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Re: #08APL 00000-00006

Our home at 6426 Via Real is located 2 lots away from the subject property. I have always been the Go To guy for any type of work needing to be done on our private road. We built our home in 1974 and it is 2850 square feet plus 3 car garage. We strongly approve of this remodel and believe it will bring what is now a small older and outdated home into modern times. The new footprint is very compatible with the area which consists entirely of one acre parcels. I do not believe that the views of the complainant will be obstructed as badly as they wish you to believe. In our 34 years at this location there has never been any type of "squabble" and this is tearing the neighborhood apart. As you will see from the number of letters to be presented to your board the majority of the neighbors are for approval of the plan as presented.

Sincerely,

Ray and Mary Sue Seider

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Re: Story poles

From: Peter McKee (petermckee@mac.com)

Sent: Sun 2/10/08 7:01 AM

To: Ya-Chen Wang (yachenwang@hotmail.com)

Cc: v2bensen@yahoo.com; sniderbj1@cox.net; lalafferty@cox.net; comscool@verizon.net; minehanj@cox.net; tophero@aol.com; sandy@cliffhouseinn.com; hotcidr@cox.net; art-proteus@cox.net

Hello All.

We would like to thank Don & Vera for hosting the meeting on Thursday, which was to try and give us all a chance to hear why Wayne and his family are asking for our support in preventing the expansion of the home in front of them, in the way the plans call for now.

I came away from the meeting feeling that the new owners are not being totally honest or direct with us all. The Po's seem very nice, interesting folks and apparently well known throughout the area, but the real question is will the additions they plan to do impact their neighbors and the rest of the neighborhood.

My wife and I have decided to support Wayne, Ella and his family in their effort to stall the proposed expansion of the Po's property, and we are asking all of you in this community to at least give Wayne and his family the support and the benefit of doubt that they deserve.

We will be filing an appeal with Wayne on Monday to hopefully stall the plan to expand the house in question that according to Wayne and the plans that he and Ella have seen will definitely take away a large proportion of the view that they have enjoyed for the last 10 years. As most of you know we are new to this neighborhood and therefore cannot go back very far in history to be able to offer to much comment.

The reason for filing Monday is because the last day for filing an appeal is Wednesday and the Po says the the Story poles won't be up until 2pm Tuesday, which suggest to me that they is not being very considerate.

As far as the views from our home, we will loose a portion from our front balcony that we recently restored to be able enjoy the sunsets from it. It is nothing compared to what Wayne's family will be loosing.


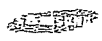
Please do not misunderstand our intentions here, we are only interested that everyone is given a chance to have a say.

Thank you

Peter McKee

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Re: neighborhood issues

From: Peter (petermckee@mac.com)
 Sent: Sat 2/23/08 3:48 AM
 To: Ray Seider (hotcidr@cox.net); Wayne Ni (tophero@aol.com)
 Cc: art-proteus@cox.net; jminehan@cox.net; sandy@cliffhouseinn.com; v2bensen@yahoo.com; lalafferty@cox.net; comscool@verison.net; huntabel@cox.net; yachenwang@hotmail.com; sniderbjl@cox.net; gchristmanjohnson@yahoo.com

Hi Ray

Just a couple of comments I'd like to make.

We are not concerned about the small amount of view that we will lose, it is a very insignificant amount, and if I said I was upset about losing our view, then my apologizes, did not mean to give that impression.

The main reason I filed an appeal with Wayne and his family was to support them as a neighbor who asked for our help, which seemed reasonable considering they have lived here 10 years.

I told Wayne that if the story poles were accurate and a true representation of the area, height etc. that the Wang's plan to build up, then I don't think Wayne has a lot to complain about.

From the information that I have heard from Wayne and his wife's research, the story poles and the information the Wang's have provided to date don't jive.

The only way that Wayne and his family were able to perhaps avoid or stall having their view affected was to appeal, otherwise if they hadn't filed by a certain date they would have no recourse. The Wang's have refused to discuss the concerns Wayne has with them, so can't imagine how the situation can be resolved if parties involved won't talk.

I hope that this situation can be resolved quickly so that we can all get back to enjoying this wonderful neighborhood.

Welcome back

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So, what do
you think?**Planning Commission Hearing**

From: **Scott McIntyre** (s.e.mcintyre@gte.net)
Sent: Sat 3/22/08 4:40 AM
To: 'Ya-Chen Wang' (yachenwang@hotmail.com)

Hello Yachen:

Sherrie and I very recently received a notice of appeal to your project in the mail. We will not be able to attend the meeting since we will be out of the area at that time. However, we do want you and Po to know that we are in support of your project and are hopeful that it will be approved and move forward.

The story poles erected at your home were consistent with the plans that you and Po showed to Sherrie and I. We are comfortable with your improvements as you have described them to us. We believe the improvements you have planned will positively contribute to the quality of your home and to the overall quality of our neighborhood. We appreciate your energy and willingness to pursue these improvements so soon after acquiring the property.

We wish you and Po the best.

Best regards,

Scott & Sherrie McIntyre

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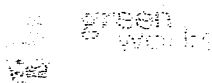
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So, what do you think?



Building appeal

From: **Janet Minehan** (jminehan@cox.net)
 Sent: Mon 3/24/08 9:38 PM
 To: 'Ya-Chen Wang' (yachenwang@hotmail.com)

Dear Yachen & Po,

I will not be able to attend the building appeal hearing planned for this Wednesday, March 26, 2008, because of my teaching schedule. However, I do want to clarify my position regarding your remodeling plans. I am in total support of your architectural design, placement of the additional square feet and the overall height of your home. I was present at the neighborhood meeting held in the Benson's home where you showed our small community the architectural plans. I also viewed the story poles that illustrated the height of the re-model. My conclusion, after looking over the plans and viewing the story poles is that your remodel will be a welcomed addition to this community. As it is now, your home is the smallest of all the homes on our lane. Your remodel will bring its current size to be consistent with the other homes; particularly the ones above and below your location.

For your sake, I hope that there will not be any more road blocks. This is stressful. My hope is that you will feel welcomed and wanted as our neighbors.

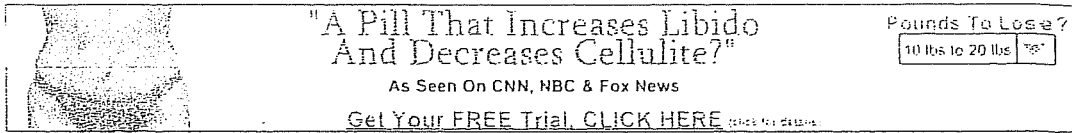
With the best of regards,

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Planning Commission Hearing support letter

From: **Abbott** (jandjabbott@cox.net)
Sent: Tue 3/25/08 2:59 AM
To: yachenwang@hotmail.com

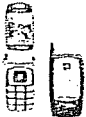
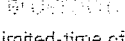
Dear Ya-Chen and Po,

We would like you to know that we support your efforts in the improvement of your new home at 6346 Via Real in Carpinteria. Most of the homes in our neighborhood are bi-level or tri-level like our home. We feel that you should be able to make these improvements with the guidance of the County of Santa Barbara. We wish you luck in your endeavor.

Sincerely,

June and Gerald Abbott
6328 Via Real,
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From: **Abbott** (jandjebbott@cox.net)
 Sent: Tue 3/25/08 3:17 AM
 To:
 Cc: jheaton@co.santa-barbar.ca.us; yachenwang@hotmail.com

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Dear Mr. Heaton,

We understand that there will be a Planning Commission Hearing, Wednesday, March 26 about the home belonging to Po & Ya-Chen Wang at 6346 Via Real in Carpinteria. We would like the Commission to know that we support the Wang family in the efforts to improve their new home. Under the guidance of the County of Santa Barbara, they should be able to improve their property without interference of any kind. We would also like our name removed from a neighborhood petition that was misleading and unclear.

Thank you,

June and Gerald Abbott
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March 24, 2008

To: Santa Barbara County Planning Dept.

Re: Wang Remodel Application
6326 Via Real
Carpinteria, Ca. 93013

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in regard to the proposed remodel application submitted by the Wangs at 6326 Via Real. I am one of the neighbors in the sixteen home neighborhood. My understanding (based on conversations with the Wangs, a review of their plans, and story poles at the property) is that they are proposing a 1300 sq. ft. addition, and a six foot high increase in the roofline.

As presented to me, I support the **scale and scope** of the project, provided it meets all county regulations, ordinances, and guidelines. The size of the remodeled home is certainly in keeping with other homes in our neighborhood, and a number of the homes in our neighborhood are multi-story.

As far as the project affecting **neighbor's views**; my understanding is that the county has no jurisdiction over private view sheds. However, the ocean views are a big part of why we all have chosen to live in our neighborhood, and I think it is important that the applicant does all that is reasonably possible to accommodate his neighbor's views.

Sincerely yours,



Art Tiddens
6332 Via Real
Carpinteria

Hi Po and YaChen

I understand that your County hearing is on Wednesday of this week and I am not sure that I will be able to attend. I do not know all the details of where you are at this moment with your project but I would like to comment on some general points as follows:

1. I believe that what you are proposing is quite modest in terms of size, bulk and scale. You have a very large property and you have chosen to develop a small part of it in a way that has a very small impact on the neighborhood.
2. You have chosen to renovate an existing building rather than demolish it, which from an environmental point of view is preferred. More reuse of old materials and less contribution to the solid waste disposal as well as fewer truck trips.
3. Your project has a small amount of earthwork and no mass grading at all. That is highly desirable.
4. The height of your house is actually a bit shorter than what is allowed, I believe.
5. Your decision to stay with the architectural style of the existing house and many other homes in the region (California ranch style) is valid and appropriate for many reasons. It is more economical and doesn't try to create a new and possibly flamboyant intrusion into the rural landscape of the Carpinteria foothills. It's low in profile and has a restrained presence.

6. You have chosen to carefully integrate and blend new construction into existing rather than allowing the house footprint to expand illogically. This makes sense environmentally (heat for example) and will positively impact the functionality of your home.
7. Your landscaping plan, although probably not complete at this time, could further enhance the compatibility of your house with the local topography and partially obscure views of the house as well.

Those are my primary points. We have talked about some of these items before. Good luck with the hearing.

Eric Lassen
3/21/08