Response letter to the neighborhood comments about 16497 S. Kennedy Rd.

- 1. The stone wall above the site is 20ft away from the proposed building site and it is on the neighbor's side of the property line. The construction of the new house will not involve any pile driving or other soil impacts. The biggest tremors will be caused by the trucks and excavators, which should be relatively minor. In the end, when the retaining walls and drainage are in place, the new house will actually shore up the hillside and reduce the long term creep that would endanger the stone wall. And, after having a discussion with the neighbors I have agreed that adding landscaping along the stone wall will be a compromise for the neighbors and myself. I will also take photos of the stone wall prior to beginning to construction and will repair it if construction from building my home causes the damage to the wall. As for the walls along the old road that comes up from the intersection of Kennedy Rd. and South Kennedy Rd, no construction traffic will be using that road, except perhaps to dig the trenches for the utilities.
- 2. The size of the house: It is not at the maximum allowed. A good portion of it is below grade, and is still counted as floor area.
- 3. The views: As is plainly evident by the story poles, the house does not block anyone's view.
- 4. Fire protection: The house will be built to the latest fire-resistant construction requirements, and you will be providing a private fire hydrant, which will provide extra protection for everyone on Vivian Drive. Also, the entrance to Vivian drive will be enlarged for fire apparatus access, and the lower portion of Vivian drive will be improved for better traction for the fire trucks. All of this benefits the neighbors at no cost to them.
- 5. Screening: The house is barely visible from Vivian Drive and will not be visible from South Kennedy (or any other public way). The house below is really the only house affected by the new house, and the new upper floor windows and balconies will be screened by the mature oak trees on the downhill neighbor's property (so they have control over the screening). For the lower level, there will be a line of screen trees planted to screen the gap between the ground and the underside of the oak canopy.

