

## Molinar, Tess

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Dear Ms. Molinar,

For unclear reasons the form I am trying to submit is recognized as spam??  
Please distribute my comments below to the Commissioners before the meeting.  
I am happy to have them read.

Thank you.

From a very recent personal experience I am concerned about the lack of transparency by the Planning Department. My neighbor built a large home, grossly incompatible with neighboring homes and the character of the Linda Vista neighborhood. The posted sign read simply "second story/remodel." Nothing was shared with us before construction. In fact my neighbor tore down the existing structure and built a house that towers over my own (admittedly in part due to a rise in the elevation of the street). It's porch extends nearly to the sidewalk and the house occupies the whole street side of the lot. Neighbors stop and stare and shake their heads. Yes, it is their property. But even if within code shouldn't the Planning Department take into account COMPATIBILITY with neighboring structures and preservation of the CHARACTER OF NEIGHBORHOODS? Pasadena is known for being beautiful and with a eye to history. I have lived here 30 years and assumed I was already protected against the eyesore McMANSION next door at 1545 Ontario Avenue. As for TRANSPARENCY I understand you want to streamline the construction process. But shouldn't neighbors be informed about the plans..particularly if it is going to be an outsized and incompatible structure.