

TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY
ARCHITECTURAL AND SITE CONTROL COMMISSION (ASCC)
Monday, November 24, 2014
7:30 PM – Regular ASCC Meeting
Historic Schoolhouse
765 Portola Road, Portola Valley, CA 94028

### 7:30 PM - REGULAR AGENDA\*

- 1. <u>Call to Order</u>:
- 2. Roll Call: Breen, Clark, Harrell, Koch, Ross
- 3. Oral Communications:

Persons wishing to address the Commission on any subject, not on the agenda, may do so now. Please note, however, the Commission is not able to undertake extended discussion or action tonight on items not on the agenda.

### 4. Old Business:

- a. Continued Architectural Review for a New Residence, Detached Garage, Guest House, Pool, and Site Development Permit X9H-681, 40 Antonio Court, Melton Residence, File #: 44-2014 (Staff: D. Pedro)
- b. Architectural Review for Modifications to Previously Approved New Residence Additional Skylight, 287 Westridge Drive, Lovazzano Residence, File #: 08-2004 (Staff: C. Borck)

### 5. New Business:

- a. Architectural Review for Carport Enclosure, 14 Franciscan Ridge, Rapp Residence, File #: 47-2014 (Staff: C. Borck)
- 6. Commission and Staff Reports:
- 7. Approval of Minutes: November 10, 2014
- 8. Adjournment:

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**PROPERTY OWNER ATTENDANCE.** The ASCC strongly encourages a property owner whose application is being heard by the ASCC to attend the ASCC meeting. Often issues arise that only property owners can responsibly address. In such cases, if the property owner is not present it may be necessary to delay action until the property owner can meet with the ASCC.

**WRITTEN MATERIALS.** Any writing or documents provided to a majority of the Town Council or Commissions regarding any item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection at Town Hall located 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley, CA during normal business hours.

### **ASSISTANCE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

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### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Public Hearings provide the general public and interested parties an opportunity to provide testimony on these items. If you challenge a proposed action(s) in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing(s) described later in this agenda, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the Public Hearing(s).

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Date: November 21, 2014 CheyAnne Brown Planning Technician



### **MEMORANDUM**

### TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY

TO:

**ASCC** 

FROM:

Debbie Pedro, Planning Director

DATE:

November 24, 2014

RE:

Architectural Review and Site Development Permit for a New Residence, Second Unit, Pool House, and Swimming Pool, File # 44-2014, APN: 079-220-010, 40

Antonio Court, Melton Residence

### RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the ASCC review the revised project plans submitted by the applicant on November 17, 2014 and approve the requested site development permit, subject to the recommended conditions of approval in Attachment 1 and any additional conditions deemed necessary.

### **BACKGROUND**

The applicant is requesting approval to develop the 4.48 acre vacant property with a 5,123 sq. ft. single story residence, a 596 sq. ft. detached garage, a 738 sq. ft. guest house, a 426 sq. ft. pool house, and a swimming pool. 820 cubic yards of grading is proposed outside of the building footprint which includes 580 cubic yards of cut and 240 cubic yards of fill. The grading work will occur at the swimming pool, patio, lawn and driveway areas.

On November 10, 2014, the ASCC conducted a preliminary review of the proposed new residence and accessory structures. The staff report with additional background on the project and draft meeting minutes are included in Attachment 2.

### DISCUSSION

In response to ASCC comments at the preliminary review meeting, the applicant has submitted revised plans on November 17, 2014 with the following changes to the project:

### 1. Light Reduction

Two small windows on the north elevation of the garage have been removed to reduce the amount of light emanating from that space (Sheets 2.1 and 3.1). An occupancy sensor will be installed so that lights will turn off when the garage is not in use. Clarifications have also

been made on the elevation drawings to show that portions of the windows (shaded gray) facing the homes on Antonio Court are painted sheet metal window boxes that are opaque.

At the request of Chair Koch, pool and hot tub lights have been included on the landscape lighting plan (Sheet 2.0). In addition, a total of 8 outdoor lights have been removed including 5 path lights in the lawn and vegetable garden areas at the west end of the house, 1 wall light in the rear of the detached garage, and 2 wall lights each on the guest house and the pool house. (Sheet A2.2)

### 2. Roof Plan

At the request of Commissioner Clark, a roof plan has been included (Sheets A2.3 and A2.4). No change has been made to the roof pitch to reduce the height of any of the buildings.

### 3. Parking

Required parking in the R-E/1A zoning district is 2 covered spaces and 2 guest spaces plus 1 addition guest space for the second unit. In response to comments in the November 10<sup>th</sup> staff report, a fifth parking space has been added in front of the attached garage. However, pursuant to Portola Valley Municipal Code Section 18.60.020.A (Required parking for dwellings), tandem parking is not allowed because "unobstructed vehicular access shall be provided to each parking space." To comply with the Town's parking requirements, the fifth parking space should be relocated to the area on the auto court directly north of the living room and shall not encroach within the required fire truck turnaround. (Condition #3)

### 4. Entry Gate and Fence

The Commission has questioned the need for a symbolic gate. The applicant has replaced the vehicular gate and wood rail fences with a pair of 4' tall salvaged wood entry posts. The down shielded path lights originally proposed in front of the gate have also been removed. It should be noted that the driveway backup/turnaround area at the entrance to the property shown on Sheet A1.1 encroaches into a 20' public utility easement and does not match the design shown on landscape site plan (Sheet L1.0) and civil engineering site plan (Sheet C2.0). Condition of approval #2 requires the site plan be corrected.

### 5. Landscaping

No substantive change has been made to the proposed landscape plan Sheet L1.0 which shows the preservation of 3 medium size coast live oaks east of the detached garage. The conceptual landscape design for this project includes new oak trees to be planted along the north and east sides of the house for screening and fruit trees near the northern corner of the property. The size of the 15 coast live oaks and 1 blue oak to be planted on this site are not called out on the plans and a note on Sheet L1.0 indicates that the final placement of the proposed trees will be determined on site in order to maximize screening.

To address neighbor concerns regarding the visibility of the house, it is recommended that a final landscape plan showing the size and location of all proposed screen trees be submitted for ASCC review. (Condition #4)

### **NEIGHBOR COMMENTS**

At the preliminary site meeting on November 10<sup>th</sup>, the architect provided the Commission with a summary of their neighbor outreach efforts. (Attachment 3) According to the applicant, modifications made to the project to address neighbor concerns include: placement of screen trees to mitigate the view impact of the house for the neighbors on Antonio Court and moving the detached garage 27' east to preserve the view of Windy Hill Preserve for the neighbor at 35 Antonio Court.

The adjacent neighbor at 45 Los Charros spoke at the preliminary review meeting and noted their preference for fewer structures on the site. Namely, the detached garage that is to be used for storage should be removed or relocated. They also would like to see more oaks to help screen the new home from their view.

The adjacent neighbors at 30 and 35 Antonio Court have submitted letters to the ASCC prior to the November 10<sup>th</sup> preliminary review meeting expressing concerns regarding the height and mass of the buildings. On November 20, 2014, the Town received letters from both neighbors reiterating their concerns that no changes have been made to lower the height of the house. (Attachments 4 and 5) The ASCC should discuss these concerns and determine what design modifications, if any, would be appropriate to mitigate the view impacts to the adjacent neighbors.

### CONCLUSION

The applicant has made design changes in response to directions provided by the ASCC. Other than the parking and driveway turnaround issues identified above, the project is in conformance with the Town's Zoning and Site Development Codes as well as the Development Standards of the Priory PUD statement. Prior to taking final action, the ASCC should consider the above comments and any new information presented at the November 24, 2014 meeting.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- 1. Vicinity Map
- 2. ASCC staff report and draft minutes dated November 10, 2014
- 3. Summary of neighbor outreach efforts provided by the applicant on November 10, 2014
- 4. Letter from Rene Lacerte and Joyce Chung at 35 Antonio Court dated November 19, 2014
- 5. Letter from Robin and Firouzeh Murray at 30 Antonio Court dated November 20, 2014
- 6. Project plans received on November 17, 2014

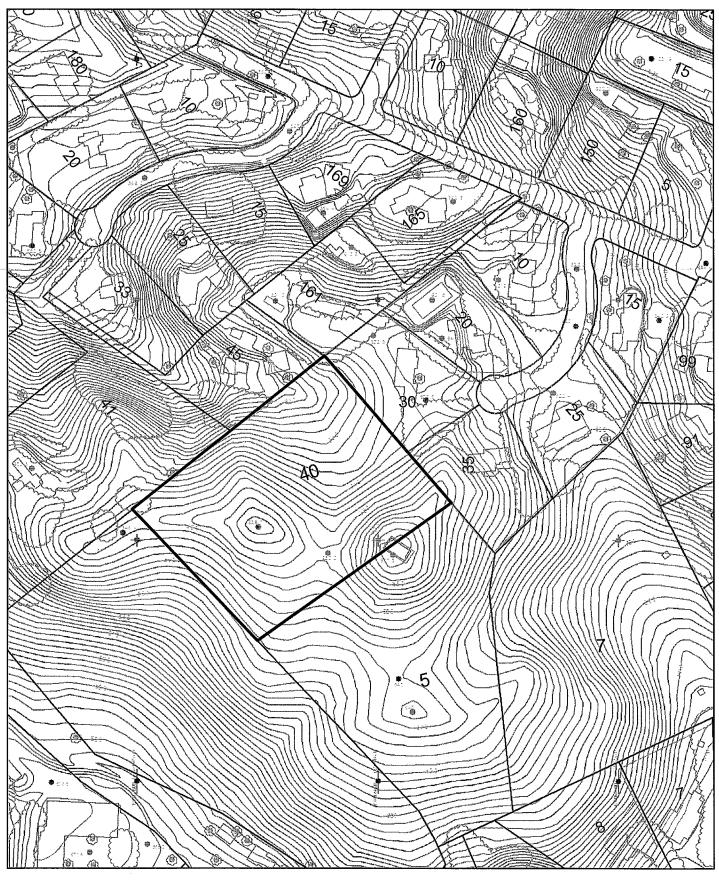
cc: Ted Sayre, Town Geologist Town Council Liaison Applicant

### Recommended Conditions of Approval for a New Residence, Second Unit, Pool House, and Swimming Pool, 40 Antonio Court, Melton Residence, File # 44-2014

The following conditions are recommended if the ASCC finds it can act to approve the project:

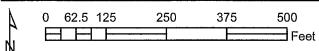
- 1. No other modifications to the approved plans are allowed except as otherwise first reviewed and approved by the Planning Director or the ASCC, depending on the scope of the changes.
- 2. The driveway backup area near the entrance of the property shall have a maximum width of 10' and shall not encroach within the 20' public utility easement. The subject area on the architectural site plan Sheet A1.1 shall be corrected to match the landscape site plan (Sheet L1.0) and civil engineering site plan (Sheet C2.0).
- 3. A fifth parking space shown on Sheet A1.1 shall be relocated to the area on the auto court directly north of the living room and shall not encroach within the required fire truck turnaround.
- 4. A final landscape plan with details of the type, size, and location of all proposed screen trees shall be submitted for review and approval by the ASCC.

### **Attachment 1**



### **Vicinity Map**

### **New Residence, Melton**





### **MEMORANDUM**

### TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY

TO:

**ASCC** 

FROM:

Debbie Pedro, Planning Director

DATE:

November 10, 2014

RE:

Preliminary Architectural Review and Site Development Permit for a New

Residence, Second Unit, Pool House, and Swimming Pool, File # 44-2014, APN:

079-220-010, 40 Antonio Court, Lands of Melton

### **BACKGROUND**

The 4.48 acre vacant property is accessed off of a 60' ingress egress easement at the end of the Antonio Court cul de sac. The parcel was one of three lots created with the Woodside Priory subdivision (73-PM, December 7, 2000). The site has gently inclined to moderately steep slopes that average 13.6%. A 20' public utility easement extends from the southwest corner to just north of the driveway access along the front of the property. Surrounding uses includes one and two story homes on abutting lots to the north and east, an undeveloped single family residential parcel to the south, and 4.56 acres of open space area to the west which is part of the Priory facilities.

A previous owner of the property had received approvals from the ASCC and Planning Commission in 2009 and 2010 to construct a 5,344 sq. ft. new residence with a 1,448 sq. ft. basement and a 750 sq. ft. second unit on the property. The project was never constructed and the permits have since expired.

The current owner is proposing to build a 5,123 sq. ft. single story contemporary style residence with a detached garage, guest house, pool house, and swimming pool. 820 cubic yards of grading is proposed which includes 580 cubic yards of cut and 240 cubic yards of fill. An additional 280 cubic yards of cut will occur within the building footprint at the western portion of the house. This excavation does not count towards the grading threshold of 1,000 cubic yards that triggers Planning Commission review of the project.

The proposal is further described in the set of architectural, civil, and landscape plans received on September 26, 2014. (Attachment 10) In addition to the plans, the project submittal includes the information listed below:

- Color and Materials Board which includes a weathered barnwood siding sample, wood siding color, window and door frame color, metal roof color and plaster/hardscape colors. The board will be available at the meeting.
- Completed "Build-It-Green Green Point Rated Project Checklist" with a target of 103 points.
- Completed Outdoor Water Use Efficiency Checklist.

### **CODE REQUIREMENTS**

As required by sections 18.64.010.1 and 15.12.100.B of the Zoning and Site Development Codes, this application for a new residence has been forwarded to the ASCC for review. In addition to the Municipal Code, the Design Guidelines, as well as the provisions set forth in the Woodside Priory Planned Unit Development Statement are used to evaluate the project. (Attachment 2)

### **DISCUSSION**

The following comments are offered for ASCC consideration:

**Project Design and Exterior Materials**. The owner is proposing to build a 5,123 sq. ft. single story contemporary style residence with a detached garage, guest house, pool house, and swimming pool. The proposed architecture for the house is a barn inspired design in an L-shape that sits against the north and west sides of a knoll near the center of the property. The bedroom wing and 2 car garage along the front of the house steps down with the slope and is set about 4.5 to 5' lower which helps break up the horizontal mass of the building directly behind.

An approximately 600 sq. ft. outdoor room at the east end of the main house connects to an open courtyard which leads to the 738 sq. ft. detached guest house/second unit. The roof and north wall of the main house extends over the outdoor room to provide privacy and screening of the area from neighbor's views. However, this resulted in increase in massing and added visual presence of the building, especially when viewed from the north or front of the property.

The architect has shared with staff that prior to submitting the formal application to the Town, the project has been modified a number of times to address concerns of the neighbors. The applicant will provide additional information at the site meeting on their design approach and the various changes that have been made to the project to date.

The currently proposed exterior material and finishes include:

- Weathered barnwood siding that will be used throughout most of the exterior.
- Painted exterior plaster walls at the south elevation of the guest house and pool house, east elevation of the attached and detached garages, and west elevation of the house outside of bedroom #1.
- Painted standing seam metal roof, fascia panels, and windows & door frames in a dark gray color.
- Board form concrete foundation and retaining wall.

**Floor Area (FA), Impervious Surface Area (IS).** The maximum allowable FA for the site is 7,161 sq. ft.. The total proposed floor area of the project is 6,883 sq. ft. and includes a 596 sq. ft. detached garage, a 738 sq. ft. second unit and a 426 sq. ft. pool house. The proposed floor area of the main house with the attached garage is 5,123 sq. ft. which is under the 85% floor area limit (6,087 sq. ft.).

The maximum allowable impervious surface (IS) area is 12,093 sq. ft. The proposed IS shown on the plans is 12,0762 sq. ft. The bulk of the IS area is for the driveway, parking court, covered patios, walkways and swimming pool areas.

Height and yard setback limits. The Priory PUD statement calls for single story development which limits the building height to 18 feet and the maximum building height to 24 feet. The proposed single story home has a maximum vertical height of 16'8" and maximum overall height of 24', in compliance with the PUD height limits. Compliance with required yard setbacks is demonstrated on plan Sheet A1.1. All structures are located within the primary building envelope.

**Parking.** Required parking in the R-E/1A zoning district is 2 covered spaces and 2 guest spaces plus 1 addition guest space for the second unit. The applicant is proposing 4 covered spaces in the garages. The additional guest parking space can be accommodated in the auto court between the garages but should be called out on the site plan.

**Grading.** The original plans submitted by the applicant includes 1,030 cubic yards of grading. The plans have since been revised to reduce the amount of grading to 820 cubic yards which includes 580 cubic yards of cut and 240 cubic yards of fill. 210 cubic yards of fill originally proposed at the western portion of the house under the bedrooms and attached garage have been removed and the area is proposed to be crawl space. The earthwork outside of the building footprint is primarily for the swimming pool, patios, and driveway. Revised plans reflecting the changes prepared by civil engineer Lea and Braze were received on November 7, 2014.

The Priory PUD states that "Residential development of Lot 1 shall preserve the basic topographic form, including the knoll top, of the site. Grading and structures may extend into the knoll, but the basic form shall be preserved and development shall not be sited on top of the knoll." The applicant has designed a project that wraps the house around the north and west sides of the knoll. The main house extends into the knoll, cutting up to 4' for a retaining wall at the north edge. The detached garage and guest house to the east are pulled away from the knoll and at an elevation that is 3'-4' lower. When viewed from the east and south, the natural land form of the site including the knoll is preserved and maintained. However, on the north and west sides, the knoll would not be visible as the house would be approximately 11' higher than the top of the knoll.

**Landscaping.** Three medium size coast live oaks located to the east of the detached garage will be preserved. The applicant has provided a tree survey report prepared by Urban Tree Management, Inc. that evaluated the conditions of the subject trees. (Attachment 1) According to the arborist, the trees are in good health and tree protection recommendations have been provided to minimize the risk of damage by the propose construction.

A landscape site plan Sheet L1.0 shows a conceptual landscape design which includes new oak trees planted along the north and east side of the house for screening and fruit trees near the northern corner of the property. The remainder of the site would be reseeded with native

grass and wildflowers. Depending on the discussions and comments at the preliminary meeting, the landscape design might have to be refined or modified to mitigate neighbor's view concerns.

**Lighting.** Proposed exterior lighting includes 47 recessed step lights and 16 path lights around the buildings. Specifications for the fixtures are called out on the lighting plan Sheet L1.2. 39 of the same recessed step lights will be used on the exterior walls of the building. The Priory PUD statement calls for using the minimum amount of light necessary to achieve essential illumination. Efforts should be made to reduce the number of proposed exterior lights. For example, the lights at the rear of the detached garage and in some of the planter areas are not required by the building code.

Fences and Entry Gate. The applicant is proposing a 4' tall x 14' wide vehicular gate with two 4' tall x 10' wide wood rail fences flanking the sides of the driveway. In addition, two downshielded path lights are proposed in front of the gate next to the backup/turnaround area at the driveway. According to the applicant's architect, the purpose of the gate is to mark the entrance to the property and deter future trespassers. There is an existing trail located at the eastern boundary of the property which continues along the rear of the Antonio Court properties and connect to Sausal Drive. Since there is no demarcation of property boundaries, users of the trail would often cut through the subject property to access Antonio Court via the private driveway over the ingress egress easement.

According to Priory PUD statement, "the visibility and obtrusiveness of entryways shall be minimized" and use of gates and entry structures are generally discouraged. However, minor entry structures or gates located a minimum of 40 feet from the front property line and a maximum height of 4 feet may be permitted, subject to ASCC approval. Since the intent of the entry gate/fence feature is to identify the property entrance and direct trail users away from the property, it is recommended that the applicant consider whether any alternative design solutions are available to achieve this goal.

In addition to the entry gate and fence, a 4 foot tall post and wire fence is also proposed around the side and rear of the house within the primary building envelope, in conformance with the PUD guidelines.

**Sustainability Aspects of Project**. The project architect has provided the enclosed Build-It-Green checklist targeting 103 points for the project. The Town's Green Building Ordinance is currently not in effect due to the adoption of the Cal Green Code 2013 that superseded it as of January 1, 2014. Staff will be working with the Town Council in the future to determine if a new green building ordinance should be developed, and in the meantime, staff is requesting that all ASCC applications include a completed Build-It-Green checklist.

### **COMMITTEE REVIEW**

**Fire Marshal.** The fire marshal has reviewed the proposal and provided recommended standard conditions of approval for the project. (Attachment 4)

**Town Geologist.** The Town geologist has no geologic or geotechnical objections to the general concept for the residential layout and design and recommends approval of the proposed plans with conditions. (Attachment 5)

**Public Works.** The public works director has reviewed the grading, drainage, and erosion control plan for the project and provided standard conditions for site development permit approval. (Attachment 6)

**Conservation Committee.** The committee's preliminary comments were generally positive. However, it noted the extensive impervious driveway and questioned the need for a symbolic gate in the front yard setback. (Attachment 7)

**Trails Committee.** The project was referred to the Trails Committee but comments have not been provided. As mentioned earlier in this report, there is an existing trail located at the eastern boundary of the property which continues along the rear of the Antonio Court properties and connect to Sausal Drive.

### **NEIGHBOR COMMENTS**

The adjacent neighbors at 30 and 35 Antonio Court have submitted letters expressing their concerns regarding the visibility and design of the proposed home and accessory structures. (Attachments 8 and 9) The neighbors at 35 Antonio Court (Lands of Lacerte and Chung) have a direct view of the proposed house, detached garage, and guest house from their master bedroom and a partial view of the house and garage from their living room. The neighbors at 30 Antonio (Lands of Murray) have a view of the subject property from their dining room and master bedroom. Both neighbors have made suggestions to lower the house, modify the roof design, and/or relocate the house to the other side of the knoll to minimize the impact to the site and adjacent neighbors. While the new home will be visible from the neighboring properties, their views of the western hillside will not be substantially obstructed. The ASCC should discuss these concerns and suggest any design modifications that may be appropriate to mitigate the view impacts to neighbors.

In addition, the Town received an email from Tim Molak of Woodside Priory School supporting the project. (Attachment 10)

### CONCLUSION

Staff recommends that the ASCC conduct the preliminary review of this project with a site meeting and then continue the review to the regular meeting. Key discussion issues for this project includes conformance of the project with the objectives of the Design Guidelines and the Priory PUD statement related to preservation of the general land form and vegetative character of the parcel, cutting development into the site, and the design of a low house profile that does not dominate the site.

The ASCC should then offer comments and directions to the applicant and architect to make any plan adjustments or clarifications before the ASCC considers final action on the application at the next available regular ASCC meeting.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- 1. Vicinity Map
- 2. Priory PUD
- 3. Tree Survey Report by Urban Tree Management, Inc. dated September 4, 2014
- 4. Comments from Fire Marshal dated October 29, 2014
- 5. Comments from Town Geologist dated October 24, 2014
- 6. Comments from Public Works Director dated October 29, 2014

- 7. Preliminary comments from Conservation Committee dated October 28, 2014
- 8. Letter from Robin and Firouzeh Murray at 30 Antonio Court dated November 5, 2014
- 9. Letter from Rene Lecerte and Joyce Chung at 35 Antonio Court dated November 7, 2014
- 10. Email from Priory School, 302 Portola Road dated November 7, 2014
- 11. Project plans received on September 26, 2014.

cc: Ted Sayre, Town Geologist Town Council Liaison Applicant

Architectural and Site Control Commission

November 10, 2014

Special ASCC Site Meeting, 40 Antonio Court, Preliminary Architectural Review for a New Residence with Detached Garage, Detached Guest House, Detached Pool House and Swimming Pool, and Site Development Permit X9H-681

Chair Koch called the special site meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

### Roll Call:

ASCC: Breen, Clark, Harrell, Koch, Ross (arrived at approximately 4:30 p.m.)

ASCC absent: None

Planning Commission Liaison: None

Town Council Liaison: None

Town Staff: Planning Director Debbie Pedro, Assistant Planner Carol Borck

### Others present relative to the proposal for 40 Antonio Court:

Emily and Brian Melton, applicant
Danielle Wyss, project architect
Kelly Kopelson, project architect
Clinton Prior, project architect
Joni Janecki, landscape architect
Robin and Firouzeh Murray, 30 Antonio Court
Rene Lacerte and Joyce Chung, 35 Antonio Court
Linda Waissar, 7 Veronica Place
Roddy Mackowski, 45 Los Charros
Joyce Shefren, 30 Valencia Court
Jane Bourne, Conservation Committee
Judith Murphy, Conservation Committee

Pedro presented a summary of the staff report for the proposed residential development on the 4.48 acre parcel created as part of the 3 lot Priory subdivision. The proposal is for a 5,123 sq. ft. single story home, a 596 sq. ft. detached garage, a 738 sq. ft. guest house, and a 426 sq. ft. pool house on this vacant property.

Danielle Wyss, project architect, presented provided an overview of the project and their design approach. She explained that the L-shaped design of the house is inspired by barn architecture.

Joni Janecki, landscape architect, said the proposed entry gate is needed to establish a sense of symbolic enclosure. The owners have small children and they are concerned about off leash dogs that may run through their property.

The group walked around the building site and asked questions of the project team regarding the design of the house and accessory structures.

Joyce Chung, neighbor, commented on the massiveness of the roof. She asked whether a cathedral ceiling is necessary in the garage and would like to see a lower roof pitch. She also asked how tall the building is compared to the top of the knoll. Pedro responded that at the highest point, the house is 11' taller than the top of the knoll.

Robin Murray, neighbor, has concerns that this large structure would overpower the knoll.

Commissioner Ross arrived at approximately 4:30 p.m.

Wyss provided the Commissioners with a written summary of the neighbor outreach efforts and highlighted changes made to the project including lowering the roof pitch from 9/12 to 8/12, stepping the house down to break up the horizontal mass in the front facing Antonio court, and moving the detached garage 27' to the east to open up the view of the western hillside for the neighbor at 35 Antonio Court. In trying to balance the concerns of the neighbors, the applicant is also trying to keep with the inspiration of barn architecture for the buildings.

Commissioner Breen noted that the Priory PUD statement speaks to the preservation of the basic topographic form of the site. She has concerns that the project may impact the knoll experience. Before ending the meeting, the commissioners walked to the area adjacent to back of 35 Antonio Court to have a broader view of the property including the knoll and the story poles.

Chair Koch thanked the design team and others present for participating in the site meeting. Project consideration was continued to the regular evening ASCC meeting.

### **Adjournment**

The site meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:10 p.m.

### **Architectural and Site Control Commission**

November 10, 2014

Regular Evening Meeting, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley, California

Chair Koch called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Center historic School House meeting room.

### Roll Call:

ASCC: Clark, Harrell, Koch, Ross

Absent: Breen

Planning Commission Liaison: None Town Council Liaison: John Richards

Town Staff: Planning Director Pedro, Assistant Planner Borck

Planning Director Pedro called the roll.

### **Oral Communications**

None

4a. Preliminary Review, Architectural Review for New Residence with Detached Garage, Detached Guest House, Detached Pool House and Swimming Pool, and Site Development Permit X9H-681, 40 Antonio Court, Melton Residence, File # 44-2014

### Roll Call:

ASCC: Clark, Harrell, Koch, Ross

ASCC absent: Breen

Planning Commission Liaison: None Town Council Liaison: John Richards

Town Staff: Planning Director Debbie Pedro, Assistant Planner Carol Borck

Pedro presented the staff report and provided a summary of the preliminary site meeting conducted by the ASCC earlier in the day. Danielle Wyss, project architect presented the project to the ASCC and explained that the architectural design of the house is a combination of contemporary and rural barn aesthetics. The home was designed with the intention of respecting the site and its surroundings. The design follows a farm vernacular where the architecture is pulled apart to break up the structure into several buildings.

Joni Janecki, landscape architect presented the conceptual landscape plan and said the proposed location of the trees would serve to mitigate views to house while maintaining open views for the Antonio Court neighbors. The design goal is of natural landscaping instead of contrived ornamental landscaping.

Commissioner Clark noted that a roof plan should be included. He also suggested that a rendering for driveway approach be prepared.

Commissioner Harrell asked for clarification on the roof material and entry gate material. The architect responded that the roof will be metal and unstained wood will be used on the entry gate.

Commissioner Ross asked about the height of lights outside of the living room. The architect responded that the lights will be about 4.5 feet from the ground and recessed in the concrete foundation wall.

Chair Koch questioned the need for three windows in the garage as the glow will affect the neighbors. She also asked whether the detached garage structure can be moved closed to the house. The architect responded that because of the fire truck turnaround requirement, moving the garage to the west would result in more retaining walls and grading. The building envelope also limited where the garage can be located.

Chair Koch opened the public hearing.

Roddy Mackowski, 45 Los Charros said he can see the detached garage from his house. He thought the structure would be used for storage and not required.

Mrs. Mackowski, 45 Los Charros, said there are too many structures on this site and preferred to see fewer structures. She proposed eliminating the garage and wouldn't mind seeing more oaks.

Robin Murray, 30 Antonio Court, said that the structure should not overpower the site according to the Priory PUD statement. He mentioned the previously approved project on this property which followed the guidelines of the PUD. He believed that the sheer mass of the structure and its location over the knoll is not in conformance with the PUD. He suggested ways to reduce the physical mass including digging it lower, changing roof line, and relocating the structures.

Joyce Chung, 35 Antonio Court, thanked the owner for making some adjustments to the project to address their concerns. However, the orientation and mass of the building would dominate the land and change the feel of the area. She still had concerns about the detached garage and would like to see it lowered. She questioned the need of the entry gate and is open to discussing installing signage in the driveway easement for the purpose of property identification.

Chair Koch closed the public hearing and summarized Commissioner Breen's email comments for the project. Breen said the building forms, simplicity of the design, and the palette of materials are lovely. She appreciated the thoughtful approach to siting but also suggested lowering the roof or plate height and possibly moving or eliminating the detached garage. She preferred fewer oaks to be planted on the property as they may block the Mackowski's view of the meadow.

Commissioner Clark said the Priory PUD does not exclude development near the knoll and he liked the way this home sits around the knoll and the multiple structures design. He noted that there are views from other vantage point including the Priory and areas off-site that should be considered. He made several suggestions including rotating the main house counter clockwise to the north or change the roof form over the outdoor room to a flat roof to lessen the massing and overall scale of the house. He had reservations about the entry gate and recommended adding shrubs to the area near 35 Antonio Court to provide immediate screening. He noted that the proposed exterior plaster color should be a darker shade, particularly on the western side of the house.

Commissioner Harrell commended the design team for working with the neighbors. She noted the need for something at the bottom of driveway to indicate the boundaries of the private property. She commented on the continuous ridge line of the roof and encouraged the applicant to explore the possibility of varying the roof lines or lowering the house. She agreed with Commissioner Clark that a darker plaster color would be desirable so there is less contrast.

Commissioner Ross said that the proposed project is well balanced and respects the site. There is tremendous amount of activities at the Priory school and the owner is using the knoll as a buffer to protect themselves from the school site below. He liked the campus effect of splitting up the structures on the property and the lighter color palette is better because a darker color would make the house look like a large boulder. While the linear roof line concerns him, lowering the house by a foot or two will have no effect on the neighbors as they will not see knoll. He questioned the need for a gate. He had no concerns about the lighting plan.

Chair Koch said the project is attractive and thoughtfully designed according to the requirements of the PUD. She had no concerns about the colors and materials but the number of lights should be reduced. She believed that the linearity of the house is causing concerns for the neighbors but lowering house is not going to make much of a difference. She questioned the need for the number of windows at the garage as well as the gate at the entrance to the property. She said the flat roof concept over the outdoor room would break up the continuous roof line and cause a design issue. She had no concerns with the landscape plan but suggested that the applicant work closely with the neighbors on adding significant trees for screening.

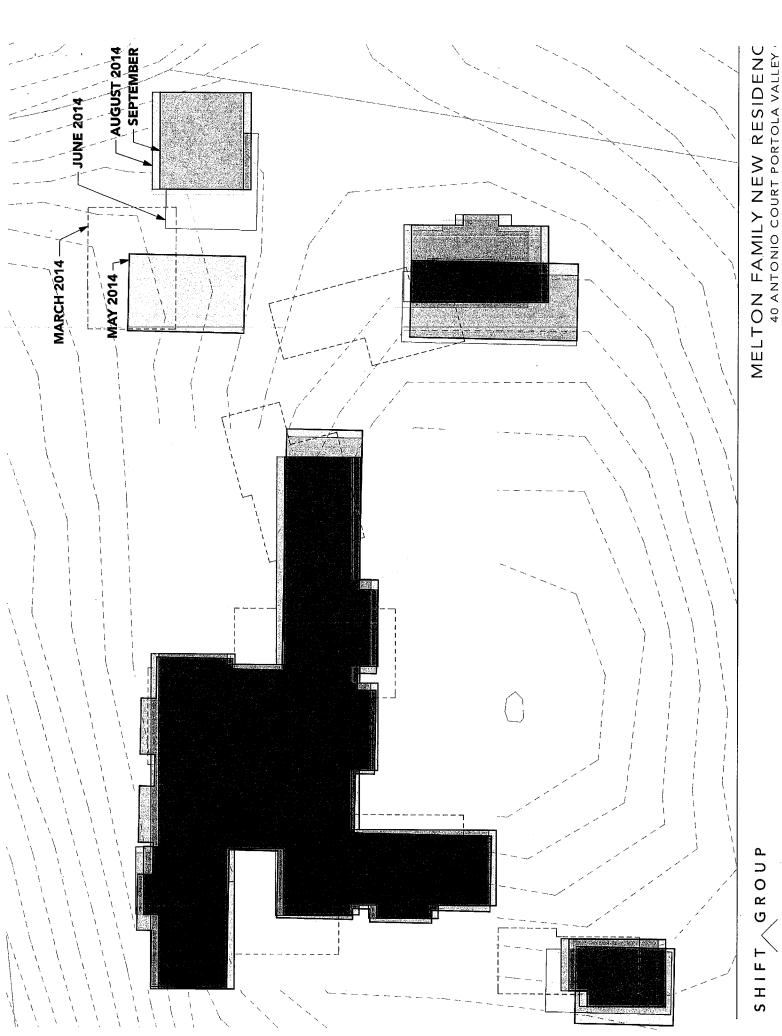
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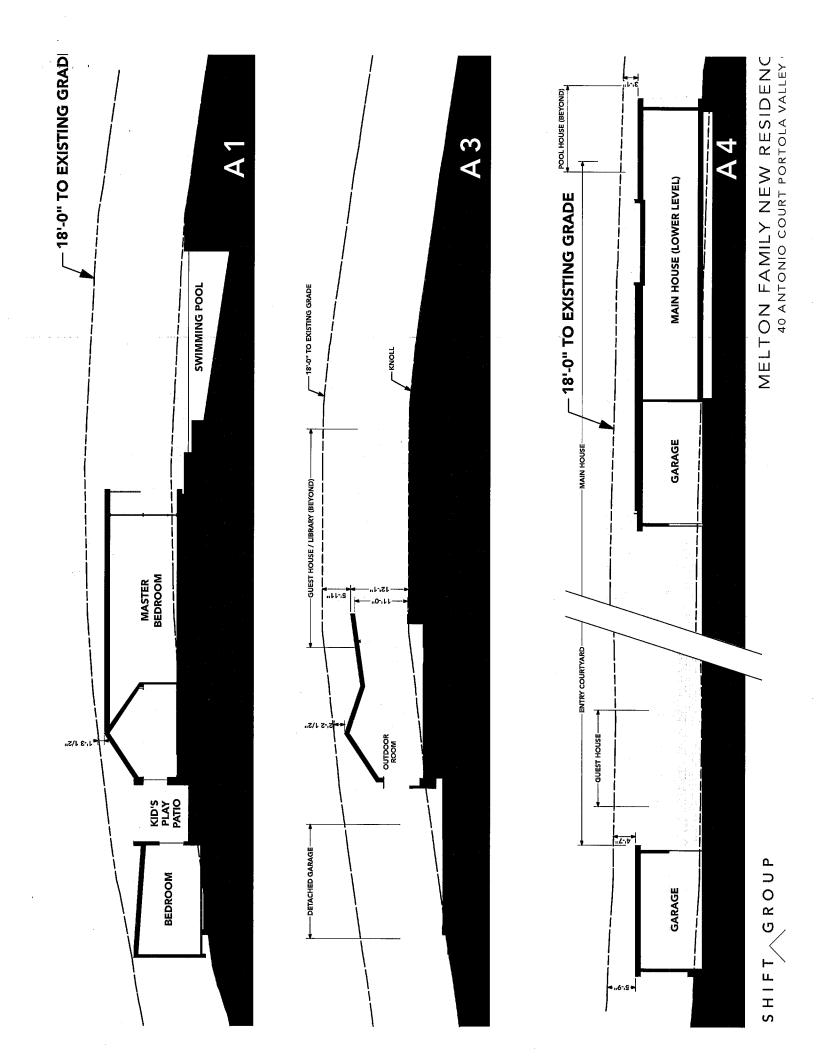
### 4b. Architectural Review for Residential Addition and Remodeling, 125 Fawn Lane, Huffman Residence, File # 45-2014

Borck presented the November 10, 2014 staff report for this proposal for approval of plans for a residential addition and remodel to the existing partial two-story residence. She advised that the area of the addition was currently uninhabitable attic storage space, and that the project would convert that space into a 205 square foot music room. She stated that the footprint and maximum height of the house would not change. She also noted that the project included remodeling of the

### **NEIGHBOR OUTREACH - 40 ANTONIO COURT**

- We reached out to all seven adjacent neighbors starting in March 2014, and have reviewed the site plans with six of the seven.
- Note that our neighbor at 41 Los Charros did not respond to our offer.
- We received positive support with no requests from Tim Molak of the Woodside Priory, Daniel Abrams at 5 Veronica Place and Linda Waissar at 7 Veronica Place.
- Per the Priory HOA agreement, we received written approval from the two Veronica Place neighbors.
- Marty & Donna Mackowski at 45 Los Charros gave positive feedback on the building and landscaping plans, but requested that construction be staged on the Windy Hill side of the lot.
- We do not have a staging plan yet, but agreed that we would discuss with our GC once the project is approved.
- We had three meetings with Rene & Joyce Lacerte from 35 Antonio Court
- At their request, we moved the detached garage 27 feet south, to improve their Windy Hill view through our property.
- This required a re-design of a courtyard that was intended to be private.
- It also required us to widen the parking court, increasing our impervious surface by 596 square feet.
- At their request, we also placed trees on the southeastern side of the property to obscure the garage and guesthouse.
- We provided a landscaping plan and a rendering from their house, and requested that they confirm the placement of the trees. They did not respond.
- We had three meetings with Robin Murray from 30 Antonio Court.
- We accommodated his request for additional live oaks to screen the east side of the house.
- While his initial request for 15 trees was not consistent with our landscaping aesthetic; nor in keeping with the grassland and oak savanna plant community, we believe that our proposed placement of a cluster of 5 oak trees will obscure the house from his master bedroom window.





November 19, 2014

### Dear ASCC Members:

We are following up from the recent 11/10 ASCC site visit and meeting, where the development of 40 Antonio Court was reviewed. As a reminder, our main concern is the height and apparent mass of the buildings from our perspective.

While we have met Brian Melton on the property several times prior to the site/ASCC meetings, we have never met with the architect, nor reviewed the full drawings, other than the footprint of the buildings. With the story poles up, it is clear that the main building dominates the knoll, which appears to be inconsistent with the spirit of the Woodside Priory PUD and the Portola Valley Design Guidelines.

Subsequent to the ASCC meeting, we reached out to Brian to discuss possible changes to mitigate the concerns we brought up at the meeting. He suggested that he would work on this with the architect, but the resubmitted plans do not address the concerns about the building height at all.

We appreciate Brian's willingness to meet with us, but thus far we haven't seen any movement towards a compromise on this issue. As we have suggested before, there are several possible options to address these concerns. We feel there is room for a reasonable solution.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Rene Lacerte and Joyce Chung 35 Antonio Court, Portola Valley 650-851-8602

### Firouzeh & Robin Murray 30 Antonio Court Portola Valley, CA 94028

Nov. 20, 2014

Dear Members of the ASCC,

We are writing once again to ask for your guidance and input regarding the 40 Antonio Court project.

We have concerns about the 40 Antonio Court plans & project that we have voiced both in writing, prior to the Nov 10 ASCC site visit and meeting, and verbally at the meeting itself. Our main concern is the height and prominence of the 120 feet long contiguous structure of the main house that dominates the knoll.

We have tried a number of avenues to constructively and directly address these concerns, including a meeting with Brian Melton on Nov 15, after the ASCC meeting. While we sincerely appreciate Brian taking the time to meet with us and also respect the Melton's architectural aspirations, the plan that was resubmitted on Monday does not address the issues we have raised – namely the height or prominence of the house - in any way.

We really are trying to be reasonable and constructive neighbors. After all, we have built a house ourselves and we know the many factors that have to be balanced in doing so. We also believe that there are solutions (e.g. drop the height of the roof) that could work for all parties – we just need your help so that we and the other neighbors can have a constructive discussion with the Meltons and their architect. This requires the involvement and direction of the ASCC. We would appreciate your guidance and response.

Sincerely,

Firouzeh & Robin Murray

Firouzeh's cell: 415 279 2011 Robin's cell: 650 303 0443 TOWN OF POSTOLA VALLEY

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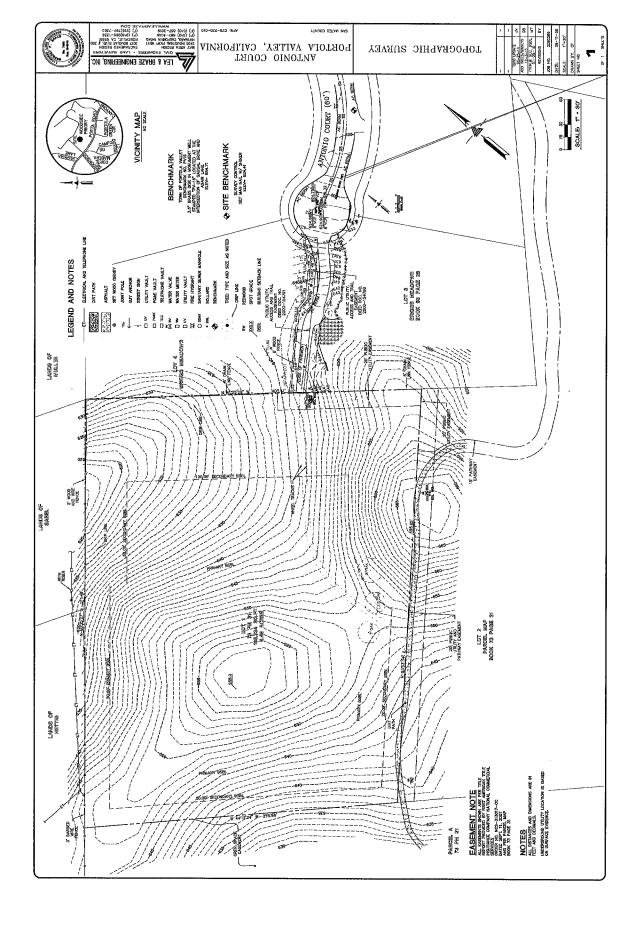
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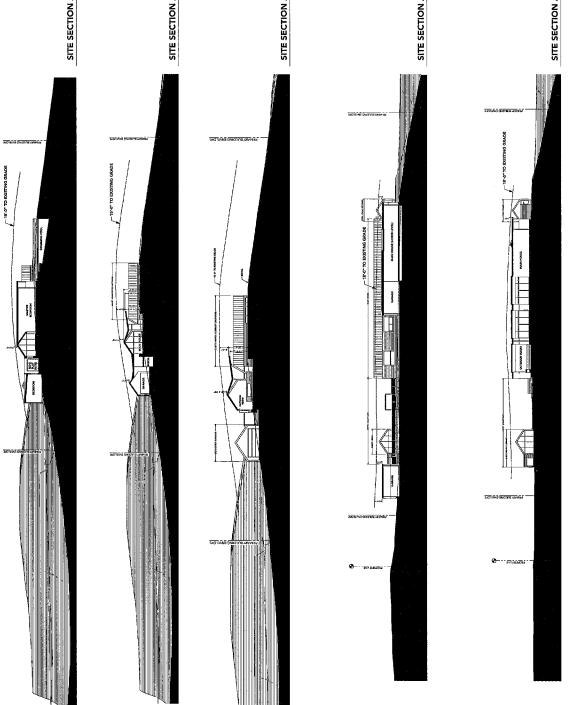
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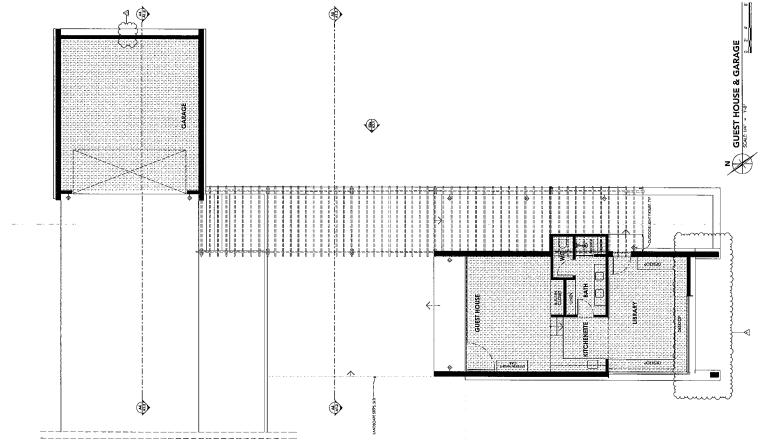
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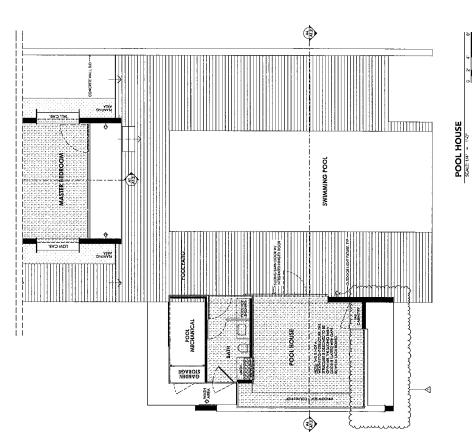
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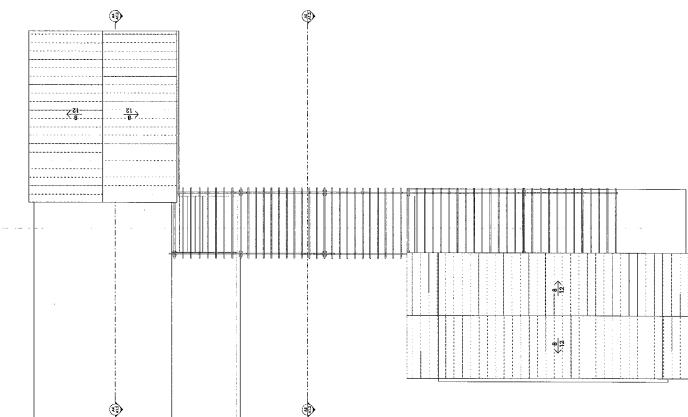
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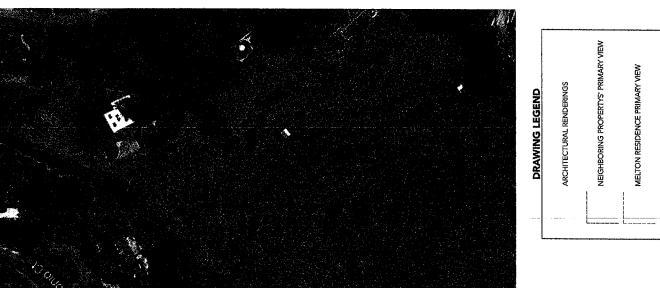
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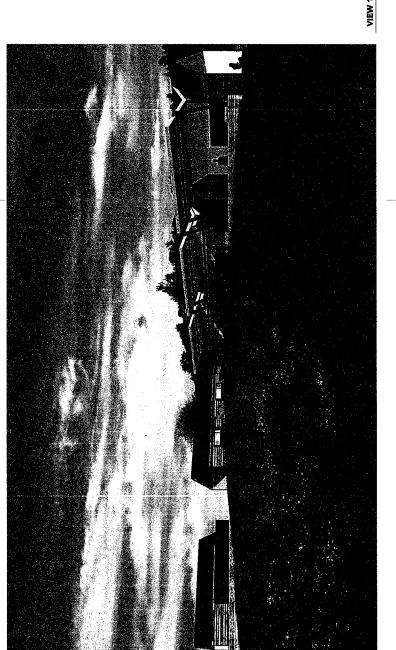
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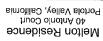


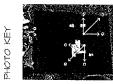






















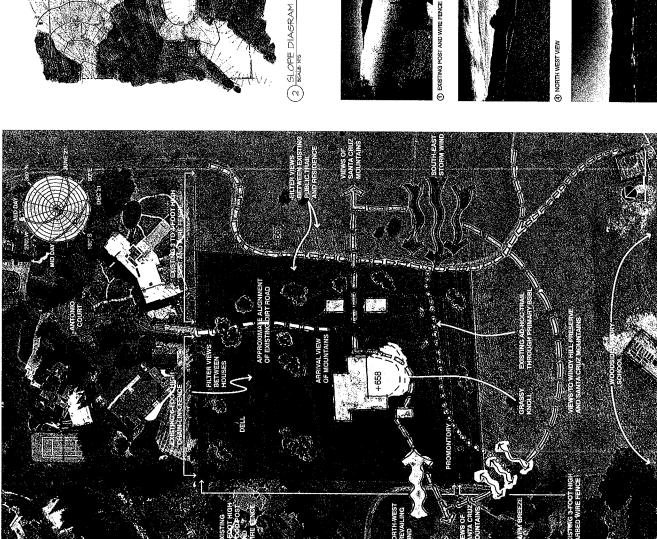


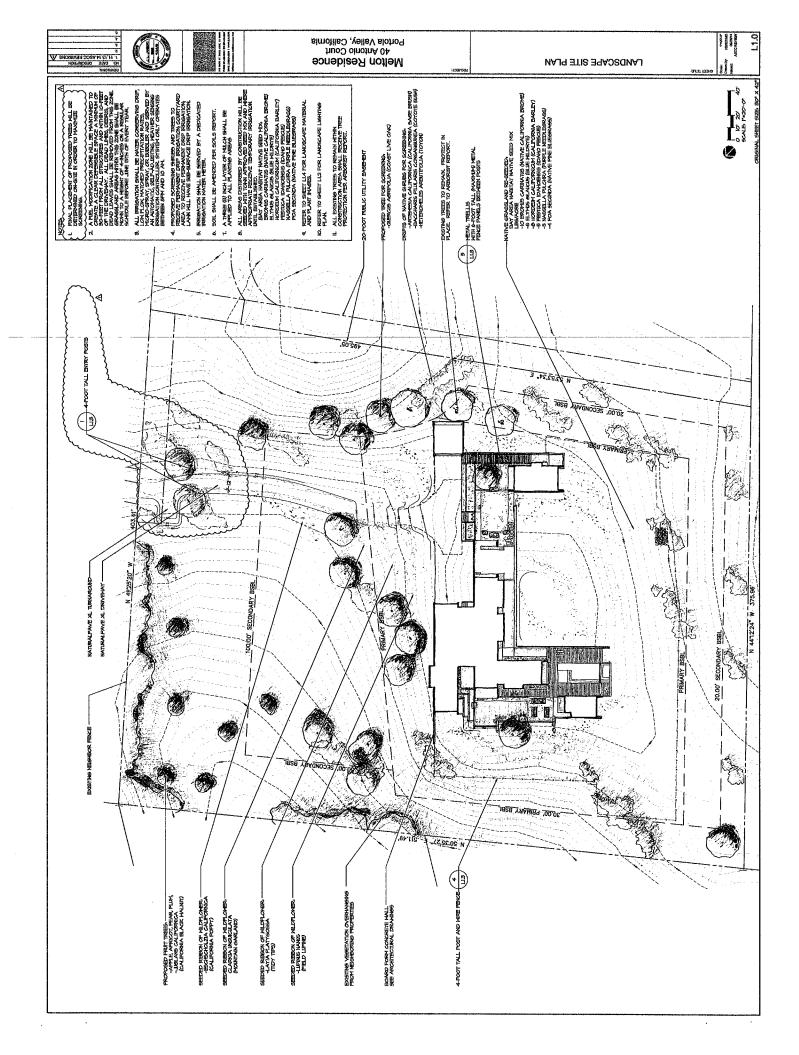


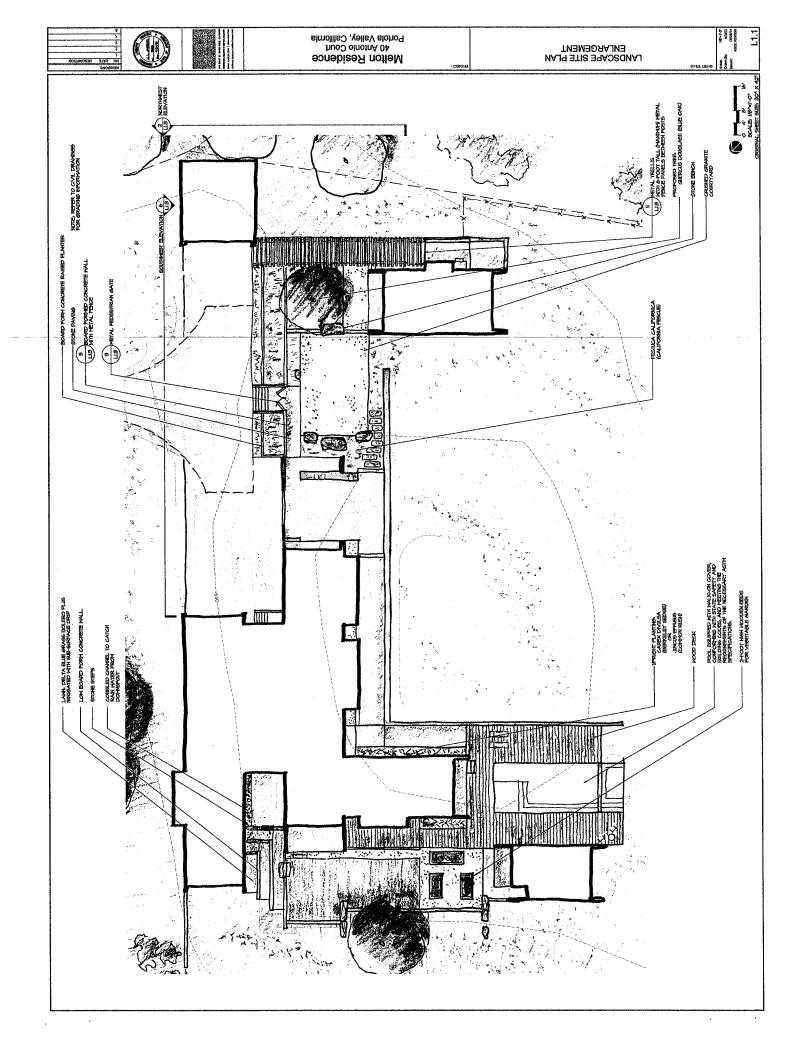


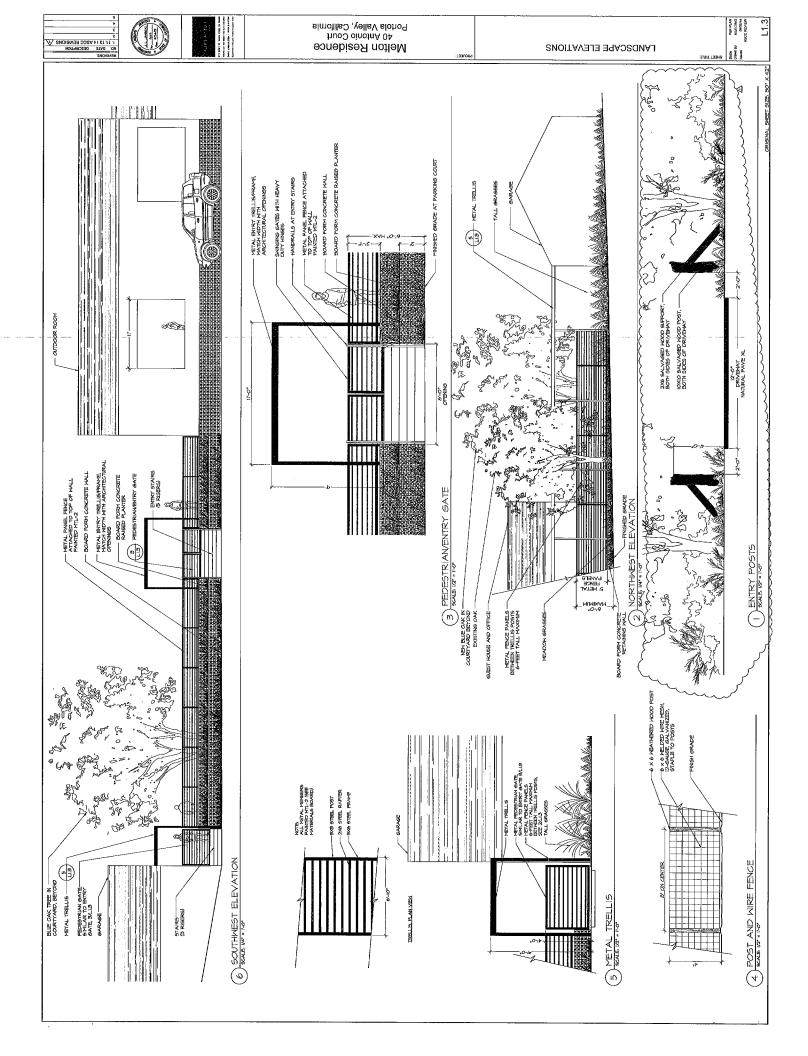
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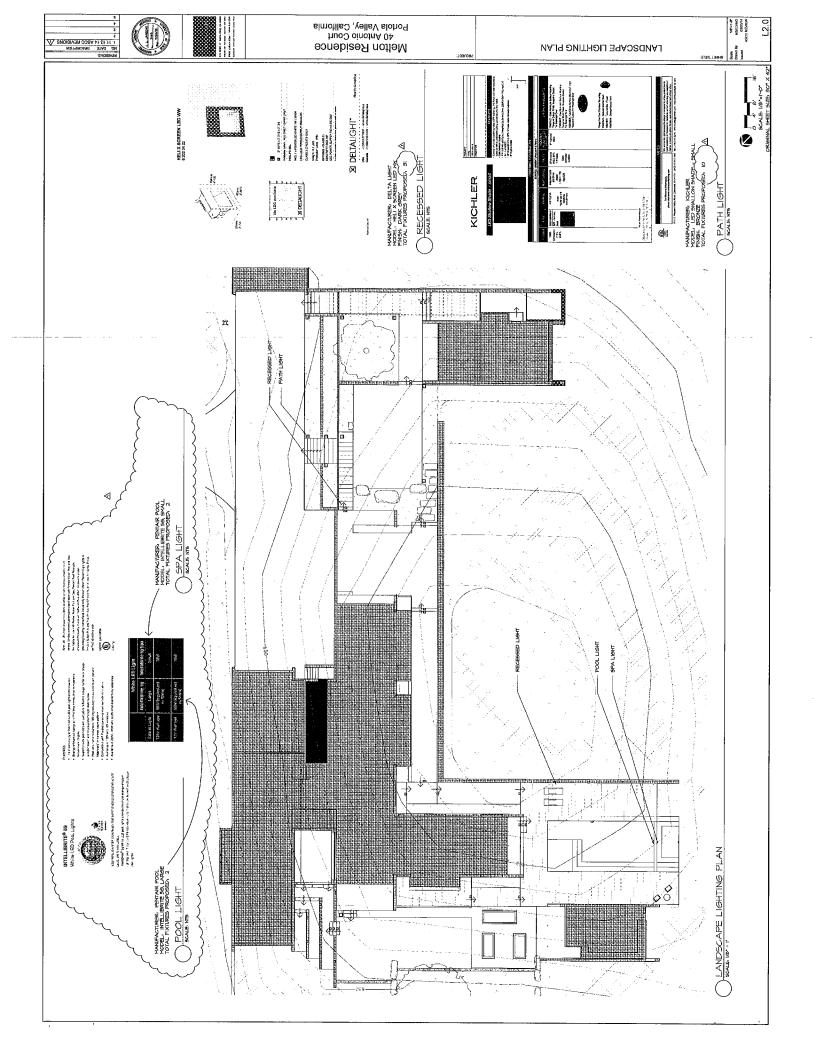
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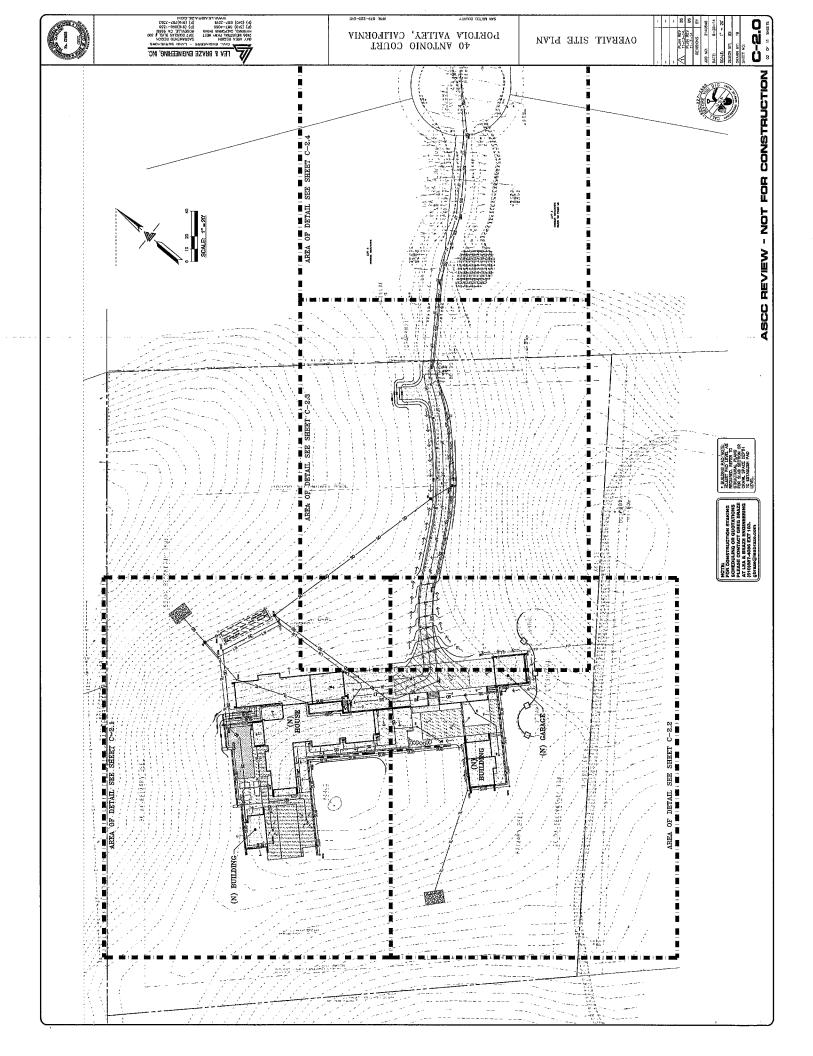


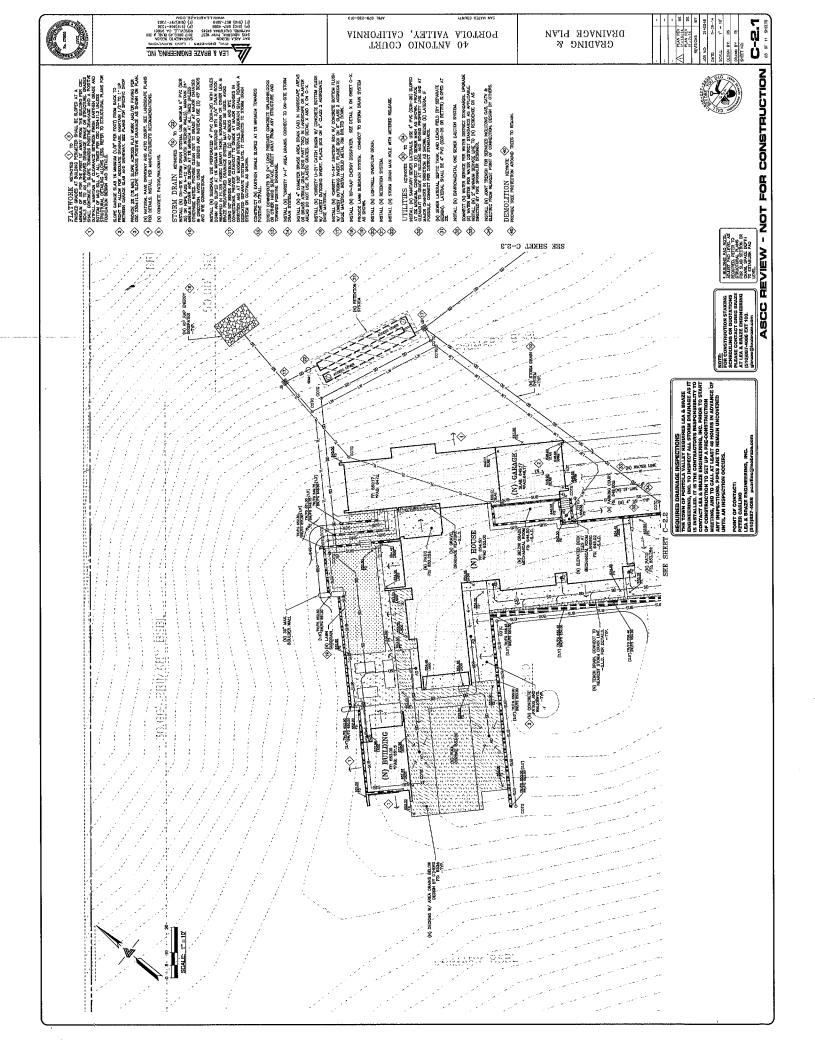


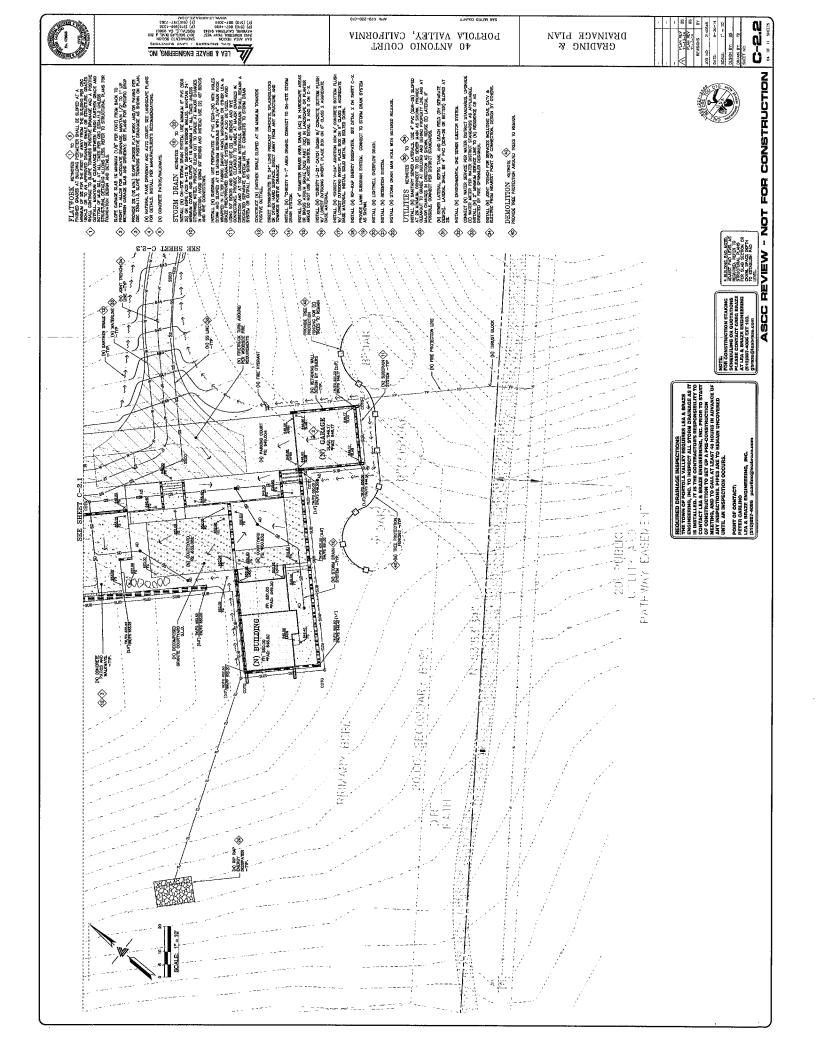


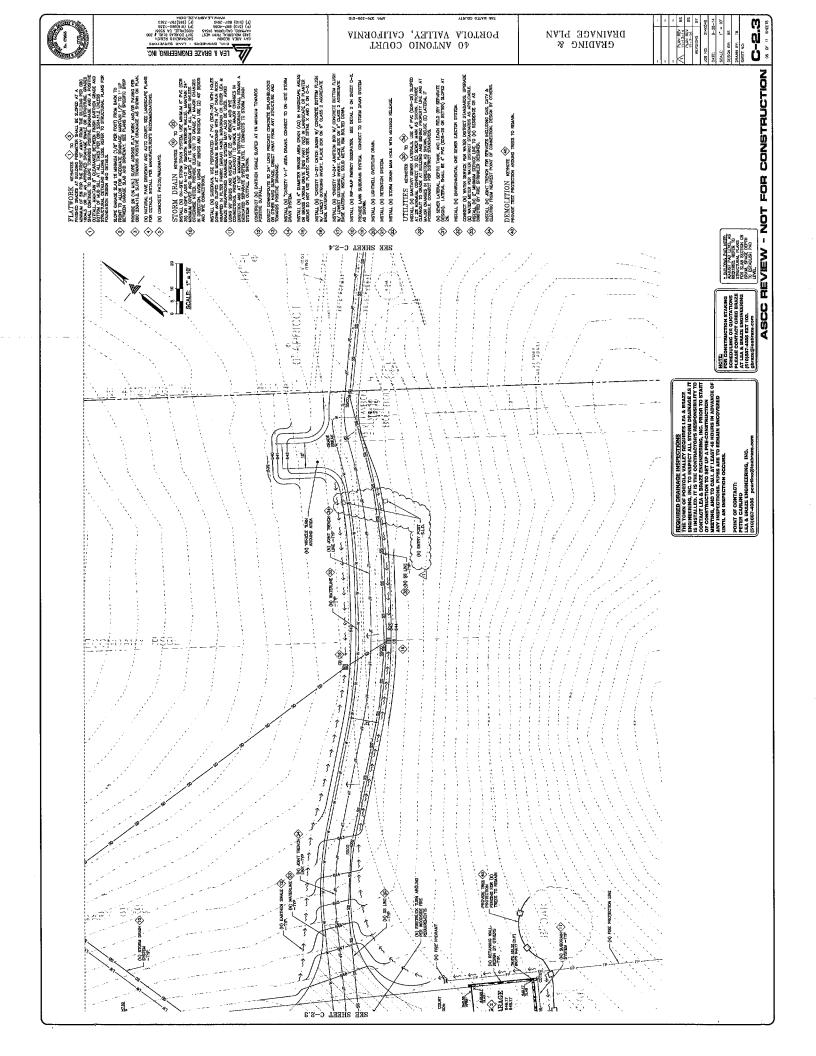


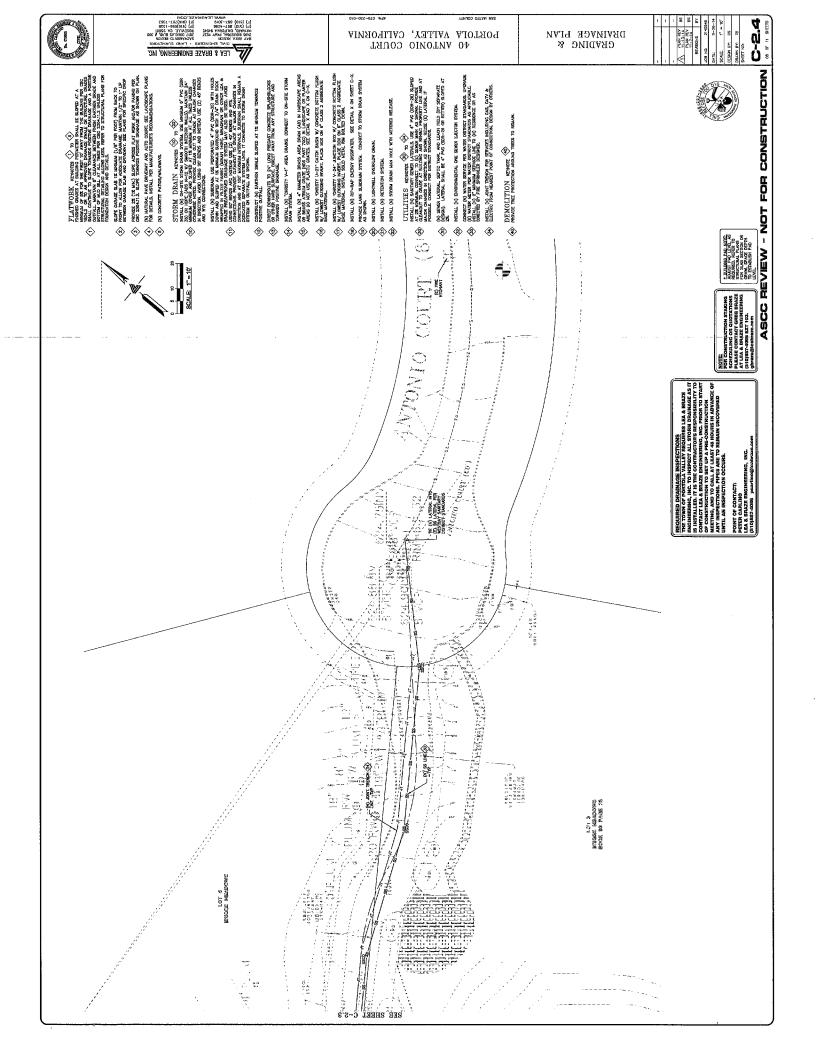












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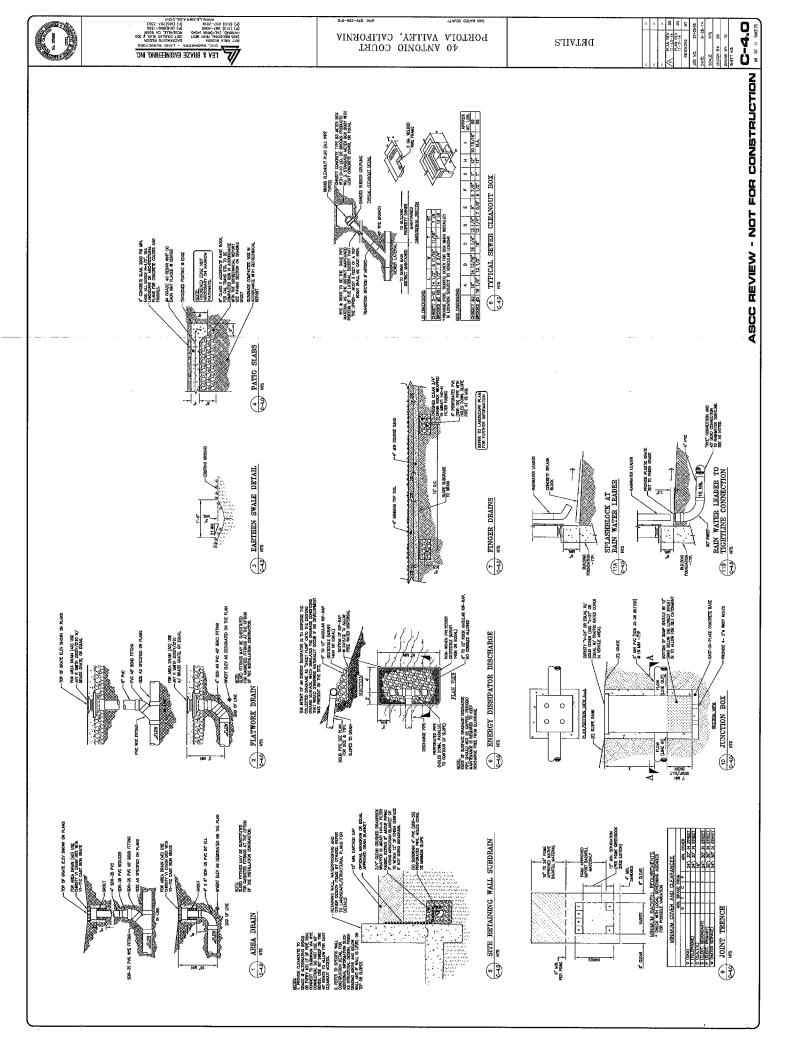
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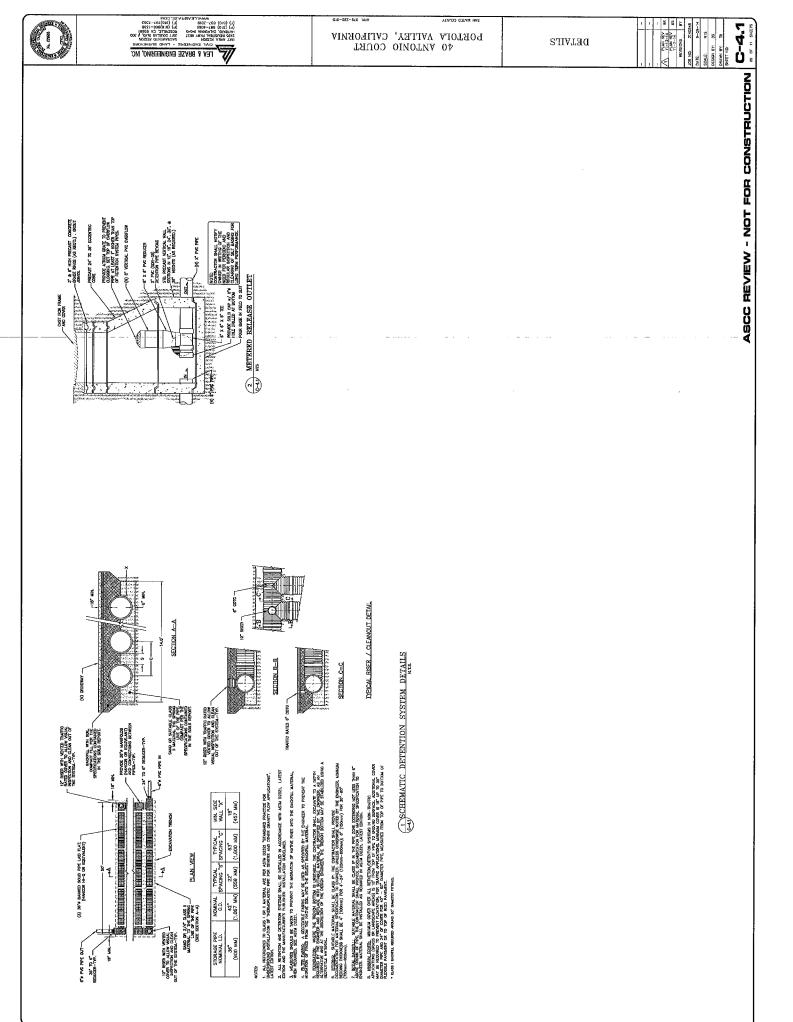
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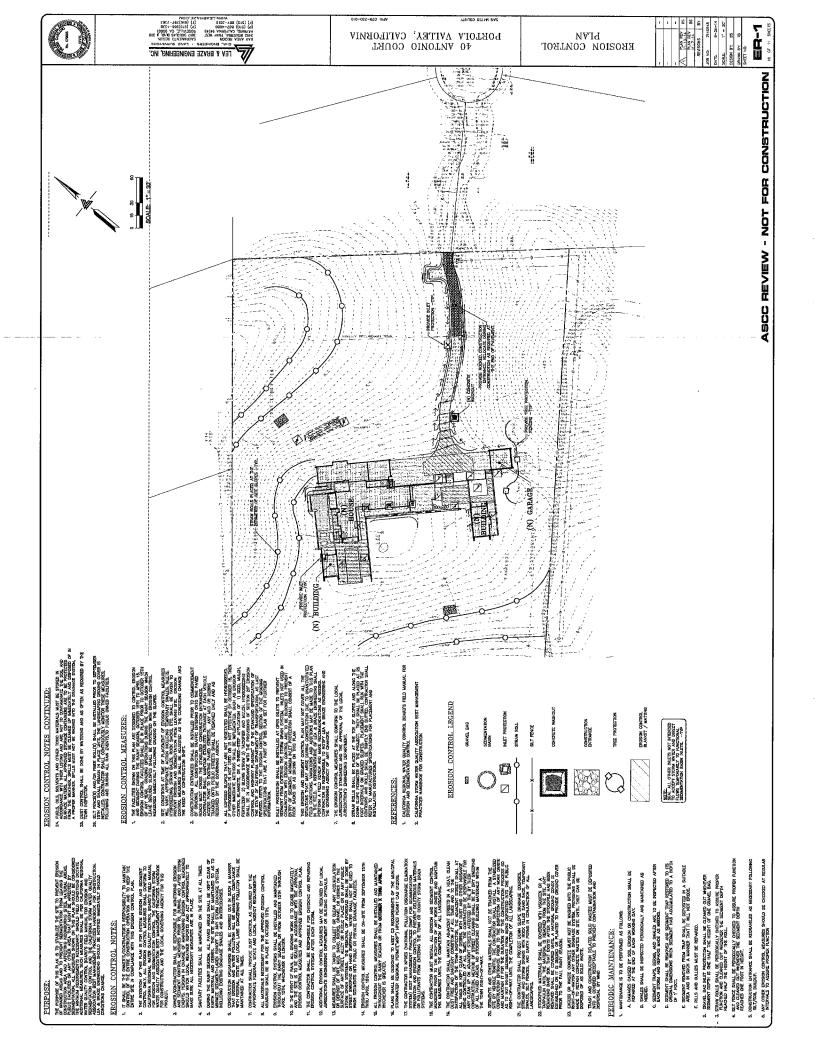
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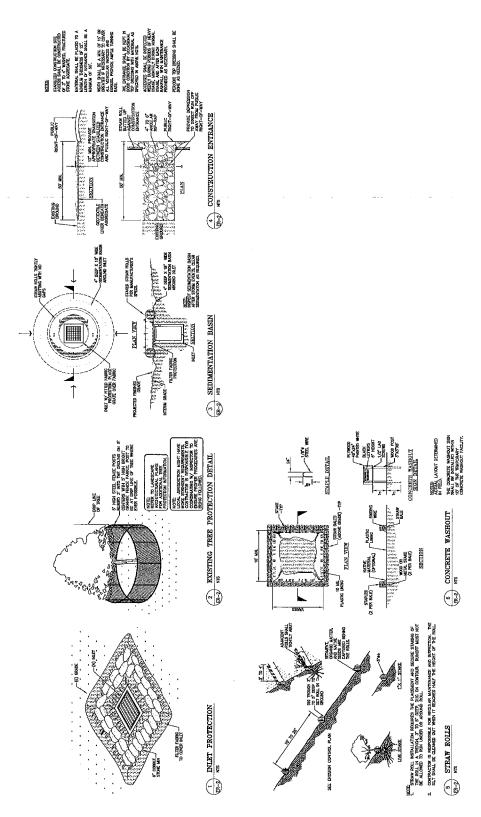
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### **MEMORANDUM**

### **TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY**

TO:

**ASCC** 

FROM:

Carol Borck, Assistant Planner

DATE:

November 24, 2014

RE:

Architectural Review for Modifications to Previously Approved New Residence –

Additional Skylight, File # 08-2004, 287 Westridge Drive, Lovazzano Residence

#### RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the ASCC review the as-built roof plan, consider comments in this staff report and any additional comments which may be offered at the meeting, and approve the additional skylight with any additional conditions that may be necessary based on the ASCC's review.

#### **BACKGROUND**

This is an application for the approval of one "as-built" skylight to the ASCC approved residential redevelopment project. On July 12, 2004, the ASCC conditionally approved a 6,696 square foot new residence and 747 square foot guest house on the subject 3.3-acre Westridge subdivision property (see attached vicinity map). On August 30, 2006, the Town issued a building permit for project construction, and work has proceeded since that time.

On July 25 and 30, 2014, the Town received emails (attached) from the Westridge HOA inquiring about the installation of a skylight on the eastern side of the home nearest Alpine Road. The HOA stated that they did not recall the skylight being identified on the building plans and that they had concerns over potential light spill. Town Building Inspector, Randy Kidwell, reviewed the approved building permit plans and determined that one additional skylight located at the eastern side of the home had been installed without submittal of revised building plans. The project applicant was then directed to either remove the additional skylight or submit for "as-built" review by the ASCC.

The proposed additional skylight is shown on the enclosed roof plan, Sheet A-5, received on 9/22/14. In addition to the plan sheet, the proposal includes the information listed below:

Skylight cut sheets, received on 9/26/14

The following comments are offered to assist the ASCC review and act on the application.

#### DISCUSSION

The new residence project was approved by the ASCC in 2004 and has been under construction since 2006. While construction has been underway longer than is typical for residential redevelopment projects in town, the building permit has remained open and active. The approved building permit plans include a total of five skylights. These skylights were not a part of the ASCC approved plans and were reviewed and approved by staff prior to building permit issuance. Three skylights are located at the western end of the home over the master bathroom, hallway, and sitting room, one skylight is located centrally over the family room, and one skylight is located over the guest unit above the garage/workshop at the eastern end of the home. The additional skylight under consideration is located at the eastern end of the home over a bedroom.

On 9/26/14, staff visited the site and viewed all installed skylights from the interior of the home. Staff verified that there are no lights or shades mounted within any of the skylights, including the additional skylight under review. The applicant has confirmed that no lighting will be installed within the skylights, and that there is no lighting that will be mounted to shine upward into them. The skylight glazing is clear and not tinted.

As discussed above, the HOA brought the additional skylight to the Town's attention in July. Once the "as built" review request was received by the Town for ASCC review, staff directed the applicant to provide the roof plan showing the additional skylight to the HOA for consideration. The HOA has informed staff that the applicant has not yet submitted the revised roof plan. Although the HOA has not received materials from the applicant, the ASCC may still consider and act on the request as the Town does not enforce homeowner association CC&Rs.

### CONCLUSION

Prior to acting on this request, ASCC members should visit the site and consider the above comments and any new information that is presented at the November 24<sup>th</sup> ASCC meeting.

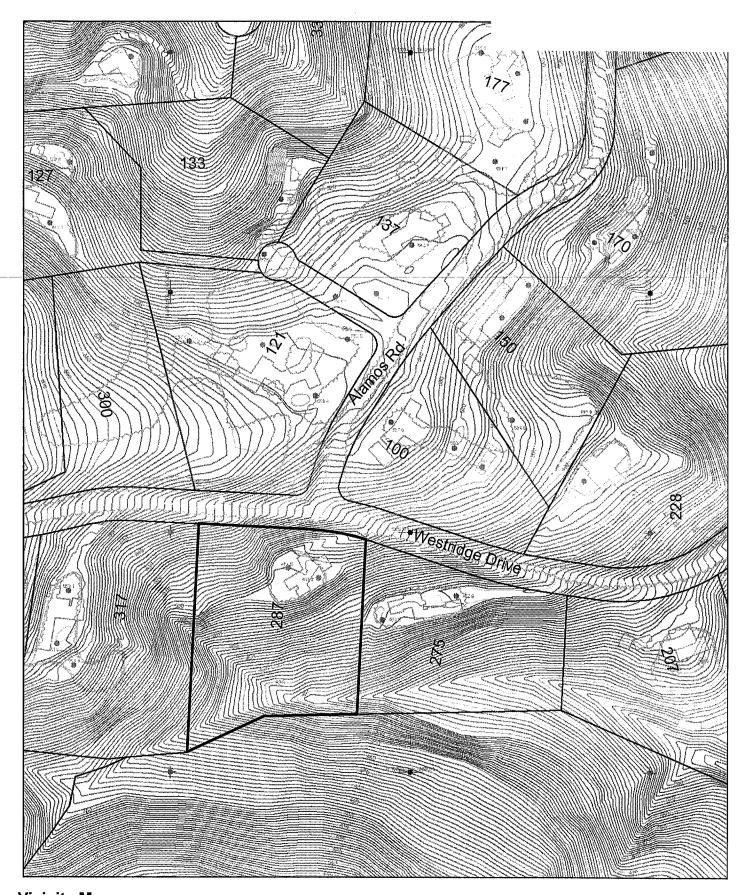
### **Attachments**

- 1. Vicinity Map
- 2. Emails from Westridge HOA
- 3. Skylight cut sheets, received 9/26/14
- 4. Roof plan, received 9/22/14

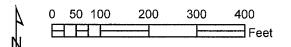
## Recommended Conditions of Approval for Modifications to Previously Approved New Residence - Additional Skylight 287 Westridge Drive, Lovazzano Residence, File # 08-2004

The following conditions are recommended if the ASCC finds it can act to approve the project:

- 1. No other modifications to the approved plans are allowed except as otherwise first reviewed and approved by the Planning Director or the ASCC, depending on the scope of the changes.
- 2. There shall be no lighting mounted within any of the skylights. All lighting in the area around the skylights shall be downward-directed.



### **Vicinity Map**



### **Carol Borck**

From:

Bev Lipman <br/>
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bevlipman@sbcglobal.net>

Sent: To: Friday, July 25, 2014 7:47 AM Carol Borck; Nick Pegueros

Cc:

Bev Lipman

Subject:

Lovazzano skylight

### WESTRIDGE ARCHITECTURAL SUPERVISING COMMITTEE

3130 Alpine Rd. # 288

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Rusty Day, Chairman; Walli Finch, Treasurer; Bev Lipman, Secretary; George Andreini, Trails; and David Strohm

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To Carol Borck, Assistant Planner

Nick Pegueros, Town Manager

Re: Lovazzano building project, 287 Westridge Drive, Portola Valley

Dear Carol and Nick,

We do not recall a skylight on the part of this building complex which is on the east (Alpine Road side) of this project nor de we believe we approved it. Was this skylight submitted and does the town approve? We are concerned that the skylight could become a prominent light source. What steps has the Town taken to assure that this does not occur?

Sincerely, Bev Lipman WASC Secretary 854-9199

### Carol Borck

From:

Bev Lipman <br/> <br/>bevlipman@sbcglobal.net>

Sent:

Wednesday, July 30, 2014 11:11 AM

To:

Carol Borck; Nick Pegueros; Howard Young

Cc:

Rusty Day; Walli Degenhart; Dave Strohm; George Andreini; Bev Lipman

Subject:

more on Lovazzano skylights

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July 30, 2014

To Carol Borck, Assistant Planner

Re: Lovazzano building project, 287 Westridge Drive, Portola Valley

### Carol,

Thanks for following up. . Since one of the Town's Major Community Goals, as listed in the General Policy in the General Plan, is to conserve the rural quality of Portola Valley by maintaining "minimal lighting so that the presence of development at night is difficult to determine" we think that the Lovazzano skylight question is important to the Town as well as to the Westridge neighborhood.

We would like to know:

- 1). what if any skylights beyond the approved skylights have been installed?
- 2). where exactly are they located and what sort of living space is beneath them?
- 3). what if anything ensures that such added skylights are incapable of emitting light at night? If they are potential sources of night-time light, we think the homeowners should either remove them or make modifications to ensure that they are incapable of emitting light at night.

Bev Lipman, Secretary

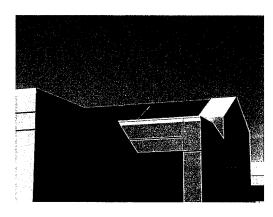
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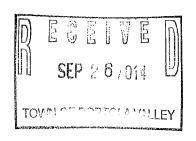
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### Multi-Lite Ridge Skylight





These types of skylights are applicable to conditions where the skylight continues in the same plane as the roof pitch and the ridge of the skylight follows the line of the ridge of the roof. They can also be mounted on curbs on flat roofs with a variety of skylight pitch options and glazed vertical ends. Both types of skylights can also be attached to adjacent vertical walls at either or both ends. Skylight pitch is generally determined by other architectural conditions or aesthetic requirements.

8-LITE RIDGE W/1" IGUSBAN 70 TEMP./CLR LAM

Curb size is determined by size and structural requirements and while shallow pitched ridges under 4" in 12" can be mounted on curbs perpendicular to the roof, a steeper pitch usually requires that the curb be plumb to the ground and the top of the curb be in the same plane as the slope of the roof and skylight (see drawing - perpendicular curb or plumb curb.) Ridge skylights with vertical ends require flashed and roofed flat curbs. To view standard details click here to see Ridge drawings.

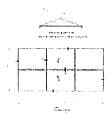
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### **Drawings**

### Ridge with glazed vertical ends

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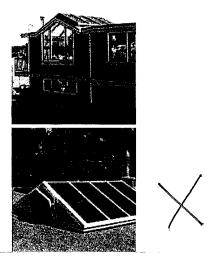
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### Ridge for curbs perpendicular to the roof

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### **Glazing Options**

Standard glass make-up is with insulated glass to limit heat loss and performance tinted or low-e glass products to control heat gain where required. Translucent or pattern glass is available if more diffused lighting is desired. All glass units are provided with code compliant exterior panels of tempered safety glass and interior panes of laminated safety glass. This combination also provides the maximum protection from ultraviolet light.

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### **MEMORANDUM**

### **TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY**

TO:

ASCC

FROM:

Carol Borck, Assistant Planner

DATE:

November 24, 2014

RE:

Architectural Review for Carport Enclosure, File # 47-2014, 14 Franciscan Ridge.

Rapp Residence

#### RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the ASCC review the proposed plans, consider comments in this staff report and any additional comments which may be offered at the meeting, and approve the proposed carport enclosure to the conditions listed in the staff report and any other conditions which may be necessary based on the ASCC's review.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The proposal is for approval of plans to enclose an existing carport on the property located at 14 Franciscan Ridge (see attached vicinity map). The lot was created as part of the Portola Valley Ranch No. 2 subdivision (January 1977).

The site currently contains a 2,878 square foot single-story residence and a 531 square foot detached carport. The carport is located approximately 30 feet back from the driveway connection at the cul-de-sac, and the home is located to the rear and east of the carport. The carport has a low-profile design with a flat roof and maximum height of approximately 10 feet. The existing house and carport have medium tan wood siding and light brown trim that will be matched with the improvements.

#### **CODE REQUIREMENTS**

As required by the Portola Valley Ranch Planned Unit Development (PUD) Statement and Section 3.8.6 of the Ranch Design Guidelines, this application has been forwarded to the ASCC for review. In addition, the project is evaluated for conformance with the provisions in the PUD Statement and criteria in the Ranch Design Guidelines.

#### DISCUSSION

The proposed enclosure would be accomplished with the installation of a new single, horizontal wood board automatic garage door. The finish color of the door was proposed to match the dark brown entry door to the residence; however, the Ranch design committee has conditioned their approval based on the submittal of lighter color options for the garage door (see attached letter dated 10/2/14). The project team is in the process of selecting a medium brown finish for the door that will be available for review at the 11/24/14 meeting. The rear and north side elevations have openings that would be filled in three feet up from the ground with new wood siding and then framed to support glass inserts. The trim around the glass inserts would match the existing medium tan siding. No other changes to the structure are proposed, and all existing vegetation is to be preserved. The carport has one existing down light located on the front elevation, and no new lighting is proposed.

There are no significant distant views through the carport, and close-in views of the trees and house immediately behind the carport do not appear significant from a public perspective. The Ranch design committee has reviewed and conditionally approved the project without requirements for any additional screening or softening features, such as a trellis with vines, as the carport is set back a minimum of 25' from the front property line.

### Conformance with Portola Valley Ranch Planned Unit Development (PUD) Statement provisions.

The existing carport conforms to PUD siting requirements and the location was approved by the ASCC prior to house construction. The current proposal does not call for enlarging the carport, only for enclosure, thereby not raising any yard encroachment or other PUD siting issues.

### Carport enclosure and conformance with design criteria.

The ASCC approved Carport Conversion Guidelines for the Ranch in 1999 (Attachment 4). The design guidelines provide that the enclosure conform to the architectural style of the house and suggest the use of architectural elements to make it more interesting if it is in a more visually prominent location, e.g., very close to the street right of way. The carport is set back approximately 30 feet from the cul-de-sac bulb, is low in profile, and not visually prominent.

Section 3.2.6.2, Garage Doors, of the Portola Valley Ranch Design Guidelines allows for the garage door to be painted **one color tone lighter or darker** than the garage siding to provide a greater sense of depth of the door setback and reduce the effect of the slab appearance of the garage door. The wenge siding in dark brown proposed for the garage door is much darker than the color of the garage siding. As noted earlier in this report, the PV design review committee has requested that a lighter color be used on the garage door. The applicant will provide the new color sample at the ASCC meeting on 11/24/14 for review and approval.

With the addition of the garage door, there will be very little potential for visual change in the area, except that views would be more to the garage door rather than vehicles and other materials in the carport.

The plans and data presented with the application appear to support a finding that the proposal conforms to the enclosure criteria. No further landscaping is proposed or was required by

Ranch design committee approval. In this case, additional landscaping does not appear necessary.

### CONCLUSION

Prior to acting on this request, ASCC members should visit the site and consider the above comments and any new information that is presented at the November 24<sup>th</sup> ASCC meeting.

### **Attachments**

- 1. Recommended Conditions of Approval
- 2. Vicinity Map
- 3. Letter from Portola Ranch Association, dated 10/2/14
- 4. Portola Valley Ranch Carport Conversion Guidelines
- 5. Architectural plans prepared by The Hayes Group dated 9/15/14, received on 10/16/14

Report approved by: Debbie Pedro, Planning Director

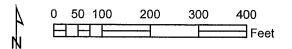
### Recommended Conditions of Approval for a Carport Enclosure 14 Franciscan Ridge, Rapp Residence, File #47-2014

The following conditions are recommended if the ASCC finds it can act to approve the project:

- 1. No other modifications to the approved plans are allowed except as otherwise first reviewed and approved by the Planning Director or the ASCC, depending on the scope of the changes.
- 2. The color to be used on the garage siding shall match the existing medium tan color of the carport and house.
- 3. The color of the garage door shall be one color tone lighter or darker than the garage siding, per the sample submitted at the ASCC meeting on 11/24/14.



### **Vicinity Map**



PAC

October 2, 2014

Roxy and Michelle Rapp 14 Franciscan Ridge Portola Valley, CA 94028 OCIATO

1 INDIAN CROSSING
PORTOLA VALLEY
CALIFORNIA, 94028
650-851-1811

Re: #14-69

Dear Roxy and Michelle,

Please be advised that the Design Committee has approved your application #14-69 for a carport conversion as submitted with the condition that the approved color of the garage door will be dependent upon the DC members reviewing and approving some lighter-in-color samples to be submitted to the Office as soon as possible. Please be aware that an appeal period of five (5) working days follows any decision made by the Design Committee. The appeal period for your application expires on October 9, 2014.

Please note that there can be no deviation from the approved plan without the consent of the Design Committee.

If you have any questions about your application, please do not hesitate to contact the Office at (650) 851-1811.

Thank you very much for working with the Design Committee.

Sincerely,

Dana Rhine

Management Office

Portola Ranch Association

# PORTOLA VALLEY RANCH CARPORT CONVERSION GUIDELINES

Approved by the ASCC February 22, 1999

### SECTION 3.8 - CARPORT CONVERSION AND REMODELING Approved by the ASCC February 22, 1999

### 3.8.1 - General Design Concept

- 3.8.1.1 Carport Conversions Originally, open carports were widely used on the Ranch to create a feeling of openness and to reduce apparent mass on the narrow roads and tight cul-de-sacs. Over the last twenty plus years, much has changed. Most importantly, landscaping has matured. This has reduced the apparent mass of carports and garages. In many cases, this landscaping has altered the views through carports. In addition, today many homeowners place higher priority on the benefits of garages than on those of carports. Therefore, the design concept will include both carports and garages, provided the conversion of carports preserves the general architectural elements used on the Ranch, attempts to preserve views of distant hills and valleys and does not negatively impact parking in the neighborhood. All carports and garages must at all times have sufficient clear area to store two vehicles completely within the structure.
- 3.8.1.2 Carport Remodeling Carports are intended to be open and for the storage of vehicles. Storage of other items may be provided for with enclosures which must not obstruct views or limit vehicle storage capability. Side and rear carport openings may be enclosed with clear materials. All such changes require Design Committee approval.
- 3.8.2 Architectural Design, Carport Conversions 3.8.2.1 General - The enclosed structure must maintain the integrity of the architectural style of the house and use typical plans, design elements and materials used for the house. The design should attempt to make the conversion interesting rather than creating a plain box like structure. To help avoid a simple box appearance, the Design Committee may require the addition of one or more of several design elements. Such elements include the use of double fascia board trim; a change of roof line to even or uneven gable; an extension of the roof over the doors to provide shadowing and reduce the feeling of boxiness; a deeper set back of the doors than the existing post structure; the use of glass above eight feet in height; raised planting structures on side or corners of garage; and attached or detached trellises to provide interest, shadows and perhaps to tie to a structure or entry path. Two garage doors separated by a central post are required to break the large expanse of a single door. Where possible, these doors should be fabricated of

the same material as the garage siding, e.g., board and batten garage doors for a board and batten garage and shingled doors for a shingled garage. (See Exhibits 3.8.2.1A-K.) Special rules on color of doors apply. (See 3.2.6.2 Garage Doors.)

- 3.8.2.2 Views To preserve or replace significant views through the enclosed structure, it may be required to add windows to the garage. (See 3.8.2.3 Landscape, below.) Other then to satisfy this need to preserve Significant Views, windows will not be allowed except above eight feet in height.
- 3.8.2.3 Landscape Addition or removal of landscaping may be a method of reducing the apparent mass or improving views. Addition of shrubs, vines or trees may help soften the apparent mass of the proposed garage by hiding parts of the structure that would otherwise be exposed. Planting along the driveway and in front of the garage will further soften the impact of enclosure. However, the addition of landscaping may limit existing views. Should a view corridor exist through a carport, it may be possible to remove or trim tall shrubs or trees directly adjacent to the garage in order to re-establish the view corridor lost by the enclosure of the carport. New landscape material would then be chosen that would maintain the openness of the newly established view corridor. This approach, however, may have the unintended affect of increasing the apparent massing of the garage due to the removal of landscape material; so a balance is required and will be a major consideration by the Design Committee.
- 3.8.2.4 Doors—if a garage is closer than seven feet from the street, the garage doors must be segmented doors which roll on tracks (as contrasted to solid pivoting doors). The use of glazing in garage doors is not considered a compatible architectural design element within the Ranch. All overhead garage doors must be equipped with automatic garage door openers.

### 3.8.3 - New Construction

For either new construction or replacement of an existing parking structure, the structure should be located to minimize the loss of views and set back from the road to reduce the feeling of mass and provide off street parking. Carports and garages must adhere to the standards set forth in the PUD Statements.

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### 3.8.4 - Parking

Carports and garages are designed to store vehicles. The Ranch has limited off street parking provided by Auxiliary Parking Easements (APEs). Ranch rules require that carports be retained open for car parking and that only neatly stacked fire wood and enclosed garbage cans be stored in carports. Whenever a carport is converted, the homeowner must agree to maintain the interior of the garage so that two cars can be parked inside.

### 3.8.5 - Carport Remodeling

- 3.8.5.1 Enclosing Side and Rear Openings Side and rear openings may be enclosed with clear plastic or clear glass with Design Committee approval. (See Standard Detail 3.8.5.1.)
- 3.8.5.2 Carport Storage All storage, other than vehicles and neatly stacked firewood, must be behind closed doors. Storage enclosures within a carport must be equivalent to the architectural style of the carport using the same materials in the same design and proportion as the main structure except for garbage can enclosures. (See Section 3.6.3.)

## 3.8.6 - Approvals Required

To convert a carport to a garage, a homeowner must receive approval from both the Design Committee and the ASCC. A building permit is also required.

required to paint the underside surfaces with the same stain used on the siding.

3.2.4.3 Carport Interiors - The interiors of carports should be stained the same color as the siding. If the ceiling of the carport is readily visible, the homeowner is required to stain the ceiling the same color as the siding.

# 3.2.5 - Fencing and Privacy Screens

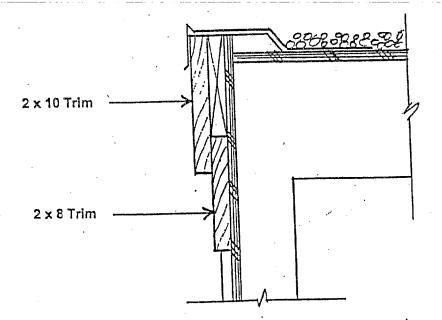
Fences usually are left to weather or are stained consistent with other structural elements of the house. Fences which are the same style as the siding must be stained the same color as the house. A privacy screen should be stained the same as the siding or the trellis if it is attached to the house or deck or left to weather if the trellis is unstained. If it is free standing, it should be finished as if it were a fence.

# 3.2.6 - Front Doors, Garage Doors and Wooden Doors Located Elsewhere

- 3.2.6.1 Front Doors There is a wide pallet of approved colors for application on front doors. The homeowner should select one of these which complements the colors of the house siding and fascia. (See Exhibit 3.2.11C.) If the door is wood, it may be painted or it may be finished with a clear or wood colored varnish like material. Wood doors finished with a varnish like material must use a low sheen satin or "eggshell" finish. If the door is painted, the paint must not have any more sheen than an "eggshell" finish.
- 3.2.6.2 Garage Doors Garage doors have traditionally been painted the same color as the house siding. There is an opportunity to create more interest in the garage structure by selecting a color in the same tone range which is one color tone lighter or darker than the garage siding. This will give a greater sense of depth of the door setback and reduce the effect of the slab appearance of the garage door.
- 3.2.6.3 Other Doors The finish on other wooden or steel doors in carports, or elsewhere, must also have a low reflectivity and must not have any more sheen than eggshell. If the house is stained, these doors must be stained the same color as the house siding. If the house is natural, these doors must be stained a color of very low contrast to the siding or left natural. If clear sealers are used, they

# EXHIBIT 3.8.2.1A STANDARD DETAIL - GARAGE

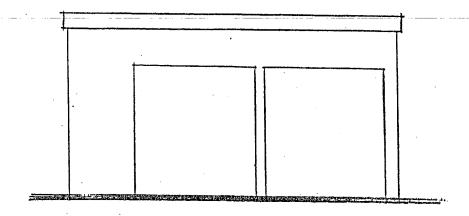
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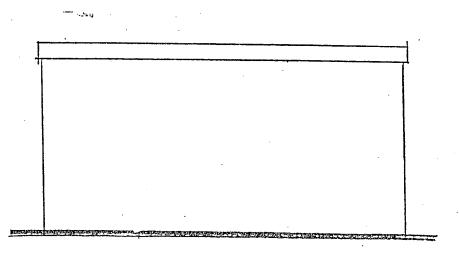
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# EXHIBIT 3.8.2.1B STANDARD ELEVATION - GARAGE

Flat Roof Design



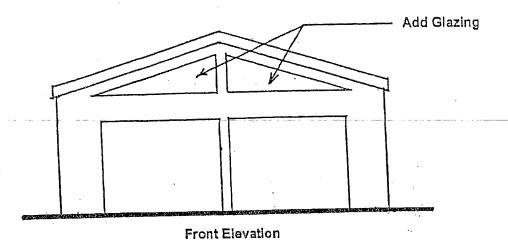
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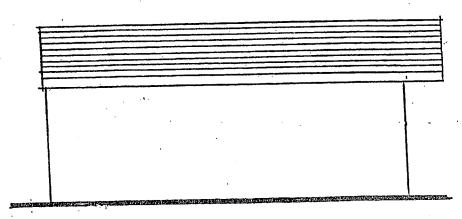


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# EXHIBIT 3.8.2.1C STANDARD ELEVATION - GARAGE

Even Gable Roof Design

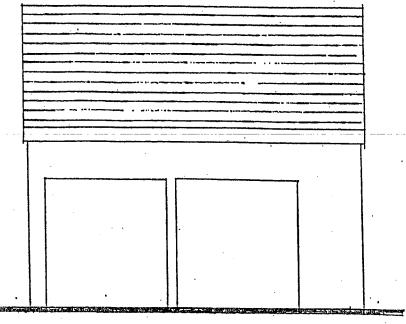




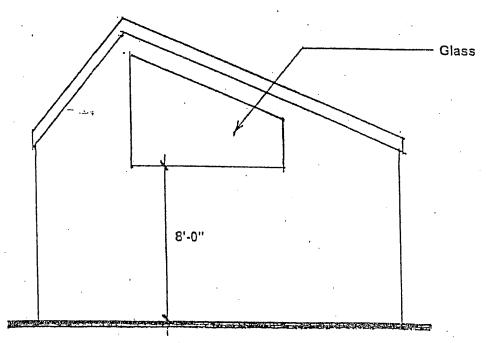
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Uneven Gable Roof Design



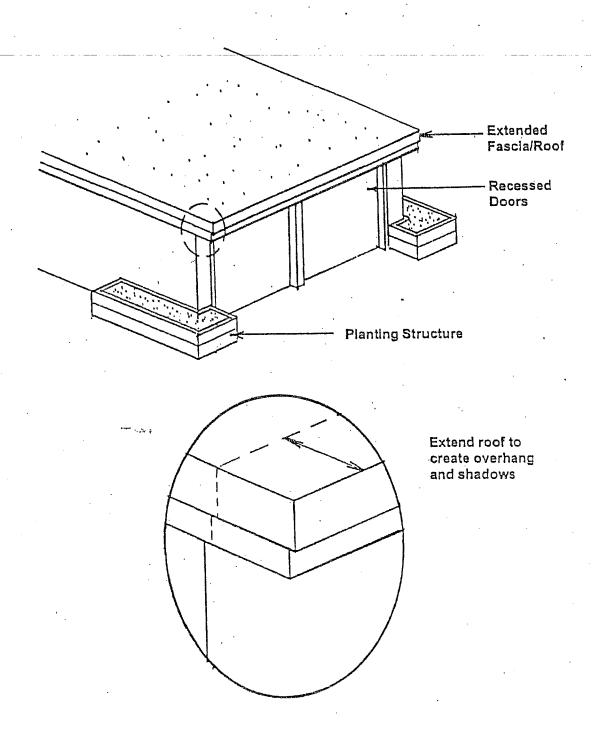
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Side Elevation

# EXHIBIT 3.8.2.1E STANDARD DETAIL - GARAGE

Fascia/Roof Extention Recessed Doors Planting Structures



# EXHIBIT 3.8.2.1F STANDARD DETAIL - GARAGE

Recessed Doors

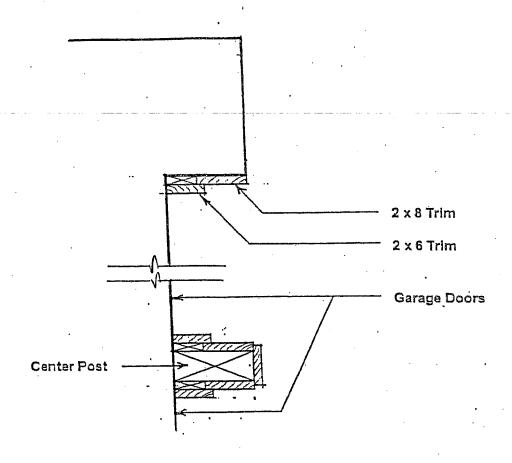
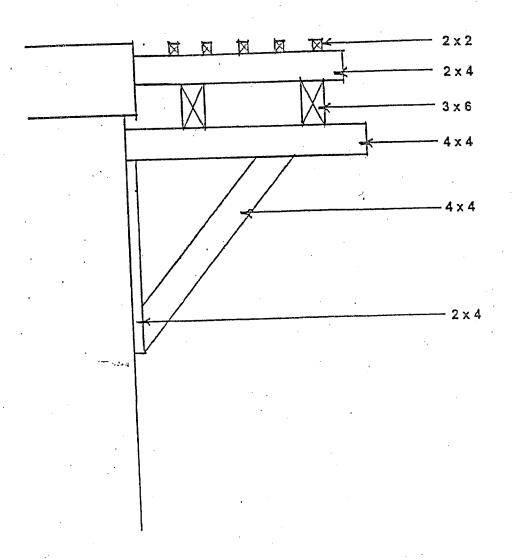


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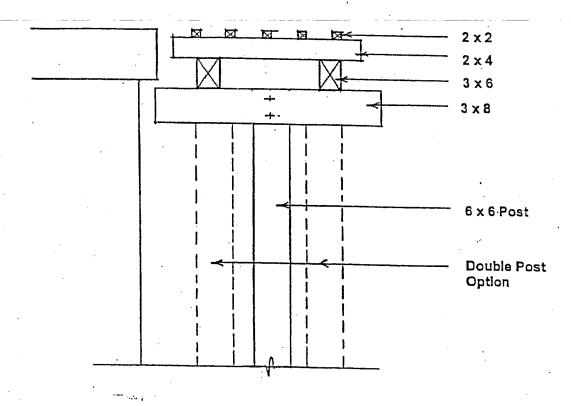
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Note: Sizes indicated are for example only. The intent is to show several layer design with lumber diminishing in size toward top of trellis. Members may be bevel cut to add interest; however, curved cuts are not allowed. Trellis may extend beyond garage to include other elements such as gates and entry walkways or wrap garage for additional interest.

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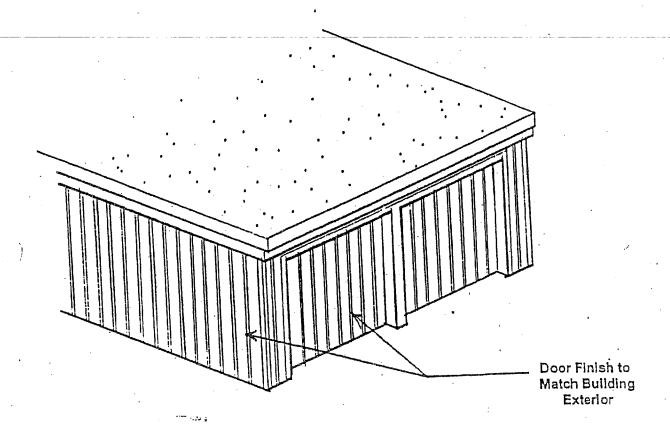
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# EXHIBIT 3.8.2.11 STANDARD DETAIL - GARAGE

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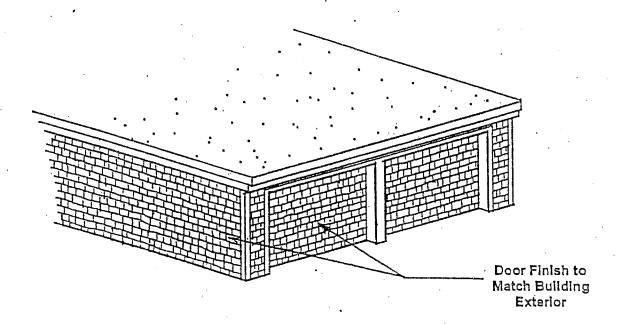


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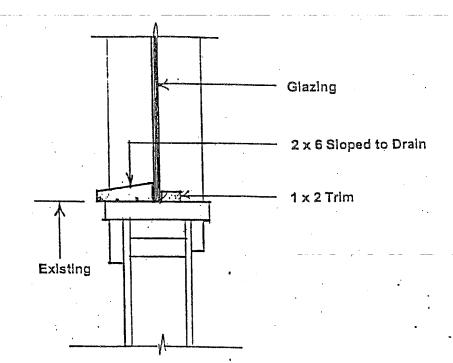
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Door Finish



# EXHIBIT 3.8.2.1K STANDARD DETAIL - GARAGE

Glazing at Openings



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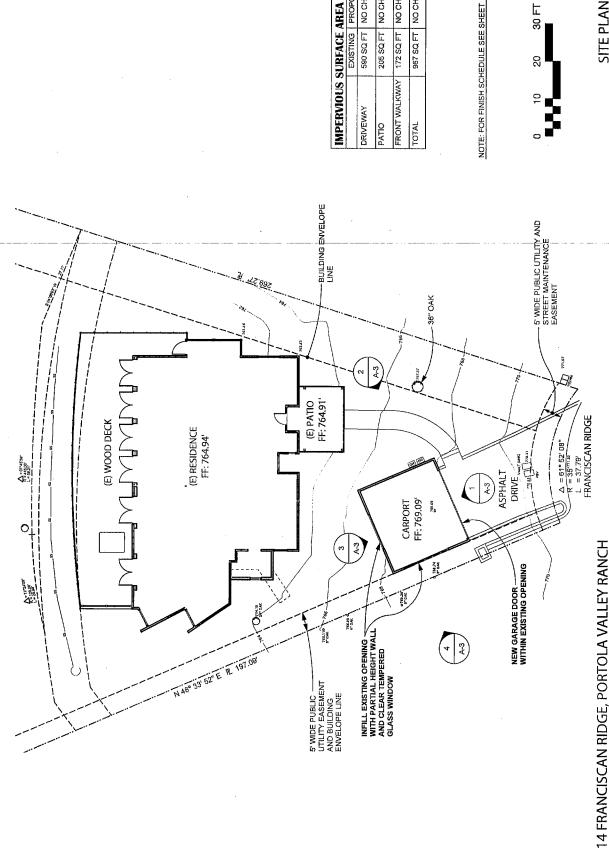
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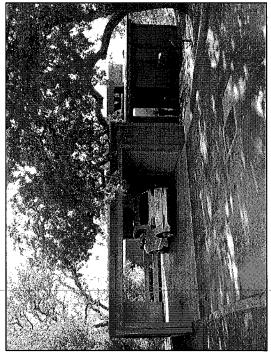
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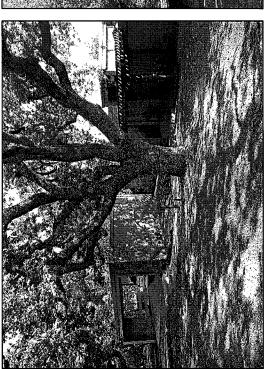
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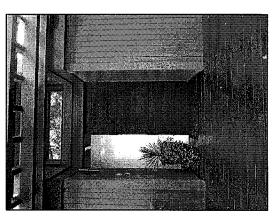


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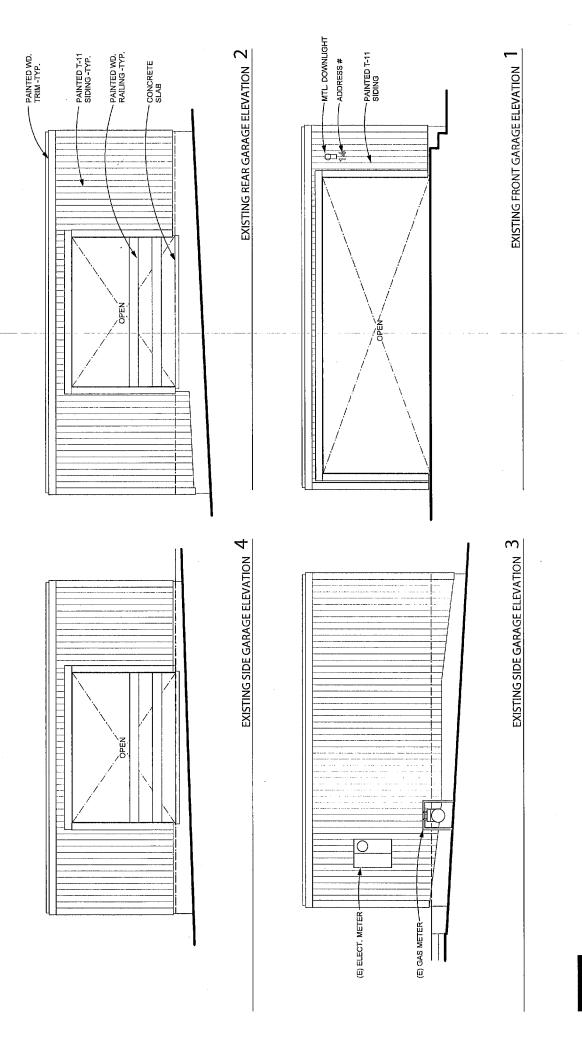
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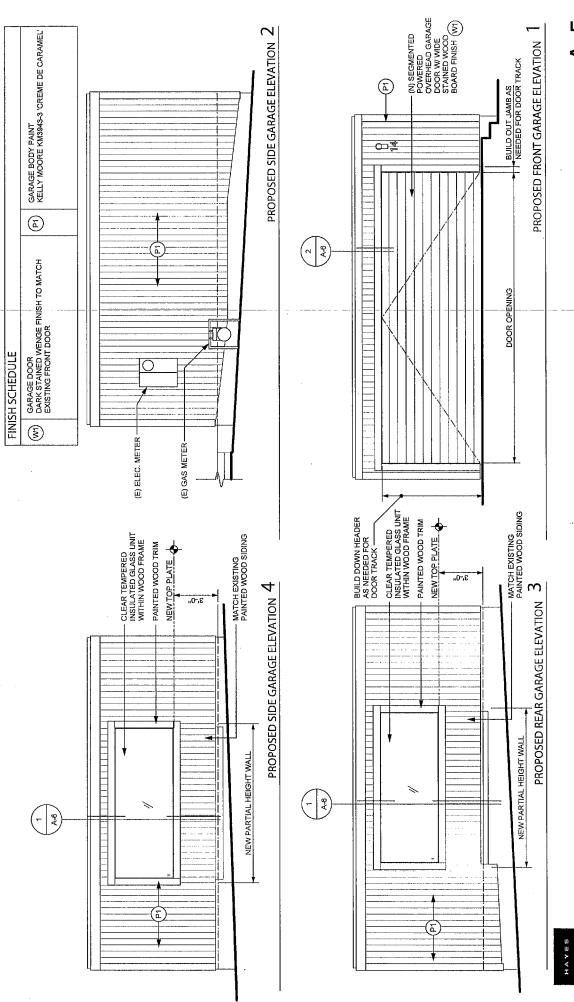
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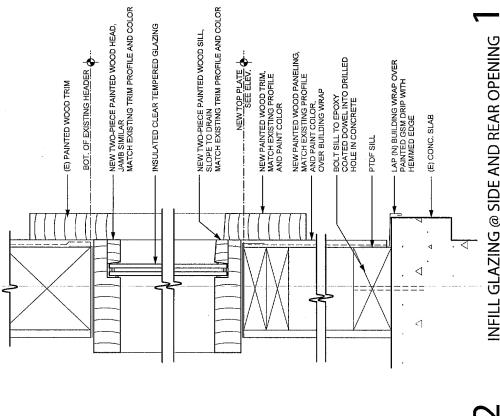


PROPOSED GARAGE ELEVATIONS A-5

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GROUP ARCHI TECTS



PROVIDE BLOCKING AT HEAD AND JAMBS AS NEEDED FOR GARAGE DOOR TRACK. VERIFY CLEARANCE WITH DOOR FABRICATOR

TOP OF OPENING

SEGMENTED POWER GARAGE DOOR W/ STAINED WOOD PLANK FINISH AND SOLID WOOD BACKING

REPLACE PAINTED WOOD PANEL AS NEEDED, MATCH EXISTING RELOCATE / REPLACE PAINTED WOOD TRIM

REPLACE INTERIOR CLADDING AS NEEDED, MATCH EXISTING

EXISTING PAINTED WOOD TRIM

# **HEADER EXTENSION AT NEW GARAGE DOOR**



PROPOSED GARAGE DETAILS A-6

14 FRANCISCAN RIDGE, PORTOLA VALLEY RANCH

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Architectural and Site Control Commission

November 10, 2014

Special ASCC Site Meeting, 40 Antonio Court, Preliminary Architectural Review for a New Residence with Detached Garage, Detached Guest House, Detached Pool House and Swimming Pool, and Site Development Permit X9H-681

Chair Koch called the special site meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

### Roll Call:

ASCC: Breen, Clark, Harrell, Koch, Ross (arrived at approximately 4:30 p.m.)

ASCC absent: None

Planning Commission Liaison: None

Town Council Liaison: None

Town Staff: Planning Director Debbie Pedro, Assistant Planner Carol Borck

### Others present relative to the proposal for 40 Antonio Court:

Emily and Brian Melton, applicant
Danielle Wyss, project architect
Kelly Kopelson, project architect
Clinton Prior, project architect
Joni Janecki, landscape architect
Robin and Firouzeh Murray, 30 Antonio Court
Rene Lacerte and Joyce Chung, 35 Antonio Court
Linda Waissar, 7 Veronica Place
Roddy Mackowski, 45 Los Charros
Joyce Shefren, 30 Valencia Court
Jane Bourne, Conservation Committee
Judith Murphy, Conservation Committee

Pedro presented a summary of the staff report for the proposed residential development on the 4.48 acre parcel created as part of the 3 lot Priory subdivision. The proposal is for a 5,123 sq. ft. single story home, a 596 sq. ft. detached garage, a 738 sq. ft. guest house, and a 426 sq. ft. pool house on this vacant property.

Danielle Wyss, project architect, presented provided an overview of the project and their design approach. She explained that the L-shaped design of the house is inspired by barn architecture.

Joni Janecki, landscape architect, said the proposed entry gate is needed to establish a sense of symbolic enclosure. The owners have small children and they are concerned about off leash dogs that may run through their property.

The group walked around the building site and asked questions of the project team regarding the design of the house and accessory structures.

Joyce Chung, neighbor, commented on the massiveness of the roof. She asked whether a cathedral ceiling is necessary in the garage and would like to see a lower roof pitch. She also asked how tall the building is compared to the top of the knoll. Pedro responded that at the highest point, the house is 11' taller than the top of the knoll.

Robin Murray, neighbor, has concerns that this large structure would overpower the knoll.

Commissioner Ross arrived at approximately 4:30 p.m.

Wyss provided the Commissioners with a written summary of the neighbor outreach efforts and highlighted changes made to the project including lowering the roof pitch from 9/12 to 8/12, stepping the house down to break up the horizontal mass in the front facing Antonio court, and moving the detached garage 27' to the east to open up the view of the western hillside for the neighbor at 35 Antonio Court. In trying to balance the concerns of the neighbors, the applicant is also trying to keep with the inspiration of barn architecture for the buildings.

Commissioner Breen noted that the Priory PUD statement speaks to the preservation of the basic topographic form of the site. She has concerns that the project may impact the knoll experience. Before ending the meeting, the commissioners walked to the area adjacent to back of 35 Antonio Court to have a broader view of the property including the knoll and the story poles.

Chair Koch thanked the design team and others present for participating in the site meeting. Project consideration was continued to the regular evening ASCC meeting.

### Adjournment

The site meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:10 p.m.

### Architectural and Site Control Commission

November 10, 2014

Regular Evening Meeting, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley, California

Chair Koch called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Center historic School House meeting room.

### Roll Call:

ASCC: Clark, Harrell, Koch, Ross

Absent: Breen

Planning Commission Liaison: None Town Council Liaison: John Richards

Town Staff: Planning Director Pedro, Assistant Planner Borck

Planning Director Pedro called the roll.

### **Oral Communications**

None

4a. Preliminary Review, Architectural Review for New Residence with Detached Garage, Detached Guest House, Detached Pool House and Swimming Pool, and Site Development Permit X9H-681, 40 Antonio Court. Melton Residence, File # 44-2014

### Roll Call:

ASCC: Clark, Harrell, Koch, Ross

ASCC absent: Breen

Planning Commission Liaison: None Town Council Liaison: John Richards

Town Staff: Planning Director Debbie Pedro, Assistant Planner Carol Borck

Pedro presented the staff report and provided a summary of the preliminary site meeting conducted by the ASCC earlier in the day. Danielle Wyss, project architect presented the project to the ASCC and explained that the architectural design of the house is a combination of contemporary and rural barn aesthetics. The home was designed with the intention of respecting the site and its surroundings. The design follows a farm vernacular where the architecture is pulled apart to break up the structure into several buildings.

Joni Janecki, landscape architect, presented the conceptual landscape plan and said the proposed location of the trees would serve to mitigate views to house while maintaining open views for the Antonio Court neighbors. The design goal is of natural landscaping instead of contrived ornamental landscaping.

Commissioner Clark noted that a roof plan should be included. He also suggested that a rendering for driveway approach be prepared.

Commissioner Harrell asked for clarification on the roof material and entry gate material. The architect responded that the roof will be metal and unstained wood will be used on the entry gate.

Commissioner Ross asked about the height of lights outside of the living room. The architect responded that the lights will be about 4.5 feet from the ground and recessed in the concrete foundation wall.

Chair Koch questioned the need for three windows in the garage as the glow will affect the neighbors. She also asked whether the detached garage structure can be moved closed to the house. The architect responded that because of the fire truck turnaround requirement, moving the garage to the west would result in more retaining walls and grading. The building envelope also limited where the garage can be located.

Chair Koch opened the public hearing.

Roddy Mackowski, 45 Los Charros said he can see the detached garage from his house. He thought the structure would be used for storage and not required.

Mrs. Mackowski, 45 Los Charros, said there are too many structures on this site and preferred to see fewer structures. She proposed eliminating the garage and wouldn't mind seeing more oaks.

Robin Murray, 30 Antonio Court, said that the structure should not overpower the site according to the Priory PUD statement. He mentioned the previously approved project on this property which followed the guidelines of the PUD. He believed that the sheer mass of the structure and its location over the knoll is not in conformance with the PUD. He suggested ways to reduce the physical mass including digging it lower, changing roof line, and relocating the structures.

Joyce Chung, 35 Antonio Court, thanked the owner for making some adjustments to the project to address their concerns. However, the orientation and mass of the building would dominate the land and change the feel of the area. She still had concerns about the detached garage and would like to see it lowered. She questioned the need of the entry gate and is open to discussing installing signage in the driveway easement for the purpose of property identification.

Chair Koch closed the public hearing and summarized Commissioner Breen's email comments for the project. Breen said the building forms, simplicity of the design, and the palette of materials are lovely. She appreciated the thoughtful approach to siting but also suggested lowering the roof or plate height and possibly moving or eliminating the detached garage. She preferred fewer oaks to be planted on the property as they may block the Mackowski's view of the meadow.

Commissioner Clark said the Priory PUD does not exclude development near the knoll and he liked the way this home sits around the knoll and the multiple structures design. He noted that there are views from other vantage point including the Priory and areas off-site that should be considered. He made several suggestions including rotating the main house counter clockwise to the north or change the roof form over the outdoor room to a flat roof to lessen the massing and overall scale of the house. He had reservations about the entry gate and recommended adding shrubs to the area near 35 Antonio Court to provide immediate screening. He noted that the proposed exterior plaster color should be a darker shade, particularly on the western side of the house.

Commissioner Harrell commended the design team for working with the neighbors. She noted the need for something at the bottom of driveway to indicate the boundaries of the private property. She commented on the continuous ridge line of the roof and encouraged the applicant to explore the possibility of varying the roof lines or lowering the house. She agreed with Commissioner Clark that a darker plaster color would be desirable so there is less contrast.

Commissioner Ross said that the proposed project is well balanced and respects the site. There is tremendous amount of activities at the Priory school and the owner is using the knoll as a buffer to protect themselves from the school site below. He liked the campus effect of splitting up the structures on the property and the lighter color palette is better because a darker color would make the house look like a large boulder. While the linear roof line concerns him, lowering the house by a foot or two will have no effect on the neighbors as they will not see knoll. He questioned the need for a gate. He had no concerns about the lighting plan.

Chair Koch said the project is attractive and thoughtfully designed according to the requirements of the PUD. She had no concerns about the colors and materials but the number of lights should be reduced. She believed that the linearity of the house is causing concerns for the neighbors but lowering house is not going to make much of a difference. She questioned the need for the number of windows at the garage as well as the gate at the entrance to the property. She said the flat roof concept over the outdoor room would break up the continuous roof line and cause a design issue. She had no concerns with the landscape plan but suggested that the applicant work closely with the neighbors on adding significant trees for screening.

The project is tentatively scheduled for the ASCC meeting on November 24, 2014.

# 4b. Architectural Review for Residential Addition and Remodeling, 125 Fawn Lane, Huffman Residence, File # 45-2014

Borck presented the November 10, 2014 staff report for this proposal for approval of plans for a residential addition and remodel to the existing partial two-story residence. She advised that the area of the addition was currently uninhabitable attic storage space, and that the project would convert that space into a 205 square foot music room. She stated that the footprint and maximum height of the house would not change. She also noted that the project included

remodeling of the master bedroom that would involve adding a fireplace, raising the ceiling height, and altering the roof line above to a flat roof form.

Borck advised that the existing floor area concentration in the main structures was 86% of the maximum floor area permitted for the site. She stated that the proposed addition would bring the floor area concentration to approximately 89.3%. Although the current floor area of the main structure exceeds the 85% limit, she explained that any further increase is only possible subject to the ASCC making specific findings.

Virginia Huffman, applicant, and Janet Chuang, project architect, were present to discuss the project with ASCC members.

In response to a question concerning the proposed exterior lighting at the master bedroom decks, Ms. Chuang explained that the door at the rear deck was very wide, and that sconces on either side seemed appropriate. Regarding the proposed lighting on the east elevation deck, Ms. Chuang explained that the deck did lead to grade and was often accessed by the owner from the front yard, and that some lighting was necessary. Koch stated that the amount of proposed lighting seemed excessive. Ms. Chuang also confirmed that there was an existing light at the attic balcony.

Public comments were then requested, and none were offered. ASCC members then briefly discussed the proposal.

Commissioners expressed general support for the project and agreed that:

- The findings per Section 18.48.020 of the Portola Valley Municipal Code could be made to allow the 89.3% concentration of floor area in the main structures;
- The proposed exterior lighting at the master bedroom decks should be reduced;
- Proposed interior lighting in the new music room should be downward directed, and no lights should be placed within the skylights.

Following discussion, Harrell moved, seconded by Ross, and passed (4-0) approve the proposed plans with the following conditions:

- 1. No other modifications to the approved plans are allowed except as otherwise first reviewed and approved by the Planning Director or the ASCC, depending on the scope of the changes.
- 2. The material for the new flat roof over the master bedroom shall be specified to the satisfaction of Planning staff prior to building permit issuance.
- 3. A detailed construction staging and tree protection plan shall be submitted to the satisfaction of Planning staff prior to building permit issuance.
- 4. There shall be no uplighting of trees and no lights are allowed within the skylight wells.
- 5. The proposed exterior lighting at the master bedroom deck shall be reduced and a revised lighting plan shall be submitted to the satisfaction of Planning staff prior to building permit issuance.

# 4c. Architectural Review for Garage Addition, 191 Ramoso Road, Mumford Residence, File # 42-2014

Borck presented the October 27, 2014 staff report for this proposal for approval of plans for a 1,471 square foot addition to the existing garage on the 2.6-acre property. She stated that the addition would be constructed in the same style, colors, and materials as the existing garage and that no new lighting was proposed. She advised that the addition met all zoning regulations and had been approved by the Westridge Homeowner's Association.

John Mumford, applicant, and Carter Warr, project architect, were present to discuss the project with ASCC members. Mr. Warr confirmed that the applicant had verified that he can access the proposed garage addition by driving under the existing breezeway and over the pool patio.

In response to questions, Mr. Warr stated that:

- There is no required separation of the structure and the pool by the Building Code
- The metal roof will be painted steel

Public comments were then requested, and none were offered. ASCC members then discussed the proposal.

Following discussion, Ross moved, seconded by Harrell, and passed (4-0) to approve the proposed plans with the following conditions:

- No other modifications to the approved plans are allowed except as otherwise first reviewed and approved by the Planning Director or the ASCC, depending on the scope of the changes.
- 2. A cut sheet for the proposed garage doors shall be submitted to the satisfaction of Planning staff prior to building permit issuance.
- 3. A detailed construction staging and tree protection plan shall be submitted to the satisfaction of Planning staff prior to building permit issuance.

### **Commission and Staff Reports**

Commissioner Harrell reported that the Portola Valley Ranch HOA would like to update the PVR Design Guidelines because many of the building materials and colors specified are either no longer manufactured or do not comply with State fire safety standards. She asked whether the ASCC would accept a multi-step process where amendments are made to the most outdated sections first or would they prefer to review the entire document. The Commission discussed various options and directed staff to work with Commissioner Harrell and PV Ranch representatives to discuss the update process and next steps.

### Minutes

Ross moved, Clark seconded to approve the October 27, 2014 minutes as submitted. The motion passed 4-0.

### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.