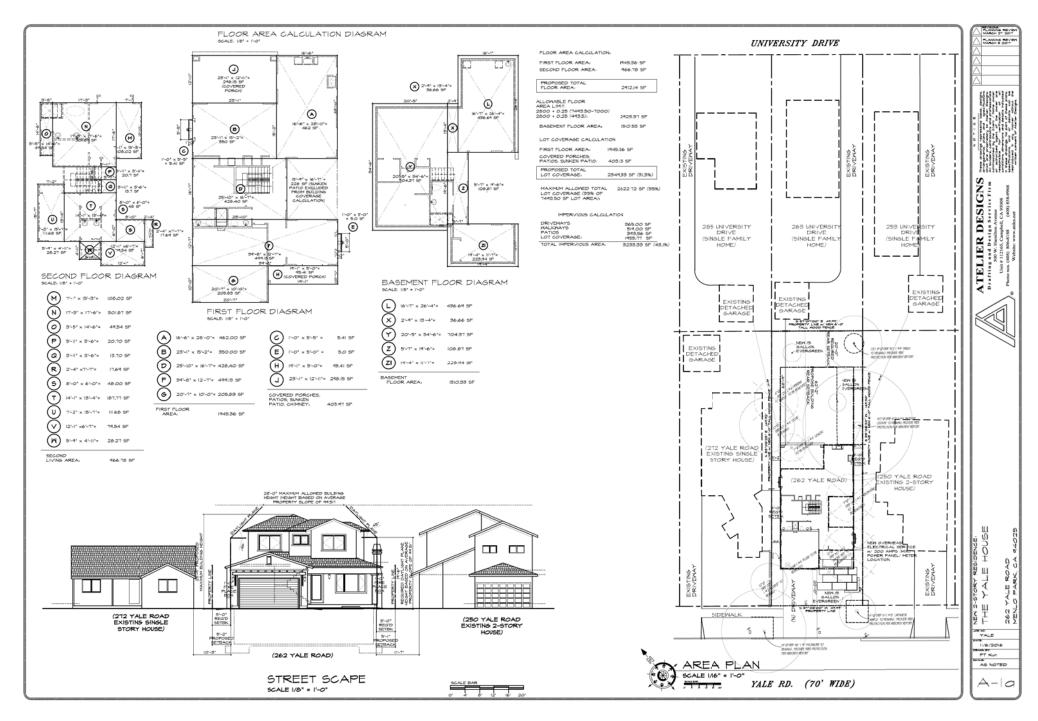
| Heritage trees                                    | 2* | Non-Heritage trees   | 11** | New Trees       | 3  |  |  |  |
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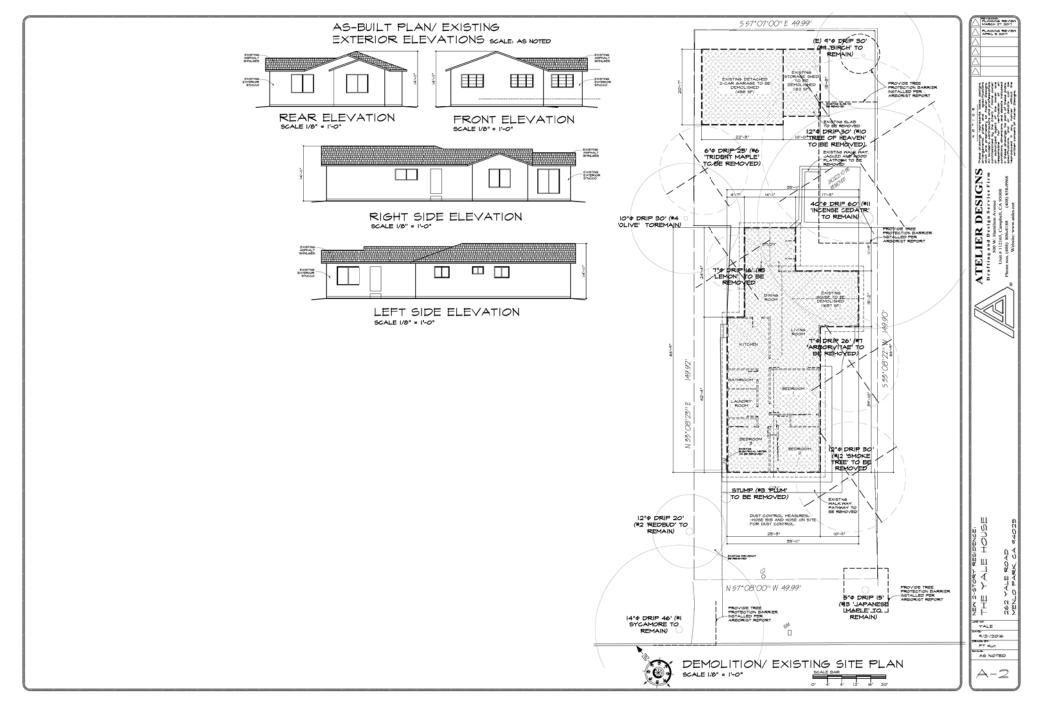
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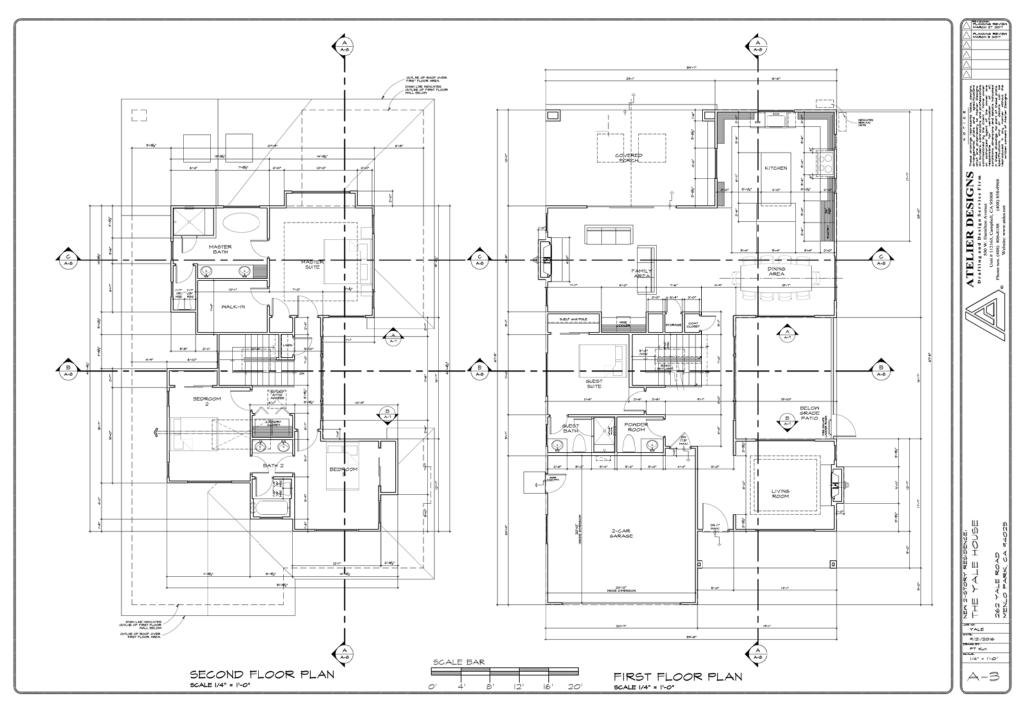
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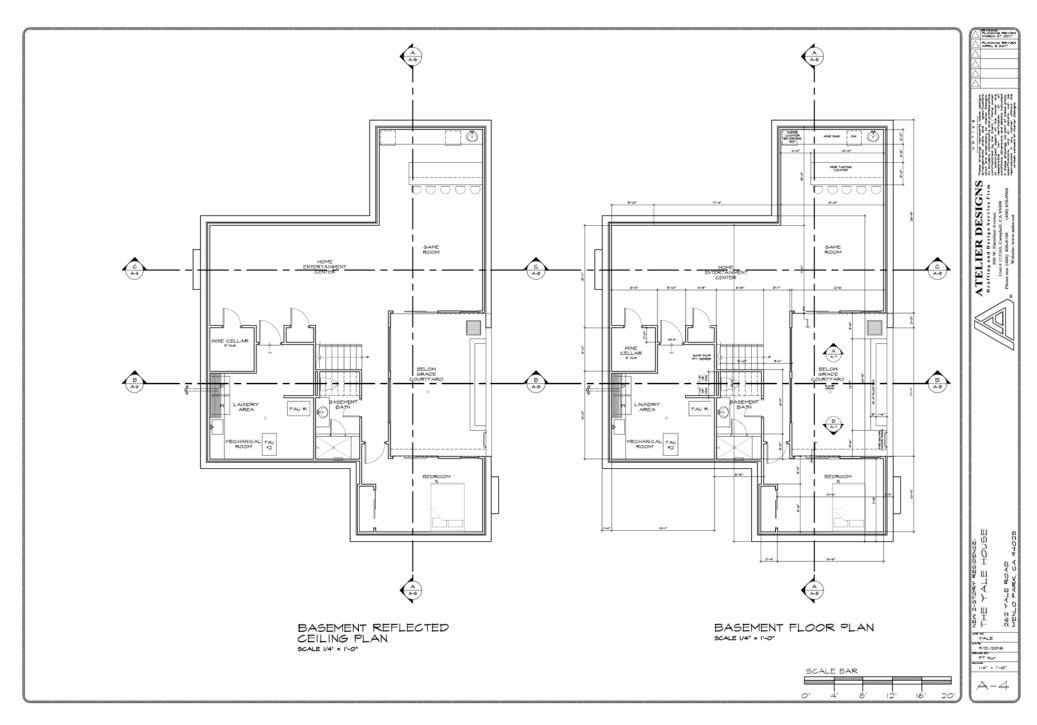












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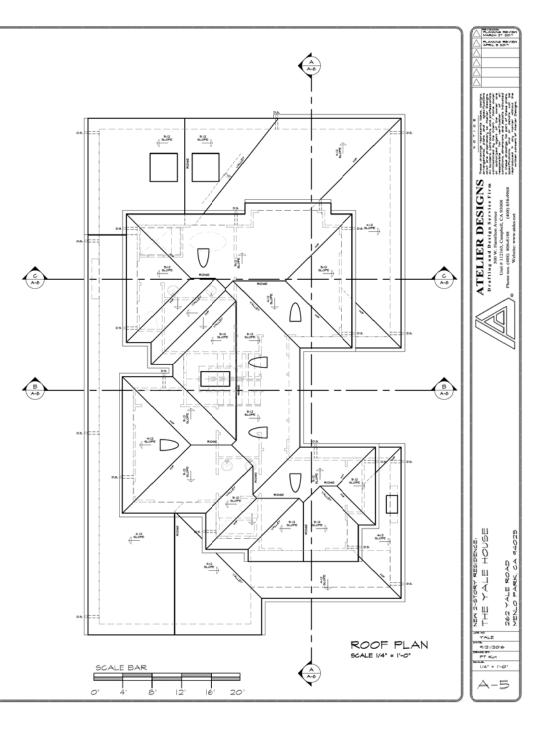
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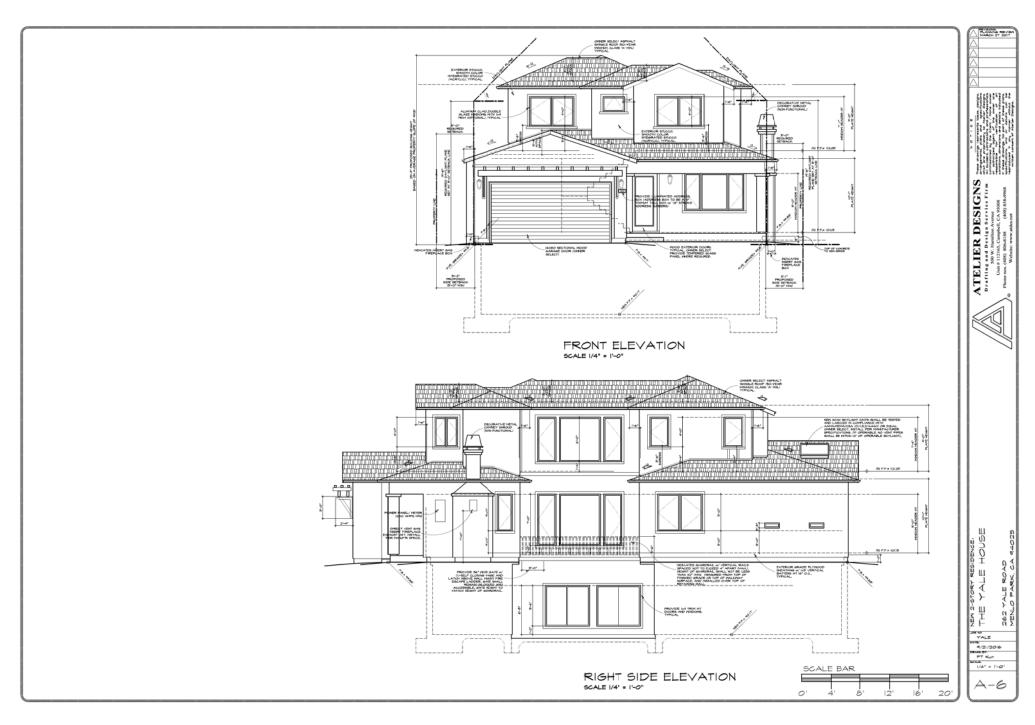
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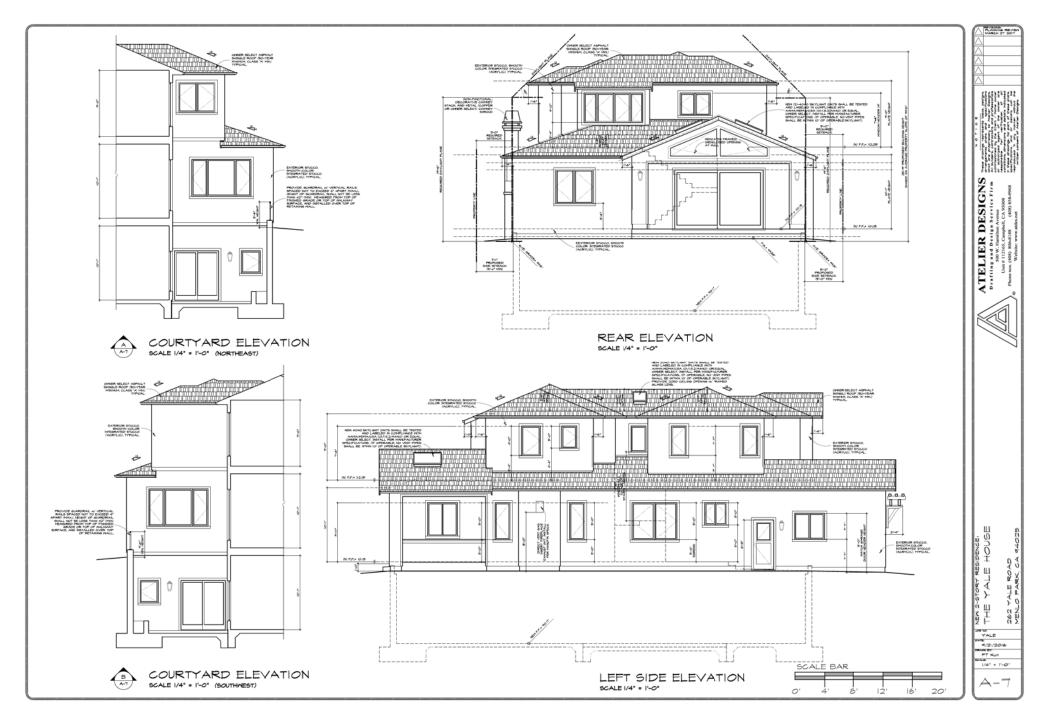
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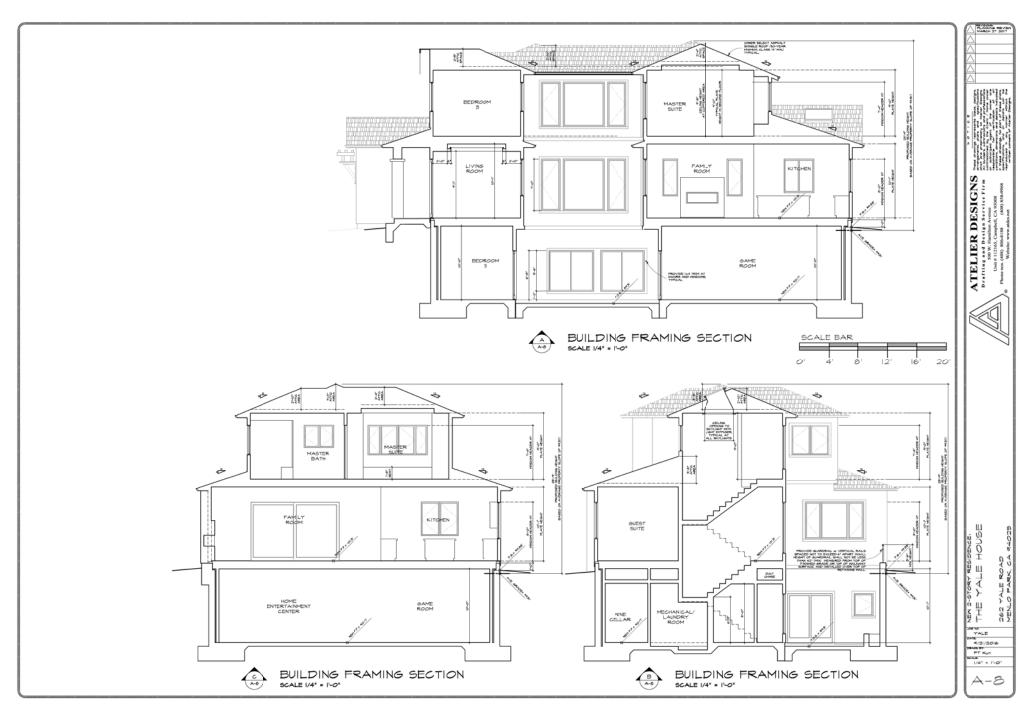
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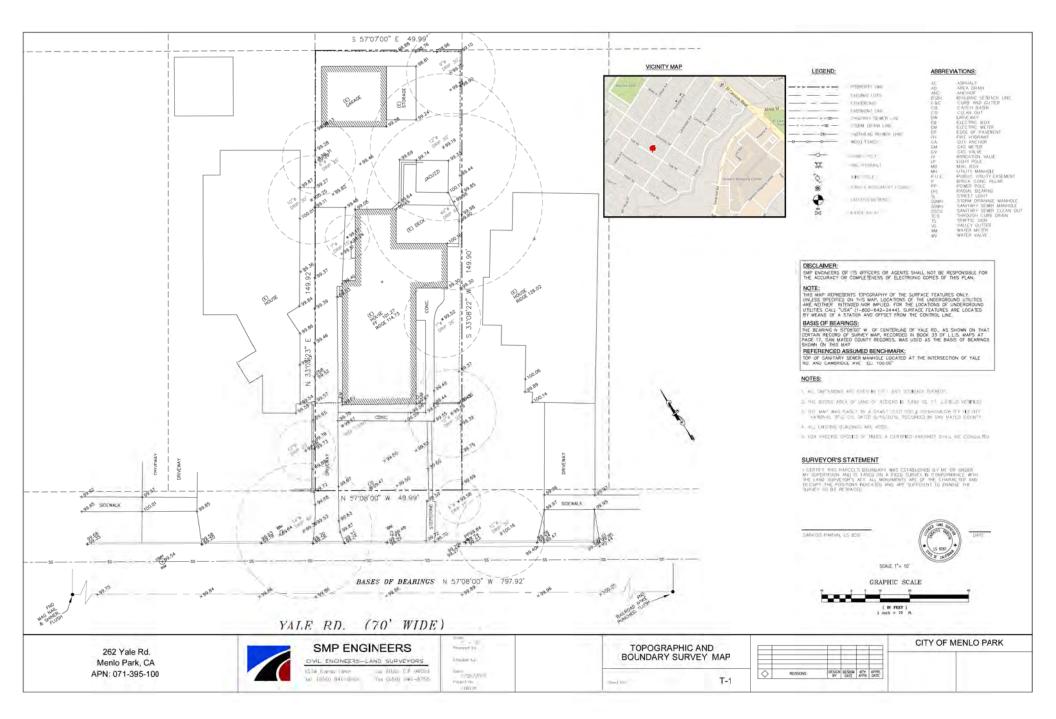
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## ATTACHMENT E

April 2<sup>nd</sup> , 2017

To: City of Menlo Park Community Development Department 701 Laurel Street Menlo Park, CA 94025

Subject: Project description (revised) of proposed new 2-story Single Family Residence with basement located at 262 Yale Road, Menlo Park, CA 94025.

Our proposal is to build on this land a 2-story, single-family residence with a total floor area of 2,922. sf. An existing single family home with a detached 2-car garage is currently occupying the land, which I am proposing to demolish and replace with this new 2-story home.

The first floor will have a floor area of approximately 1,537 sf of living area which will be composed of an entry foyer, living room, dining room, family room, kitchen with pantry, ½-bath (powder room) and a guest suite with a full bathroom and walk-in closet. On the second floor, I am proposing this area to have a total living floor area of 966 sf which will be compose of 2-regular bedrooms, a common hallway bath, a master suite with a walk-in closet, master bathroom that features a custom shower stall, jetted tub, a double sink lavatory and water closet. A laundry room is included and located in the main hallway on the second floor. In the basement, 1-guest regular bedroom, a full bathroom, game room, entertainment center, wine cellar, laundry room and the mechanical room, with an estimated floor area of 1,510 sf is proposed. An attached 2-car garage with a total floor area of 418 sf is also included in this proposal.

The exterior of the home is designed to incorporate features that will reflect the architectural style common in the area. In an effort to minimize the impact of the mass of the second floor element of this home to the immediate adjacent neighbors, we propose that the 2nd story portion of this home should feature a continuity of the first floor roof line along the sides of the building, and off-set the front, left and right sides of the second floor away from the first floor walls, creating an articulated wall line complimented by the first floor roof elements, then introducing gable roof end elements to accentuate a theme consistent with the eclectic style of architecture in the neighborhood.

The exterior finish of the home will feature elements reflecting the styles commonly used to achieve the look and feel of a Contemporary home with a classic touch befitting the beautiful Allied Art neighborhood. The finish materials of the exterior walls is proposed to be Color Integrated Smooth Stucco finish in keeping closely with styles commonly used in this wonderfully tree lined street. The stucco finish is also welcomed by the neighbors as a prefferted option to Vertical wood siding, as per their comments in our outreach.

To minimize the impact of the frontage of the 2-car garage, we are proposing to install a custom 16'x8' sectional Stain Grade wood garage door, complimented by a custom wood, entry door with glass panels. A custom Arbor/Trellis above the garage door has also been designed to add character and detail to the design as well. This feature at the garage door will allow for growth

of vines as well as creating an eye-pleasing element. The roof will be a charcoal tone color, 50 year composition shingle roofing material.

This home will also feature energy conservation elements such as energy efficient hot water system, High Efficiancy heating system, air conditioning, insulation at all walls and ceiling spaces made of non-combustible material, high efficiency rated windows, energy efficient lighting system (cfl/LED), and water efficient plumbing fixtures.

I hope that our proposal to build this fine home in your community will be deemed acceptable and sufficient to be granted an approval for construction.

Sincerely

Phillip Kamangar 650-814-8610 Arzang Development LP apkamangar@gmail.com

# ATTACHMENT F

April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017

Dear Neighbors,

We are writing to you today to introduce ourselves and fill you in on the plans for 262 Yale Rd. The Arzang family, long term residents of Menlo Park, are building a new house. Mara McCain is the Realtor who represented the Arzang family on their purchase of the home. Phillip Kamangar is the project manager who will be supervising the construction and handling its day-to-day operations.

We are planning on building an aesthetically pleasing new home that will perfectly blend-in to the beautiful Allied Arts neighborhood and befitting of the homes in the area.

We would be happy to review the plans and answer all questions. Feel free to call us at your convenience.

Most importantly, we want you to know that we are good neighbors who very much want to have a great relationship with everyone. As members of the community, and current residents of Menlo Park, we know how important keeping a clean, orderly construction site is and do our best in order have the least impact on the neighbors during construction.

We plan to:

- 1. Keep a clean and orderly job site. We want to minimize visual impact of construction
- 2. Follow all rules and regulations as set forth by City of Menlo Park Building Dept.
- 3. Keep open communication with the neighbors and provide Phillips contact info in this letter
- 4. Build efficiently in the minimum time frame possible- so construction is complete quickly

We care about you and the impact of having construction in the neighborhood, as we are part of this community. The upside is a beautiful new home at completion that complements the wonderful Allied Arts neighborhood and Yale Road.

Thank you so much for taking time to read this and for being a great community, which we are lucky to be a part of.

Warmly,

Phillip Kamangar Arzang Development LP Project Manager 650.814.8610 Mara McCain Alain Pinel Realtors 1550 El Camino Real Suite 100 Menlo Park, CA 94025 650.307.8477

# ATTACHMENT G

## Kielty Arborist Services LLC Certified Arborist WE#0476A P.O. Box 6187 San Mateo, CA 94403 650-515-9783

September 24, 2016 revise December 23, 2016, March 2, 2017, April 5, 2017

Arzang Development LP Attn: Mr. Phillip Kamangar 8 Maywood Lane Menlo Park, CA 94025

Site: 262 Yale, Menlo Park, CA

Dear Mr. Kamangar,

As requested on Monday, September 19, 2016, I visited the above site to inspect and comment on the trees. A new home is planned for the site and your concern as to the future health and safety of the trees has prompted this visit. For this report, I reviewed the latest site plan AR-1 dated February 24, 2017 and the demolition and tree protection plans. The recent civil plan set C-1 through C-6, dated March 17, 2017 was also reviewed for this report.

#### Method:

All inspections were made from the ground; the trees were not climbed for this inspection. The trees were located on a map provided by you. The trees were then measured for diameter at 54 inches above ground level (DBH or diameter at breast height). Each tree was given a condition



rating for form and vitality. The trees' condition rating is based on 50 percent vitality and 50 percent form, using the following scale.

- 1 29 Very Poor
- 30 49 Poor
- 50 69 Fair
- 70 89 Good
- 90 100 Excellent

The height of the tree was measured using a Nikon Forestry 550 Hypsometer. The spread was paced off. Comments and recommendations for future maintenance are provided. The Matheny and Clark 12 point risk assessment method was used to help quantify the degree of risk.

Large incense cedar near southeastern property line. The poor crotch of the tree is a safety concern. The new home and basement will be located within the dripline of this tree.

| Survey               |  |                    |                  |       |  |
|----------------------|--|--------------------|------------------|-------|--|
| <b>Tree#</b><br>1*HP | Species<br>Sycamore<br>(Platanus acerifolia)                 | <b>DBH</b><br>16.8 | <b>CON</b><br>65 |       | <b>PComments</b><br>Good vigor, fair form, trimmed for line<br>clearance.                    |
| 2P                   | Italian cypress<br>Cupressus sempervir                       | 4est<br>ens)       | 50               | 30/10 | Good vigor, poor-fair form, located along drive.   |
| 3X                   | Plum<br>(Prunus spp)   | 12                 | 0                | 10/5  | Dead failed, on ground.  |
| 4*P                  | Olive<br>(Olea europaea)                                     | 10.5               | 55               | 30/25 | Good vigor, poor-fair form, 2 feet from neighbor's house.                                    |
| 5R                   | Lemon 8<br>( <i>Citrus limon</i> )                           | .6@1'              | 40               | 20/15 | Poor vigor, poor form, in decline.   |
| 6R                   | Lemon<br>(Citrus limon)                                      | 7.1                | 35               | 20/15 | Poor vigor, poor form, in decline.   |
| 7R                   | Box alder<br>(Acer negundo)                                  | 6.0                | 45               | 25/15 | Poor vigor, poor form, vine in canopy.   |
| 8*P                  | Chinese tallow tree (Sapium sebiferum)                       | 12est              | 50               | 30/25 | Poor-fair vigor, poor form, topped for   |
| 9P                   | Birch<br>(Betula pendula)                                    | 8.4                | 60               | 30/20 | Fair vigor, fair form, codominant at 8 feet.   |
| 10P                  | Tree of heaven<br>(Ailanthus altissima)                      | 14.5               | 50               | 35/30 | Fair vigor, fair form, multi leader at 5 feet, invasive species.                             |
| 11HP                 | Incense cedar<br>(Calocedrus deccura                         | 50est<br>ns)       | 40               | 55/45 | Fair vigor, poor form, codominant at 3 feet with a poor splitting crotch. Hazard.            |
| 12R                  | Smoke tree<br>(Cotinus obovatus)                             | 8.2                | 45               | 20    | Good vigor, fair form, multi leader at 1 foot.   |
| 13P<br>*indic        | Japanese maple<br>(Acer palmatum)<br>ates neighbor's tree- H | 5.6<br>Lindica     | 55<br>tes herit  |       | Good vigor, poor form, codominant at 3<br>feet.<br>- P indicates protect- R indicates remove |

\*indicates neighbor's tree- H indicates heritage tree- P indicates protect- R indicates remove

#### **Summary:**

The trees on site are a mix on non-native trees, there are no natives on site. The trees consist of two street trees various small insignificant trees and one large incense cedar. The cedar has poor form with severely codominant leaders at 4 feet. The codominant leaders are poorly attached with a very narrow crotch formation. A large seam at the base of the attachment point indicates included bark or a previous split. If the tree were to fail the target would be the neighbor's house causing significant damage. The cedar is to be retained and protected. Impacts are expected to be minor to moderate with no long term impacts expected.

The remaining birch will be retained as will the tree of heaven. All of the neighbor's trees will be retained and protected.

The large cedar will be retained and protected. The home will encroach on the root zone of the cedar. The corner of the basement cut will be 10 feet from the trunk of the cedar. The basement depth will be through the entire root zone (13 feet is a normal excavation depth). Impacts are expected to be moderate to significant. Additional stitch piers will be drilled to reduce over-excavation. The site arborist will be on site to inspect the drilling and the basement excavation. Mitigating measures will be provided as root loss is observed. The following mitigating measures will be used specific for the cedar:

- Fertilize the root zone with 250 gallons of 22-14-14 prior to the start of construction.
- Irrigate the root zone of the tree bi-monthly for the duration of the dry season.
- The site arborist will be on site for all drilling and excavation within the dripline (10xDBH) of the cedar.
- Roots will be cut clean with a saw or loppers and exposed roots will be covered with burlap.
- Future mitigating measures will be provided during inspections.

The driveway will be replaced at the end of the project. Portions of the existing driveway can be used for staged during construction. The removal of the drive and the excavation for the new drive will be carried out by hand. The closest edge of the driveway is 10 feet from the sycamore #1 and will be excavated to approximately 8 inches. Impacts are expected to be minor to non-existent.

Meetings with the civil engineer have indicated that grading will be minor as the lot is flat. The drainage will be designed to minimize root damage to the cedar #11. Drainage will be in the over-dig for the basement. Surface drains will lead away from the cedar and will drain to the driveway side of the property. All excavation within the dripline of the large cedar (basement, drainage) will be observed by the site arborist. Mitigating measures will be provided at that time.

I have confidence that the construction as planned will have only minor impacts to the protected trees on site. The following tree protection plan will help to reduce impacts during construction.

#### **Tree Protection Plan:**

## Tree Protection Zones

Tree protection zones should be established and maintained throughout the entire length of the project. Fencing for the protection zones should be 6 foot tall metal chain link type supported my 2 inch metal poles pounded into the ground by no less than 2 feet. The support poles should be spaced no more than 10 feet apart on center. The location for the protection fencing should be as close to the dripline as possible still allowing room for construction to safely continue. Signs should be placed on fencing signifying "Tree Protection Zone - Keep Out". No materials or equipment should be stored or cleaned inside the tree protection zones. Areas outside the fencing but still beneath the dripline of protected trees, where foot traffic is expected to be heavy, should be mulched with 4 to 6 inches of chipper chips.

- The metal chain link fencing will be located 5 feet from the large cedar and extend to 30 feet where possible (construction). The metal chain link fencing should be 5 feet from the trunk (demolition)
- The birch #9 and the tree of heaven #10 will have the metal chain link fencing located at a distance of 10 feet from the trunk and extend to 15 feet where possible.
- The neighboring sycamore #1 will have fencing at the edge of the driveway and the edge of the street. Five feet on the street side and 10 feet on the driveway side.

Tree protection fencing will be inspected by the site arborist prior to the start of demolition and again at the start of construction.

#### Trenching

Trenching for irrigation, electrical, drainage or any other reason should be hand dug when beneath the driplines of protected trees. Hand digging and carefully laying pipes below or beside protected roots will dramatically reduce root loss of desired trees thus reducing trauma to the entire tree. Trenches should be backfilled as soon as possible with native material and compacted to near its original level. Trenches that must be left exposed for a period of time should also be covered with layers of burlap or straw wattle and kept moist. Plywood over the top of the trench will also help protect exposed roots below.

#### Demolition

All tree protection measures shall be in place prior to the start of the demolition process. Demolition equipment shall access the site from the existing driveway. If the demolition equipment is to stray from the existing drive and encroach inside the driplines of protected trees, 4-6 inches of wood chips shall be spread to help prevent soil compaction of retained trees.

#### Irrigation

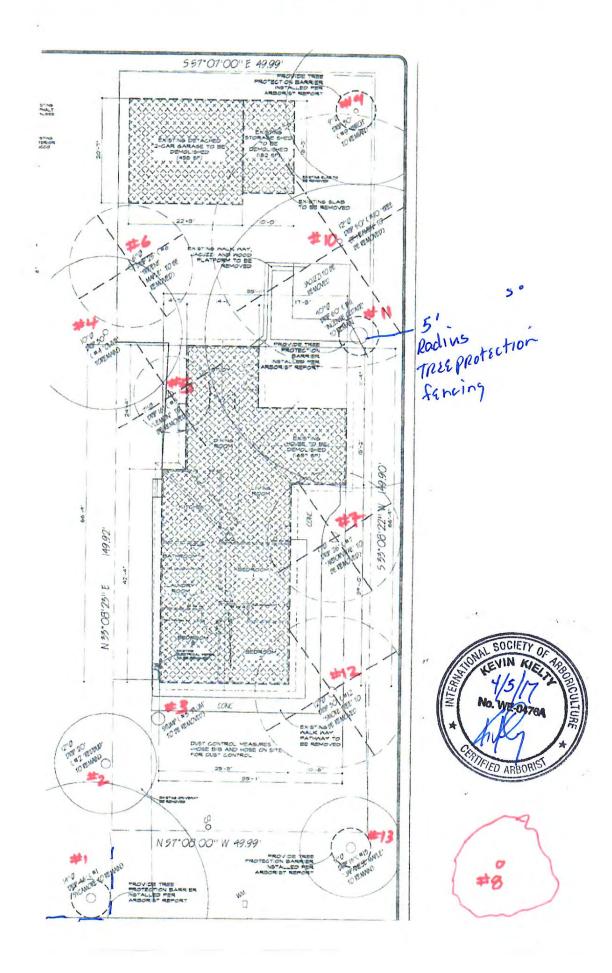
Normal irrigation should be maintained throughout the entire length of the project. The imported trees on this site will require irrigation during the warm season months. Some irrigation may be required during the winter months depending on the seasonal rainfall. During the summer months the trees on this site should receive heavy flood type irrigation 2 times a month. During the fall and winter 1 time a month should suffice. Mulching the root zone of protected trees will help the soil retain moisture, thus reducing water consumption. The information included in this report is believed to be true and based on sound arboricultural principles and practices.

#### **Inspection Schedule**

The site will be inspected by the site arborist before the demolition phase and again before the start of the construction phase. The site arborist will inspect the drilling of vertical shoring and again during the excavation process. A letter documenting the inspections will be provided. Other inspections will be on an as needed basis.

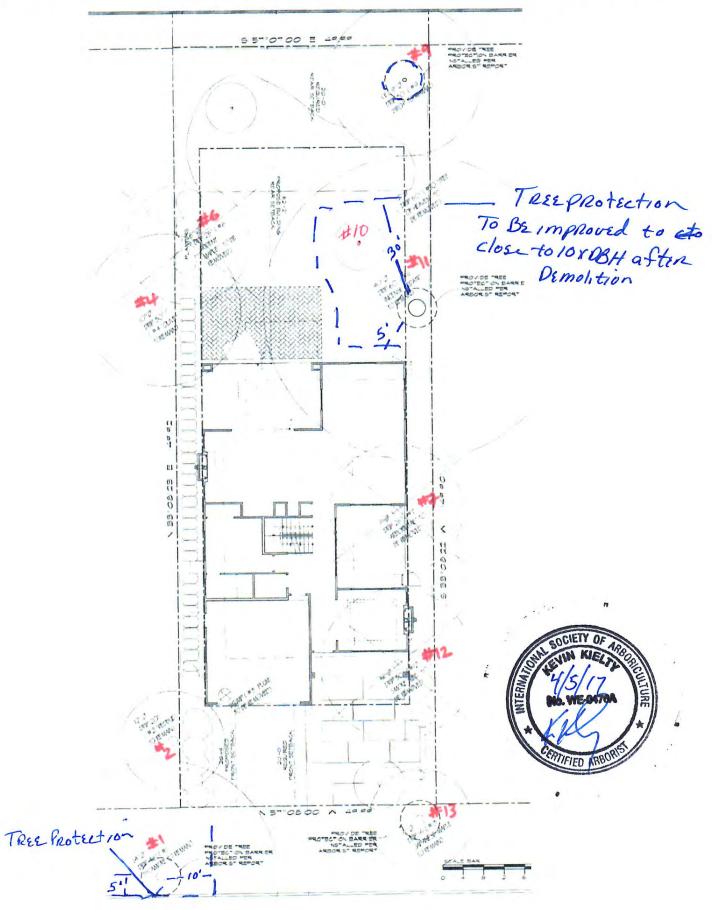
Sincerely,

Kevin R. Kielty Certified Arborist WE#0476A Arborist "Demo" Phase site & tree Protection Plan



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# Arborist "Construction" Phase site & tree Protection



# **Community Development**



## STAFF REPORT

Planning Commission Meeting Date: Staff Report Number:

4/24/2017 17-021-PC

Public Hearing:

Use Permit/Alex Lai and Jessy Tseng/845 Arbor Road

#### Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission approve a request for a use permit to demolish an existing single-story, single-family residence and construct a new two-story, single-family residence on a substandard lot with respect to width and area in the R-1-S (Single Family Suburban) zoning district, at 845 Arbor Road. The recommended actions are contained within Attachment A.

#### **Policy Issues**

Each use permit request is considered individually. The Planning Commission should consider whether the required use permit findings can be made for the proposal.

#### Background

#### Site location

The subject site is located at 845 Arbor Road, between Werth Avenue and Santa Cruz Avenue. Using Arbor Road in a north to south orientation, the subject parcel is surrounded by single-family homes that are also in the R-1-S zoning district to the north, south and west. The parcel to the east of the subject property, across Arbor Road, is located in the R-3 (Apartment) zoning district and is developed as a multi-family residence. The surrounding area is a mixture of one and two-story structures, developed in a variety of architectural styles. A location map is included as Attachment B.

#### Analysis

#### **Project description**

The applicant is proposing to demolish an existing single-story, single-family residence and construct a new two-story, single-family residence with an attached garage. The lot is substandard with regard to the lot width and area, and a new two-story residence requires approval of a use permit.

The proposed residence would have a floor area of 2,800 square feet where 2,800 square feet is the floor area limit (FAL) and a building coverage of 30 percent where 35 percent is the maximum permitted. The house is proposed to be 25.1 feet in height, below the maximum permissible height of 28 feet, and the proposed structure would comply with daylight plane requirements. The proposed residence would have five bedrooms and three bathrooms, with four of the bedrooms and two of the bathrooms on the second

floor.

Off-street parking would be provided in an attached two-car garage at the left side of the structure, similar to the current site layout. A data table summarizing parcel and project attributes is included as Attachment C. The project plans, and the applicant's project description letter are included as Attachments D and E, respectively.

#### Design and materials

The applicant states that the proposed residence is designed in a contemporary style but with a traditional set of design elements. The proposed prefabricated residence would include stucco and stone veneer siding, with stained wood siding next to the front door and at the porch on the left (south) elevation. The standing seam metal roof would include hip and gable forms. The aluminum fiberglass windows would be individual units, mulled together into larger combinations in the factory. The attached two-car garage would have two individual frosted fiberglass garage doors to match the proposed windows.

The upper level windows along the side elevations would have sill heights between one foot and five feet from the finished floor. Although some of these sill heights are fairly low, the upper floor would be set back over 13 feet from both side property lines, and the applicants indicate the neighboring property owners on both sides are supportive of the plans. However, the Planning Commission may wish to consider whether additional landscape screening and/or changes to these windows may be warranted. The upper level windows along the rear elevation would have sill heights between two and five feet. The upper level would be set back over 38 feet from the rear property line, helping to limit potential privacy issues along this facade. In addition, the large redwood tree near the rear property line would provide privacy screening in this direction.

Staff believes that the scale, materials, and style of the proposed residence are in keeping with those of the neighborhood. Although the project would be a two-story residence, the applicant has set the second floor in along all four elevations and modulated the second floor walls along the front, rear, and right (north) side elevations. The applicant also proposes material variation, and a relatively low roof with a mixture of gable and hip roof forms, to further reduce the perception of mass.

## Trees and landscaping

Only one tree, a heritage redwood tree, is located on the property. The applicant has submitted an arborist report (Attachment F). This report indicates the heritage redwood tree is in good condition and details protection measures for the tree. The applicant is proposing to add three flowering trees, such as crape myrtles or evergreen magnolias, along the front of the property. Additionally, the applicant is proposing to add two accent trees, such as Japanese maples, along the rear portion of the right (north) side property line, and one accent tree along the rear portion of the left (south) property line. As noted above, the Planning Commission may wish to consider whether additional trees along the side property lines would help screen views to and from the second floor.

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The proposed site improvements should not adversely affect surrounding trees as standard tree protection measures, as well as the specific protection measures described in the arborist report, will be ensured through recommended condition 3g.

#### Correspondence

The applicants indicate they shared the plans with several neighboring property owners and received supportive responses. Staff has not received any correspondence.

#### Conclusion

Staff believes that the scale, materials, and style of the proposed residence are in keeping with those of the neighborhood. Although the project would be a two-story residence, the applicant has set the second floor in along all four elevations and modulated the second floor walls along the front, rear, and right (north) side elevations. The applicant also proposes material variation, and a relatively low roof with a mixture of gable and hip roof forms, to further reduce the perception of mass. The proposed site improvements should not adversely affect surrounding trees as standard tree protection measures, as well as the specific protection measures described in the arborist report, will be ensured through recommended condition 3g. Staff recommends that the Planning Commission approve the proposed project.

#### Impact on City Resources

The project sponsor is required to pay Planning, Building and Public Works permit fees, based on the City's Master Fee Schedule, to fully cover the cost of staff time spent on the review of the project.

#### **Environmental Review**

The project is categorically exempt under Class 3 (Section 15303, "New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures") of the current California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

#### **Public Notice**

Public Notification was achieved by posting the agenda, with the agenda items being listed, at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. Public notification also consisted of publishing a notice in the local newspaper and notification by mail of owners and occupants within a 300-foot radius of the subject property.

#### **Appeal Period**

The Planning Commission action will be effective after 15 days unless the action is appealed to the City Council, in which case the outcome of the application shall be determined by the City Council.

#### Attachments

- A. Recommended Actions
- B. Location Map
- C. Data Table
- D. Project Plans
- E. Project Description Letter
- F. Arborist Report

#### Disclaimer

Attached are reduced versions of maps and diagrams submitted by the applicants. The accuracy of the information in these drawings is the responsibility of the applicants, and verification of the accuracy by City Staff is not always possible. The original full-scale maps, drawings and exhibits are available for public viewing at the Community Development Department.

#### Exhibits to Be Provided at Meeting None

Report prepared by: Corinna Sandmeier, Associate Planner

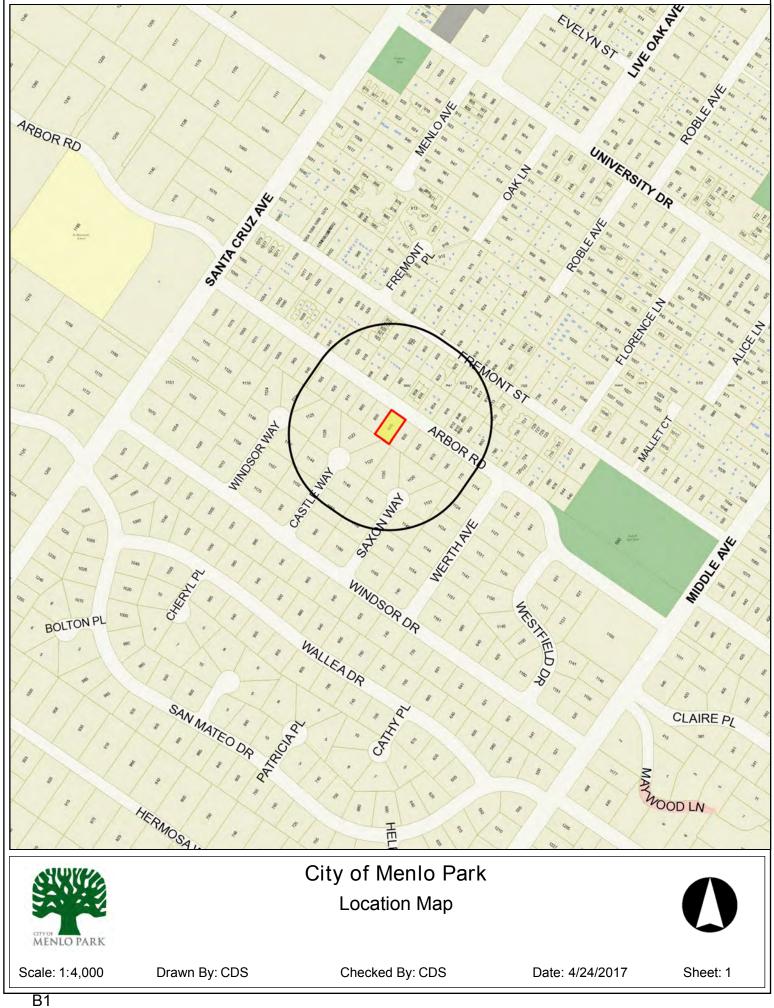
Report reviewed by: Thomas Rogers, Principal Planner

# ATTACHMENT A

## 845 Arbor Road – Attachment A: Recommended Actions

|     |   |   | CT NUMBER:APPLICANT: Alea6-00124and Jessy Tseng     |  |  | OWNER: Alex Lai and Jessy Tseng      |  |  |
|-----|---|---|---|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| cor | <b>REQUEST:</b> Request for a use permit to demolish an existing single-story, single-family residence and construct a new two-story, single-family residence on a substandard lot with respect to width and area in the R-1-S (Single Family Suburban) zoning district.  |   |   |  |  |                                      |  |  |
|     | DECISION ENTITY: Planning       DATE: April 24, 2017       ACTION: TBD         Commission       ACTION: TBD   |   |   |  |  |                                      | N: TBD   |  |
| VO  | VOTE: TBD (Barnes, Combs, Goodhue, Kahle, Onken, Riggs, Strehl)   |   |   |  |  |                                      |  |  |
| AC  | TION:   |   |   |  |  |                                      |  |  |
| 1.  | Make a finding that the project is categorically exempt under Class 3 (Section 15303, "New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures") of the current California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.  |   |   |  |  |                                      |  |  |
| 2.  | permit<br>genera  | Make findings, as per Section 16.82.030 of the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to the granting of use permits, that the proposed use will not be detrimental to the health, safety, morals, comfort and general welfare of the persons residing or working in the neighborhood of such proposed use, and will not be detrimental to property and improvements in the neighborhood or the general welfare of the City. |   |  |  |                                      |  |  |
| 3.  | Approve the use permit subject to the following standard conditions:  |   |   |  |  |                                      |  |  |
|     | a. Development of the project shall be substantially in conformance with the plans prepared b<br>Clever Homes, consisting of 20 plan sheets, dated received April 11, 2017, and approved b<br>the Planning Commission on April 24, 2017, except as modified by the conditions contained<br>herein, subject to review and approval by the Planning Division. |   |   |  |  |                                      |  |  |
|     | b.  |   |   |  |  |                                      | Il Sanitary District, Menlo<br>are directly applicable to  |  |
|     | C.  |   | ion, Engii  | neering Division, a  | blicants shall comp<br>and Transportation    |                                      | Il requirements of the that are directly   |  |
|     | d.  | installations o<br>Divisions. All<br>underground  | r upgrade<br>utility equ<br>shall be p<br>back flow | es for review and a<br>ipment that is inst<br>properly screened<br>prevention device | talled outside of a l<br>by landscaping. The | anning, E<br>building a<br>he plan s | or any new utility<br>Engineering and Building<br>and that cannot be placed<br>shall show exact locations<br>boxes, relay boxes, and |  |
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## ATTACHMENT B

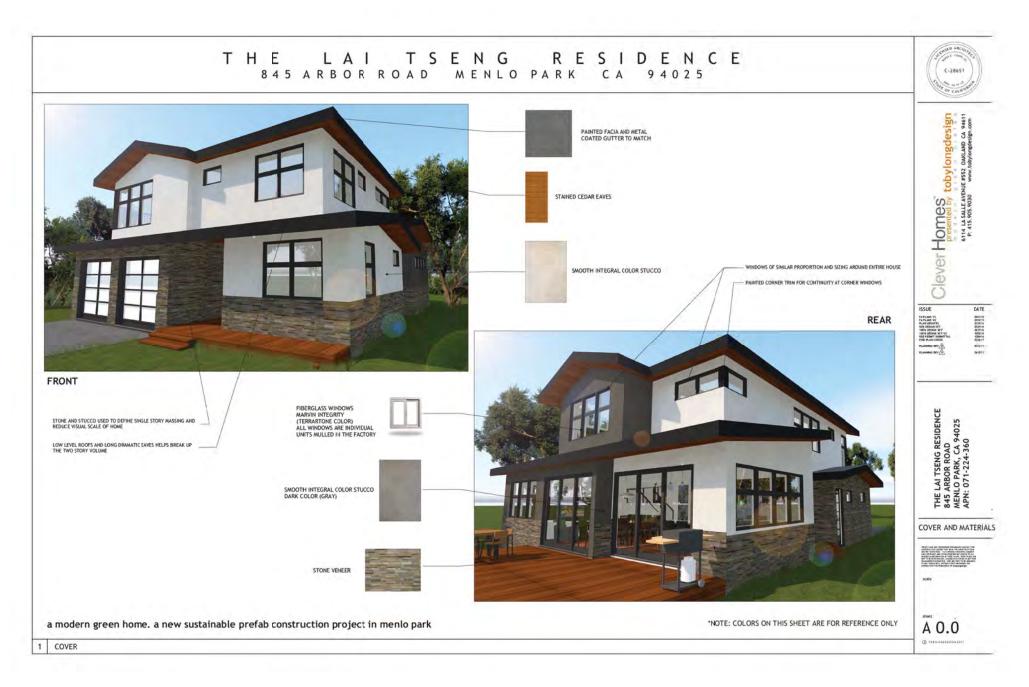


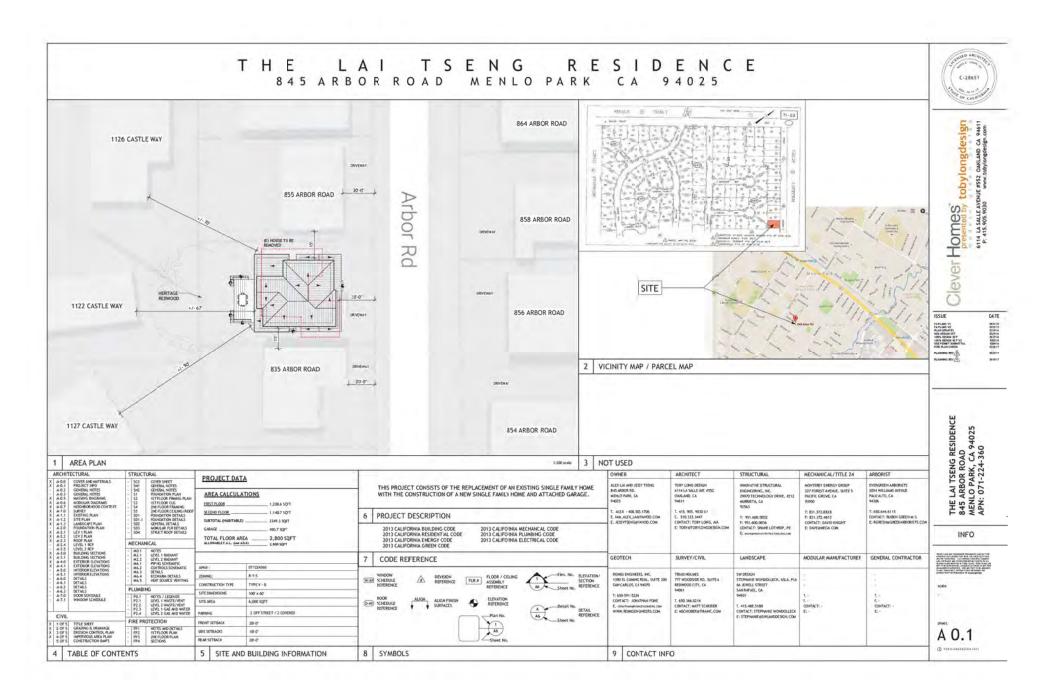
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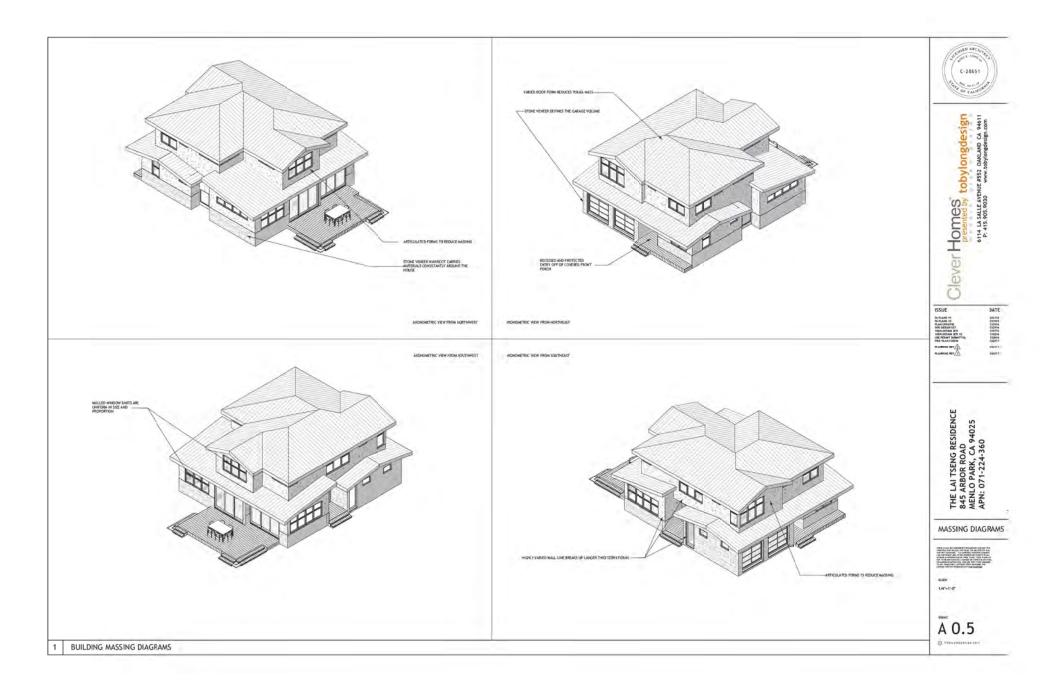
## 845 Arbor Road – Attachment C: Data Table

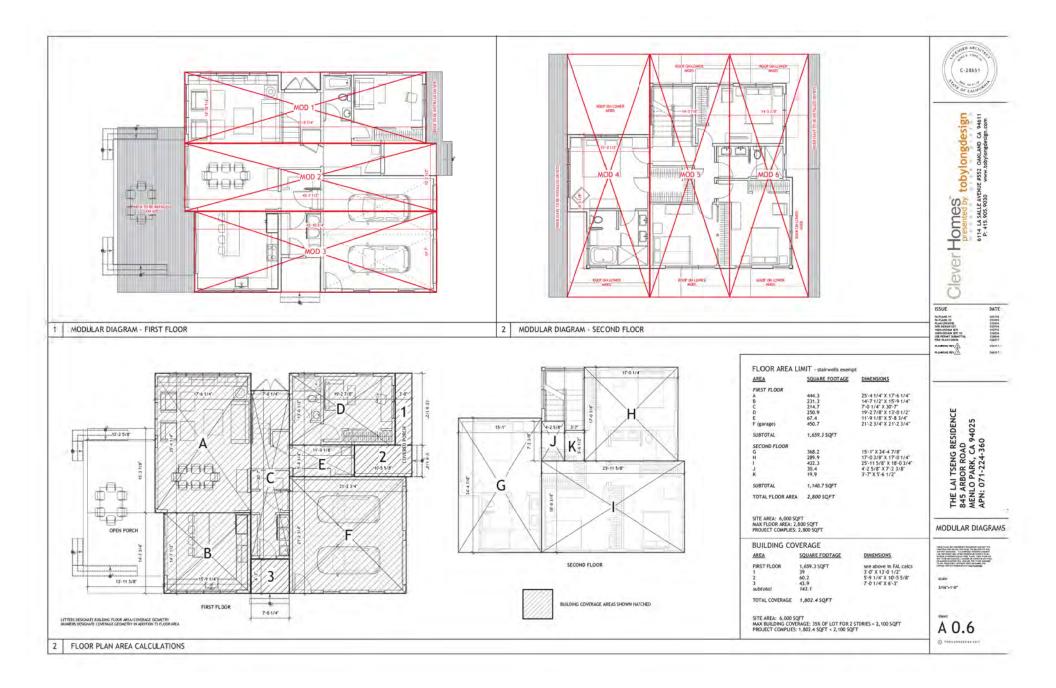
|                             | PROPOSED<br>PROJECT              | EXISTING<br>DEVELOPMENT          | ZONING<br>ORDINANCE   |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Lot area                    | 6,000.0 sf                       | 6,000.0 sf                       | 10,000.0 sf min.      |
| Lot width                   | 60.0 ft.                         | 60.0 ft.                         | 80.0 ft. min.         |
| Lot depth                   | 100.0 ft.                        | 100.0 ft.                        | 100.0 ft. min.        |
| Setbacks                    |                                  |                                  |                       |
| Front                       | 20.0 ft.                         | 20.0 ft.                         | 20.0 ft. min.         |
| Rear                        | 31.0 ft.                         | 35.0 ft.                         | 20.0 ft. min.         |
| Side (left)                 | 10.0 ft.                         | 5.0 ft.                          | 10.0 ft. min.         |
| Side (right)                | 10.0 ft.                         | 5.0 ft.                          | 10.0 ft. min.         |
| Building coverage           | 1,802.4 sf                       | 1,560.0 sf                       | 2,100.0 sf max.       |
|                             | 30.0 %                           | 26.0 %                           | 35.0 % max.           |
| FAL (Floor Area Limit)      | 2,800.0 sf                       | 1,560.0 sf                       | 2,800.0 sf max.       |
| Square footage by floor     | 1,208.6 sf/1 <sup>st</sup> floor | 1,100.0 sf/1 <sup>st</sup> floor |                       |
| - 1                         | 1,140.7 sf/2 <sup>nd</sup> floor | 460.0 sf/garage                  |                       |
|                             | 450.7 sf/garage                  | 5 6                              |                       |
|                             | 143.1 sf/porches                 |                                  |                       |
| Square footage of buildings | 2,943.1 sf                       | 1,560.0 sf                       |                       |
| Building height             | 25.1 ft.                         | 14.0 ft.                         | 28.0 ft. max.         |
| Parking                     | 2 covered                        | 2 covered                        | 1 covered/1 uncovered |
|                             | Note: Areas shown highlighte     | indicate a nonconforming or sub  | ostandard situation.  |
|                             |                                  |                                  |                       |
| Trees                       | Heritage trees: 1                | Non-Heritage trees: 0            | New Trees: 6          |
|                             | Heritage trees                   | Non-Heritage trees               | Total Number of       |
|                             | proposed for removal: 0          | proposed for removal: 0          | Trees: 7              |

## ATTACHMENT D



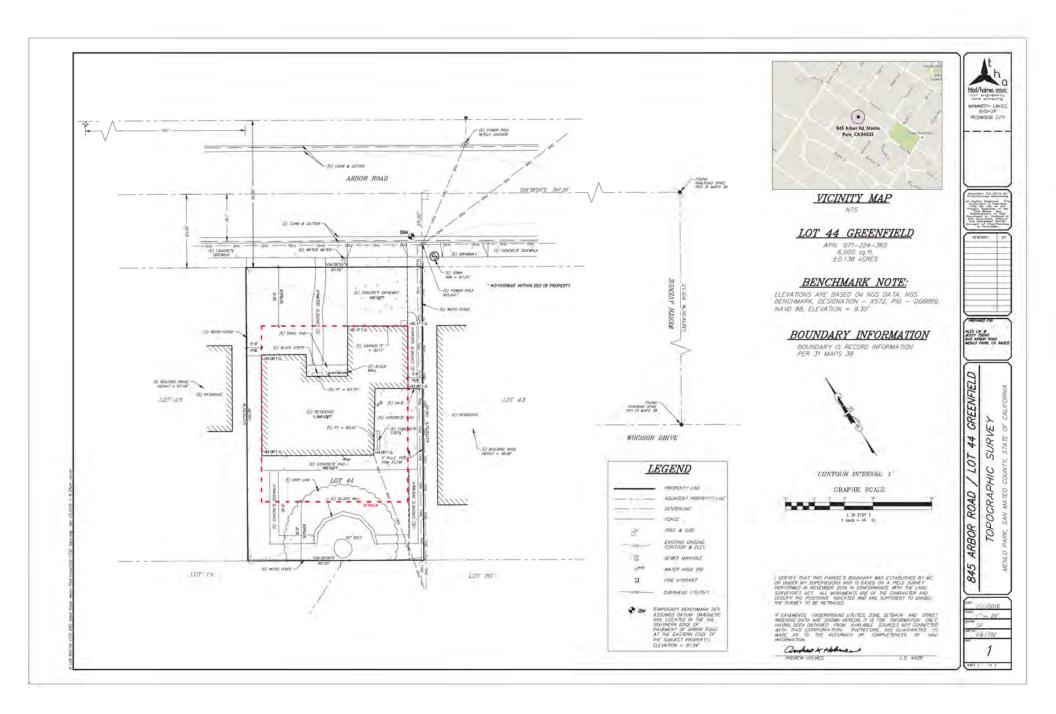


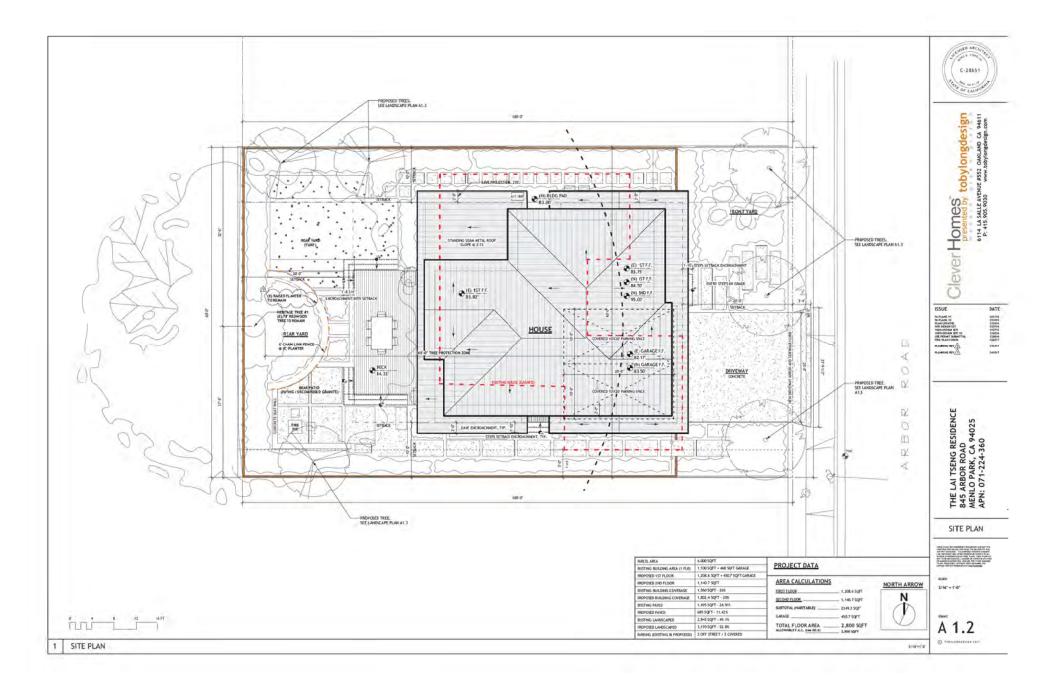


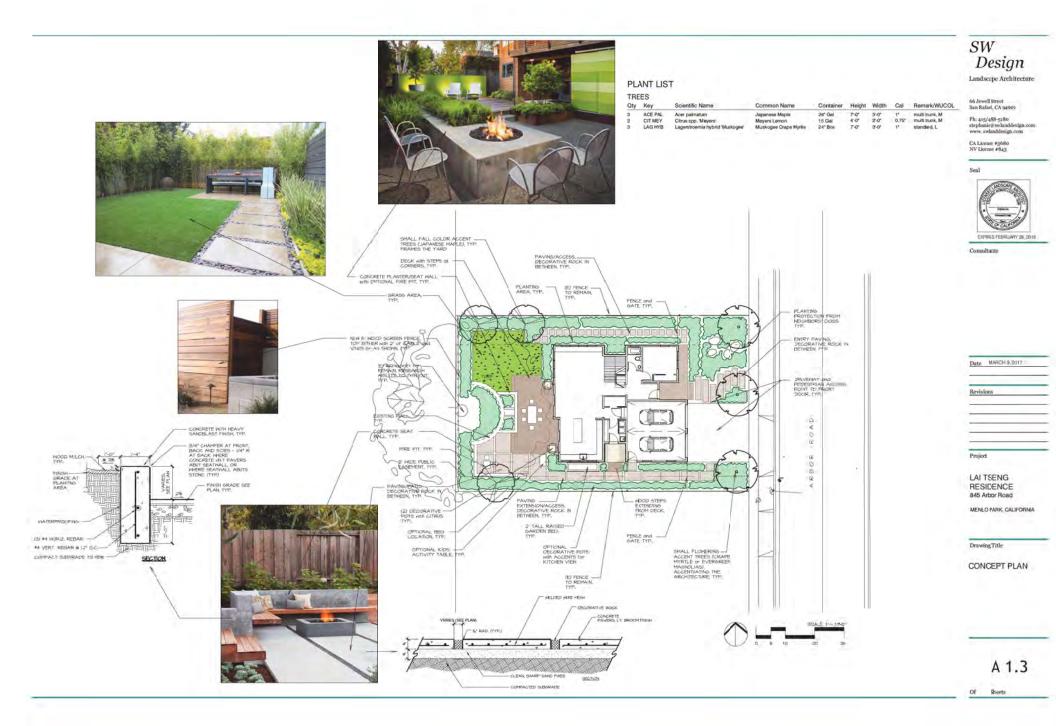


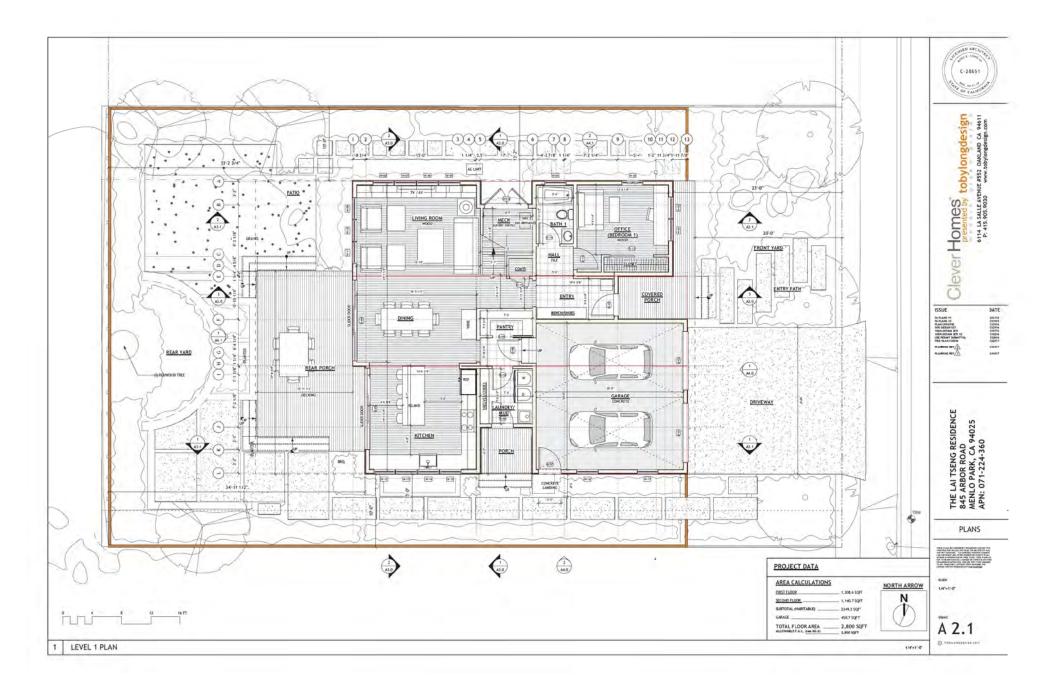


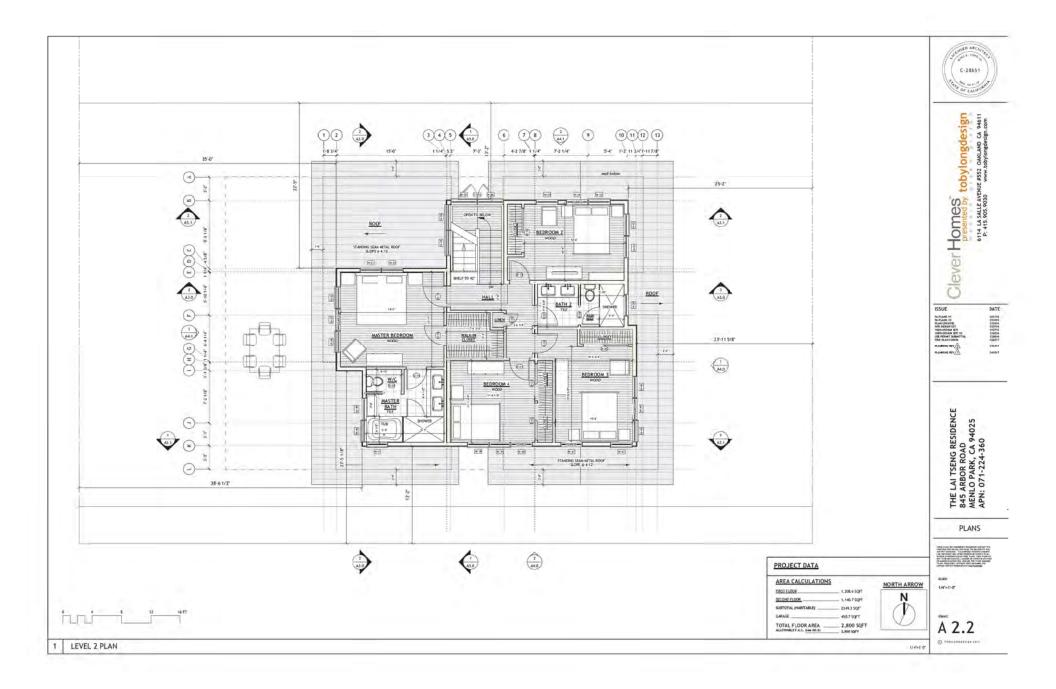


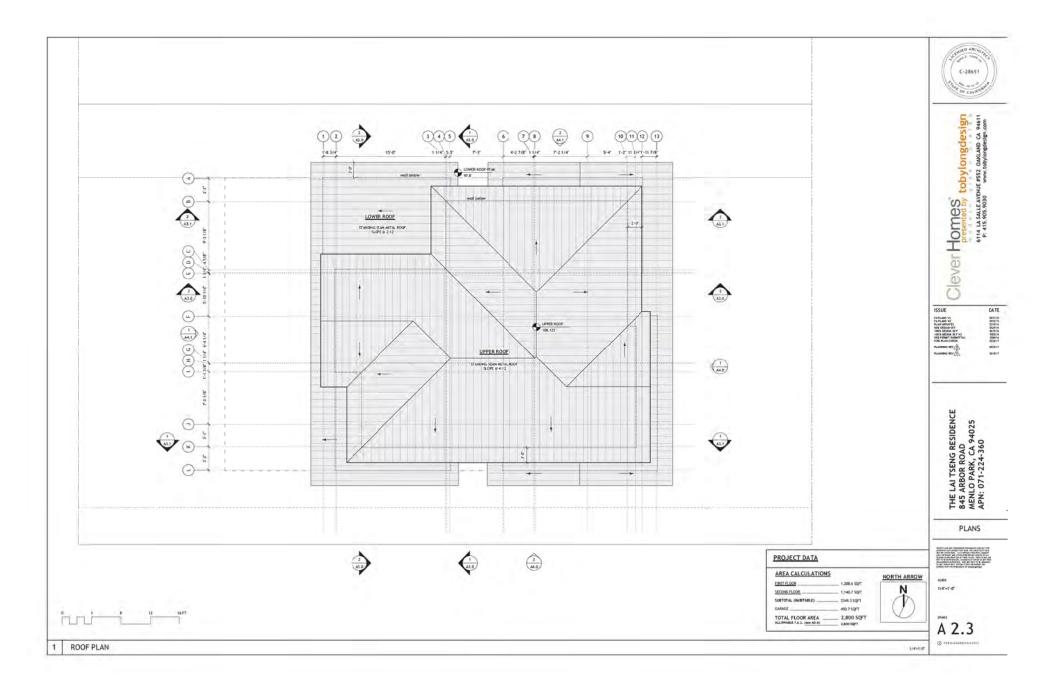










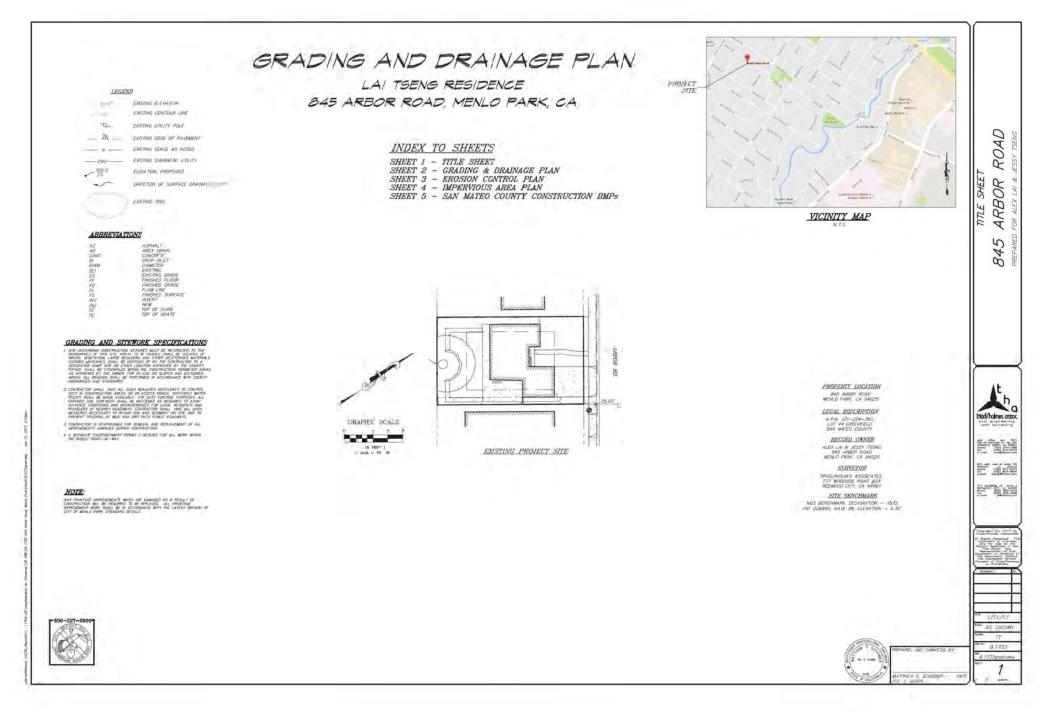


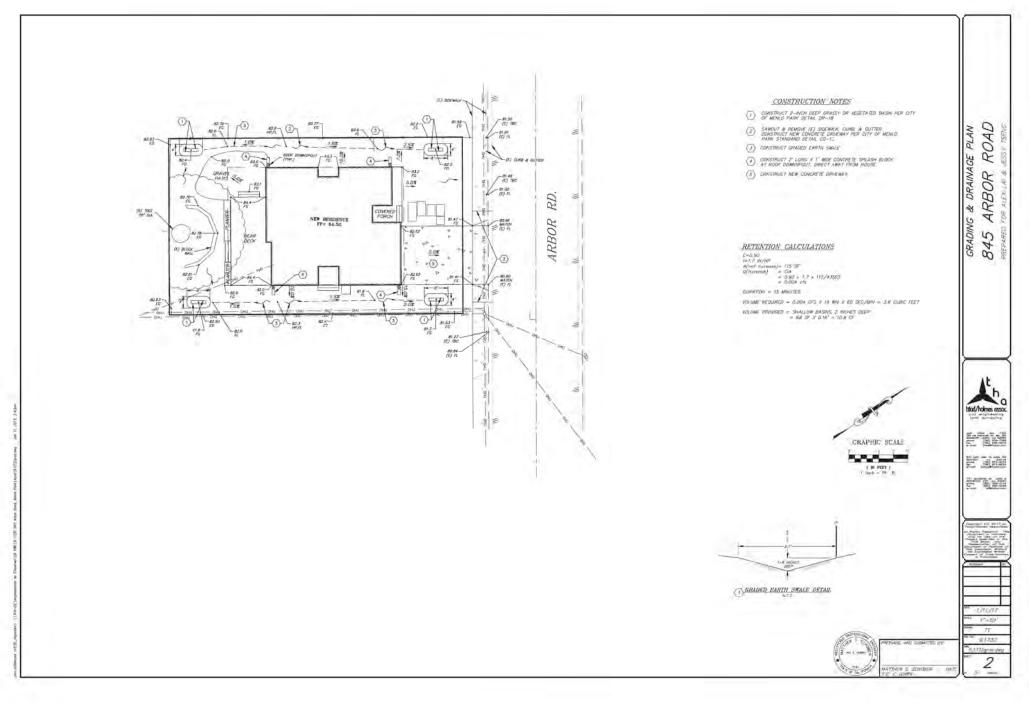


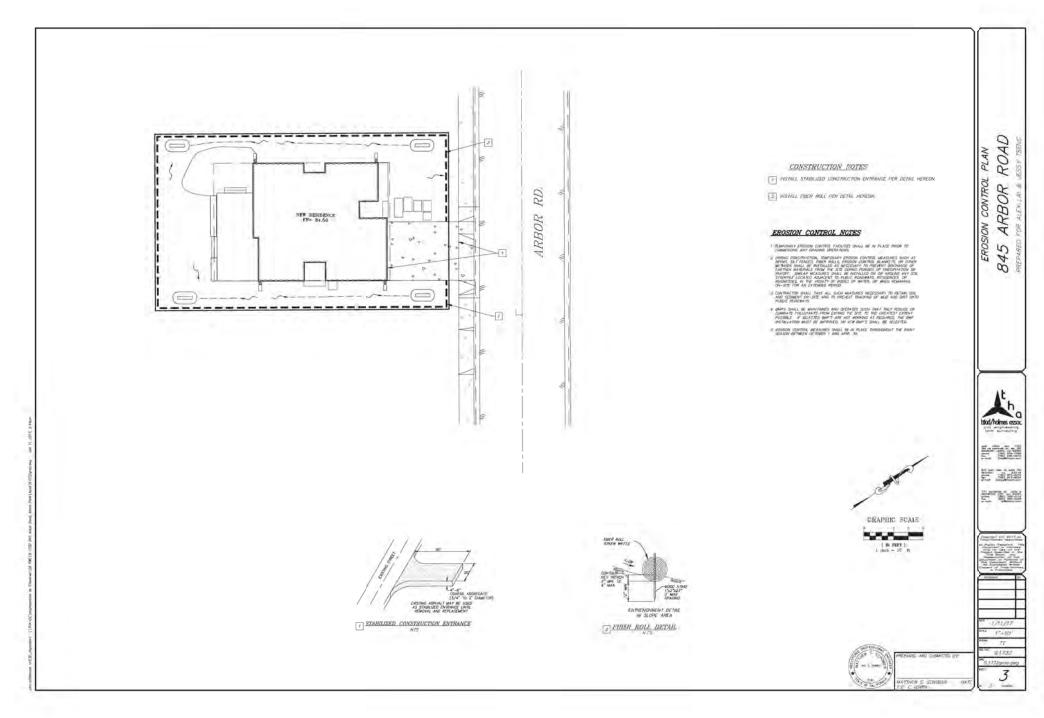


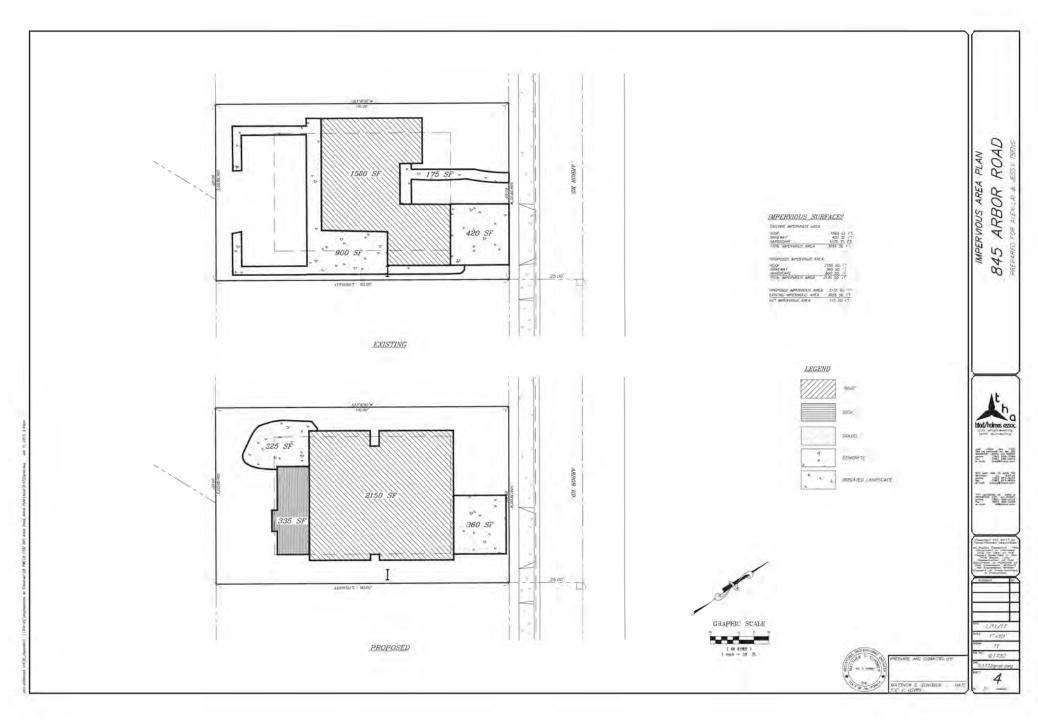












# ATTACHMENT E



Lai Tseng Residence 845 Arbor Road Menlo Park, CA 94025 APN: 071-224-360

#### New Single Family Home Project

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### APPLICANT STATEMENT

April 17, 2017

The proposed project consists of the replacement of an existing single family home with the construction of a new single family home and attached garage. This innovative prefab home includes 2,349 sf of living area in a 5 bedroom and 3 full bathroom program. The garage, located at the front of the property, roofs 451 sf of new parking area. The proposed home is within the required daylight plane setbacks.

This beautiful new home will be a welcome improvement to the eclectic mix of one and two story homes on this block in Menlo Park. Composed largely of structures built in the middle of last century, a few of which have been renovated and replaced, Arbor Road is home to single family residences of a multitude of styles, colors, and materials. The proposed design of the new home on the subject property incorporates familiar materials and forms that add to the character of this neighborhood. The proposed design includes a combination of gabled and low hip roofs with main living spaces on the first floor, similar to many homes in the area. The proposed project uses light and dark gray stucco, natural stone veneer, and cedar-stained soffits, a palette of natural and organic colors which are prevalent on the street. The overall character and scale of the proposed design adds to the array of forms and materials present in the homes of Arbor Road.

The new home will be placed at the front setback of the property, similar to the homes on either side of this property, as well as across the street. The placement of the garage at the front of the home is consistent with the rest of the neighborhood. The entry of the house is welcoming and well-defined with a covered front porch. The project also introduces new trees to the front of the site, helping screen the views of the house to and from the street. There will be some very minor grading associated with the

project, but the siting of the house and garage fits perfectly onto the mostly flat site. There is a large existing redwood heritage tree at the back of the site, for which we propose some moderate trimming/thinning out. No more than 25% of the canopy or roots will be pruned, see Arborist Report. There are no other significant natural features on the property and the house does not block or obscure any adjacent views or light.

Privacy among the neighboring properties is respected in the proposed design. The adjacent home to the south has limited window openings into the property, and the façade of the existing house does not include large windows from private spaces. This is also true of the property to the north. Additionally, a fence and landscape screening are proposed along both side property lines to help screen views to and from the new home.

The new home is in scale and character with the diversity of homes in this area. The design of the proposed house is exciting and dynamic, with many articulated roof planes, wall sections and changes in color. Through these articulations, the stories of the home are described and varying colors break up the mass of the structure. The design is compliant with the daylight plane set back requirements.

The landscaping of the site will be natural and native. The design intent is to create privacy through fencing and landscaping at side and rear yards. Plantings at front yard provide protection from neighbor's dogs. Small flowering trees accentuate the architecture.

The following neighbors have been spoken to and shown our plans and exterior design. Everyone was supportive, and no one had major objections.

- Lisa and Brian (858 Arbor)
- Mike (856 Arbor)
- Adrian and Fernando (855, 865, 854 Arbor and another one further down the street)
- Nelson (825 Arbor)
- Elaine (835 Arbor)
- Marina and Matt (935 Arbor)

This project is progressive and forward-looking, incorporating the best of the current trends in sustainability and responsible construction practices. The home is a great addition to this community, and the architecture reflects and enhances the diversity of this neighborhood.

### NEW INFORMATION:

Per a few design comments received from the Planning Department, we have adjusted the design to account for a few improvements.

First, to further articulate the single-story massing, we have adjusted the design to include a full stoneveneer façade at the garage volume. This clearly and distinctly defines the form as distinct, breaking the visual mass of the home at the ground level, and it provide a solid and anchoring element for the long roof eave breaking the height of the front façade.

Second, we have adjusted a few windows to provide a more even look to the fenestration, reducing the size of a few windows to maintain consistency of size and proportion across all sides of the home. We have also clarified that each window is an individual unit, mulled together into the larger combinations in the factory. These are not simulated divided lights or muntin

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# ATTACHMENT F

### **Consulting Arborist Report**

March 23, 2017

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### Introduction

Arborist Ruben Green was retained to prepare an arborist report as part of the proposed application per City of Menlo Park for the purpose of encouraging the preservation of trees. This includes all trees currently on the property and any heritage trees within 10 feet of the property lines with the species, trunk diameter, and assigned tree number provided for each tree. Heritage trees are defined as:

a. Any tree having a trunk with a circumference of 47.1 inches (diameter of 15 inches) or more measured at 54 inches above natural grade.

b. Any oak tree native to California, with a circumference of 31.4 inches (diameter of 10 inches) or more measured at 54 inches above natural grade.

c. Any tree with more than one trunk measured at the point where the trunks divide, with a circumference of 47.1 inches (diameter of 15 inches) or more, with the exception of trees that are under 12 feet in height, which are exempt from the ordinance.

### **Background and Observations**

One multi-trunk Coast Redwood, *Sequoia sempervirens* tree with a diameter of 78 inches is located in the rear of the 845 Arbor Road property in a raised planter. The tree is labeled as tree #1 on the site plan. No adjacent heritage trees are planted within 10 feet of the property line. The impacts of the proposed construction and demolition of the house, the concrete seat wall, fire pit, deck, pavers, turf with edging, and irrigation for the lawn are outside the raised planter wall are within portions of the TPZ.

This statement confirms I have performed the following: I have reviewed all collated plan and civil sheets. plan sheets, including the civil sheets (grading, utilities, etc.) - Complete Planning REVS 012817 PDF sheets pages 1 - 23 and includes sheets A 0.0 - A 7.1, Grading and Drainage Plan, and BMPs and discussed any potential impacts to the coast redwood from grading, trenching, construction, placement of landscape features etc. The report includes tree protection guidelines specific to this project.

### **Suitability for Tree Preservation**

Best Management Practices (BMP) are designed to preserve and protect tree health by avoiding damage to tree roots, trunk, or crown. Site development planning prior to site disturbance includes identifying Tree Protection Zones (TPZ) for all trees designated for protection. BMP consists of avoiding any activity near protected trees that disturb or harm the trees. Tree protection provides for the physical protective barriers during any site disturbance that may impact protected trees and their roots such as grading, building construction and maintenance, infrastructure and utility installation and maintenance, and other landscape changes. These impacts may affect the structural integrity and stability of protected trees.

The tree must be protected by the contractors in the TPZ. The tree listed in this report under "remain" are suitable for preservation, and have the potential for longevity at the site.

If all my recommendations and City regulations are followed, the tree will be preserved and protected. The tree is rated for suitability for preservation based upon age, health, structural condition, and ability to safely coexist within a development environment.

As a means to measure the existing health, structural integrity, anticipated lifespan, available growing space, and safety to persons and property, the Coast redwood is assigned as good suitability for preservation rating. Rankings for tree suitability for preservation are categorized by three descriptions: good, moderate, poor<sup>1</sup>.

Good is described as a tree with good health and structural stability that has the potential for longevity at the site. Moderate is designated as a tree with fair health and/or structural defects that can be abated with treatment; tree will require more intense management and monitoring and may have shorter lifespan than those in "good category". Poor is characterized as a tree in poor health or with significant defects that cannot be mitigated; tree is expected to continue to decline, regardless of treatment; the species or individual may have characteristics undesirable for landscapes and is generally unsuitable for use areas.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Matheny, N. and Clark, J.R. 1998. *Trees and Development*. Illinois. International Society of Arboriculture.

### **Review of Potential Impacts**

The proposed project requires no removals of protected trees. **Tree # 1 is protected and** requires a 6' chain link fencing installed outside the raised planter wall.

### Tree Protection Zone

The tree protection zone (TPZ) was determined by multiplying the diameter of the tree as measured below the two trunks near the base of the tree by 10. The tree protection zone is diameter of the tree of 78 inches (6.5 feet) times 10, 65 feet.

The total square footage of the tree protection zone is 4,225 sq. ft. (65 feet x 65 feet). Even though approximately 50% of the tree protection zone will be impacted, the majority of the construction is taking place outside the dripline and outside the recommended minimal distance away from the trunk of the tree of 23 feet (78 inches (6.5 feet)) times 3.5 = 23 feet. This recommended minimal distance away from the trunk of the tree of 23 feet around the tree is approximately 2,000 sq. ft. and approximately 18% or 350 sq. ft. will be impacted. Although 18% of the area will be impacted, it is minimal in relation to the overall percentage of the area of the tree that will not be impacted by the proposed construction.

The demolition of the home is rated as low impact to the redwood tree. The house and associated foundation/concrete work are proposed for removal. Many roots in this area of the TPZ are likely less than 2" in diameter (see Site Plan) and if they do, the impact is minimal to the health and safety of the tree. Likewise, the home construction is rated as low impact since all the will have been removed during demolition (Site Plan). Keep grading outside the dripline of the tree which is 17' from the face of the trunk.

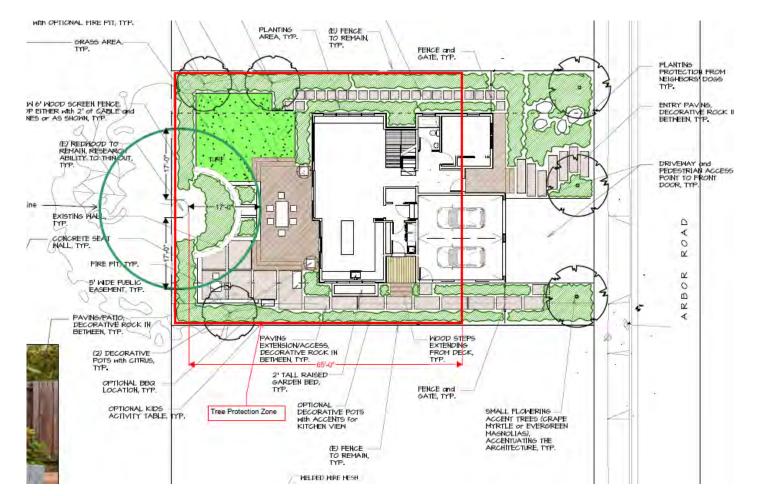
We are providing the following guidelines for the potential impacts of the proposed work within the TPZ for the existing, deck, planter, seat wall, and pavers. To minimize the impacts to the tree, some of the footings have been modified from below grade trench footings to post footings.

As such, we recommend roots with diameters of 2 inches or greater, are not cut without prior assessment of the Project Arborist or Registered Consulting Arborist. An hourly rate may be charged for these inspections. If roots larger than 2" in diameter are encountered, "bridging" of roots may become an option to severing. Bridging roots preserves roots by wrapping the root with canvas which forms a 6" frame over the root. The items listed below are rated as low impact with brief descriptions discussing the impact. In addition, percentages as an impact to the TPZ from the construction are discussed later in this report.

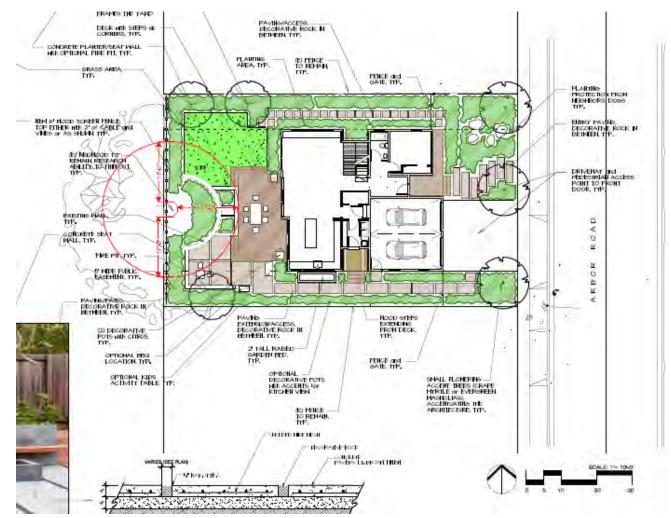
- Existing Wall low impact wall to remain.
- Deck low impact deck to be constructed of post hole footings which will minimize the impact of cutting roots.
- Planter low impact minimal roots will be cut to install the planter.
- Seat wall low impact the wall is to be constructed on the rear south side of the tree which is a reasonable distance from the trunk for severing roots.
- Pavers low impact there will be compaction near the south side of the tree protection zone to install the pavers; however, it is less than significant because a relatively small section of the tree will be compacted.
- Fire pit low impact there will be excavation to install the fire pit.

To accommodate the impacts to the heritage tree from the proposed turf removal, including reduced irrigation to the tree, I recommend the installation of drip irrigation under the decorative rock and placed between the concrete slabs. The line should have its own dedicated valve. The watering of the shrubs will also provide additional water.

In addition, I recommend an irrigation plan for the heritage tree of watering 5x weekly or 3.5 inches of water per month during from June – August under the dripline and in the raised planter of the redwood tree during construction. This is equivalent to about 8 - 10 gallons of water per day. Between September – May, water the tree 3x weekly, except in periods of rain.

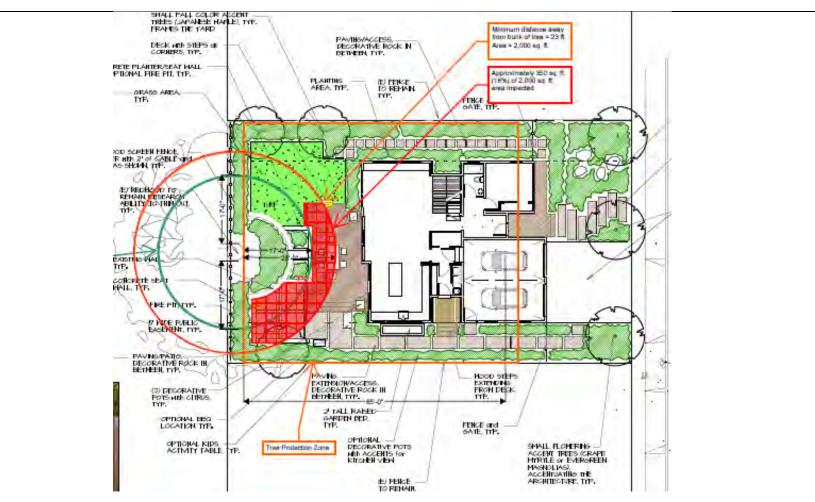


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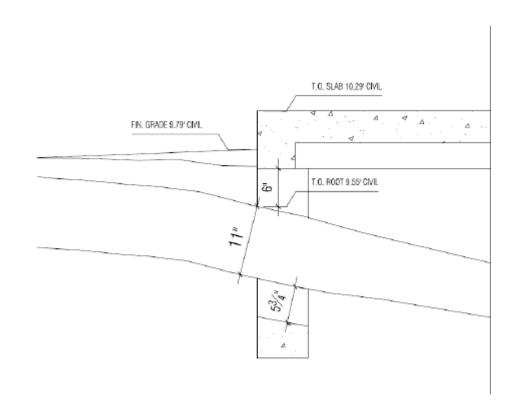
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Dripline of redwood tree shown by red circle at 17' radius.



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### Example Detail of Bridging a Root Through a Concrete Footing

### Pruning

Pruning or "thinning" should primarily focus on reducing limb failure by minimizing hazardous conditions by reducing foliage mass and branches with defects. Lift canopy only for clearance and only where needed. Remove dead branches while retaining small-diameter interior live branches. The latest research shows that shortening a branch markedly reduces motion on that branch and subsequent damage in wind. Limit removal of live foliage to less than 10 percent from a mature tree. Over pruning a tree removes live tissue on a mature tree and forces it to react and expend energy unnecessarily<sup>2</sup>. Do not remove tree roots under the tree's canopy.

This tree canopy may require pruning due to the low hanging small branches up to 8' from the ground for equipment clearance. No branches over 2" shall be cut. Pruning of tree should be in accordance with industry standards (International Society of Arboriculture or ANZI 133.1). I recommend Canopy.org in order to locate a qualified tree pruning company.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/woody/preventive-pruning.shtml

### **Tree Protection Measures**

Recommendations presented within this section serve as general design guidelines to help mitigate or avoid damage in conformance with the City requirements. They are subject to revision upon reviewing the project plans and the Project Arborist should be consulted in the event any cannot be feasibly implemented. Please note all referenced distances from trunks are intended from the closest edge (face of) their outermost perimeter at soil grade.

- 1. Underground utilities and services should be routed beyond the TPZ. Where this is not feasible, the section of line(s) within the TPZ should be directionally toward at least 4 feet below existing grade or installed by other means to avoid an open trench.
- 2. Staging area and route(s) of access should be not be within the TPZ of the protected trees. Equipment access should only occur beyond the TPZ.
- 3. To restrict spoils and runoff from traveling into root zones, the future erosion control design should establish any silt fencing and or straw wattles away from the tree's trunk (not against it) and as close the canopy's edge as possible.
- 4. Irrigation should not spray the trunk.
- 5. Warning signs must be prominently displayed in each side of protection fencing and be a minimum of 8.5 x 11 inches in size. Once fencing and signage for street trees are installed, the City's Public Works Department must be contacted to visit the site to verify installation. This warning sign shall be posted to the fencing. A warning sign shall clearly state: WARNING Tree Protection Zone.
- 6. Tree trunks shall not be used as a winch support for moving or lifting heavy loads.
- 7. Spoils created during digging shall not be piled or spread on unpaved ground within the TPZ.
- Great care must be taken by equipment operators to position their equipment to avoid the trunks and branches, including the scorching of foliage. Where a conflict exists, the Project Arborist can be consulted to provide a feasible solution. Additional charges may apply.
- 9. Dust accumulating on trunks and canopies during dry weather periods shall be washed away every 3 to 4 months.

- 10. The disposal of harmful products is prohibited beneath the canopies.
- 11. Herbicide should not be used with a TPZ on site or should be labeled for safe use near trees.
- 12. Tilling, ripping, and compaction within the TPZ shall be avoided.
- 13. Watering schedule for all trees: apply supplemental water monthly during the summer months.
- 14. Water drainage shall be directed away from protected trees.

### Fencing

Type I fence encloses the area throughout the life of the project, or until final improvement work within the area is required, typically near the end of the project. Tree fencing shall be erected before demolition, grading or construction begins.

Protective Tree Fencing means a temporary enclosure erected around a tree to be protected at the dripline of the tree. The fence serves three primary functions: 1) to keep the foliage crown, branch structure and trunk clear from direct contact and damage by equipment, materials or disturbances; 2) to preserve roots and soil in an intact and non-compacted state.

### REQUIRED WARNING SIGN POSTED TO FENCING



# EXAMPLE OF SIGNAGE ON FENCING. PHOTO NOT FROM CURRENT SITE. FOR ILLUSTRATION PURPOSES ONLY.

This warning sign shall be posted to the fencing. A warning sign shall be prominently displayed on the fence. The sign shall be a minimum of  $8.5 \times 11$  inches and clearly state: WARNING - Tree Protection Zone.



No Dumping Allowed Around the Protect Trees

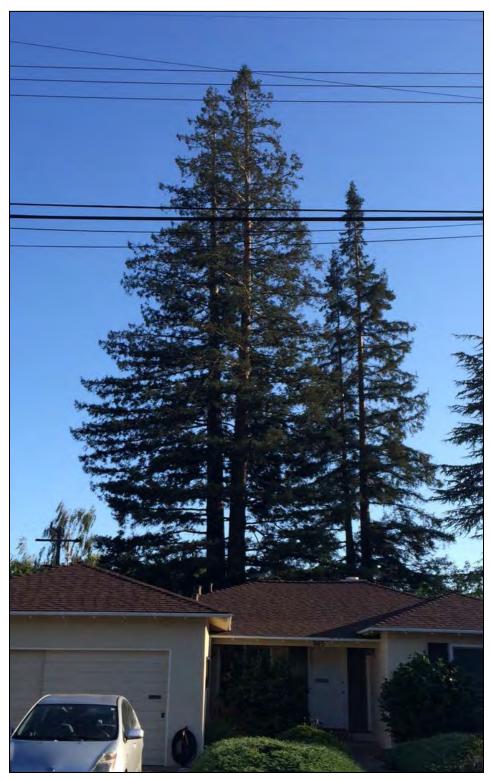
### USE OF HERBICIDE IS NOT ALLOWED WITHIN 20 FEET OF THE TREE'S DRIPLINE. STORAGE OR PARKING VEHICLES, BUILDING MATERIALS, REFUSE, EXCAVATED MATERIALS SPOILS OR DUMPING OF POISONOUS MATERIALS ON OR AROUND TREES AND ROOTS. POISONOUS MATERIALS INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, PAINT, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS, CONCRETE OR STUCCO MIX, DIRTY WATER OR ANY OTHER MATERIAL WHICH MAY BE DELETERIOUS TO TREE HEALTH.

The permanent and temporary drainage design should not require water being discharged within TPZ. The drainage should not require trenching for storm drains or swales within the TPZ.

- 1. To restrict spoils and runoff from traveling into root zones, the future erosion control design should establish any silt fencing and or straw wattles away from the tree's trunk (not against it) and as close the canopy's edge as possible.
- 2. Tree trunks shall not be used as a winch support for moving or lifting heavy loads.
- 3. Spoils created during digging shall not be piled or spread on unpaved ground within the TPZ.

- 4. Great care must be taken by equipment operators to position their equipment to avoid the trunks and branches, including the scorching of foliage. Where a conflict exists, the Project Arborist can be consulted to provide a feasible solution.
- 5. Dust accumulating on trunks and canopies during dry weather periods shall be washed away every 3 to 4 months.
- 6. The disposal of harmful products is prohibited beneath the canopies.
- 7. Herbicide should not be used with a TPZ on site or should be labeled for safe use near trees.
- 8. Make sure irrigation does not hit base of trunk.

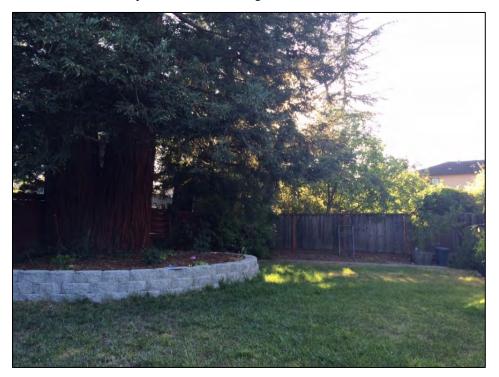
## **Site Photos**



Tseng's redwood tree.

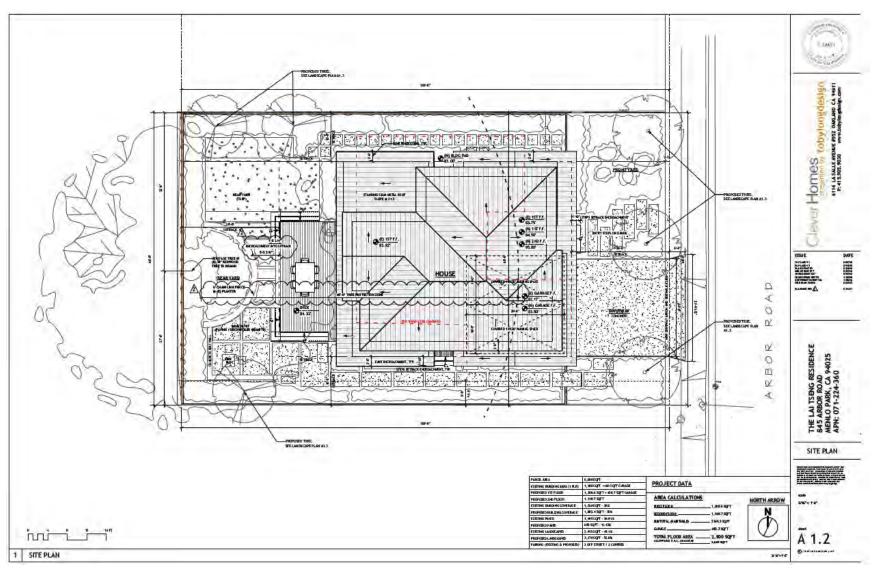


Tree protection zone fencing 6-foot chain link fence.

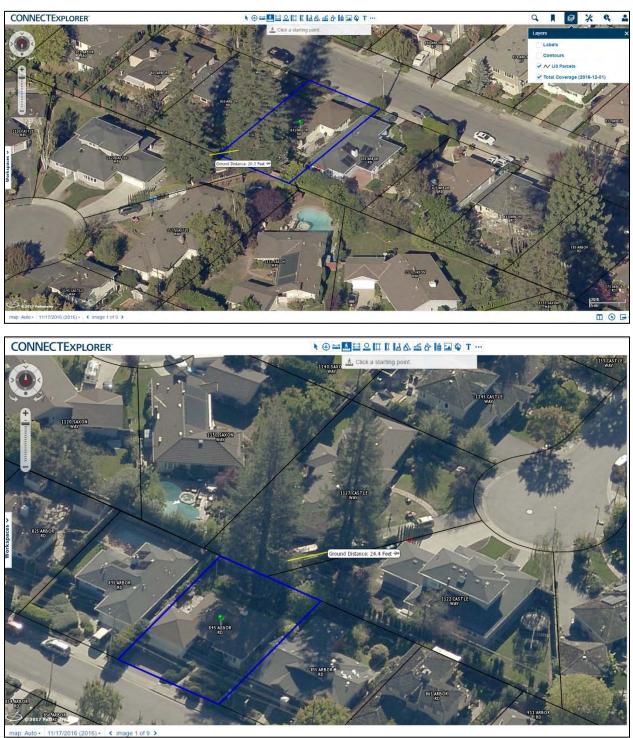


Do not disturb the existing roots in the raised planter. Do not removed leaf litter from planter.

### Site Plan



### **2016 Aerial Photos**



No heritage trees are planted within 10 feet of the property line from the adjacent properties.

### Qualifications

I am president of Evergreen Arborists Consultants, Inc. with over 32 years of experience in the landscape industry. My background includes hands-on experience in tree care, landscape maintenance, construction, and irrigation management. I have a Master's degree in plant science from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. I have provided detailed investigations, independent analysis, and expert witness testimony since 2003. I am a Registered Consulting Arborist with the American Society of Consulting Arborists (ASCA), a certified arborist and a tree risk assessor (TRAQ) with the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), a licensed pesticide applicator (QAL) with the state of California, and a (C-27) California licensed landscape contractor.

### **Assumptions and Limitations**

### Limits of Agreement

My examination of the trees is based on my visual inspection of the trees. My site examination and the information in this report is limited to the date and time the inspection occurred. The information in this report is limited to the condition of the trees at the time of my inspection. My examination is not considered as a tree risk assessment of any tree. This report is not intended as, and does not represent, legal advice and should not be relied upon to take the place of such advice.

### Purpose and Use of Report

This report presents my observations and opinions concerning the trees observed. My report provides my evaluation of the trees on the site. This report is intended for the exclusive use of the client and Toby Long and used at their discretion.

My field methods were evaluated with a 100 percent ground visual survey. No climbing, excavating, coring, boring, sounding of the trunk, or drilling was performed. Trees that require an additional inspection for risk and hazard evaluation beyond the visual ground inspection will be billed under a separate proposal. All inspections are visual ground inspections and are not considered as a risk inspection. No digging, root collar excavation, drilling, coring, or climbing was performed. A risk assessment would include but not be limited to a root collar excavation, climbing the tree, and further examining the upper side of branches and upper trunk and stems. My site examination and the information in this report were limited to the date and time the inspection occurred. The information in this report was limited to the condition of the trees during my inspection.

Additional inspection(s) require a separate agreement between both parties in writing. Site inspections are only provide a "snapshot" of the tree. Changes in environmental conditions such as but not limited to construction, surrounding site changes, flooding, root damage, fires, pruning practices, lack of maintenance, grade changes, and wind can impact the tree's conditions, structure, safety, risk factor, and health, etc. A consulting arborist cannot detect every condition

that could possibly lead to the structural failure of a tree. Trees are living organisms that fail in ways we do not fully understand. Conditions are often hidden within trees and/or below ground under the tree. Arborists cannot guarantee that a tree will be healthy or safe under all circumstances or for a specified period of time. Likewise, remedial treatment does not guarantee outcome or results. The web provides numerous tree risk assessment sites that offer tips for tree care and detecting and/or identifying potential tree hazards. If the client believes the tree's condition has changed since the date of this inspection, the arborist should be contacted ASAP. Future inspections, canopy inspections, and root collar examinations are under the client's discretion.

Evergreen Arborists Consultants, Inc., or its employees, or related companies, makes no guaranties, express or implied to the trees health, risk, hazard, condition, potential for failure or future condition. Evergreen Arborists Consultants, Inc., or its employees shall not be liable to client/owner or any other party(s) for loss of property, loss of life, loss of use, loss of profits or income(s), special damages, incidental damages, consequential damages, incidental damages, or damages arising from the failure of inspection(s) or weather conditions. The client shall hold this arborist harmless against any and all claims for injuries to persons or property on the premises.

A consulting arborist is a tree specialist who uses their education, knowledge, training, and experience to examine trees, recommend measures to enhance the beauty and health of trees and attempt to reduce the risk of living near trees. Clients may choose to accept or disregard the recommendations of the arborist or seek additional advice. Any treatment(s), such as pruning and removal of trees, but not limited to, property boundaries, property ownership, site lines, disputes between neighbors, landlord-tenant matters, etc. are beyond the scope of this work. This arborist relies and accepts information from his client to be complete and accurate. The client hiring this arborist accepts full responsibility for authorizing the recommended treatment(s) or remedial measure(s) and holds this arborist harmless. Trees can be managed, but they cannot be controlled. To live near a tree is to accept some degree of risk. The only way to eliminate all risks is to eliminate all trees.

# **Community Development**



### STAFF REPORT

Planning Commission Meeting Date: Staff Report Number:

4/24/2017 17-022-PC

Public Hearing:

Use Permit/Goldsilverisland Properties LLC/674-676 Partridge Avenue

### Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission approve a use permit to demolish two one-story, single-family residences and a detached two-car garage, and construct two two-story, single-family residences and a detached one-car garage on a substandard lot with respect to lot width in the R-2 (Low Density Apartment) zoning district, at 674-676 Partridge Avenue. The proposal includes the removal of one heritage black acacia tree in the right rear area of the parcel as well as administrative review of a tentative parcel map to subdivide the project into two condominium units. The recommended actions are included as Attachment A.

### **Policy Issues**

Each use permit request is considered individually. The Planning Commission should consider whether the required use permit findings can be made for the proposal.

### Background

### Site location

The project site is located at 674-676 Partridge Avenue in the Allied Arts neighborhood. It is immediately surrounded by R-2 parcels, except for the rear, where the parcel adjoins properties zoned R-1-U (Single Family Urban). The parcel to the right of the subject site is developed with a one-story single family home at the front and a two-story single family home at the rear, and the parcel to the left is developed with two two-story single family homes. The neighborhood is a mix of single family and multiple family developments, generally developed in a similar style to the proposed site layout, with some larger multi-family development B.

### Analysis

### **Project description**

The site is currently developed with two one-story, single-family residences and a detached two-car garage. The applicant is proposing to demolish the existing buildings and redevelop the site with two two-story, single-family residences and a detached one-car garage. The subject lot is substandard with regard to lot width, with a lot width of 50 feet where 65 feet is required. A data table summarizing parcel and project attributes is included as Attachment C. The project plans and the applicant's project description letter are included as Attachments D and E, respectively.

The site is designed with one unit in the front, one unit in the rear with an attached one-car garage, and a

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detached one-car garage between the two units. With the exception of the garage location, the units would have identical floor plans and would each have four bedrooms and three bathrooms, with three of the bedrooms and two of the bathrooms located on the second floor. The proposed total floor area for both units would be 3,760.4 square feet where 3,767.6 square feet is the maximum allowed. The maximum height of each dwelling unit would be 24 feet, which is well below the maximum allowable height of 28 feet.

The proposed development would meet all other R-2 development regulations, including the required minimum yards, daylight planes, maximum second-floor FAL, and landscaping. The project would have a landscape area of approximately 47 percent, where 40 percent is the minimum required. The project would result in a building coverage of 29 percent, where 35 percent is the maximum allowed.

The applicant is also requesting tentative map approval for the creation of two condominium units, which would allow each of the units to be sold individually. The map is being reviewed concurrently by staff through the administrative review process. For new construction, minor subdivisions can be approved administratively, if a project obtains use permit approval by the Planning Commission.

### Design and materials

The project applicant indicates that the proposed residences are designed as modern variations on the colonial style. The applicant states that the homes would use colonial details such as gable returns, horizontal siding, detailed eave and window trim, and columns. The residences would feature "HardiePlank" (or equivalent) horizontal siding on all elevations. Each unit would have composition shingles on the roof. The proposed units would be comparable in design and materials with the exceptions that Unit #1 would have the full length of the fireplace shown on the exterior and Unit #2 would have an attached garage. Locating the garage to the rear of Unit #1 would conceal this parking feature on this relatively narrow parcel and create a more prominent entry with a more pedestrian-oriented street presence. The porch columns would be non-tapered colonial wood posts with caps and bases. The stone veneer would be used on the chimneys. The windows for both units would be interior and exterior simulated divided lites with spacer bars in between the glass. The windows on the second floor of both units mostly would have a sill height of four feet, eight inches, which would limit the potential for privacy impacts. The one window on the east elevation of Unit #2 with a sill height of one foot, eight inches would be obscured to ensure privacy of the adjacent neighbors.

The applicant has provided visual interest by utilizing varying rooflines, projections and recesses, and adding articulation through wood trims and colonial architectural accents as described above. The attached garage of Unit #2 would feature a decorative carriage-style wood garage door. The detached one-car garage for Unit #1 would also feature cladding and ornamentation consistent with the two residences and a decorative carriage-style wood garage door; however, it would not be visible from the street. Most of the residences in the area are varied between one- and two-story and represent various densities and styles, with newer developments generally containing two detached units similar to the proposed site layout. Staff believes that the scale, materials, and style of the proposed residences are compatible with the neighborhood.

### Trees and landscaping

There are 16 trees on or near the project site, including 12 heritage and four non-heritage trees. The applicant has submitted an arborist report (Attachment F) detailing the species, size, and conditions of these trees. As part of the project review process, the arborist report was revised to include additional detail and specificity regarding impacts to the two heritage trees closest to the new structure of Unit #2 (trees #8 and 14) and methods to mitigate such impacts.

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One heritage black acacia tree (tree #10) in the right side yard near the rear is proposed to be removed due to its poor condition. One red maple replacement tree is proposed in the left rear corner of the property. The applicant has submitted a heritage tree removal permit application and received tentative approval from the City Arborist pending Planning Commission approval of the overall project. One non-heritage tree (#9, near tree #10) is also proposed for removal.

Prior to the demolition phase of the project, the seven remaining heritage trees on the property (trees #1, 2, 3, 8, 11, 14, and 15) would be protected by tree protection fencing where possible and would have the trunks wrapped with straw wattle and covered with orange plastic fencing. The Tree Protection Plan includes measures for hand digging, irrigation, and inspections as needed. Recommended tree protection measures, including specific measures to ensure the protection of heritage trees #1, 2, 3, 8, 11, 14, and 15, would be ensured through recommended condition 3g.

### Parking and circulation

To meet the off-street parking requirements of one covered and one uncovered parking space per dwelling unit, the applicant is proposing a detached one-car garage for the front unit (Unit #1), two uncovered parking spaces, and an attached one-car garage at the rear unit (Unit #2). The 224-square foot detached garage is proposed to be located approximately 31 feet behind Unit #1 and 24 feet from the left side property line to meet the minimum back-up dimension required by the Transportation Division. Two uncovered parking spaces are proposed on either side of the detached garage. The space to the front of the garage would provide required parking for Unit #1 and the space to the rear would provide required parking for the Unit #2. The detached garage is proposed to be approximately 11.5 feet in height, which is lower than the maximum allowable height of 14 feet for accessory buildings. The proposed detached garage would also comply with the daylight plane requirement for accessory buildings.

### Correspondence

Staff has not received any correspondence on the proposed project. In the project description letter (Attachment E), the applicant states that they held a neighborhood meeting on September 7, 2017 and received positive feedback.

### Conclusion

Staff believes that the scale, materials, and style of the proposed residences would be compatible with those of the existing structures on Partridge Avenue and in the general vicinity. The garages would be concealed and deemphasized to provide focus on the front entry way. The varying rooflines, projections and recesses and colonial architectural details add visual interest to the project. Heritage trees would be protected through the site design and during the construction of the project. Staff recommends that the Planning Commission approve the proposed project.

### Impact on City Resources

The project sponsor is required to pay Planning, Building and Public Works permit fees, based on the City's Master Fee Schedule, to fully cover the cost of staff time spent on the review of the project.

### **Environmental Review**

The project is categorically exempt under Class 3 (Section 15303, "New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures") of the current California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

### **Public Notice**

Public Notification was achieved by posting the agenda, with the agenda items being listed, at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. Public notification also consisted of publishing a notice in the local newspaper and notification by mail of owners and occupants within a 300-foot radius of the subject property.

### **Appeal Period**

The Planning Commission action will be effective after 15 days unless the action is appealed to the City Council, in which case the outcome of the application shall be determined by the City Council.

### Attachments

- A. Recommended Actions
- B. Location Map
- C. Data Table
- D. Project Plans
- E. Project Description Letter
- F. Arborist Report

### Disclaimer

Attached are reduced versions of maps and diagrams submitted by the applicants. The accuracy of the information in these drawings is the responsibility of the applicants, and verification of the accuracy by City Staff is not always possible. The original full-scale maps, drawings and exhibits are available for public viewing at the Community Development Department.

### **Exhibits to Be Provided at Meeting**

None

Report prepared by: Sunny Chao, Assistant Planner

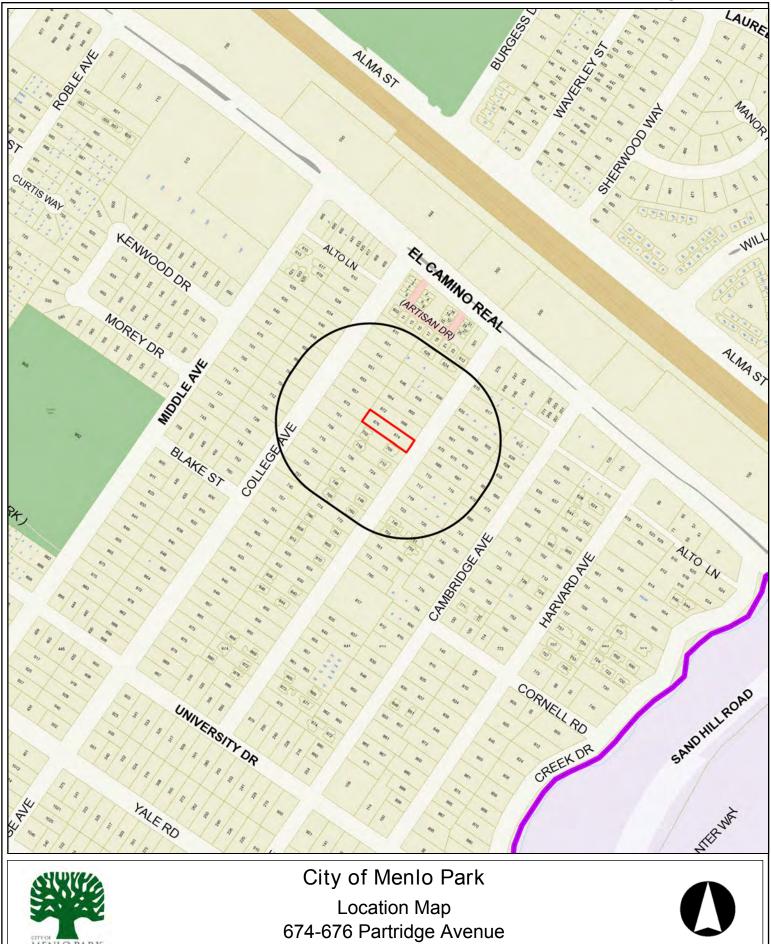
Report reviewed by: Thomas Rogers, Principal Planner

## 674-676 Partridge Avenue – Attachment A: Recommended Actions

|   |  |   |                      | <b>CT NUMBER:</b><br>6-00099   | APPLICANT:<br>Goldsilverisland<br>Properties LLC  |        | OWNER:<br>Goldsilverisland<br>Properties LLC                               |  |
|---|--|---|----------------------|--|---|--------|--|--|
| <b>REQUEST:</b> Request for a use permit to demolish two one-story, single-family residences and a detached two-car garage, and construct two two-story, single-family residences and a detached one-car garage on a substandard lot with respect to lot width in the R-2 (Low Density Apartment) zoning district. The proposal includes the removal of one heritage black acacia tree in the right rear area of the parcel as well as administrative review of a tentative parcel map to subdivide the project into two condominium units. |  |   |                      |  |   |        |  |  |
| <b>DECISION ENTITY:</b> Planning Commission   |  |   |                      | <b>DATE:</b> April 24, 2017 <b>ACT</b>   |   | ACTION | TION: TBD  |  |
| VOTE: TBD (Barnes, Combs, Goodhue, Kahle, Onken, Riggs, Strehl)   |  |   |                      |  |   |        |  |  |
| ACTION:   |  |   |                      |  |   |        |  |  |
| 1.  | <ol> <li>Make a finding that the project is categorically exempt under Class 3 (Section 15303, "New<br/>Construction or Conversion of Small Structures") of the current California Environmental Quality Act<br/>(CEQA) Guidelines.</li> </ol>   |   |                      |  |   |        |  |  |
| 2.  | permits<br>genera  | ake findings, as per Section 16.82.030 of the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to the granting of use ermits, that the proposed use will not be detrimental to the health, safety, morals, comfort and eneral welfare of the persons residing or working in the neighborhood of such proposed use, and ill not be detrimental to property and improvements in the neighborhood or the general welfare of e City. |                      |  |   |        |  |  |
| 3.  | Approv   | ove the use permit subject to the following standard conditions:  |                      |  |   |        |  |  |
|   | a.   | Development of the project shall be substantially in conformance with the plans prepared by Hometec Architecture, Inc., consisting of 21 plan sheets, dated received April 12, 2017, and approved by the Planning Commission on April 24, 2017, except as modified by the conditions contained herein, subject to review and approval of the Planning Division.   |                      |  |   |        |  |  |
|   | b.   | Prior to building permit issuance, the applicants shall comply with all Sanitary District, Me<br>Park Fire Protection District, and utility companies' regulations that are directly applicable<br>the project.   |                      |  |   |        |  |  |
|   | C.   | c. Prior to building permit issuance, the applicants shall comply with all requirements of the Building Division, Engineering Division, and Transportation Division that are directly applicable to the project.  |                      |  |   |        |  |  |
|   | d. Prior to building permit issuance, the applicant shall submit a plan for any new utility<br>installations or upgrades for review and approval by the Planning, Engineering and Buil<br>Divisions. All utility equipment that is installed outside of a building and that cannot be<br>placed underground shall be properly screened by landscaping. The plan shall show ex<br>locations of all meters, back flow prevention devices, transformers, junction boxes, relay<br>boxes, and other equipment boxes. |   |                      |  |   |        | Engineering and Building<br>and that cannot be<br>ne plan shall show exact |  |
|   | shall submit plans indi<br>significantly worn secti  |   |                      | submittal of a complete building permit application, the applicant<br>icating that the applicant shall remove and replace any damaged ar<br>ions of frontage improvements. The plans shall be submitted for<br>f the Engineering Division. |   |        | place any damaged and  |  |
|   | f.   | shall submit a Division. The  | a Grading<br>Grading | and Drainage Pla   | complete building permit application, the applicant<br>Plan for review and approval of the Engineering<br>Plan shall be approved prior to the issuance of<br>S. |        |  |  |

| LOCATION: 674-676<br>Partridge Avenue   | PROJECT NUMBER:<br>PLN2016-00099 | APPLICANT:<br>Goldsilverisland<br>Properties LLC |  | OWNER:<br>Goldsilverisland<br>Properties LLC |  |  |  |
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| <b>DECISION ENTITY:</b> Plan<br>Commission  | ning <b>DATE:</b> April 24       | <b>DATE:</b> April 24, 2017 <b>ACT</b>           |  | I: TBD                                       |  |  |  |
| VOTE: TBD (Barnes, Combs, Goodhue, Kahle, Onken, Riggs, Strehl)   |                                  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ACTION:   |                                  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| g. Heritage trees in the vicinity of the construction project shall be protected pursuant to the<br>Heritage Tree Ordinance and the recommendations in the arborist report by Kielty Arborist<br>Services revised on March 21, 2017.  |                                  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

# ATTACHMENT B



Scale: 1:4,000

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Checked By: THR

Date: 4/24/2017

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# ATTACHMENT C

## 674-676 Partridge Avenue - Attachment C: Data Table

|  | PROP<br>PRO  | OSED<br>JECT | EXIS <sup>-</sup><br>PROJ | -         | ZON<br>ORDIN | -         |
|--|--|--------------|---------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| Lot area   | 9,419  | sf           | 9,419                     | sf        | 7,000        | sf min.   |
| Lot width  | 50   | ft.          | 50                        | ft.       | 65           | ft. min.  |
| Lot depth  | 188  | ft.          | 188                       | ft.       | 100          | ft. min.  |
| Setbacks   |  |              |                           |           |              |           |
| Front  | 21   | ft.          | 25                        | ft.       | 20           | ft. min.  |
| Rear   | 20.5   | ft.          | 20                        | ft.       | 20           | ft. min.  |
| Side (left)  | 5.1  | ft.          | 5                         | ft.       | 5            | ft. min.  |
| Side (right)   | 5.2  | ft.          | 8.7                       | ft.       | 5            | ft. min.  |
| Building coverage  | 2,767.1  | sf           | 2,908                     | sf        | 3,296.7      | sf max.   |
|  | 29   | %            | 31                        | %         | 35           | % max.    |
| FAL (Floor Area Limit)   | 3,760.4  | sf           | 2,727.7                   | sf        | 3,767.6      | sf max.   |
| Square footage by floor  |  |              | 484                       | sf/garage |              |           |
| Unit #1  | 970.8  | sf/1st       | 1,131                     | sf/1st    |              |           |
| •••••  | 683.8  | sf/2nd       | 91.4                      | sf/porch  |              |           |
|  | 227.3  | sf/garage    | -                         |           |              |           |
|  | 183.4  | sf/porches   |                           |           |              |           |
|  | 7.5  | sf/fireplace |                           |           |              |           |
| Unit #2  |  |              |                           |           |              |           |
|  | 970.8  | sf/1st       | 1,112.7                   | sf/1st    |              |           |
|  | 683.8  | sf/2nd       |                           |           |              |           |
|  | 223.9  | sf/garage    |                           |           |              |           |
|  | 183.4  | sf/porches   | 0.040.4                   |           |              |           |
| Square footage of<br>buildings   | 4,134.7  | sf           | 2,819.1                   | ST        |              |           |
| Building height  |  |              |                           |           | 28           | ft. max.  |
| Unit #1  | 24   | ft.          | 16.3                      | ft.       |              | per unit  |
| Unit #2  | 24   | ft           | 14.6                      | ft        |              |           |
| Parking  | 2 covered/2  | -            | 2 cov                     |           | 1 covered/1  | uncovered |
|  |  |              |                           |           | per          |           |
|  | Note: Areas shown highlighted indicate a nonconforming or substandard situation. |              |                           |           |              | on.       |
|  |  |              |                           |           |              |           |
| Trees  | Heritage trees*  | 12           | Non-Heritage tr           | ees** 4   | New Trees    | 1         |
| 11003  | Heritage trees   |              | Non-Heritage tr           |           | Total Numbe  |           |
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| *Includes two trees in the right-of-way, one tree on the adjacent right rear property, and |  |              |                           |           |              | e tree on |

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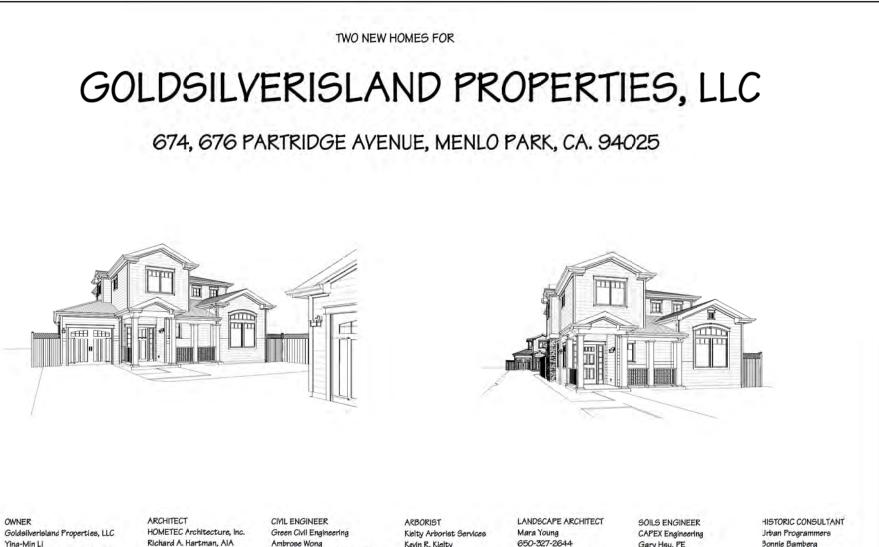
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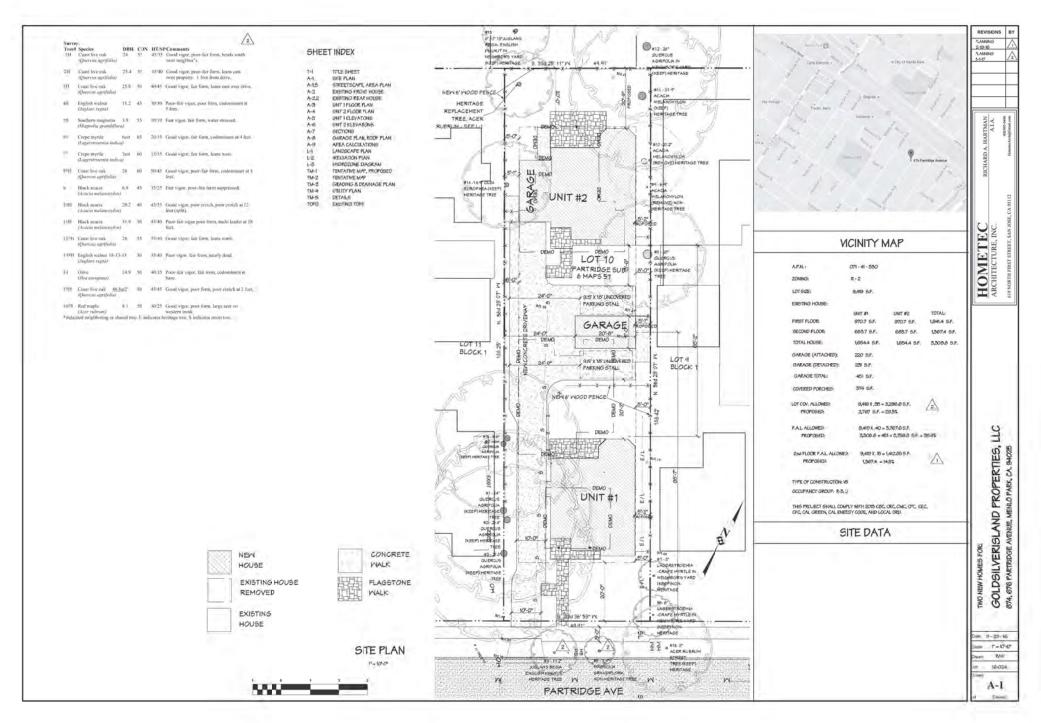


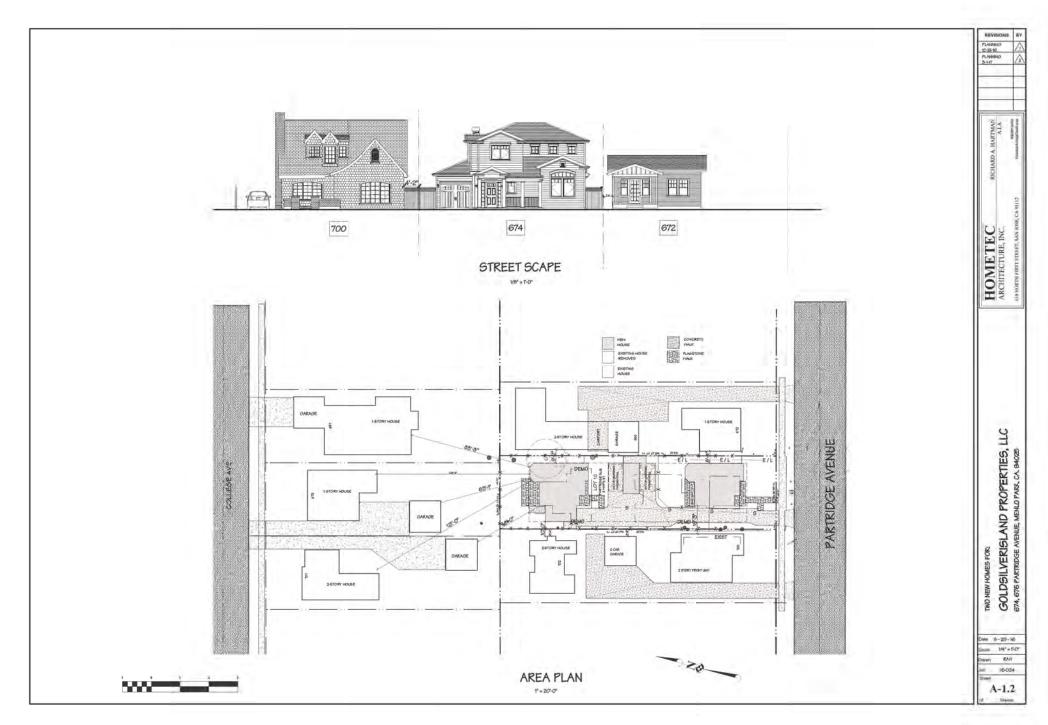
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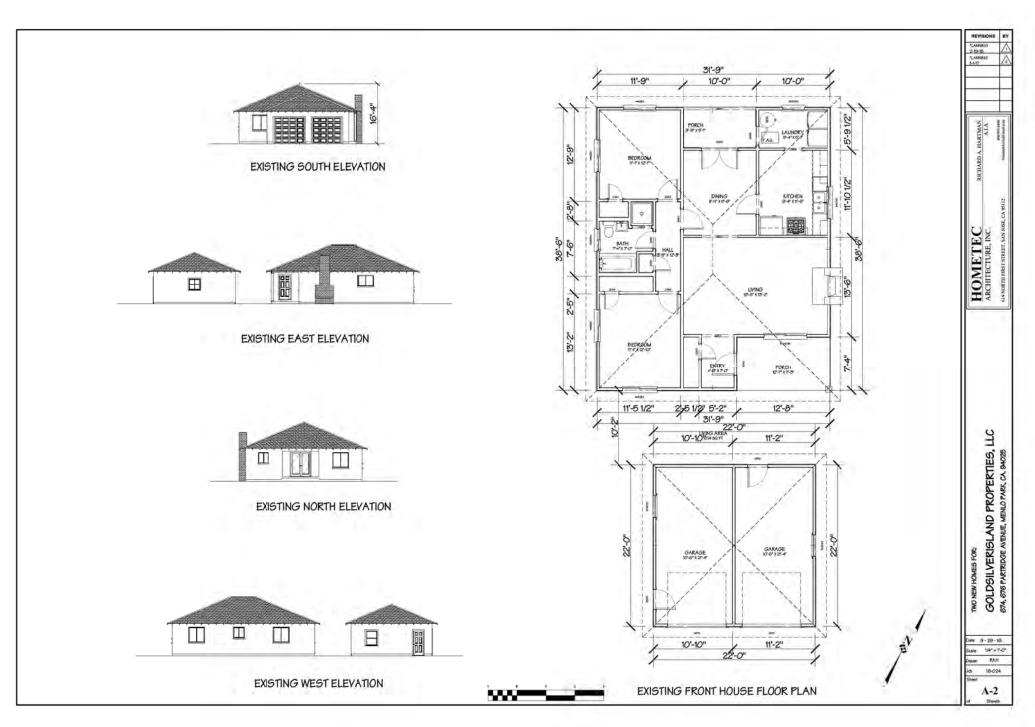
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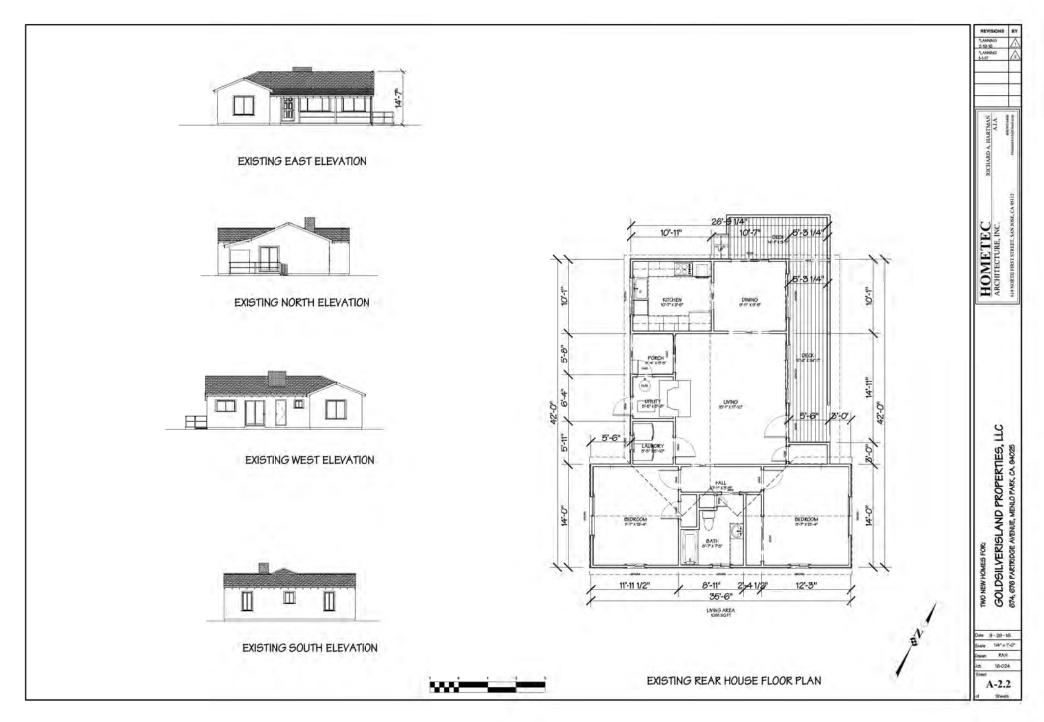
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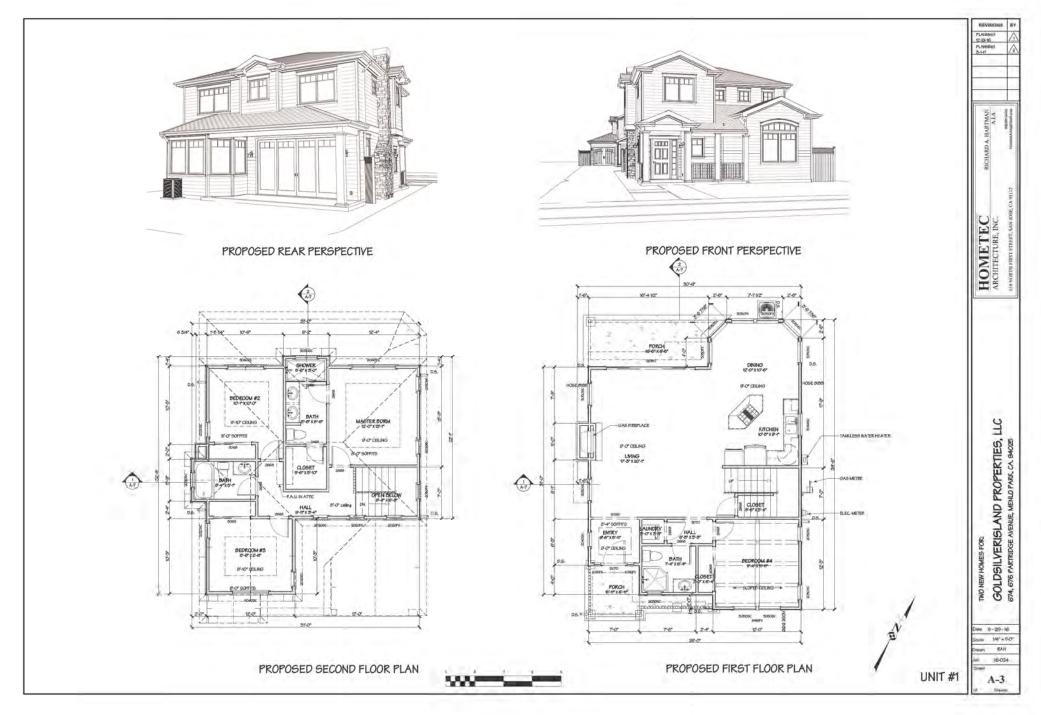
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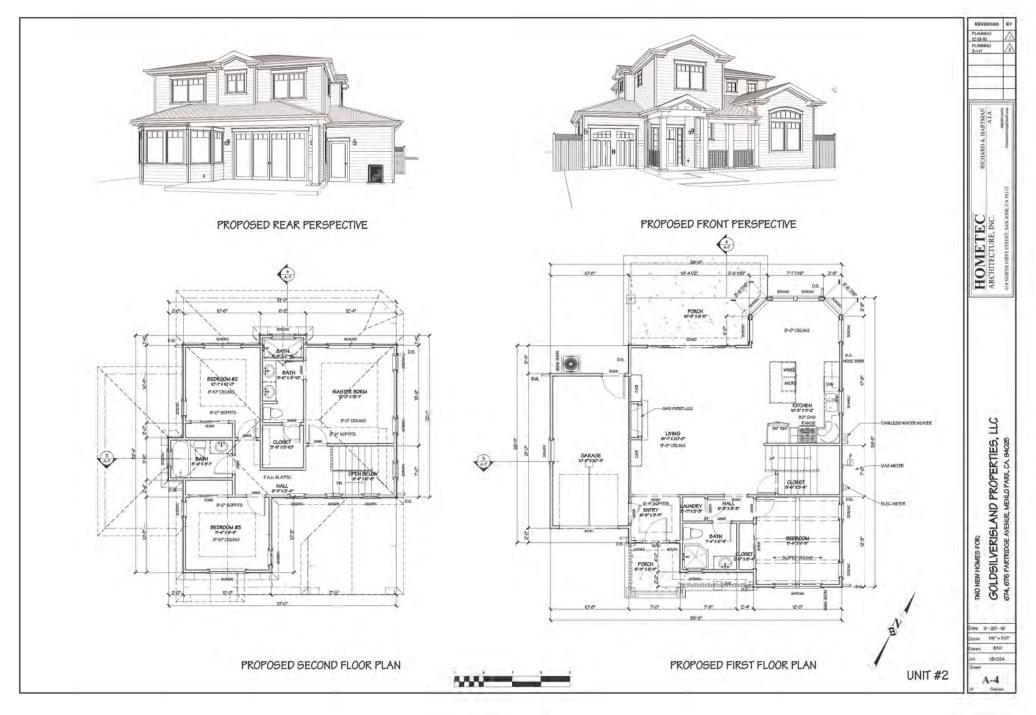






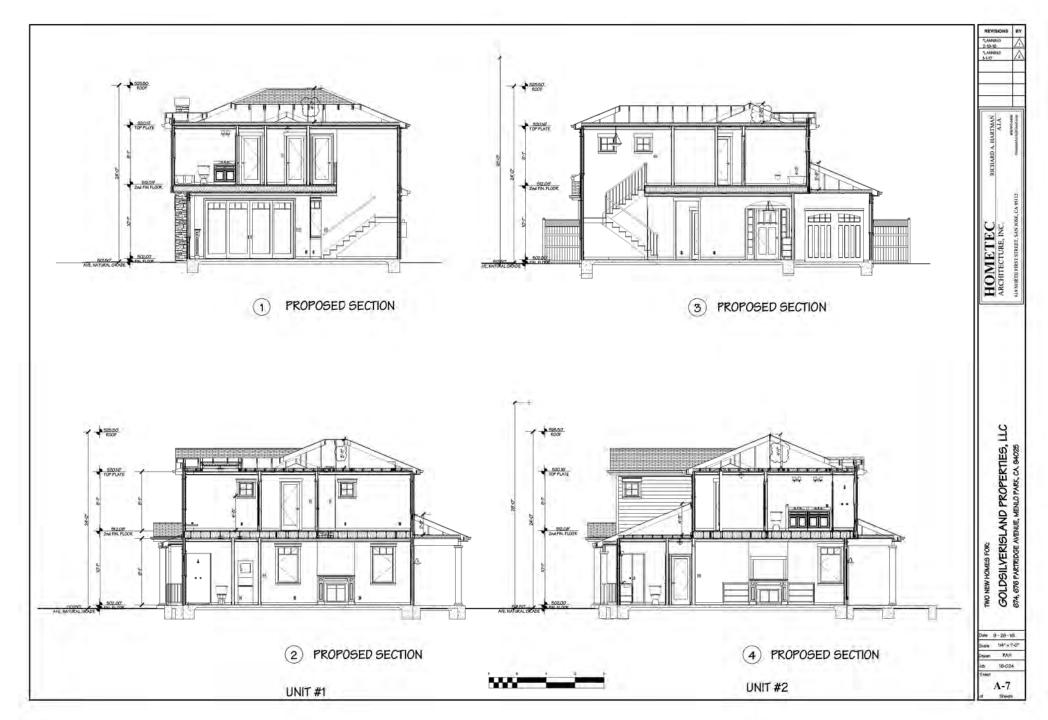


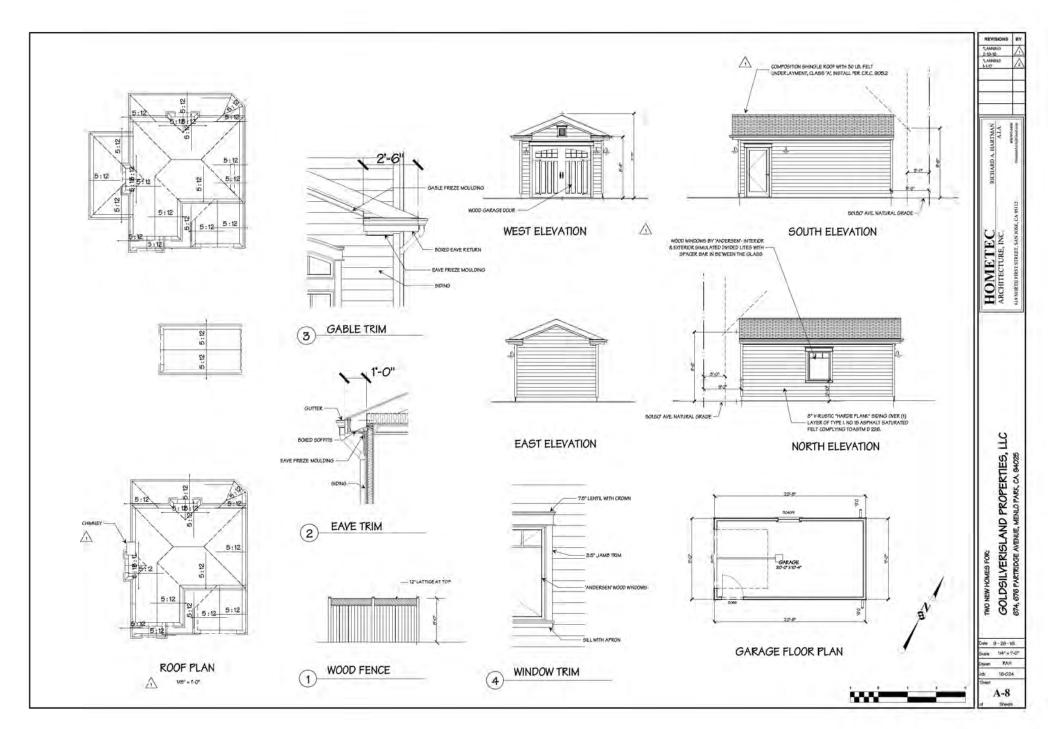


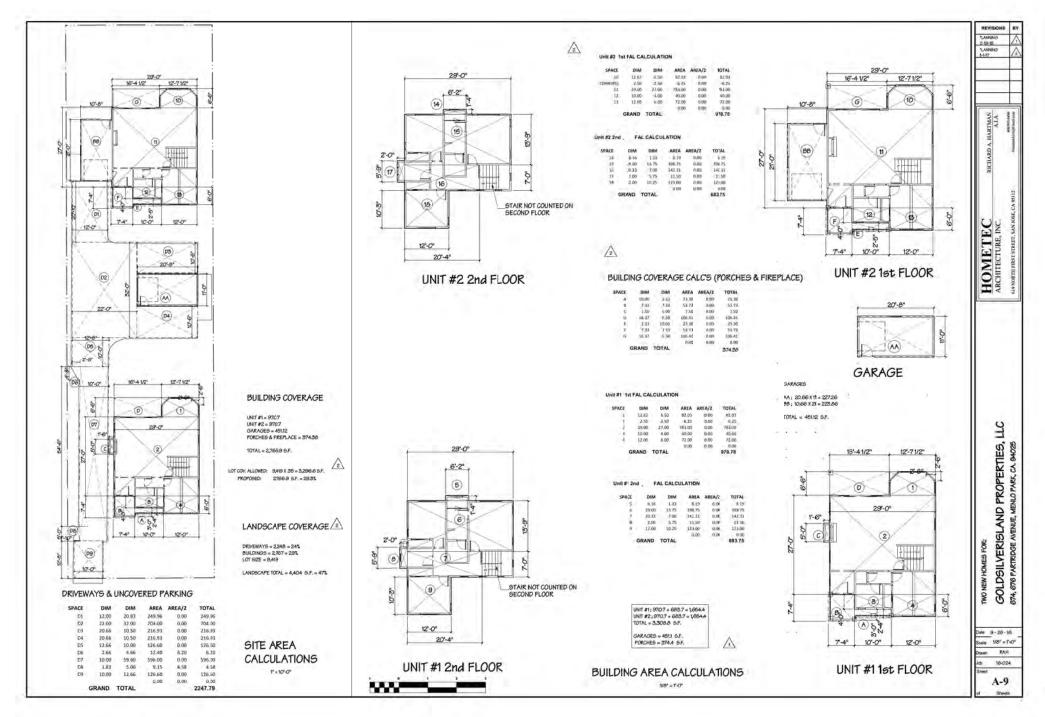




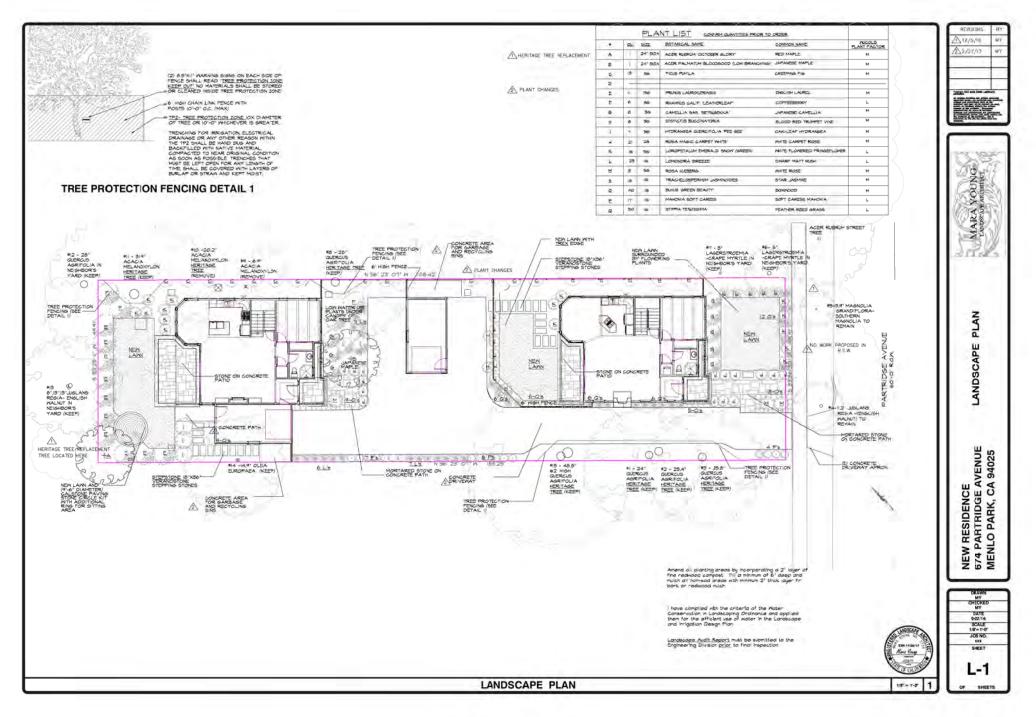


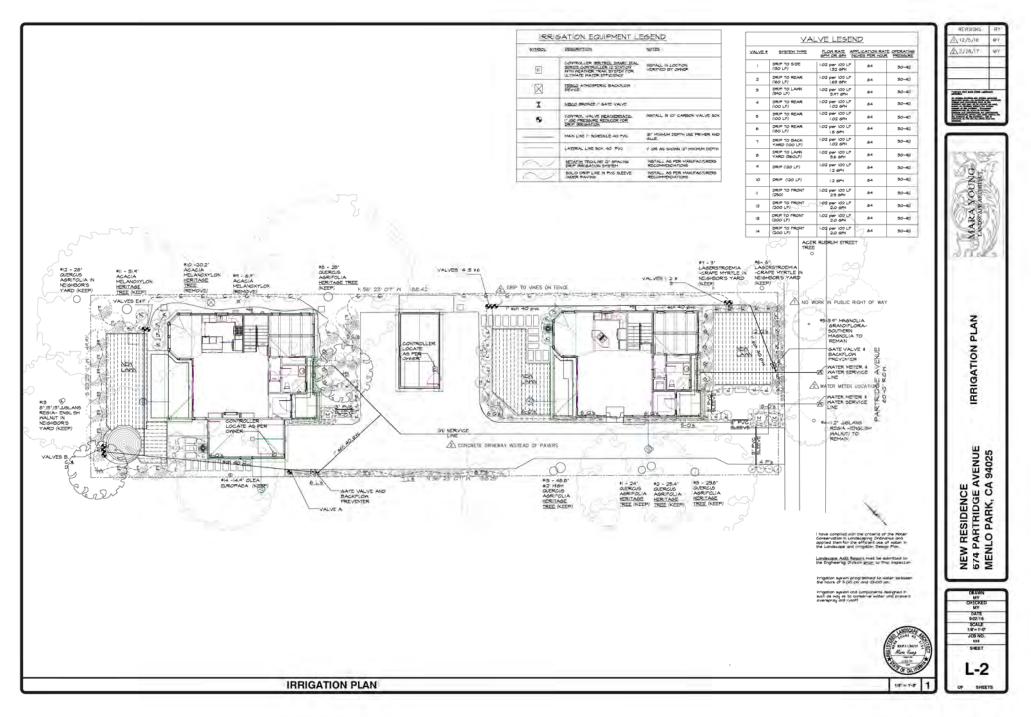


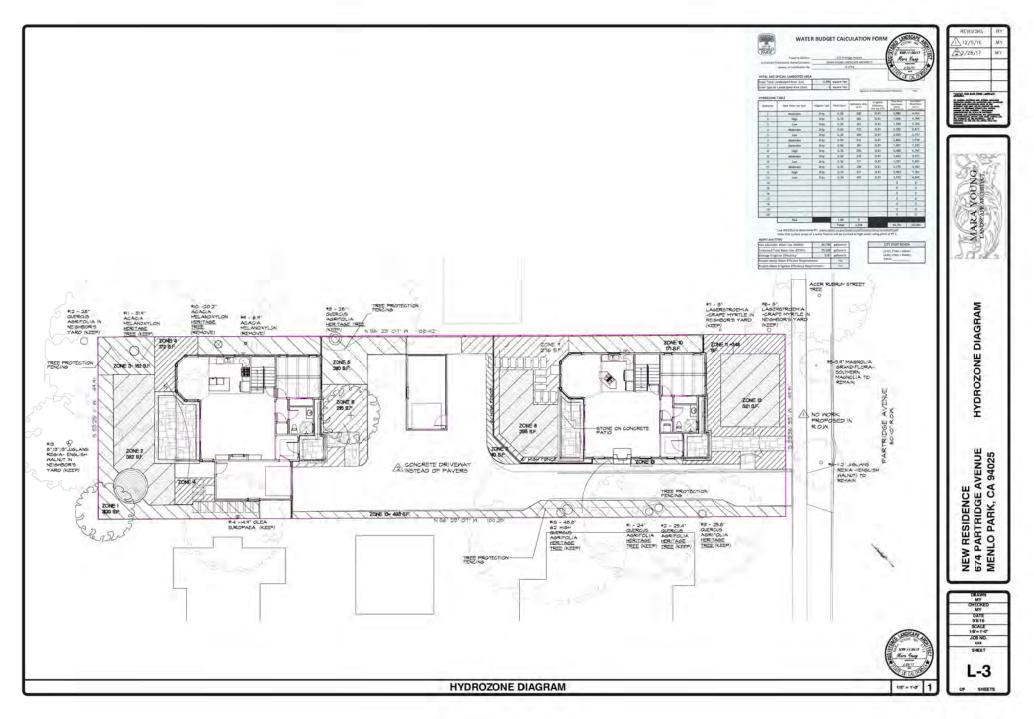




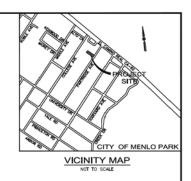
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#### PURPOSE:

LOT 10 OF THE PARTRIDGE SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF MENLO PARK, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, CALIFORNIA, TO BE DIVIDED INTO 2 RESIDENTIAL UNITS BY A SEPARATE CONDOMINUM PLAN.

#### SITE BENCHMARK:

BENCHMARK FOR THIS SURVEY IS A SPIKE HAVING AN ASSUMED DATUM WITH ELEVATION OF 500.00

#### DATE OF SURVEY:

TOPOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SHOWN HERE IS BASED UPON A FIELD SURVEY PERFORMED ON AUGUST, 2016

#### SURVEY GENERAL NOTES:

1. TREE SIZES AND TYPES ARE APPROXIMATE AND SHOULD BE VERIFIED BY A CERTIFIED ARBORIST.

2. FINISH FLOOR ELEVATIONS ARE TAKEN AT DOOR THRESHOLDS.

3. BUILDINGS CORNERS WERE LOCATED AT FINISH LOCATIONS (STUCCO, BLOCK OR WOOD AS IT EXISTS IN THE FIELD).

4. NO EVIDENCE OF A SEWER LATERAL WAS FOUND.

#### UNDERGROUND UTILITY NOTE:

6. APN:

8. EXISTING ZONING:

ACREAGE OF PROPOSED LOT:

10. TOTAL NO. OF PROPOSED UNITS:

11. TOTAL NO. OF EXISTING UNITS:

UNDERGROUND UTILITY LINES, IF SHOWN, DEPICT OUR ESTIMATION OF WHERE THE ACTUAL LINES MAY BE LOCATED. THE LINES WERE DETERMINED BY CONNECTING VISIBLE UTILITY APPURTENANCES AND ALSO BY USING PAINTED MARKINGS PLACED BY OTHERS. THE UNDERGROUND UTILITIES MAY OR MAY NOT BE AS DEPICTED ON THIS SURVEY. NO LIABILITY IS ACCEPTED FOR ANY DISCREPANCIES, OMMISSIONS OR ERRORS WITH REGARD TO SAID UNDERGROUND UTILITY DEPICTIONS ON THIS SURVEY.

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UNIT 2

- TM 2 MAP SHEET
- TM 3 PRELIMINARY GRADING AND DRAINAGE PLAN

GOLDSILVERISLAND PROPERTIES, LLC

- TM 4 PRELIMINARY UTILITY PLAN
- TM 5 DETAIL SHEET

OWNER:

GOLDSILVERISLAND PROPERTIES, LLC 3964 RIVERWARK PLAZA, SUITE 136 SANTA CLARA, CA 95054 2. ARCHITECT: HOMETEC ARCHITECTURE, INC. 619 NORTH FIRST STREET SAN JOSE, CA 95112 3. CIVIL ENGINEER IEN CIVIL ENGINEERING EAST 2nd AVENUE #820 N MATEO, CA 94401 4 SUBVEVOR-WESON LAND SUBVEYS 3001 WINCHESTER BOULEVARD, SUITE 11 CAMPBELL, CA 95008 5. MAP PREPARED BY:

GENERAL NOTES:

OWNER / DEVELOPER:

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# CHIN HANG WONG GREEN (IML ENGINEERING 204 EAST 2nd AVENUE #820 SAN MATEO, CA 94401

EASTING OWERS 12. UTILITIES: WATER SUPPLY: STORM DRANAGE SEWAGE DISPOSAL: FIRE DISTNICT: GAS & ELECTRIC: TELEPHONE: CABLE TV:

TITLE SHEET

TENTATIVE MAP

674 & 676 PARTRIDGE AVENUE

MENLO PARK, CALIFORNIA

# CALIFORNIA WATER COMPANY CITY OF MENLO PARK WEST BAY SANITARY DISTRICT MENLO PARK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT PACIFIC CAS & ELECTRIC AT&T COMCAST

#### 13. ALL EXISTING BUILDINGS TO BE REMOVED

7. EXISTING LAND USE: RESIDENTIAL (2 UNIT)

SCALE VERTICAL 1"= AS SHOWN

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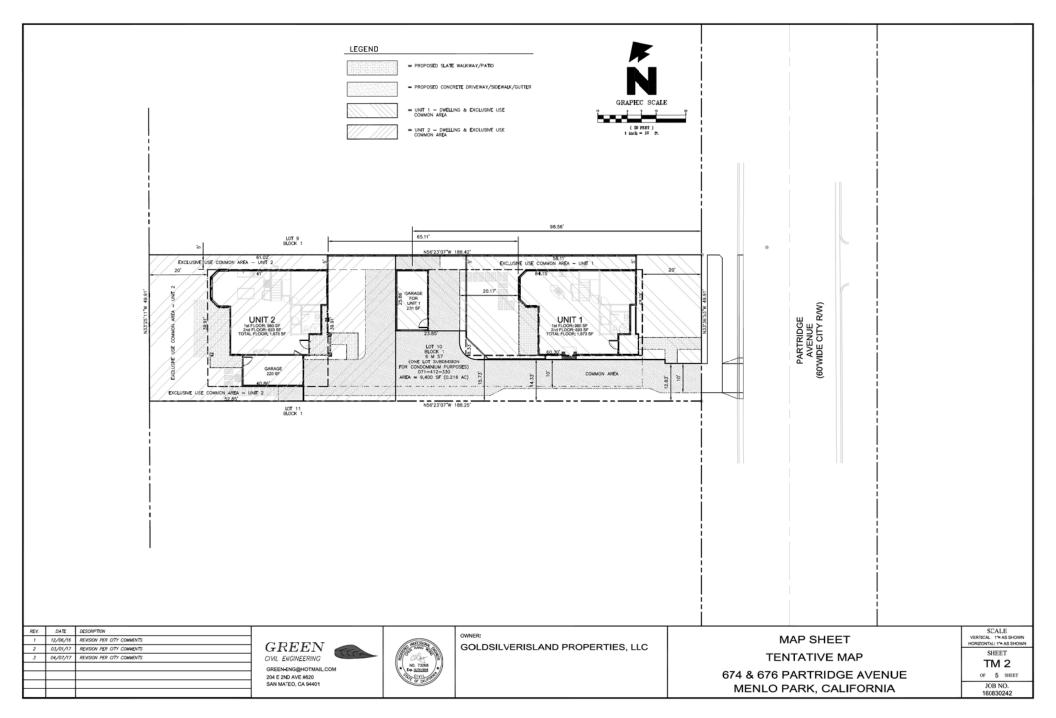
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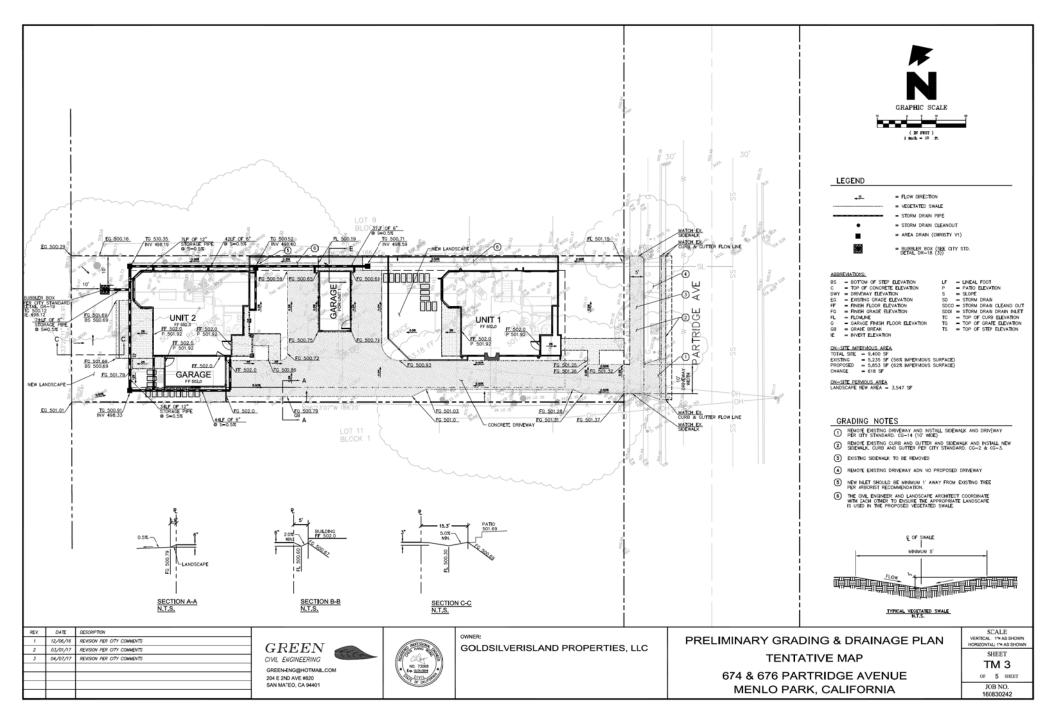
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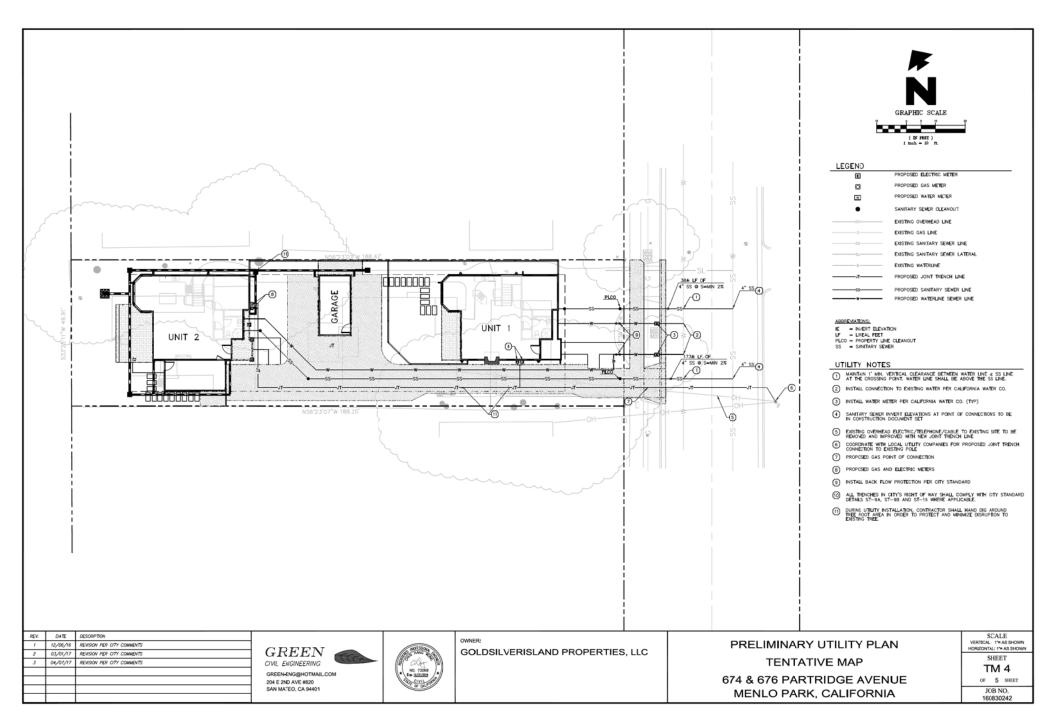
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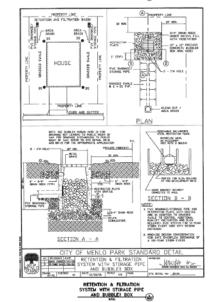
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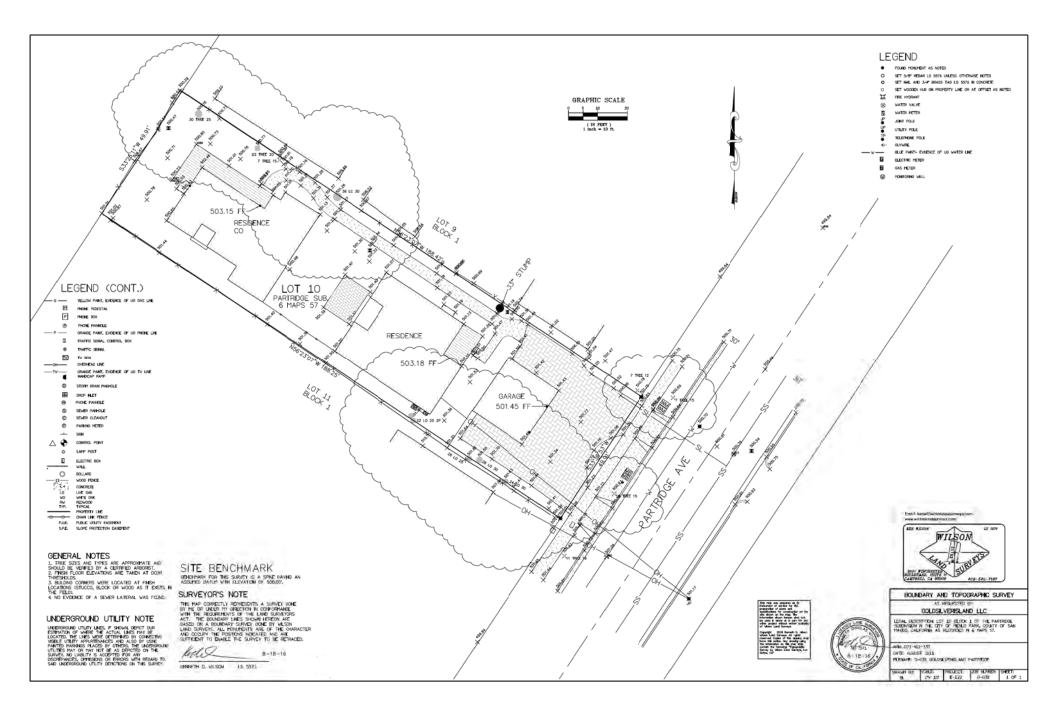
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# ATTACHMENT E

## 674 Partridge Avenue Letter of Justification

#### Background:

This portion of Partridge Avenue is an old neighborhood of varied styles of homes with extra deep lots. The City rezoned the area to R2, Multi-Family. Many of the owners on the street have added rear units behind the old house or have built 2 new homes on their properties.

The historic report indicates no significance to any of the structures, they are run-of-themill Ranch Style with no outstanding features.

#### **Proposal:**

We propose to remove all the buildings and replace them with 2 high quality 2-story custom homes of 4 bedrooms each. These homes are planned to have a Colonial flavor. Each will have wood trim windows and composition shingle roofs. Each will have different colors. The 2<sup>nd</sup> story windows of each home are focused to the front or rear to preserve the privacy of adjoining neighbors.

We feel this project would be an improvement to the street and the surrounding area. The project will have improved parking and better setbacks from the existing neighbors than the current buildings.

#### Site Layout:

Two homes on a long, narrow property tends to the common solution of a house in the front and a house at the rear with parking between the two homes. This site organization is successfully repeated up and down the street in both new and older projects.

Normally, the parking formula would be to have all four cars park between the units, 90 degrees to the driveway. This facilitates being able to pull out of the property without backing down the driveway.

Our compromise solution is to attach a one-car garage to the rear house and have a one-car detached garage for the front house. This places 3 of the 4 required parking spaces between the two houses, allowing them to back out of their parking spaces and exit the property front-first.

From the beginning of our design conversations, the owners have indicated a strong desire to maintain all the trees on the property as mature trees provide a benefit to future owners. Of the 15 trees on the property, 2 Acacias are being removed. #9, not protected, and #10, which is a hazard, per the Arborists' Report.

It was also felt that the site design needed to include 20' deep rear yards for each home to enhance the quality of life for future homeowners, and families.

## **Architectural Style:**

The architectural style selected for these houses was of a Colonial flavor.

Our goal is not to copy an established 'architectural style' as this would hint of 'fake historic' in our design. We hope to achieve a comfortable home style, to blend on this very eclectic street, and not seem to adhere to an academic definition.

Both buildings will be a modern variation of Colonial. We propose to have horizontal siding with trim detailing in eaves and windows for a Colonial flavor.

## **Neighborhood Meeting:**

A neighborhood meeting was held on September 7 at 7pm. 5 neighbors came and an overview of the project site, house's footprints, trees, window placement, etc. was provided. The comments by the attendees were favorable. We've also emailed the floorplans to the 1 neighbor who provided his email address.

Attendees: Tim Straight, Lynne Couture, Virginia Lizarraga, Charles Irby and Calvin Clark

# ATTACHMENT F

# Kielty Arborist Services LLC

Certified Arborist WE#0476A P.O. Box 6187 San Mateo, CA 94403 650-515-9783 September 2, 2016 revised February 28, 2017, March 21, 2017

Goldsilverisland Homes, LLC Attn: Mr. Ying-Min Li 43575 Mission Blvd, suite 359 Fremont, CA, 94539

Site: 674 Partridge, Menlo Park, CA

Dear Mr. Li,

As requested on Thursday, September 1, 2016, I visited the above site for the purpose of inspecting and commenting on the trees. New homes are planned for this site and your concern as to the future health and safety of the trees has prompted this visit. The grading and drainage plan TM3 and site plan TM2 dated February 25, 2017 and the L-1, L-2, L-3 plans dated February 27, 2017 were reviewed for this report.

#### Method:

All inspections were made from the ground; the trees were not climbed for this inspection. The trees in question were located on a map provided by you. The trees were then measured for diameter at 54 inches above ground level (DBH or diameter at breast height). Each tree was given a condition rating for form and vitality. The trees' condition rating is based on 50 percent vitality and 50 percent form, using the following scale.

| 1  | - | 29  | Very Poor |
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| 30 | - | 49  | Poor      |
| 50 | - | 69  | Fair      |
| 70 | - | 89  | Good      |
| 90 | - | 100 | Excellent |

The height of the tree was measured using a Nikon Forestry 550 Hypsometer. The spread was paced off. Comments and recommendations for future maintenance are provided.

| Survey: |                                       |      |     |       |  |
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| Tree#   | Species                               | DBH  | CON | HT/SI | P Comments   |
| 1H      | Coast live oak<br>(Quercus agrifolia) | 24   | 55  | 45/35 | Good vigor, poor-fair form, bends south over neighbor's.                 |
| 2H      | Coast live oak<br>(Quercus agrifolia) | 25.4 | 55  | 45/40 | Good vigor, poor-fair form, leans east over property. 1 foot from drive. |

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| <b>Tree#</b><br>3H   | <b>Species</b><br>Coast live oak<br>( <i>Quercus agrifolia</i> ) | <b>DBH</b> 25.8 | <b>CON</b><br>50 |       | <b>PComments</b><br>Good vigor, fair form, leans east over drive. |  |
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| 4S   | English walnut<br>(Juglans regia)                                | 11.2            | 45               | 30/30 | Poor-fair vigor, poor form, codominant at 5 feet.                 |  |
| 5S   | Southern magnolia<br>(Magnolia grandiflor                        | 3.9<br>ra)      | 55               | 10/10 | Fair vigor, fair form, water stressed.                            |  |
| 6*   | Crepe myrtle<br>(Lagerstroemia indic                             | 6est<br>ca)     | 65               | 20/15 | Good vigor, fair form, codominant at 4 feet.                      |  |
| 7*   | Crepe myrtle<br>(Lagerstroemia indic                             | 3est<br>ea)     | 60               | 15/15 | Good vigor, fair form, leans west.                                |  |
| 8*H  | Coast live oak<br>(Quercus agrifolia)                            | 28              | 60               | 50/45 | Good vigor, poor-fair form, codominant at 5 feet.                 |  |
| 9  | Black acacia<br>(Acacia melanoxylon                              | 6.9<br>()       | 45               | 35/25 | Fair vigor, poor-fair form suppressed.                            |  |
| 10H  | Black acacia<br>(Acacia melanoxylon                              | 20.2            | 40               | 45/35 | Good vigor, poor crotch, poor crotch at 12 feet (split).          |  |
| 11H  | Black acacia<br>(Acacia melanoxylon                              | 31.9<br>2)      | 50               | 45/40 | Poor-fair vigor poor form, multi leader at 18 feet.               |  |
| 12*H   | Coast live oak<br>( <i>Quercus agrifolia</i> )                   | 28              | 55               | 55/40 | Good vigor, fair form, leans north.                               |  |
| 13*H   | English walnut 18-13<br>(Juglans regia)                          | 3-13            | 30               | 35/40 | Poor vigor, fair form, nearly dead.                               |  |
| 14   | Olive<br>Olea europaea)  | 14.9            | 50               | 40/35 | Poor-fair vigor, fair form, codominant at base.                   |  |
| 15H  | Coast live oak <u>48.</u><br>(Quercus agrifolia)                 | <u>8at2</u> '   | 50               | 45/45 | Good vigor, poor form, poor crotch at 2 feet,                     |  |
| 16*S   | Red maple<br>(Acer rubrum)                                       | 8.1             | 50               |       | Good vigor, poor form, large scar on western trunk.               |  |
| *indicated neighboring or shared tree. H indicates heritage tree. S indicates street tree. |  |                 |                  |       |   |  |

#### Summary:

The trees on site are a mix of native oaks and several species of imported trees. The property has been well maintained in the past with a recent history of tree maintenance. The oaks have been maintained however due to being planted close together have grown in a suppressed manner. The new driveway will be located near the existing drive. The existing drive consists of concrete on base rock. The drive has a concrete footing at the edge of the drive one foot from oak #2. The planned drive will continue past oak #15. The driveway will be hand dug when within the dripline of the oaks and will have the site arborist inspect the work. The following recommendations will be carried out when building the driveway:

- Hand digging must occur within 15 feet from the trunk of the tree.
- Roots greater than 2 inches may not be cut within 7 feet of trees.
- Geo-Grid fabric and structural soil will be used as a base prior to the installation of a concrete driveway.
- Aeration and drainage to the root zone will be provided using aeration tubes (perforated pipe) installed in the base layer. The aeration tubes will be laid in the structural soil layer through the joint trench and daylight on each side of the driveway.
- The joint trench will be hand dug when within 15 feet from the trunk of the tree.
- The site arborist will provide mitigating measures at the time of inspection.

Impacts to the oaks on the southwestern side of the drive are expected to be minor to moderate.

Oak tree #8 will have the corner of the foundation within its dripline and quite close to the trunk. The following recommendations shall be carried out to help reduce root loss and impacts to the trees:

- The foundation will be hand dug when within 15 feet of the trunk of the tree. The site arborist will be on site to document any root loss and provide mitigating measures.
  - Per Architect, foundation will be about 4' away, the foundation is required by the Soils Report to be 24" below natural grade.
- No roots over 2 inches in diameter will be severed within 7 feet of the trunk of the tree.
- Excavation depth will be 24 inches and four feet from the tree at the closest. Any root loss with be mitigated with irrigation and possible fertilization during the dry season.
- The distance from the tree to storm drain trench is anticipated to be about 2'6".

All drainage trenches will be hand dug when within 15 feet of any protected tree. Drain pipes will be placed without root cutting including the bubbler box. The site arborist will be on site to document the hand digging.

Olive tree #14 will have a foundation four feet from the tree. Impacts will be minor to moderate. The following recommendations will be carried out during this process:

- Foundations will be excavated by hand when within 15 feet from the tree.
  - The foundation is required by the Soils Report to be 24" below natural grade.
- No roots over 2 inches will be severed within 7 feet from the trunk.
- The site arborist will be on site to document the hand excavation. Contractor will hand dig all excavations within the drip lines of trees.
- Mitigating measures will be provided at that point.

Two of the acacias on the north property line will be removed #9 is not protected in Menlo Park due to its small diameter. Acacia #10 is protected, the tree has a very poor crotch at 12 feet which shows signs of previous splitting. Remove Tree #10 as the tree is a hazard.

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The remaining trees should have only minimal to moderate impacts. The following tree protection plan will help to reduce impacts to the retained trees.

#### **Tree Protection Plan:**

#### Tree Protection Fencing

Tree protection zones should be established and maintained throughout the entire length of the project. Fencing for the protection zones should be 6 foot tall metal chain link type fencing supported my metal poles pounded into the ground. The support poles should be spaced no more than 10 feet apart on center. The location for the protection fencing should be as close to the dripline as possible still allowing room for construction to safely continue. Signs should be placed on fencing signifying "Tree Protection Zone - Keep Out". No materials or equipment should be stored or cleaned inside the tree protection zones.

#### Tree protection for trees #1, #2, #3, #8, #14 and #15

Standard tree protection will not be adequate due to the closeness of the construction. The trees will be fenced where possible, the trunks will be wrapped with straw wattle and covered with orange plastic fencing. The roots zones outside the protection area will be covered with wood chips 3 inches deep.

All tree protection must be in place prior to the start of any demolition. Demolition equipment will access the property from the existing driveway. If demolition equipment is to stray off the existing driveway 6 inches of chips covered with steel plates or plywood will be installed beneath protected trees driplines.

#### Trenching

Trenching for irrigation, electrical, drainage or any other reason should be hand dug when beneath the driplines of protected trees. Hand digging and carefully laying pipes below or beside protected roots will dramatically reduce root loss of desired trees thus reducing trauma to the entire tree. Trenches should be backfilled as soon as possible with native material and compacted to near its original level. Trenches that must be left exposed for a period of time should also be covered with layers of burlap or straw wattle and kept moist. Plywood over the top of the trench will also help protect exposed roots below.

#### Irrigation

Normal irrigation should be maintained throughout the entire length of the project. The imported trees will require regular irrigation. The native oaks should not require warm season irrigation unless their root zones are traumatized. If root damage were to occur some irrigation may be required during the winter months depending on the seasonal rainfall. During the summer months the trees on this site should receive heavy flood type irrigation 2 times a month. During

the fall and winter 1 time a month should suffice. Mulching the root zone of protected trees will help the soil retain moisture, thus reducing water consumption. The native oaks should not require irrigation unless their driplines have been traumatized.

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Tree Trimming

The trimming of protected trees on this site to facilitate construction will be minor. All trimming will be carried out by a licensed contractor and inspected by the site arborist.

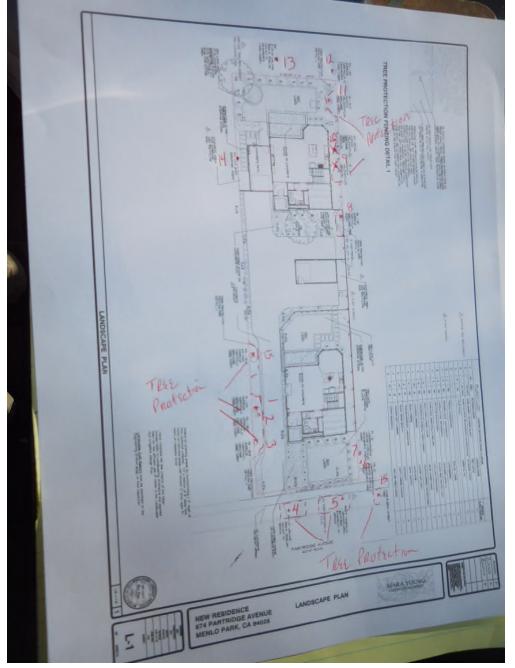
#### Inspections

The city of Menlo Park requires a site inspection prior to the start of demolition and again prior to the start of construction. Inspections will include the tree protection fencing installation. Other inspections will be during excavation within 15 feet of a protected trees trunk. Other inspections will be on an as needed basis.

The information included in this report is believed to be true and based on sound arboricultural principles and practices.

Sincerely,

Kevin R. Kielty Certified Arborist WE#0476A Tree protection and tree locations.



# **Community Development**



## STAFF REPORT

Planning Commission Meeting Date: Staff Report Number:

4/24/2017 17-023-PC

Public Hearing:

Use Permit Revision & Architectural Control Revision/The Kastrop Group/210 Oak Grove Avenue

#### Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission approve a request for a use permit revision and architectural control revision to allow a single-story addition and exterior modifications to an existing social hall (O'Hare Center) on a church site at 210 Oak Grove Avenue. Modifications to on-site parking are proposed, including the conversion of an existing three-car garage to gathering space and the construction of a new detached two-car garage. The subject property is in the R-E (Residential Estate) zoning district.

#### **Policy Issues**

Each use permit and architectural control request is considered individually. The Planning Commission should consider whether the required architectural control and use permit findings can be made for the proposal.

#### Background

#### Site location

The subject property is located at 210 Oak Grove Avenue in the R-E (Residential Estate) zoning district. Using Oak Grove Avenue in a north-south orientation, the property is surrounded by single-family residential uses in the Town of Atherton to the north and to the west, a retreat/conference center (Vallombrosa Center) to the south, and single-family residences (in Atherton) and duplexes across Oak Grove Avenue to the east.

The project site is developed with three main buildings consisting of the Church of the Nativity, Parish House, and the O'Hare Center, and a small garden shed. The O'Hare Center, Parish House, and garden shed are located on the rear half of the site. Separate entry/exit one-way driveways along Oak Grove Avenue provide access to the parking lot located at the rear of the site.

#### Permit history

In 1878, the Church of the Nativity building was relocated from Santa Cruz Avenue to its current location on the subject property. The church has experienced several expansions over the years, and the building was placed on the National Register of Historic places in 1981. In 1977, the O'Hare Center was approved for construction and use as a meeting and activities center by the County of San Mateo through its use permit process. The property was subsequently annexed into the City of Menlo Park in 1984. The most recent approval for the site was in 2008, when the Planning Commission granted approval for an addition to the Church of the Nativity building. However, this project was not constructed, and those discretionary approvals are no longer effective.

## Analysis

## **Project description**

The applicant is proposing a single-story addition to the O'Hare Center building, which is located centrally on the site, in order to improve its functionality. As part of the addition, an existing three-car garage that is attached to this building would be converted into gathering space. The proposed addition would result in an approximately 1,405 square foot addition to the O'Hare Center, and would extend out into existing patio areas. According to the applicant, the addition is intended to improve the current functionality of the building through the expansion of restroom facilities and create a new location for church offices, and is not intended to host large events. A new 840-square-foot detached garage and storage building is also proposed at the right rear corner of the site, which would accommodate parking for two cars and would include a partition to delineate parking and storage uses. The project plans and the project description letter are included in Attachments C and D respectively.

#### Design and materials

The existing O'Hare Center building currently consists of gable and flat roof forms clad in composition shingles, beige stucco cladding with a smooth finish, wood trims in grey and green, and grey wood trellises with wood or stucco-clad posts. The proposed expansion would largely maintain the existing color scheme and building materials. The roof would be modified, but would still retain gable and flat roof forms, with the addition of skylights and wood roof screens painted to match the roof color to conceal the proposed rooftop mechanical equipment installations. Due to the location of this building behind the Church of the Nativity and the presence of mature trees and landscaping, this building and the proposed expansion would be minimally visible from the street.

The new two-car garage and storage building would include an interior partition wall to delineate between parking and storage uses. This building would be clad in vertically grooved fiber cement board siding in beige to match the beige wall color of the O'Hare Center building, with gable roof forms clad in composition shingles. The right side (north) elevation would feature a Dutch gable, where the gable element is set back, in order to comply with daylight plane requirements. Similar to the O'Hare Center, this building would be minimally visible from the street, due to existing mature landscaping and the building's location at the rear of the parcel.

Overall, staff believes that the proposed addition to the O'Hare Center and the new garage and storage building would result in a consistent architectural design that would also be compatible with existing buildings on site and the surrounding neighborhood. Furthermore, the proposed construction would not be particularly visible from the public right-of-way given the buildings' locations towards the rear of the site and the presence of mature trees and landscaping.

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#### Parking and Circulation

The existing site contains a surface parking lot at the rear of the site that is accessed through two one-way driveways along Oak Grove Avenue that allow one-way vehicular circulation through the site. A few parking stalls are also located along the side drive aisles. The applicant is proposing to convert three attached garage spaces at the O'Hare Center into gathering space as part of the O'Hare Center's addition, stripe three new uncovered parking spaces to the rear of the O'Hare Center, and construct a new detached two-car garage at the right rear corner of the site. The changes would result in the net addition of two parking spaces, for a total of 107.

The applicant has provided a description for how parking demand is managed during both normal church operation and during events, which is included in Attachment D. According to the applicant, the O'Hare Center functions are scheduled so as not to coincide with church services, with overflow parking for large services available at the adjacent Vallombrosa Center. Furthermore, the proposed addition to the O'Hare Center is intended to improve the functionality of the space, and larger or more frequent events as compared to existing occurrences are not proposed. The Transportation Division has reviewed the proposed addition in light of the existing parking supply, and has determined that the proposed parking supply would be adequate. The project would be required to pay the applicable Transportation Impact Fee (TIF), as specified in recommended condition 5a.

#### Trees and landscaping

The site is abundantly wooded, and all existing trees are proposed to be retained. Two heritage coast live oak trees closest to the proposed construction at the O'Hare Center have been evaluated by the project arborist. The proposed construction of the garage and storage building would be outside of the dripline of heritage trees in the vicinity. Standard heritage tree protection measures would be ensured through recommended condition 4i. The arborist report is included as Attachment F.

#### Conclusion

Staff believes that the project would result in an architectural design that is compatible for the development as a whole. In addition, the proposed design, materials, and colors are generally compatible with those in the site and surrounding area. The proposed parking modifications would result in two net new spaces, and would be sufficient to accommodate parking demand at the site. Staff recommends that the Planning Commission approve the proposed project.

#### Impact on City Resources

The project sponsor is required to pay Planning, Building and Public Works permit fees, based on the City's Master Fee Schedule, to fully cover the cost of staff time spent on the review of the project.

#### **Environmental Review**

The project is categorically exempt under Class 1 (Section 15301, "Existing Facilities") of the current California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

#### **Public Notice**

Public Notification was achieved by posting the agenda, with the agenda items being listed, at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. Public notification also consisted of publishing a notice in the local newspaper and notification by mail of owners and occupants within a 300-foot radius of the subject property.

#### **Appeal Period**

The Planning Commission action will be effective after 15 days unless the action is appealed to the City Council, in which case the outcome of the application shall be determined by the City Council.

#### Attachments

- A. Recommended Actions
- B. Location Map
- C. Project Plans
- D. Project Description Letter
- E. Arborist Report

#### Disclaimer

Attached are reduced versions of maps and diagrams submitted by the applicants. The accuracy of the information in these drawings is the responsibility of the applicants, and verification of the accuracy by City Staff is not always possible. The original full-scale maps, drawings and exhibits are available for public viewing at the Community Development Department.

#### Exhibits to Be Provided at Meeting

Color samples

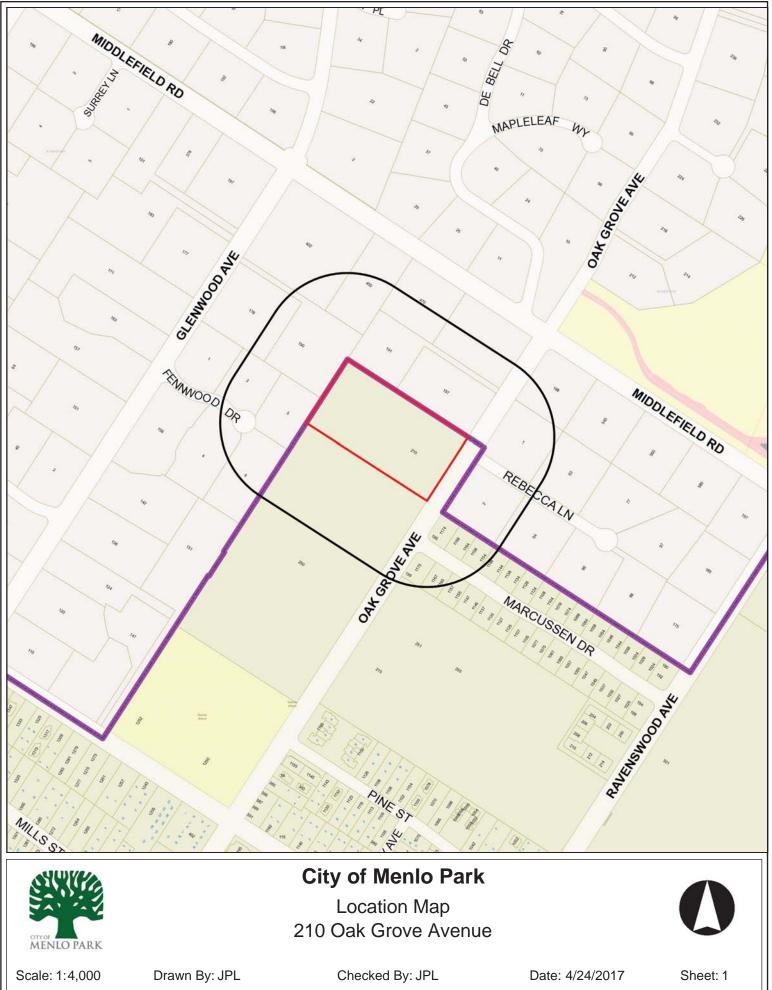
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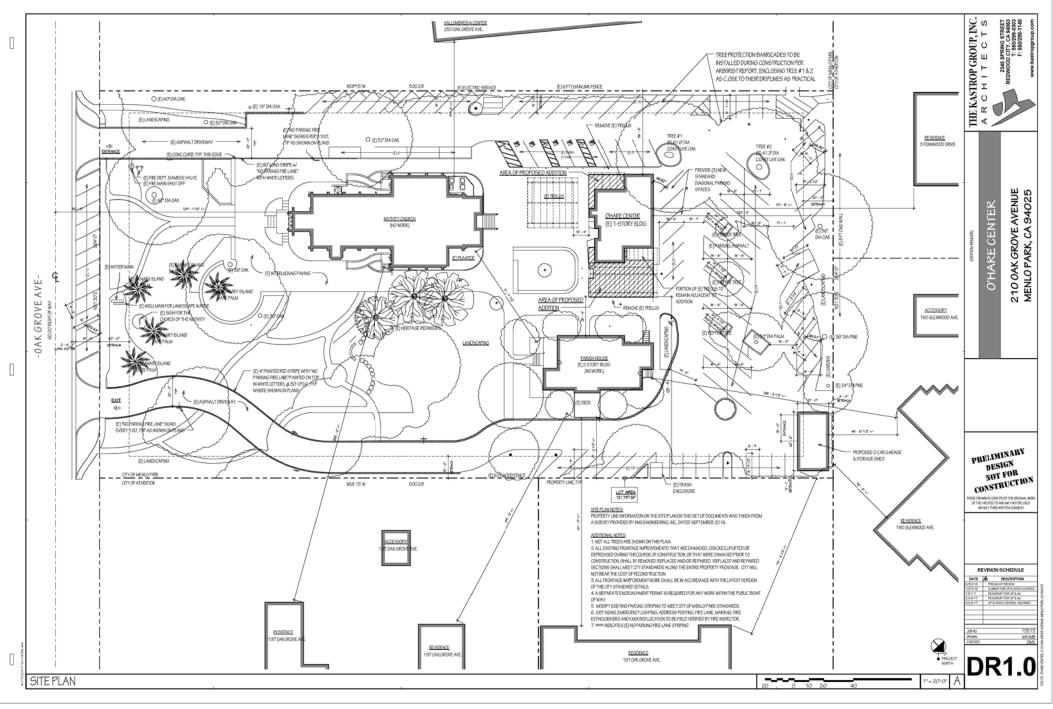
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| 2.         | permits<br>genera   | findings, as per Section 16.82.030 of the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to the granting of use s, that the proposed use will not be detrimental to the health, safety, morals, comfort and al welfare of the persons residing or working in the neighborhood of such proposed use, and will detrimental to property and improvements in the neighborhood or the general welfare of the   |   |  |  |                                      |   |  |  |  |
| 3.         | Adopt the following findings, as per Section 16.68.020 of the Zoning Ordinance, pertaining to architectural control approval: |  |   |  |  |                                      |   |  |  |  |
|            | a.  | . The general appearance of the structure is in keeping with the character of the neighborhood   |   |  |  |                                      |   |  |  |  |
|            | b.  | . The development will not be detrimental to the harmonious and orderly growth of the City.  |   |  |  |                                      |   |  |  |  |
|            | C.  | <ul> <li>The development will not impair the desirability of investment or occupation in the neighborhood.</li> </ul>  |   |  |  |                                      |   |  |  |  |
|            | d.  | The development provides adequate parking as required in all applicable City Ordinances and has made adequate provisions for access to such parking.   |   |  |  |                                      |   |  |  |  |
|            | e.  | The property is not within any Specific Plan area, and as such no finding regarding consistency is required to be made.  |   |  |  |                                      |   |  |  |  |
| 4.         | Approv<br>conditio  | ove the use permit revision and architectural control revision subject to the following <i>standard</i> itions:  |   |  |  |                                      |   |  |  |  |
|            | a.  | a. Development of the project shall be substantially in conformance with the plans prepared b<br>The Kastrop Group consisting of nine plan sheets, dated received April 18, 2017, and the<br>project description letters, dated received January 5, 2017 and October 7, 2016, all approv<br>by the Planning Commission on April 24, 2017, except as modified by the conditions<br>contained herein, subject to review and approval of the Planning Division. |   |  |  |                                      |   |  |  |  |
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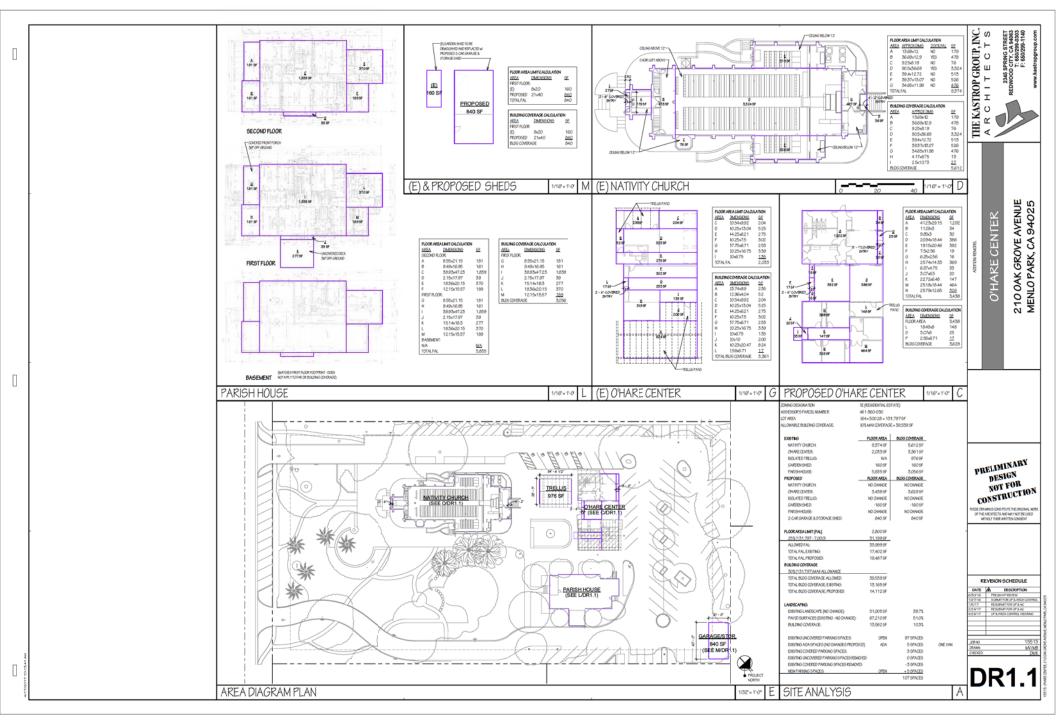
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|   | e.                       | Simultaneous with the submittal of a complete building permit application, the applicant shall submit plans indicating that the applicant shall remove and replace any damaged and significantly worn sections of frontage improvements. The plans shall be submitted for review and approval of the Engineering Division.<br>Simultaneous with the submittal of a complete building permit application, the applicant shall submit a Grading and Drainage Plan for review and approval of the Engineering Division.<br>The Grading and Drainage Plan shall be approved prior to the issuance of grading, demolition or building permits. |   |  |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|   | i.                       |   |   | cinity of the construction project shall be protected pursuant to the ce and the Project Arborist's recommendations. |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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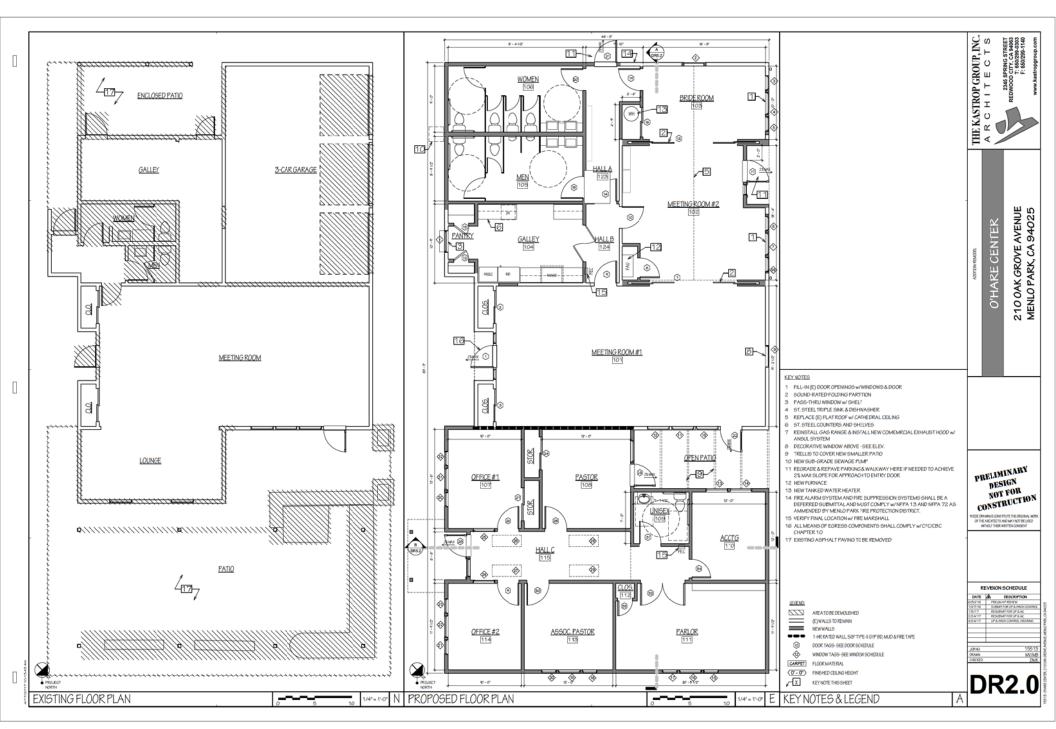
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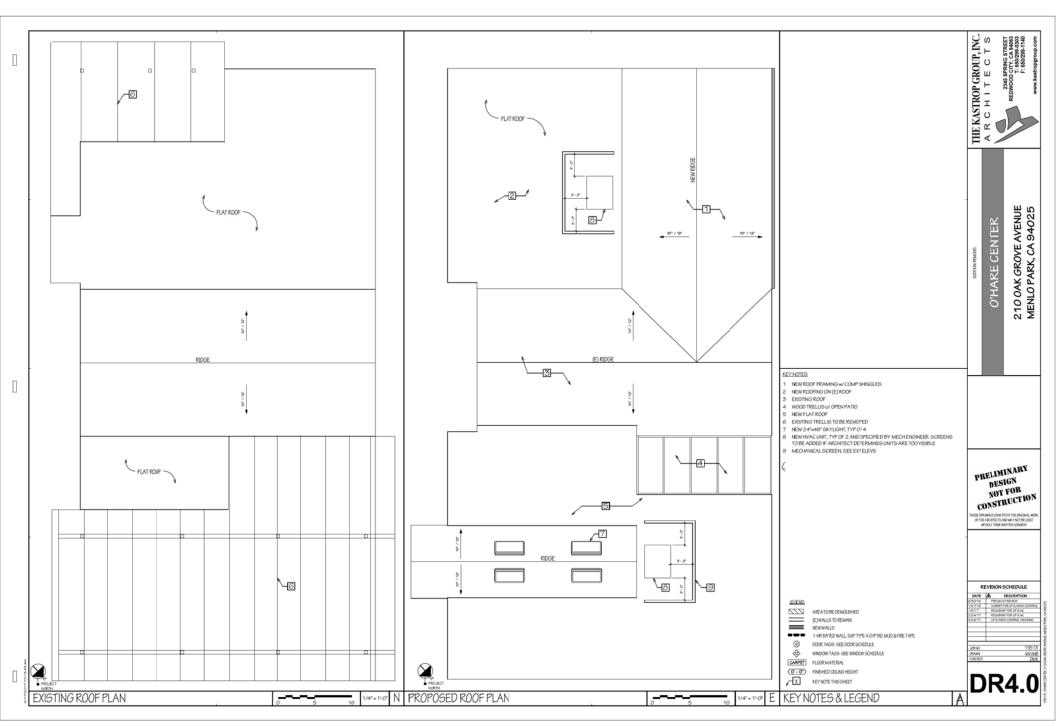


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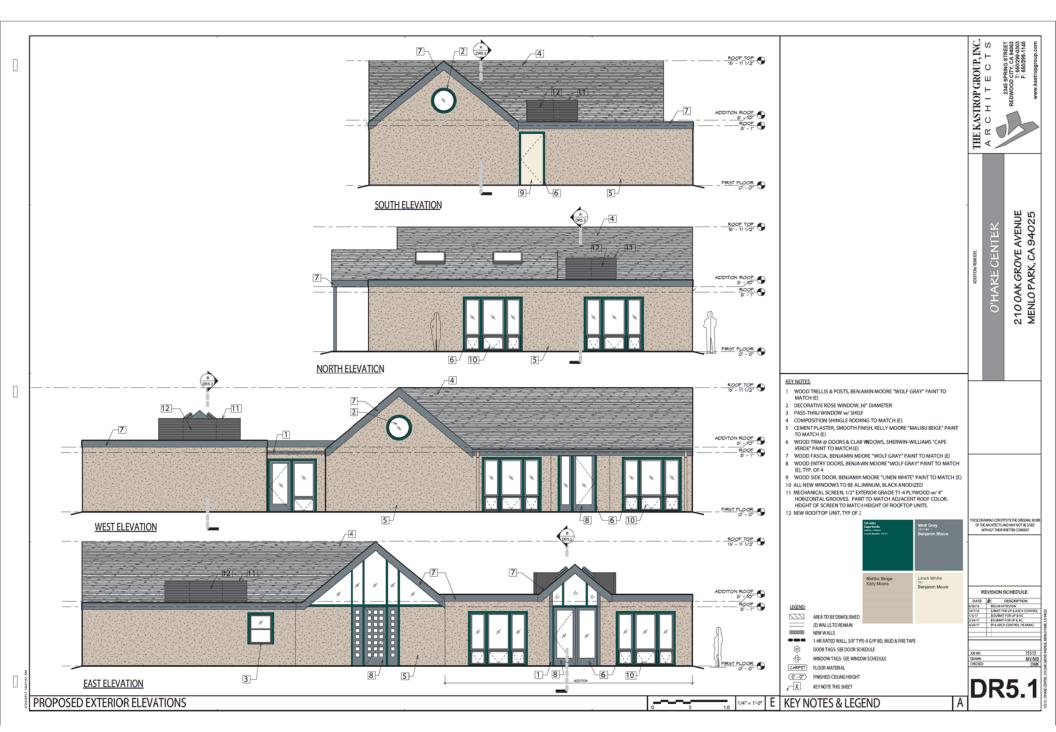




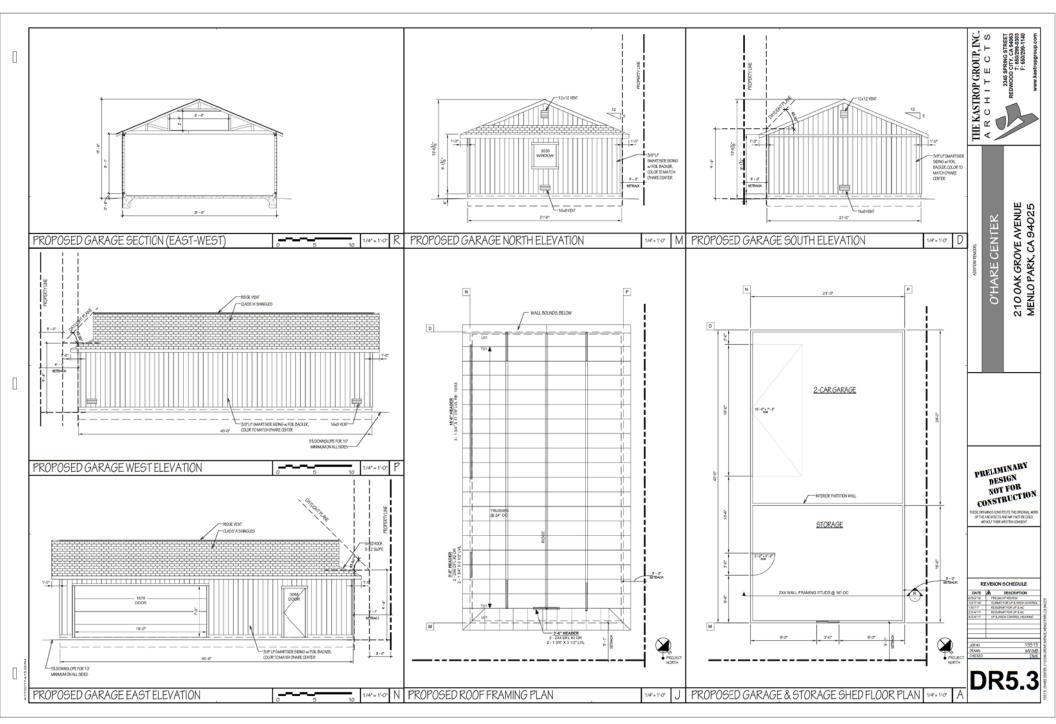


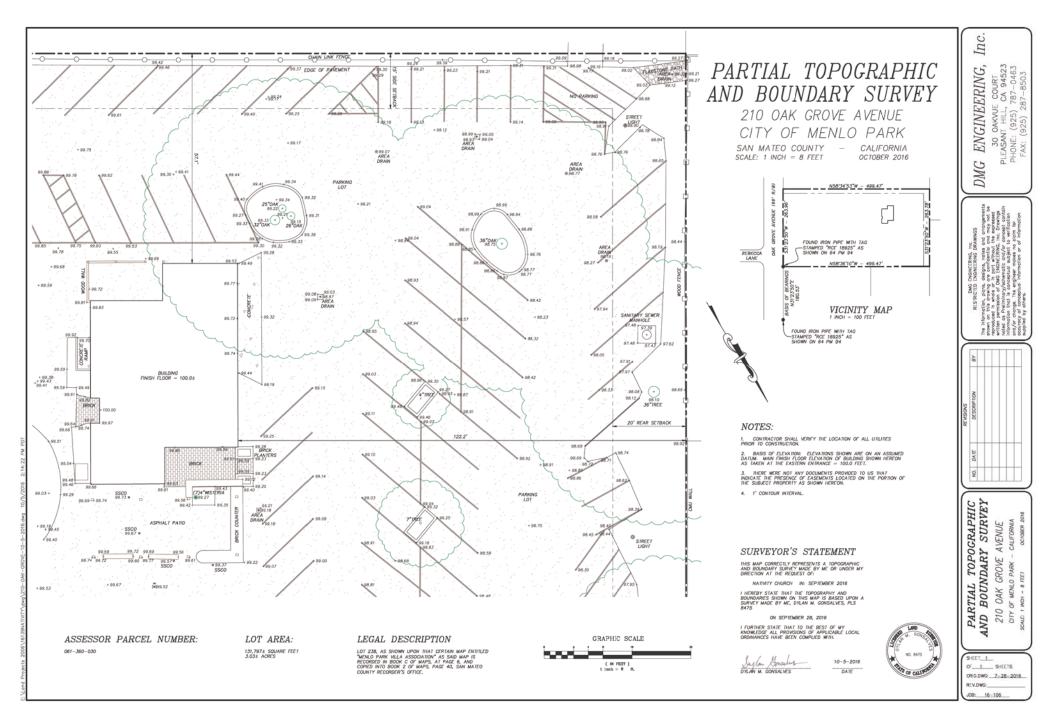














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# THE KASTROP GROUP, INC.

### CITY OF MENLO PARK BUILDING

# Proposed Addition to the O'Hare Center

Project Description for the

Church of the Nativity - 210 Oak Grove - Menlo Park, CA

The Church of the Nativity would like to expand its existing social hall, increase the number of toilets and create a new location for the church offices. The new offices will replace, but not increase, the number of current offices which are presently located in the rectory. The new offices will provide more ample space, and storage for office material. There will be no additional increase in parish staff.

The use of the building is for choir rehearsals, parish meetings and gatherings, wedding preparations, etc. Currently there are many evenings where there are simultaneous meetings occurring in the rectory and the O'Hare Center. The increase in the flexible meeting space(s) to the O'Hare Center will allow us to move meetings from the rectory where they are currently held to the O'Hare Center where the large meeting space (Meeting Room #1) can be divided by a moveable wall, allowing the two functions to occur simultaneously.

We do not foresee any "large events" held here. Larger parish functions are in the Sobrato Center down the street at the Nativity school. There will never be a time where both the church and O'Hare Center are being used simultaneously.

The existing building was built in 1977 and is called the O'Hare Center. The proposed work includes:

- Filling in the outside roof covered patio area on the West side of the building and expanding the footprint slightly to the south. This area will be the location for the new ADA compliant restrooms.
- Removing the existing 3-car garage and replacing it with a gathering space available for church functions. Note that this allow for three additional parking spaces. A two-car covered garage is proposed to be placed on the site in place of the existing garden shed. No parking spaces are lost at this area.
- Relocating the existing food warming galley. This is for food warming purposes for caters use only and is not a commercial kitchen.
- Replace the trellis covered patio to the East side of the building with a new structure housing the church offices. Note that this moves the offices from their current location inside the Parish House.
- No landscaping or trees are effected.
- Parking is increased.
- O'Hare Center will be sprinklered.
- Style of the addition is designed to blend in with the existing O'Hare Center.

Please contact me with any questions.

Best regards,

D. Michael Kastrop, AIA

Principal Architect 2345 Spring Street ◆ Redwood City, CA 94063 ◆ phone: 650 299 0303 ◆ fax: 650 299 1140 ◆ kastropgroup.com D1



# Parking Statement for the Proposed Addition

Church of the Nativity - 210 Oak Grove - Menlo Park, CA

The functions of Nativity Church are complimentary when it comes to parking. The church occupancy has the largest parking requirement with 91 spaces. The 104 proposed on-site parking spaces are adequate for all services with over-flow parking available at the Vallombrosa Center next door (also owned by the Catholic Church and available on weekends). This over-flow only gets used on Easter, Christmas Masses and some weddings. The O'Hare Center functions are scheduled to not occur at the same time as the church services. The office functions and parking requirements are minor and the office is closed on the weekends and evenings.

The Church has been coordinating the uses of the Office, O'Hare Center and Church for over 50 years and there are no anticipated parking issues from the proposed expansion of the O'Hare Center.

Please contact me with any questions.

Best regards,

D. Michael Kastrop, AIA Principal Architect



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CITY OF MENILO PARK BUILDING

# **ARBORIST REPORT**

Submitted To:

Church of the Nativity Attention: Mr. Russ Castle 210 Oak Grove Avenue Menlo Park, CA 94025

Project Location:

210 Oak Grove Avenue Menio Park, CA 94025

Submitted By: McCLENAHAN CONSULTING, LLC John H. McClenahan ISA Board Certified Master Arborist, WE-1476B member, American Society of Consulting Arborists October 24, 2016 ©Copyright McCLENAHAN CONSULTING, LLC 2016



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October 24, 2016

Church of the Nativity Attention: Mr. Russ Castle 210 Oak Grove Avenue Menlo Park, CA 94025

#### RE: 210 Oak Grove Avenue Menio Park, Ca

#### **Assignment**

As requested, I performed a visual inspection of 2 trees coast live oaks to determine size and condition and provide Tree Preservation Guidelines for proposed construction activity.

#### **Summary**

Proposed improvements include demolition of existing O'Hare Center and connected carport and construction of a new structure. The primary tree impacted by improvements is the live oak at the left rear corner of the building shown as tree one. The Tree Protection Zone (TPZ) is defined as the distance *six times the diameter away from the trunk*. Any grading or excavation within the TPZ must be accomplished by hand digging. A qualified arborist must supervise any cutting of roots greater than one inch in diameter. *A pre-construction meeting must occur to outline methods of excavation within TPZ*. No grading, drainage or utility plans were available at the time of inspection.



#### Methodology

No root crown exploration, climbing or plant tissue analysis was performed as part of this survey. For purposes of identification, trees have been numbered with aluminum tags.

In determining Tree Condition several factors have been considered which include:

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#### Methodology continued

Rate of growth over several seasons; Structural decays or weaknesses; Presence of disease or insects; and Life expectancy.

#### Tree Description/Observation

1:Coast live oak (Quercus agrifolia)Diameter:61.6" Low BranchingHeight: 50'Spread: 65'

**Condition:** Poor to Fair

Location: left rear corner of proposed improvements.

**Observation:** Upper crown is slightly sparse. Grows to a slight lean. Trunk divides into three stems at four foot height. A small cavity on the northeast side is holding water. Pockets of decay are visible in the main crotches. Asphalt surrounding the tree creates a poor root environment. The TPZ is 31-feet. The proposed building will utilize a similar footprint to existing structure and carport. The perimeter of the foundation must be dug by hand or air to minimze damage to roots.

2: Coast live oak (Quercus agrifolia)

Diameter: 41.3"

**Height:** 45' **Spread:** 60'

**Condition:** Poor to Fair

Location: Rear parking lot

**Observation:** Upper crown is sparse with lower than average vigor. The tree grows to a slight lean. Bifurcation at eight feet creates an inherent structural defect. Asphalt surrounding the tree creates a poor root environment. The TPZ is 21-feet. Any grading or excavation within the TPZ must be accomplished by hand digging.

#### TREE PRESERVATION GUIDELINES

#### **Tree Preservation and Protection Plan**

In providing recommendations for tree preservation, we recognize that injury to trees as a result of construction include mechanical injuries to trunks, roots and branches, and injury as a result of changes that occur in the growing environment.

**To minimize these injuries, we recommend grading operations encroach no closer than six times the trunk diameter**, (i.e. 30" diameter tree x 6=180" distance). At this distance, buttress/anchoring roots would be preserved and minimal injury to the functional root area would be anticipated. Should encroachment within the area become necessary, hand digging is *mandatory.* 

#### Barricades

Prior to initiation of construction activity, temporary barricades should be installed around all trees in the construction area. Six-foot high, chain link fences are to be mounted on steel posts, driven 2 feet into the ground, at no more than 10-foot spacing. The fences shall enclose the entire area under the drip line of the trees or as close to the drip line area as practical. These barricades will be placed around individual trees and/or groups of trees as the existing environment dictates.

#### **Barricades continued**

The temporary barricades will serve to protect trunks, roots and branches from mechanical injuries, will inhibit stockpiling of construction materials or debris within the sensitive 'drip line' areas and will prevent soil compaction from increased vehicular/pedestrian traffic. No storage of material, topsoil, vehicles or equipment shall be permitted within the tree enclosure area. The ground around the tree canopy shall not be altered. These barricades should remain in place

until final inspection of the building permit, except for work specifically required in the approved plans to be done under the trees to be protected. Designated areas beyond the drip lines of any trees should be provided for construction materials and onsite parking.

For this project a variation of Type II and III fencing should be used along the path of entry for construction equipment.



#### Type II Tree Protection

For trees situated within a **narrow planting strip**, only the planting strip shall be enclosed with the required chain link protective fencing in order to keep the sidewalk and street open for public use.(see Image 2.15-3)

IMAGE 2.15-3 Tree Protection within a Planter Strip



#### IMAGE 2.15-4 Trunk Wrap Protection

#### Type III Tree Protection

Trees situated in a small tree well or **sidewalk planter pit**, shall be wrapped with 2-inches of orange plastic fencing as padding from the ground to the first branch with 2-inch thick wooden slats bound securely on the outside. During installation of the wood slats, caution shall be used to avoid damaging any bark or branches. Major scaffold limbs may also require plastic fencing as directed by the *City Arborist*. (see Image 2.15-4)

Images from City of Palo Alto Tree Technical Manual

#### Root Pruning (if necessary)

During and upon completion of any trenching/grading operation within a tree's drip line, should any roots greater than one inch (1") in diameter be damaged, broken or severed, root pruning to include flush cutting and sealing of exposed roots should be accomplished under the supervision of a qualified Arborist to minimize root deterioration beyond the soil line *within twenty-four (24) hours.* 

#### Pruning

Pruning of the foliar canopies to include removal of deadwood is recommended and should be initiated prior to construction operations. Such pruning will provide any necessary construction clearance, will lessen the likelihood or potential for limb breakage, reduce 'windsail' effect and provide an environment suitable for healthy and vigorous growth.

#### Irrigation

A supplemental irrigation program is recommended for the trees on site and should be accomplished at regular three to four week intervals during the period of October 31st through May 1st. Irrigation is to be applied at or about the 'drip line' in an amount sufficient to supply approximately fifteen (15) gallons of water for each inch in trunk diameter.

Irrigation can be provided by means of a soil needle, 'soaker' or permeable hose. When using 'soaker' or permeable hoses, water is to be run at low pressure, avoiding runoff/puddling, allowing the needed moisture to penetrate the soil to feeder root depths.

#### **Fertilization**

A program of fertilization by means of deep root soil injection is recommended with applications in spring and summer for those trees to be impacted by construction.

Such fertilization will serve to stimulate feeder root development, offset shock/stress as related to construction and/or environmental factors, encourage vigor, alleviate soil compaction and compensate for any encroachment of natural feeding root areas.

Inception of this fertilizing program is recommended prior to the initiation of construction activity.

#### Mulch

Mulching with wood chips (maximum depth 3") within tree environments (outer foliar perimeter) will lessen moisture evaporation from soil, protect and encourage adventitious roots and minimize possible soil compaction.

#### Inspection

Periodic inspections by the *Site Arborist* are recommended during construction activities, particularly as trees are impacted by trenching/grading operations.

Inspections at approximate four (4) week intervals would be sufficient to assess and monitor the effectiveness of the Tree Preservation Plan and to provide recommendations for any additional care or treatment.

All written material appearing herein constitutes original and unpublished work of the Arborist and may not be duplicated, used or disclosed without written consent of the Arborist.

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We thank you for this opportunity to be of assistance in your tree preservation concerns.

Should you have any questions, or if we may be of further assistance in these concerns, kindly contact our office at any time.

Very truly yours,

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# ARBORIST DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Arborists are tree specialists who use their education, knowledge, training and experience to examine trees, recommend measures to enhance the beauty and health of trees, and attempt to reduce the risk of living near trees. Clients may choose to accept or disregard the recommendations of the arborist, or seek additional advice.

Arborists cannot detect every condition that could possibly lead to the structural failure of a tree. Trees are living organisms that fail in ways we do not fully understand. Conditions are often hidden within trees and below ground. Arborists cannot guarantee that a tree will be healthy or safe under all circumstances, or for a specified period of time. Likewise, remedial treatments, like a medicine, cannot be guaranteed.

Treatment, pruning, and removal of trees may involve considerations beyond the scope of the arborist's services such as property boundaries, property ownership, site lines, disputes between neighbors, landlord-tenant matters, etc. Arborists cannot take such issues into account unless complete and accurate information is given to the arborist. The person hiring the arborist accepts full responsibility for authorizing the recommended treatment or remedial measures.

Trees can be managed, but they cannot be controlled. To live near a tree is to accept some degree of risk. The only way to eliminate all risks is to eliminate all trees.

ACH. M. Car

Arborist: Date:

John H. McClenahan October 24, 2016