

Sean Gallegos

From: Kimberly A Kaneshiro <kaneshirodesign@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2016 11:39 AM
To: Sean Gallegos
Subject: Re: Project development at 231 Yerba Buena Avenue

Thank you- appreciate the chance to share our viewpoint. Kim

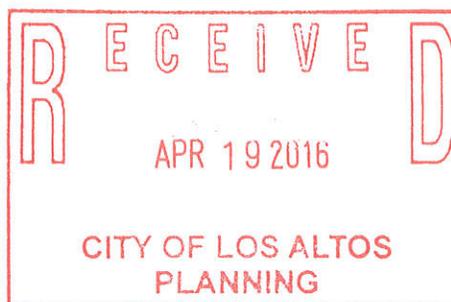
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> On Apr 19, 2016, at 8:15 AM, Sean Gallegos <sgallegos@losaltosca.gov> wrote:

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> Thank you. I have forwarded your comments to the Commissioners.

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> Thank you again.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Kimberly A Kaneshiro [<mailto:kaneshirodesign@icloud.com>]
> Sent: Monday, April 18, 2016 4:52 PM
> To: Sean Gallegos
> Subject: Project development at 231 Yerba Buena Avenue

> Hi Sean- I have reviewed the plans for 231 Yerba Buena with the Shaked's. Here is my feedback.

> Note that the angle of the new addition will look directly into our back yard where our bedroom and family room are located and open to their view and noise from a second story addition at their chosen location. Maybe their second story addition could be added to the other end of their home.

Sean Gallegos

From: Bahi Oreizy <bahi@360designstudio.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2016 11:43 AM
To: Sean Gallegos
Subject: Letter of support for project on 231 Yerba Buena Ave

Hi Sean,

As a resident of Los Altos, fellow architect, and friend of the Shaked family, I wanted to voice my support for the application presented to you for 231 Yerba Buena Ave. I believe the logical design for this addition/remodel fits the needs of the neighborhood as well as the growing family. Carrie Shaked is both the owner and the architect for the project. She has carefully studied the context on and around the property to develop a thorough and coherent design with privacy for her family and her neighbors as a driving factor.

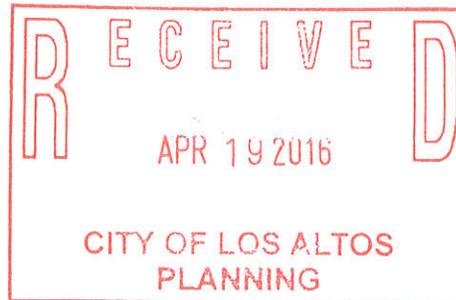
The existing oak tree in the front yard has inspired many of the decisions for her design such as the location of the addition. With her wish to keep and protect the oak, she consulted several arborists early in the design process and followed their recommendations and advice every step of the way.

Just as the rest of her decisions, the second story addition is carefully situated towards the rear yard with privacy of neighbor's in mind. Furthermore, since the property is at the end of a cul-de-sac and the house is behind a magnificent Oak tree, the second story will hardly be visible from the street. Very few properties will be affected by the changes proposed and the neighborhood context will remain unchanged.

I hope the commission agrees with my statements and chooses to approve the project on 231 Yerba Buena Ave.

Regards,

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Sean Gallegos

From: meschke@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2016 12:25 PM
To: Sean Gallegos
Subject: Fwd: 231 Yerba Buena Ave. Project

-----Original Message-----

From: meschke <meschke@aol.com>
To: Meschke <Meschke@aol.com>
Sent: Wed, Apr 20, 2016 11:50 am
Subject: 231 Yerba Buena Ave. Project

To: Sean Gallegos
Assistant Planner
City of Los Altos



Mr. Gallegos,

Thank you for showing us the plans for the remodel of 231 Yerba Buena Avenue. We appreciate your time and courtesy.

Our concerns regarding the project center around two areas:

- (1) Public Notification of Neighbors and
- (2) Congestion the Project will entail.

(1) Public Notification of Neighbors

According to your staff report, 9 public notifications were made regarding this project: 5 notifications to neighbors behind the property (Los Altos Avenue & Live Oak Lane) and only 4 notifications to neighbors on the Yerba Buena Avenue cul-de-sac.

As our neighborhood has been designated a "Consistent Character Neighborhood" by you, and as the architecture of the remodel proposal is a departure from the current traditional neighborhood architecture, all of the homes in the "neighborhood" should have been notified to allow for public input.

All 9 homes in the cul-de-sac should have been notified as all are possibly affected by the proposed project.

If the information in the staff report is correct, only 4 of 9 homes in our cul-de-sac were sent public notification letters.

(2) Congestion

With the addition of approximately 2000 square feet of living space, a basement, pool, separate living structure, paving and landscaping, the proposed extensive remodel will require multiple vehicles, equipment, supplies, and personnel for an extended period of time. The frontage of 231 Yerba Buena Ave is extremely limited and not adequate for the number of vehicles required. The neighboring homes require the space in front of their homes for their own vehicles, service workers, visitors, mail delivery, emergency vehicles, and general safe ingress and egress from their driveways and the cul-de-sac.

Contingency plans should be made by the owners of the project for the relief of the expected congestion.

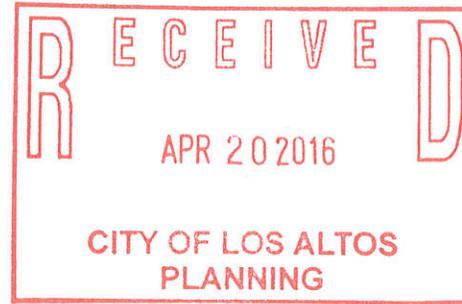
Remote parking areas should be designated for construction vehicles. It would also be advantageous for neighbors to have an emergency contact phone number in case problems arise, as the owners will not be in residence during the construction.

Thank you once again for your time and consideration of our concerns.

Best Regards,
Connie Meschke
John Meschke
Owners
215 Yerba Buena Avenue
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Apr. 4, 2016

Hello neighbor,

We live very near your house at 231 Yerba Buena Ave. We bought our house in the fall of 2012 and have been planning a major remodel while living here. My name is Carrie. I'm an architect and have been working on the design drawings for our house while also being a stay-at-home mom to our 4 year old daughter, Zinnia. My husband, Tal, works at Google in machine learning.

Our project consists of a complete interior remodel, two story addition to the bedroom wing with new basement under addition, ground floor addition to the kitchen and living room, new deck, new pool, new paving and landscaping. We are not applying for any variances. Our project meets all current planning code regulations.

We're reaching out to you to give you a little heads up before the public notices go out for our design review package. We're hosting a neighborly house plan viewing this coming Friday Apr. 8th from 4:30p to 6:30p, drop by anytime. If you can't make this event feel free to contact us to arrange an alternate time to view the plans before the public hearing on Wed. Apr. 20th. This is completely optional and while we would love your support for our project we also would genuinely like to get to know more of our fabulous neighbors!

Warm Regards,

Handwritten signature of Carrie Shaked in black ink.

Handwritten signature of Tal Shaked in black ink.

Carrie, Tal & Zinnia Shaked

We have met with Carrie & Tal Shaked to review their proposal for an addition to their house at 231 Yerba Buena Ave.

We have reviewed the set of drawings submitted to the city and are supportive of this project and have no objections.

Betsy Mease
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Los Altos, CA 94022

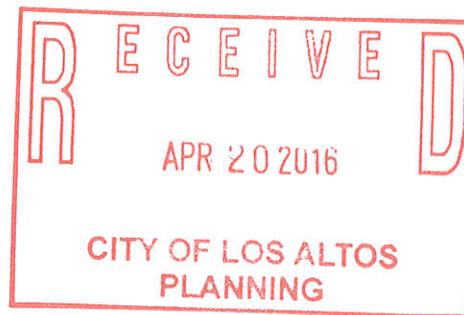
Jim Kaneshiro
address: 271 Live Oak
Los Altos, CA 94022

Requirement:

Tall 15'-20' mature
coverage of area open
view to our yard.

Don Davis
address: 230 Yerba Buena Ave
Los Altos, CA 94022

address: _____



Letter in Support of Project at 231 Yerba Buena Ave.

To: City of Los Altos Planning Department
From: Carrie & Tal Shaked
CC: Carrie Shaked, Architect
Date: April 3, 2016
Re: Project at 231 Yerba Buena Ave.

We are the homeowners of the property on 231 Yerba Buena Ave. We want to thank the staff of the City of Los Altos and the DRC for taking the time to review our application. We hope that it is clear that we've made every effort to propose an addition to our house that has minimal impact to our neighbors.

We met with four of our neighbors personally to discuss the project and showed them the drawings that were submitted to the city.

Please see our neighbor's name and signature on the following page indicating they're in agreement with our proposal.

Thanks,



Carrie & Tal Shaked

