Planning Commission



REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Date: 5/8/2017
Time: 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers
701 Laurel St., Menlo Park, CA 94025

- A. Call To Order
- B. Roll Call

C. Reports and Announcements

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D. Public Comment

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E. Consent Calendar

E1. Approval of minutes from the April 10, 2017, Planning Commission meeting. (Attachment)

F. Public Hearing

F1. Use Permit/Sarah Potter/207 Oakhurst Place:

Request for a use permit to partially demolish, remodel, and add a second story addition to an existing single-story, single-family residence on a substandard lot with regard to lot area and lot width in the R-1-U (Single-Family Urban) zoning district. (Staff Report #17-024-PC)

F2. Use Permit/Bryan Baskin/857 College Avenue:

Request for a use permit to demolish an existing one-story single-family residence and construct a new two-story single-family residence on a substandard lot with respect to lot width in the R-1-U (Residential Urban) zoning district. (Staff Report #17-025-PC)

F3. Use Permit/Ken Friedman/953 Hobart Street:

Request for a use permit to demolish a single-story, single family residence and construct a new two-story single family residence with a basement on a substandard lot with respect to lot width in the R-1-S (Single-Family Suburban) zoning district. The proposal includes excavation in the required right side and rear yard setbacks associated with light wells for the basement. As part of the proposed development, four heritage trees are proposed to be removed: a 16-inch plum (poor condition), a 28-inch date palm (good condition), a 15-inch yucca (poor condition) and an 18-inch oleander (fair condition). (Staff Report #17-026-PC)

F4. Use Permit Revision/Justin Young/435 University Drive:

Request for a use permit to make exterior changes to an existing residence on a substandard lot with regard to lot width and lot area in the R-1-U (Single-Family Urban Residential) zoning district. The project received a use permit on February 22, 2016 to partially demolish, remodel, and construct first- and second-story additions to an existing single-story, single-family residence. (Staff Report #17-027-PC)

F5. Pre-Zoning, Rezoning, General Plan Amendment, Tentative Map, Use Permit, Architectural Control, and Environmental Review/Leland Stanford Junior University/2111-2121 Sand Hill Road Continued to a future meeting. New notices will be published and mailed when that meeting is scheduled.

G. Study Session

G1. Architectural Control/Ranjeet Pancholy/115 El Camino Real:

Request for a study session for the demolition of an existing hotel and construction of a three-story, mixed-use development with commercial uses on the ground floor and a total of four residential units on the upper floors in the SP-ECR/D (El Camino Real/Downtown Specific Plan) zoning district. (Staff Report #17-028-PC)

H. Regular Business

H1. Selection of Planning Commission Chair and Vice Chair for May 2017 through April 2018 (Staff Report #16-029-PC)

I. Informational Items

11. 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 22, 2017
Regular Meeting: June 5, 2017
Regular Meeting: June 19, 2017

J. Adjournment

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

Date: 4/10/2017
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 7:00 p.m.

B. Roll Call

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

Absent: Susan Goodhue, Henry Riggs

Staff: Deanna Chow, Principal Planner, Corinna Sandmeier, Associate Planner

C. Reports and Announcements

Principal Planner Deanna Chow said Council Members Ohtaki and Mueller had been appointed to the subcommittee for Stanford's 500 El Camino Real project development agreement and for their General Use Permit through Santa Clara County.

Commissioner John Onken said he had been told that the boutique hotel project at Glenwood Avenue and El Camino Real had some changes, which had been given to planning staff. He asked if the Commission would see the changes through a substantial conformance process. Principal Planner Chow said that the developer was considering some potential changes, so dependent on what they decided, they might come back to the Planning Commission for a substantial conformance review memo. She said if the changes were minor and staff found they could approve at staff level, the changes would not come back to the Commission and the building permit would be issued.

D. Public Comment

There was none.

E. Consent Calendar

E1. Approval of minutes from the March 13, 2017 Planning Commission meeting. (Attachment)

ACTION: Motion and second (Drew Combs/Andrew Barnes) to approve the minutes as presented; passes 5-0 with Commissioners Susan Goodhue and Henry Riggs absent.

F. Public Hearing

F1. Use Permit/Ying-Min Li/338 Barton Way:

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 lot width and area in the R-1-U (Single-Family Urban) zoning district. As part of the project, one heritage holly tree in the front left yard, one heritage Eugenia tree in the front right yard, and one heritage plum tree in the right side yard are proposed for removal. (Staff Report #17-017-PC)

Staff Comment: Principal Planner Chow said the data table, Attachment C, was not included with the hard copy packet for the Commissioners. She said that information had been placed at the dais for the Commissioners and for the public on the table in the back of the Chambers.

Applicant Presentation: Robin McCarthy, project architect, said the property owner / developer was also present. She said they had surveyed the surrounding neighborhood, which was a nice mix of single- and two-story homes. She said their two-story home proposal was between two other two-story homes. She said the mix also included traditional Craftsman, modern cottage and other styles. She said they thought the farmhouse style would be a nice addition to the neighborhood. She said last August they reached out to the neighbors in the area providing plans and a 3D model. She said the turnout was great and generally positive. She said one neighbor whose home was adjacent to the rear property line of this proposal was very concerned about privacy. She said initially they were proposing new trees along the back property line and the rear neighbor asked if they would keep all the current trees. She said they agreed to that. She said originally they were also proposing a second story balcony for the master bedroom with lighting. She said they replaced that with a good-sized window. She said they also reduced some of the windows in the master bath and closet.

Commissioner Larry Kahle said the architect's letter had mentioned a standing metal seam roof in the front but he did not see it. Ms. McCarthy said they removed it. She said they originally proposed a mix of composition roof at the upper with metal and had received a comment that keeping it the same would be more harmonious.

Replying to Chair Strehl, Ms. McCarthy said this was a spec home for sale.

Chair Strehl opened the public hearing.

Public Comment:

 Robert Mancuso introduced his mother Natalia Mancuso. He said they live at 321 Nova Lane, which was directly behind the subject property, and have privacy concerns. He noted the changes the property owner had made in response to their concerns. He said they preferred to have no landscape or exterior lighting at the back and a reduction of the second story window size.

Chair Strehl closed the public hearing.

Commission Comment: Commissioner Combs asked if the architect could talk about the lighting the speaker mentioned.

Ms. McCarthy said it was their understanding that the neighbors' greatest concern was the second story lighting. She said that and the balcony were removed. She said for safety at least one light was usually provided outside the back door. She said there was an existing exterior light fixture there outside the back door. She said they could remove one of the three light fixtures from the back.

Commissioner Onken said code required a switch light for any door opening to the outside. He asked Principal Planner Chow if the type of fixtures had been considered and if there could be conditions around them. Principal Planner Chow said typically for single-family homes staff had not gone to that level of detail or for landscape lighting fixtures. She said for much larger projects lighting conditions for exterior lighting were made including that light shall not spill over property lines and lighting fixtures should be pointed down toward the ground. Commissioner Onken noted the legitimacy of the neighbors' concerns. He said he did not know how they could condition no landscape lighting or up lights on trees.

Commissioner Kahle said other cities have stricter recommendations for lighting. He said the design needed more fine tuning. He said the ceilings were 10-foot on the first and nine-foot on the second floor so the building looked tall. He said he was also concerned with the overall massing. He said regarding the roof that the front wall was long although broken up by the bay. He said a farmhouse style needed a bit more attention to how those masses were broken up. He said the one-story garage had what appeared to be eight-foot doors and another eight-foot of solid wall above them. He said the house would be very tall as the property was located in a flood zone. He said the roof itself could be fine-tuned, noting the side elevation showed a couple of hip roofs that did not really need to be there. He said the stair tower seemed to be just a few inches shy of the roof above. He said he was concerned with how it tied into the front and the massing of the garage. He said the design needed just a little work to be really great. He said he had not seen shutters on other farmhouse designs. He said regarding cement board siding to be careful to use the smooth and not grooved siding.

Commissioner Barnes said the neighbor who spoke asked about reducing the back second-story window, and asked if they had given that consideration. Ms. McCarthy said it didn't need to be the width it was. She said it was four-foot high which she thought worked well with the taller ceilings. She said she thought the window was six-foot wide and they could reduce it to five-foot.

Commissioner Onken said that perhaps the window could be reduced and suggested that the home could lose a foot of height which would lower the window generally so as not to loom over the rear property. He moved to approve with modifications to see the final specifications on the rear exterior lights to a make sure they were not the kind that would glare and upset neighbors and to reduce the overall height by one foot.

Commissioner Combs asked if Commissioner Onken was making a motion and if so whether it included reducing the size of the rear window. Commissioner Onken said that the applicant had been very careful with non-intrusive windows on the stairwell side, but he thought the house would greatly improve with an overall one-foot reduction in height. He moved to make the findings and through substantial conformance review have the applicant submit an application with the house's entirety reduced in height one foot and the specifications for the exterior rear lights.

Principal Planner Chow confirmed with Commissioner Onken that prior to building permit issuance the item would return to the Planning Commission for substantial conformance review by email.

Chair Strehl noted the project home was 22-feet away from the rear property line, which helped to make a positive difference.

Commissioner Kahle said regarding the rear windows that the head height was at eight feet and reducing the height one foot would definitely help. He said there was good separation between this house and the rear property as well as trees screening the views. He said removal of the balcony really helped. He said he would like to support the project but the garage height really bothered him.

Commissioner Combs seconded the motion. He thanked the Mancuso family for attending and commenting on the project. He said one thing the family mentioned in their letter was they did not like that the home was two-story. He said two-story residential development was allowed within the zoning and noted other two-stories in the area. He said the Commission would have no grounds to deny the project because it was a two-story.

Principal Planner Chow replying to Chair Strehl said the motion was to approve the project and to return for a conformance review email to the Commission with the specifications and details for the external lighting in the rear and to reduce the overall height of the house by one-foot with the same architecture.

Chair Strehl said she also appreciated the neighbors coming forward to the Commission and offering comments. She said the Commission had tried to address their concerns.

ACTION: Motion and second (Onken/Combs) to approve the project with the following modifications; passes 4-1 with Commissioner Kahle opposed and Commissioners Goodhue and Riggs absent.

- 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. 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 by Arch Studio consisting of twenty plan sheets, dated received March 29, 2017, and approved by the Planning Commission on April 10, 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, Menlo Park Fire Protection District, and utility companies' regulations that are directly applicable to the project.

- 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 installations or upgrades for review and approval by the Planning, Engineering and Building Divisions. All utility equipment that is installed outside of a building and that cannot be placed underground shall be properly screened by landscaping. The plan shall show exact locations of all meters, back flow prevention devices, transformers, junction boxes, relay boxes, and other equipment boxes.
- 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.
- f. 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. The Grading and Drainage Plan shall be approved prior to the issuance of grading, demolition or building permits.
- g. Heritage trees in the vicinity of the construction project shall be protected pursuant to the Heritage Tree Ordinance and the recommendations in the arborist report by Kielty Arborist Services revised on March 3, 2017.
- 4. Approve the use permit subject to the following *project-specific* conditions:
 - a. Simultaneous with the submittal of a complete building permit application, the applicant shall submit revised plans showing the furnace relocated from the proposed two-car garage in order to provide the minimum 20 feet by 20 feet unobstructed interior garage dimensions to meet the Zoning Ordinance's parking requirements. The revised plans are subject to the review and approval of the Planning Division.
 - b. Simultaneous with the submittal of a complete building permit application, the applicant shall submit an additional section (or sections) through the garage, in order to verify the interior ceiling and attic heights in this area and demonstrate compliance with the proposed floor area limit (FAL), subject to review and approval of the Planning Division. In particular, section diagrams and dimensions shall be provided to verify interior ceiling height as measured from the finished floor to the ceiling and interior attic height as measured from the top of the ceiling joist to the bottom of the roof sheathing.
 - c. Simultaneous with the submittal of a complete building permit application, the applicant shall submit revised plans showing a one-foot tall lattice on top of the six-foot tall fence along the right, rear and left side property lines, which gives the fence a total of seven feet in height. The revised plans are subject to the review and approval of the Planning Division.
 - d. Simultaneous with the submittal of a complete building permit application, the applicant shall submit the following: 1) revised plans modifying the overall height of the residence by one foot while maintaining the same exterior look as the plans

reviewed by the Planning Commission on April 10, 2017 and 2) specification sheets for the exterior lighting on the residence, demonstrating that the lights will have minimal glare to the adjacent properties. The revised plans shall be subject to the review and approval of the Planning Division. The Planning Commission shall be notified by email of this action, and any Commissioner may request that the Planning Division's approval of the revised plans and lighting specification sheets may be considered at the next Planning Commission meeting. The revised plans and lighting shall be fully approved prior to the issuance of the overall building permit.

F2. Use Permit/Isabelle Cole/318 Pope Street:

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 regard to lot width in the R-1-U (Single-Family Urban) zoning district. The property owner has separately applied for a heritage tree removal permit for a heritage redwood in good condition at the right side of the property, approximately halfway between the front and rear property lines. That removal permit has been denied by the City Arborist, and the Environmental Quality Commission (EQC) has upheld the City Arborist's action on appeal. The City Council will separately hear an appeal of the EQC action, tentatively scheduled for April 18, 2017. (Staff Report #17-018-PC)

Chair Strehl said there were many persons present to object to the proposed removal of the heritage redwood tree. She said the Planning Commission had no discretion regarding heritage tree removal and would take no action on it, noting that would be a separate review by the City Council and would occur Tuesday, April 18,

Staff Comment: Associate Planner Corinna Sandmeier said they had received a number of emails about the heritage tree since the staff report was published. She said the arborist report for the use permit application included protection measures for the heritage redwood with the requirement that excavation near the tree be done by hand and that the foundation piers would be placed to avoid large roots found near excavation.

Questions of Staff: Commissioner Onken asked about the status of the actions of the EQC regarding the heritage tree. Associate Planner Sandmeier said the heritage tree removal permit was denied by the City Arborist, and the EQC upheld the denial. She said the consideration of the appeal of the EQC's denial was tentatively scheduled for April 18 before the City Council but the date might change.

Commissioner Barnes asked why the two permits were being run in parallel. Associate Planner Sandmeier said the property owner submitted the heritage tree removal permit application before the use permit application. She said usually those applications were made at the same time but done separately this time as the proposed residence design and construction would not affect the tree.

Replying to Chair Strehl, Associate Planner Sandmeier confirmed that the previous use permit approval for this site was for a two-story residence. Chair Strehl also confirmed that the approved use permit for a two-story did not have a request for a tree removal permit.

Chair Strehl noted the Commission had received a number of email correspondences that was before them for consideration.

Applicant Presentation: Scott Cole, property owner, introduced his wife Isabelle. He said they had lived in Palo Alto for 27 years and were in the process of downsizing. He said their architect was on vacation with her family. He said the structure they were proposing was a contemporary, modern farmhouse. He said they wanted a very light home and to keep it very simple. He said their previous home was a very heavy Mediterranean-style home. He said they liked the neighborhood and had been through a number of design revisions for the project. He said the site has an alley that separated it from neighbors and on the other side of the property were two oaks and a redwood tree that would provide screening. He said the lot was fan shaped and he thought that would give them and their neighbors privacy. He said they bought the property assuming the heritage redwood tree would stay. He said the house was designed to exist with the tree.

Commissioner Onken confirmed the applicant had seen the previously approved design.

Chair Strehl asked why they were trying to get a permit to remove the tree. Ms. Isabelle Cole, property owner, said they bought the property with no intention to remove the tree. She said they were required to get an arborist report and the arborist told them the tree was unstable because it has three dominant co-leaders or three trees growing out of one trunk. She said their arborist and another arborist found the tree was unstable. She said the City Arborist and other arborists agreed on the consequence of the failure of the tree. She said as homeowners that was not a risk they wanted to take.

Chair Strehl opened the public hearing.

Public Comment:

• Katie Hadrovich, Pope Street, said she lived next door to the project property. She said she never received one public notice related to 318 Pope Street for either the previous owner's project or this project proposal. She said her neighbors received a notice the past Saturday about this hearing and she did not receive a notice. She said her concern about the project proposal was this was a very big house for people who were downsizing. She said residents of the existing home were not families and the car parking created logistical problems for her home's parking and access. She said she was concerned with how this home would be parked and if it would be adequate for the number of bedrooms proposed and visitors.

Chair Strehl suggested that staff could follow up on the notification for this project. She said also if they had problems parking because of this property to call the City's Code Enforcement division.

Principal Planner Chow said with every discretionary use permit they notice twice: once when the application is filed with a link to the plans and a request to provide comments if any. She said that was done in the first week after receiving the application. She said for a single-family home application like this the noticing was to all occupants and property owners within a 300-foot radius. She said the second notice was before the public hearing is done and generally sent out 17 days before the actual meeting date. She said they would need to see if there was a glitch if property owners only received those notices the past Saturday. She said the noticing radius was the same. She said they also publish legal notices in the newspaper.

• Gordon Cruikshank, Pope Street, said his home was right across the alley from the project site. He said the tree was one issue. He said one issue he has about the planning of Menlo Park

was more projects maxing out development on lots allowed under code. He said there needed to be a discussion about this. He said he would prefer the project to be one-story. He said he was neutral about the tree and if, and when it failed, he hoped it didn't fall onto his property.

- Joe Ashton, Laurel Street, said his property was behind the proposed project. He said they and his neighbors use the alleyway and several homes have garages or driveways in the back. He said he expected the alley would get blocked by this project, noting that had happened before when people used the area for parking. He said they got a letter from the property owners identifying themselves as empty nesters. He said he had just gotten the letter with what was being proposed a couple of days ago and the project would be 3,200 square feet with five bathrooms. He said such a structure didn't fit within their little community and the parking situation from this project could get out of control. He said they were really concerned with the massiveness of the structure.
- Scott Marshall, O'Connor Street, said he is an Environmental Quality Commissioner and had been one of the Commissioners at the meeting when they denied the tree removal permit. He said the proposed design was within six feet of the redwood tree and that meant the tree would be destroyed. He said that the design should protect the heritage tree. He was concerned that approving this design would set a precedent for others that they could build and remove healthy heritage trees doing a similar process.
- Robert Brooks, Pine Street, said he looked at the tree today and had never seen a healthier tree. He said it was the most dominant tree in the treescape and made for a beautiful treescape. He said it would be a shame to lose it and every accommodation to save it would be in order.

Chair Strehl closed the public hearing.

Commission Comment: Commissioner Onken said he would like the applicants to discuss safeguards for the tree and to clarify they were keeping the existing garage and not building a new garage. He asked how the access and parking affected their planning.

Mr. Cole said the first issue was whether the project design conformed to having a tree next to the home. He said the design assumed the tree's presence. He said the project design prior to theirs for this site also had to honor a very large tree next to the house and it was approved. Ms. Cole said the idea raised by one of the speakers that they bought this property to get around the heritage tree ordinance was untrue and the issue was safety concerns related to the stability of the tree.

Commissioner Kahle noted a notch within the kitchen on the site plan. He asked if the notch was made to get the house farther away from the tree or whether it could be enlarged even more to move the house even farther away from the tree. Mr. Cole said he would have to ask his architect.

Replying to Commissioner Combs, Principal Planner Chow said that ordinarily heritage tree permit applications and use permit applications were made concurrently. She said in this instance the use permit application included the tree and had preservation measures to protect it. She said she recalled one instance some years prior that involved a heritage redwood tree that was located in the center of a property and was reviewed by the City Council as to whether the house should be designed around it or whether the house could be approved as proposed. She said a third party

architect was used and the Planning Commission had to consider alternative designs based on keeping the tree.

Chair Strehl confirmed with staff that the staff report did not include the City Arborist's report. Principal Planner Chow said the applicant's arborist report was included and the City Arborist had reviewed it. Chair Strehl said the City Arborist did not concur with the applicant's arborist report. Principal Planner Chow said in the applicant's arborist report in the packet the tree was to remain and they concurred with the tree protection measures. Chair Strehl said the applicant's arborist report indicated the tree was in poor form and poor condition. Associate Planner Sandmeier said the City Arborist found the tree to be in good condition and when reviewing the project arborist report he reviewed whether the tree protection measures were adequate. She said she did not think he commented on the grading for each of the trees.

Commissioner Barnes said the community concern was that should the tree remain and the house get constructed as proposed that the damage to the roots and tree would be irreparable. He noted Mr. Marshall's assertion that a tree being six feet away from new construction was problematic. He said he wanted assurance from staff that the distance as proposed was not only appropriate but best practices for construction. Associate Planner Sandmeier said that the information was from the City Arborist and he indicated that the tree would not be harmed by the construction. Commissioner Barnes confirmed with staff that her response included the correctness of the construction techniques for this project for tree protection.

Commissioner Barnes asked about liability should the tree fall. Principal Planner Chow said that she could not answer and that would be a question for the City Attorney. She said the two arborists who reviewed indicated the best construction method to preserve the tree was to do hand excavation and to then determine best place for laying the foundation based on root location – she recited the specific findings related to the latter.

Commissioner Combs said he would be most comfortable continuing this item because of the contingency of the heritage tree removal permit application.

Commissioner Onken said he could ignore the tree permit as this was not within the Commission's remit. He said it had been explained that the home was not contingent upon the removal of the tree. He said he was fine with letting the tree removal permit go through the City's channels. He said he appreciated the neighbors' concerns with the project noting there had been issues with the alley. He said the Commission looked at project designs so as not to exacerbate issues with the alley problems. He said the comments on empty nesters and the number of bathrooms were of no concern to the Commission. He said the project was before the Commission because of a substandard lot and the house design had to fit better on the lot. He said he thought the previously approved project fit better. He said this house was taller because of the flood zone but the footprint was rectangular and kind of graceless. He said regardless of the tree he would like the project continued to redesign to fit the lot better.

Commissioner Kahle said it was not the Commission's business who would occupy a home upon construction. He said it was hard to separate the issue of the tree from the use permit application. He said he thought it would make sense to continue the item until the tree issue was decided. He said regarding the proposed house design that he appreciated the nine-foot and eight-foot ceilings on the first and second floor and the massing from the front. He said the house did feel tall and his biggest concern with the curved frontage was the very visible view of the right side as he thought it

would look like a monolithic wall. He said he had some concerns with four different roof pitches and two different roof materials as it felt disorganized and could be refined better. He said the front elevation was very nice. He said if possible he would like the height reduced. He said he would support a motion to continue.

Commissioner Combs moved that the item be continued until City Council has made a decision about the removal of the heritage tree. He said he was open to additional direction. Commissioner Kahle said he would second the motion to continue with the direction that the applicant look at the siting of the house on the property and the overall appearance of the house,

Chair Strehl asked how long the continuance would take to come back to the Commission. Principal Planner Chow said they would need to confer with the applicants to see how soon their team could do revised plans and staff would then review. She said they were projecting out a month or two for Planning Commission meetings with known items. She said it could be at least a couple of months.

ACTION: Motion and second (Combs/Kahle) to continue the item with the following direction; passes 5-0 with Commissioners Goodhue and Riggs absent.

- Return after heritage removal permit appeal has been decided upon by City Council
- Redesign the project to fit on the site better and to look at the overall appearance of the house including:
 - o Right side elevation and monolithic feeling wall
 - o Roof design (too much variation in pitches and materials)
 - Height (lower if possible)

Chair Strehl suggested in the future that if there was a pending appeal of a heritage tree permit application denial to have a decision on that before the use permit was considered by the Planning Commission.

G. Informational Items

Chair Strehl recognized Mr. Edward Cuy to make general public comment on a matter not on the agenda.

 Edward Cuy said he was a Green Party activist and humanitarian and wanted to speak about homelessness. He said he had moved out of the Menlo Park area to Contra Costa County and now lived in Redwood City downtown. He said that city was building and creating congestion and gridlock. He said the City of Palo Alto made no response to his suggestion for a campground where homeless people could pitch RVs and tents. He said that some level of supervision would be needed.

Chair Strehl suggested to Mr. Cuy to speak to the City Council at one of its regular meetings.

- G1. Future Planning Commission Meeting Schedule
 - Regular Meeting: April 24, 2017

Principal Planner Chow said the April 24 meeting had a full agenda with a number of single-family

home development projects and a two-unit project.

Principal Planner Chow said there were two potential study sessions in May.

Regular Meeting: May 8, 2017Regular Meeting: May 22, 2017

H. Adjournment

Chair Strehl adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Staff Liaison: Deanna Chow, Principal Planner

Recording Secretary: Brenda Bennett

Community Development



STAFF REPORT

Planning Commission

Meeting Date: 5/8/2017 Staff Report Number: 17-024-PC

Public Hearing: Use Permit/Sarah Potter/207 Oakhurst Place

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission approve a use permit to partially demolish, remodel, and add a second story addition to an existing single-story, single-family residence on a substandard lot with regard to lot area and lot width in the R-1-U (Single-Family Urban) zoning district, at 207 Oakhurst Place. 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 208 Oakhurst Place, between Highway 101 and Bay Road, in the Suburban Park neighborhood. The area is close to the City's boundaries with the Town of Atherton. The surrounding homes are also zoned R-1-U and are predominantly single-story, single-family residences; however, two-story, single-family residences can also be found throughout the neighborhood. This is a neighborhood in transition; older existing residences tend to be one story in height, while newly built and remodeled residences are typically two stories in height. Residences on Oakhurst Place feature a variety of architectural styles including traditional ranch, craftsman, and contemporary residential.

For Zoning Ordinance setback purposes, the front property line for corner lots is the shorter of the two street-facing sides. Front doors and addresses may be located on either street frontage. In this case, the front property line is on Greenwood Drive, and Oakhurst Place is designated the corner side lot line. The front door and address are on Oakhurst Place.

Analysis

Project description

The subject site is currently occupied by a single-story residence with an attached one-car garage. The applicant is proposing to maintain the 1,840-square-foot first story, while adding a 703-square-foot second story addition, 219-square-foot first story addition, and renovating portions of the existing structure. 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 four-bedroom home with three bathrooms. The first story living space includes a kitchen, living room, dining room, office, two bathrooms, two bedrooms, and a one car-garage. The second story would feature two bedrooms, one bathroom, and a den. The parking would remain nonconforming, which can be permitted on remodel/expansion projects.

The floor area, building coverage, and height of the proposed residence would all be below the maximum amounts permitted by the Zoning Ordinance. Additionally, the structure would comply with the daylight plane for a two-story home in the R-1-U zoning district.

Design and materials

The existing residence is a traditional ranch home featuring the characteristic long, low profile, simple roof forms, and wood siding typical of this architectural style. As part of the proposed project, the façade would be updated to achieve a more contemporary architectural style. The combination of horizontal wood siding and board and batten siding would be used on the proposed first and second story additions to match the existing siding. The board and batten siding would primarily be used on recessed portions of the first floor façade and in the areas directly below the hip roof forms. The entire roof structure would be covered in new composite roof shingles. The proposed new windows would be a combination of vinyl windows with interior and exterior grids and spacer bars between the glass and windows without grids. The windows without grids would primarily be located on the interior side elevation. The existing garage door would be replaced and upgraded to match the new windows. Additional architectural interest would be created by the covered porches and bay windows.

The new second story would be concentrated toward the front of the property and would be stepped in from the first story footprint. The closest adjacent residence, a single-story single-family home at 1048 Greenwood Drive, is approximately 12 feet away. The second story of the proposed structure is designed in such a way that potential privacy impacts should be limited. The second-story windows are proposed to have sill heights of at least three feet which, along with the increased second-level setback, would promote privacy for the neighboring side and rear properties.

Staff believes that the scale, materials, and style of the proposed residence are consistent with the broader neighborhood, given the variety of architectural styles and sizes of structures in the area.

Trees and landscaping

At present, there are four trees on or in near proximity to the project site. All four of these trees are heritage trees and are located in the right-of-way. The applicant has submitted an arborist report (Attachment F) detailing the species, size, and conditions of trees on the property. None of the heritage trees are proposed for removal. During the review process, the arborist report was reviewed by the City's independent consulting arborist to confirm the accuracy of the conclusions of the report. In the time between application submittal and the scheduling of this public hearing, the property owners removed five non-heritage trees listed in the arborist report.

The partial demolition of the existing residence and construction of the proposed addition are not anticipated to adversely affect any of the existing trees located on the subject site or neighboring properties. Standard heritage tree protection measures will be ensured through recommended condition 3g. No new landscaping is currently proposed. The fencing on this property complies with fence height limitations for corner parcels, although part of it is in the public right-of-way and is proposed to remain.

Correspondence

The applicant indicates that the property owners performed outreach by contacting adjacent property owners regarding the proposed project. A neighborhood outreach letter was submitted with the application, which includes signatures of seven neighbors who received and reviewed the project plans. (Attachment G). During the review process, staff received one call from the adjacent neighbor at 1048 Greenwood Drive with concerns about potential impacts to existing solar panels. The applicant indicated that the property owners communicated with the solar company and adjacent neighbor. The solar company prepared a shadow study that indicated that the existing solar panels should not be affected. No additional comments were received from the adjacent neighbor.

Conclusion

Staff believes that the scale, materials, and style of the proposed residence are compatible with those of the greater neighborhood. The applicant has designed the second floor setbacks to be greater than the minimum requirements in the R-1-U zoning district and the upper level would be stepped in from the lower level. 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. No heritage tree impacts are anticipated per the arborist report and as confirmed by the City's independent consulting arborist. 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.

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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
- G. Correspondence

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: Kaitie Meador, Associate Planner

Report reviewed by:

Thomas Rogers, Principal Planner

207 Oakhurst Place – Attachment A: Recommended Actions

LOCATION: 207
Oakhurst Place

PROJECT NUMBER: APPLICANT: Sarah Potter

OWNER: Tyson and Jessica Clark

REQUEST: Request for a use permit to partially demolish, remodel, and add a second story addition to an existing single-story, single-family residence on a substandard lot with regard to lot area and lot width in the R-1-U (Single-Family Urban) zoning district.

DECISION ENTITY: Planning **DATE:** May 8, 2017 **ACTION:** TBD

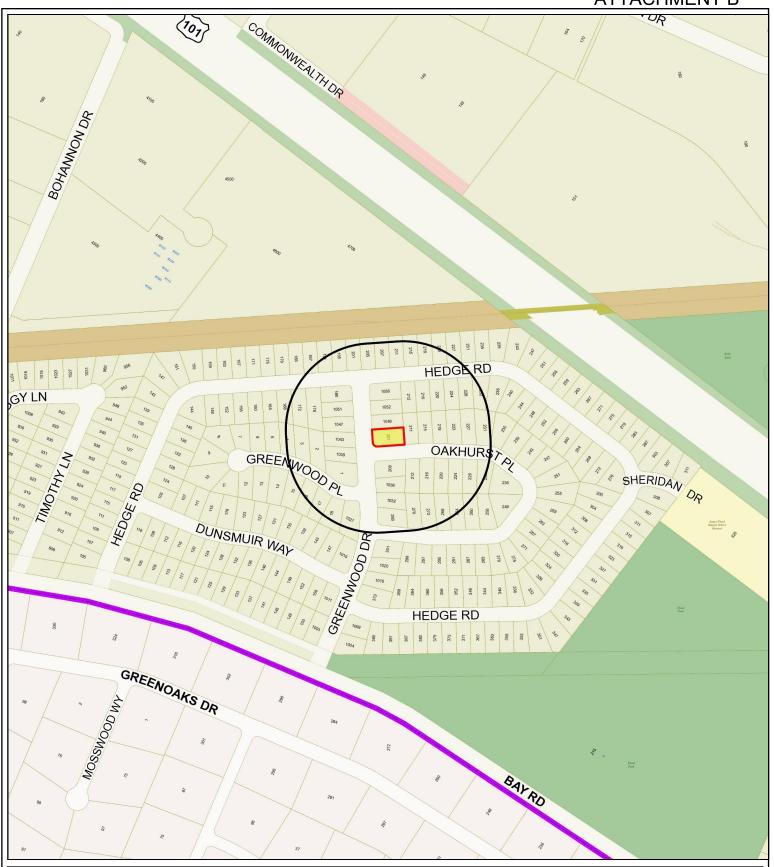
Commission

VOTE: TBD (Barnes, Combs, Goodhue, Kahle, Onken, Riggs, Strehl)

ACTION:

- 1. Make a finding that the project is categorically exempt under Class 1 (Section 15301, "Existing Facilities") of the current California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.
- 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. Approve the use permit subject to the following *standard* conditions:
 - a. Development of the project shall be substantially in conformance with the plans prepared by Clearstory Construction, consisting of nine plan sheets, dated received on April 13, 2017, and approved by the Planning Commission on May 8, 2017, except as modified by the conditions contained herein, subject to review and approval by the Planning Division.
 - b. Prior to building permit issuance, the applicants shall comply with all Sanitary District, Menlo Park Fire Protection District, and utility companies' regulations that are directly applicable to the project.
 - 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 installations or upgrades for review and approval by the Planning, Engineering and Building Divisions. All utility equipment that is installed outside of a building and that cannot be placed underground shall be properly screened by landscaping. The plan shall show exact locations of all meters, back flow prevention devices, transformers, junction boxes, relay boxes, and other equipment boxes.
 - 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.
 - f. 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. The Grading and Drainage Plan shall be approved prior to the issuance of grading, demolition or building permits.
 - g. Heritage trees in the vicinity of the construction project shall be protected pursuant to the Heritage Tree Ordinance.

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City of Menlo Park Location Map 207 Oakhurst Place



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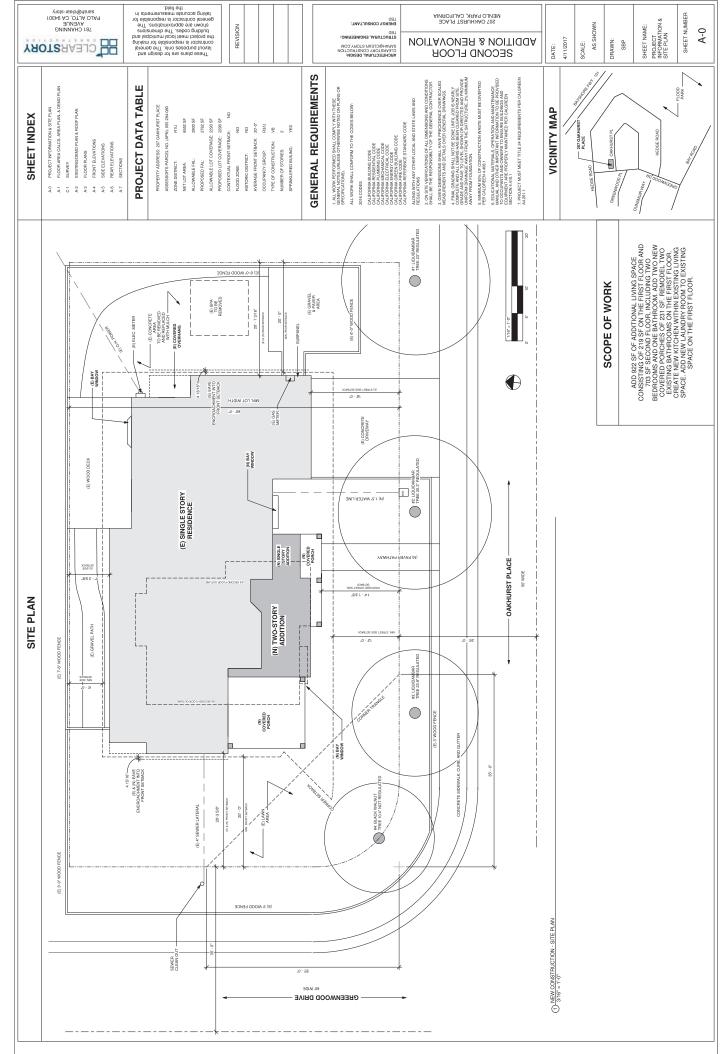
207 Oakhurst Place - Attachment C: Data Table

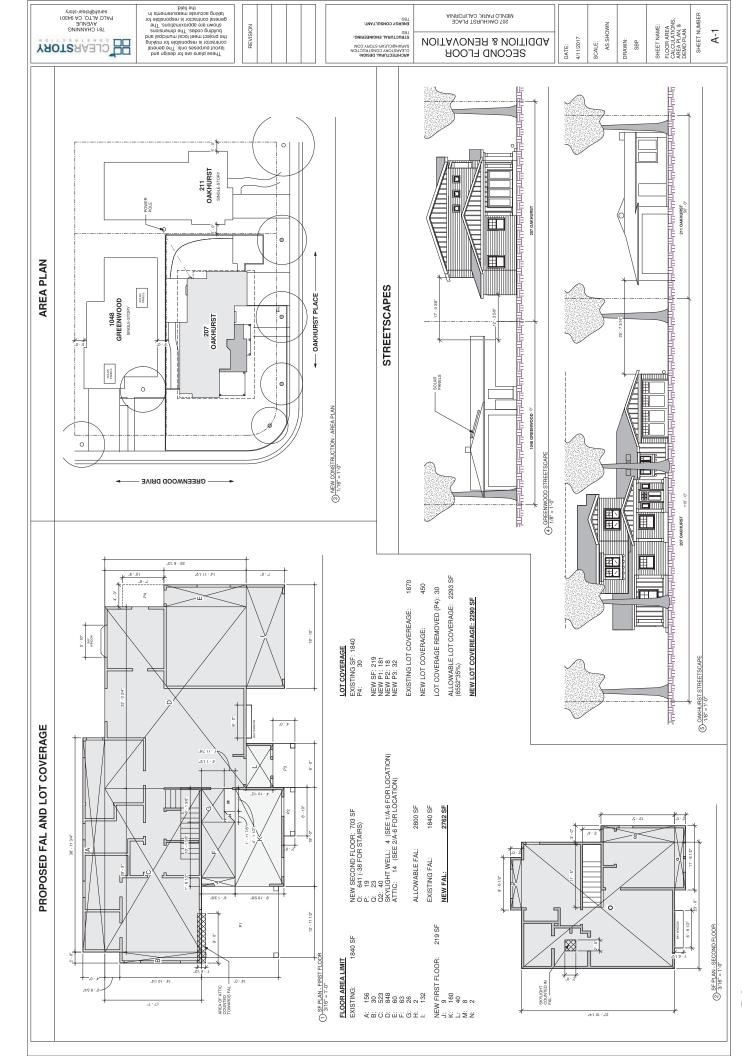
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Lot width	60	ft.	60	ft.	65	ft. min.
Lot depth	110	ft.	110	ft.	100	ft. min.
Setbacks						
Front	20.3	ft.	20.3	ft.	20	ft. min.
Rear	20.6	ft.	20.6	ft.	20	ft. min.
Side (left)	7.3	ft.	7.3	ft.	6	ft. min.
Side (street)	14.1	ft.	16	ft.	12	ft. min.
Building coverage	2,290	sf	1870	sf	2,293	sf max.
	35	%	29	%	35	% max.
FAL (Floor Area Limit)	2,762	sf	1840	sf	2,800	sf max.
Square footage by floor	1645.5	sf/1st	1840	sf/1st		
	703	sf/2nd	30	sf/porch		
	413.5	sf/garage				
	231	sf/porch				
Square footage of buildings	2,993	sf	1870	sf		
Building height	24.8	ft.	14.4	ft.	28	ft. max.
Parking						
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	Note: Areas shown highlighted indicate a nonconforming or substandard situation.					

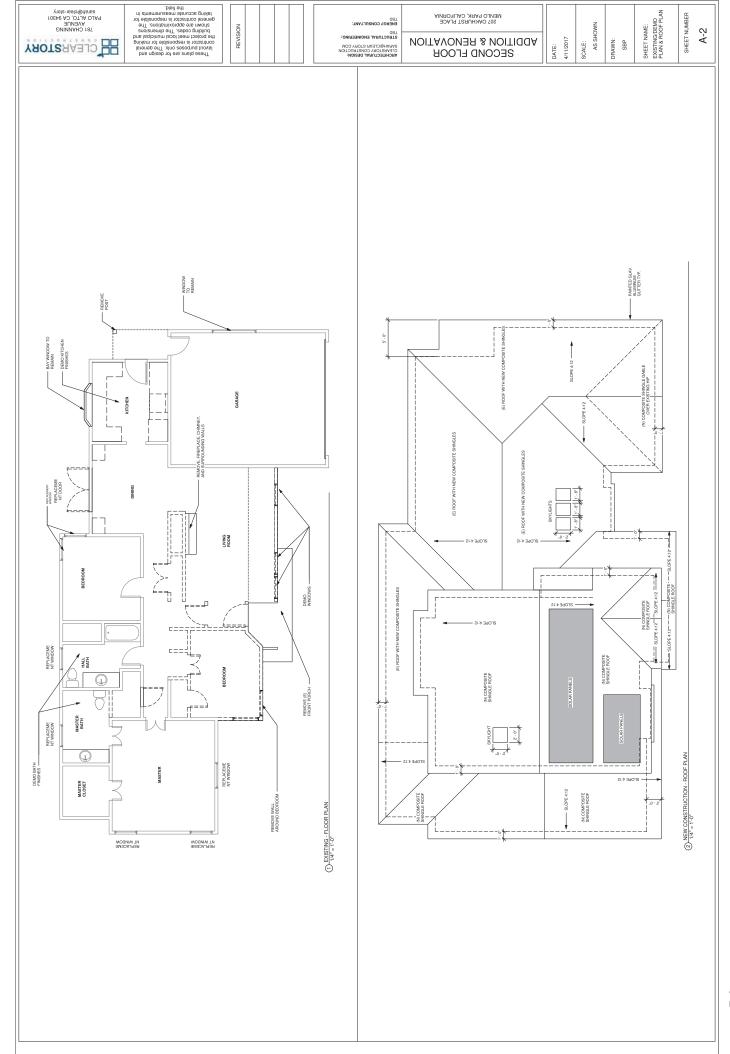
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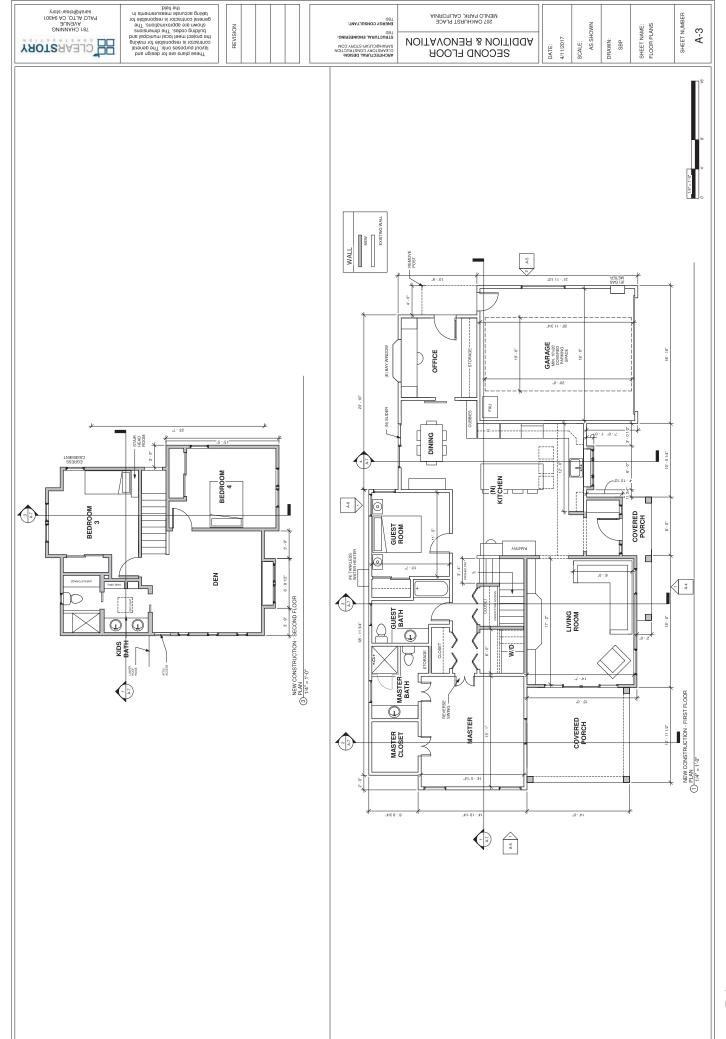
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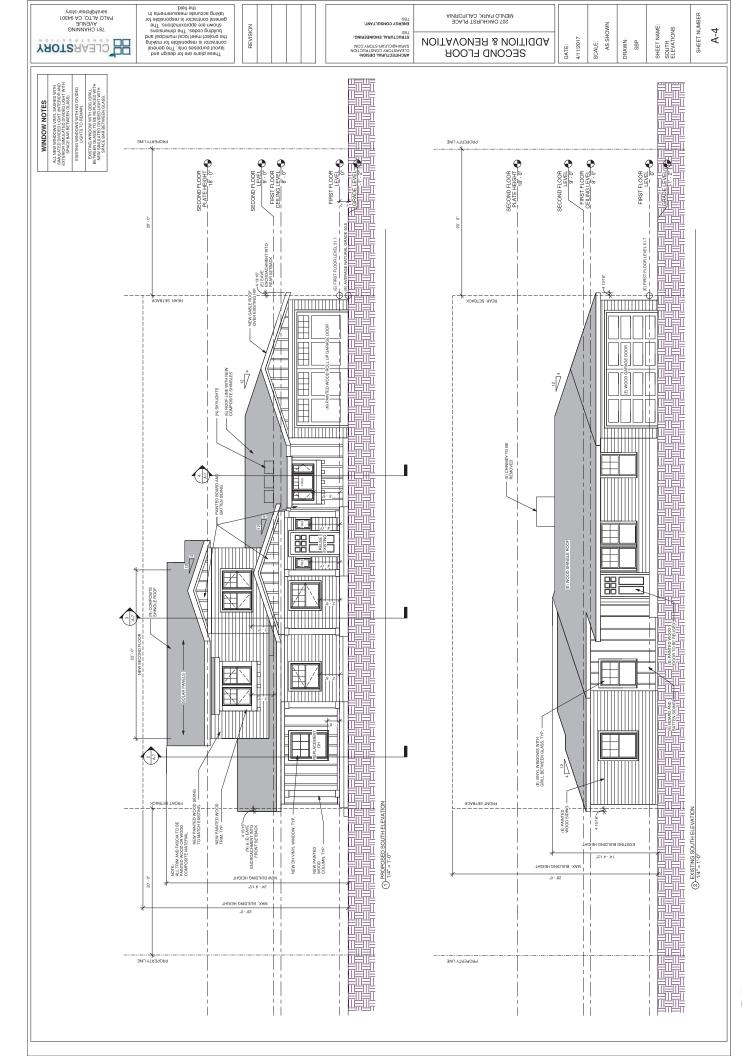
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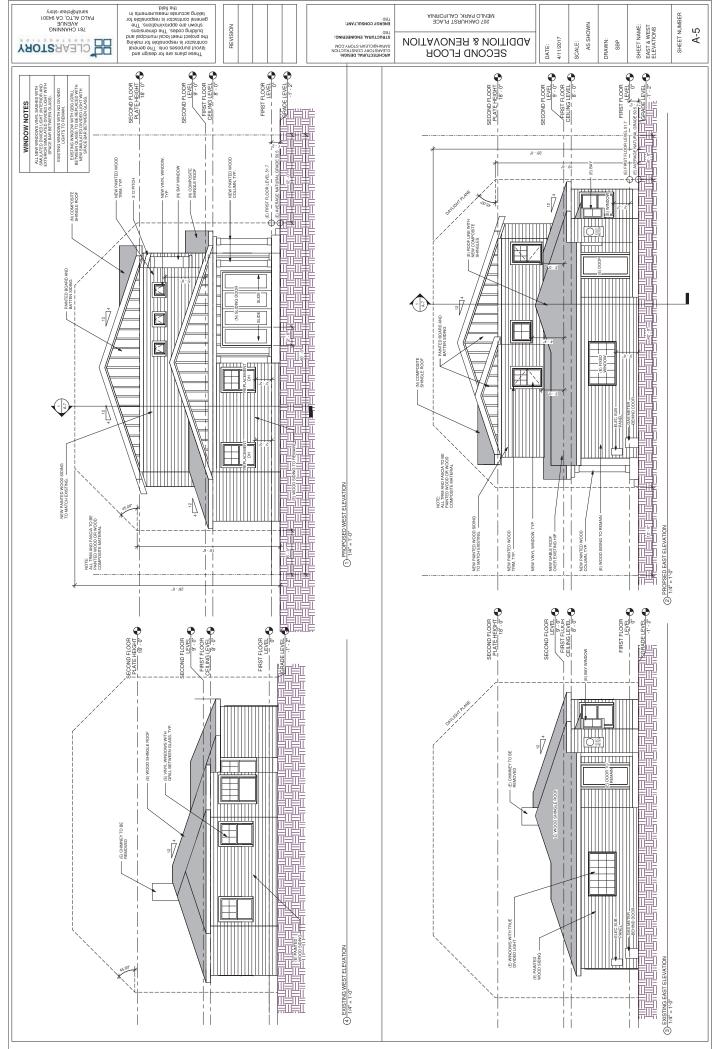




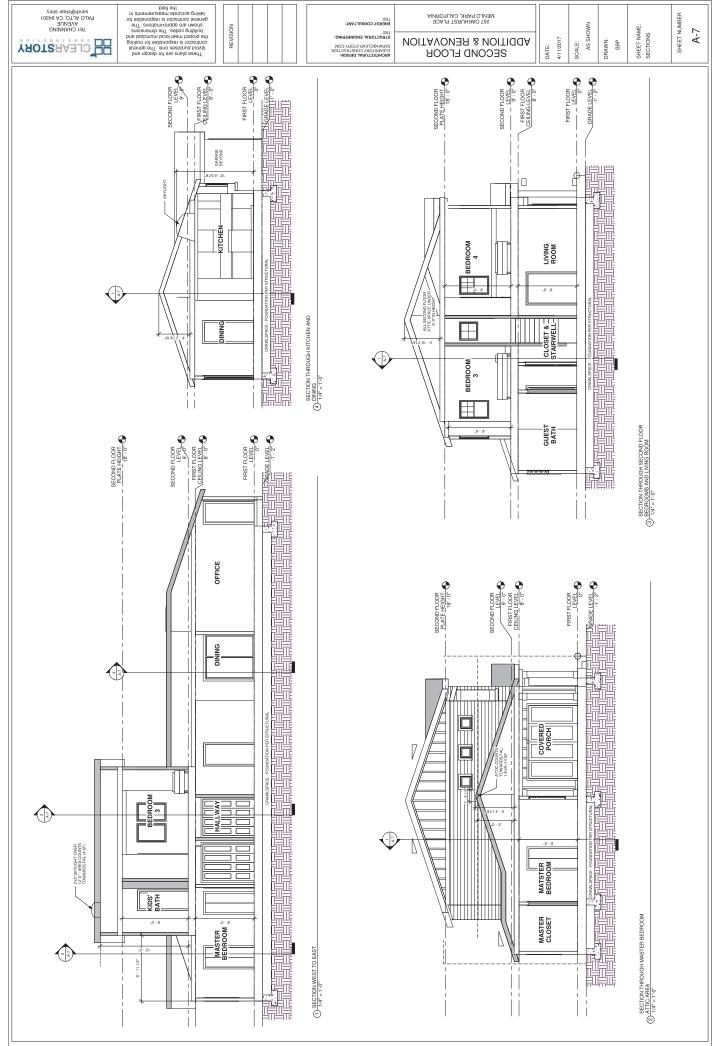












ATTACHMENT E



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April 28, 2017

City of Menlo Park

Community Development Department

Planning Division

Project Description Letter: 207 Oakhurst Place

Dear Menlo Park Planning Division,

207 Oakhurst is an unassuming ranch that has remained mostly architecturally untouched for the majority of its existence. Though its charm has remained intact, the home has outgrown its livability for a modern family. The Clark family has loved their home for many years and hope to continue to do so after they renovate and expand their home to fit a growing family's needs.

The current home is an 1840 square foot ranch with three bedrooms and two baths. The family is proposing to add 219 sf on the first floor to create a living space with better connection with the outside and create a new kitchen that meets the needs of a modern family. This addition will include a welcoming covered front porch as well as a covered porch off the new living room to create that indoor-outdoor space so desired in our climate. They plan to keep as much of the existing siding as possible and even work in the multiple exterior finished (horizontal siding and vertical board and batten) already present in the house. As the first floor's renovations will remove one bedroom to make room for the new living space, the family is proposing to include a second story addition of 703 sf with two bedrooms, one bath and a den in the addition plan. This will bring the home to a four bedroom, three bath home, 2762 sf (including the existing garage).

The Clark family is very concerned about their personal impact on the environment. They have purposefully planned to change the nature of the architecture of the home from hip roofs to gables to provide more south facing roof area for solar panels. The renovation has also been planned to minimally impact the existing home layout and structure. This will help reuse much of the exterior finishes, doors, interior walls and structure. What is not able to be reused in this project will be donated to the local Habitat for Humanity for another local project.

The Clarks are a wonderful family who love their home and neighborhood. They are an asset to their community and hope to make their modern, quaint renovation an asset to the neighborhood, too.

Sincerely,
Sarah Potter, ClearStory Construction, Inc

Advanced Tree Care

P.O. Box 5326 Redwood City, CA 94063

207 Oakhurst Pl., Menlo Park February 28, 2017

Jessica Clark 207 Oakhurst Pl Menlo Park, CA 94025

Site: 207 Oakhurst Pl, Menlo Park

Dear Jessica

At your request I visited the above site for the purpose of inspecting and commenting on the trees around the property. A remodel and second story addition is planned, prompting the need for this tree protection report.

Method:

Menlo Park requests that all trees with trunk diameters greater than 6 inches on this property and within 8 feet of the property lines be included. The location of the trees on this site can be found on the plan. Each tree is given an identification number. The trees are measured at 54 inches above ground level (DBH or Diameter at Breast Height). A condition rating of 1 to 100 is assigned to each tree representing form and vitality on the following scale:

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

The height and spread of each tree is estimated. A Comments section is provided for any significant observations affecting the condition rating of the tree.

A Summary and Tree Protection Plan are at the end of the end of the survey providing recommendations for maintaining the health and condition of the trees during and after construction.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call. Sincerely

Robert Weatherill

Certified Arborist WE 1936A



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Tree survey

Tree #	Species	DBH	Ht/Sp	Con Rating	Comments
1	Sweet gum Liquidambar styraciflua	23.0"	60/30	70	Good health and condition, street tree Regulated
2	Sweet gum Liquidambar styraciflua	25.3"	60/30	65	Good health and condition, street tree included bark, Regulated
3	Sweet gum Liquidambar styraciflua	23.9"	60/30	70	Good health and condition, street tree, Regulated
4	Black walnut Juglans nigra	10.4"	15/15	60	Fair health and condition Not Regulated
5	Plum Prunus cerasifera	7.3"/7.2"	10/8	20	Poor health and condition, Cavities Decay in turn. Remove. Not Regulated
6	Evergreen pear Pyrus kawakamii	11.9"	25/12	40	Poor health and condition, leaf spot, poorly pruned, Not Regulated
7	Evergreen pear <i>Pyrus kawakamii</i>	9.1"	15/6	40	Poor health and condition, leaf spot, poorly pruned, Not Regulated
8	Evergreen pear <i>Pyrus kawakamii</i>	10.1"	20/10	40	Poor health and condition, leaf spot, poorly pruned, Not Regulated
9	Evergreen pear Pyrus kawakamii	10.1"	25/10	40	Poor health and condition, leaf spot poorly pruned, Not Regulated

Summary:

The trees on the site are all non-natives.

There are 3 street trees along Oakhurst Place mostly in good health and condition that should be protected during construction.

There are no trees on neighboring properties within 8 feet of the fence line.

The remaining trees are not regulated and can be removed if desired

Tree # 5 is in very poor condition and should probably be removed

Tree Protection Plan

1. The Tree Protection Zone (TPZ) should be defined with protective fencing. This should be cyclone or chain link fencing on 11/2" or 2" posts driven at least 2 feet in to the ground standing at least 6 feet tall. Normally a TPZ is defined by the dripline of the tree. I recommend the TPZ's as follows:-

Tree #s 1, 2 and 3: TPZ should be at 12 feet from the trunk closing on the fence line and sidewalk in accordance with Type I Tree Protection as outlined and illustrated in image 2.15-1 and 2 ⁽⁶⁾



IMAGE 2.15-1
Tree Protection Fence at the Dripline



IMAGE 2.15-2
Tree Protection Fence at the Dripline

Type I Tree Protection

The fences shall enclose the entire area under the **canopy dripline or TPZ** of the tree(s) to be saved throughout the life of the project, or until final improvement work within the area is required, typically near the end of the project (see *Images 2.15-1 and 2.15-2*). Parking Areas: If the fencing must be located on paving or sidewalk that will not be demolished, the posts may be supported by an appropriate grade level concrete base.

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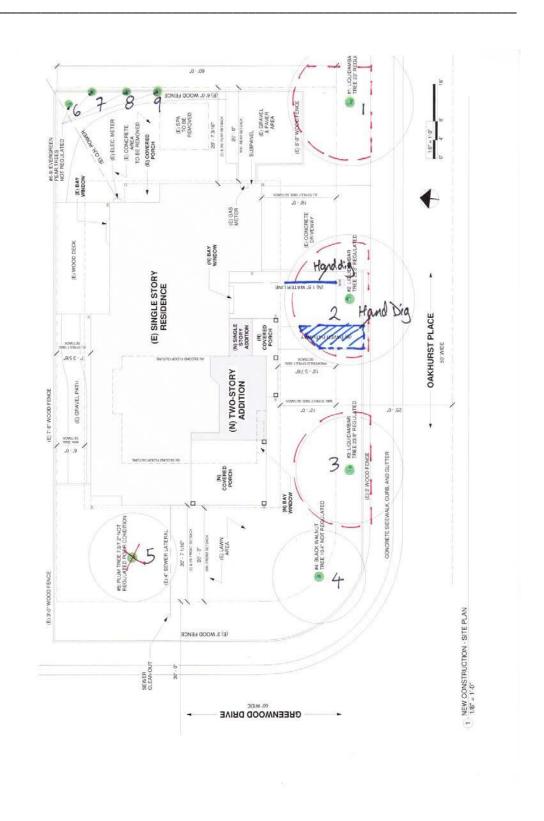
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- 2. Any pruning and maintenance of the trees shall be carried out before construction begins. This should allow for any clearance requirements for both the new structure and any construction machinery. This will eliminate the possibility of damage during construction. **The pruning should be carried out by an arborist, not by construction personnel**. No limbs greater than 4" in diameter shall be removed.
- 3. Any excavation in ground where there is a potential to damage roots of 1" or more in diameter should be carefully hand dug. Where possible, roots should be dug around rather than cut. (2)
- 4. A new 1.5" water line is planned to run through the TPZ of Tree # 2. Fortunately this water line radiates out from the tree and does not cut across the root system. The trench for the new water line should be hand dug (trench marked in blue) No roots over 2 inches in diameter should be cut. There will be no impact on the health and stability of the tree.
- 5. The new paver pathway passes through the TPZ of Tree #2. The foundation for the pathway should be hand dug within the TPZ to a depth no greater than 8 inches. (Area in blue) No roots over 2 inches in diameter should be cut.
- 6. If roots are broken, every effort should be made to remove the damaged area and cut it back to its closest lateral root. A clean cut should be made with a saw or pruners. This will prevent any infection from damaged roots spreading throughout the root system and into the tree. (2)

7. **Do Not**:. (4)

- a. Allow run off or spillage of damaging materials into the area below any tree canopy.
- b. Store materials, stockpile soil, park or drive vehicles within the TPZ of the tree.
- c. Cut, break, skin or bruise roots, branches or trunk without first obtaining permission from the city arborist.
- d. Allow fires under any adjacent trees.
- e. Discharge exhaust into foliage.
- f. Secure cable, chain or rope to trees or shrubs.
- g. Apply soil sterilants under pavement near existing trees.
- 8. Where roots are exposed, they should be kept covered with the native soil or four layers of wetted, untreated burlap. Roots will dry out and die if left exposed to the air for too long. (4)
- 9. Route pipes into alternate locations to avoid conflict with roots. (4)
- 10. Where it is not possible to reroute pipes or trenches, the contractor is to bore beneath the dripline of the tree. The boring shall take place no less than 3 feet below the surface of the soil in order to avoid encountering "feeder" roots. (4)
- 11. Compaction of the soil within the dripline shall be kept to a minimum. (2)
- 12. Any damage due to construction activities shall be reported to the project arborist or city arborist within 6 hours so that remedial action can be taken.
- 11. Ensure upon completion of the project that the original ground level is restored

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Location of protected trees and their Tree Protection Zones

Glossary

Canopy The part of the crown composed of leaves and small twigs. (2)

Cavities An open wound, characterized by the presence of extensive decay and

resulting in a hollow. (1)

Decay Process of degradation of woody tissues by fungi and bacteria through the

decomposition of cellulose and lignin⁽¹⁾

Dripline The width of the crown as measured by the lateral extent of the foliage. (1)

Genus A classification of plants showing similar characteristics.

Included bark Genetic weakness in branch attachment resulting potential limb failure

Species A Classification that identifies a particular plant.

Standard Height at which the girth of the tree is measured. Typically 4 1/2 feet above

height ground level

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Certification of Performance⁽³⁾

I, Robert Weatherill certify:

- * That I have personally inspected the tree(s) and/or the property referred to in this report, and have stated my findings accurately. The extent of the evaluation and appraisal is stated in the attached report and the Terms and Conditions;
- * That I have no current or prospective interest in the vegetation or the property that is the subject of this report, and I have no personal interest or bias with respect to the parties involved;
- * That the analysis, opinions and conclusions stated herein are my own, and are based on current scientific procedures and facts;
- * That my compensation is not contingent upon the reporting of a predetermined conclusion that favors the cause of the client or any other party, nor upon the results of the assessment, the attainment of stipulated results, or the occurrence of any subsequent events;
- * That my analysis, opinions, and conclusions were developed and this report has been prepared according to commonly accepted Arboricultural practices;
- * That no one provided significant professional assistance to the consultant, except as indicated within the report.

I further certify that I am a member of the International Society of Arboriculture and a Certified Arborist. I have been involved in the practice of arboriculture and the care and study of trees for over 15 years.

Signed

Robert Weatherill

Certified Arborist WE 1936A

Date: 2/28/17

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207 Oakhurst Pl., Menlo Park February 28, 2017

Terms and Conditions(3)

The following terms and conditions apply to all oral and written reports and correspondence pertaining to consultations, inspections and activities of Advanced Tree Care :

- 1. All property lines and ownership of property, trees, and landscape plants and fixtures are assumed to be accurate and reliable as presented and described to the consultant, either verbally or in writing. The consultant assumes no responsibility for verification of ownership or locations of property lines, or for results of any actions or recommendations based on inaccurate information.
- 2. It is assumed that any property referred to in any report or in conjunction with any services performed by Advanced Tree Care, is not in violation of any applicable codes, ordinances, statutes, or other governmental regulations, and that any titles and ownership to any property are assumed to be good and marketable. Any existing liens and encumbrances have been disregarded.
- 3. All reports and other correspondence are confidential, and are the property of Advanced Tree Care and it's named clients and their assignees or agents. Possession of this report or a copy thereof does not imply any right of publication or use for any purpose, without the express permission of the consultant and the client to whom the report was issued. Loss, removal or alteration of any part of a report invalidates the entire appraisal/evaluation.
- 4. The scope of any report or other correspondence is limited to the trees and conditions specifically mentioned in those reports and correspondence. Advanced Tree Care and the consultant assume no liability for the failure of trees or parts of trees, either inspected or otherwise. The consultant assumes no responsibility to report on the condition of any tree or landscape feature not specifically requested by the named client.
- 5. All inspections are limited to visual examination of accessible parts, without dissection, excavation, probing, boring or other invasive procedures, unless otherwise noted in the report. No warrantee or guarantee is made, expressed or implied, that problems or deficiencies of the plants or the property will not occur in the future, from any cause. The consultant shall not be responsible for damages caused by any tree defects, and assumes no responsibility for the correction of defects or tree related problems.
- 6. The consultant shall not be required to provide further documentation, give testimony, be deposed, or attend court by reason of this appraisal/report unless subsequent contractual arrangements are made, including payment of additional fees for such services as described by the consultant or in the fee schedules or contract.
- 7. Advanced Tree Care has no warrantee, either expressed or implied, as to the suitability of the information contained in the reports for any purpose. It remains the responsibility of the client to determine applicability to his/her particular case.
- 8. Any report and the values, observations, and recommendations expressed therein represent the professional opinion of the consultants, and the fee for services is in no manner contingent upon the reporting of a specified value nor upon any particular finding to be reported.
- 9. Any photographs, diagrams, graphs, sketches, or other graphic material included in any report, being intended solely as visual aids, are not necessarily to scale and should not be construed as engineering reports or surveys, unless otherwise noted in the report. Any reproductions of graphs material or the work product of any other persons is intended solely for the purpose of clarification and ease of reference. Inclusion of said information does not constitute a representation by Advanced Tree Care or the consultant as to the sufficiency or accuracy of that information.



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March 2, 2017

City of Menlo Park Community Development Department **Planning Division**

Neighborhood Outreach: 207 Oakhurst The homeowners at 207 Oakhurst, Tyson and Jessica Clark, have reached out to their neighbors with regards to their upcoming project. Here is a description of their outreach:

House plans for 207 Oakhurst Place Tyson and Jessica Clark 408-892-9499 jessrainclark@gmail.com

I have reviewed the Clark's house plans:

John and Julia Molise 208 Oakhurst Place

Peter and Jennifer Tanner 211 Oakhurst Place

anner

Jim Kauffman and Lucy Baw

112 Oakhurst Place

Ilene Gatien

1048 Greenwood Drive 115117

Dan and Melanie Chandler Wi 1043 Greenwood Drive

Renee Spooner

1052 Greenwood Drive

Clark Keller 1039 Greenwood Drive

Community Development



STAFF REPORT

Planning Commission
Meeting Date: 5/8/2017
Staff Report Number: 17-025-PC

Public Hearing: Use Permit/Bryan Baskin/857 College Avenue

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 lot width in the R-1-U (Single-Family Urban Residential) zoning district, at 857 College Avenue. 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 857 College Avenue, between University Drive and El Camino Real. Using College Avenue in a north to south orientation, the subject parcel is surrounded by single-family homes that are also in the R-1-U zoning district to the north, south, and west. The parcel to the east of the subject property is located in the R-2 (Low Density Apartment) zoning district and is developed as a duplex. 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 detached garage, and construct a new two-story, single-family residence with an attached garage. The lot is substandard with regard to the lot width, and a new two-story residence requires approval of a use permit.

The proposed residence would have a floor area of 3,005.9 square feet where 3,006.8 square feet is the floor area limit (FAL), and a building coverage of 25.6 percent where 35 percent is the maximum permitted. The house is proposed to be 28 feet in height, where the maximum permitted height is 28 feet, and the proposed structure would comply with daylight plane requirements. The proposed residence would have five bedrooms and four bathrooms, with four of the bedrooms and three of the bathrooms on the second floor.

Off-street parking would be provided in an attached one-car garage at the right side of the residence, and a perpendicular, uncovered parking space to the left of the proposed 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.

Design and materials

The applicant states that the proposed residence is designed in a modern style with influence from traditional and vernacular building forms in the region. The building massing would be balanced between a single-story area to the right of the parcel and a two-story area to the left, with the massing arranged to reduce the bulk of the building as visible from the street. A courtyard is proposed along the right side of the property, with several windows facing the courtyard. The siding would be painted lap siding, with modified lap siding across the garage door to de-emphasize the mechanical nature of the garage. The windows would be vinyl-clad, and the roof materials would be standing seam metal and a flat seam metal or a PVC material for a small, flat portion of the roof between the garage and two story portion of the house.

The second floor would be set back 7.1 feet from the left side property line and 22.6 feet from the right side property line, and the upper level windows along the side elevations would have sill heights between three feet and five feet from the finished floor. The upper level windows along the front and rear elevation would have three-foot sill heights. The upper level would be set back 61.7 feet from the rear property line, helping to limit potential privacy issues along this facade.

The parking layout, featuring a one-car attached garage and a perpendicular, uncovered space at the front, would help ensure that the parking features would not dominate the frontage of this relatively narrow parcel. The uncovered space would be located outside of the front setback, and would not obstruct the garage space or the front entry.

Staff believes that the materials, scale, and design of the proposed residence would be compatible with the surrounding neighborhood. Although the project would be a two-story residence, the building massing would be balanced between a single-story and a two-story area, with the massing arranged to reduce the bulk of the building as visible from the street.

Trees and landscaping

There are 10 trees on or near the project site, including two heritage privets located in the left-front portion of the property, two heritage saucer magnolias located on the neighboring parcel, just past the front-right side property line, and heritage English walnut, located in the right-rear corner of the property. The applicant has submitted an arborist report (Attachment F) detailing the species, size, and conditions of these trees. As part of the initial project review, the arborist report was enhanced with additional analysis and detail, including specific construction techniques and tree protection fencing to protect the five heritage trees.

A non-heritage privet located near the front left side of the property and a non-heritage camellia located at the left-front corner of the proposed residence are proposed for removal. The applicant is proposing to plant four new trees on the property, including a Japanese maple in front of the proposed residence, another Japanese maple and ginkgo tree in the proposed courtyard, and an olive tree near the right property line, behind the proposed residence.

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

Correspondence

The applicant indicates he shared the plans with several neighboring property owners and received strong support. The 13 letters of support submitted by the applicant are included as Attachment G. The adjacent

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left side neighbor (849 College Avenue), which would be closest to the new second-story element, is part of this neighbor support.

Conclusion

Staff believes that the materials, scale, and design of the proposed residence would be compatible with the surrounding neighborhood. Although the project would be a two-story residence, the building massing would be balanced between a single-story and a two-story area, with the massing arranged to reduce the bulk of the building as visible from the street. The parking layout, featuring a one-car attached garage and a perpendicular, uncovered space at the front, would help ensure that the parking features would not dominate the frontage of this relatively narrow parcel. 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
- G. Correspondence

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

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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

857 College Avenue – Attachment A: Recommended Actions

LOCATION: 857
College Avenue

PROJECT NUMBER: APPLICANT: Bryan Baskin Baskin

REQUEST: Request for a use permit to demolish an existing one-story, single-family residence and construct a new two-story single-family residence on a substandard lot with respect to lot width in the R-1-U (Residential Urban) zoning district.

DECISION ENTITY: Planning **DATE:** May 8, 2017 **ACTION:** TBD

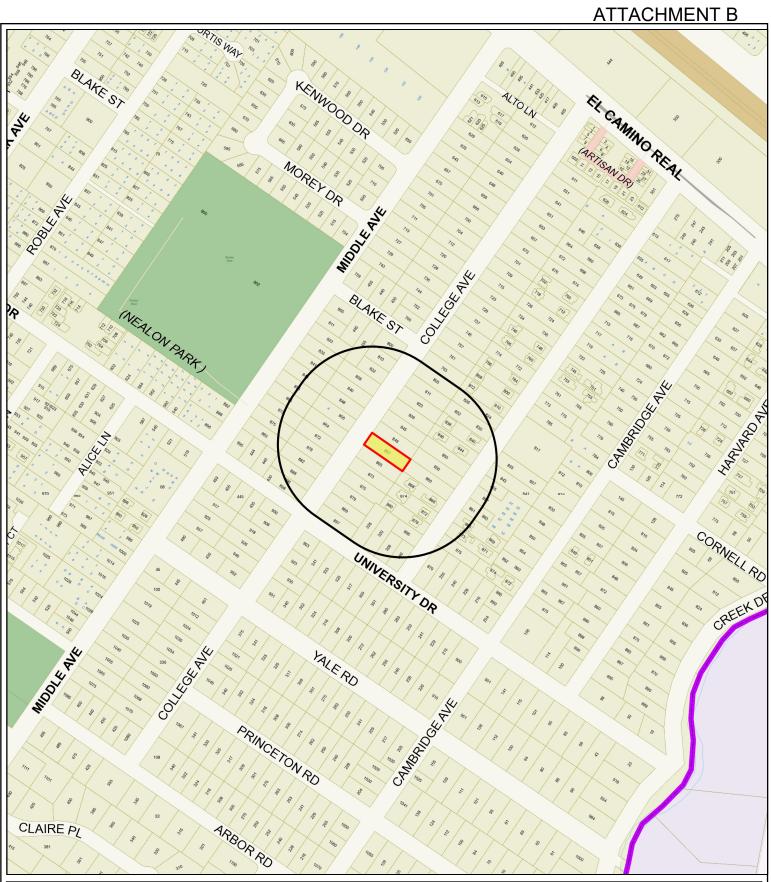
Commission

VOTE: TBD (Barnes, Combs, Goodhue, Kahle, Onken, Riggs, Strehl)

ACTION:

- 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.
- 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 by Spiegel Aihara Workshop, consisting of 17 plan sheets, dated received April 5, 2017, and approved by the Planning Commission on May 8, 2017, except as modified by the conditions contained herein, subject to review and approval by the Planning Division.
 - b. Prior to building permit issuance, the applicants shall comply with all Sanitary District, Menlo Park Fire Protection District, and utility companies' regulations that are directly applicable to the project.
 - 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 installations or upgrades for review and approval by the Planning, Engineering and Building Divisions. All utility equipment that is installed outside of a building and that cannot be placed underground shall be properly screened by landscaping. The plan shall show exact locations of all meters, back flow prevention devices, transformers, junction boxes, relay boxes, and other equipment boxes.
 - 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.
 - f. 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. The Grading and Drainage Plan shall be approved prior to the issuance of grading, demolition or building permits.
 - g. Heritage and street trees in the vicinity of the construction project shall be protected pursuant to the Heritage Tree Ordinance and the arborist report by Kielty Arborist Services, LLC dated revised April 4, 2017.

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City of Menlo Park **Location Map**



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	PROPOSED PROJECT		EXISTING DEVELOPMENT			ZONING ORDINANCE	
		<u> </u>					
Lot area	7,827.0 sf		7,827	sf	7,000.0	sf min.	
Lot width	48.0 ft.		48.0	ft.	65.0	ft. min.	
Lot depth	163.0 ft.		163.0	ft.	100.0	ft. min.	
Setbacks							
Front	20.0 ft.		30.0	ft.	20.0	ft. min.	
Rear	61.7 ft.		68.0	ft.	20.0	ft. min.	
Side (left)	7.1 ft.		5.0	ft.	5.0	ft. min.	
Side (right)	5.5 ft.		12.5	ft.	5.0	ft. min.	
Building coverage	2,002.6 sf		2,008.0	sf	2,739.5	sf max.	
	25.6 %		25.7	%	35.0	% max.	
FAL (Floor Area Limit)	3,005.9 sf		1,785.0	sf	3,006.8	sf max.	
Square footage by floor	1,539.8 sf/	1 st floor	1,424.0	sf/1st floor			
	1,220.8 sf/2	2 nd floor	361.0	sf/garage			
	245.3 sf/g	garage	153.0	sf/porch			
		porches		•			
Square footage of buildings	3,223.4 sf		1,938.0	sf			
Building height	28.0 ft.		17.2	ft.	28.0	ft. max.	
Parking	1 covered/1 un	ncovered	1 covered/	1 uncovered	1 covered/	1 uncovered	
	Note: Areas shown	n highlighted ir	ndicate a nonco	nforming or s	ubstandard situ	ation.	
Trees	Heritage trees:	5*	Non-Heritage	trees: 5**	New Trees:	4	
	Heritage trees		Non-Heritage	trees	Total Number	er of	
	proposed for remove	val: 0	proposed for	2	Trees:	12	
			removal:				
	*Two of the heritage trees are located on the neighboring property to the south				th		
	** One of the non-heritage trees is located in front of the property						

ATTACHMENT D

BASKIN RESIDENCE

857 College Ave, Menlo Park, CA 94025 APN: 071-404-070

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT SET

Drawing #	Drawing Name	Scale
G100	COVER SHEET	NTS
A000	AREA PLAN	1/16" = 1'
A001	SITE PLAN - PROPOSED	1/8" = 1'
AX100	EXISTING FLOOR PLAN	1/4" = 1'
AX200	EXTERIOR ELEVATIONS - EXISTING	1/4" = 1'
AX201	EXTERIOR ELEVATIONS - EXISTING	1/4" = 1'
AX202	EXTERIOR ELEVATIONS - EXISTING	1/4" = 1'
A100	PROPOSED PLAN- 1ST FLOOR	1/4" = 1'
A101	PROPOSED PLAN 2ND FLOOR	1/4" = 1'
A102	PROPOSED PLAN ROOF	1/4" = 1'
A103	PROPOSED SQUARE FOOTAGE CALCULATION PLAN	1/4" = 1'
A200	ELEVATIONS - PROPOSED	1/4" = 1'
A201	ELEVATIONS - PROPOSED	1/4" = 1'
A202	ELEVATIONS - PROPOSED + STREETSCAPE	AS NOTED
A300	SECTIONS - PROPOSED	1/4" = 1'
L100	LANDSCAPE PLAN - PROPOSED	1/8" = 1'
C.0	TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY (WEC & ASSOCIATES)	1" = 10"

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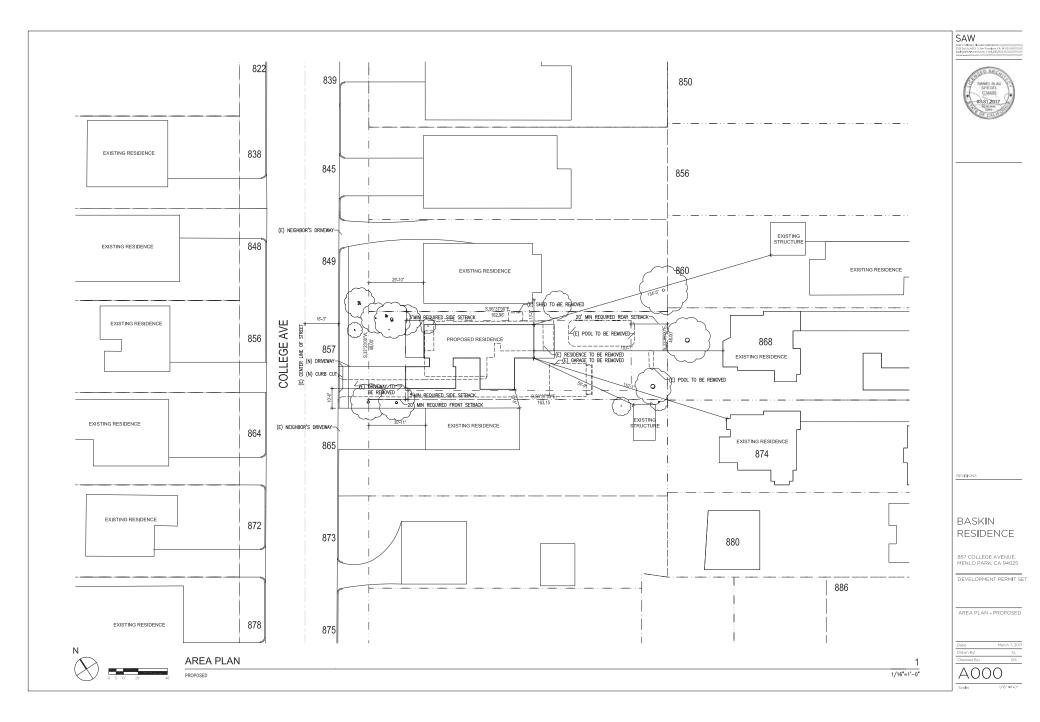
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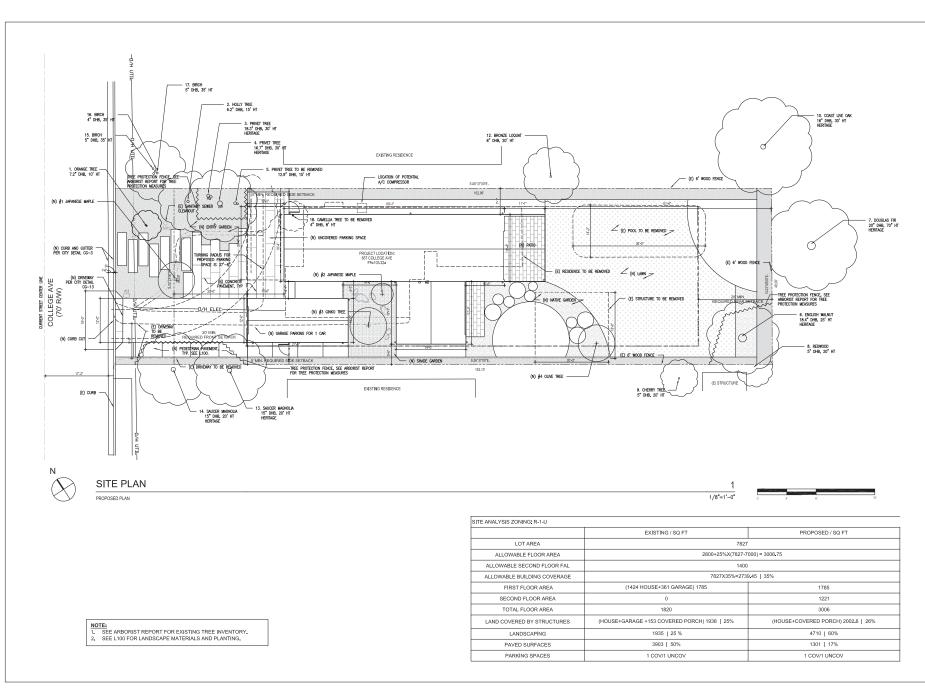
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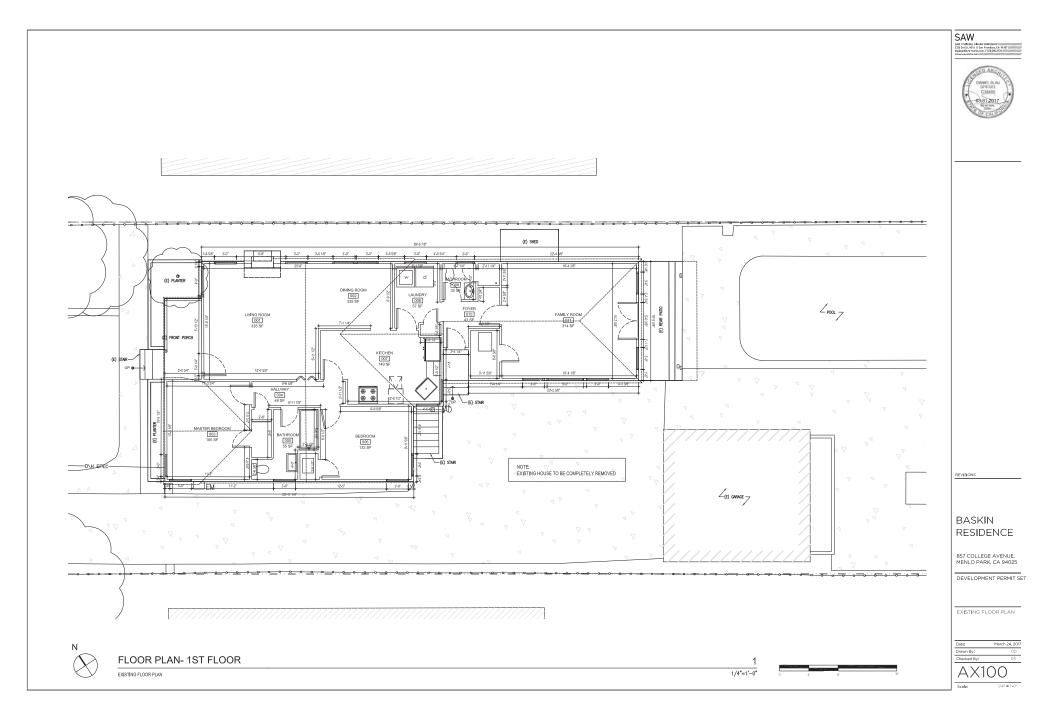
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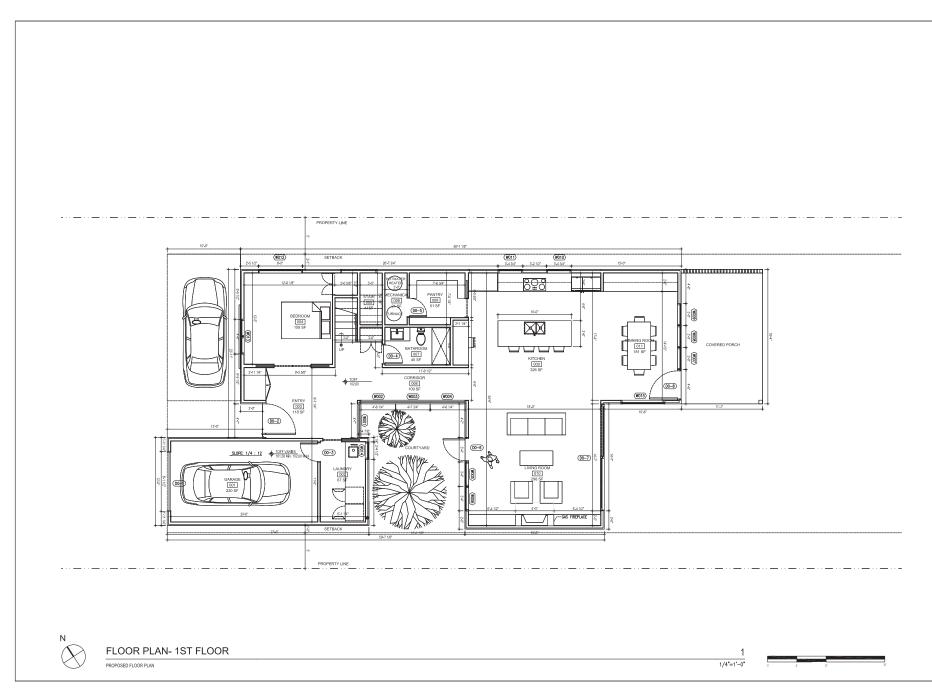
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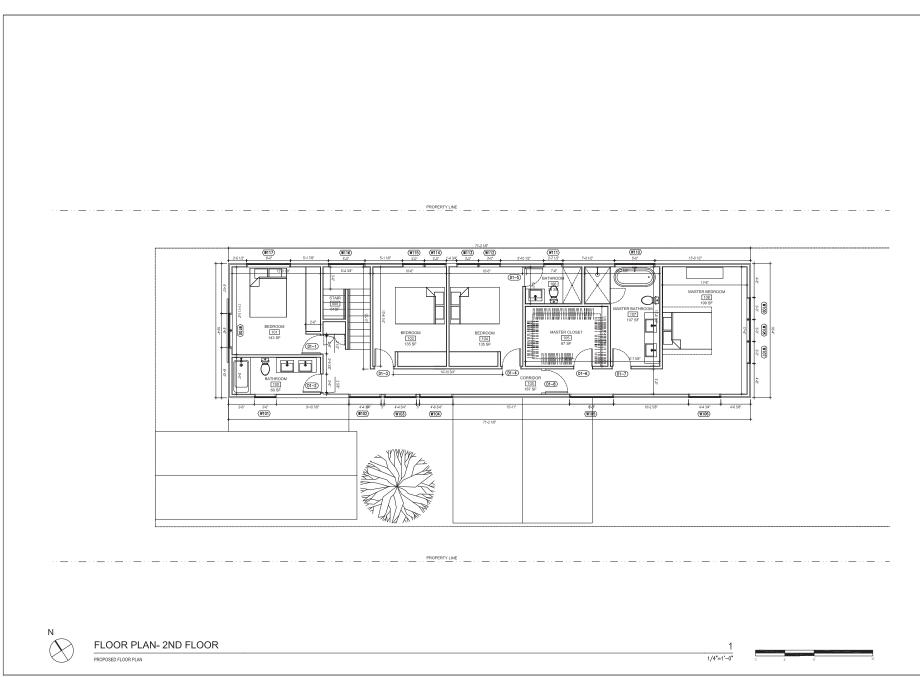
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PROPOSED PLAN -1ST FLOOR

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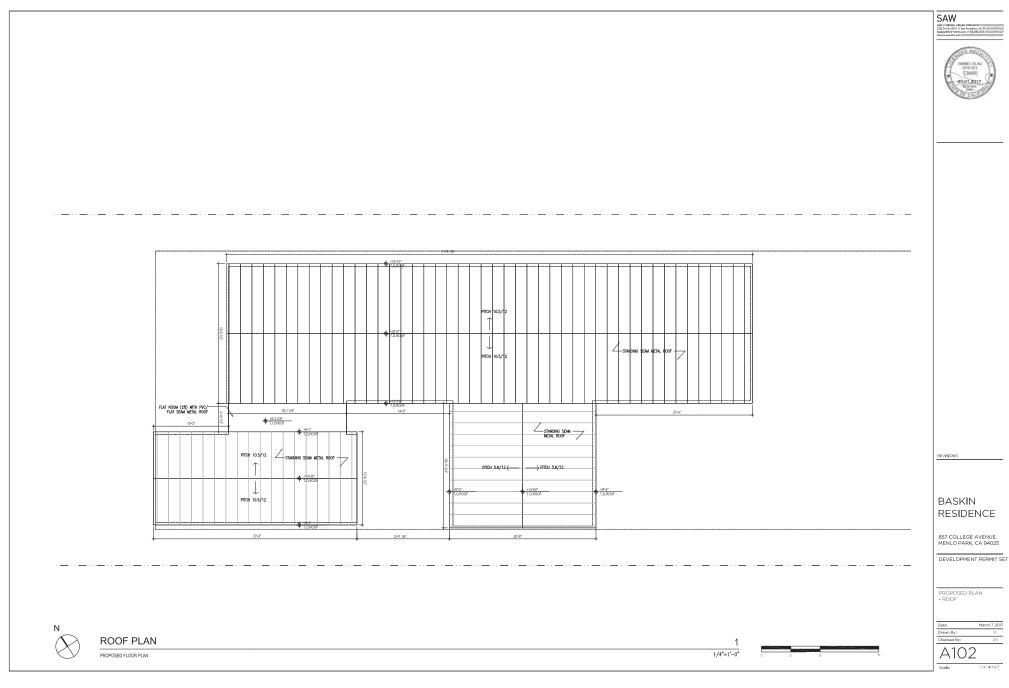
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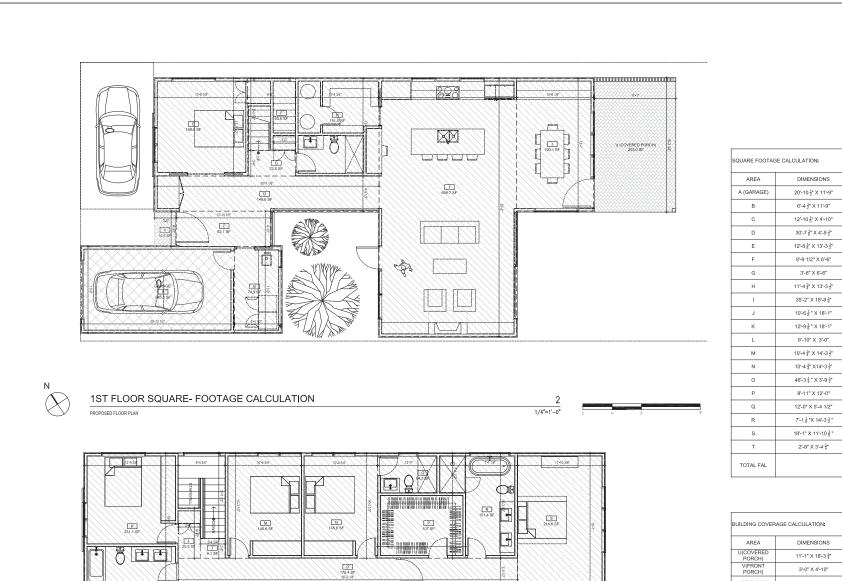
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PROPOSED PLAN -2ND FLOOR

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AREA	DIMENSIONS	SF
A (GARAGE)	20'-10 ½" X 11'-9"	245.3
В	6'-4 ½" X 11'-9"	74.9
С	12'-10 ½" X 4'-10"	62,1
D	30'-7 ½" X 4'-9 ½"	146.6
E	12'-8 ½" X 13'-3 ½"	168.5
F	9'-9 1/2" X 6'-6"	63.6
G	3'-6" X 6'-6"	22.8
Н	11'-4 🖁 X 13'-3 💆	151,5
1	35'-2" X 18'-9 1"	659.7
J	10'-6 ½" X 18'-1"	190.1
К	12'-9 ³ / ₈ " X 18'-1"	231.1
L	6'-10" X 3'-0"	20.5
М	10'-4 ³ / ₄ " X 14'-3 ¹ / ₂ "	148.6
N	10'-4 3" X14'-3 1"	148.6
0	46'-3 ½ " X 3'-9 ½"	175.4
Р	8'-11" X 12'-0"	107
Q	12'-0" X 5'-4 1/2"	64.5
R	7'-1 ½ "X 14'-3 ½ "	101.4
s	18'-1" X 11'-10 3 "	214.6
Т	2'-8" X 3'-4 3"	9.1
TOTAL FAL		3005.9

BUILDING COVERAGE CALCULATION:					
AREA	DIMENSIONS	SF			
U(COVERED PORCH)	11'-1" X 18'-3 3"	203.0			
V(FRONT PORCH)	3'-0" X 4'-10"	14.5			
1ST FLOOR		1785,1			
TOTAL BUIDLING COVERAGE		2002.6			

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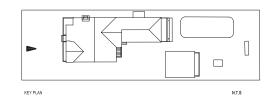
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2nd FLOOR SQUARE- FOOTAGE CALCULATION

PROPOSED FLOOR PLAN







FRONT YARD VIEW OF EXISTING HOUSE - NORTHWEST

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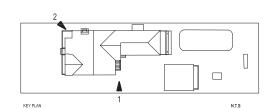
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SIDE YARD VIEW OF EXISTING HOUSE - SOUTHWEST

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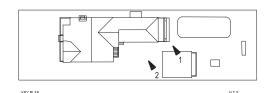
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BACK YARD VIEW OF EXISTING HOUSE - SOUTH

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SIDE YARD VIEW OF EXISTING HOUSE - SOUTH

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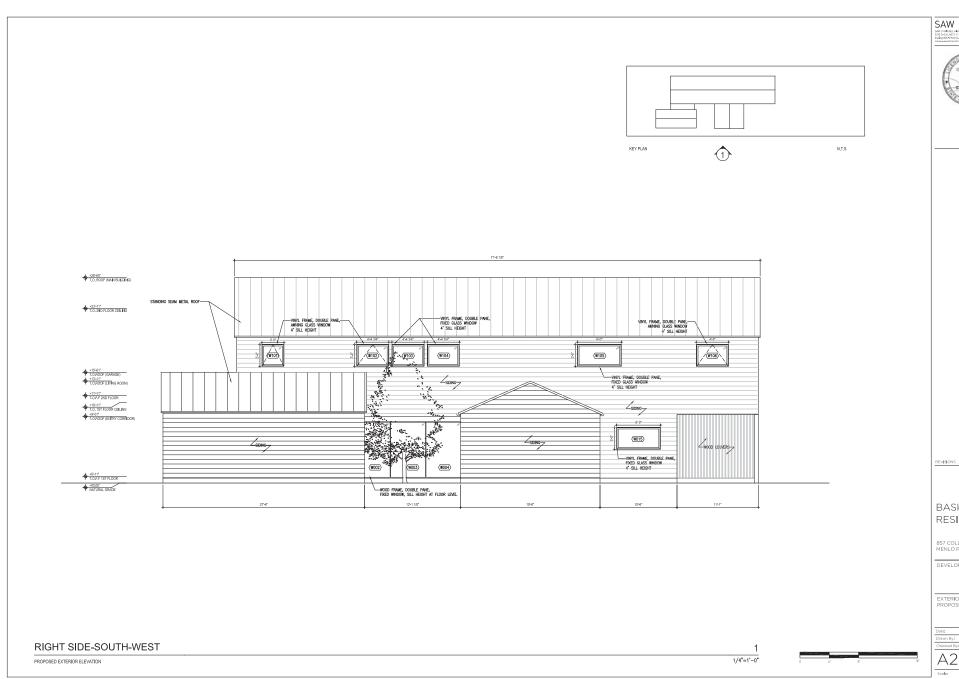
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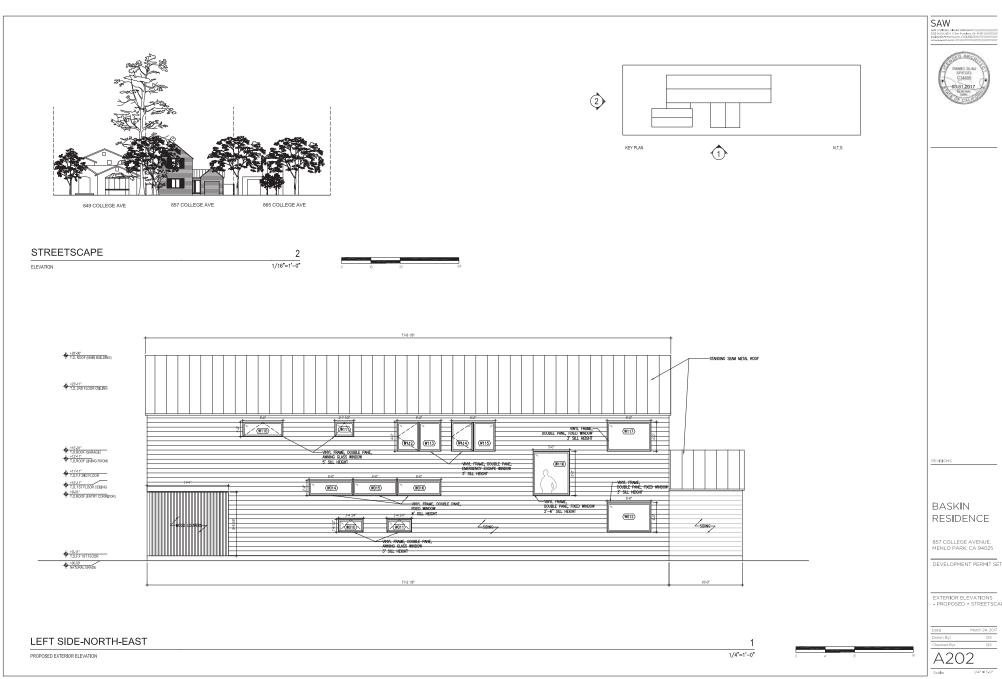
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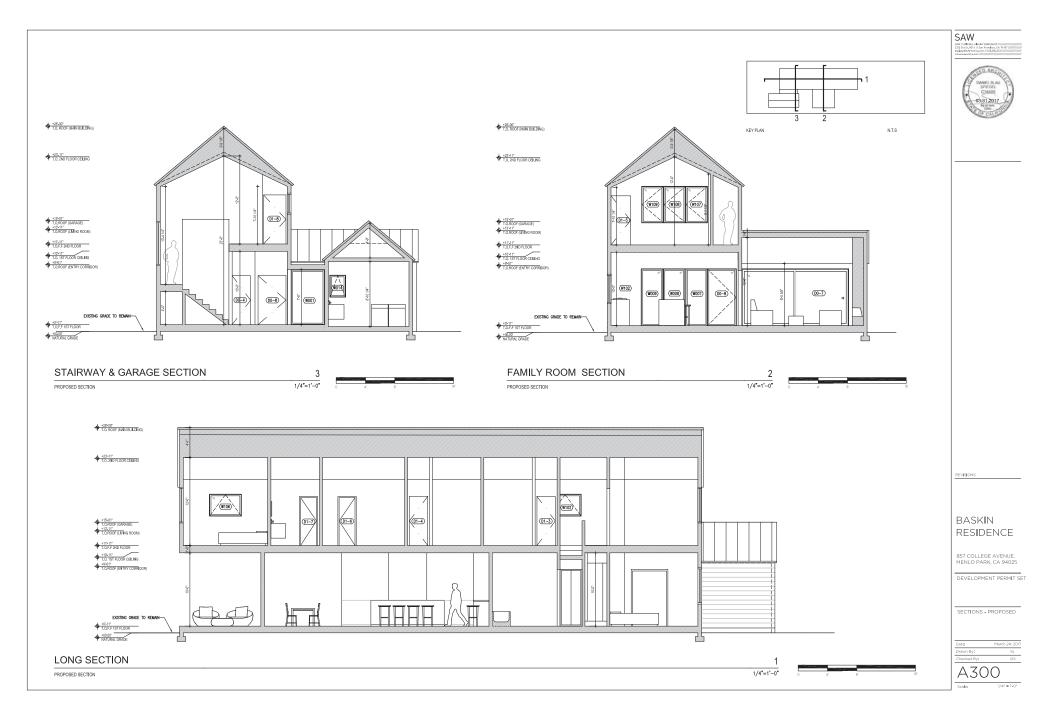


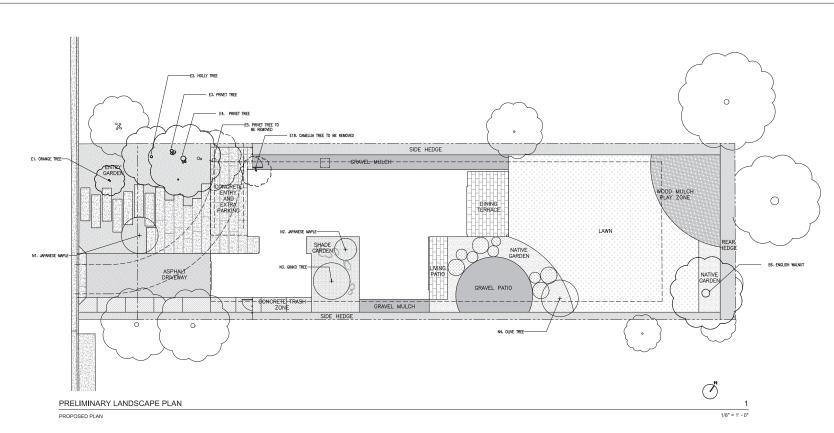
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EXTERIOR ELEVATIONS
- PROPOSED + STREETSCAPE

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IMPERVIOUS SURFACE CALCULATION

ZONE	SYMB.	ITEM	AREA/ SF
1		CONCRETE ENTRY & EXTRA PARKING (CIP Concrete Pavement - Vehicular)	581
2		ASPHALT DRIVEWAY	240
3		CONCRETE TRASH ZONE (CIP Concrete Pavement - Pedestrian)	190
4		DINING TERRACE+LIVING PATIO	290
			Total:1301

LANDSCAPE ZONE

ZONE	SYMB.	ITEM	AREA/ SF
1		ENTRY GARDEN	309
2		SHADE GARDEN	276
3		NATIVE GARDEN	357
4		LOW WATER LAWN	1743
5		SIDE HEDGE	747
6		REAR HEDGE	197
7		PLAY ZONE	373
8		GRAVEL PATIO+GRAVEL MULCH	708
			Total:4710

NOTE:	1
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ESTIMATED TOTAL WATER USE (ETWU) < MAXIMUM APPLIED WATER ALLOWANCE (MAWA)	ı

TREE INVENTORY

PROPO:	PROPOSED TREES					
NO.	COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	PLANTING SIZE	MATURE SIZE		
N1	Japanese Maple	Acer palmatum	36" box	15-20' tall and wide		
N2	Japanese Maple	Acer palmatum	36" box	10' tall and wide		
N3	Ginkgo tree	Ginkgo biloba	48" box	15-30' tall and wide		
N4	Olive tree	Olea europaea	48" box	15-20' tall and wide		

EXISTING TREES							
NO.	COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	SIZE	HERITAGE	NOTE	ARBORIST REPORT TREE #	
E1	Orange tree	Citrus spp.	7.2" DHB, 10' HT	N	Existing tree to remain	1	
E2	Holly	llex aquifolium	6.2" DHB, 15' HT	N	Existing tree to remain	2	
E3	Privet	Ligustrum japonicum	18.3" DHB, 30' HT	Y	Existing tree to remain	3	
E4	Privet	Ligustrum japonicum	16.7" DHB, 30' HT	Y	Existing tree to remain	4	
E5	Privet	Ligustrum japonicum	12.9" DHB, 15' HT	N	Tree to be removed	5	
E6	English walnut	Juglans regia	18.4" DHB, 25' HT	Y	Existing tree to remain	6	
E18	Camellia tree	Camellia spp.	4" DHB, 8' HT	N	Tree to be removed	18	



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DEVELOPMENT PERMIT SET

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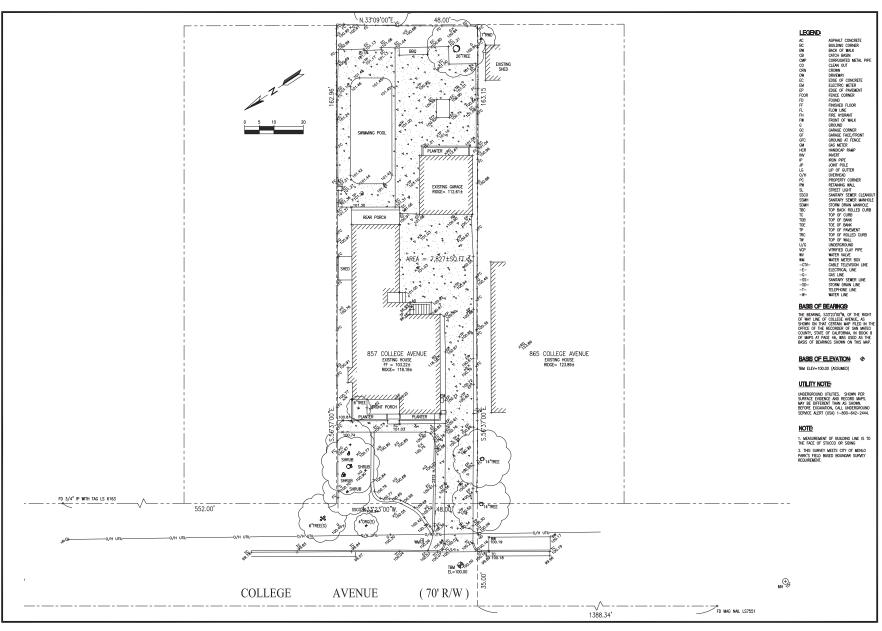
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> BOUNDARY& SITE SURVEY

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January 19, 2017 (Updated May 2, 2017)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: 857 COLLEGE AVE

BASKIN RESIDENCE

This proposal is for a Use Permit for a project consisting of alterations to the property at 857 College Ave, Menlo Park, CA, and includes the following:

The existing single family residence (1,424 sf), garage (361 sf), and pool (502 sf) will be removed. All existing hardscape, and two non-heritage trees will removed. The existing driveway will be removed and replaced.

The new construction will include a new 2-story single family residence (3,006 sf, including an attached garage) and a 200sf covered patio. The building massing is balanced between a single 1-story area and a 2-story area, with the highest point of the structure at 28ft tall. The building will be clad with light colored horizontal siding, and feature dark bronze wood/vinyl windows, and dark bronze standing seam metal roofs. The proposed landscape features low water native plantings and an overall reduction of hardscape from the existing condition.

The new residence has been designed to take advantage of the natural setting, with particular focus on climate, natural landscape, lighting, ventilation, and energy efficiency. The structures are arranged to be inward facing, orienting views towards a communal central courtyard and away from neighboring properties. The massing is arranged to reduce the bulk of the building from street facing façade, allowing neighbors walking down College Ave to experience the trees towards the back of the property, as well reducing impact on adjacent properties. Painted lap siding, angled slightly to pick up shadows, wraps the exterior, continuously at corners, providing a subtle unifying texture to the building facades. This siding is modified to extend across the garage door, unifying the composition of structures as gathering of living spaces, rather than emphasizing the mechanical nature of the garage.

The house is an extension of the architectural vernacular of traditional Northern California building styles, tracing from farms, ranch style buildings, and the courtyard organization of nearby Eichler homes. The home takes the primary form of the pitched roof farm house and aggregates 3 different scales of this form to provide for modern living arrangements that emerge from the reorganization of traditional forms. At its core, this is a modern home which draws influences from the traditional and vernacular building forms of the region.

The homeowners have conducted extensive outreach to the neighbors - going door to door and presenting drawings - and have received strong support for the proposed project. To date, 13 letters of support have been submitted with the permit application.

Kielty Arborist Services LLC

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

December 28, 2016, Revised March 3, 2017, Revised April 4, 2017

SAW//Spiegel Aihara Workshop// Attn: Megumi Aihara 2325 3rd Street #213 San Francisco, CA 94107

Dear, Megumi Aihara,

As requested on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 I visited the above site to inspect and comment on the trees. A new home is planned for this site and your concern for the future health and safety of the trees has prompted this visit.

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). The trees were 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 trees was measured using a Nikon Forestry 550 Hypsometer. The spread was paced off. Comments and recommendations for future maintenance are provided.

857 College Ave /4/4/17 Survey:				(2)		
	Species Orange (Citrus spp.)	DBH 7.2	CON 60		PComments Good vigor, good form, good fruit producer.	
2	Holly (Ilex aquifolium)	6.2	45	15/8	Poor vigor, poor form, suppressed, in decline.	
3 P	Privet (Ligustrum japonicum	18.3 n)	40	30/20	Fair to poor vigor, poor form, codominant at 2 feet with included bark, topped at 10 feet.	
4 P	Privet (Ligustrum japonicum	16.7 n)	40	30/20	Poor to fair vigor, poor form, topped at 10 feet.	
5	Privet (Ligustrum japonicum	12.9 n)	40	15/10	Poor vigor, poor form, suppressed, heavy lean. To be removed.	
6 P	English walnut (Juglans regia)	18.4	45	25/20	Fair vigor, poor form, codominant at 4 feet topped at 15 feet.	
7* P	Douglas fir (Pseudotsuga menzies	20est sii)	70	60/25	Fair vigor, fair form, 8 feet from property line.	
8*	Redwood (Sequoia semperviren	5est es)	80	20/8	Good vigor, good form, 1 foot from property line.	
9*	Cherry (Prunus serrulata)	5est	60	20/10	Good vigor, fair form, leans.	
10* P	Coast live oak (Quercus agrifolia)	16est	70	30/25	Good vigor, good form, 10 feet from property line.	
11* P	Monterey pine (Pinus radiata)	30est	45	35/40	Fair vigor, poor form, loss of apical dominance, multi leader at 10 feet, 20 feet from property line.	
12*	Bronze loquat (Eriobotrya deflexa)	6est	45	20/15	Fair to poor vigor, poor form, overgrown by bougainvillea vine.	
13* P	Saucer magnolia (Magnolia solangean	15est <i>a</i>)	70	20/15	Good vigor, fair form, well maintained, close to property line, extends into property by 10 feet.	

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	·	Species Saucer magnolia (Magnolia solangeand	DBH 15est <i>a</i>)	CON 80		Comments Good vigor, good form, well maintained, close to property line, extends into property by 10 feet.
	15*	Birch (Betula pendula)	5-4est	70	35/12	Fair vigor, fair to poor form, codominant at base, 2 feet from property line.
	16*	Birch (Betula pendula)	4-4	70	35/12	Fair vigor, fair to poor form, codominant at base, 5 feet from property line.
	17*	Birch (Betula pendula)	5-3	70	35/12	Fair vigor, fair to poor form, codominant at base, 3 feet from property line.
	18	Camellia (Camellia spp.)	4.0	45	8/6	Poor vigor, poor form, in decline, topped. To be removed

Summary:

The trees on site are a mix of imported and native species. All trees over 15 inches in diameter are considered heritage sized trees in the city of Menlo Park and will require tree protection during all proposed construction activities. Trees #1-6 and #18 are the only trees located on site, the rest of the trees are located on the surrounding neighboring properties. Out of the 7 trees on site only one of them is in fair condition and the rest of them are in poor condition. The only fair tree located on site is orange tree #1. This tree has good vigor and good form, with a good amount of fruit on the tree at the time of inspection. This tree has a diameter of 7.2 inches making it a non protected tree in the city of Menlo Park.

Holly tree #2 is heavily suppressed as it is growing underneath the canopy of privet tree #3. The suppressed conditions have caused the tree to be in a state of decline. As a result the tree received a condition rating of 45 making it a poor tree.

Privet trees #3-5 are in poor condition. These trees have been topped in the past at a height of 10 feet. Topping trees is never recommended as it leads to vigorous watersprout growth. These watersprouts are weakly attached limbs that do not develop the proper branch to trunk unions and as a result are often prone to failure. Also, there is a heavy amount of included bark between the watersprouts. Included bark has formed in the junctions of the watersprout growth where there is a narrow angle union, meaning the junction looks like a "V" rather than a "U." As the tree grows this narrow union will essentially fill with bark and create a growing area of structural weakness in the tree. Even in young trees, when you notice a very narrow angle (creating a "V" at the junction of branches) it is likely that stress put on the either of the codominant stems can cause splitting, or even cause the stem to break off at the junction. As the

^{*-}Indicates neighbor trees

P-*Indicates protected tree by city ordinance*

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watersprouts grow in diameter they have the potential to push against each other often until the point of failure. Trees #3 and #4 are protected trees in the city of Menlo Park and will be retained during construction. Because these trees are protected trees they will need to be protected by tree protection fencing. Fencing will need to be placed at the edge of the proposed concrete entry and extra parking. Privet tree #5 is under the protected size in the city of Menlo Park and will need to be removed to facilitate the construction of the concrete entry and extra parking area. Impacts to the remaining privet trees are expected to be minor to nonexistent. Excavation for the concrete entry and extra parking area must be done by hand when within 15 feet(10 times diameter) of the privet trees. The site arborist shall be called out to the site to document and inspect the work when within 15 feet of the privet trees. Mitigations for minor root loss to the privet trees shall consist of a soaker hose placed underneath the trees driplines. The soaker hose shall be turned on for 5 hours every 2 weeks during the dry season. These trees would also benefit from a onetime fertilization to the root zone.

English walnut tree #6 is located on the property. This tree has a diameter of 18.4 inches making it a protected tree in the city of Menlo Park. This tree like the privet trees has also been topped in the past at a height of 15 feet. As a result of the poor past maintenance creating a poor structure within the tree, the tree was given a poor condition rating of 45. This tree is to be retained. It should be noted that English walnut trees are very sensitive to construction impacts. The root zone of this tree is completely covered by concrete on the west side of the tree. The existing concrete shall stay in place at a distance of 12 feet from the base of the tree where possible throughout the majority of the project, as the concrete offers a considerable amount of protection to the trees root zone. At the end of the project when it is time to remove the concrete, the site arborist shall be called out to the site to document the work. The concrete shall be removed by hand when within 12 feet of this tree. A jackhammer can be used to break the material into small hand manageable sized pieces. The area once covered by concrete is to become a lawn/landscaped area. This will likely benefit the tree as the area will become more favorable for root growth. No tilling or grading shall take place 12 feet from this tree. If the area within 12 feet of this tree needs to be tilled or loosened, it should be done with the use of an air spade in order to leave all roots intact and damage free. If the above recommendations are followed the impacts to the tree are expected to be minor to nonexistent.

Camellia #18 is located on the property in front of the home. This is likely considered a shrub rather that a tree. The camellia is in poor condition and will be removed.

Douglas fir tree #7 is located on the neighbors property to the east at an estimated 8 feet from the property line. This tree is in good condition. The existing hardscapes and pool on the property side likely discouraged root growth of this tree into the property.

Redwood tree #8 is located on the neighbors property to the south. This tree has an estimated diameter of 5 inches and is only 1 foot from the property line. This tree is in good condition and is expected to survive minor impacts as the tree is young. In the future as this tree grows in diameter it will eventually be pushing against the fence and may require the fence to be cut out to allow for growth. Any hardscape to be removed within 10 feet of this tree should be removed by hand.

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Coast live oak tree #10 is located 10 feet from the property line to the east. The combination of the set back and the 10 feet from the property line will reduce impacts to the tree as no work can take place in these areas. This tree is a protected tree. The existing property line fence shall serve as tree protection for this tree.

Monterey pine tree #11 is located at 20 feet from the property line to the north. There is an existing pool that has acted as a root barrier for this tree. No roots of significant size are expected to be located on the property.

Tree #12 is a bronze loquat tree on the neighbors property to the north. This tree was given a poor condition rating as a bougainvillea vine has totally taken over the tree.

Saucer magnolia trees #13 and #14 are in good condition. These trees are located on the neighbors property to the south only a few feet from the existing driveway. The canopy of these trees extend into the property by 10 feet. These trees are aesthetically pleasing as they display beautiful flowers in late winter to early spring. Magnolias as a species tend to have heavy surface roots that have the ability to damage paved surfaces. The existing driveway on the property has been damaged by the magnolia roots in the past and is proposed to be replaced as part of the proposed construction. Also, the proposed construction shows the new garage slightly encroaching on the closest magnolia's dripline. The proposed garage should be supported by a shallow slab or by a pier and grade beam foundation. If a shallow slab is used excavation shall stay underneath 8 inches of excavation. If a pier and grade beam is used, grade beam depth shall not exceed 8 inches below grade. In both cases the excavation needed for the proposed foundation of the garage shall be done using hand tools in combination with an air spade. If a pier and grade beam foundation is used all pier locations will need to be hand dug to a depth of 3 feet. All roots encountered shall be exposed by hand and remain damage free for the site arborist to view. The site arborist must be called out to the site 48 hours in advance to witness the excavation for the proposed driveway. If roots are to be cut at a size of 2 inches in diameter or over, the site arborist must be on site to document the work. All roots must be cut cleanly using a hand saw or loppers.

Special driveway construction techniques will need to be taken to ensure the neighbors saucer magnolias will survive with only minor impacts. The existing driveway shall stay in place as long as possible during the construction of the home as the existing driveway is protecting what roots have grown underneath the surface. Even during the construction of the proposed garage the existing driveway shall stay in place. Only the small portion of the existing driveway shall be removed to facilitate the construction of the garage. At the end of the project when it is time to start the construction of the new driveway, all existing driveway material must be removed by hand. A jack hammer can be used to break the material into small hand manageable sized pieces. All existing base rock material also must be removed by hand. Once the driveway material has been removed all needed excavation for the proposed driveway shall be done with the use of an air spade in combination with hand tools. No roots shall be damaged during the excavation for the new driveway. All roots must remain exposed and damage free for the site arborist to view. The base rock material for the driveway shall consist of Structural Soil.

Structural Soil can be packed around all existing roots and compacted to engineering standards while still allowing for future root growth. This will eliminate the need to cut roots in the required base rock area, thus lowering the overall impacts to the trees. All excavation need for the driveway shall stay as minimal as possible. The site arborist will need to be on site to document the excavation and installation of the structural soil. Once structural soil and leveling sand have been installed, concrete or asphalt will be installed on top of the structural soil/leveling sand. The structural soil shall cover all existing roots so that no roots need to be cut to facilitate the new driveway. This will significantly reduce impacts the neighbor's trees. All exposed roots during the driveway construction shall be covered with burlap if exposed for longer than 1 hour. The burlap shall be sprayed with water every few hours to ensure roots do not dry out. The proposed driveway area will be slightly further away from the neighbor's trees when compared to the existing site.

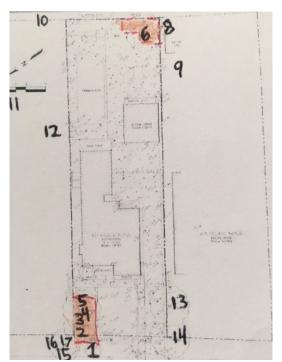
The plan shows a concrete path ("trash zone") between the new driveway and property line. The concrete path is to be constructed using pedestrian pavement that only requires 4-5 inches of base rock material. If possible since the existing driveway is at the property line, the existing base rock material underneath the existing driveway shall be re-used, so that no extra excavation is needed. This will significantly reduce impacts as the only excavation needed will be the removal of the top layer of the existing driveway. If it is not possible to reuse the existing base rock, all excavation needed for the concrete path must take place by hand. No roots will be allowed to be cut when this close to the neighbor's trees. The base rock material must consist of structural soil. Structural soil can be packed around all existing roots and compacted to engineering standards while still allowing for future root growth. All pathway material shall be constructed on top of the structural soil so no roots need to be cut.

If the above recommendations for the driveway, garage, and concrete path are taken into account, the impacts to the neighbor's saucer magnolia trees should be minor. Mitigations for minor root loss will consist of a soaker hose placed at the property line. The soaker hose shall be turned on for 5 hours every 2 weeks. During the construction if roots are impacted the trees may need to be deep watered by a licensed tree care provider. This will be determined by the site arborist during the site visit to document the garage foundation, driveway work, and concrete path work. The following tree protection plan will help to insure the future health of the trees on site.

Tree protection plan:

Tree protection zones should be installed and maintained throughout the entire length of the project. Fencing for tree protection should be 6' tall, metal chain link material supported by metal 2" diameter poles, pounded into the ground to a depth of no less than 2'. The location for the protective fencing should be as close to the dripline of desired trees as possible, still allowing room for construction to safely continue. The tree protection fence for the trees must be maintained throughout the entire project. No equipment or materials shall be stored or cleaned inside the protection zones. Areas outside protection fence, but still beneath the tree's driplines, where foot traffic is expected to be heavy, should be mulched with 4-6" of chipper chips covered with plywood. The spreading of chips will help to reduce compaction and improve soil

structure. Protection for the neighbor's saucer magnolias will consist of leaving the existing driveway in place until the end of the construction when it is time to start the driveway work. Below is a diagram showing recommended tree protection zones.



Showing recommended tree protection zones

Demolition and Staging

Prior to the start of the demolition process, all tree protection measures must be in place. An inspection prior to the start of the demolition is often required by the town. All vehicles must remain on paved surfaces if possible. Existing pavement should remain and should be used for staging. If vehicles are to stray from paved surfaces, 4 to 6 inches of chips shall be spread and plywood laid over the mulch layer. This type of landscape buffer will help reduce compaction of desired trees. Parking will not be allowed off the paved surfaces. The removal of foundation materials, when inside the driplines of protected trees, should be carried out with care. Hand excavation may be required in areas of heavy rooting. Exposed or damaged roots should be repaired and covered with native soil.

Root Cutting

Any roots to be cut shall be monitored and documented. Large roots (over 2" diameter) or large masses of roots to be cut must be inspected by the site arborist. The site arborist, at this time, may recommend irrigation or fertilization of the root zone. All roots needing to be cut should be cut clean with a saw or lopper. Roots to be left exposed for a period of time should be covered with layers of burlap and kept moist. The over dig for the foundation should be reduced as much as possible when roots are encountered. The site arborist will be on site for all excavation when within the dripline of the trees listed above.

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Trenching

Trenching for irrigation, drainage, electrical or any other reason shall be done by hand when inside the dripline of a protected tree. Hand digging and the careful placement of pipes below or besides protected roots will significantly reduce root loss, thus reducing trauma to the tree. All trenches shall be backfilled with native materials and compacted to near its original level, as soon as possible. Trenches to be left open for a period of time (24 hours), will require the covering of all exposed roots with burlap and be kept moist. The trenches will also need to be covered with plywood to help protect the exposed roots.

Irrigation

Normal irrigation shall be maintained on this site at all times. During the warm season, April – November, I typically recommend some additional heavy irrigation, 2 times per month. During the winter months, it may be necessary to irrigate 1 additional time per month. Seasonal rainfall may reduce the need for additional irrigation. This type of irrigation should be started prior to any excavation. The irrigation will improve the vigor of the tree and the water content of the tree. The on-site arborist may make adjustments to the irrigation recommendations as needed. The native oak tree will not require any irrigation unless its root zone is traumatized. The foliage of the trees many need cleaning if dust levels are extreme. Removing dust from the foliage will help to reduce mite and insect infestation.

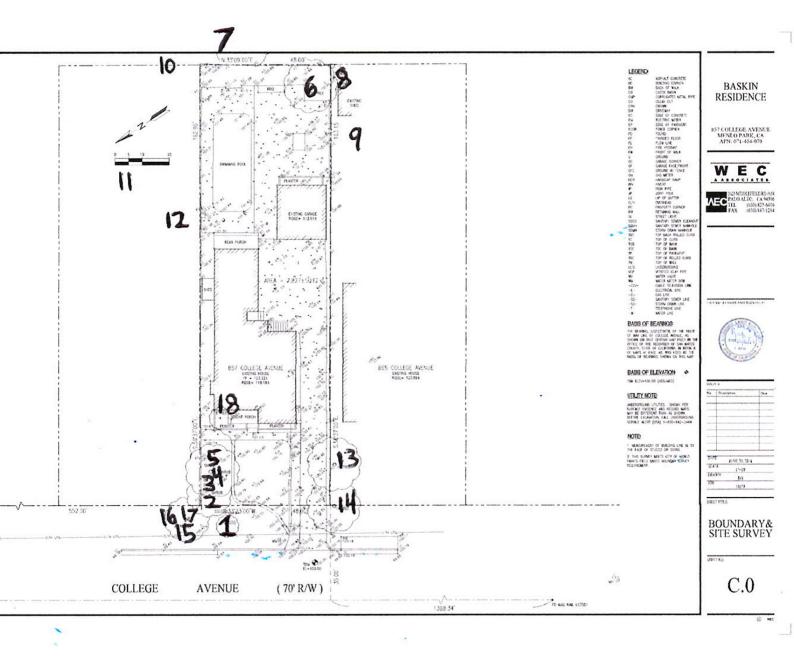
Inspections

The site will be inspected after the tree protection measures are installed and before the start of construction. inspections will be carried out on an as needed basis. It is the contractors responsibility to notify the site arborist when construction is to start, and whenever there is to be work preformed within the dripline of a protected tree on site at least 48 hours in advance. The contractor also must notify the site arborist when the foundation work, driveway work, and concrete path work is to take place so the site arborist can document the work. Also, at this time the site arborist will offer mitigation measures specific to the work completed. Kielty Arborist Services can be reached at 650-515-9783(Kevin), 650-532-4418(David), or by email at kkarbor0476@yahoo.com. It is most important to contact the site arborist when the driveway work is to be started.

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 David P. Beckham Certified Arborist WE#10724A



Re: Application for Use Permit for 857 College Ave, Menlo Park, CA

Dear Planning Commission,

We live at 603 College Ave near the Baskin Family at 857 College Ave. The Baskins shared with us the plans for their new home and we are fully in support of the project. We look forward to seeing the completed home at 857 College Ave and view it as a welcomed addition to our neighborhood.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely, Nilendu & Sukanya Misra

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Re: Application for Use Permit for 857 College Ave, Menlo Park, CA

January 26, 2017

Dear Planning Commission,

We are neighbors of the Baskins and live at 715 College Ave. The Baskins shared with us plans for their new home. We indeed love the design and are fully in support of their project at 857 College Ave. We look forward to seeing their new home and view it as a welcomed addition to our neighborhood.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

The Porter Family – Beth & Brook

Beth Porter

Re: Application for Use Permit for 857 College Ave, Menlo Park, CA

January 26, 2017

Dear Planning Commission,

We are neighbors of the Baskins and live at 736 College Ave. The Baskins shared plans for their new home and we absolutely love the design. We are fully in support of their project at 857 College Ave and look forward to seeing their beautiful new home. It will be a welcomed addition to our neighborhood.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely, The Lucas Family – Greg & Sarah

Greg and Sarah Lucas

Greg Lucas

Re: Application for Use Permit for 857 College Ave, Menlo Park, CA

January 25, 2017

Dear Planning Commission,

We live at 766 Partridge Ave, which is a block away from the Baskin Family at 857 College Ave. The Baskins shared with us the plans for their new home and we absolutely love it and are fully in support of the project. We look forward to seeing the completed home at 857 College Ave and view it as a welcomed addition to our neighborhood.

Sincerely, The Gernitis Family – Tim & Maren

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Tim Gernitis

Re: Application for Use Permit for 857 College Ave, Menlo Park, CA

January 26, 2017

Dear Planning Commission,

We live at 810 College Ave near the Baskin Family at 857 College Ave. The Baskins shared with us the plans for their new home and we are fully in support of the project. We love the design and look forward to seeing the completed home. Their new home will be a welcomed addition to our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

The Willey Family – CJ & Christina

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CJ Willey

Re: Application for Use Permit for 857 College Ave, Menlo Park, CA

January 31, 2017

Dear Planning Commission,

We live at 811 College Ave a few doors down from the Baskin Family. The Baskins shared with us the plans for their new home and we are fully in support of the project. We look forward to seeing the completed home at 857 College Ave and view it as a welcomed addition to our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

The Yuan Family – Grace & David

Grace Yuan

Re: Application for Use Permit for 857 College Ave, Menlo Park, CA

January 26, 2017

Dear Planning Commission,

We live at 823 College Ave near the Baskin Family. The Baskins shared the plans for their new home and we are fully in support of the project. We look forward to seeing the completed home at 857 College Ave and view it as a welcomed addition to our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

The VanDeVelde Family – Gina & Scott

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Gina VanDeVelde

Re: Application for Use Permit for 857 College Ave, Menlo Park, CA

February 7, 2017

Dear Planning Commission,

We live at 838 College Ave near the Baskin Family. The Baskins shared plans for their beautiful new home and we are fully in support of the project. We look forward to seeing the completed home at 857 College Ave and view it as a welcomed addition to our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

The Dobberstein Family – Bronwyn & Steve

Bronwyn Dobberstein

Andrew and Laura Low Ah Kee 839 College Avenue Menlo Park, CA 94025

Menlo Park Planning Commission City Council Chambers 701 Laurel Street Menlo Park, CA 94025

RE: Application for Use Permit for 857 College Avenue, Menlo Park, CA

Dear Planning Commission,

We live at 839 College Avenue, near the Baskin Family at 857 College Avenue. The Baskins have shared with us the plans for their new home and we are fully in support of the project.

We moved to our home on College Avenue in June 2014 from New York with our first son Peter (age 4), and since then have welcomed Patrick (age 2) and Audrey (2 months) to our family. From the beginning, we have found Menlo Park – and our neighbors on College Avenue in particular – to be incredibly welcoming. We have several young families on the block, as well as many wonderful families who have lived here for decades.

We were fortunate to meet Bryan, Jennifer, and their girls – who had also just moved here that summer from the East Coast – in nearby Nealon Park within weeks of our relocation. They are the type of family that any neighbor would be lucky to have and are making roots in the broader Menlo Park community. We are thrilled that they are seeking to settle in the neighborhood and build a new home to accommodate their growing family.

We look forward to seeing the completed home at 857 College Avenue and view it as a welcomed addition to the neighborhood.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Ahdrew Low Ah Kee

Sincerely,

Laura Low Ah Kee

Jamajon Ahkee

Re: Application for Use Permit for 857 College Ave, Menlo Park, CA

January 26, 2017

Dear Planning Commission,

We live at 840 College Ave near the Baskin Family at 857 College Ave. The Baskins shared with us the plans for their new home and we are fully in support of the project. We look forward to seeing the completed home at 857 College Ave and view it as a welcomed addition to our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

The Mack Family - Katelyn & Adam

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Katelyn Mack

Re: Application for Use Permit for 857 College Ave, Menlo Park, CA

February 6, 2017

Dear Planning Commission,

We live at 845 College Ave near the Baskin Family. The Baskins shared plans for their beautiful new home and we are fully in support of the project. We look forward to seeing the completed home at 857 College Ave and view it as a welcomed addition to our neighborhood.

Sincerely,
Janet Poses & Liam Goudge

Janet Poses

Re: Application for Use Permit for 857 College Ave, Menlo Park, CA

February 5, 2017

Dear Planning Commission,

We live at 849 College Ave right next to the Baskin Family. The Baskins shared with us the plans for their beautiful new home and we are fully in support of the project. We look forward to seeing the completed home at 857 College Ave and view it as a welcomed addition to our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

The Sack Family - Daniel & Alexandra

Daniel Sack

Re: Application for Use Permit for 857 College Ave, Menlo Park, CA

January 25, 2017

Dear Planning Commission,

We live at 865 Middle Ave, which is near the Baskin Family at 857 College Ave, as a crow flies. The Baskins shared with us the plans for their new home and we absolutely love it and are fully in support of the project. We look forward to seeing the completed home at 857 College Ave and view it as a welcomed addition to our neighborhood.

Sincerely, The White Family – Anna & Davis

Community Development



STAFF REPORT

Planning Commission

Meeting Date: 5/8/2017 Staff Report Number: 17-026-PC

Public Hearing: Use Permit/Ken Friedman/953 Hobart Street

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission approve a use permit to demolish a single-story, single family residence and construct a new two-story single family residence with a basement on a substandard lot with respect to lot width in the R-1-S (Single-Family Suburban) zoning district. The proposal includes excavation in the required right side setback associated with a basement light well. As part of the proposed development, five heritage trees are proposed to be removed: a 16-inch plum (poor condition), a 28-inch date palm (good condition), a 15-inch yucca (poor condition), a 19-inch fig (poor condition), and an 18-inch oleander (fair condition). 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 south side of Hobart Street, between Santa Cruz and Middle Avenues in the West Menlo 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 single-story, with detached garages at the rear of the property, while the newer residences are generally two-story in height, with attached front-loading garages or detached garages in the rear. A variety of architectural styles are present in the neighborhood including craftsman, traditional and contemporary. Many of the single-story residences are in the ranch style. All parcels in the general vicinity are also zoned R-1-S.

Analysis

Project description

The applicant is proposing to remove the existing single-story, single-family residence and detached two-car garage and pool to construct a new two-story, single-family residence with a basement and an attached two-car garage and new pool. The lot is substandard with respect to lot width, as it does not meet the minimum lot width of 80 feet for the R-1-S zoning district, with a width of approximately 71 feet. 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 four-bedroom home with seven full bathrooms, two half bathrooms, and water closet accessible only from the exterior for users of the pool or other backyard amenities. The first-story living space would feature an open floor kitchen, dining and living room area, a library/study and a mud room. There would be interior access to the attached two-car garage from the first floor. The second-story living space would be comprised of three bedrooms, and three bathrooms. A balcony is proposed off of the master bedroom towards the rear of the second floor. The balcony would meet the applicable balcony restrictions. The basement would have one bedroom, three full bathrooms, and a half bathroom as well as a game room, a media area, and a library/office with exterior access to the front via a stairwell in the light well. In addition to the light well at the front of the residence, a light well is proposed along the right side of the property, and another at the rear to provide natural light to the basement during the day. The retaining wall for the right side light well would require excavation in the required setback, as discussed in a following section. At the center of the residence, on the first floor facing the interior of the lot, a sliding glass wall system would open from the kitchen/dining/living room area onto an outdoor patio, partially covered by a portion of the second floor cantilevered above.

The proposed project would adhere to all Zoning Ordinance regulations for setbacks, lot coverage, floor area limit, height, daylight plane, and parking.

Design and materials

The applicant states that the proposed residence would be constructed in a modern style, characterized by a flat roof, clean lines, simple geometry, and large openings. The exterior materials would include a whitewashed smooth trowel stucco for the walls, aluminum framing for the large windows, and a stained-grade wood gate, garage door, and perimeter fence to provide visual interest. A seven foot high, freestanding wall is proposed at the front setback, with an operable gate matching the style of the garage door and fence. This wall and gate would comply with fence height limits, and would help limit the prominence of the garage itself.

The layout of the site is intended to create a front and rear courtyard. The applicant has stated that the intent is to facilitate travel between, and integrate the indoor and outdoor spaces on the property. The rear courtyard would extend from the large sliding glass door system at the center of the first floor, opening off of the kitchen/living/dining area across landscaping to the pool, where a seven foot wall is proposed at the property line. The proposed second floor is offset from the first, and cantilevered over a portion of the front and rear courtyards. This proposed configuration would provide some coverage over the patio at the rear and the front entry. The front courtyard would be bounded by the front façade of the building, landscaping along the right side of the property leading to a seven-foot wood fence and gate leading to a path around to the rear, seven foot smooth stucco wall at the front property line, and the entrance to the garage at the left side of the property. A pathway around the garage to the pool and patio in the rear is proposed between an exterior stairwell leading to the basement in the front-most light well, and the freestanding wall at the front setback. The front door is proposed to be stain-grain wood and steel, set next to an etched glass panel, which would be visible behind the wall only when the motorized gate is open.

The second-story windows on the west elevation, which face an adjoining single-story residence to the right, would have sill heights of at least two feet, six inches, with the exception of the large fixed window at

the stairwell, which would have its sill height at the second floor level. The configuration of the stairwell, with two landings at differing heights both lower than the sill height of the large fixed window, would limit views. These windows would also be set back approximately seven feet from the required 10-foot setback line, further helping to limit views. On the left side, the second-floor window, towards the front of the lot, would have the same two-feet-six-inch sill height. The window towards the rear, at the corner, would have a sill height of one foot, six inches. Although this window is fairly low, these windows are set back significantly from the required side setback, at a distance of approximately 18 feet. However, if privacy is a concern, the Planning Commission may consider a condition of approval requiring additional landscape screening, or revised sill heights

Staff believes that the architectural style of the proposed residence would be generally attractive and well-proportioned. Although the modern style would not be directly similar to the adjacent neighboring residences, it would be consistent with the diverse styles within the surrounding neighborhood.

Excavation

The proposed light well at the center of the building on the right side of residence would require excavation within the required side yard setback to a depth greater than 12 inches. The proposed encroachment of the excavation into the setback for the retaining wall for the light well is modest, and will not result in any visible change from the public right of way. The excavation would be reviewed in detail for Building Code compliance at the building permit stage.

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 maintenance and the removal of some trees, based on their health. As part of the project review process, the arborist report and heritage tree removal permit applications were reviewed by the City Arborist. All recommendations identified in the arborist report shall be implemented and will be ensured as part of condition 3g.

There are 21 trees located on or near the property, six of which are heritage size trees and of those one is on the neighboring property on the left. The demolition of the existing residence and garage and the construction of the new home are not anticipated to adversely affect the heritage Spanish fir on the neighboring property on the left, as it is far from the work area at the front left corner of the neighboring lot.

Heritage tree removal permit applications were submitted by the applicant to remove five heritage size trees from the site. Four of the removal requests came per the recommendation of the arborist, due to poor condition of the trees. The fifth, a large date palm (tree #10), is proposed to be removed due to conflicts with the proposed design. Per discussion with the City contract arborist, it was determined that, given the species and health of the tree, relocation of the date palm off site was a viable option. The applicant has coordinated with a palm vendor to deliver the tree to Stanford following its removal from the site. This action still requires a heritage tree removal permit, as it is being taken off the site, and since replanting success cannot be guaranteed.

Seven non-heritage trees are proposed to be removed from the site, and seven new trees would be planted. Of the seven, five are heritage tree replacements. The heritage tree replacements consist of two coast live oaks at the front corners of the property. The remaining three heritage tree replacements are ginkgo biloba trees, proposed at the rear and along the left side of the lot. In addition to the heritage tree replacements, the applicant has proposed two new tree at the rear of the lot. The line weight of the proposed dripline of these trees on the printout appears faint, but there is a callout indicating their location for reference.

The applicant is proposing a new rectangular pool on the left side of the residence, set behind a sevenfoot wall for the length of the pool.

Correspondence

The applicant indicated in the project description letter that outreach was performed by contacting the property owners of all properties within a 300-foot radius with a letter inviting conversation regarding the proposed project. In the project description letter, the applicant further states that the adjacent property owners at 973 Hobart Street on the right, and across the street at 980 Hobart Street met with the applicant to discuss the project and the expressed support for the project. The applicant also indicated the neighbor at the rear, the owner of 936 Olive Street, expressed support; staff received email correspondence from this resident, which is included as Attachment F.

Conclusion

Staff believes that the design, scale and materials of the proposed residence are compatible with the surrounding neighborhood. The proposed excavation in the right side setback would be modest in size and not visible from nearby properties or the public right-of-way. In addition, the heritage tree removal permit applications have been reviewed by the City Arborist, who has recommended the removal of the trees contingent upon the Planning Commission's decision. 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. 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

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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. Correspondence
- 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.

Exhibits to Be Provided at Meeting

None

Report prepared by:
Ori Paz, Planning Technician

Report reviewed by:

Thomas Rogers, Principal Planner

LOCATION: 953 Hobart	PROJECT NUMBER:	APPLICANT: Ken	OWNER: Ken Friedman
Street	PLN2017-00006	Friedman	

REQUEST: Request for a use permit to demolish a single-story, single family residence and construct a new two-story single family residence with a basement on a substandard lot with respect to lot width in the R-1-S (Single-Family Suburban) zoning district. The proposal includes excavation in the required right side yard setback associated with a light well for the basement. As part of the proposed development, five heritage trees are proposed to be removed: a 16-inch plum (poor condition), a 28-inch date palm (good condition), a 15-inch yucca (poor condition), a 19-inch fig (poor condition), and an 18-inch oleander (fair condition).

DECISION ENTITY: Planning Commission

DATE: May 8, 2017

ACTION: TBD

VOTE: TBD (Barnes, Combs, Goodhue, Kahle, Onken, Riggs, Strehl)

ACTION:

- 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.
- 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 by Butler Armsden Architects, consisting of 17 plan sheets, dated received April 26, 2017, and approved by the Planning Commission on May 8, 2017, except as modified by the conditions contained herein, subject to review and approval by the Planning Division.
 - b. Prior to building permit issuance, the applicants shall comply with all Sanitary District, Menlo Park Fire Protection District, and utility companies' regulations that are directly applicable to the project.
 - 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 installations or upgrades for review and approval by the Planning, Engineering and Building Divisions. All utility equipment that is installed outside of a building and that cannot be placed underground shall be properly screened by landscaping. The plan shall show exact locations of all meters, back flow prevention devices, transformers, junction boxes, relay boxes, and other equipment boxes.
 - 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.
 - f. 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. The Grading and Drainage Plan shall be approved prior to the issuance of grading, demolition or building permits.

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953 Hobart Street - Attachment A: Recommended Actions

LOCATION: 953 Hobart	PROJECT NUMBER:	APPLICANT: Ken	OWNER: Ken Friedman
Street	PLN2017-00006	Friedman	

REQUEST: Request for a use permit to demolish a single-story, single family residence and construct a new two-story single family residence with a basement on a substandard lot with respect to lot width in the R-1-S (Single-Family Suburban) zoning district. The proposal includes excavation in the required right side yard setback associated with a light well for the basement. As part of the proposed development, five heritage trees are proposed to be removed: a 16-inch plum (poor condition), a 28-inch date palm (good condition), a 15-inch yucca (poor condition), a 19-inch fig (poor condition), and an 18-inch oleander (fair condition).

DECISION ENTITY: Planning
Commission

DATE: May 8, 2017

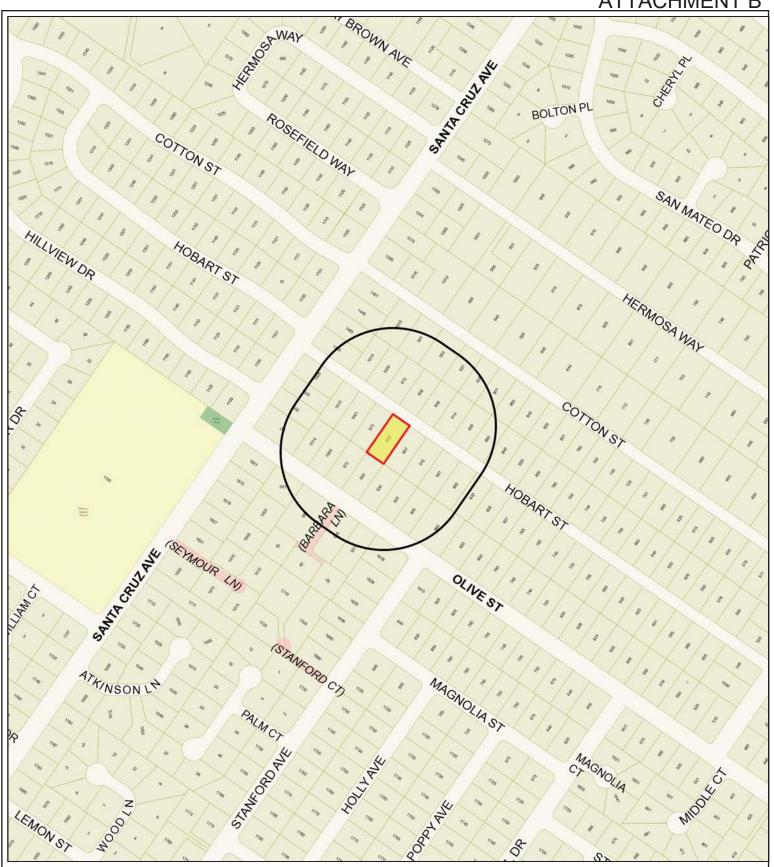
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VOTE: TBD (Barnes, Combs, Goodhue, Kahle, Onken, Riggs, Strehl)

ACTION:

g. Heritage and street trees in the vicinity of the construction project shall be protected pursuant to the Heritage Tree Ordinance and the arborist report by Mayne Tree Expert Company, Inc. dated August 5, 2016.

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City of Menlo Park

Location Map 953 Hobart Street



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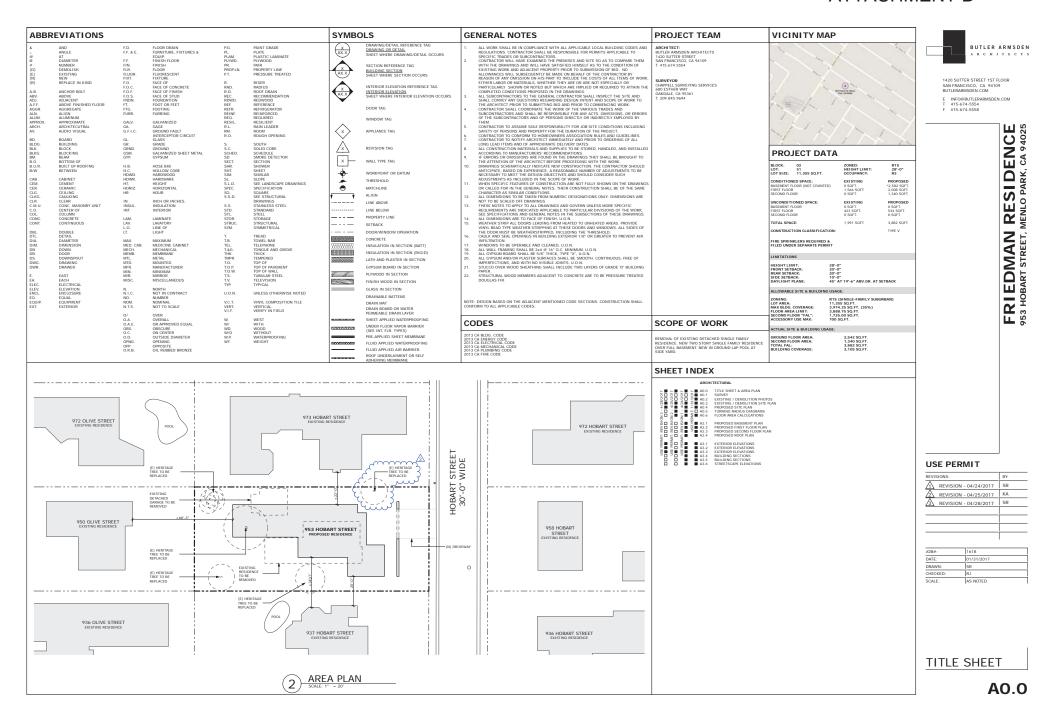
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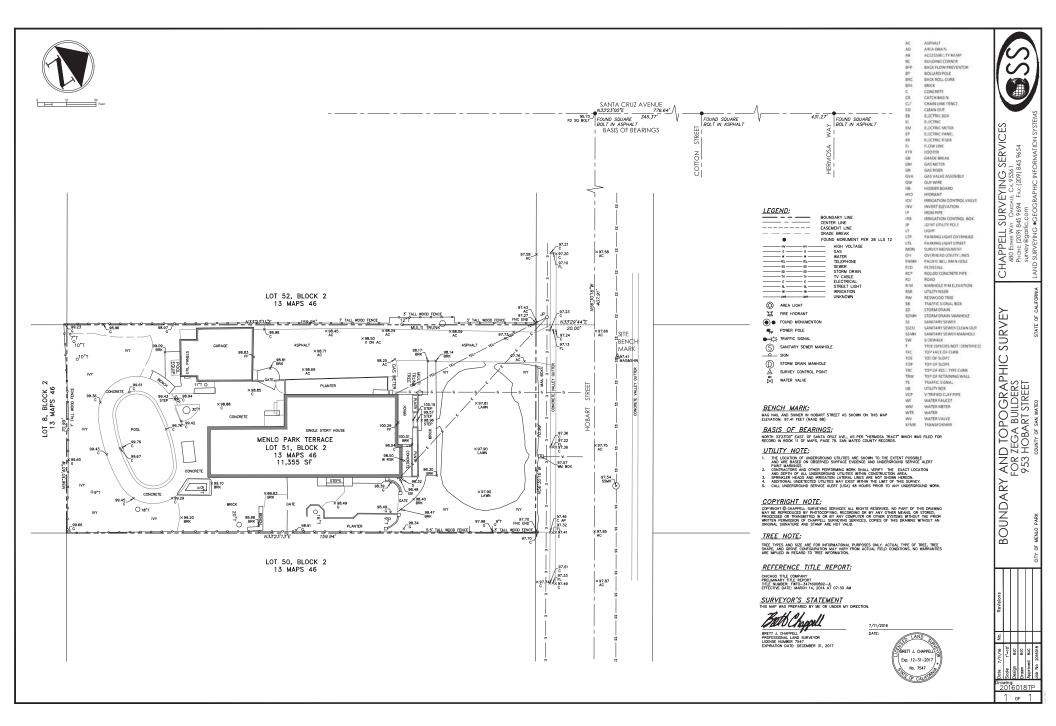
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Front	31.0	ft.		45.4	ft.		20.0	ft. min.
Rear	25.3	ft.		47.6	ft.		20.0	ft. min.
Side (left)	10.0	ft.		18.6	ft.		10.0	ft. min.
Side (right)	12.0	ft.		23.7	ft.		10.0	ft. min.
Building coverage	3,105.0	sf		1,989.0	sf		3,974.3	sf max.
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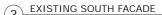
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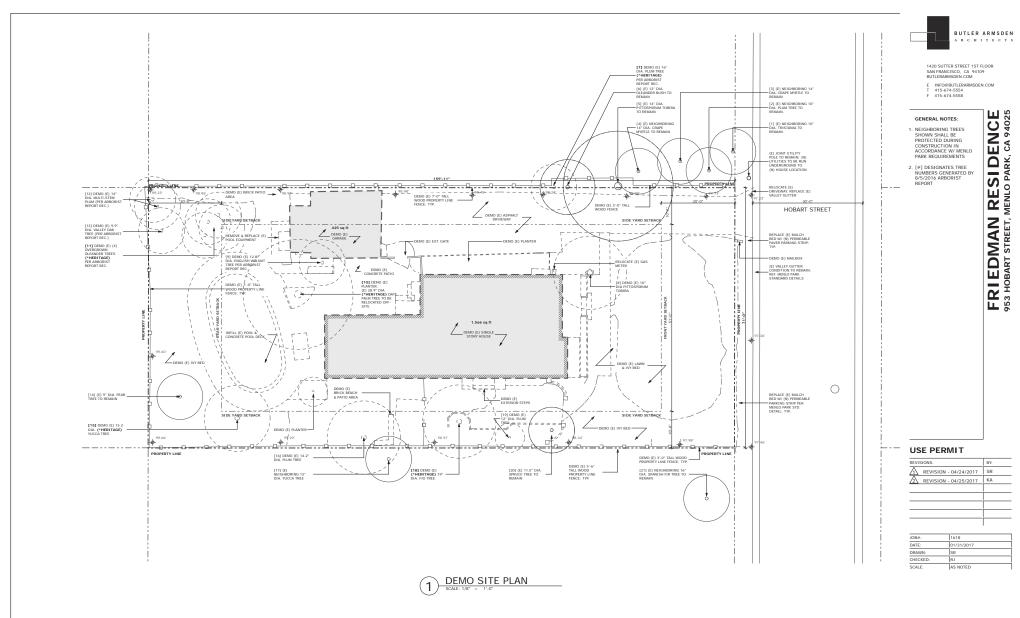


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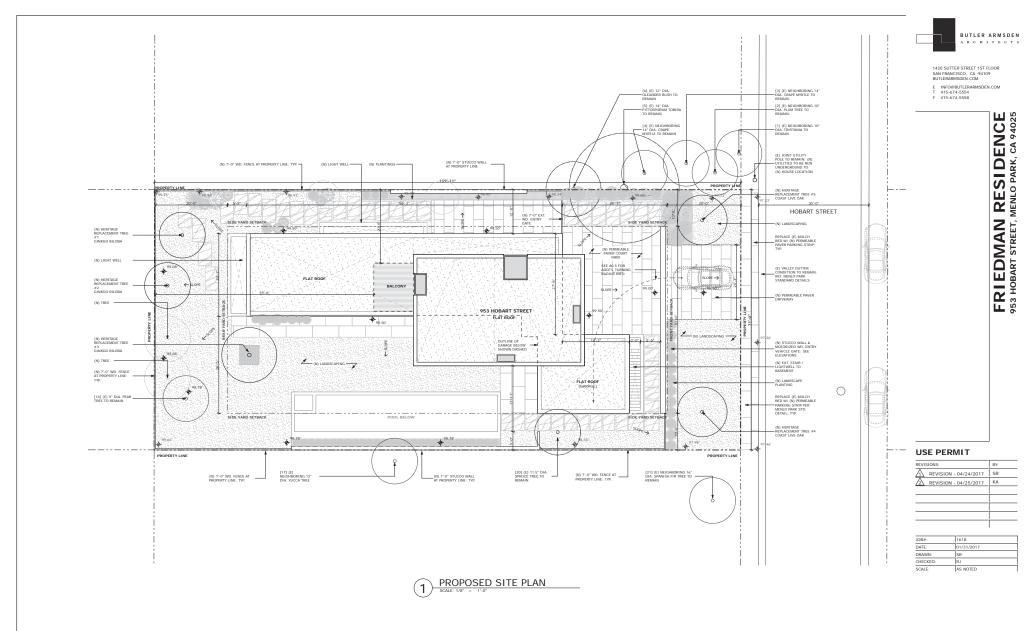
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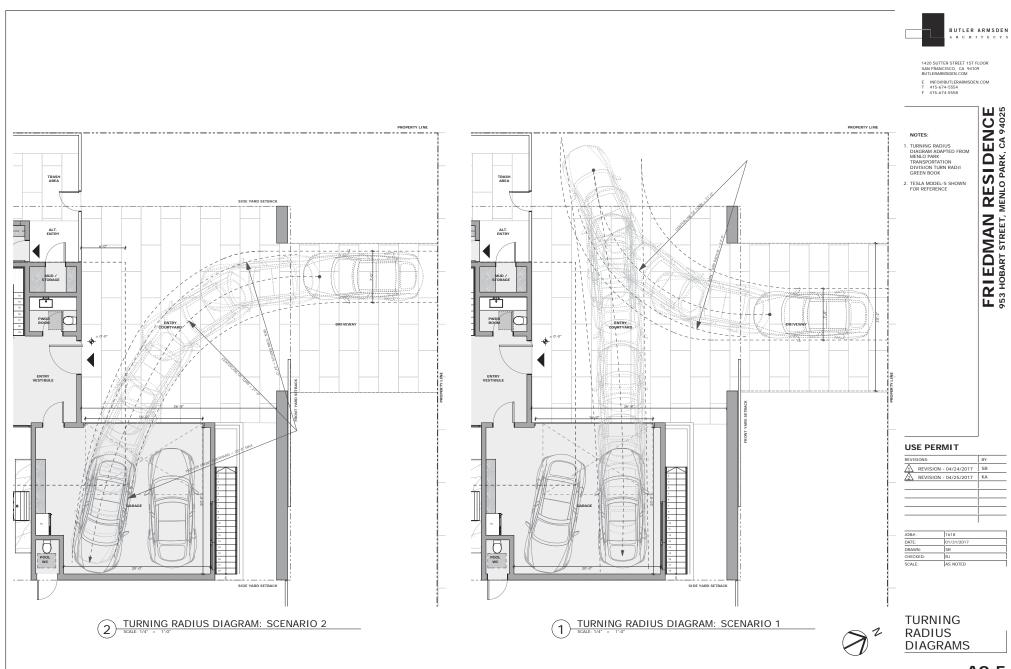
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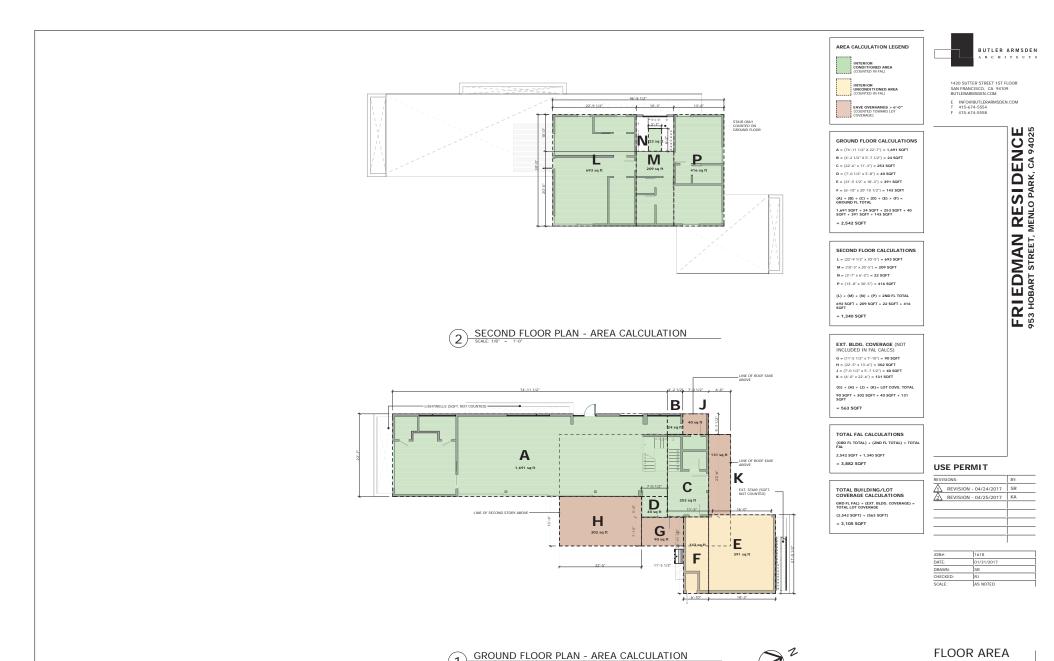
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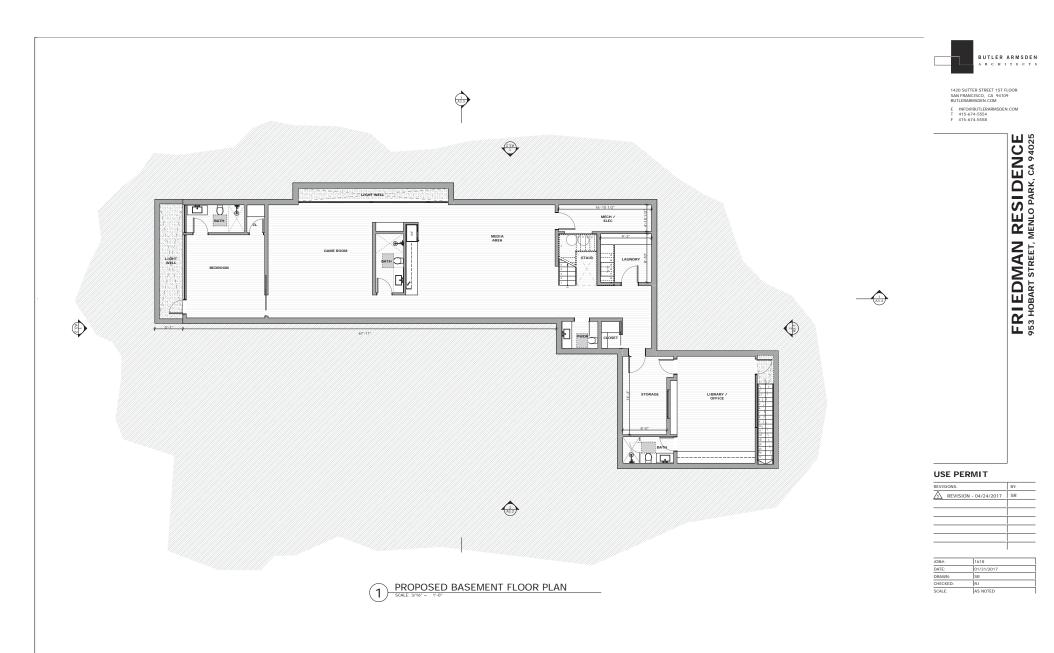
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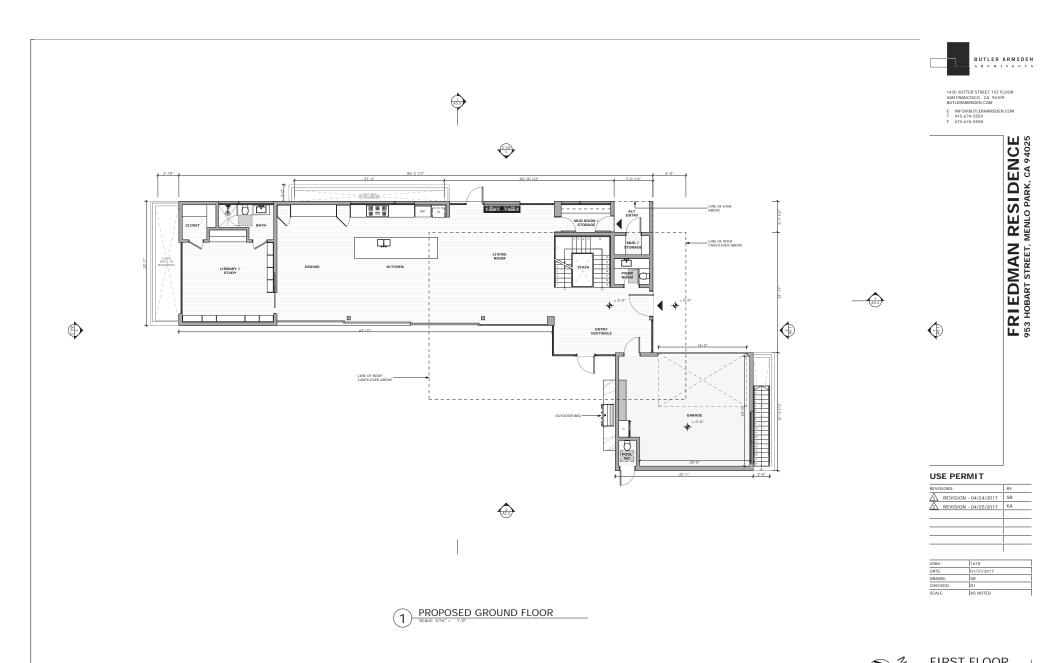
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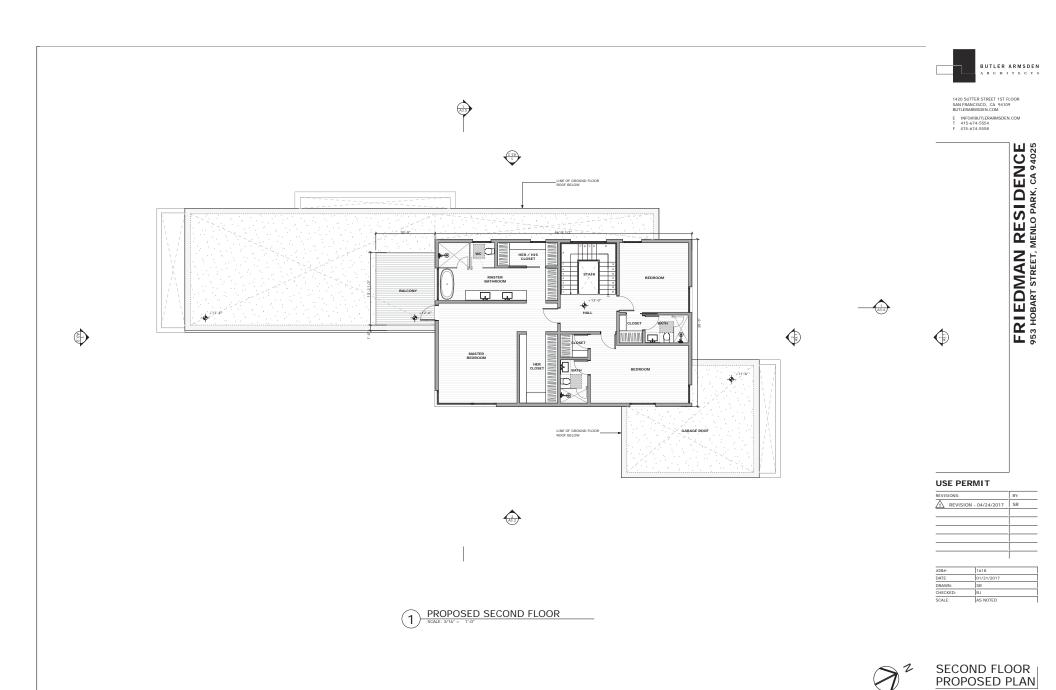


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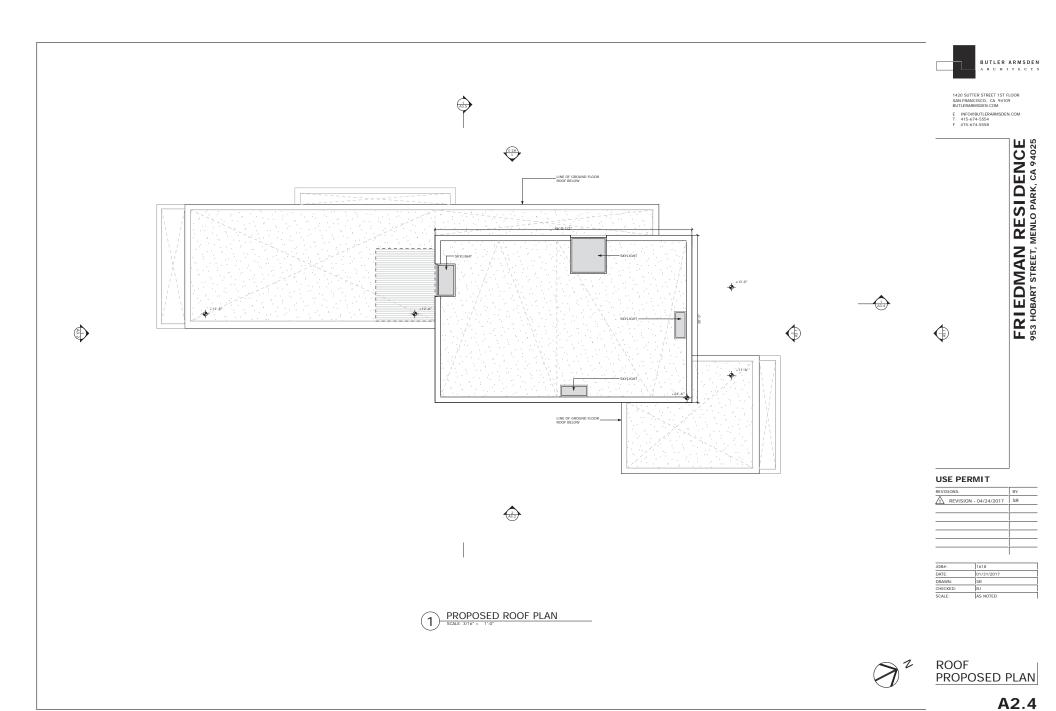
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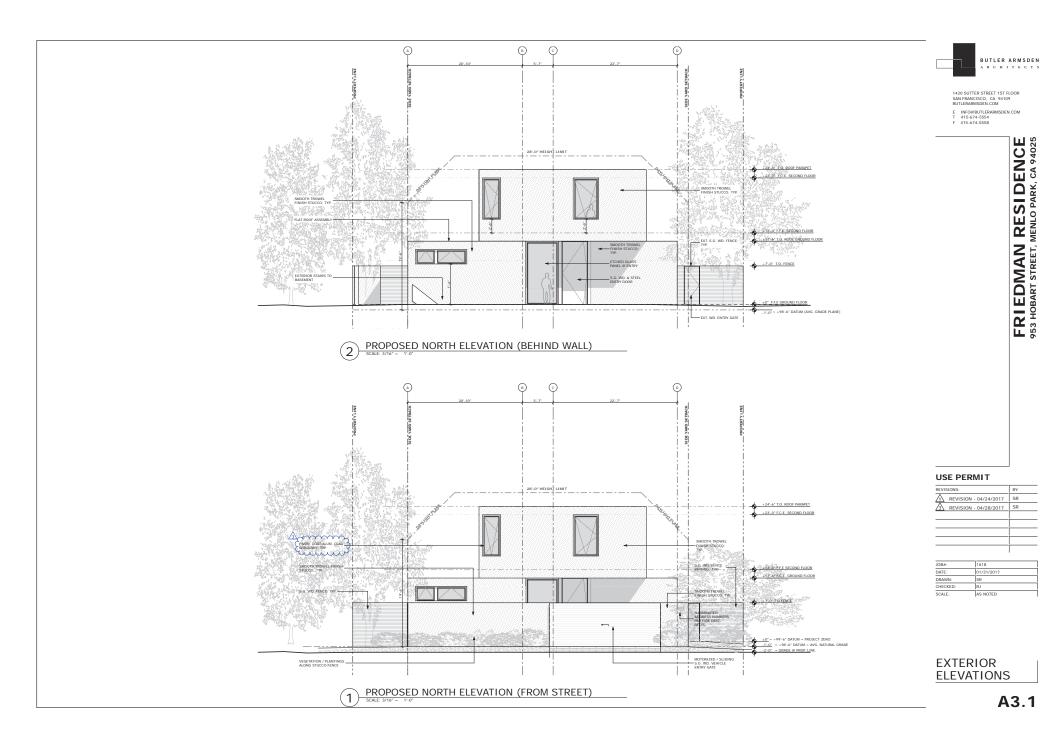


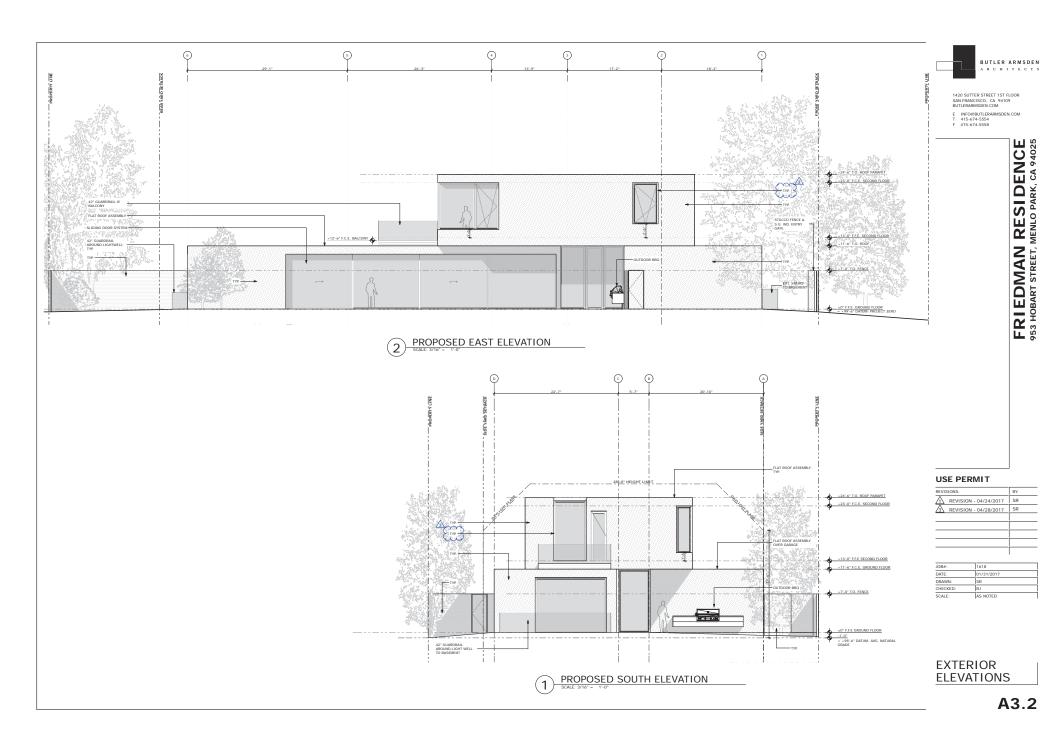
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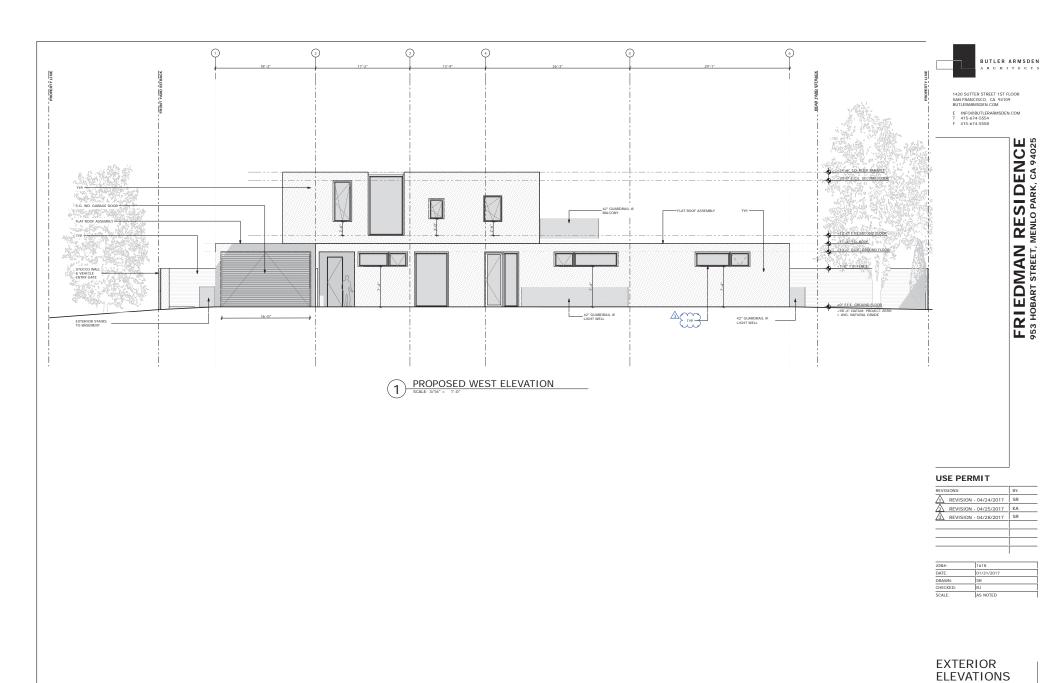


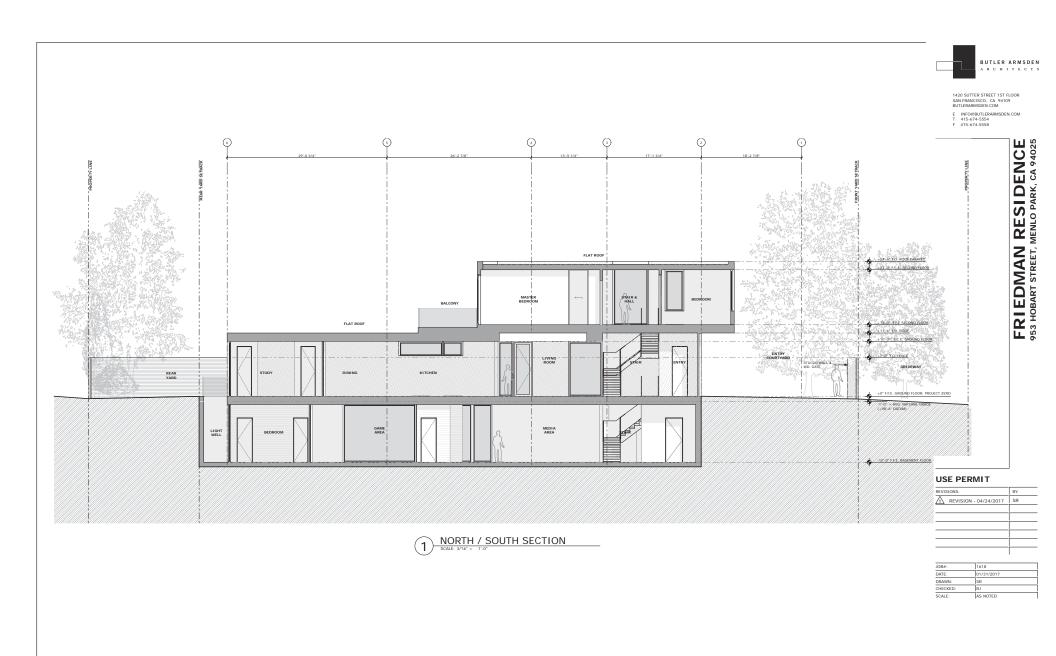
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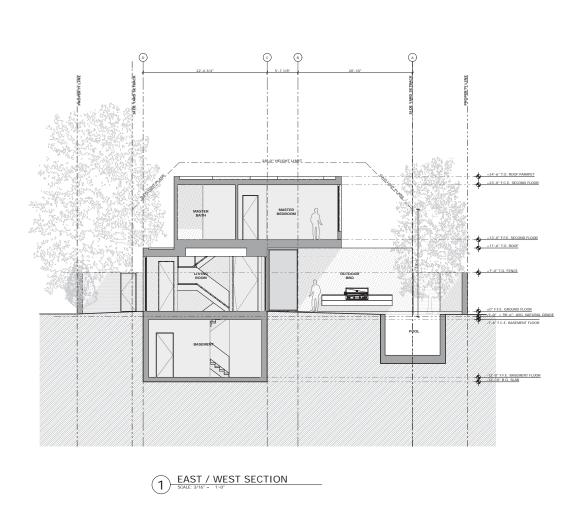
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ATTACHMENT E



MEMO

DATE: 04/28/3017

TO: Ori Paz: City of Menlo Park Planning Division

FROM: Steven Ratley

PROJECT NAME: 953 Hobart Street

SUBJECT: Updated Project Description Letter

Purpose:

Seeking a use permit for a new home on a substandard lot, with respect to width, in the R-1-S (single family suburban) zoning district.

Scope of Work:

Demolish a single-story family residence with detached garage (the garage is sited in the right-side setback) and construct a new two-story single family residence over a full basement on a substandard lot with respect to width in the R-1-S (Single-Family Suburban) zoning district. Five heritage-size trees are proposed to be removed and replaced including a 16" Plum Tree, a multi-stem Oleander Tree, a 15" Yucca Tree, a 19" Fig Tree and a 30" Date Palm. The existing Heritage Date Palm will be donated to Stanford University. It will be carefully extracted by a licensed professional and transplanted to its new home at Stanford University.

The total floor area (3,882 sq. ft.), building coverage (3,105 sq. ft), and height (24'-6") of the proposed residence are below the maximum amounts permitted by the Zoning Ordinance and the structure complies with daylight plane restrictions for a two-story home. The new residence adheres to all setback requirements.

Style:

The house is a decidedly modern, flat-roofed structure characterized by clean lines, simple geometry and large openings. The wood framed structure uses a paired down material palette of whitewashed smooth trowel finish stucco with staingrade wood and metal accents.

Basis for Site Layout:

The layout of the site and the structure is rooted in a courtyard typology in an effort to maximize the connection between interior living and outdoor spaces. Three intersecting volumes converge to frame a private courtyard area. The house is designed to embrace the entirety of the site by way of large openings at the ground level establishing a seamless transition from interior to exterior. Large light wells are provided to illuminate the basement level with natural light, continuing the connection to the landscape while alleviating the need for artificial lighting during the day. The front façade is set back in excess of the minimum required front setback to offer a more subdued and balanced view of the boldly simple structure from the street. New replacement heritage trees and landscaping are used to enrich a sense of place for the homeowners, neighboring residents and passersby.

Existing and Proposed Uses:

Single Family Residence / Single Family Residence

Outreach to Neighboring Properties:

Property owner contacted all properties within 300' radius with a personal letter explaining scope of project and an offer to address any concerns, or interest, affected property owners might have. Two adjacent property owners (973 Hobart on the right side of subject property and 980 Hobart directly across the street from subject property) met with property owner to discuss proposed project. Both owners appreciated contact and expressed support of the project. The property owner of 936 Olive (adjacent property on right rear corner) also contacted homeowner, via e-mail, to express appreciation for "thoughtfulness of contact."

ATTACHMENT F

From: Harry Hagey
To: Paz, Ori

Cc: <u>ken.friedman@gmail.com</u>

Subject: 953 Hobart

Date: Wednesday, April 19, 2017 3:57:00 PM

Dear Mr. Paz, We live at 936 Olive Street. We have reviewed the proposed plans for the new home to built at 953 Hobart and have no objections. It should be and excellent addition to the neighborhood. Harry Hagey

936 Olive Street

Menlo Park, CA 94025 Home: 650-600-8134 Cell: 650-455-1496





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WPY ATTACHMENT G

CITY OF MENILO PARK BUILDING

Mayne Tree Expert Company, Inc.

ESTABLISHED 1931 CERTIFIED FORESTER • STATE CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE NO. 276793

CERTIFIED ARBORISTS . PEST CONTROL . ADVISORS AND OPERATORS

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August 5, 2016

Mr. Ken Friedman Zega Builders, Inc. 411 Arlington Wy. Menlo Park, CA 94025

Dear Mr. Friedman,

RE: 953 HOBART STREET, MENLO PARK

At your request, I visited the above site on July 19, 2016. The purpose of my visit was to inspect and comment on the trees located on the property and within 10 feet of the property line larger than 8 inches in diameter.

Limitations of this report

This report is based on a visual-only inspection that took place from ground level. I accept no responsibility for any unseen or undocumented defects associated with the trees in this report.

Method

Each tree was identified and given an identification number. This number is scribed onto a metal foil tag and placed at eye level on the trunk of the tree. This number has also been placed on to a corresponding site map to show the approximate locations of the trees on the property. The diameter of the trees was found by measuring 54 inches above the natural grade as described in the City of Menlo Park Heritage Tree Ordinance. The height and canopy spread of each tree was estimated to give the tree's approximate dimensions. A condition rating has been given to the trees. This rating is based on form and vitality and can be further defined by the following table:

0 - 29 Very Poor 30 - 49 Poor 50 - 69 Fair 70 - 89 Good

90 - 100 Excellent

Lastly, a comments section has been provided to give more individual detail about the tree and its surroundings.

Tree Survey

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#	Species (Common)	Diameter (inches)	Condition (percent)	Height (feet)	Spread (feet)	Comments
1	Tristania	10.0 (est.)	65	15	10	Routinely shaped into rounded form; located on neighboring property; no tag.
2	Plum	10.0 (est.)	45	15	10	Multi-stem at 3 feet; routinely shaped into a rounded form; located on the neighboring property; no tag.
3	Crape Myrtle	14.0 (est.)	50	18	10	Multi-stem at the base; routinely shaped into a rounded from; located on the neighboring property; no tag.
4	Crape Myrtle	14.0 (est.)	50	18	10	Multi-stem at the base; routinely shaped into a rounded from; located on the neighboring property; no tag.
5	Pittosporum tobira	14.0 (est.)	45	15	12	Multi-stem at the base; provides good screening; routinely side-pruned along driveway.
6	Oleander	12.0 (est.)	40	18	12	Multi-stem at the base; provides good screening.
7	Plum	16.0 (est.)	40	20	15	Ganoderma conk at the base; three-stem at 2 feet with included bark; tip dieback present.
8	Pittosporum tobira	10.0 (est.)	55	13	18	Multi-stem at the base; root crown covered; good vigor fair form.
9	English Walnut	12.8	40	25	21	Roots lifting and cracking the concrete; mostly dead canopy.
10	Date Palm	28.9	65	35	28	Large amount of exposed roots at the base; cracking the planter; healthy canopy poor location.
11	Oleander	18.0 (est.)	50	18	24	Four individual large overgrown shrubs; multiple stems at the base; good vigor; poor form; limits usable space along the right rear corner of the property.
12	Plum	14.0 (est.)	50	21	18	Multi-stem at the base; root crown covered; healthy canopy.

Tree #	Species (Common)	Diameter (inches)	Condition (percent)	Height (feet)	Spread (feet)	Comments
13	Valley Oak	9.9	45	30	33	Root crown covered; leans east due to a competition for light with the Oleander; codominant attachment at 10 feet; good vigor; poor form.
14	Pear	9.0 (est.)	50	15	15	Two-stem at the base; root crown covered; fire blight present in the canopy; good vigor.
15	Yucca	15.2	45	20	15	Root crown covered; multiple tops; good vigor; dead spots on the trunk.
16	Plum	14.2	25	12	9	Mostly dead trunk with single lower green branch; significant cavity at the base.
17	Yucca	12.0 (est.)	45	25	9	Slight lean to the east; located on the neighboring property; no tag; good vigor.
18	Fig	19.0	45	2	21	Partially covered root crown; three stems at 5 feet with included bark; thinning upper canopy; most likely drought stressed; several small cavities present.
19	Plum	12.0 (est.)	25	20	18	Codominant at base with included bark; Ganoderma conk at 1 foot; mostly dead top.
20	Colorado Blue Spruce	11.5	85	30	12	Roots lifting the brick planter; good form and vigor; abundance of interior deadwood.
21	Spanish Fir	16.0 (est.)	65	35	15	Located in the neighboring property; top side-pruned by PG&E no tag.

Observations

During my inspection of this property, I found that the majority of the trees on this site appeared to have received routine maintenance in the past. Trees #1-#4, #17, and #21 are all located on adjacent properties within 10 feet of the property line.

Trees #5 and #8 are both Pittosporum tobira trees located on opposite sides of the driveway. Both of these trees have multi-stem trunks and have good vigor. Tree #5 provides good screening of the neighboring property.

Tree #6 is an overgrown Oleander shrub located along the right side of the driveway. This tree has a multi-stem attachment at its base and provides good screening of the neighboring property.

Tree #7 is a Plum tree located on the right side of the driveway near the property line fence. This tree has three stems at 2 feet with included bark between the stems and a Ganoderma conk at its base that indicates an internal fungal infection.

I believe this tree is at the end of its life cycle and should be considered for removal in the near future.

Tree #9 is an English Walnut located on the left side of the garage. The roots of this tree are lifting and cracking the nearby concrete and the upper canopy is mostly dead.

This tree is mostly dead and I believe it should be removed as soon as possible.

Tree #10 is a Date Palm located at the back right corner of the home, in a small raised planter bed. There is an abundance of exposed roots near the base of this tree and the planter has been cracked by the tree's root crown tree. The upper canopy is healthy and vigorous with a small number of dead fronds. This tree is less than 6 feet from the edge of the pool.

I believe this tree is too large for its current location. I recommend considering the removal of this tree in the near future.

Tree #11 is a group of four large overgrown Oleander shrubs. These shrubs limit the usable space in this area and are a host for small rodents and pests.

I recommend removing and replacing these shrubs with small trees that will provide screening of the neighboring property and make this area more usable.

Tree #12 is a Plum tree located at the right rear corner of the property. This tree appears to be a volunteer that has poor form. I also found a small 7-inch diameter Valley Oak located near the base of this tree. This Valley Oak has poor form due to a competition for light and leans over the neighboring property.

Removal of the Plum tree is recommended in the near future. In addition, the small Valley Oak should be considered for removal at the same time.

Tree #13 is a Valley Oak located at the right rear corner of the property. This tree leans significantly to the east due to a competition for light with the larger group of Oleander (tree #11). There is a codominant attachment at 10 feet and a combination of ivy and other organic material cover the root crown of this tree.

I recommend routine tree maintenance that should include end weight reduction on the leaning side of the canopy and exposing this tree's root crown in the near future.

Tree #14 is a fruiting Pear tree located at the left rear corner of the property. This tree has a covered root crown, a two stem attachment at the base, and fire blight in random locations around the canopy. The overall vigor of this tree is good.

I recommend routine maintenance that should include exposing the root crown of the tree and pruning out the fire blight. In addition, I recommend sterilizing the pruning utensils between each cut to minimize the spread of the fire blight.

Tree #15 is a Yucca tree located at the back left corner of the property. This tree has a covered root crown, a moderate number of dead fronds, several dead sections on the trunk where no bark is present and good vigor.

I recommend routine maintenance that should include removal of the dead fronds and exposing the root crown.

Tree #16 is a mostly dead Plum tree located on the left side of the home. This tree has a significant cavity at its base and only one green sprout on the lower trunk.

I believe this tree is a hazard and should be removed.

Tree #18 is a Fig tree located on the left side of the home. This tree has three stems at 5 feet with included bark between the main stems, several small cavities in various locations on the trunk from previously removed limbs, and the upper canopy is thinning from drought stress.

I believe this tree has good potential to thrive if supplemental irrigation is supplied around its root zone. In addition the root zone would benefit from aeration and mulch.

Tree #19 is a Plum tree located on the left side of the home. This tree has a codominant attachment at its base with included bark. I found a Ganoderma conk at its base and the upper canopy is mostly dead.

Due to its poor health, I recommend removal of this tree in the near future.

Tree #20 is a Colorado Blue Spruce located at the front left corner of the home. This tree has good form and vigor with a minor amount of interior deadwood.

I recommend routine maintenance that should include interior deadwood removal and aeration of the root zone with new mulch placed around the root zone.

Summary

Trees #1-#4, #17, and #21 are all located on adjacent properties within 10 feet of the property line; they require no work at this time. Trees #7, #9, #10, #11, #12, and #16 should all be considered for removal due to their location, health, or structural defects. The remaining trees should receive routine tree maintenance such as exposing the root crowns, deadwood removal, and end weight reduction.

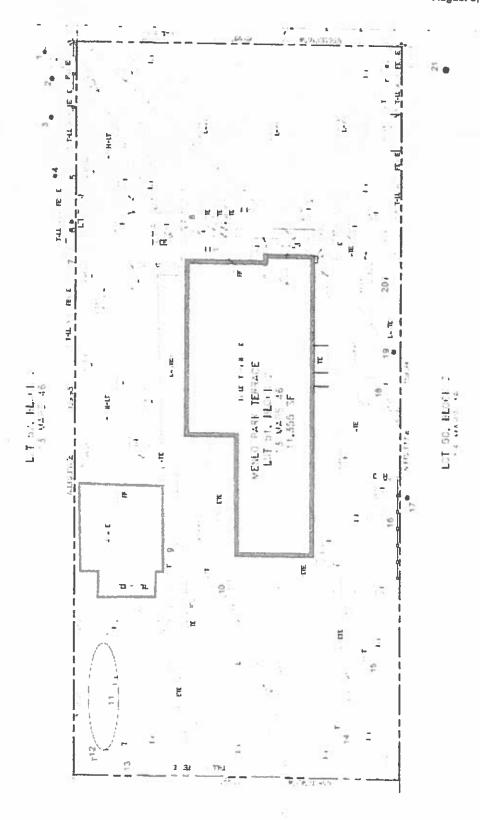
All work performed as a result of this report should be performed buy a qualified licensed tree care professional. If I can be of further assistance, please contact me at my office. I believe this report is accurate and based on sound arboriculture principles and practices.

Sincerely.

Jeromey A. Ingalls

Certified Arborist WE #7076A

JAI:pmd



Community Development



STAFF REPORT

Planning Commission

Meeting Date: 5/8/2017 Staff Report Number: 17-027-PC

Public Hearing: Use Permit Revision/Justin Young/435 University

Drive

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission approve a use permit revision to make exterior changes to an existing residence on a substandard lot with regard to lot width and lot area in the R-1-U (Single-Family Urban Residential) zoning district at 435 University Drive. The project received a use permit on February 22, 2016 to partially demolish, remodel, and construct first- and second-story additions to the existing single-story, single-family residence. 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 435 University Drive, between Middle Avenue and College Avenue in the Allied Arts neighborhood. A location map is included as Attachment B. Adjacent parcels are also zoned R-1-U, with single-story, single-family residences on the south side of University Drive, and a small number of two-story, single-family residences on the north side of the street and on the east side of College Avenue in the vicinity of the proposed project. Single-story residences on University Drive predominantly feature ranch and bungalow styles, while two-story residences on nearby College Avenue feature a variety of contemporary, craftsman, and traditional styles.

Previous Planning Commission review

In October 2015, the applicant applied for a use permit to partially demolish, remodel, and construct first-and second-story additions to an existing single-story, single-family residence with an attached single-car garage. The applicant proposed to maintain a majority of the existing residence, including the single-car garage, while demolishing a portion of existing single-story living space at the rear right side of the residence. The proposal also included construction of a new second-story addition greater than 50 percent of existing floor area on the lot. On February 22, 2016, the Planning Commission approved a use permit for the project. A building permit for the project was issued on July 15, 2016, and at present, construction of the residence is nearly complete.

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Analysis

Project description

At this time, the applicant is proposing changes to the approved exterior, including different cladding materials, window styles, first-story window sizes and locations, and the relocation of a fireplace and chimney. Due to misunderstandings and miscommunication between the project development team, the residence has already been constructed incorporating nearly all of the proposed changes. However, the Planning Commission should evaluate the proposal as if it were being requested in advance of any work, and not use the construction sequencing as a primary basis for a particular decision.

The floor area, building coverage, and height of the residence are proposed to remain consistent with the project approved in 2016. The structure would also remain in compliance with the daylight plane for a two-story home in the R-1-U zoning district. The project plans and the applicant's project description letter are included as Attachments C and D, respectively.

Design and materials

The approved project featured a contemporary farmhouse aesthetic, with shed and gable dormers and a long front porch flush with the garage entrance. Wood board and batten siding was approved as the primary cladding material for the exterior of the residence, with horizontal wood siding accents on portions of the second story. Based on the owners' concerns about the increased use of board and batten siding on other residences in the area and how the style would fare over time, the revised project proposes horizontal wood siding as the primary cladding, with cedar shingle accents centered between the second-story gables on the front elevation.

The approved project featured aluminum clad double-hung wood windows without grids. As part of the revised project, the upper sashes of the double-hung windows would feature interior and exterior grids with a spacer bar between the glass to simulate true divided lights. In addition to changes to the window styles, a number of first-story windows would have slightly different sizes and locations. Most notably, on the rear elevation, two double-hung windows on the right side of the approved first story would be replaced by three double-hung windows with three small rectangular windows above to allow more light into the family room. Three casement windows on the left side of the approved first-floor rear elevation would be replaced with two double-hung windows. Second-story windows along the sides of the proposed residence would have sill heights consistent with, or higher than, the approved project to limit potential privacy impacts.

Additional changes proposed to the residence include replacement of a four-panel wood garage door with a more traditional carriage-style door with windows along the top. A fireplace proposed in the family room at the rear of the residence would be moved to the living room near the front of the residence. As a result, a chimney clad in horizontal wood siding would be located on the left side of the right-side gable at the front of the residence. Three skylights evenly spaced along the roof of the front elevation would allow more natural light into a second-story family space. Furthermore, the furnace would be relocated from the garage to an area below the stair landing on the left side (south) elevation. Exterior access doors would be placed below the bay window pop-out in the stairwell.

While more traditional in appearance than the approved project, staff believes the residence would maintain a consistent and cohesive style that generally echoes the characteristics of the approved home. The proposed mix of horizontal siding and cedar shingles would be applied in a more balanced and regular pattern versus the mix of board and batten and horizontal siding proposed at various heights and on different elevations of the approved project. The proposed changes to window heights are limited mainly to the first story, reducing the potential for privacy impacts versus the approved project. Given the architectural styles and sizes of structures in the vicinity, as well as the materials and architectural accents proposed, staff believes that the scale, materials, and style of the proposed residence fit within the broader neighborhood.

Trees and landscaping

At present, there are three trees on the project site, none of which are heritage trees. The three trees are located along the left-side property line. One additional tree, an eight-inch holly, was proposed for removal as part of the original project and has been cleared from the site. To staff's knowledge, the demolition of portions of the existing residence, construction of the proposed addition, and changes to the elevations of the approved project have not adversely affected trees located on the subject site or neighboring properties.

Parking and circulation

The residence was originally built with only one required off-street parking space in the existing one-car garage. As a result, the building is considered legal non-conforming in terms of parking. This type of nonconformity may be permitted to remain as part of an expansion/remodeling project. For the subject property, the majority of the existing building footprint was retained, effectively limiting the potential to bring the parking into full compliance. The existing driveway provides unofficial parking spaces within the front setback, which would not meet the off-street parking requirement but would provide some flexibility. No changes are currently proposed to parking.

Correspondence

The applicant indicates that the homeowners reached out to adjacent neighbors about the proposed changes, and there were no objections to the project at that time. Staff has not received any correspondence regarding the revised project. As noted by the applicant, the project architect is also one of the directly adjacent neighbors.

Conclusion

While more traditional in style than the approved residence, staff believes the proposed cladding materials and window styles would be applied consistently and cohesively, generally echoing the character of the approved home. Changes to window sizes and sill heights would mainly be limited to first-story windows, reducing the potential for increased privacy impacts to neighbors. The floor area, building coverage, and height of the proposed residence would remain at or below the maximum amounts permitted by the Zoning Ordinance, and the structure would continue to be within the daylight plane requirements. 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

Disclaimer

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Exhibits to Be Provided at Meeting

None

Report prepared by: Tom Smith, Associate Planner

Report reviewed by:

Thomas Rogers, Principal Planner

LOCATION: 435	PROJECT NUMBER:	APPLICANT: Justin	OWNER: Justin Young
University Drive	PLN2017-00027	Young	

REQUEST: Request for a use permit to make exterior changes to an existing residence on a substandard lot with regard to lot width and lot area in the R-1-U (Single-Family Urban Residential) zoning district. The project received a use permit on February 22, 2016 to partially demolish, remodel, and construct first- and second-story additions to an existing single-story, single-family residence.

DECISION ENTITY: Planning Commission

DATE: May 8, 2017

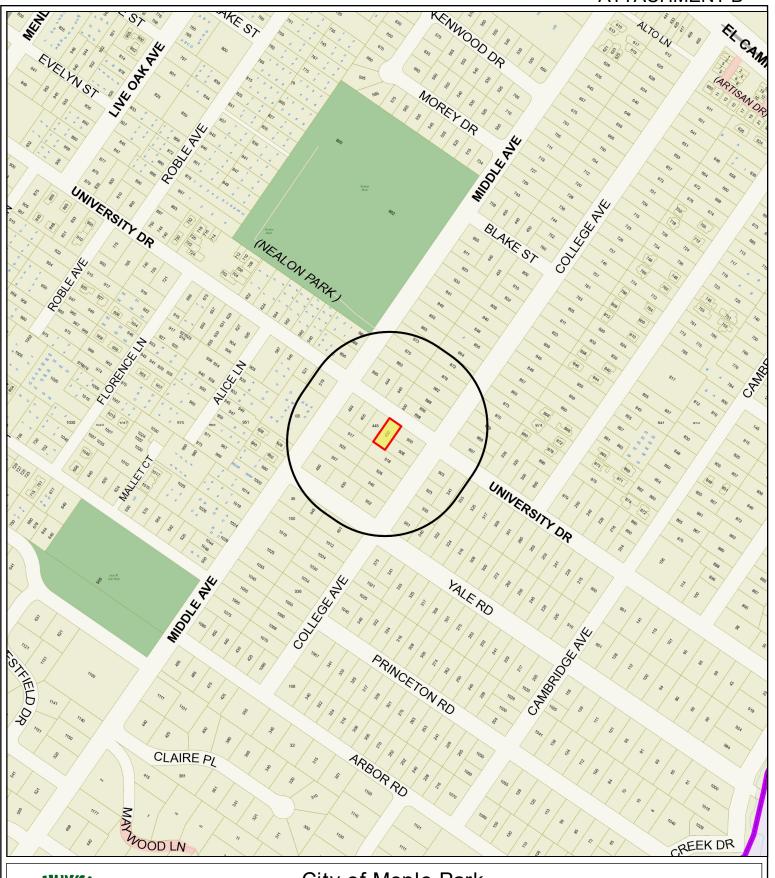
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VOTE: TBD (Barnes, Combs, Goodhue, Kahle, Onken, Riggs, Strehl)

ACTION:

- 1. Make a finding that the project is categorically exempt under Class 1 (Section 15301, "Existing Facilities") of the current California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.
- 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 by Zak Johnson Architects, consisting of nine plan sheets, dated received on April 20, 2017, and approved by the Planning Commission on May 8, 2017, except as modified by the conditions contained herein, subject to review and approval by the Planning Division.
 - b. Prior to building permit issuance, the applicants shall comply with all Sanitary District, Menlo Park Fire Protection District, and utility companies' regulations that are directly applicable to the project.
 - 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. Heritage trees in the vicinity of the construction project shall be protected pursuant to the Heritage Tree Ordinance.

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City of Menlo Park Location Map 435 University Drive



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Date: 5/8/2017 Sheet: 1

CLARK YOUNG RESIDENCE

435 UNIVERSITY DRIVE MENLO PARK, CA 94025

Project Data:

1.	Zoning District:	R-1-U
2.	Lot Area:	5,000.0 s.f.
3.	Allowable Lot Coverage (35.0%) Existing Lot Coverage (43.7%) Proposed Lot Coverage (34.9%)	1,750.0 s.f. 2,183.3 s.f. 1,747.3 s.f.
4.	Max. Allowed Floor Area Limit: Proposed Total Square Footage:	2,800.0 s.f. 2,798.7 s.f.
	(E) First Floor (E) 1st Floor Removed (N) Second Floor (E) Garage (N) Porch Attic Space: (E) Shed - Removed:	1,642.0 s.f. -275.9 s.f. 1,148.0 s.f. 284.6 s.f. 96.6 s.f. N/A (58.6 s.f.)
5.	Existing Height Proposed Height: Max. Height:	16'-0" 25'-6" 28 -0"

Consultants

California Plumbing Code California Electrical Code

California Fire Code

California Mechanical Code

Menlo Park Municipal Code

Structural Engineer: Roca Engineering 1250 Ames Avenue, Suite 109 Milpitas, CA 95035

Energy Consultant: Builder's Energy Services, Inc. 1478 Bird Avenue San Jose, CA 95125 408 718-1908

Applicable Codes & Regulations
California Residential Code
California Energy Code
California Energy Code
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Along with any other local and state laws and regulations

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Soils Engineer: Murray Engineers, Inc. 935 Fremont Avenue Los Altos, CA 94024 650 559-9980

Surveyor:

Jeff Barnea 789 Fourteenth St. Menlo Park, CA 94025 650 261-1982

Menlo Park Safety Fence Notes

Prior to Isuance of a Demotition or Building Permit, the plan for safety fencing will be submitted and approved by the building division. The Building Official may waive this requirement on a case by case basis. The fencing shall be installed as shown prior to commencement of construction unless the requirement is waived by the building official.

• Size, type and area to be fenced. Install fencing as shown on site plan with five or six (5' - 6') foot high chain link fences. Fences are to be mounted on two-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. Fencing shall be erected before demolition, grading or construction begins and remain in place until final inspection of the project.

Project Information

Occupancy Group: R-3 / U-1 Type of Construction: V - B Deferred Submittal Items:

Special Inspection Items: - see Structural Drawings. Automatic Fire Sprinklers: Yes

Sheet Index

Site Plan Roof Plan Civil Survey
Existing Plan & Photos Ã-2 First & 2nd Floor Plan E & W Elevations A-4B A-5 A-6 N & S Elevations Building Sections Area Plan & Streetscape Block Area Diagrams

City of Menlo Park

Const. Hours & Noise Requirements: The work hours are regulated by noise levels created during construction. The maximum noise levels allowed are established in the City of Menlo Park Municipal Code Chapter 8.08 Noise.

1. Any and all excessively annoying, loud or unusual noises or vibrations such Any and all excessively annoting, loud or initiation losses of vincilations such as offend the peace and quite of persons of ordinary sensibilities and which interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property and affect at the same time an entire neighborhood or any considerable number of persons shall be considered a noise disturbance.

2. Custruction advises are limited to the hours of eight (8) a.m. and six (6) p.m. Monday throught Friday.

b. Construction activities by residents and property owners personally undertaking construction advises to maintain or improve their property are undertaking construction. Sundays or holdings between the hours of ince (9) a.m. and five (6) p.m.

c. A sign, containing the permitted hours of construction activities exceeding the noise limits set forth in Section also. 6230, shall be posted at all entrances to a construction size upon the commencement of construction, for the purpose of construction size upon the commencement of construction, for the purpose of construction size of the basic requirements of their chapter. The sign shall be at least five (9) feet above ground level and shall consist of a white background with black letters.

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d. Notwithstanding any other provision set forth above, all powered equipment shall comply with the limits set forth in Section 8.06.040(b)

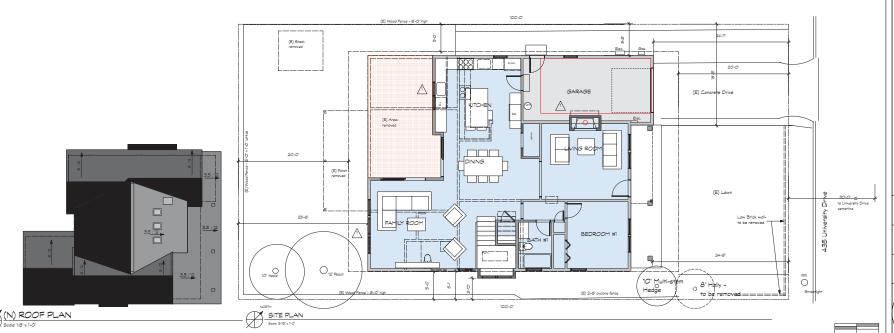


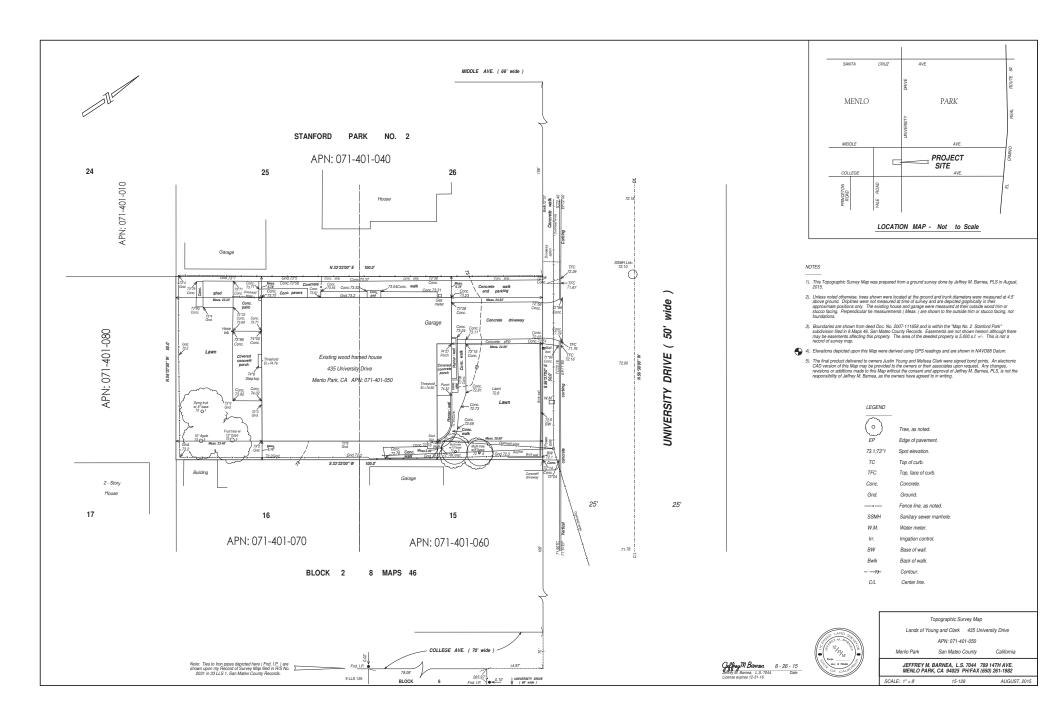


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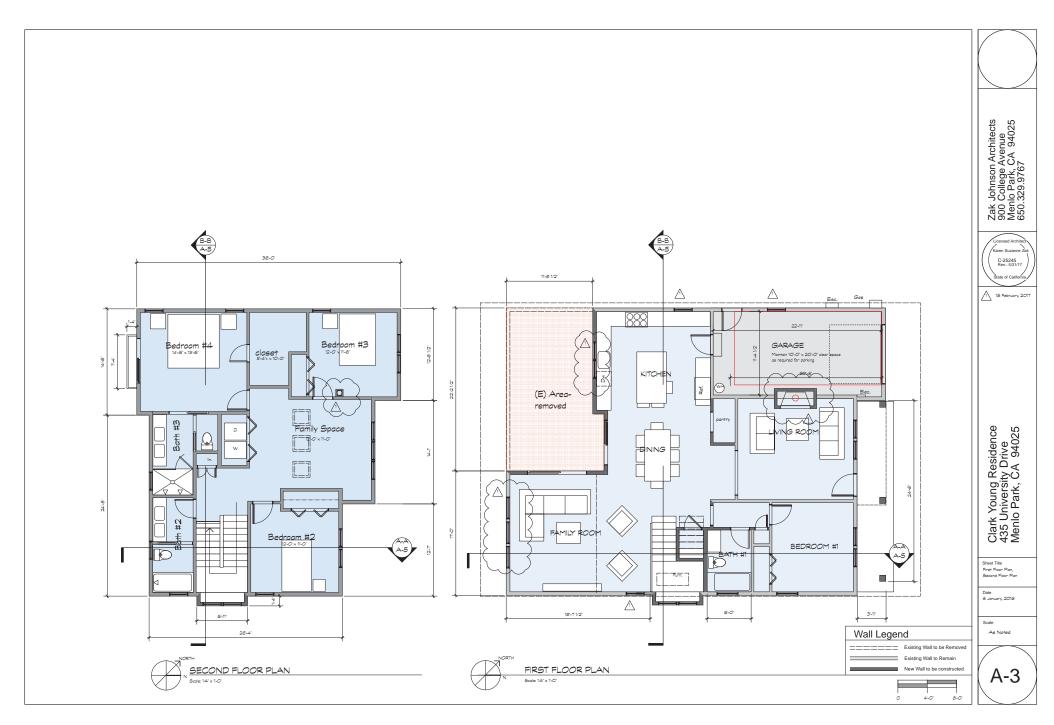
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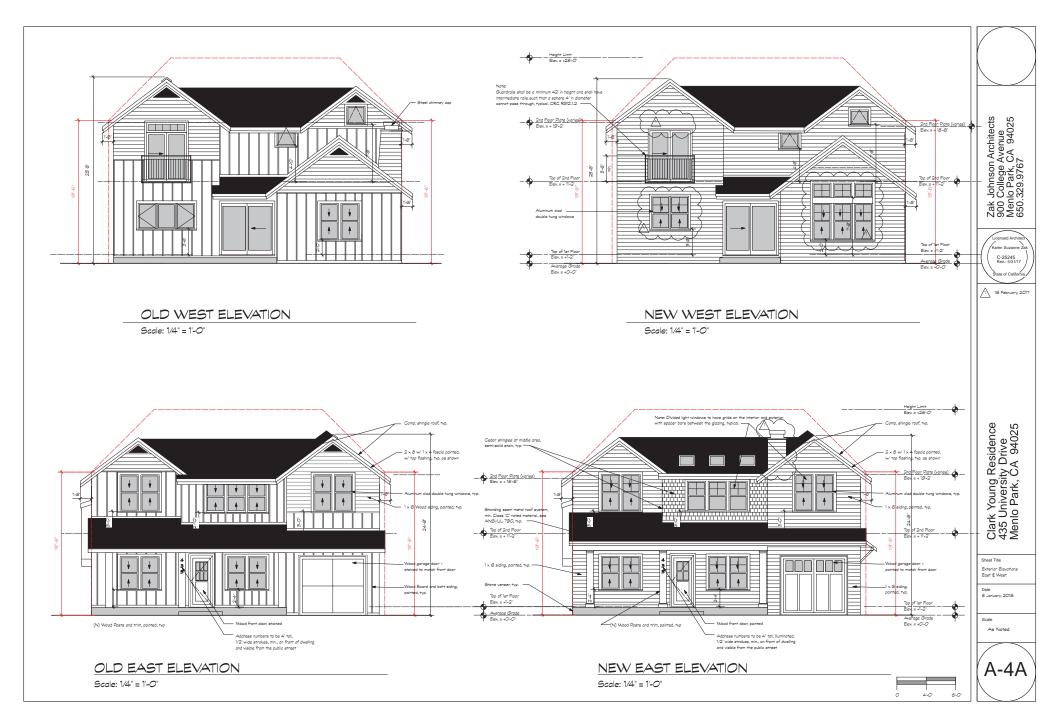
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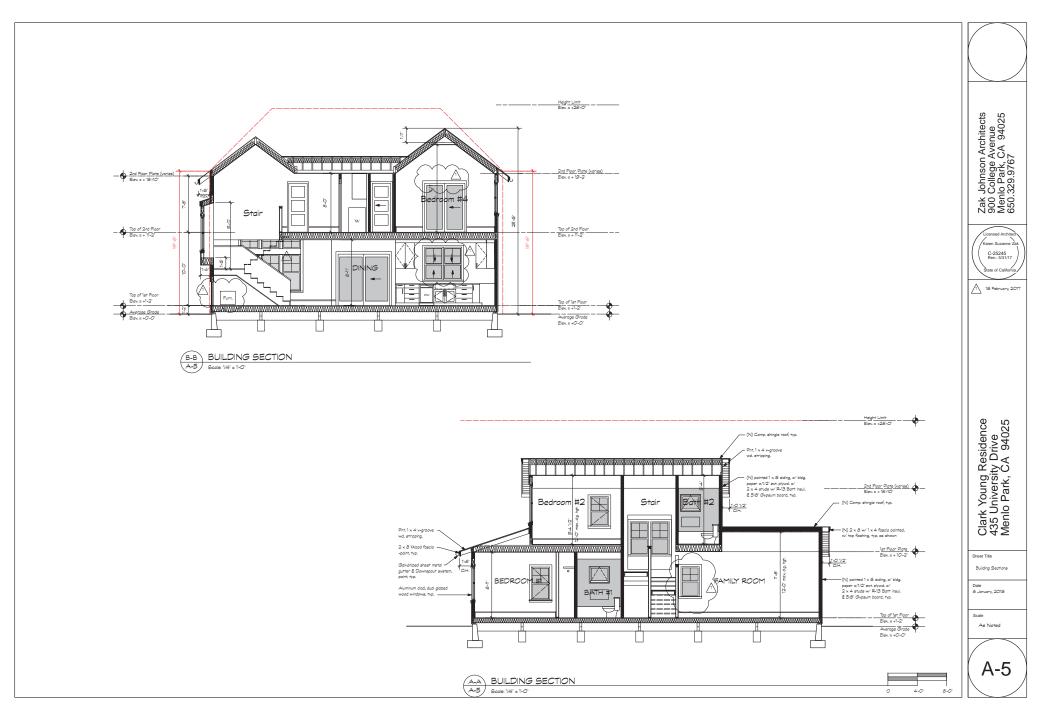


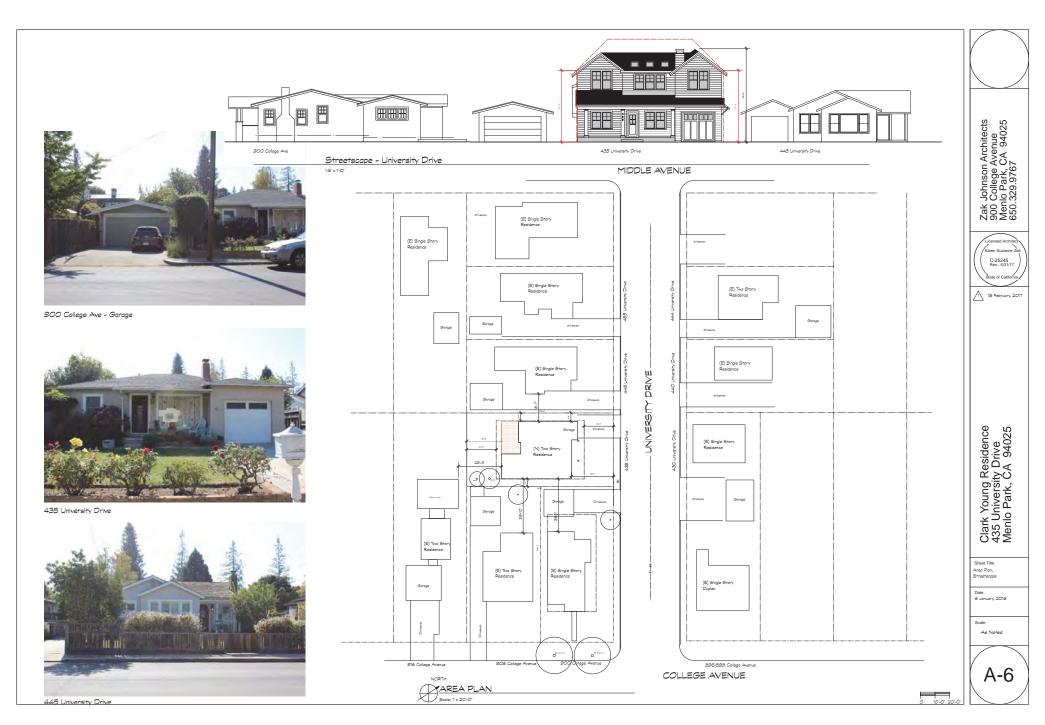












Project Description 435 University Drive Menlo Park, CA 94025

We have submitted the required application materials to the City of Menlo Park Planning Department to revise the approved Use Permit.

The new home is a two-story contemporary farmhouse style with shed and gabled dormers. The major areas of change include first story windows along the back and sides of the house and relocating the fireplace and chimney to the front of the home. Please see clouded areas with the delta 1. The owners decided that fireplace would work much better in the living room; so along the rear façade, an opportunity opened for beautiful windows that do not interfere with the any neighbors' privacy. In the kitchen, we eliminated one window in the rear façade to allow for more upper cabinets and moved the window toward the side neighbor to prevent a privacy issue. The windows in the garage and the side of the family room were revised to better match the design. The master bedroom sliding door transom window was removed as it did not fit the design and made it difficult to place privacy blinds. Also, the side roof above the garage door was corrected.

The new furnace proved to be too difficult to place in the garage and the contractor elected to place it under the stair landing. This necessitated adding exterior doors below the stair bump out to access the furnace. The exterior siding system was changed to horizontal 1 x 6 siding with cedar shingle accents mainly because of the proliferation of board and batt siding in the Allied Arts area seemed to be too much of a fad.

Dr. Justin Young & Dr. Melissa Clark reached out and communicated with the adjacent neighbors, the following is a summary of the discussions:

Karlis Felzenberg and Ariana Beil 918 College Ave - They had no objections or concerns and like the look of the new family room rear windows.

The Burts 908 College Ave - We met with the Burts and walked them through the framed house with the revised windows and they had no objections.

Karen Zak & Gary Waymire 900 College Ave – I am the architect and think that the changes have improved the design of the house.

We appreciate the time of the Planning Commission and staff to review these changes to the approved Use Permit and hope that you find that the house is improved by the revisions.

Sincerely,

karen zak

Karen Zak, Architect Zak Johnson Architects 900 College Avenue Menlo Park, CA 94025

Community Development



STAFF REPORT

Planning Commission
Meeting Date: 5/8/2017
Staff Report Number: 17-028-PC

Study Session: Architectural Control/Ranjeet Pancholy/115 El

Camino Real

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission review and provide feedback on a proposed residential and commercial development at 115 El Camino Real in the SP-ECR/D (El Camino Real/Downtown Specific Plan) zoning district.

Policy Issues

Study sessions provide an opportunity for Planning Commissioners and the public to provide preliminary feedback on a project, with comments used to inform future consideration of the proposal.

Background

Site location

The project site is located at 115 El Camino Real, at the corner of Harvard Avenue, on the edge of the Allied Arts neighborhood. At the rear, the site adjoins Alto Lane, a narrow public service road. The subject parcel is currently occupied by the Stanford Inn.

The other properties along the west side of El Camino Real and the parcels on the opposite side of Alto Lane are also part of the SP-ECR/D district and the ECR SW (El Camino Real South-West) sub-district. These properties are occupied by a variety of commercial uses, including offices, as well as multi-family residences. The Stanford Park Hotel and the proposed Middle Plaza at 500 El Camino Real mixed-use project site are located on the opposite side of El Camino Real. These parcels are part of the SP-ECR/D district and the ECR SE (El Camino Real South-East) sub-district.

Farther down Harvard Avenue, parcels are located in the R-2 (Low Density Apartment) zoning district and are occupied by one and two-story single-family residences and duplex/multi-unit developments.

Analysis

The applicant is proposing demolition of the existing hotel, and construction of a three-story, mixed-use development with commercial uses on the ground floor and a total of four residential units on the upper floors. Project plans are included as Attachment B. The proposal would require architectural control approval by the Planning Commission.

The commercial spaces (likely office uses, and possibly retail/personal service, subject to parking requirements) would feature direct access from El Camino Real, while the residential units would be accessed by a Harvard Avenue stair/elevator lobby. Decks and balconies would provide private open space

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for the upper-level residential units.

Parking would be provided on the first level in a 13-space covered garage with Harvard Avenue access, and three uncovered parking spaces along the Alto Lane frontage. Sidewalks along El Camino Real and Harvard Avenue would be improved to meet Specific Plan standards, with a minimum four-foot furnishings zone (featuring landscaping and features such as bicycle racks and utility poles) and an eight-foot clear walking zone.

The design would feature a modern aesthetic, with color terracotta panels used on the El Camino Real and Harvard Avenue frontages to highlight certain elements. Other building walls would feature horizontal lap siding, stucco, and porcelain stone in a variety of neutral colors to provide interest and relief. The rear and interior side elevations would be less detailed.

As part of the pre-application review, the applicant has worked with staff and the City's architectural consultant to address the Specific Plan regulations and guidelines, and has been responsive to feedback. Staff believes the project is generally consistent with applicable requirements, although some refinements may be needed as review proceeds. With regard to the overall design/style and more subjective design guidelines, staff has had some concerns during the initial review. Although the applicant has provided revisions and alternate approaches to address such comments, the Planning Commission can now provide additional design feedback before the project advances to the full submittal stage.

Planning Commission considerations

The following comments/questions are suggested by staff to guide the Commission's discussion, although Commissioners should feel free to explore other topics of interest.

- Is the overall aesthetic approach consistent with the Planning Commission's expectations?
- Does the design feature good proportion and balance, or do certain elements need more attention?
- Are the proposed materials of a type and quality appropriate for the Specific Plan area? Staff and the architectural consultant have noted that the horizontal cement board painted siding looks somewhat residential for this design, and its rough texture may seem out of character with the architecture. A more contemporary siding material, such as flush metal panels or ribbed metal siding with a vertical orientation, may be preferred. Also, is the painted sand texture stucco acceptable, or would a smooth stucco finish with integral color be preferable?
- For elevator and stair towers, the Specific Plan allows them to exceed the maximum building height and intrude into the Building Profile, provided they are integrated into the design of the building. From staff's perspective, the stair/elevator tower along Harvard Avenue is not well-integrated into the building, and may be considered excessively prominent. In addition, it is uncertain at this preliminary stage whether full stair access to the roof (versus a ladder/hatch) is technically required, in which case the provision for functional necessity may not be met (this requirement uncertainty would be resolved as part of a full application's review by the Building Division and Menlo Park Fire Protection District). The City has discussed this topic in more detail with the applicant, and there are likely options for reducing the height/prominence of this element and integrating the form better into the overall massing to distinguish the building entry while enhancing the use of glazing and materials.
- Staff generally believes the proposed screen openings for the garage are acceptable as they would be located on secondary frontages and would provide natural ventilation.

- Landscape details have not been provided but will be reviewed as part of a full application. However, the Planning Commission may note at this stage if there are any particular expectations for plantings.
- The garage gate is shown in a location that would force cars to block the sidewalk while waiting for the
 gate to raise. This will need to be revised to provide 20 feet of waiting area (which probably isn't possible
 with this overall layout), or remove the gate entirely. This is a Transportation Division requirement and is
 not something the Planning Commission can waive.

Correspondence

Staff has received one letter of support for the project (Attachment C), from a resident on nearby Cambridge Avenue.

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

Study sessions do not require analysis under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). If the project moves forward with a full application, staff will review the proposal for consistency with the El Camino Real/Downtown Specific Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR). If the project is consistent with that program-level analysis, findings and documentation to that effect will be included with the recommended actions.

Public Notice

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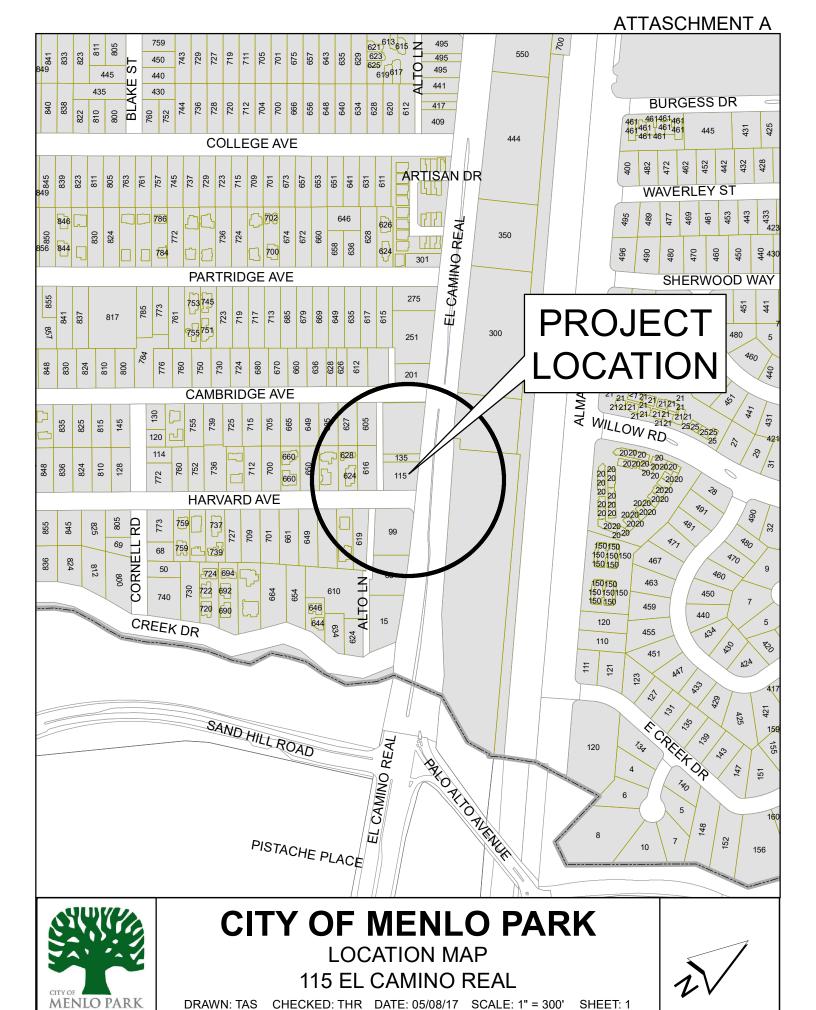
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Colors and Materials Board

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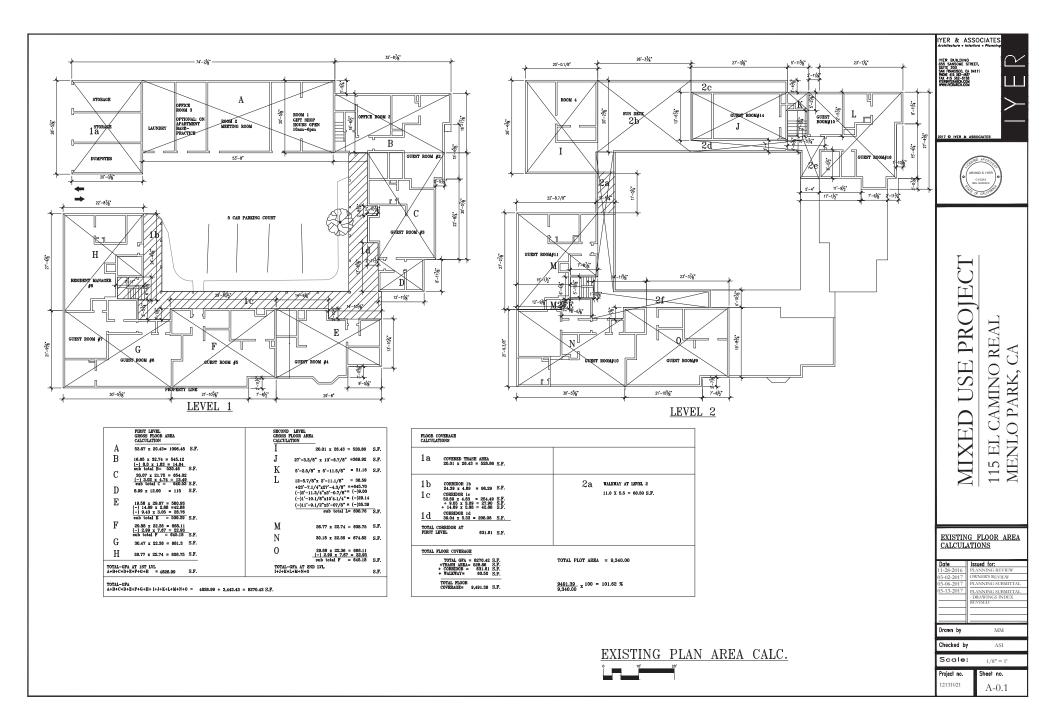
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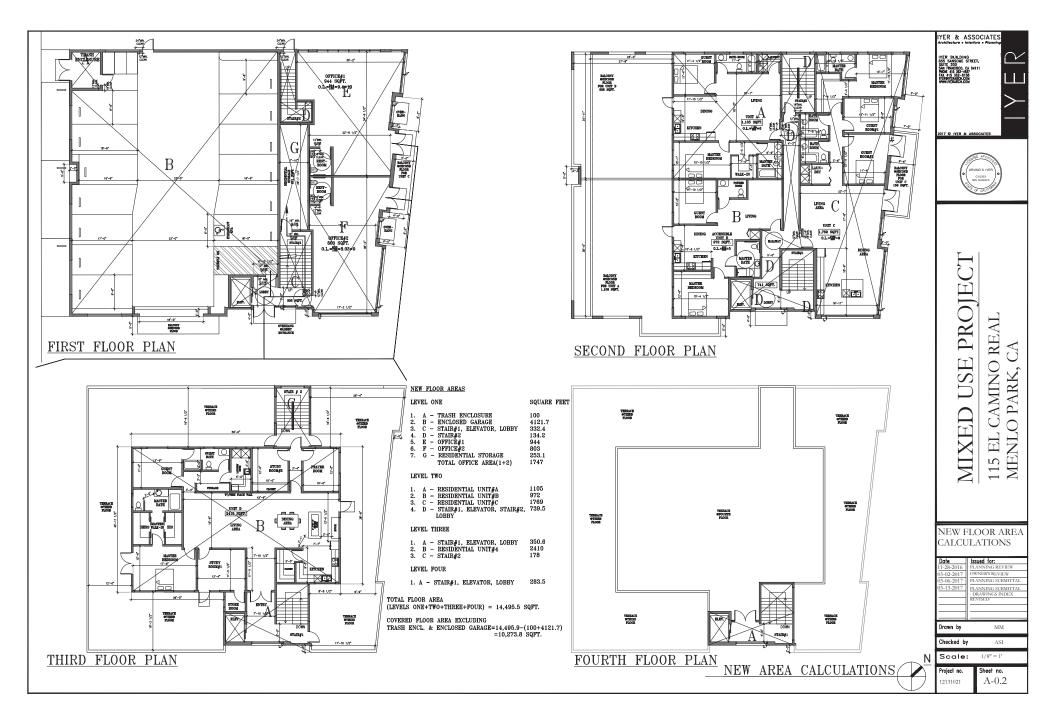
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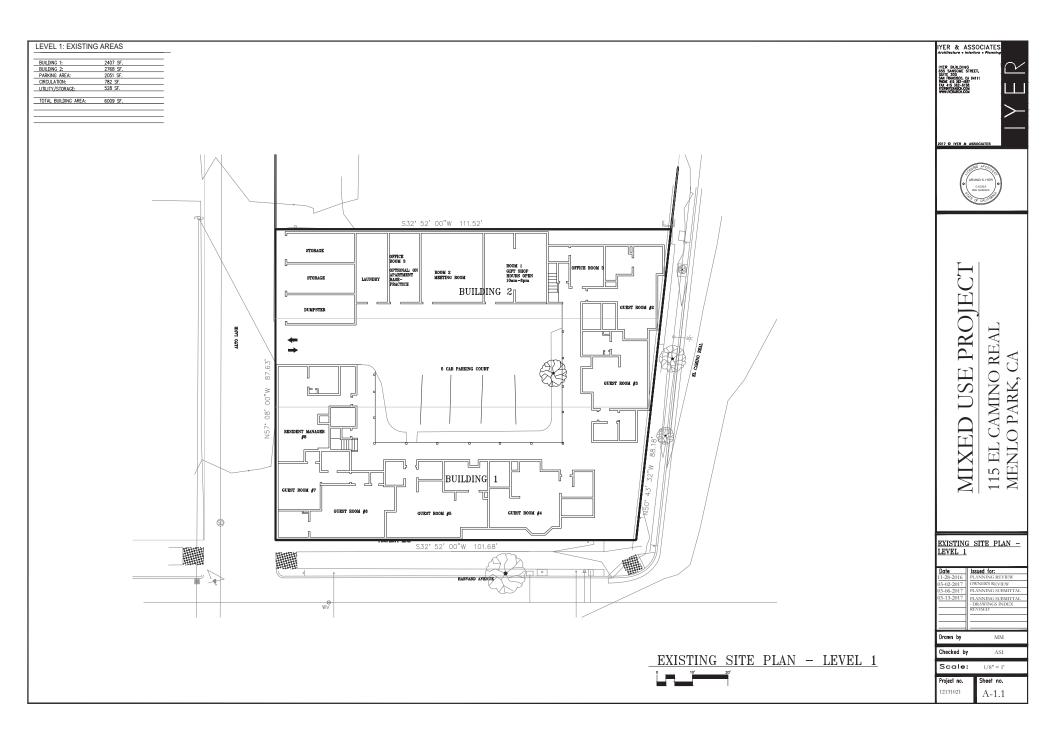


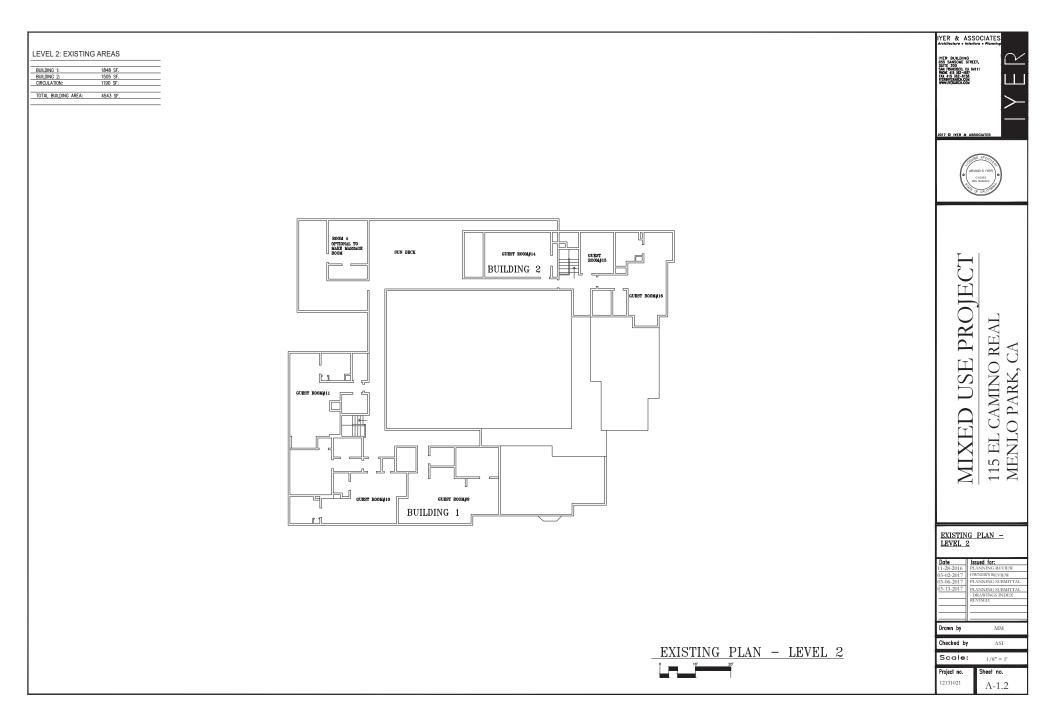
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ZONING	ECR SW	APPLICATIONS	USE PERMIT	BUILDING AREA AT FIRST LEVEL :			CENTER LINE	A-2.0 AREA PLAN A-2.1 STREETSCAPE A-2.2 PROPOSED SITE PLAN-LEVEL1	
DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS	PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT	EXISTING PROJECT	ZONING ORDINANCE	COMMERCIAL SPACE: 1,747		(A)		A-22 A PROPOSED PLAN-LEVEL1 A-23 A PROPOSED PLAN-LEVEL2 A-24 PROPOSED PLAN-LEVEL2 A-24 PROPOSED PLAN-LEVEL3	
LOT AREA	9,341 S.F.	9,341 S.F.		RESIDENTIAL STORAGE: 253.1 CIRCULATION: 332.4 TOTAL GROSS AREA LVL.1: 2466	+134.2 SF.	1 0 4	COLUMN LINE	A-2.4 PROPOSED PLAN - LEVEL 3 A-2.5 PROPOSED ROOF PLAN - LEVEL 4 A-3.1 PROPOSED ELEVATIONS	
LOT WIDTH	87.675 FT.	88.675 FT.		1	r or.		DOOR MARK	A-3.2 PROPOSED ELEVATIONS A-3.3 TRANSPARENCY DIAGRAMS FOR FIRST FLOOR	
LOT DEPTH	111.50 FT.	111.50 FT.		BUILDING AREA AT SECOND LEVEL: UNIT#1: 11073	SF.			A-3.4 BUILDING SECTIONS	
				UNIT#2: 994 S UNIT#3: 1772 S	F.	\Diamond	WINDOW MARK		
SETBACKS				CIRCULATION: 712.5	SF.	C74	REVISION		PROJE REAL A
FRONT	7'-0"	0.0.	7'-0"	TOTAL GROSS AREA LVL. 2: 4585.	5 SF	,			
REAR	8'-0"	0'-0"	7-6*	BUILDING AREA AT THIRD LEVEL: UNIT #4: 2410:	SE.	♦	DATUM POINT		
SIDE (LEFT)	7'-0"	0'-0"	7:-0"	CIRCULATION: 350.6	9+178 SF.		SECTION		
SIDE (RIGHT)	5'-0"	0'-0"	5'-0"	TOTAL GROSS AREA LVL. 3: 2938. BUILDING AREA AT FOURTH LEVEL:	5 SF.	😝	SECTION		
BUILDING COVERAGE	6760.6 S.F.	6145 S.F.		CIRCULATION: 283.5		$ \longrightarrow$	DETAIL		
	72.4% 10,273.8 SF =110%	65.8%		TOTAL GROSS AREA LVL. 4: 283.5			INTERIOR ELEVATION	CONSULTANTS	
FAR (FLOOR AREA RATIO)	10,273.8 SF =110%		1.1 (9,341 SF) = 10,275 SF = 110%	TOTAL GROSS AREA LVL.1 + LVL.2 + LV GROSS FLOOR AREA ALLOWABLE: LOT SQUARE FOOTAGE: 9.341			FINISH CODES	ARCHITECTS	O USE AMINO PARK, C
FAL (FLOOR AREA LIMIT)	NA	-	-	LOT SQUARE FOOTAGE: 9,341 9,341 S.F. x 1.1= 10,275	SF. ALLOWED AREA		ACOUSTIC TILE OR BOARD	ARVIND IYER, AIA PROJECT ARCHITECT	
SQUARE FOOTAGE BY FLOOR]		V///_//	BRICK	PROJECT ARCHITECT YER A ASSOCIATES 85, SANSOME STREET SUITE 700	
BELOW GRADE	-	-	-			===	CERAMIC TILE	SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94111 PHONE: 415-362-4937	
FIRST LEVEL	2,466.7 S.F.	5,339 S.F.				(\$1333E)	CONCRETE	FAX: 415-362-8158 IYER@IYERARCH.COM	
SECOND LEVEL	4,585.5 S.F.	3,388 S.F.		4			CONCRETE BLOCK	WWW.IYERARCH.COM	
THIRD LEVEL	2938.6 S.F. 283.55 F	_		CONSTRUCTION TYPE	TYPE II-B & V-B		EARTH		
FOURTH LEVEL	4,121.7 S.F.	_		CONSTRUCTION TYPE OCCUPATION TYPE	S1/R1/B		GLASS		MI ME
COVERED GARAGE ACCESSORY BUILDING(S)	4,121.7 S.P.	_		OCCOPATION TIPE	SIIKIID	50 50 50 50	GLASS BLOCK GYPSUM BOARD		M 115
OTHER	UTILITY/ GARBAGE ROOM: — 100 SF.			NUMBER OF STORIES	4	2000000	INSULATION, BATT		
SQUARE FOOTAGE OF BUILDINGS	10,274.3 SF.	9,588 S.F.		FIRE SPRINKLERS	YES	250000	INSULATION, RIGID		1
BUILDING HEIGHT	43'-6"	24'	38'				METAL		1
LANDSCAPING	-	-				388888888	METAL LATH		
PAVING	-	_					PLASTER		
				1			PLYWOOD		-
PARKING	16 SPACES	AN EDGE OFFICE	00/2000 01/10			MANAGE CONTRACTOR		VICINITY MAP	Date Issued for:
DEFINE BASIS OF PARKING	UN-COVERED (RETAIL) - 3 SPACES 13 COVERED (INCLUDING 1 HANDICAPPED		COVERED (HANDICAPPED) - 1 SPACE TOTAL AREA = 4,121.7 S.F.				ROCK FILL SAND		11-28-2016 PLANNING REVIEW 03-02-2017 OWNER'S REVIEW
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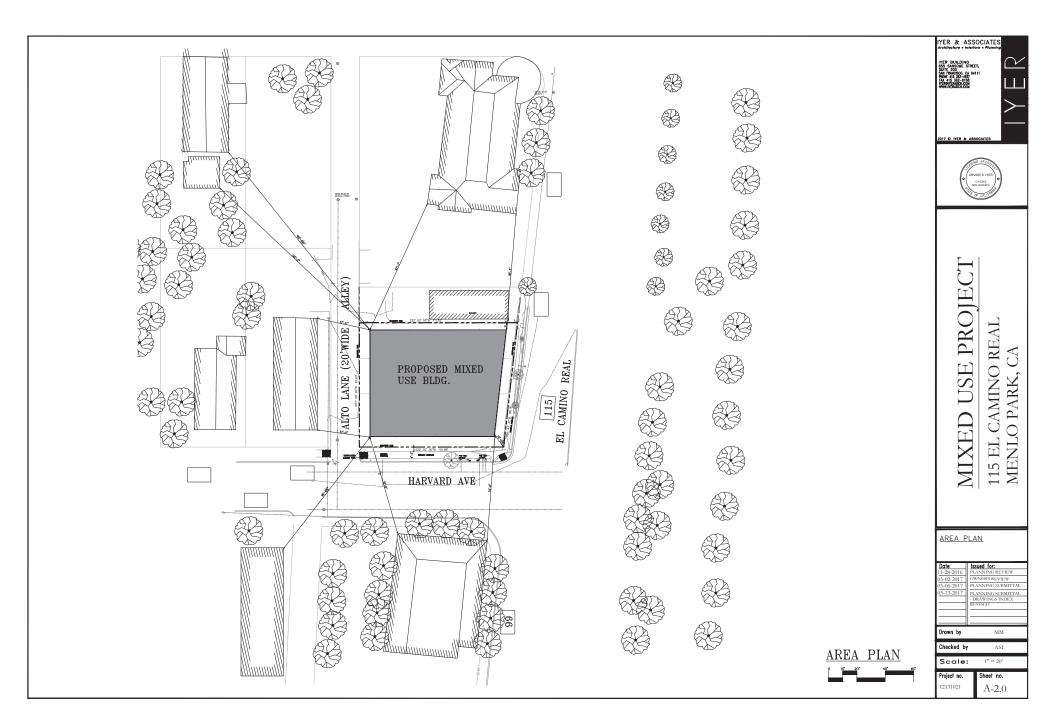


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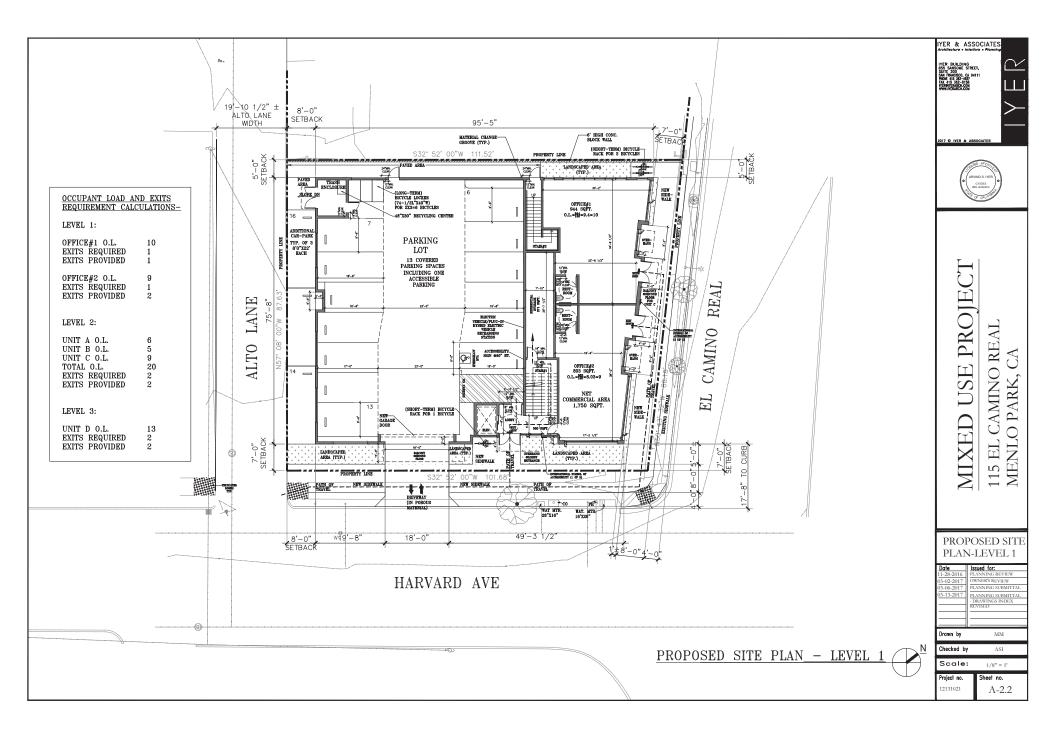
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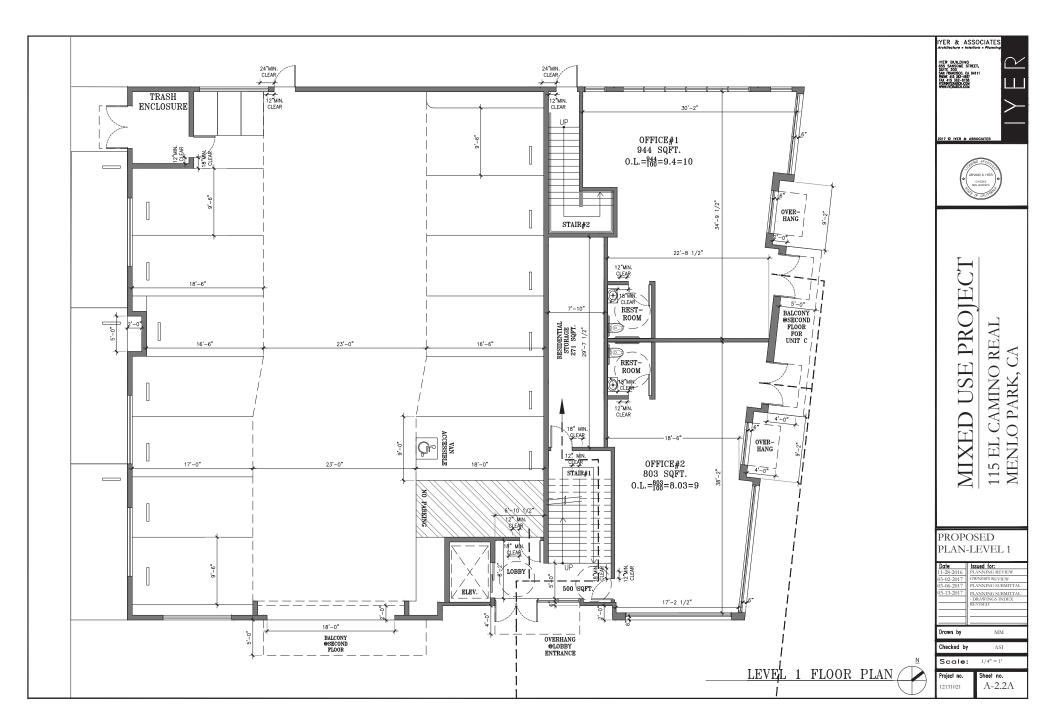
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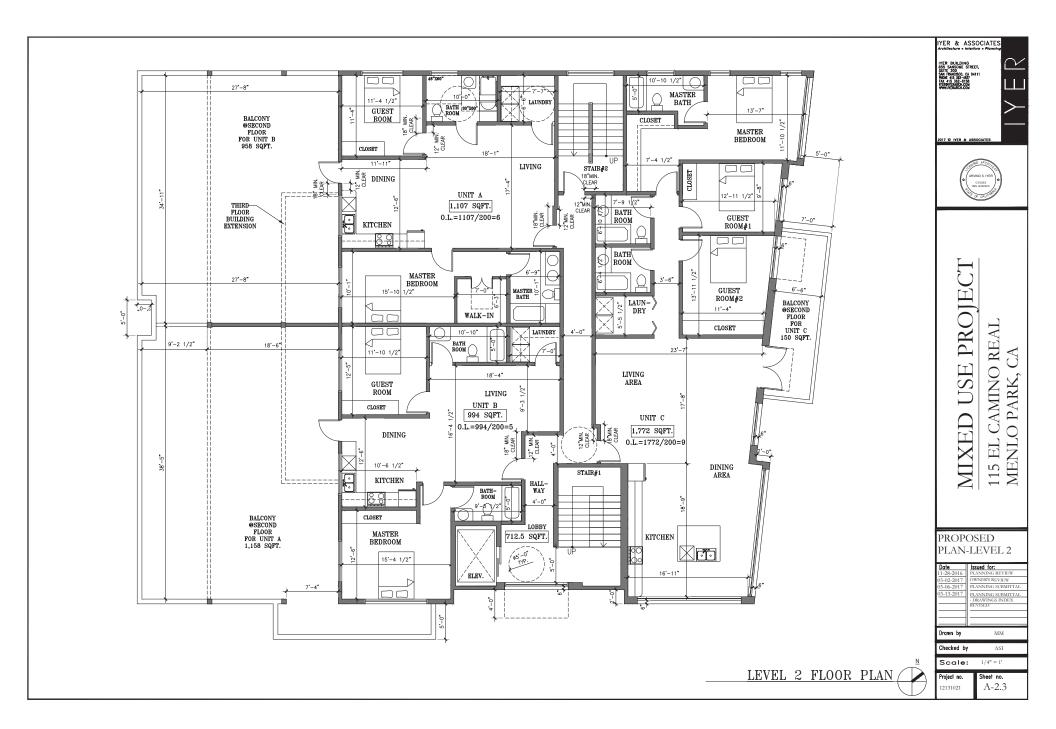
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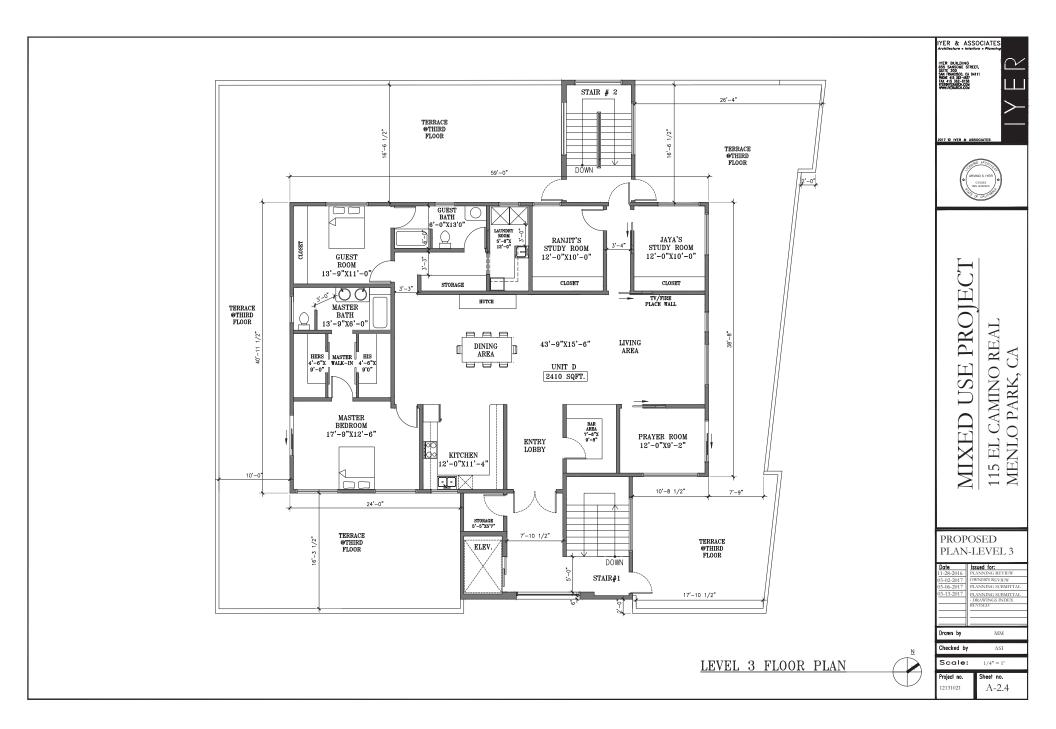


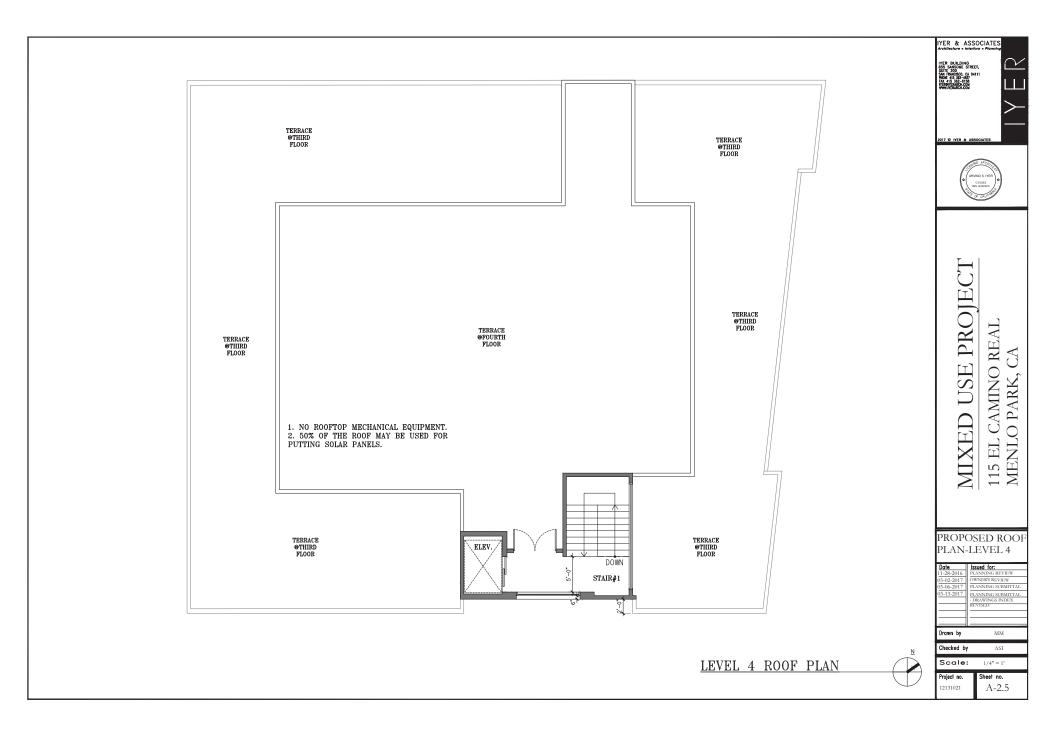
















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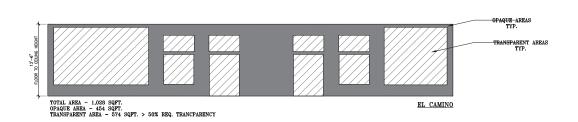
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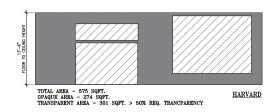
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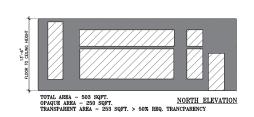
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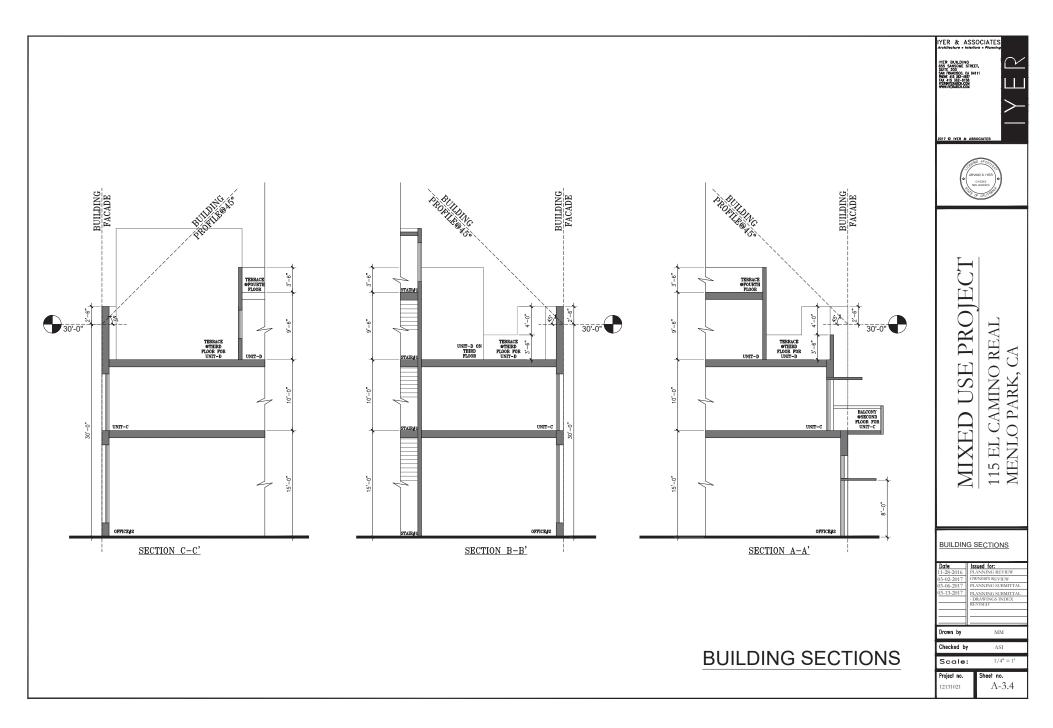
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Rogers, Thomas H

From: carolyn gulledge <carolyngulledge2@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, May 1, 2017 12:55 PM

To: PlanningDept

Subject: [Sent to Planning]115 El Camino

The development at 115 El Camino, Menlo Park would be a welcome and attractive addition to the neighborhood.

Carolyn Gulledge 627 Cambridge Ave.

Menlo Park

Community Development



STAFF REPORT

Planning Commission
Meeting Date: 5/8/2016
Staff Report Number: 17-029-PC

Regular Business: Planning Commission Chair and Vice Chair

Selection: May 2017-April 2018

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission select a Chair and Vice Chair for the term of May 2017 through April 2018.

Policy Issues

City Council Policy CC-01-0004 "Commissions/Committees Policies and Procedures and Roles and Responsibilities" states that each Commission shall annually rotate its Chair and Vice Chair. The policy does not provide any particular guidance for these selections, although staff would note that the Planning Commission has historically appointed Commissioners that have served the longest without being Chair or Vice Chair, with any tiebreakers going to a Commissioner whose term is expiring first. However, this is not a requirement.

Background

The Planning Commission last selected a Chair and Vice Chair on May 18, 2015, with Commissioners Strehl and Combs being appointed to those roles, respectively.

Analysis

The Commission should seek nominations for the position of Chair and Vice Chair in two separate motions. Each position needs to receive a majority of votes of a quorum present and voting. The Chair and Vice Chair selected would serve through April 2018, or possibly through part of May, depending on when the City Council makes appointments for any expiring Commission seats.

The Chair and Vice Chair should both have a basic familiarity with typical meeting rules of order, although this does not require any specialized training; most Commissioners have likely absorbed these procedures through their membership on the Commission, and staff will always provide support.

For reference, Table 1 on the following page summarizes the service to date of each Commissioner, with a sorting that reflects the Commission's typical past selection practices.

Table 1: Planning Commission Appointment/Chair History					
Commissioner	Date Appointed	Previously Served as Chair	Term Expiration	Eligible for Reappointment when Current Term Expires	
Combs	April 2014	No	April 2018	Yes	
Kahle	May 2015	No	April 2018	Yes	
Goodhue	May 2015	No	April 2019	Yes	
Barnes	May 2016	No	April 2020	Yes	
Riggs	May 2016 (separately served 2005-2014)	Yes - September 2008-December 2009	April 2020	Yes	
Onken	October 2012; Reappointed May 2015	Yes - May 2015-April 2016	April 2019	No	
Strehl	April 2013; Reappointed April 2017	Yes - May 2016-April 2017	April 2021	No	

Impact on City Resources

Selection of a Chair and Vice Chair does not have any impact on City resources.

Environmental Review

Selection of a Chair and Vice Chair is not considered a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and thus does not require any environmental review.

Public Notice

Public Notification was achieved by posting the agenda, with the agenda items being listed, at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Attachments

None

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