

Molinar, Tess

From: Van Patten, Jason
Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2020 8:29 AM
To: Molinar, Tess
Subject: FW: 1388 West Colorado Blvd.

From: Danz, Nadine <Nadine.Danz@Sothebyshomes.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 6:12 PM
To: Van Patten, Jason <jvanpatten@cityofpasadena.net>
Cc: Bruce A Bailey <bab_architects@yahoo.com>
Subject: Fwd: 1388 West Colorado Blvd.

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We totally concur with this letter regarding the clock tower and proposed building.
Nadine and Tony Danz
263 glen summer road

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Robert Aicher <aicher@sbcglobal.net>
Date: September 15, 2020 at 5:50:28 PM PDT
To: "Danz, Nadine" <Nadine.Danz@Sothebyshomes.com>, Bruce A Bailey <bab_architects@yahoo.com>
Cc: Roger & Candis Ipswitch <candisi@aol.com>, Jan and John Price <glensummer@sbcglobal.net>, Jill Hunting <info@jillhunting.com>, Manny Francisco <manny.c.francisco@gmail.com>, Josey Ianotti & Reno Yu <joseyi@icloud.com>, Monica & John Shaffer <johnandmonica@sbcglobal.net>, Heidi Seber <edkaiser22@aol.com>, Bob & Sue Donaldson <scd7918@aol.com>
Subject: Re: 1388 West Colorado Blvd.

This is what Jill and I just sent in:

Dear Jason,

My wife and I are writing to oppose the 1388 West Colorado Blvd medical building application.

Setback. We oppose the applicant's "minor" variance request for a zero setback from the sidewalk for several reasons. When driving eastbound on West Colorado Blvd and turning right (south) on Melrose, the existing green space improves the line of sight, especially important considering there is a bus stop. Reducing the proposed building's setback to zero would slightly increase the hazard, which isn't present for the other bus stops at that intersection.

Reduction of Green Space. The applicant's current lawn provides a nice balance to San Rafael park across the street. The applicant's proposed zero setback would instead put the building in your face, literally.

Loss of Patient Privacy. The applicant's existing chiropractic office does not have any exam rooms facing Colorado Blvd. Instead, they are nestled behind the waiting room where prying pedestrians do not have a clear line of sight. With the proposed medical office, however, not only will there be pedestrian line of sight directly into reception as well as both exam rooms, from multiple angles, but a zero setback would allow pedestrians to literally, sorry to be so direct, leave nose grease on the exam room windows.

Location Incompatible with Medical Office Use. It is not a solution for the applicant to install curtains so as to block pedestrian line of sight. The purpose of requiring large amounts of glass facing the street is similar to display windows, i.e. to encourage passersby to see the services offered and patronize the establishment. What might be appropriate for Starbucks, however, is not appropriate for a medical office where patient privacy is paramount. Using blinds for privacy would thus make this medical office look like a home, with curtains forever drawn, like the home next door south, at 23 Melrose Avenue.

The applicant is attempting to shoe-horn a very small development into a too small space, at the expense of public setback requirements so as to avoid utility easements that have been in place for decades. The existing green space is a pleasant, if aesthetically uninspired, use of the parcel, and is far better than what will inevitably be nicknamed "the peekaboo medical office next to the broken clock tower."

Bob Aicher & Jill Hunting

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From: "Danz, Nadine" <Nadine.Danz@Sothebyshomes.com>

Date: Sunday, September 13, 2020 at 4:55 PM

To: "Bruce A. Bailey" <bab_architects@yahoo.com>

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Thank you Bruce for sharing this.

Nadine and Tony

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On Sep 13, 2020, at 11:30 AM, Bruce A Bailey <bab_architects@yahoo.com> wrote:

Dear Neighbors/friends, Perhaps you are aware that there is a hearing this Wednesday to discuss the clock tower building at the corner of Melrose and Colorado. If you feel this is important to save, please send your own letter to Jason today.

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Thank you.

Regards, Bruce A. Bailey, A.I.A
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Begin forwarded message:

From: Bruce A Bailey <bab_architects@yahoo.com>
Date: September 13, 2020 at 11:16:12 AM PDT
To: jvanpatten@cityofpasadena.net
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Subject: 1388 West Colorado Blvd.

Dear Jason,

I have lived my entire 72 year life in this neighborhood and walked past the clock tower real estate building on my way to San Rafael Elementary School. I have always treasured this historic building and assumed it had some legal protection. I am appalled that it would be torn down or completely hidden by a new building and the landscaped gateway into Pasadena would be eliminated. If there is not some legal remedy to prevent this tragedy, then at the very least, the five foot required setback should remain.

Additionally a new landscaped parkway should replace the existing concrete to help offset the loss of landscaped open space.

Are drawings of the proposed project available for me to see?

I would like the above comments read into the record of the public meeting.

Thank you very much.

Regards, Bruce A. Bailey, A.I.A
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