

## Eliana Hassan

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**From:** dodolo@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Friday, September 27, 2019 8:00 AM  
**To:** Eliana Hassan  
**Subject:** Re: 1683 Parkhills Avenue Design Review Commission Meeting

**Categories:** Public Correspondence

Hello Ellie,

We do have some project feedback we'd like to share. Any comments or guidance are appreciated.

Upon reviewing the proposed plan and accompanying report detailing the project at 1683 Parkhills Avenue (agenda item #3, application SC19-0001), our immediate concern is with the two-story windows on the right side (south-facing, I think, but the report refers to this as north) elevation.

We would prefer there to be no second-story windows facing the property to the south (1691 Parkhills Avenue). If our understanding is correct, the current plan calls for three. Our justification is that their great height advantage over our first-story windows would make it very uncomfortable for us to have our windows open given the lessened privacy. This is of particular concern to us because our first-story windows on the side facing 1683 Parkhills Avenue belong to bedrooms and bathrooms, where privacy is especially appreciated. We noticed that the front and back rooms on the right side of the subject property, as proposed by the plans, already have windows facing forward and rearward. Perhaps skylights could provide additional daytime illumination in other areas, if desired.

We would be interested in knowing what accommodations could be made to lessen these concerns. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Paul

Eliana Hassan <[ehassan@losaltosca.gov](mailto:ehassan@losaltosca.gov)> 於 2019年9月13日 週五 上午8:40寫道 :

Hello Paul,

Thank you for your inquiry. The project has been postponed to the October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 Meeting, and the meeting materials will be published online by September 26, 2019. If you wish to view the project plans, we do have them available at City Hall, however the library copy has not been released yet due to missing sheets. If you do have any comments or concerns about the proposed plans, you can email them to this email address. Any project feedback that is received will be forwarded to the Design Review Commission so that they may take it into consideration. You are also welcome to attend the Design Review Commission meeting if you would like to speak verbally about the project as well. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Ellie Hassan



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**Subject:** 1683 Parkhills Avenue Design Review Commission Meeting

Hi Ellie,

We noticed that the design review commission meeting on September 18, 2019 was cancelled. Will the agenda, as well as any project plans and information, containing details of the project at 1683 Parkhills Avenue be posted online at a later date?

In the meantime, is this information already available at City Hall and/or the Los Altos Library? We are interested in reviewing the project details to see how the proposed plan may impact us, as their neighboring property. Will we still have an opportunity to raise any potential concerns after reviewing the proposal?

Thank you very much for your help.

Kind Regards,

Paul

## Eliana Hassan

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**From:** Steve Golden  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 1, 2019 4:41 PM  
**To:** Cheryl Reicker  
**Cc:** Eliana Hassan  
**Subject:** RE: Comments re October 2 Design Review Commission Meeting: 1683 Parkhills Avenue

**Categories:** Public Correspondence

Thank you for providing your input for this project. Your comments will be provided to the Design Review Commission as part of the public correspondence of this project.

Regards,

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**From:** Cheryl Reicker <cheryl.reicker@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 1, 2019 4:02 PM  
**To:** Zach Dahl <ZDahl@losaltosca.gov>; Steve Golden <sgolden@losaltosca.gov>  
**Subject:** Comments re October 2 Design Review Commission Meeting: 1683 Parkhills Avenue

Hello:

I was reviewing the plans for 1683 Parkhills Avenue and have a couple of concerns/comments. I am providing my comments in writing in advance of the meeting as I will not be able to attend the meeting in person.

1. Though item 4 under General Conditions does state *"Tree nos. 1-7 shall be protected under this application and cannot be removed without a tree removal permit from the Community Development Director"*, the Trees and Landscaping paragraph in the Discussion section only states "The site has seven existing mature trees that **are proposed to remain through the construction process.**" The latter comment make it sound as though those trees can be removed once construction is complete. So there isn't any uncertainty that the property owner can simply take out any tree they want whenever they want, shouldn't that language be more specific, along the lines of *"The site has seven existing mature trees that will remain and cannot be removed without permission from the Community Development Director"*?

2. Though the proposed height of the house meets the zoning maximum of 27 feet, according to the Neighborhood Compatibility Worksheet, the 26.6 ft proposed height is not consistent with the character with the average home in the neighborhood, with the majority having only 18 or 21 foot heights, and only one at 24 feet. The noted steep pitch of other homes in the neighborhood does not counter such a large delta in overall height. With the overall height of the proposed home not in keeping with the overall general character of the neighborhood, I would like to see the proposed one foot reduction of the first story from 10 feet to 9 feet implemented to help reduce the impact of the structures mass and visual.

Thank you for your consideration.

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