

DATE: May 20, 2015

AGENDA ITEM #3

TO:

Design Review Commission

FROM:

Sierra Davis, Assistant Planner

SUBJECT:

14-SC-41 – 1265 Estate Drive

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve modification of design review application 14-SC-41 subject to the listed findings

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This is a modification of a design review application for a new second-story balcony at 1265 Estate Drive.

BACKGROUND

The project was reviewed by the Design Review Commission at the December 17, 2014 meeting for additions to the kitchen at the first story and master bedroom at the second story. The project also included a new basement. The project was unanimously approved and the staff report and minutes are included as Attachments B and C.

DISCUSSION

The modification includes a new second story balcony with access from the master bedroom at the rear of the house. The lot coverage and floor area will remain the same, as the previous approval was for a covered porch at the first story. The modification will maintain the porch at the first story with a new balcony above.

The approved plans included a window in the master bedroom where the new access door to the balcony will be located. The balcony is oriented toward the rear yard and is seven-feet, eight inches by eight-feet, eight inches and is considered an active balcony based on its size. The Residential Design Guidelines suggest that maintaining privacy on adjacent properties should be taken into consideration when designing second-story balconies with a depth that exceeds four-feet. The Guidelines recommend that second-story balconies should use appropriate screening measures to lessen their privacy impacts, which can include solid railing to obscure sight lines and/or landscape screening. Although the balcony includes a 42-inch open safety railing, the existing landscaping of mature trees in the rear yard appears to provide adequate screening to maintain a reasonable degree of privacy.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

This project was noticed to 12 nearby property owners in addition to an on-site posting for the Design Review Commission hearing.

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 dwelling.

Cc: Chris Anderson, Applicant and Designer Craig and Beth Menden, Property Owners

Attachments:

- A. Application
- B. Design Review Commission Minutes, December 17, 2014
- C. Design Review Commission Staff Report, December 17, 2014

FINDINGS

14-SC-41 Modification – 1265 Estate Drive

- 1. With regard to design review for the balcony addition a single-family structure, the Design Review Commission finds the following in accordance with Section 14.76.050 of the Municipal Code that:
 - a. The proposed structure complies with all provision 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; and
 - 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.



CITY OF LOS ALTOS GENERAL APPLICATION

Type of Review Requested: (Check all b	oxes that apply)	Permit #
One-Story Design Review	Sign Review	Multiple-Family Review
X Two-Story Design Review	Sidewalk Display Permit	Rezoning
Variance(s)	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: 1865 Project Proposal/Use: 5/N60		DENTTAL.
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Current Use of Property: 5/NGT	E FAMILY	
Assessor Parcel Number(s) 193-2	36.023 Site A	rea:
New Sq. Ft.: 150 /020 Remod	eled Sq. Ft.: 800 Exist	ing Sq. Ft. to Remain: 3/85
Total Existing Sq. Ft.: 3907	Total Proposed Sq. Ft. (inclu	ding basement): <u>4280 478 /</u>
Applicant's Name: CHRIS A	NDERSON DESIG	NDISCOVERIES
Home Telephone #: 925-960	Business Telep	ohone #: 450-116-5787
Mailing Address: <u>1697</u> QUA		
City/State/Zip Code:	nore CA 9455	0
Property Owner's Name: CRATO	+ & BEAT MENDE	\sim
Home Telephone #:	Business Teleph	none #: 650-843 - 5725
Mailing Address: 1265 KS	TATE DR.	
City/State/Zip Code: LOS Ac	TOS CA. 94024	
Architect/Designer's Name: OHRI	s ANDLASON	Telephone #: 650 -996 · 3 98
* * * If your project includes complete demolition permit must be issued and t		

Division for a demolition package. * * *

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ATTACHMENT B



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DISCUSSION

5. 14-SC-39 - Craftmen's Guild, Inc. - 1419 Miravalle Avenue

Design review for a two-story house. The project includes 2,761 square feet on the first story, 927 square feet on the second story and 2,658 square feet in the basement *Project Planner: Lim*

Assistant Planner LIM presented the staff report recommending approval of design review application 14-SC-39 subject to the findings and conditions.

Project designer Mike Amini presented of the project. Property owner Mr. Lee stated that he spoke to their neighbors and there were no concerns raised. Neighbor Mark Millet questioned how long the basement excavation would take to complete. There was no other public comment.

The commissioners discussed the project and expressed their general support for the project, noting that it was a good design that fit in the neighborhood. There was concerned expressed about the clearstory element, but the Commission agreed that the larger lot mitigated it.

MOTION by Commissioner WHEELER, seconded by Commissioner MOISON, to approve design review application 14-SC-39 per the staff report findings and conditions, with the following additional condition:

• Add a new, six-foot solid fence with one or two feet of open lattice. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5/0).

6. <u>14-SC-41 – Design Discoveries – 1265 Estate Drive</u>

Design review for an addition to an existing two-story house. The project includes an addition of 36 square feet to the first story, 85 square feet to the second story and 893 square feet in the basement. *Project Planner: Lim*

Assistant Planner LIM presented the staff report recommending approval of design review application 14-SC-41 subject to the findings and conditions.

Project architect Christopher Anderson presented the project. South neighbor Victoria Chang raised a concern about potential construction parking impacts. There was no other public comment.

The commissioners discussed the project and expressed their general support for the design.

MOTION by Commissioner MOISON, seconded by Commissioner MEADOWS, to approve design review application 14-SC-41 per the staff report findings and conditions. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5/0).

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None.

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ATTACHMENT C



DATE: December 17, 2014

AGENDA ITEM #6

TO:

Design Review Commission

FROM:

Lily Lim, Assistant Planner

SUBJECT:

14-SC-41 - 1265 Estate Drive

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve design review application 14-SC-41 subject to the findings and conditions

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project adds to the first and second story, and creates a new basement to an existing twostory structure. The project includes 2,445 square feet on the first story, 1,443 square feet on the second story and 893 square feet in the basement. The following table summarizes the project's technical details:

GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATION:

Single-Family, Residential

ZONING:

R1-10

PARCEL SIZE:

11,446 square feet

MATERIALS:

Composition asphalt shingle roof, cedar shingle siding, wood trim, and copper top roof

Existing Proposed Allowed/Required **COVERAGE:** 2,501 square feet 2,608 square feet 3,434 square feet FLOOR AREA: First floor 2,410 square feet 2,445 square feet Second floor 1,397 square feet 1,443 square feet Total 3,807 square feet 3,888 square feet 3,895 square feet

SETBACKS:

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Front	25 feet	25 feet	25 feet
Rear	34 feet	34 feet	25 feet
Right side (1 st /2 nd)	12.5 feet/17.5 feet	12.5 feet/17.5 feet	10 feet/17.5 feet
Left side (1 st /2 nd)	11.5 feet/17.5 feet	11.5 feet/17.5 feet	10 feet/17.5 feet

HEIGHT:

27 feet

27 feet

27 feet

BACKGROUND

The subject property is located in a Consistent Character Neighborhood, as defined by the City's Residential Design Guidelines. Estate Drive is a cul-de-sac street with landscaped shoulders and a rolled curb. The houses in this neighborhood tend to have similar characteristics of massing and streetscape character. The cul-de-sac is made up of larger, two-story homes with similar massing, three car garages and rustic materials. The properties have various street trees but do not have a distinct pattern along the street.

DISCUSSION

In Consistent Character Neighborhoods, good neighbor design has design elements, materials, and scale found within the neighborhood. Proposed projects should "fit in" and lessen abrupt changes. Sizes of homes should not be significantly larger than other homes found in the neighborhood.

The proposed addition to the existing two-story structure is designed to be integral to the existing architecture. The addition consists of 36 square feet to the kitchen on the first story, 85 square feet to the master bathroom on the second story, and 893 square feet in the new basement. As part of the proposed basement addition, the existing attached garage will be demolished and rebuilt in the same location. The proposed garage has three attic dormers, which are consistent with the design of the overall structure.

The project also includes replacing existing siding materials with wood siding and stone veneer on the chimneys. Overall, the minor addition has been well integrated into the existing home and the new facade materials are compatible with the surrounding neighborhood.

Privacy and Landscape

The Design Guidelines suggest placing windows, decks, and doors in such a way to minimize privacy impacts to neighboring properties. The size and placement of windows in the additions on the first and second story do not create any unreasonable privacy concerns. The new windows face the front and rear and no side windows are proposed.

The project will not remove any trees or propose any new landscaping. Currently, the property has sufficient landscaping and a mature Redwood tree in the front yard.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

This project is categorically exempt from environmental review under Section 15301 of the Environmental Quality Act because it involves an addition to an existing single-family dwelling in a residential zone.

CC: Chris Anderson, Applicant and Designer Craig and Beth Menden, Property Owners

Design Review Commission 14-SC-41 – 1265 Estate Drive December 17, 2014

Attachments

- A. Application
- B. Neighborhood Compatibility Worksheet
- C. Maps

FINDINGS

14-SC-41 - 1265 Estate Drive

With regard to the project, the Design Review Commission finds the following in accordance with Section 14.76.050 of the Municipal Code:

- a. The proposed structure complies with all provisions of this chapter;
- b. The height, elevations, and placement on the site of the propose 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 and mass;
- 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; and
- 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.

CONDITIONS

14-SC-41 - 1265 Estate Drive

- 1. The approval is based on the plans received on December 4, 2014 and the written application materials provide by the applicant, except as be modified by these conditions.
- 2. Obtain an encroachment permit issued from the Engineering Division prior to doing any work within the public street right-of-way.
- 3. The applicant/owner agrees to indemnify, defend, protect, and hold City harmless from all costs and expenses, including attorney's fees, incurred by the City or held to be the liability of City in connection with City's defense of its actions in any proceeding brought in any State or Federal Court, challenging any of the City's action with respect to the applicant's project.

4. Prior to building permit submittal, the plans shall include:

- a. The conditions of approval shall be incorporated into the title page of the plans;
- b. Verification that all new additions and altered square footage will comply with the California Green Building Standards pursuant to Section 12.26 of the Municipal Code and provide a signature from a Qualified Green Building Professional; and
- c. The measures to comply with the New Development and Construction 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).

5. Prior to final inspection:

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

A. FACHMENT A



CITY OF LOS ALTOS GENERAL APPLICATION

Type of Review Requested: (Check all b	Permit #	11062				
One-Story Design Review	Sign Review	Multiple-Famil	y Review			
Two-Story Design Review	Sidewalk Display Permit	Rezoning				
Variance(s)	Use Permit	R1-S Overlay				
Lot Line Adjustment						
Tentative Map/Division of Land						
Subdivision Map Review Commercial Design Review Other:						
Project Address/Location: 1865	ESTATE DR.	***************************************				
Project Proposal/Use: SINGL	E FAMILY RESID	WITAL	to the second se			
Current Use of Property: SWOL	E FAMILY	*				
Assessor Parcel Number(s) 193-1	36 - 023 Site A	rea:				
New Sq. Ft.: 100 /020 Remode	eled Sq. Ft.: 800 Existin	ng Sq. Ft. to Remai	n:_ 3/85			
Total Existing Sq. Ft.: 3907	Total Proposed Sq. Ft. (includ	ling basement):	1280 4781			
Applicant's Name: CHRIS A	NDERSON DESIG	U DIS COVE	RIES			
Home Telephone #: 225-960	1924 Business Telep	hone #: <u>650-9</u>	196.3489			
Mailing Address: 1647 QUA	TL CT.					
City/State/Zip Code:	10RE CA 99550)				
Property Owner's Name: CRATE	- & BEAT MENDE	$\sqrt{}$				
Home Telephone #:	Business Teleph		43-5725			
Mailing Address: 1265 65						
City/State/Zip Code: LOS AC	TATE DR. 105 CA. 94024					
Architect/Designer's Name: OHRIS	s ANDERSON T	elephone #: _650	1-996-3989			
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* * * If your project includes complete or partial demolition of an existing residence or commercial building, a demolition permit must be issued and finaled prior to obtaining your building permit. Please contact the Building Division for a demolition package. * * *

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Planning Division
OCT 28 2014 (650) 947-2750
Planning@losaltosca.gov
CITY OF LOS ALTOS

NEIGHBORHOOD COMPATIBILLATIVE ORKSHEET

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 1st 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 35mm 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.

 Address: 1265 E. ATE OR Date: 0CT: 21, 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: /2, 000 square feet Lot dimensions: Length /50 feet Width 80 feet If your lot is significantly different than those in your neighborhood, then note its: area, length, and
2.	width Setback of homes to front property line: (Pgs. 8-11 Design Guidelines)
	Existing front setback if home is a remodel? What % of the front facing walls of the neighborhood homes are at the front setback <u>\$0</u> % Existing front setback for house on left
3.	Garage Location Pattern: (Pg. 19 Design Guidelines)
	Indicate the relationship of garage locations in your neighborhood* only or your street (count for each type) Garage facing front projecting from front of house face Garage facing front recessed from front of house face Garage in back yard Garage facing the side Number of 1-car garages 2-car garages 3-car garages

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4.	Single or Two-Story Homes:
	What % of the homes in your neighborhood* are: One-story <u>20</u> Two-story <u>90%</u>
5.	Roof heights and shapes:
	Is the overall height of house ridgelines generally the same in your neighborhood*? Are there mostly hip , gable style , or other style roofs*? Do the roof forms appear simple or complex ? Do the houses share generally the same eave height ?
6.	Exterior Materials: (Pg. 22 Design Guidelines)
	What siding materials are frequently used in your neighborhood*?
	wood shingle _X stucco board & batten _X clapboard tile stone _X brick combination of one or more materials (if so, describe)
	What roofing materials (wood shake/shingle, asphalt shingle, flat tile, rounded tile, cement tile, slate) are consistently (about 80%) used?
	If no consistency then explain: WOOD SHAKE & ASPHALT SHINGLE
7.	Architectural Style: (Appendix C, Design Guidelines)
	Does your neighborhood* have a <u>consistent</u> identifiable architectural style? YES NO
	Type? Ranch □ Shingle □ Tudor □ Mediterranean/Spanish □ Contemporary □ Colonial □ Bungalow □ Other

Dat	e: OCT. 21.2014
8.	Lot Slope: (Pg. 25 Design Guidelines)
	Does your property have a noticeable slope?
	What is the direction of your slope? (relative to the street)
	Is your slope higher lower same 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.)?
	BIGTREES AND LAWN ARE TYPICAL THROUGH
	How visible are your house and other houses from the street or back neighbor's property? FAIRY USIBUE
	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)? NO AND TITE R. F. W. IS LAWO GOAPE
10.	Width of Street:
	What is the width of the roadway paving on your street in feet? 30
	Is there a parking area on the street or in the shoulder area? <u>YES</u> Is the shoulder area (unimproved public right-of-way) paved, unpaved,
	gravel, landscaped, and/or defined with a curb/gutter?

Address: 1865 E., 797 E DR.
Date: 007. 21 2014

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.:

EACH HOME ON THIS STREET ARE FAIRLY CONSISTANT AS THEY WERE ALL DEVELOPED BY THE SYMPE DEVELOPED W/ TYPILAT ROOFS
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General Study

A.	Have major visible street	scape	chang	ges occurred	in your	neighborhood?
		YES	X	NO		

B.	Do you	think					were	originally	built	at	the
same	e time?		DX.	Y	ES	NO					

C.	Do the lots in your	neighborho	od appear to	be the same size?
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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?

YES INO

Address: 1265 ESTATE DR.

Date: 0CT. 21. 2014

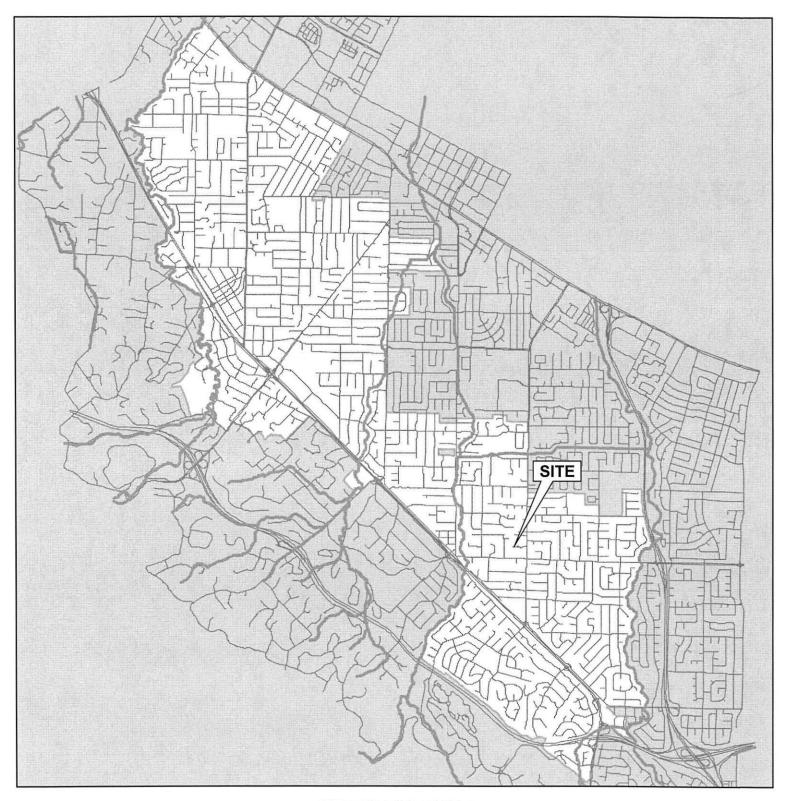
Summary Table

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 setback	Rear setback	Garage location	One or two stories	Height	Materials	Architecture (simple or complex)
12/3 KSTITE	25'		FRONT	Two	271	STUCED SHAKE	Simple
1275 ESTATE	25'		FRONT	Two	24'	STUCCO / BROKE	SIMPLE
126/ ESTATE	25'		FRONT	Two	251	STUCCOFBRIL	SIMPLE
1250 ESTATE	25'		FRONT	TWO	24	STUCCO/BRICK COMP.	SIMPLE
1262 ESTATE	25		5-10K	TWO	23/	STUCCO BRICK- WD. SHAKA	SIMPLE
1268 ESTATE	25'		FRONT	TWO	24	HORIZ SOING WO. SHALE	SIMPLE
1274 ESTATE	25		SIDE	Two	23'	H.SIDING BAK.	SIMPLE
1276 ESTATE	25'		FRONT	700	23'	WOOD SHK.	SIMPLE.
1219 LICA CT.	25'		Front	ONE	15'	STUCCO	SIMPLE
1240	20'		510K	ONE	15	STUDIO	SIMIL

TTACHMENT C

AREA MAP



CITY OF LOS ALTOS

APPLICATION: 14-SC-41

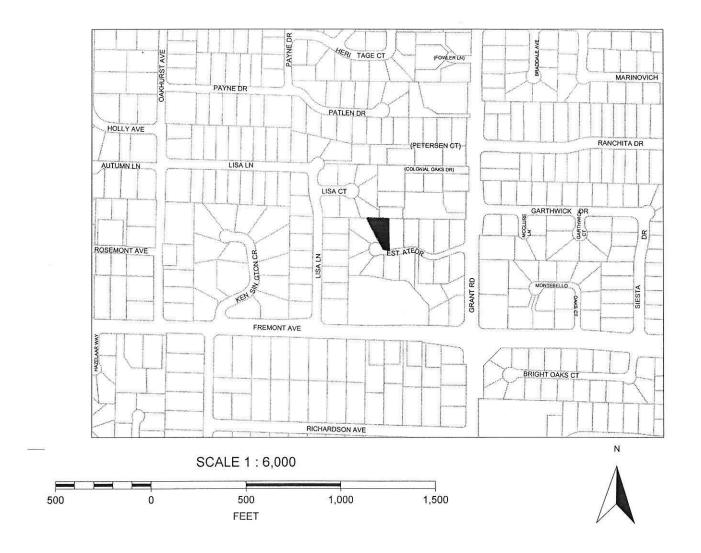
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SITE ADDRESS: 1265 Estate Drive



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VICINITY MAP



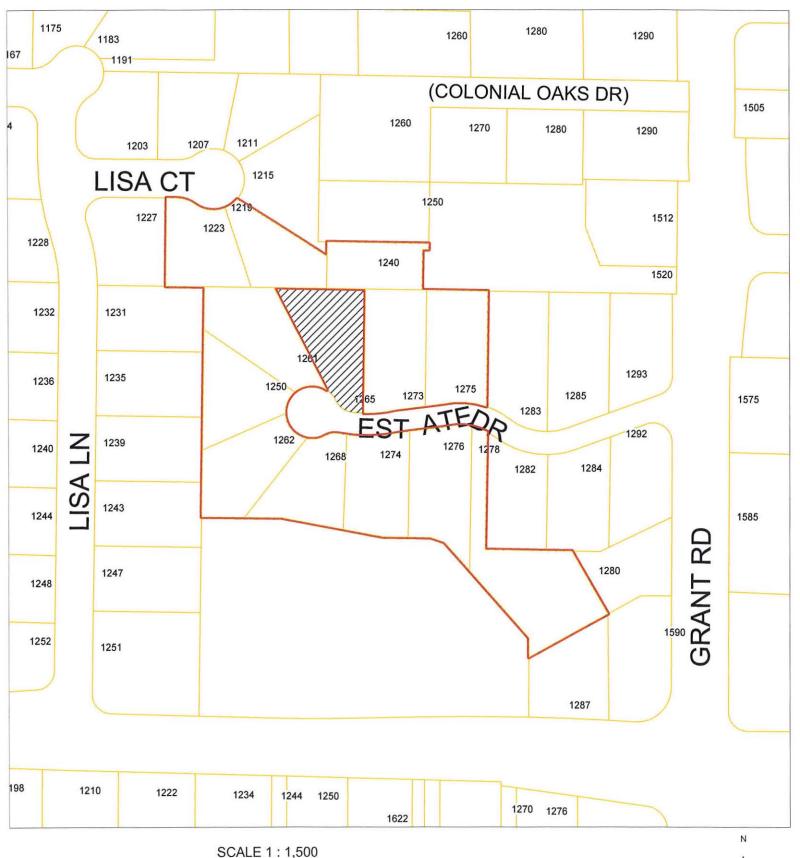
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APPLICATION: 14-SC-41

APPLICANT: Design Discoveries /C. and B. Menden

SITE ADDRESS: 1265 Estate Drive

1265 Estate Drive Notification Map



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