

January 25, 2018

To Los Altos Design and Review Commission

RE: 2046 Kent Drive Petition, hearing on January 31, 2018

Please read this into the minutes of the DRC meeting on January 31, 2018.

Just to remind;

The petition to DRC to waive setback, height and structure limits on 2046 Kent Drive is NOT a one-time, one-house decision. This decision will set a precedent and impact the neighborhood for years to come.

Since the last meeting, petitioner has replaced the PVC structure which under-represented the true size of petitioner's project with a red net which, upon information and belief, also underestimates the true size of the project. My understanding is petitioner placed the top of the netting about two feet below petitioner's true intention.

Petitioner's reason for waiving limits may be good, but we do not waive speed limits on our highways and say to one person, for example, you have a good reason to go 66 in a 60 mile zone so go 66 and to another you have a good reason to go 72 so you can go 72 and to another you have a good reason to go 81 so you can go 81. We have a single rule for all no matter how good the extenuating circumstances. So too with our neighborhood. We have limits and an ambience that attracted us to this neighborhood and we want to keep it that way. Otherwise we would have chosen a different neighborhood.

If an individual wishes more land and a larger home than is found in our neighborhood, there are other neighborhoods that will satisfy the size home petitioner desires. In our neighborhood we chose to live here with the expectation that the limits we signed on for will be enforced.

That said, and I understand this is an uncomfortable and awkward decision, but

1. The Petition before the DRC has twice misrepresented to have smaller impact than it does
2. I ask DRC to enforce the current setback limits. We are already on top of one another.
3. I ask the DRC to maintain the atmosphere of the neighborhood's ranch-style low buildings. Petitioner's request is a major departure and should be denied.

Thank you,  
Stephen astor 931 andover

