

LA JOLLA DEVELOPMENT PERMIT REVIEW COMMITTEE
LA JOLLA COMMUNITY PLANNING ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes – Tuesday Dec 17, 2019 – 4:00 pm
La Jolla Recreation Center – 615 Prospect Street, Room 1
La Jolla, California

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1. *Public comments are an opportunity to share your opinion with the committee members. Comments should not be directed at the applicant team*
 2. *Plans are available for in-depth review by contacting the project manager at the city's Development Services Department before the meeting.*
 3. *Public comments will be strictly limited to 2 minutes per person. Please review the following meeting minutes. If another member of the public has already said the same thing tonight or at a previous meeting, please move on to new information. It is not necessary to repeat previous comments.*
 4. ***Applicants:*** *Please present your project as succinctly as possible. Speak clearly and CONCISELY.*
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1. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

- Trustee seats open for election. Must have attended 3 meetings up to and including the February meeting.
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2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- Meeting Dec 10, 2019
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3. FINAL REVIEW 12/17/2019

Project Name: Leidy Residence – 6216 Avenida Cresta
Permits: CDP
Project No.: 639782 DPM: Tim Daly
Zone: RS-1-5 Applicant: Olesinski
Project Info: <https://opensd.sandiego.gov/Web/Projects/Details/639782>

LA JOLLA- (Process 3) Coastal Development Permit for a new 7,172 square-foot, two-story single family residence with basement, 788 square-foot garage, 629 square-foot Guest Quarter, and a detached 423 square-foot Companion Unit located at 6216 Avenida Cresta. The 0.24-acre site is in the RS-1-5 and Coastal Overlay (Appealable) Zone within the La Jolla Community Plan area. Council District 1.

12/10/2019 - APPLICANT PRESENTATION

- Site 10,550 sf, FAR allowable 5,699sf ... 5,293sf proposed
- Average structure footprint within 300' radius is 3951sf. Proposed 3440+450=3890sf
- Modern with warm wood and board formed concrete.
- Half of street façade is single story to maintain views for elevated structure across street

- Hedge to North is 16' and maintained in cooperation with neighbor.
- None of lower level included in FAR
- Site is noticed, neighbors notified.

12/10/2019 – PUBLIC COMMENT

- none

12/10/2019 – COMMITTEE COMMENTS

- Leira: Is there a gate into parking area? (applicant: no)
- Will: Any light wells? (applicant: 2 small ones)
- Jackson: Neighbors? (owner: one neighbor happy to preserve view, another wanted a red tile roof, West neighbors concerned with privacy and applicant have cooperated with neighbor's architect, proposal will allow view through home to horizon)
- Jackson: How far does the circle need to go before other than red tile roof (applicant: next door, mix of architectural styles)
- Leira: Site has so much built surfaces. Would like to see landscape plan. (applicant: shared exhibit with colored site plan) Where will solar fit in? (Second roof back from street, 3' below, concealed from street view) No neighbors have exclusively flat roof.
- Will: are you 24' at front corner? (app: 1/3 exemption in front corner is approximately 24', kisses 24' angled height limit along North PL.)
- Leira: Would like to see elevations reflecting street width: section across street (through house across street, street, and through project to West.
- Costello: Have you considered moving ADU away from neighbor (specifically tucked it there behind heavy planting specifically to make it hidden to neighbors).

12/10/2019 – DELIVER NEXT TIME

- EW section from Howard's to Hunt's
- Where would solar plans go - shown in plan/section.

12/17/2019 - APPLICANT PRESENTATION

- Site Section: Two sections provided through single and through two story portions.
- Solar Location: Proposed is enough to accommodate 130% of calculated need so likely fewer will be installed. Panels will lay virtually flat. Cannot be seen from street.

12/17/2019 – PUBLIC COMMENT

- none

12/17/2019 – COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- Costello: originally concerned but after neighborhood walk think it will fit in nicely.
- Welsh: I've seen a lot of projects and quite disappointed that the use of computers does not benefit design, this is one of the first exceptions. Well done.
- Leira: Reviewing the section, the project fits, there is a difference between a 30' two story and a 30' 3-story building. This is nice. Still would have preferred to see a pitched roof.

12/17/2019 – COMMITTEE MOTION

- Findings CAN be made for the (Costello/Fremdling)
- In Favor: Costello, Fremdling, Welsh, Leira
- Opposed:
- Abstain: Will (as chair)
- Motion PASSES 4-0-1

4. FINAL REVIEW 12/17/2019

Project Name: 7315 Cuvier and 614 Sea Lane
Permits: CDP/Map Waiver
Project No.: 641955 DPM: Xavier del Valle
Zone: RM-1-1 Applicant: DeVincenzo
Project Info: <https://opensd.sandiego.gov/Web/Projects/Details/641955>

LA JOLLA - (Process 3) Coastal Development Permit and Tentative Map Waiver for an addition to two existing single story units that total 1,167 SF each at 7315 Cuvier Street and 614 Sea Lane. The scope includes a 2nd story addition with roof deck that will create two detached residential condos that total 2,034 SF and 2160 SF. The 0.13-acre site is in the RM-1-1 Zone and the Coastal (Non-Appealable) Overlay Zone within the La Jolla Community Plan area, and Council District 1.

12/10/2019 - APPLICANT PRESENTATION

- Two portion of existing lots to consolidate and then condo map them.
- Adding second floor to each of two single story detached homes.
- Exterior spiral stairs to roof deck behind mansard roof.
- Horizontal siding, vertical siding, some stucco

12/10/2019 – PUBLIC COMMENT

- none

12/10/2019 – COMMITTEE COMMENTS

- Jackson: Difficult site to construct. (applicant: Fencing yard, use garage for staging. Minor foundation work)
- Jackson: Will the wild flowers survive (we hope to)
- Leira: Are both actions part of CDP (yes)
- Leira: who can access certain areas of yard. (existing fences to remain and illustrated)
- Will: FAR left? (4194 proposed, 5653 allowed. Condo agreement will outline how balance can be applied.)
- Welsh: Why not small lot. New PL would be problematic with easements, utilities.
- Leira: would like to see further detail/architecture of spiral stairs.

12/10/2019 – DELIVER NEXT TIME

- Aerial map of surrounding area? Context of surrounding buildings.
- Photo of similar spiral stairs

12/17/2019 - APPLICANT PRESENTATION

- Aerial Map provided along with pins to mark all 2-story buildings in the vicinity.
- Spiral stairs: metal pre-fab master plan. Small.
- 3 years for CDP with single option for 3 year extension.

12/17/2019 – PUBLIC COMMENT

- none

12/17/2019 – COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- Leira – Sprial stairs: make a strong statement or make it disappear. Prefer the most transparent.

12/17/2019 – COMMITTEE MOTION

- Findings CAN be made for the (Costello/Leira)
- In Favor: Costello, Fremdling, Welsh, Leira
- Opposed:
- Abstain: Will (as chair)
- Motion PASSES (4-0-1)

5. FINAL REVIEW 12/17/2019

Project Name: La Jolla Mesa – 5911 La Jolla Mesa
Permits: CDP/SDP
Project No.: 639439 DPM: Xavier Del Valle
Zone: RS-1-2 Applicant: Tripp Bennett
Project Info: <https://opensd.sandiego.gov/Web/Projects/Details/639439>

LA JOLLA - (Process 3) Coastal Development Permit and Site Development Permit for an addition to an existing 4,135 SF one-story single family residence over a basement at 5911 La Jolla Mesa Dr. The scope includes construction of a 1,175 SF master suite to the existing home, and a 907 SF companion unit over a basement. The 0.77-acre site contains ESL, and is in the RS-1-2 Zone and the Coastal (Non-APP. 1) Overlay Zone within the La Jolla Community Plan Area, and Council District 1.

8/13/2019 – APPLICANT PRESENTATION

- The applicant requested to record this meeting. (no objection, applicant will share recording with Julie Hamilton)
- Building permit in place for existing one story, Active CCRs in place, CCRs don't allow second floor so project has to go out. Some back and forth with CCR jury, current clients have kids and want that extra footprint and accessory building. These were on the plans approved by CCR jury. They went back again to CCR jury and they were approved again.
- Site drops away from the street level.
- Addition at basement level. Single story at street level, then basement walk out and extends as single story at lower area where no floor above.
- FAR .21, 6,906 gross (includes all basement area), 33,815 lot size
- Roof deck from main street level, over extension of basement
- Detached companion unit even though no kitchen.
- Wood siding shingles and stone.
- Nothing proposed is taller than existing as viewed from neighborhood/street

8/13/2019 – PUBLIC COMMENT

- Julie Hamilton:
 - Portion of these lots is designated parks and open space, need to see boundary before anything else.
 - Requested no roof deck of applicant, if done, requested cable or glass rail.

- Companion unit is now 8' taller than previously reviewed
- Serial permitting is a concern
- Concerned about their private views being blocked.
- Months of review and concerned if there are changes, would like more time to review.
- Previously, there was good communication, recent activity has had less communication.
- Serial permitting even if a CDP still requires excess burden on neighbors
- John Frangos
 - LLC has owned this property since April 2016
 - Hillside review zone across my lot (per existing plans) would like to know where that line continues on subject property
 - CCRs/HOA: original plans were reasonable, then some more, then some more. Feb 2018 approval letter from CCR review, some elements have shifted since then.
 - Request story poles for latest revision of cabana.
 - Pool has risen in height, requires massive earth movement. 11' higher?
 - Would like to know more about drainage
 - Concerned about roof deck

8/13/2019 – COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- See deliverables only

8/13/2019 – DELIVER FOR NEXT TIME

- Land use open space designation boundary
- Hillside Review boundary
- Satellite image wider
- Cross section to demonstrate recent grading
- Section showing 6' solid front wall proposed
- Do not want to see HOA/CCR issues unless tied to staff cycles.
- Layman's exhibit on drainage

8/20/2019 – APPLICANT PRESENTATION

- Clients are here today.
- Reviewed requested Deliverables
 - Open space boundary (planners say to default to ESL, city will request a covenant of easement. "red" Overlay confirming line for ESL. Development within 5' proposed ESL line.
 - Hillside Review defers to "Steep Hillsides" based on 25% for 50 feet or taller or 200% slope 10' tall.
 - Reviewed satellite views
 - Site sections: towards street and each longitudinal with neighboring homes shaded in. nothing proposed taller than street level. All down hill.
 - 6' solid wall replaced with 3' solid rock and 2' open on top. This is new and needs to go through CCR committee although less than previous. Trying to mimic neighbor. Wall is 2' back from PL with 2' planting.
 - Drainage: Collect and route to rip rap dissipator. Discharging to landscaped area.

8/20/2019 – PUBLIC COMMENT

- Julie Hamilton:
 - Development should minimize disturbance to hillside. Worried about natural features.

- 10' between deck and edge of ESL. Building is further out than neighbor's buildings.
- Kiara O'Shea (owner): grade was going to hinder wishlist. Pool at grade would be 20'+ down from main house. Would not be used. Want to look for long-term livability.
- JohnFrangos: CCR approved plans have pool and cabana, it was fine with me. It was 5' lower. Disagrees with city determination of where open space line occurs.
- Stacy Kanaan: CCR juror and neighbor. Architect has been cooperative up until ... discussion of CCR approvals and private view concerns. Concerned about scale of project and harmony with neighbors. Will there be some way for neighbors to talk about it with applicant team?
- Ziegfried Reicht: what if everyone did that? No other structures go out that far
- Julie Hamilton: Began in 2016. Changes were being made and did not know until 11th hour. Would like to resolve this between neighbors.

8/20/2019 – COMMITTEE DELIBERATION

- Leira: consider less solid and more open front wall/fence.
- Leira: can you add pervious pavers around pool? (applicant's engineer: They are problematic)

8/20/2019 – DELIVER FOR NEXT PRESENTATION

- Discuss issues with neighbors
- Look at alternative to fit within slope like lowering the pool and cabana.

12/17/2019 - APPLICANT PRESENTATION

- Correction: There will be no companion unit. Square footage has been revised.
- Asked to discuss with neighbors and better fit into slope. Met 9/13/2019.
 - Neighbors were opposed, views, CC&Rs
 - Neighbors did not want to invite design team to see and photograph views to show how view would be impacted.
 - CC&Rs not our perview, but fully approved
- Mapped open space area. By community plan, ESL, and steep slopes.
 - Community plan boundary is too broad and includes most neighboring homes
 - Presented ESL analysis. Hired biologists and geologists to determine ESL. City has reviewed and concurs. None of the proposed development encroaches into approved open space/ESL area.
 - Have letter from city confirming open space boundary along with approval letter from CC&R review committee.
- Neighbor provided photo from his/her deck and applicant attempted to model how the views will be impacted.
- Now a new photo has been provided and requested to preserve private views from neighbors basement/pool level. Critical of neighbors changing goal posts.
- Proposed retaining wall was previously up to 9' tall, pool appeared too high. Applicant pushed additional 2.5' down. Basement no longer daylights, also terraced retaining walls, so highest retaining wall is now 40". In 1-2 years planting will cover walls entirely.
- Removed ADU. Now just a pool cabana. Lowered the pitch of cabana roof to reduce additional 6" (in addition to 30" lower floor) 3' total lower.
- City has random maps

12/17/2019 – PUBLIC COMMENT

- Hamilton: My clients private views are not part of this committee

- Open Space has been misconstrued
- Protected for scenic beauty
- Most homes align with her proposed boundary
- What was purpose of open space protection – scenic canyon.
- Area where proposing development is in open space designation.
- This house is not consistent with land use.
- The neighbors development in canyon is park-like and appropriate to open-space
- Can we open this up to all development in canyon.
- Applicant is proposing structure, not just pools, decks, tennis courts.
- Chrysanthe Frangos
 - Open space line and accompanying cover letter from Marlon Pangilinan.
 - Read community plan open space requirements and community plan map Figure 7.
 - Home already develops 25% of lot so no encroachment into open space.
 - There is “Designated open space, not just Private open space”
- Hamilton: Drew these maps once upon a time. When originally drawn, we used a contour line. Would like to get a copy of the original map and rationale behind line.

12/17/2019 – COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- Welsh – Question about retaining walls and orientation of elevations – see presentation notes.
- Brian – were any companion unit “perks” applied? (applicant: no)
- Brian – How did you prepare red dashed line? Home made superimpose community plan over google images, aligning streets. Second image developed from city GIS data, Biology report refines that on site by site. Steep slope defined by 25%.
- Costello – City GIS maps are too rough. GIS maps are by nature rough, this takes consultants to make site specific precise lines. City has confirmed boundary as proposed.
- Welsh – How get down to lower level (applicant: lowered the floor. Line where all agreed not to build second story)
- Costello: There was a manufactured pad back when initially developed. Fill 50 years ago. Will there still be fire buffer zones. (yes)
- Leira: Where will fire zones be. (Starting right at boundary of house.)
- Welsh: Why is oppositions map so much more restrictive on applicants property than neighboring? (Hamilton: Believes it was string line.)
- Leira: Large city maps are rough/broad and then incumbent on applicant to research and hire specialists to define in more detail. Almost all of the surrounding structures are in so-called open space boundary. Would like to look at buffer zone.
- Will: Per city definition. Grubbing is Grading and Grading is Coastal Development: The proposed house falls well behind the string line of development between neighboring homes and it is disingenuous for the neighbor to claim that adjacent patios, retaining walls, and pool do not constitute an encroachment into native open space but the proposed project would. We know that the string line does not dictate the boundary of ESL, but the string line speaks to neighborhood character and the proposed development is consistent. The applicants have hired the required licensed professionals to determine the precise boundary of protected hillside and the opposition disputes this based on a very rough GIS overlay provided to them by the planning department. It is standard practice to hire professionals to plot the precise boundaries of ESL and open spaces that are roughly identified in the community plan and GIS maps. It is not uncommon for the city

and county's own GIS data overlays to show sensitive habitat boundaries pass right through the middle of homes and related development as they do in this case. They are indicative of when/where further analysis is warranted but they are not meant to be precise boundaries.

- Leira: Neighboring lands, sensitive lands, and what is the buffer area. How big does it need to be? What about fire buffer?
- Welsh: Can you cabana on other side of pool. (We've been down this road)
- Will: Private views of canyon (which is Private Open Space) are not in our purview.
- Leira: What if walking/hiking in canyon.
- Will: Can city resolve line dispute. I do not believe Marlon's gross data would overrule expert reports and on-site data as approved by staff.
- Costello: GIS data is not adequate. Do not recognize Marlon as an expert in this area.
- Leira: What is the visual impact of this cabana? Official line is based on natural features, biology, slope, and development. (no buffer required per biology report)
- Will: city issue is city issue, community character is stringline of development and this house is consistent.
- Leira: The canyon character varies, need resolution of buffer
- Welsh: What is that on map? (Cabana or accessory structure in canyon on nearby property)
- Fremdling: What does view from across canyon look like. Photo with structure superimposed.

12/17/2019 – PLEASE DELIVER

- Would like to see fire buffer zone.
- Photo from across canyon with structure superimposed. 3D not photo realistic. Open space is public space.
- The original map leading towards the green overlay as provided Marlon Pangilinan
- **Letter to Jeff Szymanski and Marlon Pangilinan to confer and agree upon limit of allowable development.**

Returning the 14th