Notification Map ATTACHMENT A



ATTACHMENT B



City of Los Altos

Planning Division

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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 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.

| Project Address 331 Edna Court, Los Altos, CA |
|---|
| Scope of Project: Addition or Remodel or New Home |
| Age of existing home if this project is to be an addition or remodel? 1971 |
| Is the existing house listed on the City's Historic Resources Inventory? No |

Address: 331 Edna Court, Los Altos
Date: 4/20/2022

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: 11,000 | squ | are feet | |
|----|---|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| | Lot dimensions: | Length 100 | feet | |
| | | Width <u>110</u> | feet | |
| | If your lot is signific | antly different tha | an those in you | r neighborhood, then |
| | note its: area | , length | , an | d |
| | width | · | | |
| 2. | Existing front setback What % of the front front setback 60 c Existing front setback 28 ft. | ck if home is a rest t facing walls of the | model? <u>Yes</u> ne neighborhoo | od homes are at the |
| | Do the front setback | ks of adjacent hou | ises line up? <u>No</u> |) |
| | | | | |

3. Garage Location Pattern: (Pg. 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 3____

Garage facing front recessed from front of house face 1____

Garage in back yard 0___

Garage facing the side 0____

Number of 1-car garages__; 2-car garages5__; 3-car garages___

| Addr Date: | ess: 331 Edna Court, Los Altos 4/20/2022 |
|---------------|---|
| 4. | Single or Two-Story Homes: |
| | What % of the homes in your neighborhood* are: One-story 60 Two-story 40 |
| 5. | Roof heights and shapes: |
| | Is the overall height of house ridgelines generally the same in your neighborhood*? Yes 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 Yes? |
| 6. | Exterior Materials: (Pg. 22 Design Guidelines) |
| | What siding materials are frequently used in your neighborhood*? |
| | wood shingle stucco board & batten clapboard tile stone brick combination of one or more materials (if so, describe) there is a wide variety in our neighborhood |
| | What roofing materials (wood shake/shingle, asphalt shingle, flat tile, rounded tile, cement tile, slate) are consistently (about 80%) used? Asphalt shingle & Flat Tile If no consistency then explain: New construction adjacent plans to use Metal Standing Seam |
| 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 |

| Date | e: <u>4/20/2022</u> |
|------------|--|
| 8. | Lot Slope: (Pg. 25 Design Guidelines) |
| | Does your property have a noticeable slope? No |
| | 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: |
| <u>Mos</u> | 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.)? thouses have a front lawn, rolled curbs, mixture of trees |
| Our l | How visible are your house and other houses from the street or back neighbor's property? house is very visible from the front, not so much from the back |
| | 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 are no major existing landscaping features on our property. The public right of way is eway and grass. |
| <u>24</u> | |
| 10. | Width of Street: |
| | What is the width of the roadway paving on your street in feet? 24 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? Paved |

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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.:

Although there is no definitive style, all houses in our neighborhood could be classified as American traditional homes. The roof slopes are similar and the hip/able style roofs are semi-consistent throughout the neighborhood. Our design keeps this trend going.

General Study

| Α. | Have major visible streetscape changes occurred in your neighborhood? YES NO |
|----|---|
| B. | Do you think that most (~ 80%) of the homes were originally built at the etime? YES NO |
| C. | Do the lots in your neighborhood appear to be the same size? YES NO |
| D. | Do the lot widths appear to be consistent in the neighborhood? YES NO |
| E. | Are the front setbacks of homes on your street consistent (~80% within 5 feet)? YES NO |
| F. | Do you have active CCR's in your neighborhood? (p.36 Building Guide) Page 18 NO |
| G. | Do the houses appear to be of similar size as viewed from the street? YES NO |
| Н. | 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 NO |

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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) |
|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------|-----------------|--|
| 361 Edna Court | 25' | 30' | Front | One | 18' | Stone, Brd/Bttn | Simple |
| 351 Edna Court | 27' | 25' | Recessed | Two | 24' | Brick, Brd/Bttn | Simple |
| 341 Edna Court | 28' | 25' | Front | One | 18' | Brd/Bttn | Simple |
| 325 S Gordon Way | 25' | 25' | Front | Two | 25' | Siding | Simple |
| 305 S Gordon Way | 25' | 25' | Front | One | 19' | Siding | Simple |
| 330 S EL MONTE AVE | 30' | 24' | Front | One | 19' | Siding | Simple |
| 354 S EL MONTE AVE | 35' | 14' | Front | One | 18' | Siding | Simple |
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ATTACHMENT C

Kielty Arborist Services LLC

Certified Arborist WE#10724A TRAQ Qualified P.O. Box 6187 San Mateo, CA 94403 650- 532-4418

June 9th, 2022

Quan Nguyen Architectural Designer M•Designs Architects 4131 W. El Camino Real Suite 200. Palo Alto, CA 94306

Site: 331 Edna Court, Los Altos, CA

Dear M Design Architects,

As requested on Wednesday May 18th, 2022, Kielty Arborist Services visited the above site for the purpose of providing a Tree Inventory Report/Tree Protection Plan for the proposed construction. A new home is proposed for this site, and your concern as to the future health and safety of the tree has prompted this visit. The entire 21 page planning package dated 2/24/22 was reviewed for writing this report. This Tree Inventory Report is not a Tree Risk Assessment. As such, no trees were assessed for risk in accordance with industry standards, nor are there any tree risk ratings or risk mitigation recommendations provided within this preservation plan.

Method:

All inspections were made from the ground; the trees were not climbed for this inspection. The trees in question were located on an existing topography map provided by you. The trees were then measured for diameter at 48 inches above ground level (DBH or diameter at breast height). The trees were given a condition rating for form and vitality. The trees condition rating is based on 50 percent vitality and 50 percent form, using the following scale.

F Very Poor

D Poor

C Fair

B Good

A Excellent

The height of the trees were measured using a Nikon Forestry 550 Hypsometer. The spread was paced off. Comments and recommendations for future maintenance are provided.

Survey Key:

DBH-Diameter at breast height (48 inches above grade)

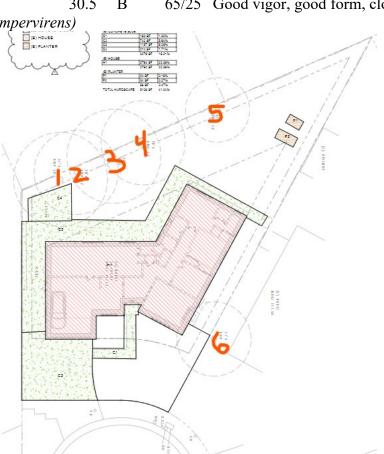
CON- Condition rating

HT/SP-Tree height/canopy spread (in feet)

P- Protected tree by City ordinance. (Protected)

Survey:

| Tree# | Species | DBH | CON | HT/SI | Comments |
|-------------|-----------------------|------------|-----|-------|---|
| 1 P | African Fern Pine | 24.8 | В | 45/30 | Good vigor, fair form, codominant at 6' |
| | (Afrocarpus falcatus) | | | | heavy to the west, good screen. |
| 2 P | African Fern Pine | 20.5 | В | 45/25 | 8) |
| | (Afrocarpus falcatus) | | | | heavy to the west, good screen. |
| 3 P | African Fern Pine | 28.8 | В | 55/25 | Good vigor, fair to poor form, codominant at |
| | (Afrocarpus falcatus) | | | | 6' with included bark, good screen. |
| 4 P | African Fern Pine | 20.9 | В | 50/25 | Good vigor, good form, codominant at 6', |
| | (Afrocarpus falcatus) | | | | good screen. |
| 5 P | Sweet Bay | 21.3 | В | 30/25 | Fair vigor, fair form, codominant at 3', good |
| | (Laurus nobilis) | | | | screen. |
| 6* P | Redwood | 30.5 | В | 65/25 | Good vigor, good form, close to home. |
| 0 1 | (Seguoia semperviren | | D | 03/23 | cood vigor, good form, close to home. |



Showing tree locations



Summary:

The trees surveyed are a mix of imported trees. No native oak trees were found on site. All 6 trees surveyed are protected trees and are to be retained. All 6 trees are in good condition. Trees #1-5 are located along the backyard property line fence. The trees consist of 4 African Fern Pine trees and one Sweet Bay tree. The trees create a dense screen for the property. Minor crown reduction pruning is recommended to reduce risk of limb failure. These trees are recommended to be irrigated every other week during the dry season.

Showing African Fern pine trees at property line



Redwood tree #6 is located on the neighboring property to the north. The tree is in good condition. Redwood trees require frequent supplemental irrigation to maintain a healthy canopy. It is recommended to provide weekly irrigation for the tree at a rate of 30 gallons of water.

Showing Redwood tree #6

Impacts/Recommendations:

The only work taking place near protected trees #1-5 is for the proposed hardscape areas. The work is at the outer edge of the canopies and impacts are expected to be minor to nonexistent. All excavation when underneath the dripline of a protected tree is recommended to be done by hand under the Project Arborist supervision. Roots encountered measuring 2" in diameter or larger within the base rock sections are recommended to be retained by packing rock around roots with the finished hardscape grade on top of existing grade. Impacts are expected to be minor. While this work is taking place, the tree protection zones for trees #1-5 are recommended to be heavily irrigated with 50 gallons of water shared between the trees. This will act as mitigation for the minor impacts to nonexistent impacts.

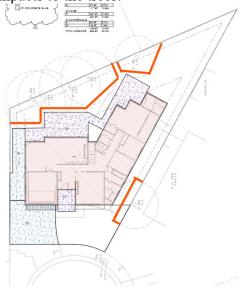
331 Edna Ct. (4)

No impacts are expected for the neighboring Redwood tree as the proposed foundation is in the same location as the existing foundation. Removal of the existing foundation is recommended to be done with care under the Project Arborist supervision. If needed the foundation may needed to be broken down with a jack hammer to not put lifting pressure on roots immediately adjacent to the foundation. This will be decided during the Project Arborist visit to the site. Any roots encountered during the construction of the new foundation are required to be shown to the Project Arborist. Hand excavation under the Project Arborist supervision is required for any reason when working within the dripline of the tree. The following tree protection plan will help to protect the trees during the construction process.

Tree Protection Plan:

Tree Protection Zones

Tree protection zones should be installed and maintained throughout the entire length of the project. Fencing for tree protection zones should be 6' tall, metal chain link material supported by metal 2" diameter poles, pounded into the ground to a depth of no less than 2'. The location for the protective fencing for the protected trees on site should be installed no closer to the trunk than the dripline (canopy spread) in order to protect the integrity of the tree. The location of the tree protection fencing may be modified by the planning director. When it is not possible to place tree protection fencing at the dripline because of the proposed work or existing hardscapes, the tree protection fencing shall be placed at the edge of the proposed work or hardscapes. No equipment or materials shall be stored or cleaned inside the protection zones. Areas where tree protection fencing needs to be reduced for access, should be mulched with 6" of coarse wood chips with ½ inch plywood on top. The plywood boards should be attached together in order to minimize movement. The spreading of chips will help to reduce compaction and improve soil structure. All tree protection measures must be installed prior to any demolition or construction activity at the site. The non-protected trees are recommended to be protected in the same manner as the protected trees on site. No signs, wires, or any other object shall be attached to the trees. If impacts are expected to any of the trees on site, proper mitigation measures will need to be put into action to reduce overall impacts to the trees.



Showing the recommended tree protection fencing

Landscape Buffer

Where tree protection does not cover the entire root zone of the trees, or when a smaller tree protection zone is needed for access, a landscape buffer consisting of wood chips spread to a depth of six inches with plywood or steel plates placed on top will be placed where foot traffic is expected to be heavy. The landscape buffer will help to reduce compaction to the unprotected root zone.

Root Cutting and Grading

Any roots to be cut shall be monitored and documented. Large roots (over 2" diameter) or large masses of roots to be cut must be inspected by the site arborist. The site arborist, at this time, may recommend irrigation or fertilization of the root zone. All roots needing to be cut should be cut clean with a saw or lopper. Roots to be left exposed for a period of time should be covered with layers of burlap and kept moist. The existing grade level around the trees shall be maintained out to the dripline of the trees. Alternate grade levels may be approved with special mitigation measures put in place.

Trenching and Excavation

Trenching for irrigation, drainage, electrical or any other reason shall be done by hand when inside the dripline of a protected tree. Hand digging and the careful placement of pipes below or besides protected roots will significantly reduce root loss, thus reducing trauma to the tree. All trenches shall be backfilled with native materials and compacted to near its original level, as soon as possible. Trenches to be left open for a period of time, will require the covering of all exposed roots with burlap and be kept moist. The trenches will also need to be covered with plywood to help protect the exposed roots.

Irrigation

Normal irrigation should be maintained throughout the entire length of the project for the imported trees. Irrigation should consist of surface flooding, with enough water to wet the entire root zone every other week during the dry season. The top foot of soil shall be saturated.

Inspections

It is the contractor's responsibility to contact the site arborist when work is to take place underneath the canopy or dripline of a protected tree on site. Kielty Arborist Services can be reached by email at davidkieltyarborist@gmail.com or by phone at (650) 532-4418.

The information included in this report is believed to be true and based on sound arboricultural principles and practices.

Sincerely,

David P. Beckham

Certified Arborist WE#10724A David Beckham

Kielty Arborist Services

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ARBORIST DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Arborists are tree specialists who use their education, knowledge, training and experience to examine trees, recommend measures to enhance the beauty and health of trees, and attempt to reduce the risk of living near trees. Clients may choose to accept or disregard the recommendations of the arborist, or seek additional advice.

Arborists cannot detect every condition that could possibly lead to the structural failure of a tree. Trees are living organisms that fail in ways we do not fully understand. Conditions are often hidden within trees and below ground. Arborists cannot guarantee that a tree will be healthy or safe under all circumstances, or for a specified period of time. Likewise, remedial treatments, like a medicine, cannot be guaranteed.

Treatment, pruning, and removal of trees may involve considerations beyond the scope of the arborist's services such as property boundaries, property ownership, site lines, disputes between neighbors, landlord-tenant matters, etc. Arborists cannot take such issues into account unless complete and accurate information is given to the arborist. The person hiring the arborist accepts full responsibility for authorizing the recommended treatment or remedial measures.

Trees can be managed, but they cannot be controlled. To live near a tree is to accept some degree of risk. The only way to eliminate all risks is to eliminate all trees.

Arborist:

David Beckham

David Beckham

Date:

June 9th, 2022

ATTACHMENT D



June 16, 2022

331 Edna Court Los Altos, California 94022 ADU22-0037 & SC22-0008

Subject: Neighborhood Outreach Meeting

Regarding Property: 331 Edna Court Los Altos, California 94022

Hello,

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 - o No, we are not.
- Will any trees be harmed during the construction process?
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- How will the 2nd Story Windows impact my property?
 - We have provided renderings from the proposed 2nd Story Windows and attached the email correspondence in this package.

A list of attendees is attached to the submittal package as well. Sincerely,

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Nick McCracken

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April 22, 2022

Rudra Rugge and Tanya Shastri 331 Edna Court, Los Altos, CA

Subject: Neighbor's acknowledgement and approval

Regarding Property: 331 Edna Court, Los Altos, CA

"We have looked at the drawings and support Rudra and Tanya on their construction project"

| PROPERTY ADDRESS | NAME | SIGN OFF |
|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 341 EDNA COURT | 1Ler Waln | 1 hours |
| 341 S GORDON WAY, | Paul Simeon | Paul Dinn |
| 351 EDNA COURT | Mary Lou Neumann | mary Low neumann |
| 361 EDNA COURT | | |
| 330 S EL MONTE AVE | | |
| 354 S EL MONTE AVE | Kellie Riccoboni | Su-Ru |
| 337 S GORDON WAY | | |
| 325 S GORDON WAY | | |
| 305 S GORDON WAY | | |
| 340 HAWTHORNE AVE | | |
| 318 HAWTHORNE AVE | | |
| | | |

Re: House Plans

Nick McCracken <nick@mdesignsarchitects.com>

Fri 6/10/2022 3:35 PM

To: Amy Stewart <amybstewart@yahoo.com>

Cc: Rudra Rugge <rudrarugge@gmail.com>;tanyas@gmail.com <tanyas@gmail.com>;Malika Junaid <malikajunaid@mdesignsarchitects.com>

2 attachments (10 MB)

WhatsApp Image 2022-06-09 at 11.29.51 AM (2).jpeg; 2022.06.10_Shastri_PP_2nd Floor Bedroom Render.png;

Hi Amy,

Here is the rendering and original image I used for the window. Rudra was up on the roof this week and you can see that even with the holes in the trees, there is almost no visibility through them. I have taken care to get as close as possible to actual viewing height of a person standing in the doorway.

I hope this helps visualize the view, it really is top of mind for us to ensure you maintain privacy on your property. Please let me know what you think of this and if you'd like to see any additional views or adjustments I would be happy to set them up.

Best wishes and I hope you have a great weekend!

Nick McCracken

Architect

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From: Nick McCracken < nick@mdesignsarchitects.com>

Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 10:23 AM

To: Amy Stewart <amybstewart@yahoo.com>

Cc: Rudra Rugge <rudrarugge@gmail.com>; tanyas@gmail.com <tanyas@gmail.com>; Malika Junaid

<malikajunaid@mdesignsarchitects.com>

Subject: Re: House Plans

Hi Amy,

Thank you for getting back to us. I am working on a rendering from the proposed bedroom door out that window in the direction you mentioned, we can take a look and see what needs to be done to make sure you maintain your privacy.

As for the deck and health of the trees, we have a licensed arborist on board that has provided a tree protection plan to make sure we do not jeopardize the health of the trees both during construction and afterwards.

I will get back in touch with the rendering once we have it.

Thanks again,

Nick McCracken

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From: Amy Stewart <amybstewart@yahoo.com>

Sent: Saturday, June 4, 2022 8:23 AM

To: Nick McCracken < nick@mdesignsarchitects.com>

Cc: Rudra Rugge <rudrarugge@gmail.com>; tanyas@gmail.com <tanyas@gmail.com>; Malika Junaid

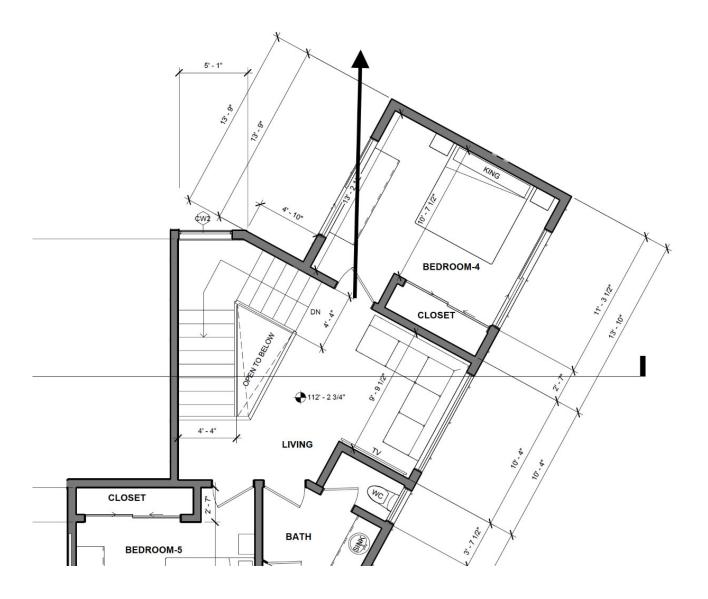
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Subject: Re: House Plans

Hi Nick,

While you drew a straight line, the view is more than that. It's a direct line to our master bedroom & those trees have gaps in them. Also, with the patio extending so close to the trees, it's dodgy whether they will survive.

I've attached my concern, showing the angle that I believe will be looking directly into my bedroom at night. When it's dark and the lights are on, those trees do not cover everything.



Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 2, 2022, at 3:56 PM, Nick McCracken < nick@mdesignsarchitects.com > wrote:

Hi Amy,

I hope all is well with you. We went up on the roof and took some photos from the proposed 2nd Story window location, they are attached to this email. You can see that the view of your yard is blocked by those tall trees, and the window sill height will block the lower portion of the images.

As we approach the Design Review Committee meeting I want to make sure we've gathered as much support as possible for Tanya and Rudra's project.

Do you have any other questions I can answer? Would you be willing to say that you support the plans we've presented?

Please let me know if I can provide additional information or diagrams, I'm happy to help.

Best,

Nick McCracken

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Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 3:05 PM

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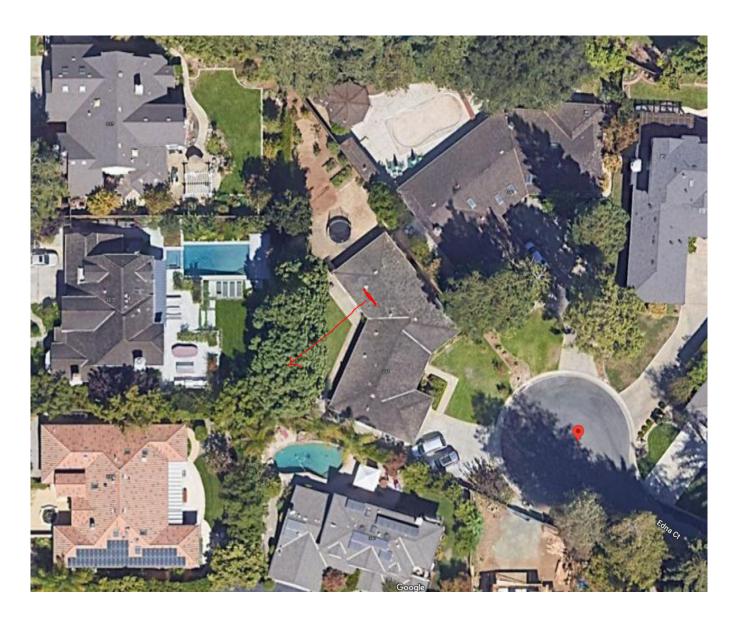
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Thank you Amy,

Yes, we will install story poles as we approach the Los Altos Design Review meeting, so you will get a very clear look at the new shape of the house. The maximum allowed height is 27' and our proposal is 22' tall. The existing house is about 16' tall for reference.

There is one bedroom window that faces the back, you can see its location on sheet A1.07, and I sketched it on a Google Maps screenshot. The view from this window will be limited by the tall trees that line the back fence, and we are not planning to remove any trees. Another helpful note on windows: Los Altos has a requirement that 2nd Story windows maintain a sill height of at least 3'6" from the floor. This helps minimize privacy issues as the views are directed skyward.

I hope this helps, please let me know if I can provide any additional information for you.



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From: Amy Stewart <amybstewart@yahoo.com>

Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 10:34 AM

To: Rudra Rugge <rudrarugge@gmail.com>; Nick McCracken <nick@mdesignsarchitects.com>

Cc: tanyas@gmail.com <tanyas@gmail.com>; Malika Junaid <malikajunaid@mdesignsarchitects.com>

Subject: Re: House Plans

Hi Nick,

We are at 325 S Gordon, so directly behind.

I'd also be interested in hearing how the back windows face our property and what view they would have of our backyard and house. Are you planning on doing the posts to show how tall the property will be before it's built?

Regards, Amy

On Thursday, May 19, 2022, 09:15:22 AM PDT, Nick McCracken <nick@mdesignsarchitects.com> wrote:

Hi Amy,

Thank you for reaching out, my name is Nick McCracken from M Designs Architects. I am the design lead on this project and would be happy to answer any questions you may have. I am attaching the full set of drawings we submit to Los Altos.

I am curious to know which house is yours and could help highlight how the remodel might look from your location.

We are not planning to remove any trees along the back lot line.

We are not requesting any variances or special exemptions from Los Altos for this project.

Please let me know if you'd like to jump on a call or Zoom meeting, we can discuss specifics and take a closer look at the plans.

Thank you and have a great day!

Nick McCracken

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From: Rudra Rugge < rudrarugge@gmail.com> **Sent:** Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:02 PM **To:** Amy Stewart < amybstewart@yahoo.com>

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McCracken <nick@mdesignsarchitects.com>

Subject: Re: House Plans

Hi Amy,

Thanks for your email. We are working with M.Design Architects on this project.

Adding Malika and Nick from the MDesign team to share information.

Thanks, Rudra

On Wed, May 18, 2022 at 3:59 PM Amy Stewart amybstewart@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hi Tanya and Rudra,

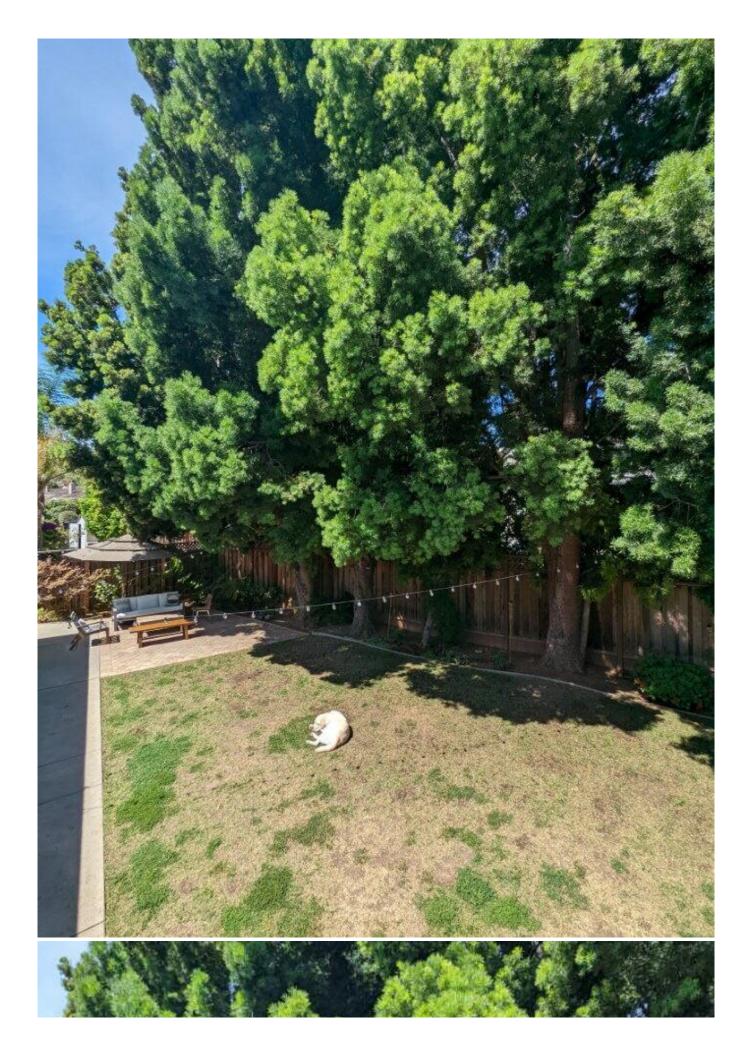
Thank you for stopping by earlier this week. Unfortunately we have other plans that evening, so we will not be able to attend your meeting.

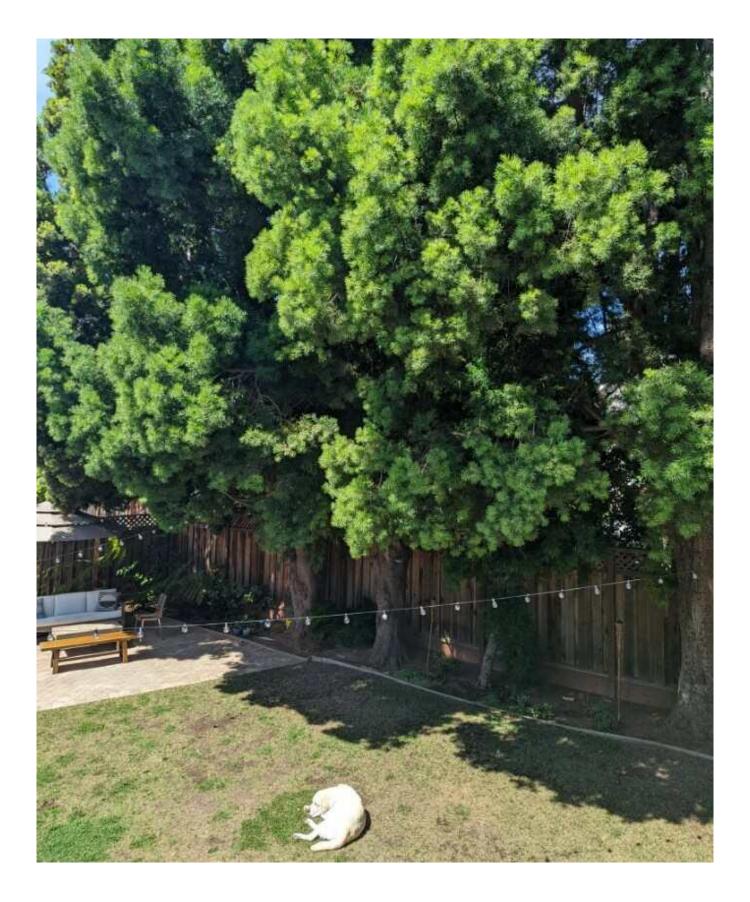
We were hoping you could share your plans regarding your remodel, and have specific concerns.

Are you planning on removing any trees along the back lot line? Are you asking for any variations / exceptions from the city?

I'm looking forward to learning more.

Regards, Amy





Re: Follow Up on 331 Edna

Nick McCracken <nick@mdesignsarchitects.com>

Mon 6/6/2022 10:29 AM

To: Ken Waln <kenwaln@pacbell.net>

Thank you so much Ken! Hope to see you around during the construction process.

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From: Ken Waln <kenwaln@pacbell.net> Sent: Saturday, June 4, 2022 12:25 PM

To: Nick McCracken < nick@mdesignsarchitects.com>

Subject: Re: Follow Up on 331 Edna

It was good to meet you as well and we appreciated the chance to see the plans and talk about the design. I can confirm that the upper story is no problem from our perspective -- it seems that the windows will only overlook our garage and front yard. That side of our house has only one small window in the "mud room" door and it is far enough from the windows in the addition to not have a line of sight. Overall it seems like an appropriate remodel for the neighborhood. Good luck with the process and let me know if there are any other questions for us. Ken

Ken Waln 341 Edna Ct.

On Friday, June 3, 2022, 11:12:16 AM PDT, Nick McCracken <nick@mdesignsarchitects.com> wrote:

Hi Ken,

It was a pleasure to meet you last week at Tanya and Rudra's house. I hope I was able to answer all of your questions about the project.

It is normally very helpful for us to reach out directly to the neighbors that are adjacent to 2nd Story additions and gather words of support. This shows the Design Review Committee that we've engaged the community and are committed to maintaining your privacy.

Would you be willing to respond to this email confirming that you've seen the plans, that we've walked the 2nd story window placement, and that you feel comfortable with the project proceeding? I'd be happy to answer any more questions you might have, or provide additional diagrams if necessary.

Thank you,

Nick McCracken

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Subject: MATERIALS BOARD

Re: Residential Remodeling – 331 Edna Court, Los Altos, CA 94022.

