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# Summary of Neighborhood meeting 

February 8, 2012

## 959 S. Ash, Tempe

Tempe Project Number: SPR11070

The meeting came to order at 6:45
There were approximately 8 neighbors in attendance
Scott and Irene McMurray introduced themselves as the owners and gave a brief history of their ownership of the project, the renovation of the existing home on the property, their vision of the balance of the project, and introduced the other team members; James Hann, Architect and RD Hendrickson, builder.

James Hann gave a brief Architectural description of the project. The character is to be of the 'Craftsman Style'. There are 7 new units to go along with the existing one for a total of 8 units. Most are 2 story units with 2 efficiency units on top of the 2 center units. These units surround a landscape 'parklike' central courtyard. The colors come from a 'period correct' palette from Sherwin-Williams. The design emphasizes covered porches and patios featuring white railings, posts and window and door trim. Each unit has it's own garage space for parking and the mechanical units are located above the garages and inside an enclosed space to look like the rest of the composition and to control sound.

RD Hendrickson described the energy efficient construction methods for the project including re-usable and re-cycled materials, high efficiency mechanical units featuring air scrubbers, high efficiency foam insulation throughout. The slab will be of post-tension construction because of the high clay content in the soil.

Several questions were asked after the presentation including the height, the parking,( both the tandem an off-site parking on the street), the lighting concept and the retention concept. Kevin O'melia, from the City of Tempe, explained the ordinance regarding the height and the concept of tandem parking. Originally, R-3 zoning allowed for a height of 35 feet. This was revised to 30 feet with the opportunity of adding $10 \%$, or 3 addition feet with a Use Permit Standard. Weather a project is of 2 story or 3 story composition doesn't matter as long as it doesn't exceed the height restriction. Tandem parking is additional parking behind another vehicle. The ordinance doesn't specify if this parking needs to be parallel or perpendicular to the other vehicles. Any off-site parking on the street is controlled by a separate City permit. The lighting concept will follow the minimum requirements of the City of Tempe for safety. The lighting will not exceed these minimums. The retention basin will occur in the central landscape courtyard. The intent is to make it shallow but over a large area so as to make it less apparent. Questions were asked regarding rental/homeowners and noise. This was addressed by, Scott and Irene. They mentioned they were indeed rentals but high-end rentals and hopefully this will eliminate a "party" type atmosphere. They also mentioned that they would work with the City of Tempe Police Dept regarding the noise ordinance, security plan for Ash Property and Crime free police policy and institute this into their leasing plan. Their plan is to move into the front house within 3 years when their kids have graduated from college.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

| From: | Red Sam [redsaminvest@hotmail.com](mailto:redsaminvest@hotmail.com) |
| :--- | :--- |
| Sent: | Thursday, March 01, 2012 1:00 PM |
| To: | O'Melia, Kevin |
| Subject: | Against Tempe Project SPR11070 and PR110362 |

Dear Mr. O'Melia,
As a property owner in the Maple Ash area, I vigorously oppose the Multi-Unit project and moreso the 2 stoy and 3 story buildings. The area as a certain charm, and consist largely of single family homes, that are lived in by professionals who enjoy to round about in the road, the art work, and longstanding feel and historical nature now present. The loss in charm, property values, and increase in parking problems, crime, trash, accidents, et al, are all too much.

Further, I see many home owners moving in the direction of revitalizing the area. All in keeping with the style and architecture set forth over 50 years of history as can be seen in driving in to the community. With being so close to ASU, it reminds me of areas in Palo Alto, CA that was at a crossroads and have had projects such as this one proposed. The city and neighborhood keep the historic feel and the area thrives now, and is a showcase for other communities around Universities. I would hope that over the course of the next 20 years the board will find joy in the decision of keeping the area as such a showcase, with its roundabouts, and neighborhood art, and charm.

Sincerely,
Randy Dukes

## Ash Property Resurrection

## One Lot Subdivision - Letter of Explanation

This request is to combine lots 4, 5, and 6 of the "Gage Addition" together to form one lot. The current zoning for these properties is $R-3$ and this request is in conformance with the City of Tempe General Plan as adopted by the Commission and City Council. The proposed use for this parcel conforms to the requirements of the Zoning and Development Code for the City of Tempe. The project proposed for this property, 'Ash Property Resurrection', is for multi-family residential units and is in conformance with the $R-3$ Zoning designation. In order for this project to conform to the approved Zoning and be in conformance with the General Plan, this lot combination is required.




From:
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Thursday, March 15, 2012 3:50 PM
O'Melia, Kevin
ash project from steve tseffos
kevin
I am writing in support of the project planned for the 900 block of Ash Avenue. As you know, I lived in the maple-ash neighborhood for more than 20 years starting in 1986. To date I am the largest landowner in the neighborhood and have been involved in more historic rehabilitation in the neighborhood than anyone. At the same time I have been and will continue to be supportive of new projects that fit into the neighborhood and can add to our community. I met with Scott, Irene and their architect James Hamm to discuss the project and made suggestions on how it could be improved.

After watching and participating in development in the neighborhood for the past 20 years, it is easy to support a project that is going to be owner occupied, has relatively low density, and is a quality project. I would not have supported a project like this if it did not have garages, which this does.

Infill projects can be difficult and we have seen the ones that have no imagination and should not have been approved. By way of example, the houses built next to the Pyle house could be in any Valley subdivision and do not look like they belong in Maple Ash.

Irene and Scott have already shown sensitivity to the neighborhood by restoring at great cost the home to the south of their project. I told them that they should try and stay within the height limits of 30 feet if possible and they explored this idea. However they felt the design suffered at that height and so I will support the added height if it gives them better design.

In short, those who blend historic preservation with development should be applauded and be allowed to develop. This neighborhood is fortunate to have a couple who want to both live in the neighborhood and manage their properties from inside the development. They have my support.
sincerely
steven tseffos

Thanks,
Steve
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March 15, 2012
831 S. Ash Avenue
Tempe, AZ 85281
Kevin O'Melia,

I am writing you a letter to oppose case number PL110362. I live just two lots away from this proposed development at 831 S . Ash Avenue and will have to put up with this monstrosity for the rest of my life. There are many reasons why I and my neighbors are against this project.
(1) The whole project is out of scale with the surrounding homes. This is an older historic neighborhood with single story homes and many large trees. This project would take away the character of the neighborhood. Three stories is to high.
(2) The project is nothing more than a SUPERSIZE apartment complex, which means more college students, loud music, more noise, more parties, more parking problems, more boom boxes, more dogs using my yard for a bathroom, more noise, more crime, more underage drinking, more noise. These are not the type of neighbors I want.
(3) This SUPERSIZE apartment project will devalue my property and the whole neighborhood How would you like living next door to this McMansion?

In summary, this whole project needs to be scaled down to conform to the neighborhood with single story structures.

Thank you,


Vic Mathis


