CITY OF LOS ALTOS CITY COUNCIL MEETING May 12, 2015

## DISCUSSION ITEM

Agenda Item \# 13

SUBJECT: Deny the appeal of Design Review application 15-SC-01 (1977 Churton Avenue) and uphold the approval subject to the listed findings and conditions

## BACKGROUND

This is an appeal of the design approval for a new two-story house. The project includes demolition of the existing house and construction of a new house with a basement. The new, two-story house includes 2,584 square feet on the first floor, 913 square feet on the second floor and 1,516 square feet in the basement.

On April 1, 2015, the Design Review Commission held a public meeting to consider the project. Two letters of concern were submitted prior to the meeting, which were addressed in the staff report. Three neighbors, two of which submitted the letters, spoke in opposition to the project, raising concerns about the potential privacy impacts from rear facing windows on the second story. The Design Review Commission discussion noted that the project followed the Residential Design Guidelines by minimizing side-facing windows on the second story and by orienting larger second story windows toward the front and rear yards, where privacy concerns may be more easily mitigated. The Commission felt that the four-foot sill heights of the second story loft and the proposed Prunus Caroliniana screening provided a reasonable degree of privacy to the rear properties.

In its general support for the project, the Commission discussed moving the house forward on the lot approximately seven feet, for an approximate 35 -foot front yard setback in order to increase the rear yard setback. The discussion to increase the rear yard setback was an effort to further mitigate privacy concerns from the rear facing windows and better relate to the existing front yard setback pattern in the neighborhood context. Following the discussion, the Commission voted three to two to approve the project with a recommendation to decrease the front yard setback. Although they supported the project, the two Commissioners voted against the motion based on a lack of specification in the amount of decrease to the front yard setback.

The April 1, 2015 meeting agenda report, meeting minutes and plans for the new house are attached for reference (Attachments 2, 3 and 4).

EXISTING POLICY
Residential Design Guidelines

## PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

None

## DISCUSSION

An appeal was filed by a rear neighbor who lives at 1992 Farndon Avenue. The appeal is based on two claims: 1) the project is creating unreasonable privacy impacts on their property and 2) the landscaping plan includes large trees and Prunus Caroliniana that block views and light for
neighboring residents. With regard to privacy, the appellant is concerned that the second story windows on the rear elevation have low sill heights with direct views into their house. The appellant submitted a letter (Attachment 1) outlining their appeal.

## PUBLIC CONTACT

A public meeting notice was posted on the property and mailed to 11 of the surrounding properties for the Design Review Commission meeting held on April 1, 2015

A public meeting notice was posted on the property and mailed to 11 of the surrounding properties for the May 12, 2015 City Council meeting.

Posting of the meeting agenda serves as notice to the general public.

## FISCAL/RESOURCE IMPACT

None

## ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Categorically Exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15303.

## RECOMMENDATION

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## ALTERNATIVES

1. Make negative design review findings and deny the project
2. Modify the project and/or conditions and reaffirm the approval
3. Remand the project to the Design Review Commission with specific direction

Prepared by: Sierra Davis, Assistant Planner

## ATTACHMENTS:

1. Appeal Application and Letter
2. Design Review Commission Agenda Report dated April 1, 2015
3. Design Review Commission Minutes dated April 1, 2015
4. 1977 Churton Avenue Design Plans

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## FINDINGS

## 15-SC-01 - 1977 Churton Avenue

1. With regard to design review for a two-story, single-family structure, the City Council finds the following in accordance with Section 14.76 .050 of the Municipal Code that:
a. The proposed structure complies with all provisions of this chapter;
b. The height, elevations, and placement on the site of the proposed structure, when considered with reference to the nature and location of residential structures on adjacent lots, will avoid unreasonable interference with views and privacy and will consider the topographic and geologic constraints imposed by particular building site conditions;
c. The natural landscape will be preserved insofar as practicable by minimizing tree and soil removal; grade changes shall be minimized and will be in keeping with the general appearance of neighboring developed areas;
d. The orientation of the proposed structure in relation to the immediate neighborhood will minimize the perception of excessive bulk;
e. General architectural considerations, including the character, size, scale, and quality of the design, the architectural relationship with the site and other buildings, building materials, and similar elements have been incorporated in order to insure the compatibility of the development with its design concept and the character of adjacent buildings;
f. The proposed structure has been designed to follow the natural contours of the site with minimal grading, minimum impervious cover, and maximum erosion protection.

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## CONDITIONS

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1. The approval is based on the plans received on March 23, 2015 and the written application materials provided by the applicant, except as may be modified by these conditions.
2. The Prunus Caroliniana landscape hedge adjacent to the side and rear property lines, the two Olive trees adjacent to the rear property line, and the Manzanita tree adjacent to the left property line shall be protected under this application and cannot be removed without a tree removal permit from the Community Development Director.
3. The basement shall not contain a kitchen.
4. Obtain an encroach permit issued from the Engineering Division prior to doing any work within the public street right-of-way.
5. Only gas fireplaces, pellet fueled wood heaters or EPA certified wood-burning appliances may be installed in all new construction pursuant to Chapter 12.64 of the Municipal Code.
6. The applicant/owner agrees to indemnify, defend, protect, and hold the City harmless from all costs and expenses, including attorney's fees, incurred by the City or held to be the liability of the City in connection with the City's defense of its actions in any proceedings brought in any State or Federal Court, challenging any of the City's action with respect to the applicant's project.
7. Prior to the issuance of a demolition permit, install tree protection fencing around the dripline, or as required by the project arborist, of the tree in the front yard as shown on the site plan. Tree protection fencing shall be chain link and a minimum of five feet in height with posts driven into the ground.

## 8. Prior to zoning clearance, the project plans shall contain/show:

a. The conditions of approval shall be incorporated into the title page of the plans.
b. On the grading plan and/or the site plan, show all tree protection fencing and add the following note: "All tree protection fencing shall be chain link and a minimum of five feet in height with posts driven into the ground." The tree protection fencing shall be installed prior to issuance of the demolition permit and shall not be removed until all building construction has been completed.

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c. Verification that the house will comply with the California Green Building Standards pursuant to Section 12.26 of the Municipal Code and provide a signature from the project's Qualified Green Building Professional.
d. Fire sprinklers to be installed pursuant to Section 12.10 of the Municipal Code.
e. The location of underground utilities pursuant to Section 12.68 of the Municipal Code. Underground utility trenches should avoid the drip-lines of all protected trees.
f. The location of any air conditioning units on the site plan and the manufacturer's sound rating for each unit.
g. Compliance with the New Development and Construction Best Management Practices and Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention program, as adopted by the City for the purposes of preventing storm water pollution (i.e. downspouts directed to landscaped areas, minimize directly connected impervious areas, etc.).

## 9. Prior to final inspection:

a. All front yard, interior side, and rear yard landscaping and privacy screening shall be maintained and/or installed as required by the Planning Division.
b. Submit verification that the house was built in compliance with the City's Green Building Ordinance (Section 12.26 of the Municipal Code).

CITY OF LOS ALTOS
GENERAL APPLICATION
Type of Review Requested: (Check all boxes that apply)

|  | One-Story Design Review |  | Commercial/Multi-Family | Environmental Review |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Two-Story Design Review |  | Sign Permit | Rezoning |
|  | Variance | Use Permit | R1-S Overlay |  |
|  | Lot Line Adjustment | Tenant Improvement | General Plan/Code Amendment |  |
|  | Tentative Map/Division of Land |  | Sidewalk Display Permit | Appeal |
|  | Historical Review | Preliminary Project Review | Other: |  |

Project Address/Location:
$\qquad$ Assessor Parcel Numbers): $\qquad$ 15 .025 $\qquad$ Site Area: $\qquad$ New Sq. Ft.: $\qquad$ Altered/Rebuilt Sq. Ft.: $\qquad$ Existing Sq. Ft. to Remain: $\qquad$
Total Existing Sq. Ft.: $\qquad$ Total Proposed Sq. Ft. (including basement):

Applicant's Name: Af-shin Faridioo Telephone No.: $550-224-4024$ Email Address: faridjoo oyahoo.Com Mailing Address: 1992 Farndon Ave. City/State/Zip Code: Los Altos, CA. 940.2

Property Owner's Name: Afshin Faridjoo
Telephone No.: $\qquad$ Email Address: $\qquad$
Mailing Address: $\qquad$
City/State/Zip Code: $\qquad$

Architect/Designer's Name: $\qquad$
Telephone No.: $\qquad$ Email Address: $\qquad$
Mailing Address: $\qquad$
City/State/Zip Code: $\qquad$

*     *         * If your project includes complete or partial demolition of an existing residence or commercial building, a demolition permit must be issued and finale prior to obtaining your building permit. Please contact the Building Division for a demolition package. * *

From: Afshin Faridjoo, Marjan Shafie
Address: 1992 Farndon Ave, Los Altos, CA 94024
To: City Council, Los Altos, California
Subject: Plan review and feedback for proposed design of 1977 Churton Ave.
Dear Council member of City of Los Altos,
This letter is an appeal to the decision made by Architectural and Site Control Committee members to approved the proposed plan for a new construction at 1977 Churton Ave .

The new construction plan is a two story house to be built on 1977 Churton Ave. Despite the objection of 3 neighboring homes on the back side of the property and requesting for a new design to provide privacy for the homes on the other side, the Architectural and Site Control Committee approved the plan without any modifications.

The proposed design for 1977 Churton Ave. includes 5 windows facing the houses in the backside and large trees that blocks views and light for neighboring residents. 3 of the windows are in a loft that includes tables and working desks right behind them. These desks are used by residents to work and do homework most of the day.

The proposed design ignores the guidelines that are specifically mentioned in the "Residential Design Guidelines"

A few quotes from "Residential Design Guidelines" published by the City of Los Altos:
Page 4; $6^{\text {th }}$ paragraph: "When considered with reference to the nature and location of residential structures on adjacent lots, will avoid unreasonable interference with views and privacy, ..."

Page11; last paragraph: " When designing your home, it is important to be conscious of your immediate neighbors, particularly their privacy."

Page 14; $1^{\text {st }}$ paragraph: "Study sight lines to locate windows and maintain privacy. Carefully size and place windows and other forms of glazing so that sight lines into your neighbors' homes and yards is eliminated. Orient second story windows so that their egress (code required exit windows) is away from neighbors when privacy invasions may result.""

Page 14; $4^{\text {th }}$ paragraph: "Consider the alternative of using skylights for light and air in order to reduce privacy invasion."

Page 15 has a section about "5.3 PRIVACY"
Carefully designing your house to prevent unreasonable invading your neighbors' privacy will lessen one of the greatest causes for their concerns about a project.

Best regards,
Afshin Faridjoo, Marjan Shafie


DATE: April 1, 2015
AGENDA ITEM \# 3

TO: Design Review Commission
FROM: Sierra Davis, Assistant Planner
SUBJECT: 15-SC-01 - 1977 Churton Avenue

## RECOMMENDATION:

Approve design review application 15-SC-01 subject to the listed findings and conditions

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This is a design review application for a two-story, single-family house. The project includes 2,584 square feet on the first-story, 913 square feet on the second-story and 1,516 square feet in a basement.

The following table summarizes the project:
General Plan Designation: Single-family, Residential
Zoning:
Parcel Size:
R1-10
10,000 square feet
Wood siding, cedar shingles, composition shingle roof, wood columns, brick chimney, brick column bases, wood corbels and trim

|  | Existing | Proposed | Allowed/Required |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lot Coverage: | 2,319 square feet | 2,886 square feet | 3,000 square feet |
| Floor Area: |  |  |  |
| First floor | 2,294 square feet | 2,584 square feet |  |
| Second floor | N/A | 913 square feet |  |
| Total | 2,294 square feet | 3,497 square feet | 3,500 square feet |
| Setbacks: |  |  |  |
| Front | 42 feet | 42 feet | 25 feet |
| Rear | 37 feet | 31 feet | 25 feet |
| Right side ( $1^{\text {st }} / 2^{\text {nd }}$ ) | 10 feet | 11 feet/21 feet | 10 feet/17.5 feet |
| Left side ( $1^{\text {st }} / 2^{\text {nd }}$ ) | 14 feet | 12 feet/24 feet | 10 feet/17.5 feet |
| Height: | 16 feet | 24 feet | 27 feet |

## BACKGROUND

The property is in a Consistent Character Neighborhood as defined in the City's Residential Design Guidelines. The houses in the neighborhood context are of a similar design with single-story Ranch style homes and two-story Craftsman style homes with lower plate heights, recessed second stories, and small gable roof elements. The similar forms emphasize horizontal eave lines with gable accents and rustic materials including wood siding and trim, stucco and stone accents. The street tree pattern includes Modesto Ash trees close to the street.

## DISCUSSION

According to the Residential Design Guidelines, Consistent Character Neighborhoods have similar architectural character, setbacks and streetscape character. New construction should incorporate good neighbor design which includes similar design elements, materials and scale found within the neighborhood.

The proposed house maintains the existing setbacks and the general footprint of the existing house. The houses in the neighborhood have a greater than required front yard setback and the new house maintains the existing setback of 42 feet. The existing house and adjacent houses are set back farther on the lot with an existing rear yard setback of 37 feet. The proposed house would substantially maintain the setback with a rear yard setback of 31 feet.

The second story is centered over the first story and has similar massing and scale as the adjacent two-story house to the west. The project will maintain the existing grade with a new finished floor height of one-foot and overall height of 24 feet where 27 feet is allowed. Maintaining the existing setbacks, finished grade and relating to the scale and massing of the existing two-story houses in the neighborhood context results in a good neighbor design.

The project incorporates rustic materials that include: wood siding, cedar shingles, composition shingle roof, wood columns, brick chimney and column bases, wood corbels and trim. The design is Craftsman inspired; however, the composition of the structure and the first and second story is more complex. The exterior facade is guided by the interior spaces of the structure; however the high quality materials and details help to clarify the design concept, which is consistent throughout the exterior facade.

## Landscaping and Privacy

The street tree pattern will be maintained with the existing Modest Ash near the street. Additionally the plan provides for three new Amur Maple trees in the front yard to buffer the new construction. The landscape plan eliminates the existing circular driveway, which are discouraged as they increase the amount of paved area in the front yard.

The west elevation includes three, second-story windows with one in bedroom No. 2 and two in the loft. The window in bedroom No. 2 is in the front corner of the room and has a sill height of three and one-half feet above the finished floor. The window has views to the adjacent property and the front yard, which do not result in substantial privacy concerns dues to the evergreen screening proposed along the side property line. The loft windows toward the rear of the house have sill
heights of approximately four feet. The windows have views to the adjacent property and toward the adjacent property's rear yard. The landscape plan provides for a continuous evergreen landscape hedge of Prunus Caroliniana along the side property line which will help to mitigate views toward the rear yard.

The east elevation includes two, second-story windows, one in bedroom No. 3 and one in bedroom No. 4. The windows in bedroom No. 3 and No. 4 have sill heights of three and half feet above the finished floor and are in the middle of the elevation. The windows have views over the adjacent neighbor's roof with limited views toward the front and rear of the adjacent property. The landscape plan provides for a continuous evergreen landscape hedge of Prunus Caroliniana along the side property line which will help to mitigate privacy impacts.

The rear elevation includes five windows, one in bedroom 4, one in bathroom No. 3, and three in the loft. The window in bedroom No. 4 is an egress window with a sill height of three feet. An egress window is required in all bedrooms and the applicant has addressed the privacy issues by providing trees and an evergreen hedge along the side and rear property lines. The landscape plan provides for a Manzanita tree on the side property at the rear of the house and two fruitless Olive trees along the rear property line. The trees have a slow growth rate; however, the side and rear property lines also include a Prunus Caroliniana hedge that will provide faster growing landscape mitigation for adjacent neighbors. The window sill heights in bathroom No. 3 and the loft are approximately four feet in height and does not create a substantial privacy concern, the landscaping along the rear property line will help mitigate views to the adjacent properties.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Staff received correspondence from the rear neighbors on Farndon Avenue expressing concern regarding the rear facing windows and privacy. The neighbors have requested the following mitigation measures to preserve privacy and provide landscaping that has minimal impact on their views and sunlight.

- Install windows with a minimum sill height of six-feet from finished floor;
- Use opaque glass for the lower parts of windows up to 6 feet in height from the finished floor and provide stationary windows;
- Provide privacy windows on the side and rear of bedroom No. 4;
- Plant trees and shrubs that do not obscure views to the surrounding hills; and
- Plant trees a reasonable distance from the fence so as when the tree is mature the whole tree is contained on the site. Requesting trees that are no taller than 7-8 feet in height to preserve the sunlight on the adjacent properties.

There is a requirement for one egress window in a bedroom, which requires a low sill height with an operable window. An egress window would be required on either the side or rear elevation and in this case the house is designed with the egress window facing the rear yard. A rear facing window with a lower sill height is in accordance with the Residential Design Guidelines because the setbacks and screening opportunities are greater. As mentioned the applicant has provided a landscaping hedge along the side and rear property line to help maintain a reasonable degree of privacy on adjacent properties. The sill heights of the rear facing windows in bathroom No. 3 and the loft could be raised to help mitigate views down into neighboring properties. Staff does not support using obscured glazing for windows as those types of windows are difficult to enforce to address privacy.

## ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

This project is categorically exempt from environmental review under Section 15303 of the Environmental Quality Act because it involves the construction of a single-family land use.

## PUBLIC NOTICING

This project was noticed to the 11 neighboring property owners in addition to an on-site posting.
Cc: Clifton Wu, Property Owner
Rick Gould, Designer

Attachments:
A. Application
B. Neighborhood Compatibility Worksheet
C. Area Map and Vicinity Map
D. Correspondence

## FINDINGS

15-SC-01 - 1977 Churton Avenue

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Type of Review Requested: (Check all boxes that apply)
Permit \# $\qquad$

|  | One-Story Design Review |  | Sign Review | Multiple-Family Review |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Two-Story Design Review |  | Sidewalk Display Permit | Rezoning |
|  | Variances) | Use Permit | R1-S Overlay |  |
|  | Lot Line Adjustment |  | Tenant Improvement | General Plan/Code Amendment |
|  | Tentative Map/Division of Land |  | Preliminary Project Review | Appeal |
|  | Subdivision Map Review |  | Commercial Design Review | Other: |

Project Address/Location: 19977 Churton Ave, Los AtHos, (A, 94024
Project Proposal/Use: residence.

Current Use of Property: residence

Assessor Parcel Numbers)
$318-15-025$ Site Area:
 $\qquad$
Total Existing Sq. Ft.: 2294.1 Total Proposed Sq. Ft. (including basement): 4834,98

Applicant's Name: Clifton Wu
Home Telephone \#: $\quad 408-417-0170 \quad$ Business Telephone \#: $\qquad$
Mailing Address: 1977 Churton Ave, Los AHOS, CA, 94024
City/State/Zip Code: LOS AHOS CA 94024
Property Owner's Name: Clifton Wu
Home Telephone \#: $\quad 408-417-0170 \quad$ Business Telephone \#: $\qquad$
Mailing Address:

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1977 \text { Churton Ave }
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citystaterzip Code: Los Altos CA 94024

Architect/Designer's Name: Rick Gould Telephone \#: $\qquad$

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## NEIGHBORHOOD COMPATIBILITY WORKSHEET

In order for your design review application for single-family residential remodel/addition or new construction to be successful, it is important that you consider your property, the neighborhood's special characteristics that surround that property and the compatibility of your proposal with that neighborhood. The purpose is to help you understand your neighborhood before you begin the design process with your architect/designer/builder or begin any formal process with the City of Los Altos. Please note that this worksheet must be submitted with your $1^{\text {st }}$ application.

The Residential Design Guidelines encourage neighborhood compatibility without necessarily forsaking individual taste. Various factors contribute to a design that is considered compatible with a surrounding neighborhood. The factors that City officials will be considering in your design could include, but are not limited to: design theme, scale, bulk, size, roof line, lot coverage, slope of lot, setbacks, daylight plane, one or two-story, exterior materials, landscaping et cetera.

It will be helpful to have a site plan to use in conjunction with this worksheet. Your site plan should accurately depict your property boundaries. The best source for this is the legal description in your deed.

Photographs of your property and its relationship to your neighborhood (see below) will be a necessary part of your first submittal. Taking photographs before you start your project will allow you to see and appreciate that your property could be within an area that has a strong neighborhood pattern. The photographs should be taken from across the street with a standard 35 mm camera and organized by address, one row for each side of the street. Photographs should also be taken of the properties on either side and behind your property from on your property.

This worksheet/check list is meant to help you as well as to help the City planners and Planning Commission understand your proposal. Reasonable guesses to your answers are acceptable. The City is not looking for precise measurements on this worksheet.

Project Address 1977 Churton Avenue, Los Altos, CA 94024
Scope of Project: Addition or Remodel $\qquad$ or New Home $\quad \Gamma \quad$
Age of existing home if this project is to be an addition or remodel? Is the existing house listed on the City's Historic Resources Inventory? No

Address: 1977 Churton Avenue
Date: $12 / 18 / 2014$

## What constitutes your neighborhood?

There is no clear answer to this question. For the purpose of this worksheet, consider first your street, the two contiguous homes on either side of, and directly behind, your property and the five to six homes directly across the street (eight to nine homes). At the minimum, these are the houses that you should photograph. If there is any question in your mind about your neighborhood boundaries, consider a radius of approximately 200 to 300 feet around your property and consider that your neighborhood.

## Streetscape

## 1. Typical neighborhood lot size*:

Lot area: 10,000 square feet
Lot dimensions: Length 80 feet
Width 125 feet
If your lot is significantly different than those in your neighborhood, then note its: area N/A , length N/A , and width N/A

## 2. Setback of homes to front property line: (Pgs. 8-11 Design Guidelines)

Existing front setback if home is a remodel? $\qquad$
What $\%$ of the front facing walls of the neighborhood homes are at the front setback 0 \%
Existing front setback for house on left $\qquad$ ft./on right
$\qquad$ ft .
Do the front setbacks of adjacent houses line up? $\qquad$
3. Garage Location Pattern: (Pg. 19 Design Guidelines)

Indicate the relationship of garage locations in your neighborhood* only on your street (count for each type)
Garage facing front projecting from front of house face 7
Garage facing front recessed from front of house face 0
Garage in back yard 1
Garage facing the side 0
Number of 1-car garages __; 2-car garages 8 ; 3-car garages $\qquad$

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## 4. Single or Two-Story Homes:

What \% of the homes in your neighborhood* are:
One-story 55\%
Two-story 45\%

## 5. Roof heights and shapes:

Is the overall height of house ridgelines generally the same in your neighborhood*? Yes
Are there mostly hip $\square$, gable style $\square$, or other style $\square$ roofs*? Do the roof forms appear simple $\qquad$ or complex $\qquad$
Do the houses share generally the same eave height No ?
6. Exterior Materials: (Pg. 22 Design Guidelines)

What siding materials are frequently used in your neighborhood*?
$\checkmark$ wood shingle $\underline{\checkmark}$ stucco __ board \& batten __ clapboard $\_$tile $\underline{\checkmark}$ stone $\underline{\checkmark}$ brick $\underline{\checkmark}$ combination of one or more materials (if so, describe) Wood Siding and Stone, Wood Shingles and Stone

What roofing materials (wood shake/shingle, asphalt shingle, flat tile, rounded tile, cement tile, slate) are consistently (about $80 \%$ ) used? Asphalt Shingle
If no consistency then explain: $\qquad$
7. Architectural Style: (Appendix C, Design Guidelines)

Does your neighborhood* have a consistent identifiable architectural style?
$\square$ YES 区 NO
Type? ■ Ranch ■ Shingle ■Tudor ■Mediterranean/Spanish ■ Contemporary ■Colonial ■ Bungalow 区 Other

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8. Lot Slope: (Pg. 25 Design Guidelines)

Does your property have a noticeable slope? No
What is the direction of your slope? (relative to the street)

Is your slope higher $\square$ lower $\sqrt{\square}$ same $\sqrt{\checkmark}$ in relationship to the neighboring properties? Is there a noticeable difference in grade between your property/house and the one across the street or directly behind?

## 9. Landscaping:

Are there any frequently used or typical landscaping features on your street (i.e. big trees, front lawns, sidewalks, curbs, landscape to street edge, etc.)? Front lawns, big trees, landscape to street edge

How visible are your house and other houses from the street or back neighbor's property?

## Visible

Are there any major existing landscaping features on your property and how is the unimproved public right-of-way developed in front of your property (gravel, dirt, asphalt, landscape)?

## 10. Width of Street:

What is the width of the roadway paving on your street in feet? $\qquad$
Is there a parking area on the street or in the shoulder area? Yes $\qquad$ Is the shoulder area (unimproved public right-of-way) paved, unpaved, gravel, landscaped, and/or defined with a curb/gutter? Paved

## 11．What characteristics make this neighborhood＊cohesive？

Such as roof material and type（hip，gable，flat），siding（board and batten， cement plaster，horizontal wood，brick），deep front yard setbacks， horizontal feel，landscape approach etc．： root material，same tront yard setbacks，landscape，horizontal teel

## General Study

A．Have major visible streetscape changes occurred in your neighborhood？
$\square$

B．Do you think that most（ $\sim 80 \%$ ）of the homes were originally built at the same time？$\boxtimes$ YES $\square$ NO

C．Do the lots in your neighborhood appear to be the same size？
区 YES $\square$ NO

D．Do the lot widths appear to be consistent in the neighborhood？
凹 YES $\square$ NO

E．Are the front setbacks of homes on your street consistent（ $\sim 80 \%$ within 5 feet）？

凹 YES $\square$ NO

F．Do you have active CCR＇s in your neighborhood？（p． 36 Building Guide）
$\square$ YES ® NO

G．Do the houses appear to be of similar size as viewed from the street？

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\square \text { YES 囚 NO }
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H．Does the new exterior remodel or new construction design you are planning relate in most ways to the prevailing style（s）in your existing neighborhood？

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\text { 凹 YES } \quad \square \quad \mathrm{NO}
$$

## Summary Table

Please use this table to summarize the characteristics of the houses in your immediate neighborhood (two homes on either side, directly behind and the five to six homes directly across the street).

| Address | Front <br> setback | Rear <br> setback | Garage <br> location | One or two stories | Height | Materials | Architecture <br> (simple or <br> complex) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1971 Churton Avenue | $40^{\prime}$ | $36^{\prime}$ | backyard | One | 21 | wood siding | simple |
| 1965 Churton Avenue | $38^{\prime}$ | $36^{\prime}$ | front facing | Two | 25 | wood siding/brick | simple |
| 1983 Churton Avenue | $38^{\prime}$ | $35^{\prime}$ | front facing | Two | 24 | wood siding/ston | simple |
| 2001 Churton Avenue | $40^{\prime}$ | $40^{\prime}$ | front facing | One | 15 | stucco | simple |
| 1978 Churton Avenue | $42^{\prime}$ | $40^{\prime}$ | front facing | One | 15 | stucco | simple |
| 1972 Churton Avenue | $42^{\prime}$ | $40^{\prime}$ | front facing | Two | 23 | stucco/brick | simple |
| 1966 Churton Avenue | $40^{\prime}$ | $38^{\prime}$ | front facing | One | 15 | stone | simple |
| 1960 Churton Avenue | $38^{\prime}$ | $40^{\prime}$ | front facing | One | 15 | wood siding | simple |
| 1991 Alford Avenue | $42^{\prime}$ | $38^{\prime}$ | front facing | One | 16 | stucco | simple |
| 1992 Farndon Avenue | $40^{\prime}$ | $30^{\prime}$ | backyard | One | 15 | stucco | simple |

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## AREA MAF



CITY OF LOS ALTOS
APPLICATION: 15-SC-01
APPLICANT: C. Wu
SITE ADDRESS: 1977 Churton Avenue

## VICINITY MAP



APPLICATION: 15-SC-01
APPLICANT:
C. Wu

SITE ADDRESS: 1977 Churton Avenue

## Sierra Davis

| From: | Afshin [faridjoo@yahoo.com] |
| :--- | :--- |
| Sent: | Tuesday, March 24, 2015 12:08 PM |
| To: | Sierra Davis |
| Cc: | Marjan Shafie |
| Subject: | Concern about 1977 Churton Ave. desing proposal |
| Attachments: | 1977 Churton.pdf |
| Hi Sierra, |  |

# This is Afshin Faridjoo. we talked about the design proposal for 1977 Churton Ave. yesterday and discussed my concerns with the windows facing my house and the tall trees that they have proposed in their design.. attached PDF is the letter that explains my concerns.. and below is the content of the attached pdf. 

## Regards, Afshin

Date: 3/24/2015
From: Afshin Faridjoo, Marjan Shafie
Address: 1992 Farndon Ave, Los Altos, CA 94024
To: Community Development Department, Los Altos, California
Subject: Plan review and objections for 1977 Churton Ave. Los Altos submitted design

Dear City of Los Altos Planner,
This letter is regarding the new construction plan submitted for 1977 Churton Ave.
My name is Afshin Faridjoo, resident of 1992 Farndon Ave. My house is located right behind the house at 1977 Churton Ave.
After reviewing the two-story proposed plan, I noticed that the design includes a bedroom (Bedroom 4), a bathroom, and a Loft facing my property with a total of 5 windows. These 5 windows look directly into my master bedroom and family room which we spend all of our time.

I also saw a proposal for several trees to be planted at the end of their property. I strongly oppose planting any trees taller than 7 or 8 feet in order to create privacy. These tall trees make my backyard like a closed box and blocks sunlight in the afternoons.

I am requesting the owner to remove the windows from the side that overlooks into my property and redesign the landscape with smaller trees with maximum of 7-8 feet tall.

Other options could be to install smaller windows, 6 feet from the floor or using opaque or frosted glass for the lower part of windows up to 6 feet and being stationary..

These design considerations support both the owner and neighbors' privacy.
Best regards,
Afshin Faridjoo, Marjan Shafie

## Sierra Davis

| From: | elie@rayonx.us |
| :--- | :--- |
| Sent: | Tuesday, March 24, 2015 1:44 PM |
| To: | Sierra Davis |
| Cc: | Elie Semaan |
| Subject: | Protest against 1977 Churton Avenue, Los Altos |

Hello Sierra Davis,
I am the owner of 1986 Farndon Avenue, Los Altos.
I am writing to protest the proposed windows in bedroom 4 for the proposed new property at 1977 Churton Avenue, Los Altos.

The windows Mr. Wu is proposing do not provide privacy for him or his neighbors. I suggest for him to reconsider having bedroom 4 with the following options:

1) privacy windows (both sides of the room) or
2) have opaque glass on both windows, at least the lower part of the window (mix of opaque at the bottom and clear on the top).

I am not denying him a second story but he has to reflect his neighbors wishes. After all we are neighbors.

Again, as stated I suggest privacy windows that are high so he does not see into our property so we can enjoy our property without constantly worrying about who is looking at you.

Aside from considering the privacy windows, he also need to consider planting trees without obscuring our view of the surrounding hills and not feel like boxed in. So the trees must be within reasonable and height and distance from the fence, not too close to the fence.

My concern will be the width of the trees once they are fully grown and who will shelter the responsibility taking care of the trees if they are close to the fence.

Basically the proposed trees have to be planted with enough space to accommodate the full diameter once they are branched out and fully mature to be entirely on this property and the branches are not extending to his neighbors property.

Please call with any questions.
Elie Semaan
4089819197
Owner of 1986 Farndon Avenue, Los Altos.
Friendly neighbor
Sent via BlackBerry by AT\&T

# MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2015 BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M. AT LOS ALTOS CITY HALL, ONE NORTH SAN ANTONIO ROAD, LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA 

## ESTABLISH QUORUM

PRESENT: Chair KIRIK, Vice-Chair MOISON, Commissioners BLOCKHUS, WHEELER, and MEADOWS

STAFF: Planning Services Manager KORNFIELD and Assistant Planners GALLEGOS and DAVIS

## PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

## ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

## CONSENT CALENDAR

## 1. Design Review Commission Minutes

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of March 18, 2015.
MOTION by Commissioner BLOCKHUS, seconded by Commissioner MEADOWS, to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2015 regular meeting as amended by Commissioner MEADOWS and Commissioner BLOCKHUS to correct the motion for item No. 1 for the Election of the Design Review Commission Chair and Vice-Chair. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5/0).

## DISCUSSION

2. $\mathbf{1 4 - S C - 4 6 - M .}$ and P. Sangani -491 Patrick Way

Design review for a first- and second-story addition. The project includes an addition of 568 square feet at the first-story and an addition of 404 square feet at the second-story. Project Planner: Davis

Assistant Planner DAVIS presented the staff report recommending approval of design review application 14-SC-46 subject to the listed findings and conditions.

Project architect Fred Blome spoke in support of the project stating that he wanted to increase the dormers to a $4: 12$ pitch to match the existing roof, use wood siding on the existing second story at the front of the house, and a new window on the rear elevation for the stairway. There was no other public comment.

The Commissioners discussed the project and expressed their general support for the design. ViceChair MOISON noted the three letters received in support of the project.

MOTION Commissioner MEADOWS, seconded by Commissioner BLOCKHUS, to approve design review application 14-SC-46 per the staff report findings and conditions, with a condition limiting the scope of the work to not exceed 50 percent of the existing structure as shown on the on the plans.
THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5/0).

## 3. $\mathbf{1 5 - S C}-01-\mathrm{C} . \mathrm{Wu}-1977$ Churton Avenue

Design review for a new, two-story house. The project includes 2,584 square feet on the firststory and 913 square feet on the second-story. Project Planner: Davis

Assistant Planner DAVIS presented the staff report recommending approval of design review application 15-SC-01 subject to the listed findings and conditions.

Applicant and owner Clifton Wu stated that he wanted to keep the Magnolia tree so he could not decrease the front setback; he limited the height to 24 feet to minimize massing; omitted the balcony from the design to meet the design guidelines; notified the neighbors of his project; and was surprised by the rear neighbor's concerns, since the distance between the structures, landscape and neighbor's patio cover maintains privacy.

Resident Abby Ahrens spoke in support of the project. Neighbors Elie Semaan, Mo Rezvani, and Afshin Faridjoo spoke in opposition of a two-story house and cited privacy impacts and the impacts from landscape along the property line. There was no other public comment.

The Commissioners discussed the project and expressed their general support for the design. The Commission noted that decreasing the front yard setback was possible since the Magnolia tree was being displaced by the driveway; that the project maintained a reasonable degree of privacy with the window design and proposed landscape mitigation; that the design was similar to a house nearby;

MOTION Commissioner WHEELER, seconded by Vice-Chair MOISON, to approve design review application 15-SC-01 per the staff report findings and conditions, with the following additional direction:

- A recommendation to decrease the front yard setback.

Chair KIRIK then asked for a minimum six-foot decrease in setback to provide certainty or provide a specific site plan.
THE MOTION PASSED BY A 3/2 VOTE, WITH Commissioner BLOCKHUS and Chair KIRIK OPPOSED based on the lack of certainty in the decrease of the front yard setback.

## 4. $\mathbf{1 5 - S C}-03-\mathrm{A}$. and P. Abdollahi - 1151 Volti Lane

Design review for a new, two-story house. The project includes 2,281 square feet on the first story and 1,215 square feet on the second story. Project Planner: Gallegos

Assistant Planner GALLEGOS presented the staff report recommending continuance of design review application 15-SC-03 subject to recommended direction.

Project applicant and owner Akbar Abdollahi stated that he wanted a 10 -foot tall plate height to meet current standards and could make the window changes as desired by the Commission. There was no other public comment.

The Commissioners discussed the project and expressed their support of staff's recommendations. Commissioners expressed concerns about the complex design compared to the character of the
nearby structures, excessive bulk on the second story entry loft, excessive scale of the first story, complex and varied window design and massive side elevations.

MOTION Commissioner BLOCKHUS, seconded by Vice-Chair MOISON, to continue design review application 15-SC-03 per the staff report recommended direction to:
a. Reduce the prominence and height of the single-story walls of the structure to a height of nine feet;
b. Simplify the number of windows, shapes and types;
c. Simplify the massing and design of the structure, including wall and roof forms, to maintain a similar style and character as the immediate neighborhood; and
d. Provide two Category I or II street trees to be located in the front yard.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5/0).

## COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

The Commission noted the Volunteer Reception to be held on April 16, 2015.

## POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

## ADJOURNMENT

Chair KIRIK adjourned the meeting at 8:52 PM.

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See Sheet \＃2 for Neighboring Property Relationships

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ROOF FLASHING DETAILS



ZONING COMPLIANCE

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| setbacks： <br> Front 1st Rear 1st Left Side 1st／2nd Right Side 1st／2nd | 41 ＇ 8 ＂ <br> ${ }^{37} 7^{\prime \prime}$ <br> $10^{\prime} 1188^{\prime \prime}$ <br> 13＇11＂ | 41＇8＂ <br> 31＇ 4 3／4 <br> 10＇6＂／21＇5／8＂ <br> 12＇／23＇6＂ | $\begin{gathered} 25^{\prime} \\ { }^{25} \\ 15^{2 / 176^{\prime \prime}} \\ 10 \% / 17^{\prime \prime \prime} \end{gathered}$ |
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ZONING DATA SUMMARY Zoning requirements
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Not changing
TREES
FLAT LOT REMAINS FLAT

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ROUND BONDERRED DOWNSPOU
$1 \times 6$ FACIA
STARTERBOARD FOR EvES


1977 CHURTON AVE, LOS ALTOS, CA 94024


ASSESSOR'S PARCEL MAP



UNDer stucco reaurement - 2 Layers of grade d paper over wood-based sheathing




PROPOSED 1ST FLOOR
2ND FLOOR PROPOSED PLAN


FRONT ELEVATION (North)

FOR EXTERIOR TRIM DETAILS, SEE SHEET A9


RIGHT SIDE ELEVATION (West)


EXISTING FRONT ELEVATION


LEFT SIDE ELEVATION (East)


1. SIDING: HORIZONTAL 9" SHIP LAP WOOD SIDING ON THE FIRST FLOOR PAINTED GAUNTLET GRAY NUMBER 7019,
2. SHINGLES: CEDAR SHINGLE SIDING ON THE SECOND FLOOR PAINTED BLUE SHADOW \#3531.
3. GABLE SIDING: 9" VERTICAL SIDING ON THE GABLES PAINTED GAUNTLET GRAY NUMBER 7019 ,
4. ENTRY PORCH POSTS: 18 " $X$ 18" SQUARE WOOD FAUX POSTS PAINTED ELDER WHITE NUMBER 7014 (SEE PORCH POST DIAGRAM).
5. ENTRY PORCH POST BASE: $21 \times 21$ BORAL, HANDMADE BRICK, MOROCCAN SAND (SEE PORCH POST DIAGRAM).
6. ENTRY PORCH FLAT CEILING: BEAD BOARD PAINTED ELDER WHITE \#7014.
7. FRONT DOOR: PAINTED HAWTHORNE \#3518
8. SIDE GARAGE DOOR: ELDER WHITE \#7014
9. CORBELS: ELDER WHITE \#7014 (SEE CORBELS DIAGRAM \& PICTURE).
10. CHIMNEY BRICK: BORAL, HANDMADE BRICK, MOROCCAN SAND
11. RALLING: BASEMENT LIGHT WELL/PATIO WROUGHT IRON RAILING PAINTED CHESTNUT BRONZE
12. WINDOWS: JELDWEN W-2500 WOOD CASEMENT TOP DOWN GRILLE WINDOWS IN MESA RED
13. WINDOW TRIM: 2X6 TOP OVERLAP 18" WIDER THAN THE 2X4 SIDE AND BOTTOM TRIM PAINTED ELDER WHITE \#7014. (SEE WINDOW \& DOOR
14. DOOR TRIM: $2 \times 6$ TOP OVERLAP 18 " WIDER THAN THE $2 \times 4$ SIDE TRIM PAINTED ELDER WHITE \#7014. (SEE WINDOW \& DOOR DIAGRAM) 5. DOOR HARDWARE: CHESTNUT BRONZE
15. ROOF COVERING: CHARCOAL GRAY COMPOSITION SHINGLES
16. GUTTERS \& DOWNSPOUTS: BONDERIZED STEEL 6" FACIA GUTTERS \& RECTANGULAR DOWNSPOUTS PAINTED ELDER WHITE \#7014. 8. ROLLUP GARAGE DOOR: ELDER WHITE \#7014 (SEE DESIGN PICTURE)


WINDON \& DOOR TRIM DETAIL



BAY WINDOW DETAII
Bay Window Note: Window Interior
Dimensions Shall Not Exceed 60 "Height.


CORBIL DETAII

windows
 ENTRY DOOR
ELDER WHITE \#7014


GARAGE DOOR


MATCH WINDOW \& GABLE TRIM, CORBELS, FACIA
ELDER WHITE $\# 7014$


1ST FLOOR

NEW FLOOR AREA CALCULATIONS Section Dimensions
floor area
1ST FLOOR AREA
A $8^{\prime} 4^{2} 5 / 8^{\prime \prime} \times 20^{\prime} 27 / 8^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{ft}^{2}=169.8 \mathrm{ft}{ }^{2}$





2ND FLOOR AREA
H $12^{\prime} 17 / 8^{\prime \prime} \times 2^{\prime} 91 / 2^{\prime \prime}=$



TOTAL FLOOR AREA (A-K) $3497.38 \mathrm{ft.}^{2}$

NEW FLOOR AREA CALCULATIONS
coverage
L $7^{\prime} 81 / 8^{\prime \prime} \times 37^{\prime} 23 / 4^{\prime \prime}=\quad 285.81 \mathrm{ft.}^{2}$
 $\begin{array}{ll}\text { TOTAL NON-HABITABLE AREA } & \begin{aligned} 7.38 \mathrm{ft.}^{2} \\ 301.68 \mathrm{ft.}^{2}\end{aligned}\end{array}$
total Lot Coverage (A-G, L-N) $2886.12 \mathrm{ft} \mathbf{}^{2}$

NEW FLOOR AREA CALCULATIONS

BASEMENT
O $14^{\prime} 93 / 4^{\prime \prime} \times 32^{\prime} 71 / 4^{\prime \prime}=482.95 \mathrm{ft.}^{2}$





# Wu Residence: 1977 Churton Ave 



Ambience Garden Design
530 Lawrence Expwy \#377 530 Lawrence Exppy \#3
Sunnyuale, CA 94085 408-990-6999


Botanical Name: Arctostaphylos uva-ursi Common Name: Kinnikinnick, Bearberry Plant Type: Broadleaf Evergreen Ground Plant Size: Under
Wh Whit

## Habit: Prostrate

## Leaf Color: Dark gree

Flower Season: Winter
un: Full sun Half sun
ail Type: All soils
oil Type: All soils Average soil Acid pH Neutral pH
A hardy, creeping evergreen shrub, it grows 6 "-12" high and spreads as much as $10^{\prime \prime}-12$. It
has glossy green leathery leares has glossy green leathery leaves antached to dark brown branches. Its flowers are white to .
Botanical Name: Astelia nervosa chathamica
Common Name: Silver Leaf Astelia
lant Type: Shrub Pernial
Habit: Arching Uprigh

Plant Size: 3 -6'
Flower Color: White
own: Half sun
Leaf Color: Silver
Flower Season: Spring
Water: Medium water Extra summer water
Soil Type: Sandy soil Loam soil Average soil Rich soil Well-drained soil Moist soil This clumping perennial is grown for its silvery foliage. The leaves reach 3 ' in length and th plants grow 4 ' tall, with new growths arising from the base. It does best in full sun in foggy climates, and in part shade elsewhere.

## Btanical Name: Buddleja x 'Blue Chip'

Common Name: Dwarf Blue Butterfly Bush
Plant Type: Shrub
Plant Size: $3-6^{\prime}$
Flower Color: Blue Violet
Habit: Upright

Sun: Full sun
Flower Season: Summer
Water: Medium water
Loam soil Rocky soil Average soil Rat

Blue Chip Butterfly Bush is a violet-blue flowering variety of butterfly bush. Needs fuid sunlight.

Botanical Name: Calamagrostis foliosa
Common Name: Reed Grass
Plant Type: Grass
Plant Size: $3-66^{\prime} 6-1$
Sun: Full sun Half sun
Water: Medium water
Soil Type: All soils Average soil Well-drained soil Dry soil Neutral pH This tuffed, perennial bunchgrass forms a beautiful, dense mound of gray green leaves that reach 2 ' tall, with showy arching flower stalks to 3 ' tall. Reed Grass leaves assume an attractive purple coloration in the fall and winter. This evergreen should be grown unde

## tina@gardendezine.com Botanical Name: Carpenteria californica Common Name: Bush Anemone Plant Type:Shrub Plant Type: Shrub Plant Size: 3 -6' Flower Color: White Sun: Half sun Shade

 Water: Light waterSoil Type: Clay soil Loam soil Average soil Well-drained soil Dry soil Neutral pH This CA native is a dense, clean evergreen shrub that grows $4^{\prime}-6^{\prime}$ high and $5^{\prime}$ wide. It is olerant of sun or shade. It has white fragrant flowers from May through August. Attractive and peeling; new shoots, purplish. Thick, narrow, 2-4.5 inch long leaves, dark green above,
 Botanical Name: Erigeron glaucus 'Wayne Roderick'
Common Name: Seaside Daisy, Beach Fleabane
Plant Type:Ground cover Perennia
Plant Size: 1-3'
Habit: Mound
Flower Color: Lavende
eat Color: Green Sun: Full sun Half sun

Flower Season: Spring Summer
Water: Light water M
er water
Soil Type: Sandy soil Loam soil Average soil Well-drained soil Dry soil Neutral pH This perennial grows $1^{\prime}$ tall and $1.5^{\prime}$ wide. It has deep green foliage and lavender flowers that bloom continuously if spent flowers are removed. It does well in coastal areas.


Botanical Name: Hardenbergia violacea
Common Name: Lilac Vine, Coral Pea
Plant Type: Shrub Vine
Plant Size: 6-12'
Habit: Twining
Flower Color: Pink Purple
Sun: Full sun
Flower Season: Winter Spring
Water: Light water
Hardenbergia violacea an ev soir Average soin Neutral she are usually undivided, 2"-4 ong. Flowers are lilac and look like sweet peas.


Botanical Name: Helianthemum nummularium 'St. Mary's'
Common Name: Sunrose
Plant Type: Ground cover Habit: Upright
Plant Size: Under 1'
Flower Color: White
Sun: Full sun
Water: Light water
Soil Type: All soils Average soil Well-drained soil Neutral pH
An evergreen shrublet that grows 6 " -8 " high and $2^{\prime}$ wide, the flowers of this plant are 1 " wide, and from April to June, are borne in white.

Wu Residence: 1977 Churton Ave

Botanical Name: Helichrysum petiolare
Common Name: Licorice Plant
Plant Type: Shrub
Habit: Upright
Plant Size: 1-3'
Leaf Color:White
Flower Color: Yellow White
Flower Season: Consta
Water: Medium water
Soil Type: Sandy soil Loam soil Rocky soil Average soil Poor soil Well-drained soil This groundcover will grow $1^{1}-3$ ' high and has clumped light green leaves. It does well in full his groundcover


Botanical Name: Heuchera 'Creme Brulee
Common Name: 'Creme Brulee' Coral Bells
Plant Type: Perennial
Plant Size: 1-3'
Fower Color: White
Sun: Full sun Half sun
Water: Medium water
Soil Type: Clay soil Loam soil Average soil Well-drained soil Neutral pH Heuchera 'Creme Brulee' is a vigorous plant characterized by a mounding habit to 20 Inches tall with large orbicular leaves that emerge a coppery brown in color and changes to White flowers rise above the foliage in early summer.
Botanical Name: Lavandula X intermedia 'Grosso'
Common Name: Grosso Long Stemmed Lavender
Plant Type: Perennial
Habit: Upright
Plant Size: $1-3^{\prime}$
Leaf Color:Grey green Silver
Flower Season: Summer
un: Full sun
Water: Light water
Soil Type: All soils Well-drained soil Neutral pH
Long Stemmed Lavender has beautiful violet colored plumes in the summer. It is very
drought tolerant and is a great plant to create that Mediterranean effect.

Botanical Name: Miscanthus sinensis 'Cosmopolitan'
Common Name: Variegated Miscanthus
Plant Type: Perennial Grass
Plant Size: 3-6'
Flower Color: $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$
Sun: Full sun Half sun
Water: Medium water
Soil Type: All soils Average soil Rich soil Well-drained soil Moist soil Neutral pH This tall, mounding grass will grow to about 6 ' high and has seasonally deciduous, greenish white, variegated leaves. Tall grasses are highly combustible.

Habit: Arching Mound Uprigh Leaf Color:Green White Flower Season: $n / a$

Leaf Color: Green Flower Season: Spring


# Botanical Name: Myoporum parvifolium 

Common Name: Ground Cover Myoporum
Plant Type: Ground cover
Plant Size: Under 1'
Flower Color: White
Sun: Full sun Half sun
Water: Light wate
Soil Type: Sandy soil Loam soil Rocky soil Average soil Well-drained soil Neutral This great groundcover will grow 9 " high and 9 ' wide and does well in partial or full sun with moderate watering. It produces delicate white flowers that bloom in summer and are surrounded by tiny, bright green leaves.


## Botanical Name: Olea europaea 'Wilson'

Plant Type: Tree
Plant Size: 12-25' 25-40
Flower Color: $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$
$25-40^{\prime}$
Habit: Broad

Sun: Full sun
Leaf Color: Grey green
Flower Season: n/a

## Water: Light water

Soil Type: Sandy soil Loam soil Rocky soil Average soil Poor soil Neutral pH Basic This broad tree will grow to $20-30^{\prime}$ tall and has small, gray green leaves. It is a fruitless variety .

Habit: Prostrate
Leaf Color:Gree Leaf Color.Green

Botanical Name: Prunus caroliniana
Common Name: Carolina Laurel Cherry
Plant Type: Tree
Plant Size: 6-12' $12-25$ ' $25-40$
Flower Color: White
Sun: Full sun

Habit: Broad
Leaf Color: Dark green Green Flower Season: Winter Spring

Water: Light water Medium water
Soil Type: Loam soil Rocky soil Average soil Rich soil Well-drained soil Neutral pH This large evergreen shrub or small tree has leaves that are glossy and 2 " -4 " in length. It is excellent as either a formal hedge or an informal screen $15-20$ feet tall and 10 to $15^{\prime}$ wide. has creamy white flowers in late winter and spring followed by small black berries
Botanical Name: Prunus caroliniana 'Compacta
common Name: Dwarf Carolina Laurel Cherry
Plant Type: Shrub
Habit: Broad
Plant Size: 6-12'
Flower Color: White Leaf Color: Gree

Sun: Full sun
Water: Light water Medium water
Soil Type: Sandy soil Loam soil Average soil Well-drained soil Neutral pH This large evergreen shrub or small tree has leaves that are glossy and 2 " -4 " in length. It is excellent as a formal hedge or an informal screen. It has creamy white flowers in late winter and spring followed by small black berries. 'Compacta' reaches 8 '-10' tall and $6^{\prime}-8$ ' wide and tends to be more dense.

otanical Name: Stipa arundinacea
Common Name: Pheasant's Tail Grass
Plant Type: Grass
Plant Size: 1-3'
Flower Color: $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$
Water: Light water
Soil Type: Sandy soil Loam soil Rocky soil Average soil Well-drained soil Neutral Pheasant's Taii Grass is a beautiful, fine, airy grass that is emerald green in color. It has many soft yellow, beige flower staks in the spring. This grass grows $10^{\prime \prime}-12^{\prime \prime}$ tall , $1-2$ ' w and is drought tolerant. -Corntlower Farms



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[^0]:    Neighborhood Compatibility Worksheet
    *See "What constitutes your neighborhood", (page 2).

[^1]:    David Kornfield
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