

TO: Design Review Commission
FROM: Sean K. Gallegos, Associate Planner
SUBJECT: 16-SC-35 - 216 Sunkist Lane

## RECOMMENDATION:

Approve design review application 16-SC-35 subject to the listed findings and conditions

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This is a design review application for a new two-story house. The project includes 2,537 square feet on the first story and 1,180 square feet on the second story. The following table summarizes the project's technical details:

| General Plan Designation: | Single-Family, Residential |
| :--- | :--- |
| Zoning: | R1-10 |
| Parcel Size: | 10,625 square feet |
| Materials: | Concrete tile roof, smooth finish stucco siding, stone |
|  | veneer wainscoting, precast concrete trim and wood |
|  | doors |


|  | Existing | Proposed | Allowed/Required |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Coverage: | 2,754 square feet | 3,167 square feet | 3,188 square feet |
| Floor ArEA: |  |  |  |
| First floor | 2,629 square feet | 2,537 square feet |  |
| Second floor | - | 1,180 square feet |  |
| Total | 2,629 square feet | 3,717 square feet | 3,719 square feet |
|  |  |  |  |
| SETBACKS: | 23 feet | 25 feet | 25 feet |
| Front (Almond Ave) | 25 feet | 25 feet | 25 feet |
| Rear | 14.4 feet | 14 feet | 14 feet |
| Exterior side (Sunkist Lane $)$ | 18.5 feet $/ 17.5$ feet | 7 feet $/ 14.5$ feet |  |
| Interior side $\left(1^{\text {st }} / 2^{\text {nd }}\right)$ | 18.5 feet | 23.5 feet | 27 feet |
| HEIGHT: | 16 feet |  |  |

## BACKGROUND

On October 4, 2017, the Design Review Commission held a public meeting to consider the proposed project. Following public comment and discussion, the Commission voted unanimously to continue the project with the following direction:

- Revise the design to increase the interior side yard setback from 345 Almond Avenue;
- Improve the second story window placement on all elevations;
- Provide a line-of-sight study for the second story windows facing the interior side yard; and
- Revise the interior side yard landscape plan to include additional evergreen screening;

The October 4, 2017 Design Review Commission meeting minutes, agenda report and project plans are attached for reference (Attachments B, C and E).

## DISCUSSION

In response to the Commission's direction, the applicant revised the plans to increase the left (interior) side yard setback for the first story, reduced window sizes and increased sill heights for second story windows along the left side, updated the landscape plan and provide a sight line study.

The revised plans include increasing the first story left (interior) side yard setback from ten feet to 13 feet, six inches, which diminishes the perceived bulk impacts of the left elevation. While the building continues to appear complex in massing and roof form, the elevations were revised to replace the bulker cast stone trim with stucco finished wood trim, which diminishes the bulkier appearance of the structure. Overall, the design works within the diverse character neighborhood because the scale of the architectural elements and roof forms are similar to the range of houses within the context.

The Commission raised concerns regarding potential privacy impacts from the left side, second story windows. Along the left elevation, the second story windows in bedroom No. 3 and the master bedroom have been reduced in size with sill heights increased from three feet to 4.5 feet. Due to the window placements, smaller window sizes and increased sill heights, these windows do not create any unreasonable privacy impacts. While the window revisions do not modify the second story windows on all elevations, the project appears to generally meet to the Single-Family Residential Design Guidelines recommendation for elevations to incorporate windows visually related to one another and part of a larger design composition. Overall, the project design has architectural integrity and the window placement, design and materials are compatible with the surrounding neighborhood.

The Commission also raised concerns that the proposed landscaping would not provide sufficient privacy screening along the left property line. To address the Commission's direction related to landscaping, the pittosporum tobira evergreen shrub was replaced with Japanese mock orange evergreen shrubs. As indicated on sheet L-1, this fast-growing evergreen shrub will grow to a height of 12 feet with a spread of four feet, which reduces privacy impacts to the adjacent property. A sight line study is provided on Sheet 4 , and it shows the revisions result in a reasonable degree of privacy for the adjacent property at 345 Almond Avenue. A cover letter from the applicant that provides additional information about the project revisions is included in Attachment A.

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## CORRESPONDENCE

Staff received correspondence from the neighbor at 345 Almond Avenue expressing support for the revised project. This letter is included in Attachment D.

## ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

This project is categorically exempt from environmental review under Section 15303 of the California Environmental Quality Act because it involves the construction of a single-family dwelling in a residential zone.

## PUBLIC CONTACT

A public meeting notice was posted on the property and mailed to 12 nearby property owners on Sunkist Lane, Almond Avenue and Alicia Way.

Cc: Weidong Chen, Applicant and Owner
Tri Hong, Designer
Attachments:
A. Cover Letter
B. Design Review Commission Meeting Minutes, October 4, 2017
C. Design Review Commission Agenda Report, October 4, 2017
D. Correspondence
E. Project Plans (Partial), August 16, 2017
F. Materials and Color Board

## Design Review Commission

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## FINDINGS

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With regard to the new two-story house, the Design Review Commission finds the following in accordance with Section 14.76.050 of the Municipal Code:
a. The proposed new house complies with all provision of this chapter;
b. The height, elevations, and placement on the site of the new house, 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 new house 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 new house has been designed to follow the natural contours of the site with minimal grading, minimum impervious cover, and maximum erosion protection.

## CONDITIONS

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## GENERAL

1. Approved Plans

The approval is based on the plans and materials received on December 7, 2017, except as may be modified by these conditions.
2. Protected Trees

The new street trees and privacy screening species shall be protected under this application and cannot be removed without a tree removal permit from the Community Development Director.
3. Encroachment Permit

An encroachment permit shall be obtained from the Engineering Division prior to doing any work within the public right-of-way including the street shoulder. All work within the public street right-of-way shall be in compliance with the City's Shoulder Paving Policy.
4. New Fireplaces

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.
5. Landscaping

The landscape plan is subject to the City's Water Efficient Landscape Regulations pursuant to Chapter 12.36 of the Municipal Code.
6. Fire Sprinklers

Fire sprinklers shall be required pursuant to Section 12.10 of the Municipal Code.

## 7. Underground Utilities

Any new utility service drops shall be located underground from the nearest convenient existing pole pursuant to Chapter 12.68 of the Municipal Code.
8. Indemnity and Hold Harmless

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.

## PRIOR TO BUILDING PERMIT SUBMITTAL

9. Conditions of Approval

Incorporate the conditions of approval into the title page of the plans.
10. Tree Protection Note

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."

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## 11. Water Efficient Landscape Plan

Provide a landscape documentation package prepared by a licensed landscape professional showing how the project complies with the City's Water Efficient Landscape Regulations and include signed statements from the project's landscape professional and property owner.

## 12. Green Building Standards

Provide 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 Designer/Architect and property owner.
13. Underground Utility Location

Show the location of underground utilities pursuant to Section 12.68 of the Municipal Code. Underground utility trenches shall avoid the drip-lines of all protected trees unless approved by the project arborist and the Planning Division.

## 14. Air Conditioner Sound Rating

Show the location of any air conditioning units on the site plan and the manufacturer's specifications showing the sound rating for each unit.
15. Storm Water Management

Show how the project is in 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.).

## PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF BUILDING OR DEMOLITION PERMIT

## 16. Tree Protection

Tree protection fencing shall be installed around the driplines of the existing trees 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 and shall not be removed until all building construction has been completed unless approved by the Planning Division.

## PRIOR TO FINAL INSPECTION

## 17. Landscaping Installation and Verification

Provide a landscape Certificate of Completion, signed by the project's landscape professional and property owner, verifying that the trees, landscaping and irrigation were installed per the approved landscape documentation package.

## 18. Green Building Verification

Submit verification that the house was built in compliance with the City's Green Building Ordinance (Section 12.26 of the Municipal Code).

# ATTACHMENT A <br>  

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Dear Commissioners,

We have followed the directions given to us by Commissioner Moison.

First, we have provided a line-of-sight study on sheet 4 on delta 3 .
Secondly, we have revised the interior side yard landscape plan to address the neighbors' concerns of privacy. There is an attached letter confirming their satisfaction with the revisions made.

Next, we are raising the backyard window sill height per the recommendation of the city planner (Sean Gallegos). Please see revised rear elevation on sheet A3.2.

Lastly, we have redesigned the floor plan to increase the interior side yard setback, and have the approval of the neighbors that can also be confirmed in the attached letter.

Regards,
Tri Hong 408-829-6083


# MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2017 BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M. AT LOS ALTOS CITY HALL, ONE NORTH SAN ANTONIO ROAD, LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA 

## ESTABLISH QUORUM

PRESENT: Chair Glew and Commissioners Kirik and Moison
ABSENT: Vice-Chair Harding and Commissioner Zoufonoun
STAFF: Current Planning Services Manager Dahl and Associate Planner Gallegos

## PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

## ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

## CONSENT CALENDAR

## 1. Design Review Commission Minutes <br> Approve minutes of the regular meeting of September 20, 2017.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Moison, seconded by Commissioner Kirik, the Commission approved the minutes of the September 20, 2017 Regular Meeting as written. The motion passed by the following vote: AYES: Glew, Kirik, and Moison; NOES: None; ABSENT: Harding and Zoufonoun; ABSTAIN: None. (3-0)

## DISCUSSION

## 2. 16-SC-35-W. Chen and Z. Wang - 216 Sunkist Lane

Design review for a new two-story house. The proposed project includes 2,537 square feet at the first story and 1,180 square feet at the second story. Project Planner: Gallegos

Associate Planner Gallegos presented the staff report, recommending approval of the design review application, and noted that a public comment letter had been submitted.

Project designer Tri Hung presented the application, noting that the interior side yard setback had been increased to minimize impacts on the adjacent property.

## Public Comment

Resident and neighbor Ed Roos expressed concerns about how close the new house will be to his property.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Moison, seconded by Commissioner Kirik, the Commission continued design review application 16-SC-35 with the following direction:

- Provide a line-of-sight study for the second story windows facing the interior side yard;
- Revise the interior side yard landscape plan to include additional evergreen screening;
- Improve the second story window placement on all elevations; and

- Revise the design to increase the interior side yard setback from 345 Almond Avenue. The motion passed by the following vote: AYES: Glew, Kirik, and Moison; NOES: None; ABSENT: Harding and Zoufonoun; ABSTAIN: None. (3-0)


## 3. $\mathbf{1 7 - S C}-13$ - SC Design Group - 1289 Eureka Avenue

Design Review for a new two-story house. The project includes 2,390 square feet on the first story and 1,051 square feet on the second story. This application was continued from the July 19, 2017 Design Review Commission meeting. Project Planner: Dabl

Planning Services Manager Dahl presented the staff report, recommending approval of the design review application and noted that five public comment letter had been submitted.

The property owner and project architect presented the project and outlined how the revised design addressed the Commission's direction.

## Public Comment

Residents Ellen Schwartz, Marvin Schwartz and Henry Chen expressed concerns about the project related to neighborhood compatibility, two-story bulk and mass, exterior materials and safety issues with the driveway.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Moison, seconded by Commissioner Kirik, the Commission approved design review application 17-SC-13 per the staff report findings and conditions. The motion passed by the following vote: AYES: Glew, Kirik, and Moison; NOES: None; ABSENT: Harding and Zoufonoun; ABSTAIN: None. (3-0)

## 4. 17-SC-25 - Owen Signature Homes - 167 Garland Way

Design Review for a new one-story house with a height that exceeds 20 feet. The project includes a new 4,757 square-foot one-story house with a maximum height of 22 feet. Project Planner: Dabl

Planning Services Manager Dahl presented the staff report, recommending approval of the design review application 17-SC-25 subject to the listed findings and conditions.

Project applicant Shaun Owen presented the project.

## Public Comment

Resident Charles Rodgers expressed support for the project. Resident Ronald DuVal expressed support for the project design, noted concern related to the proposed left side and rear yard setbacks.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Moison, seconded by Commissioner Kirik, the Commission approved design review application 17-SC-25 per the staff report findings and conditions. The motion passed by the following vote: AYES: Glew, Kirik, and Moison; NOES: None; ABSENT: Harding and Zoufonoun; ABSTAIN: None. (3-0)

## COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None.

## POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

## ADJOURNMENT

Chair Glew adjourned the meeting at 9:05 PM.


Current Planning Services Manager

DATE: October 4, 2017
AGENDA ITEM \# 2

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R1-10
10,625 square feet
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| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
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| Interior side $\left(1^{\text {st }} / 2^{\text {nd }}\right)$ | 18.5 feet | 10 feet $/ 17.5$ feet | 7 feet $/ 14.5$ feet |
| HEIGHT: | 16 feet | 23.5 feet | 27 feet |

## BACKGROUND

## Neighborhood Context

The subject property is located on the northwest corner of the Sunkist Lane at the intersection with Almond Avenue. The immediate neighborhoods, both along Almond Avenue and Sunkist Lane, are considered Diverse Character neighborhoods as defined in the City's Residential Design Guidelines. The houses in these neighborhood contexts are a mix of one- and two-story with varying front setbacks, architectural styles, and the lots have varying sizes. There is not a distinctive street tree pattern along Sunkist Lane and Almond Avenue; however, there are mature trees and landscaping.

## Zoning Compliance

## DISCUSSION

## Design Review

According to the Design Guidelines, in Diverse Character Neighborhoods, good neighbor design has its own design integrity while incorporating some design elements, materials and scale found in the neighborhood.

The house is a contemporary style house with rectangular forms and simple massing and details that relate well to the low-scale, Ranch style houses in the neighborhood context. The houses in the immediate context on Sunkist Lane have consistent setbacks, massing and scale, in which the proposed house is consistent. The design elements include hipped roofs, defined entry, horizontal porch and a low, nine-foot tall first story, eave line with deep overhangs. The project design includes high quality materials, such as a concrete tile roof, smooth finish stucco siding, stone veneer wainscoting, precast concrete trim and wood doors, which are high quality materials and appropriate for the architectural design and character of the area. Overall, the project design has architectural integrity and the design and materials are compatible with the surrounding neighborhood.

The project is designed to be compatible with the scale and bulk of surrounding houses. The front elevation massing is broken up with the horizontal eaves lines, projecting porch entry and covered porch. The second floor is centered over the first story and visually softened by being recessed within the roofline of the structure and it is broken up with two gable roof forms. While the building appears complex in massing and roof form and incorporates bulkier precast concrete trim detail, the design works within the diverse neighborhood because the scale of the architectural elements and roof forms are similar to the range of houses within the context.

## Privacy

The proposed rear elevation, which faces the interior (west) side property line, includes four second story windows. These windows include one medium-sized window in the master bathroom with a three-foot sill height, one large window in the master bedroom with a two-foot sill height, a group of three small stairwell windows with 13 -foot sill height from the stairwell landing, and one large window in bedroom No. 3 with a two-foot sill height. Although, the elevation is oriented toward the functional
rear yard, the elevation is actually along the interior (west) side yard property line. These windows maintain a reasonable degree of privacy due to being between 23 and 34 feet from the interior side property line, which exceeds the minimum required setback of 14.5 feet. In addition, the site plan includes a new six-foot tall solid fence with two-foot of lattice along the side and rear property lines, and the landscaping plan includes extensive evergreen screening trees along the side and rear property lines, which will further screen any potential views toward adjacent properties and maintain a reasonable level of privacy.

## Landscaping

The project includes a comprehensive landscaping plan for the property, which includes nine new trees and 19 evergreen screening trees. The three trees in the exterior side yard along Sunkist Lane and three trees in the interior side yard will be maintained, with four smaller treesalong the interior side property line proposed for removal. The evergreen screening trees include pittosporum tobira along the interior side property line and fraser photina along the rear (north) property line. Since the project is a new house and includes at least 500 square feet of new landscaping, the project is subject to the Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance. Overall, the landscaping plan meets the City's landscaping regulations and street tree guidelines.

## ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

This project is categorically exempt from environmental review under Section 15303 of the California Environmental Quality Act because it involves the construction of a single-family dwelling in a residential zone.

## PUBLIC CONTACT

A public meeting notice was posted on the property and mailed to 12 nearby property owners on Sunkist Lane, Almond Avenue and Alicia Way.

## Cc: Weidong Chen, Applicant and Owner <br> Tri Hong, Designer

Attachments:
A. Application
B. Neighborhood Compatibility Worksheet
C. Area, Vicinity and Public Notification Maps

## FINDINGS

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With regard to the new two-story house, the Design Review Commission finds the following in accordance with Section 14.76 .050 of the Municipal Code:
a. The proposed new house complies with all provision of this chapter;
b. The height, elevations, and placement on the site of the new house, 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 new house 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 new house has been designed to follow the natural contours of the site with minimal grading, minimum impervious cover, and maximum erosion protection.

## CONDITIONS

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## GENERAL

1. Approved Plans

The approval is based on the plans and materials received on August 16, 2017, except as may be modified by these conditions.
2. Protected Trees

The new street trees and privacy screening species shall be protected under this application and cannot be removed without a tree removal permit from the Community Development Director.
3. Encroachment Permit

An encroachment permit shall be obtained from the Engineering Division prior to doing any work within the public right-of-way including the street shoulder. All work within the public street right-of-way shall be in compliance with the City's Shoulder Paving Policy.
4. New Fireplaces

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5. Landscaping

The landscape plan is subject to the City's Water Efficient Landscape Regulations pursuant to Chapter 12.36 of the Municipal Code.

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## PRIOR TO BUILDING PERMIT SUBMITTAL

## 9. Conditions of Approval

Incorporate the conditions of approval into the title page of the plans.

## 10. Tree Protection Note

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."

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11. Water Efficient Landscape Plan

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12. Green Building Standards

Provide 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 Designer/Architect and property owner.
13. Underground Utility Location

Show the location of underground utilities pursuant to Section 12.68 of the Municipal Code. Underground utility trenches shall avoid the drip-lines of all protected trees unless approved by the project arborist and the Planning Division.
14. Air Conditioner Sound Rating

Show the location of any air conditioning units on the site plan and the manufacturer's specifications showing the sound rating for each unit.

## 15. Storm Water Management

Show how the project is in 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.).

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## 16. Tree Protection

Tree protection fencing shall be installed around the driplines of the existing trees 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 and shall not be removed until all building construction has been completed unless approved by the Planning Division.

## PRIOR TO FINAL INSPECTION

## 17. Landscaping Installation

All landscaping, street trees and privacy screening trees shall be maintained and/or installed as shown on the approved plans or as required by the Planning Division.

## 18. Green Building Verification

Submit verification that the house was built in compliance with the City's Green Building Ordinance (Section 12.26 of the Municipal Code).
19. Water Efficient Landscaping Verification

Provide a landscape Certificate of Completion, signed by the project's landscape professional and property owner, verifying that the landscaping and irrigation were installed per the approved landscape documentation package.

Design Review Commission
16-SC-35-216 Sunkist Lane
October 4, 2017

## CITY OF LOS ALTOS

GENERAL APPLICATION

## Type of Review Requested: (Check all boxes that apply)

Permit \# 1107339

|  | One-Story Design Review |  | Commercial/Multi-Family |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\times$ | 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: 216 Sunkist Lane, Los Altos, CA 94022 Project Proposal/Use: Single family Current Use of Property: Single family Assessor Parcel Numbers): $170-22-042$ Site Area: 10,625 Sf. New Sq. Ft: 3167 Altered/Rebuill Sq. Ft.: $\quad \varnothing$ Existing Sq. Ft. to Remain: $\quad \varnothing$ Total Existing Sq. Ft: $\quad 2754$ Total Proposed Sq. Ft. (including basement): $3 / 67$ SPf. Is the site fully accessible for City Staff inspection? $\qquad$ yes

Applicant's Name: Weidory Chen
Telephone No.: 650-223-9924 Email Address: wdschen@yahoo.com
Mailing Address: - 660 Glenbrook Dr
City/State/Zip Code: Pale A 1 to, CA 94306
Property Owner's Name: Weidong Chen, Zhulun Wang Telephone No:: $\frac{650-223-9924 \text { Email Address: Wdschen @yahoo .cum }}{\text { @ }}$ Mailing Address: 660 Glenbrook Dr
City/State/Zip Code: Pale A to, CA 94306
Architect/Designer's Name: Mri Hong
Telephone No.: 408-829-6083 Email Address: tdhdesign@hotmail.com
Mailing Address: 19034 Bonnet Way
City/SatelZip Code: Sara tog a, CA 95070

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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 $1^{n t}$ 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 2/6 Sunkist Lare
Scope of Project: Addition or Remodel $\quad$ _ or New Home_ Age of existing home if this project is to be an addition or remodel? $\qquad$ Is the existing house listed on the City's Historic Resources Inventory? No

Address: $\qquad$

## 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*:



If your lot is significantly different than those in your neighborhood, then note its: area $\qquad$ length $\qquad$ , and width $\qquad$ .
2. Setback of homes to front property line: (Ps. $8-11$ 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 $80 \%$
Existing front setback for house on left $\qquad$ ft ./on right
$\qquad$ Do the front setbacks of adjacent houses line up? NO, due to winding street.
3. Garage Location Pattern: (Po. 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 $\qquad$
Garage facing front recessed from front of house face $\qquad$
Garage in back yard $\qquad$
Garage facing the side $\qquad$
Number of 1-car garages $\qquad$ : 2-car garages $\qquad$ ; 3-car garages $\qquad$

Address:
Date: $\qquad$
4. Single or Two-Story Homes:

What \% of the homes in your neighborhood* are:
One-story $\frac{80 \%}{20 \%}$

## 5. Roof heights and shapes:

Is the overall height of house ridgelines generally the same in your neighborhood*? $\qquad$
Are there mostly hip $\mathbb{X}$, 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 $\nu_{0}$ ?
6. Exterior Materials: (Pg. 22 Design Guidelines)

What siding materials are frequently used in your neighborhood*?
_ wood shingle _ stucco _ board \& batten _ clapboard
— rile _ stone $\bar{X}$ brick $\bar{X}$ combination of one or more materials (if so, describe) wood siding
What roofing materials (wood shake/shingle, asphalt shingle, flat tile, rounded tile, cement tile, slate) are consistently (about $80 \%$ ) used?

7. Architectural Style: (Appendix C, Design Guidelines)

Does your neighborhood* have a consistent identifiable architectural style? - YES \& NO

Type? Х Ranch ■ Shingle Tudor ■Mediterranean/Spanish Contemporary Colonial $X$ Bungalow $X$ Other

Address: $\qquad$
8. Lot Slope: (Pg. 25 Design Guidelines)

Does your property have a noticeable slope? $\qquad$
What is the direction of your slope? (relative to the street)
Generally flat

Is your slope higher $\qquad$ lower $\qquad$ same $\qquad$ 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 (ie. big trees, front lawns, sidewalks, curbs, landscape to street edge, etc.)? The landscaping around the street and neighbortiood
The landscaping aroma the street and neighborhood
is mixed with fall thees, shrasr, medium of smalt thees
No consistency.

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

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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)?
the front your and property frontage ave mixed wits gravel, small tees, shrubs, and mulch.

## 10. Width of Street:

What is the width of the roadway paving on your street in feet? $60^{\prime}$ Is there a parking area on the street or in the shoulder area? yes Is the shoulder area (unimproved public right-of-way) paved, unpaved, gravel, landscaped, and/or defined with a curb/gutter? unpaved.

Address: $\qquad$

## 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.:

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## General Study

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

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\text { D YES } \square \text { NO }
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B. Do you think that most $(\sim 80 \%)$ of the homes were originally built at the same time? YES XO
C. Do the lots in your neighborhood appear to be the same size?

D. Do the lot widths appear to be consistent in the neighborhood?

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

Y YES $\square$ NO
1:. 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 NO }
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H. Docs the new exterior remodel or new construction design you are planning relate in most ways to the prevailing styles) in your existing neighborhood?


## 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) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 196 Sunkist | $\pm 27^{\prime}$ | $\pm 20^{\prime}$ | side | / | $\pm 16^{\prime}$ | comp. shingle woos siding | simple |
| 197 Sunkist | $\pm 25^{\prime}$ | $\pm 30^{\prime}$ | Front | 1 | $\pm 17{ }^{\prime}$ | Comp shingle woop siding | simple |
| 215 Sunkist | $\pm 25^{\prime}$ | $\pm 15^{\prime}$ | Front | / | $\pm 16^{\prime}$ | wD shingle batt \& soned | simple |
| 241 Sunkist | $\pm 30^{\prime}$ | $\pm 25^{\prime}$ | side | 2 | $\pm 30^{\prime}$ | comp single wo siding | complex. |
| 257 Sunkist | $\pm 35^{\prime}$ | $\pm 33^{\prime}$ | side | 1 | $\pm 18^{\prime}$ | wD shingle wo siding | simple. |
| 236 Sunkist | $\pm 25^{\prime}$ | $\pm 1^{\prime}$ | Kear | 1 | $\pm 18^{\prime}$ | wo slimgle wD siding | simple |
| 254 sunkist. | $\pm 35^{\prime}$ | $\pm 30^{\prime}$ | Rear | 1 | $\pm 21^{\prime}$ | comp. shingle Stucco | Complex |
| $27 C$ Sunkist | $\pm 32^{\prime}$ | $\pm 37^{\prime}$ | Front | 2 | $\pm 20^{\prime}$ | comp. Shingle wo siding. | complex |
| 345 Almond | $\pm 25^{\prime}$ | $\pm 38^{\prime}$ | Front | 1 | $\pm 171$ | Comp. shingle <br> bat1 \$ bannd. Suit | simple |
| 365 Almond | $\pm 20^{\prime}$ | $\pm 50^{\prime}$ | Front | 1 | $\pm 17^{\prime}$ | Tile roof batt tborach | somple. |

Neighborhood Compatibility Worksheet
"See "What constitutes your neighborhood", (page 2),

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## ATTACHMENT C



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APPLICATION: 16-SC-35
APPLICANT: W. Chen and Z. Wang
SITE ADDRESS: 216 Sunkist Lane

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## VICINITY MAP



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## 216 Sunkist Lane Notinıcation Map



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## ATTACHMENT D

## 216 Sunkist Lane Home Design

S. Chen

Sara and I meet with Steven Chen on Oct 7, 2017 to discuss the proposed home changes on $\underline{216}$ Sunkist Lane. Steve's architect showed us a revised set of plans, which satisfied Sara's and my concerns. The plans address the distance between the homes and privacy issues.

With regards to landscaping the side yard adjoining our home, plants such as Japanese mock orange would be an acceptable choice.

We support the Chen's new home.

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## CHEN RESIDENCE 216 SUNKIST LANE, LOS ALTOS A.P.N. 170-22-024



BEHR - \#ECC-57-2 SHADY WHITE


MOON VALLEY ECC-44-2 (BEHR)

'BORAL ROOFING' SAXONY 900 APPALACHIAN BLEND

## EXTERIOR MATERIALS \& COLOR

- ROOFING: FLAT CONCRETE TILE ROOF 'BORAL ROOFING' SAXONY 900 APPALACHIAN BLEND
- EXTERIOR WALL (BODY): BEHR - \#ECC-57-2 SHADY WHITE
- EXTERIOR WALL (BASE): 'BORAL' COUNTRY LEDGE STONE VENEER SKYLINE COLOR.
- TRIM \& STILL: COTTAGE WALK ECC-17-1D (BEHR)
- GARAGE DOOR: ALUMINUM SECTIONAL
- EAVE TRIM, GUTTER \& DOWNSPOUT: COTTAGE WALK ECC-17-1D (BEHR)
- DRIVEWAY \& FRONT WALK: PAVER


[^0]:    * 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. *

