



City of Menlo Park
Attention: Chris Turner
701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025

February 25, 2025

RE: 308 Yale Drive - Use Permit project description

This proposal seeks Use Permit approval for a new two-story single-family residence including an attached one-car garage and an integrated 800 sq. ft. ADU on an existing non-conforming lot on Yale Drive. The lot, at 7,495 square feet, is non-conforming due to its 49.99' width (where 65' is required in the R-1U zone).

The existing Minimal Traditional one-story home (built in 1939) will be demolished. The neighborhood features a mix of one and two-story homes in styles ranging from Traditional, Spanish Revival to Transitional Modern and Modern Craftsman.

The proposed home follows a transitional architectural style, blending traditional and modern elements for a balanced, timeless aesthetic. The overall massing of the house is simple and ordered, but not overly formal or symmetrical. While the house leans modern, the gabled roofline and use of traditional materials make it feel more inviting and warmer compared to purely modern architecture. The stone and horizontal wood siding serve as textural elements and provide visual interest. By combining classic proportions with modern finishes, this home achieves a harmonious blend of past and present, reflecting the essence of transitional design.

The main house has an open floor plan connecting the dining, family, and kitchen areas, with 3 bedrooms and 3.5 bathrooms. Large windows and thoughtful material selections contribute to a contemporary yet inviting feel. Outdoor spaces include a covered front porch and rear veranda for gathering and relaxation. The attached ADU consists of two bedrooms, one bathroom, and an open-concept family room with a kitchen.

The existing property to the right (300 Yale) is one-story and the property to the left (316 Yale) is two-story. To mitigate privacy impacts, second-floor windows facing adjacent homes have been minimized. The Gable roofs and second floor setback help reduce mass and scale, creating a gradual transition in relation to adjacent homes. This minimizes visual impact and helps the home blend with the neighborhood. The proposed gable roof on the right side of the second floor utilizes the Daylight Plane intrusion exception, extending into the daylight plane while remaining well below the maximum encroachment length. Additionally, most of the home's setbacks exceed the required distances.

The property owners have not reached out to the adjacent neighbors at this time.

Steve Simpson
Principal Architect
SDG Architecture, Inc.



308 VALE DRIVE
CONCEPTUAL FRONT RENDERING



STATUS

ISSUED FOR
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REVISIONS

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CONCEPTUAL
RENDERINGS

DATE

02.25.25

DRAWN

A. FERREIRA

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308 YALE DRIVE
CONCEPTUAL REAR RENDERING



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PROPOSED SITE PLAN	
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TREE PROTECTION NOTES:

TP-1 ALL TREE PROTECTION FENCING TO BE 60" HIGH METAL CHAIN LINK FENCING.

TP-2 ALL FENCING SHALL BE PLACED AT THE DIRECTION OF THE ARCHITECT. FENCING SHALL BE INSTALLED AND MAINTAINED THROUGHOUT CONSTRUCTION WORK.

TP-3 ALL FENCING SHALL REMAIN IN PLACE FOR THE DURATION OF THE PROJECT OR APPROVED FOR REMOVAL BY THE ARCHITECT.

TREE NOTE: EXISTING TREES REFERENCED TO ARBORIST REPORT PREPARED BY URBAN TREE MANAGEMENT, DATED JAN. 22, 2025.

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AS TREE PROTECTION FENCING MINIMUM ZONE FOR ARBORIST CONSULTATION SHALL BE MAINTAINED THROUGHOUT CONSTRUCTION PER ARBORIST RECOMMENDATIONS.

