

**STRAWBERRY DESIGN REVIEW BOARD**  
118 E. STRAWBERRY DRIVE, MILL VALLEY, CA 94941  
January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 MEETING NOTES

Chairman, Joe Sherer, called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

Members present: Joe Sherer  
Julie Brown  
Matt Williams

1. Open for public comments  
No public comments.
2. JB Motions to accept 01/06/20 meeting notes without changes. MW seconds the motion.  
Vote: JS yes, JB yes, MW yes. Motion carries.
3. Corner of Thomas Drive/N. Knoll

Story poles are erected. Plans posted on county site for neighbor review.  
Brief discussion on lack of official address due to several factors. Project will petition for new Thomas Drive address.

Tony Richards, project designer, presented project. Richards has designed over 150 homes in the area.  
Overview of project included slope stabilization and proposed new driveway off Thomas.  
Project is under 3,000SF plus multi car garage just under 1,000SF on 6 acre lot.  
Highest roof peak is 23'. No variances required.  
Craftsman style shingle with dark green Marvin windows and gutters.  
Limited tree removal. Several oaks relocated/retained. New native plantings reviewed.

Discussion:

Visibility due to location in landscape and impact on neighbors.

Careful attention to lighting should be paid to minimize impact to neighbors. JS suggested careful selection of lighting with shields at bottom to mitigate light pollution. Limited driveway lights and no landscape lighting is proposed.

Landscape slope necessitates raised plinth for main house to rest upon.

Plinth is relatively flat uniform stucco surface pale earth tone in contrast to shingled house structure above.

JB commented resulting project does not read as one structure diminishing the articulated craftsman above. Suggested more detailing, material differences be utilized in base. MW suggested alt material such as stone or shingles would improve the issue. JS and MW noted primary exterior stair was detailed with solid stucco wall and could be further integrated with open balustrade similar to upper decks. Also suggested material change below balustrade would enhance entry.

Foundation planting was minimal and low heights for such a tall base structure. JB suggested taller foundation planting. MW noted lower stucco wall was 16' high in certain locations. JS suggested additional landscape privacy screening at lower drive along property line to improve privacy and further shield neighbors from project.

Linda Johnson represented neighborhood. Expressed concerns about exterior and driveway lighting and the desire to see minimal disturbance of wildlife. T Richards noted that there are minimal exterior lights on house and only the smaller driveway portion leading to the house has lighting. The new access drive with firetruck turn around has no lighting.

Corner of Thomas Drive/N. Knoll continued:

There was some limited discussion about long drive slope and drainage details.

T Richards expressed a desire to implement material, lighting and landscape suggestions and return to the board for further discussion. JS restated importance of hiding all light sources visible due to hillside location.

JB Motions to continue the project until next meeting, February 3, 2020. MW seconds the motion..

Vote: JS yes, JB yes, MW yes. Motion carries.

4. Discuss proposed 2020 – 22 Biennial Report

JB Motions to CONTINUE discussion of item #5 Biennial Report until our next meeting. MW seconds motion.

Vote: JS yes, JB yes, MW yes. Motion carries.

The meeting adjourned at 8:29pm