

Zimbra

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Re: Changes Requested

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Subject : Re: Changes Requested

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Susan,

The project as designed presents a significant safety concern. The garage design does not provide critical lines of sight for either the future residents, or for vehicles, bicyclists, or pedestrians traveling along the alley. Residents will be backing out of their garages directly into the travel way with no ability to see oncoming alley traffic. The design also does not provide for needed Stopping Sight Distance warning for traffic traveling along the alley. Traffic will be traveling down this very narrow pathway and suddenly might encounter a car backing into their path and have no warning or space to avoid hitting the car.

Additionally, due to the narrow width of the alley, which is only between 11 and 12 feet, future residents will need to perform a three to four point turning maneuver to get into and out of their garage. This will be especially difficult in the winter month when the alley can lose as much as 2 to 3 feet of width due to snow bank buildup.

If a shared driveways are not desired, then the Applicant might need to reduce the size and scope of the project so that proper and safe driveways can be provided. The Applicant might need to consider either reducing the number of homes to be built on the site, or reduce the footprint of the homes and go up one additional floor.

Thank you,

Mark Benacquista
Department of Public Safety