

RE: 16717 Chirco Drive - Response to Consulting Architect Recommendations

Dear Planning Division,

We respectfully submit the following responses to the architectural recommendations provided as part of the project review for 16717 Chirco Drive. We have carefully considered each recommendation and have made the following revisions.

1. Eliminate the angled garage volume on the front façade

We evaluated the alternative concept proposed by Mr. Cannon and explored its feasibility within the constraints of the site and overall design objectives. When fully implemented into a CAD model, the configuration presented several challenges, including a reduction of the garage area from approximately 679 square feet to 324 square feet. This significantly limits functionality and intended use of the space. As discussed with Ms. Erin Walters and Mr. Sean Mullin during our Zoom meeting on December 17, 2025, the angled garage was developed for storage capacity while also complementing the triangular geometry of the lot and corresponding angled elements on the opposite side of the home, helping maintain overall architectural balance and symmetry. An interactive 3D rendering was presented during that meeting and subsequently shared via email with staff and the Director for further review.

<https://sketchfab.com/3d-models/25012-mdu-16717-chirco-46d195b409e54290b5cf2496a4c21eff>

Based on that discussion and follow-up communication, the angled garage door element has been removed as requested and replaced with a window to further simplify and refine the front façade. The final result of the revised design is two-car wide garage. This is consistent with the predominant pattern in the immediate neighborhood and was submitted in the “How to read your neighborhood” workbook from the Residential Design Guidelines. Our understanding is that this design was deemed acceptable and no further revisions were requested.

2. Eliminate the angled rear façade gable end

The rear angled façade has been removed and revised to a squared-off configuration in accordance with the recommendation from the consulting architect and planner.

3. Redesign the addition building form to better reflect the existing house and architectural style

Per discussions with Ms. Walters and Mr. Mullin, the design has been updated to incorporate architectural elements that more closely reflect the existing home. Specifically, an extended eave has been introduced between the first and second floors, and gable detailing has been added to mirror the character of the existing front elevation.

4. Eliminate the circular driveway and reduce hardscape paving

The circular driveway has been removed from the design. In addition, a substantial portion of hardscape located behind the proposed garage has been eliminated and replaced with landscaping. These changes result in a net reduction of 991 square feet of hardscape and net increase in landscaped area.

5. Select garage doors with solid panels and limited glazing

The revised design incorporates a solid panel garage door consistent with the architectural style of the existing home and garage. We believe it is now in compliance with this recommendation.

We appreciate the Town's continued guidance and collaboration throughout this process. We believe the revised design reflects a balance between functional requirements, site constraints, and adherence to the Residential Design Guidelines. We respectfully request your continued review and consideration.

Sincerely,
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