



## **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

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I drove by our beautiful new community center this afternoon and noticed something quite odd. There are about 20 reserved spaces right in the front of the building close to the entrance reserved for electric vehicles and EV van pool vehicles plus 2 EV charging stations. I'd love to know who approved reserving the best parking spaces for EVs and EV charging stations. Owning an electric vehicle is a privilege, not a handicap. The City Of Los Altos should not make owning an EV even more of a privilege by allowing EV drivers to park in the best parking spaces in the lot.

Most EV owners are active middle aged professionals who could easily walk from a reserved EV space in the back of the lot. Leave those prime spaces up front for the elderly who may have trouble walking but don't qualify for a Handicap Parking license plate or placard. Don't reward privileged drivers with more privileges. If the city feels it must allocate spaces for EV parking, put them on the back row. Personally, I'm against reserving spaces for anyone except handicapped drivers.

I hope our city council will address what I consider a slap in the face to those residents who can't afford an expensive EV. As I said, don't reward privileged drivers with more privileges.

Ken Girdley  
Los Altos

To: City Council

Date: February 04, 2022

From: Joan Muhlfelder, Laver Court, Los Altos

**WHAT?** Over the past 10 years my adjacent neighbors on Laver had been saying they wanted to remodel their home. Last year I was told that they now planned to remove their house and replace it with two pre-fab structures. One house for the family and the other house for perhaps another family member. I was concerned, but felt the process of review by the City and code issues would determine the end product. I learned that a single story construction needed no neighbor input, approval or hearings. When I was later given notice that two large trees on my property were to be significantly pruned by the neighbor's contractor, in order to allow a crane to place the two houses, **it became clear to me that the two house project was approved and was moving forward.**

**IT WAS HAPPENING.** The original single-story house and foundation were removed. All the landscaping, and trees on the property were removed. The lot was graded, as parts of Laver Court lie on a significant slope. Two new foundations were constructed. The foundation nearest to my lot was quite high, at 52 inches above the ground. How high would the structure be?

**IT HAPPENED.** In January of this year trucks came and brought two pre-fab houses. A crane was used to place the structures onto the two foundations. The structures are both the same shape; rectangular with flat roofs. The houses are parallel to each other and are facing the street. One garage only.

**So What?** Due to the height of the structures and their proximity to my home, I lost most of my outdoor privacy. The garden in my rear area is now completely exposed; height of new structure, facing windows and sliding glass door allow full view of my garden. Height of the new structure is overpowering. From the front and street view, there are now two closely set structures that bear no resemblance to the neighborhood. As one moves up the street, the new roofs are glaring and intrusive. These roofs appear stark and reflect onto and into neighbors' properties.

**Now.** Are not Building Departments and City Council/Commissions of our City responsible to all its residents? New and modern designed houses are welcomed and can revitalize a neighborhood. 'ADUs' are allowed. However, projects that go beyond evolving styles and configurations become eye sores and have negative results for neighboring homes.

**What can now be done** to minimize the results of this project now? **AND**, how can the City of Los Altos prevent similar situations? Addition of an Agenda Item to address this project?