Dec. 15, 2023 - Zoning Administrator

Meeting Late Mail for Item #5 - 231288

From: Gary Filizetti < gfilizetti@devcon-const.com >

Sent: Friday, December 8, 2023 11:25 AM

To: Victoria Miller < <u>Victoria.Miller@santacruzcountyca.gov</u>>

Cc: Reinstra, Susan < SReinstra@wsgr.com>

Subject: Reference item 5.231288

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Victoria, I am writing to you for my support of the fence location at 102 24th Avenue. I am a neighbor across the street at 101 and 103 24th Avenue and my support is mostly due to the security issues we have had on my properties. Over this past year, we have had transients sleeping in our yard, people coming up the seawall and taking my patio furniture and throwing it over the cliff to the beach and using for firewood, and further someone coming up the cliff to my yard lowered my flag and burned the American flag. Because of these reasons, I fully support the height and location of the proposed fence. Should you have any questions, I can be reached at 408-234-9407. Thank you, Gary Filizetti

From: John Wescoat < johnawescoat@gmail.com > Sent: Saturday, December 9, 2023 11:16 AM

To: Victoria Miller < Victoria.Miller@santacruzcountyca.gov>

Cc: Reinstra, Susan <<u>SReinstra@wsgr.com</u>>; Mark Reinstra <<u>mreinstra@roblox.com</u>>; Darryl Thornton

dthorn1026@gmail.com

Subject: Support of fence replacement at 102-24th Avenue (application 231288)

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(This is a resend of an email I sent earlier this morning; there was a mistake in the first email address that I used.)

Victoria,

We are writing to you in support of the planned fence replacement project at 102 24th Ave (application 231288). The area at the end of 24th Ave serves neighbors and visitors as a scenic outlook over Monterey Bay. My family moved to the street in 1959, and I remember the open, unobstructed views one had when looking up and down the length of the beach while sitting on the public bench. The view towards Moran Lake Beach was blocked in the 1980's by construction of a 6 foot high solid board privacy fence along the 24th Ave side of the property.

The relocation of the fence and the proposed configuration will restore the view to what it was decades ago. We very much appreciate Suzy and Mark's sensitivity to the concerns of neighbors. Maintaining the 6 foot height of the fence in front of the house affords the homeowners the privacy they naturally desire. Reducing the height of the last 20 feet of the fence near the bluff gives everyone that uses the bench an unobstructed view of the beach. This project is a win/win for all involved.

Regards,

John Wescoat
Darryl Thornton

178-24th Avenue Santa Cruz, CA From: Lisa Loe < <u>lloe95032@gmail.com</u>>
Sent: Saturday, December 9, 2023 4:08 PM

To: Reinstra, Susan < SReinstra@wsgr.com; mr@santacruzgreenarchitects.com; Victoria Miller

< <u>Victoria.Miller@santacruzcountyca.gov</u>>

Cc: <u>eloe@comcast.net</u>; Mark Reinstra < <u>mreinstra@roblox.com</u>> Subject: Re: FW: APN 028-233-11 and Application No 231288

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Hello, everyone. I met with Susy and Mark this afternoon, and they were kind enough to walk me through the project and proposal. I am fully supportive of their plan and no longer have concerns regarding the fence height, property lines, or precedent.

I wish them the best of luck in finishing their project quickly. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Lisa & Eric Loe 135 25th Avenue

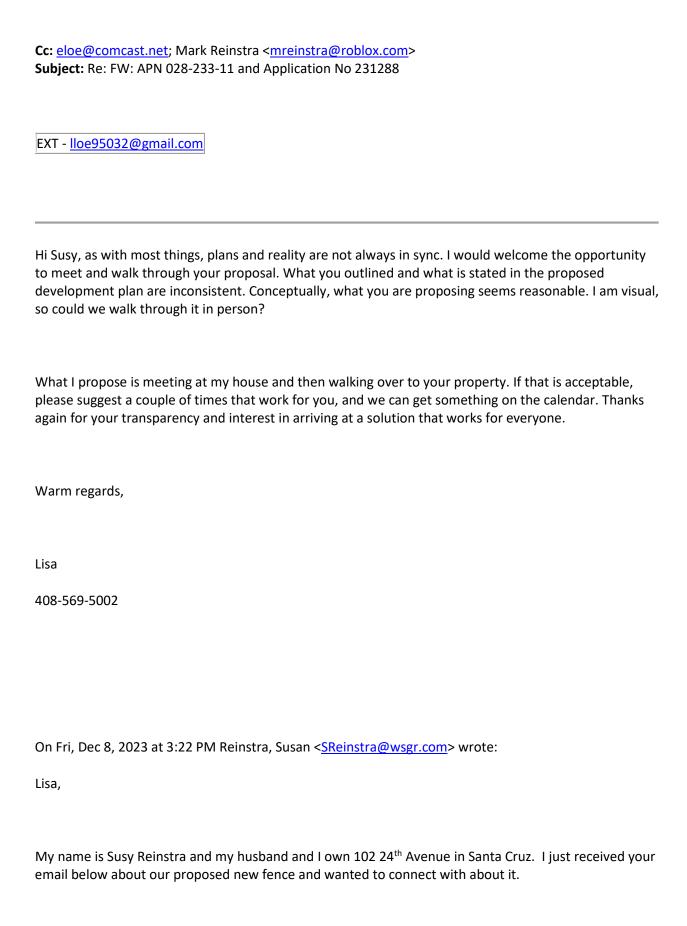
On Fri, Dec 8, 2023 at 4:12 PM Reinstra, Susan < SReinstra@wsgr.com > wrote:

Thanks for getting back to me so quickly. I think that the two-line description of the project that the planning department created for the sign we had to post wasn't that clear. There is a 23-page staff report the county prepared that I can send you, but attached are the drawings from the end of the report that show what is currently there (6' high the whole way, extending about 14' out from the house) and what is being proposed for approval (6' high along the house, then dropping to 3.5' toward the bluff, extending only 4' out from the house). I think that the project will be really nice for the neighborhood – as part of it, we are planting natives in the area that will now be on the other side of our fence.

I would be happy to meet and show you what it would look like. With the holidays, I am not sure the next time I will be there – let me check with my husband and get back to you. Will you be around this weekend or early next week?

Susy

From: Lisa Loe < <u>lloe95032@gmail.com</u>>
Sent: Friday, December 8, 2023 3:50 PM
To: Reinstra, Susan < SReinstra@wsgr.com>



As you may know, there has been a 6-foot fence in this location for more than 40 years. For many years, neighbors have requested that the fence to be moved to our property line, which we are now trying to do. The property line is only <u>4 feet</u> from the house, so the fence would be moving 10 feet closer to the house (expanding the bench area). The proposed fence would only be 6 feet tall on the portion that runs along the house. 2 feet past the house, and for the last 20 feet to the bluff, it would drop to only 3.5 feet. That would provide wide open views from the bench area. Since the expanded bench area is open to the public, there could be people walking only 4 feet outside our family room windows, and a 4-foot-high fence would give us no privacy at all. We thought it was a reasonable compromise to have the part that runs along the house be 6 feet tall and then have the portion where the views are drop to only 3.5 feet. There is no view of the ocean along the 6-foot part of the fence (just of our living room and kitchen) and, since the fence would only extend 4 feet out from our house, barely any view from the street would be impaired.

We have been working with the County and the neighbors for more than 6 months on this project and thought that this was a reasonable compromise that most people supported. We would like to get your support, too.

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Can you call me to talk about it?

Thanks,

Susy

650-575-4449

> ------- Forwarded message --------
> From: Lisa Loe < lloe95032@gmail.com<mailto: lloe95032@gmail.com>>
> Date: Fri, Dec 8, 2023 at 2:15 PM
> Subject: Re: APN 028-233-11 and Application No 231288
> To: Eric Loe < lloe@comcast.net<mailto: lloe@comcast.net>>,
< mr@santacruzgreenarchitects.com<mailto:mr@santacruzgreenarchitects.com>>,
< victoria.miller@santacruzcountca.gov<mailto:victoria.miller@santacruzcountca.gov>>>
> To: Monica Ratliff and Victoria Miller,
> My name is Lisa Loe. My husband, Eric, and I live at 135 25th Avenue. We are writing to oppose your
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application number 231288. While we appreciate the owner's intent to notify the neighborhood and garner consent, their fence design it is not compliant with the Coastal Commission guidelines. We oppose a 6-foot fence. The current height proposal is not consistent with regulations, nor does anyone else on the bluff have a 6-foot fence. We are respectfully requesting that the existing fence be moved onto the owner's property line and that it be replaced by a 4-foot fence. In doing so, no precedent will be set, and the long-standing 4-foot guidelines will be preserved.

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> We would like to see an updated application seeking a permit to move the existing 6-foot fence, not on the owner's property, to be replaced by a 4-foot fence to be re-installed on the owner's property.

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> It is up to the neighborhood to maintain a coastal and open environment. The height restrictions for fences on the coast are in place so that everyone can have access to the views and enjoy the beauty of our ocean. Thank you for your support in complying with the regulations.

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> Warm regards,

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> Lisa & Eric Loe

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> Pictures attached.

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From: john johneichhorn.com < john@johneichhorn.com >

Sent: Sunday, December 10, 2023 8:12 AM

To: Victoria Miller < Victoria. Miller@santacruzcountyca.gov>

Subject: 24th Ave application #231288

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Hello Victoria,

My name is John Eichhorn, and my wife, Carol Mills, and I live at 165 24th Ave in Santa Cruz.

I'm writing to you today to express our full support of the Reinstra's project at the beach end of 24th. Susy and Mark have gone out of their way to let the entire neighborhood know about their plans to improve things at the end of our road, and I want you to know that we, as well as all of the neighbors I have spoken to, are fully supportive of their plans.

We will try and make the hearing next week but right now we are planning to be out of town.

I would be happy to jump on a call if you think that would be helpful or if you have any questions.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

John 650.387.0397