



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS
PLANNING COMMISSION
REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 11/9/2022

ITEM NO: 3

DATE: November 4, 2022
TO: Planning Commission
FROM: Joel Paulson, Community Development Director
SUBJECT: Consider an Appeal of a Community Development Director Decision to Deny a Fence Height Exception Request for Construction of Six-Foot Tall Fencing Located Within the Required Front Yard Setback and Construction of a Vehicular Gate with Reduced Setbacks on Property Zoned R-1:10. **Located at 755 Blossom Hill Road.** APN 523-04-043. Fence Height Exception Application FHE-21-003. PROPERTY OWNER: David and Ilana Kohanchi. APPLICANT: Nina Guralnic. PROJECT PLANNER: Savannah Van Akin.

REMARKS:

This item was originally scheduled for review on September 14, 2022, and was continued to November 9, 2022, due to a request from the applicant.

EXHIBITS:

Previously received with the September 14, 2022 Staff Report:

1. Location Map
2. Required Findings and Considerations
3. Recommended Conditions of Approval
4. Administrative Warning Letter, dated December 14, 2020
5. Fence Height Exception Request, dated February 12, 2021 to the Community Development Department
6. Fence Height Exception Request, dated February 12, 2021 to the Parks and Public Works Department
7. Fence Height Exception Denial Letter, dated July 2, 2021
8. Administrative Warning Letter, dated July 7, 2022
9. Appeal of the Community Development Director Decision, received August 5, 2022
10. View Areas Diagrams
11. Site Plan
12. Site Images

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Assistant Planner

Reviewed by: Planning Manager and Community Development Director

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Previously received with the September 14, 2022 Addendum:

13. Public Comment received 11:01 a.m., September 9, 2022, and 11:00 a.m., September 13, 2022

Previously received with the September 14, 2022 Desk Item:

14. Request for Continuance

15. Public Comment received 11:01 a.m., September 13, 2022, and 11:00 a.m., September 14, 2022

Received with this Staff Report:

16. Additional Owner Justification, dated September 19, 2022

David Kohanchi [REDACTED]

To: Savannah Van Akin

Mon 9/19/2022 12:26 AM

EXTERNAL SENDER

Hey Savannah,

Hope this email finds you well!

It is currently midnight on Monday sept 19th.

I just arrived at Good Samaritan Hospital (GSH) on account of an emergency cardiac patient. Likely aortic dissection versus emergent CABG.

As I'm preparing for the patient's arrival in the OR, I rest assured knowing that I have a secure galvanized steel fence protecting my family. I left my wife and daughter at home alone (on a rainy night) as a means of helping a fellow Los Gatos member in duress. There was no other option.

There are roughly 5 Cardiac Anesthesiologists that cover all of the cardiac patients in the nearest vicinity to Los Gatos. This equates to me being on cardiac call alone every 5ish days, excluding any other call requirements (probably every 4th night). This applies to any cardiac cath lab assistance or main OR cardiothoracic procedure - which at times can be quite daunting.

What do you think should be my priority? Do you think I should worry about my family's safety as I'm looking up patient information, rushing to the hospital during an aortic dissection where every second matters to the patient's survival? Should I be concerned that our neighbor Jim two homes down was robbed a few years ago? (which is something I just recently discovered)? Should I be concerned that my boss' car was stolen in front of his house less than 6 months ago on Oleander (less than 3 blocks from our home)?

I understand that your office has been inundated with paperwork in the midst of this exemption, but could you please my own personal concerns to the list.

Thank you for your time and consideration. It is highly appreciated.
David Kohanchi MD

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