

MEMORANDUM



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REMARKS:

Ed: Per the City's request, below are plants that address the neighbor's comments in their Conceptual Design Guidelines for Posen Ave. Landscaping dated 10-9-07. Per our conversation in the meeting of last night these are general direction of potential plant material that could be used in addressing the outlined comments.

Zone 1 - Mid - size shrub to screen storage building.

Response: The plan indicates the use of Mexican Orange (CHOISYA), we suggest 5 gallon plants that are spaced equally between the Pittosporum at a spacing of 6'-8" O. C.

Zone 2 - Shrubs to screen retaining wall.

Response: There is a high curb in this area. We have suggested the CEANOTHUS in this location that will screen this curb.

Zone 3 - Plant to screen bleachers.

Response: We have been asked to maintain an open structure of the bleachers. In a conversation after the meeting the neighbors said that this screen planting may not be needed, we do not support planting this screen planting. Should the screen planting be required we would suggest a plant similar to the following, all are evergreen and in the East Bay MUD plant book:

Loquat (ERIOBOTRYA) species

Laurel (LAURUS) species

Oregon Grape (MAHONIA)

Sweet Olive (OSMANTHUS)

Catalina Cherry (PRUNUS)

- Layering to enhance screening

Response: We have provided the layering of planting to screen the elements. Should the neighbors request the screening of the bleachers it will add to this layering.

- Add vertical planting to break up horizontal mass of bleachers

Response: Vertical plant that are in the East Bay MUD book and that are evergreen would include plants similar to:

Italian Cypress (JUNIPERUS)

Zone 4 - Screening of bleacher access ramp

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Response: We have included the use of the Mexican Orange (CHOISYA) in this area, we suggest 5 gallon plants that are spaced equally between the Oaks (QUERCUS) and along the ramp at a spacing of approximately 6'-8".

- The western two PITTOSPORUMS should be changed to a taller species.

Response: Should these trees be changed we would suggest a plant similar to the following, all are evergreen and in the East Bay MUD plant book:

Bottle Tree (BRACHYCHITON)

Fern/Yew Pine (PODOCARPUS)

Brisbane Box (TRISTANIA or LOPHOSTEMON, strong tree to 45' but should be considered)

Silk Oak (GREVILLEA)

- Shrubs to screen view into parking lot.

Response: To maintain consistency and design integrity we would suggest using the Mexican Orange (CHOISYA) in this screening goal.

Zone 5 - Continue landscaping to the west.

Response: This has been discussed and agreed to by all parties. The design of this area will be developed in keeping with the goals of planting that screens the parking in keeping with good landscape practices.

- Remove stump and replace with a tall tree.

Response: We would suggest a tree similar to the following, all suggestions are evergreen and in the East Bay MUD plant book:

Bottle Tree (BRACHYCHITON)

Fern/Yew Pine (PODOCARPUS)

Brisbane Box (TRISTANIA or LOPHOSTEMON, strong tree to 45' but should be considered)

Silk Oak (GREVILLEA)

General - Street trees should be non-deciduous.

Response: Assuming the City and neighbors would like these trees to be on the list developed in the East Bay MUD book there is one choice. Keeping in mind that the trees need to be reasonably clean, approximately 20' wide no taller than about 25' (due to wires) and evergreen (by neighbor's guidelines) and on the East Bay MUD list, it makes the selection very difficult and limited to one tree. This choice is not even on the list in East Bay MUD but a close relative, the Brisbane Box (TRISTANIA or LOPHOSTEMON) is on the list. The tree we would recommend is the Swamp Myrtle (TRISTANIA laruina).

- Track should have 2-3 taller trees.

Response: Should the neighbors really want this we would suggest the following types of trees that could be considered, all are evergreen and in the East Bay MUD plant book:

Bottle Tree (BRACHYCHITON)

Silk Oak (GREVILLEA).

Italian Cypress (JUNIPERUS)

Fern/Yew Pine (PODOCARPUS)

Brisbane Box (TRISTANIA or LOPHOSTEMON, strong tree to 45' but should be considered)

Please note: We strongly recommend that the City of Albany approve the potential of using plant material that does not appear in the East Bay MUD book Plants and Landscapes for Summer-Dry Climates of the San Francisco Bay Region. We recommend the potential use of other plants that could be approved by the City Arborist, for low water use and appropriateness in the Albany environment, for use on the project.

Please call if you have any questions.