

RESOLUTION NO. R99-16

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES, CALIFORNIA,
GRANTING AN APPEAL OF A DECISION OF THE
PLANNING COMMISSION TO DENY AN APPLICATION
FOR A NEIGHBORHOOD COMPATIBILITY PERMIT
AND GRADING PERMIT AT 3928 VIA SOLANO**

The City Council of the City of Palos Verdes Estates does resolve as follows:

Section 1. On January 13, 1998, an application for a neighborhood compatibility permit and grading permit to permit construction of a new single family home was submitted for the property located at Lot 11 of Block 6202 of Tract No. 6887 in the City of Palos Verdes Estates, County of Los Angeles, State of California, commonly known as 3928 Via Solano, Palos Verdes Estates, California (the "Property").

Section 2. At its February 17, 1998, meeting, the Planning Commission considered the application and the Applicant requested the Planning Commission to continue the matter to permit redesign of the project. At its June 16, 1998, meeting, the Planning Commission considered the redesigned project, and the Applicant requested the Planning Commission again to continue the matter to permit further redesign of the project. At its December 15, 1998, meeting, the Planning Commission considered the project as further redesigned, and the Applicant requested the Planning Commission again to continue the matter to permit additional redesign of the project. At its January 19, 1999, meeting, the Planning Commission considered the application with all changes made to that date (the "Application") and denied the Application.

Section 3. On January 22, 1999, an appeal of the Planning Commission's denial was filed by the owner of the Property.

Section 4. On March 9, 1999, the City Council conducted a public hearing on the matter, which hearing was duly and properly noticed. At such hearing, the Council received and considered an oral staff report and documentary evidence, including, but not limited to, site plans and minutes of the Planning Commission meeting, and received and considered oral testimony from the appellant and others. The City Council further received information and considered information regarding environmental review of the Application and the determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.

Section 5. At the hearing on March 9, 1999, the Applicant withdrew a pending application for a second proposed project abutting the Property at 3932 Via Solano, Palos Verdes Estates, California, eliminating an additional factor which affected the subject Application.

Section 6. Based upon the evidence presented, the City Council hereby finds and determines as follows:

- a. Each fact set forth in Section 1 through 5 above is true and correct.
- b. Each statistical fact set forth in the memorandum for Agenda Item No. 3, Meeting Date 3/9/99, from Tim D'Zmura to James B. Hendrickson, presented to the City Council on said date, is true and correct.
- c. The project as set forth in the Application is within the range of existing houses in the neighborhood in terms of square footage and has been designed to be relatively low in elevation, set back from the front property line, and articulated in character.


Section 7. Based upon the findings set forth herein, the City Council finds that the proposed development on the Property as set forth in the Application, and as conditioned in the conditions of approval attached hereto as Exhibit A, which conditions are hereby incorporated by this reference:

- a. Is designated and will be developed to preserve to the greatest extent practicable the natural features of the land, including the existing topography and landscaping;
- b. Is designed and will be developed in a manner which will be reasonably compatible with the existing neighborhood character in terms of scale of development and relating to surroundings residences and other structures;
- c. Is designed and will be developed in a manner which will preserve to the greatest extent practicable the privacy of persons residing on adjacent properties;
- d. Is designed and will be developed in a manner to the extent reasonably practicable so that it does not unreasonable interfere with neighbors' existing views;
- e. Will not unreasonable change the natural contours of the land;
- f. Will not create hazard to the immediate or adjacent property;
- g. Will not unreasonably interfere with the use or enjoyment of property by other persons in the City; and
- h. Complies with all requirements of Palos Verdes Municipal Code Section 8.05.060.

Section 8. Based upon the findings and determinations set forth herein, as supported by the evidence considered in connection therewith, the City Council finds and determines that the appeal of the Planning Commission's denial of the Applicant should be granted, and the Application shall be approved subject to the conditions contained herein.

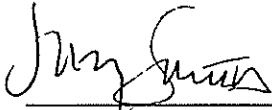
Section 9. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original Resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 23rd day of March, 1999.



Edmond Thompson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Judy Smith, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

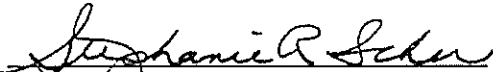

Stephanie R. Scher, City Attorney

EXHIBIT "A"

NEIGHBORHOOD COMPATIBILITY AND GRADING APPLICATION

NC-691-98 and GA-1140-98

Conditions of Approval

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1. This approval is granted for the land or land use as described in the application and any attachments thereto, and as shown on the plot plan submitted, Exhibit B.
2. Prior to obtaining a building permit and within 30 days hereof, the applicant and property owner shall file with the Secretary of the Planning Department written acknowledgment of the conditions stated herein on forms provided by the Planning Department.
3. All buildings, fences, signs, roadways, parking areas, and other facilities or features shall be located and maintained as shown on the approved plans.
4. All buildings and structures shall be of the design as shown on the approved plans.
5. Compliance with and executed of all conditions listed herein shall be necessary prior to obtaining final building inspection clearance and/or prior to obtaining any occupancy clearance. Deviation from this requirement shall be only by written consent of the Director of Planning.
6.
 - a. The applicant shall have a maximum of one year, after approval of a Neighborhood Compatibility and Grading Application, within which to apply for and be issued a grading or building permit. The approval shall expire in the event such grading or building permit has not been issued within the prescribed one-year time period, or in the event such grading or building permit terminates or expires under any other provision of this Code or of the law of this State.
 - b. The Planning Director may approve a six month extension to the approval if an application for extension is filed prior to the expiration of the initial one-year time period. Such an extension cannot be transferred to a new owner. Any subsequent extension applications must be made with the City Council.
7. All requirements of any law, ordinance, or regulation of the state of California, City of Palos Verdes Estates, and any other governmental entity shall be complied with.
8. This approval is subject to the applicant paying all fees and assessments to the City of Palos Verdes Estates, as required by Ordinance.
9. In the event the City determines that it is necessary to take legal action to enforce any of the provisions of these conditions, and such legal action is taken, the applicant shall be required to pay any and all cost of such legal action, including reasonable attorney's fees, incurred by the City, even if the matter is not prosecuted to a final judgment or is amiably resolved, unless the City should otherwise agree with the applicant to waive said fees or any part thereof. The foregoing shall not apply if the permittee prevails in the enforcement proceeding.

10. The applicant shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City and its officers, agents, and employees from any claim, action or proceeding against the City or its officers, agents or employees to attach, set aside, void, or annul approval of this application. The City shall promptly notify the applicant of any such claim, action, or proceeding and shall cooperate fully in the defense.
11. An approval granted by the Planning Commission does not constitute a building permit or authorization to begin any construction. An appropriate permit issued by the Department of Building and Safety must be obtained prior to construction, enlargement, relocation, conversion, or demolition of any building or structure within the City.
12. The owner shall provide for the planting of trees in the parkway adjacent to the site of the building in accordance with the regulations of Chapter 12.16 of the City Code and subject to the review of the Parklands Committee.
13. The owner shall provide for the improvement of streets, alleys, walks, and drainage courses adjacent to the site of the building in conformance with standards and specifications of the City and plans approved by the City Engineer.
14. Grading shall be imported/exported in quantity and type of vehicle as approved by the City Engineer and Chief of Police.
15. **That site drainage be addressed to the satisfaction of City staff.**

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS:
CITY OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES)

I, Robin Ford, Deputy City Clerk for the City of Palos Verdes Estate, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution R99-16 was duly and regularly approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Palos Verdes Estates at its regular meeting of the City Council on the 23rd day of March, 1999, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Thompson, Turner, Flood, Humphrey,
Mackenbach

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None



Robin M. Ford, Deputy City Clerk