

From: Julie Southern <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2024 1:48 AM
To: Sean Mullin <SMullin@losgatosca.gov>
Cc: C So <[REDACTED]>; Matthew Southern <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Story Pole discussion

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Hello Sean

Just sending you a formal note about the upcoming June 18 discussion for Storey Poles.

As a long time resident, I appreciate the rigorous town oversight of construction in helping maintain our town. As a neighbor impacted by potential heights of the Meadows work, I appreciate the visual assistance of story poles. It is "easier" to see and address height issues before construction, than after. In fact if after the fact it does not match their 'renderings', I highly doubt you will ask them to take it down.

As mentioned in many meetings before, I am not against the Meadows nor development as a whole, just do not want them blocking my view - and my issue with the potential story pole revision, that will not be caught until after the fact.

Do let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you
Julie

From: Marc Dubresson [REDACTED] >

Sent: Saturday, June 8, 2024 1:49 PM

To: Planning <Planning@losgatosca.gov>

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: 110 Wood Road - Objection to the request for an exception to pole, flagging, netting and signage.

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Hi,

We've received a notice for the consideration of an exception to the pole flagging, netting and signage for this project (110 Wood Road). As close residents would like to visualize the proposed development with such methods as artists and architectural rendering often fail to provide perspective from all angles.

Thank you for your consideration,

Yours sincerely,

Marc and Caroline Dubresson

[REDACTED]

Los Gatos CA 95030

From: Evelyn Mitsunaga <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2024 10:22 AM
To: Planning <Planning@losgatosca.gov>
Subject: 110 Wood Road

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

To: Sean Mullin; Town Council

I want to go on record as supporting the Meadows/Front Porch request for exception to the height poles and flagging for the property at 110 Wood Road and am writing this email because I'm not sure I will be able to attend the June 18 Town Council meeting to voice this support.

I think the previous concerns from people living along Tait Avenue were unfounded — of course they could “see” the proposed buildings: the orange flags and lack of landscaping were jarring. But the flags and height poles do not represent how it will actually look. When completed, the property will be landscaped and won't be any more obtrusive than properties already visible on the hillside. The buildings will not interrupt the skyline where trees meet the sky, which, to me, is the most important consideration about height.

My husband and I supported the earlier application for building and planned to move to this property when completed so we could stay close to town center where we have lived for 50 years. Now it is just me, and I still support this project as necessary for the town, and I still want to move in — if, of course, it is completed while I am still alive.

Thank you for your consideration.
Evelyn Mitsunaga, [REDACTED] Los Gatos

From: Clare Southern <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2024 5:14 PM
To: Julie Southern <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Matthew Southern <[REDACTED]>; Sean Mullin <SMullin@losgatosca.gov>
Subject: Re: Story Pole discussion

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Hi Sean,

I'd like to take a look at the project file. Would you be able to point me in the right direction? Where can I find it?

I'm curious to learn more about the town's reason for reconsidering the story pole decision. My understanding is that this was decided a year+ ago and that there's a law mandating story poles for a reason: to allow the town to visualize/ understand the impacts of changes to their town.

I'm not clear on why we'd consider taking on an additional expense (saw there's an RFP out for visualization software/ contract work) when there's an existing precedent for how to deal with new construction (especially when that construction is both downtown and on the most visible hillside).

Thank you for taking the time to help here. I trust there will be process and visibility in this project.

Clare

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 6:36 PM
To: Sean Mullin <SMullin@losgatosca.gov>
Subject: Comment: Height poles for June 18 meeting

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

I am writing to express that the height pole requirement for new construction is important for the community and remain intact and required.

Looking at a photo or drawing vs seeing the actual impact to neighborhoods, site lines and setbacks is important. It encourages awareness and discussion within the community.

The building process is already heavily slanted towards builders and developers - with "recommendations to talk with neighbors" but not requirements beyond dropping a note off and getting a signature. By the time these poles go up the town is already heavily involved and in support of development. Any changes are very hard to get thru the commissions in our experience. But at least it allows people to be aware and get involved if they want to.

I am 100% in favor of story poles for all building in the town of Los Gatos and the neighboring communities. There is no need to change this existing requirement.

-Pam M

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