



ARCHITECTURE PLANNING URBAN DESIGN

August 5, 2022

Mr. Ryan Safty
Community Development Department
Town of Los Gatos
110 E. Main Street
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RE: 473 Wraight Avenue

Dear Ryan:

I reviewed the drawings and evaluated the site context. My comments and recommendations are as follows:

NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXT

The site is located in an established neighborhood with a mix of one and two-story homes designed in a variety of traditional styles. Photographs of the site and surrounding context are shown on the following page.

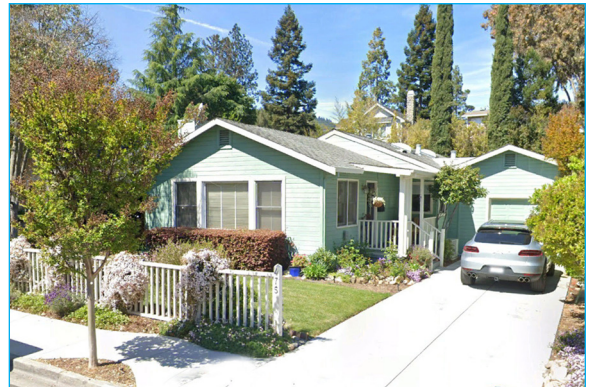




THE SITE



House to the immediate left



House to the immediate right



Nearby house to the left



Nearby new house to the right



Nearby house across Wraight Avenue



Nearby homes to the right

PROPOSED PROJECT

The proposed elevations are shown below.



PROPOSED FRONT ELEVATION



PROPOSED REAR ELEVATION



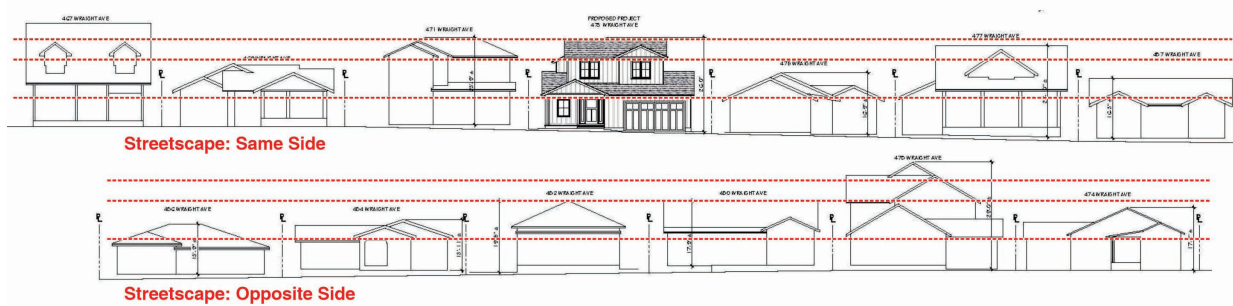
PROPOSED LEFT SIDE ELEVATION



PROPOSED RIGHT SIDE ELEVATION

ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

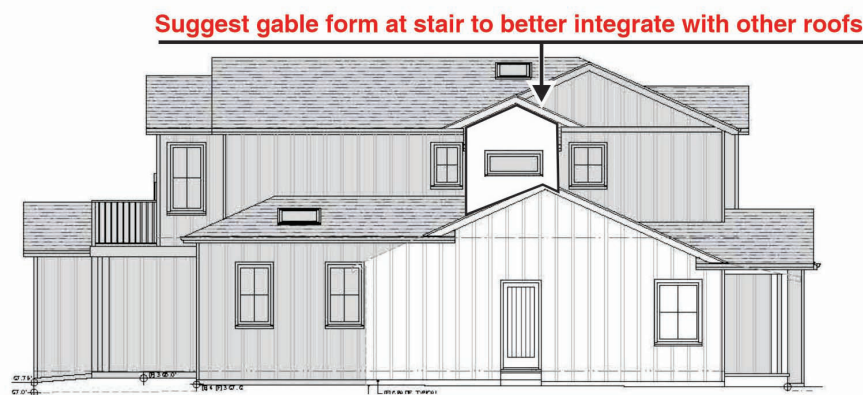
The proposed project is modest in scale with a height, bulk and articulation similar to other homes in the immediate neighborhood - see streetscape illustration below.



The addition complements the overall house design. I have only a couple of issues and recommendations.

1. The shed roof form on the stair seems inconsistent with the predominant roofs.

Recommendation: Utilize a gable roof form over the stair in lieu of the shed roof as a way to better integrate it with the major roof forms.



2. The two car garage is flush with the front facade while other homes in the immediate neighborhood have detached garages set well back from the front facade or have only a one car wide garage door which is not consistent with Residential Design Guidelines 2.4.1 and 3.4.1.

2.4.1 Locate garages to reinforce the predominant neighborhood pattern

- Along street fronts with narrow driveways and garages located at the rear of parcels, repeat that pattern.
- Where garages near the front face of the houses are common, a similar location is acceptable, but the garage front should generally be set back from the front facade

3.4.1 Limit the prominence of garages

- Avoid designs that allow the garage to dominate the street facade.
- Limit the garage width to a maximum of 50 percent of the total facade width.
- Set garages back from the front facade.
- Recess garage doors as much as possible from the garage facade.
- Consider adding trellises with landscaping over garage doors to soften their visual appearance.

Recommendation: Recess the garage door and add a trellis above the door - see Los Gatos examples below.

**Suggest gable form at stair to
better integrate with other roofs**



**Recess garage door and add trellis per
Residential Design Guideline 3.4.1**



Ryan, please let me know if there are any issues that I did not address.

Sincerely,
CANNON DESIGN GROUP

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Larry L. Cannon

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