



CITY OF SUNNYVALE ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING

MINUTES
Wednesday, June 11, 2008

2008-0498: Application for a Use Permit to allow an approximately 10' high sound wall along the rear property line adjacent to Fremont Avenue. The property is located at **1261 Albion Lane** in an R-0 (Low Density Residential) Zoning District. (APN: 320-28-040) MH

In attendance: Danielle Fuji, Applicant; Charles Castillo, Neighbor; John Ikner, Neighbor; Gerri Caruso, Administrative Hearing Officer; Mariya Hodge, Project Planner; Luis Uribe, Staff Office Assistant.

Ms. Gerri Caruso, Administrative Hearing Officer, on behalf of the Director of Community Development, explained the format that would be observed during the public hearing.

Ms. Caruso announced the subject application.

Mariya Hodge, Project Planner, stated that the applicant proposes to construct a concrete sound wall with a height of 10' along the rear property line adjacent to Fremont Avenue. The wall will replace a previously-existing 8' sound wall in the same location, which was recently demolished due to structural issues.

Ms. Hodge did receive a written comment related to the purposed project regarding some drainage issues.

Ms. Caruso opened the public hearing.

Danielle Fuji, Applicant, received and reviewed a copy of the staff report. The applicant stated that someone mentioned that she would be required to paint the wall but feels that this type of material would be better left as is. She also stated that they are not putting in a drainage system but will be creating leak holes at the bottom of the wall with rocks behind it.

Charles Castillo, Neighbor, stated that he is concerned with runoff coming from the applicants property onto his property.

John Ikner, Neighbor, wanted to know who would be responsible for maintaining the wall in regards to vandalism, Ms. Hodge stated that she is currently looking into that. Ms. Caruso stated that her understanding is that private property would have to be kept up by the owners but staff will find out.

Ms. Caruso closed the public hearing.

Ms. Caruso approved the application subject to the Findings and Conditions of Approval located in the staff report with an added condition that any change in material will be approved or denied at a staff level.

Ms. Caruso stated that the decision is final unless appealed to the Planning Commission with payment of the appeal fee within the 15-day appeal period.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

Minutes approved by:

Gerri Caruso

Principal Planner