

**MARIN COUNTY PLANNING DIVISION
ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION**
1028 Sir Francis Drake LLC Design Review

Decision: Approve
Date: July 12, 2021

Project ID No:	P3203	Applicant(s):	Pacific Design Group, Inc.
Application No(s):	N/A	Owner(s):	1028 Sir Francis Drake LLC
		Assessor's Parcel No(s):	071-132-29
		Property Address:	1028 Sir Francis Drake Blvd., Kentfield
		Project Planner:	Immanuel Bereket (415) 473-2755 ibereket@marincounty.org

Signature:

Countywide Plan Designation:	OC (Office Commercial/ Mixed-Use)
Community Plan Area:	Kentfield Community Plan
Zoning District:	OP (Planned Office)
Environmental Determination:	Exempt per CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Class 3

PROJECT SUMMARY

The applicant requests Design Review approval to construct an approximately 99-square-foot addition to an existing office space and a retaining wall on a developed lot located in the community of Kentfield. The approximately 99 square feet of addition, in combination with the existing 2,506 floor area, would result in a floor area ratio of 42.46 percent on the 6,135 square foot lot. The proposed addition would reach a maximum height of 11 feet above surrounding grade and would be created by enclosing existing space under roof overhang. The exterior walls would have the following setbacks: 46 feet six inches from the west front property line; seven feet six inches from the south side property line; 30 feet six inches from the east rear property line; and over 50 feet from all other property lines.

The proposed retaining wall would vary in height from two feet to five feet, six inches above surrounding grade. The retaining wall would be built along the south property line and setbacks would vary from two feet to four feet. Other site improvements entailed in the proposed development include at grade walkway and other general site improvements.

Design Review approval is required pursuant to Marin County Code Section 22.42.020 because the proposed project would occur on a site located in a Planned District and entails physical improvements otherwise not exempt under Section 22.42.025.

COUNTYWIDE PLAN CONSISTENCY

The proposed project is consistent with the Marin Countywide Plan (CWP) for the following reasons:

- A. The project is consistent with the CWP woodland preservation policy (BIO-1.3) because the project would not entail the irreplaceable removal of a substantial number of mature, native trees.
- B. The project is consistent with the CWP special-status species protection policy (BIO-2.2) because the subject property does not provide habitat for special-status species of plants or animals.
- C. The project is consistent with the CWP natural transition and connection policies (BIO 2.3 and BIO 2.4) because the project would not substantially alter the margins along riparian corridors, wetlands, baylands, or woodlands.
- D. The project is consistent with the CWP stream and wetland conservation policies (BIO-3.1 and CWP BIO-4.1) because the proposed development would not encroach into any Stream Conservation Areas or Wetland Conservation Areas.
- E. The project is consistent with CWP water quality policies and would not result in substantial soil erosion or discharge of sediments or pollutants into surface runoff (WR-1.3, WR-2.2, WR-2.3) because the grading and drainage improvements would comply with the Marin County standards and best management practices required by the Department of Public Works.
- F. The project is consistent with CWP seismic hazard policies (CWP Policies EH-2.1, EH-2.3, and CD-2.8) because it would be constructed in conformance with County earthquake standards, as verified during review of the Building Permit application and the subject property is not constrained by unusual geotechnical problems, such as existing fault traces.
- G. The project is consistent with CWP fire hazard management policies (EH-4.1, EH-4.2, EH-4.5) because it would meet all fire safety requirements, as verified by the local fire protection district during review of the Building Permit application.
- H. The project is consistent with CWP aesthetic policies and programs (DES-4.1 and DES-4.e) because it would protect scenic quality and views of ridgelines and the natural environment from adverse impacts related to development.
- I. The project is consistent with CWP residential design policies and programs (DES-3.b and DES-4c) because it would fit within the context of the neighborhood, minimize the perception of mass and bulk, and comply with the Single-family Residential Design Guidelines.

COMMUNITY PLAN CONSISTENCY

The proposed project is consistent with the Kentfield/Greenbrae Community Plan policies related to Subarea I for the following reasons:

- A. The project would meet all height and floor area ratio standards identified in the Conservation and Development Standards. Although the detached accessory structure would not meet setback and height requirements, findings have been made consistent with Section 22.42.060.F.2 and 22.20.090.C.1.B. of the Marin County Development Code that grants flexibility of the height and location of a detached accessory structure.
- B. The project would use pitched roofs, natural wood and stucco/masonry materials that are compatible with the existing building's architectural character and the surrounding built environment.
- C. The project would preserve existing parking available at the property.
- D. The project would be adequately landscaped in conformance with Community Appearance and Amenities standards.

DEVELOPMENT CODE CONSISTENCY

Mandatory Findings for Design Review (Marin County Code Section 22.42.060)

The project is consistent with the mandatory findings for Design Review approval for the reasons discussed below.

- A. The proposed development is consistent with the Design Guidelines and Discretionary Development Standards because it is designed to avoid adversely affecting natural resources and the character of the local community. Further, the exterior materials proposed for the development would complement the project design and the surrounding area. There are no standards provided in Chapter 22.14 that apply to the project.
- B. The proposed architectural design, massing, and scale of the project are compatible with the site surroundings and the community. Further, a standard condition of approval requires that exterior lighting installed for the project be unobtrusive to surrounding properties.
- C. The proposed site layout and design avoids eliminating sunlight, blocking primary views, or invading the privacy enjoyed on surrounding properties.
- D. The proposed development would not encroach into any streets or pathways and would not detract from the appeal of the streetscape.
- E. The proposed development would provide appropriate separation between buildings, retain healthy native vegetation and other natural features, and be adequately landscaped consistent with fire safety requirements.

ACTION

The project described in condition of approval 1 below is authorized by the Marin County Planning Division and is subject to the conditions of project approval.

This planning permit is an entitlement to apply for construction permits, not a guarantee that they can be obtained, and it does not establish any vested rights. This decision certifies the proposed project's conformance with the requirements of the Marin County Development Code and in no way affects the requirements of any other County, State, Federal, or local agency that regulates development. In addition to a Building Permit, additional permits and/or approvals may be required from the Department of Public Works, the appropriate Fire Protection Agency, the Environmental Health Services Division, water and sewer providers, Federal and State agencies.

CONDITIONS OF PROJECT APPROVAL

CDA-Planning Division

1. This Design Review approval authorizes the construction of an approximately 99 square foot addition and a retaining wall on a developed lot located in the community of Kentfield. The approximately 99 square feet of addition, in combination with the existing 2,506 floor area, would result in would result in a floor area ratio of 42.46 percent on the 6,135 square foot lot. The proposed addition would reach a maximum height of 11 feet above surrounding grade and would be created by enclosing existing space under roof overhang. The exterior walls would have the following setbacks: 46 feet six inches from the west front property line; seven feet six inches from the south side property line; 30 feet six inches from the east rear property line; and over 50 feet from all other property lines.

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2. Plans submitted for a Building Permit shall substantially conform to plans identified as Exhibit A, entitled "1028 Sir Francis Drake Storage and Retaining Wall Addition," consisting of six sheets prepared by Pacific Design Group, Inc, received in final form on June 19, 2021, and on file with the Marin County Community Development Agency, except as modified by the conditions listed herein.
3. The project shall conform to the Planning Division's "Uniformly Applied Conditions 2021" with respect to all of the standard conditions of approval.

VESTING

Unless conditions of approval establish a different time limit or an extension to vest has been granted, any permit or entitlement not vested within three years of the date of the approval shall expire and become void. The permit shall not be deemed vested until the permit holder has actually obtained any required Building Permit or other construction permit and has substantially completed improvements in accordance with the approved permits, or has actually commenced the allowed use on the subject property, in compliance with the conditions of approval.

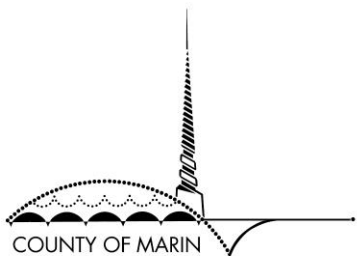
RIGHT TO APPEAL

This decision is final unless appealed to the Planning Commission. A Petition for Appeal and the required fee must be submitted in the Community Development Agency, Planning Division, Room 308, Civic Center, San Rafael, no later than eight business days from the date of this decision.

cc: *{Via email to County departments and Design Review Board}*
CDA – Assistant Director
CDA – Planning Manager
DPW – Land Development
Kentfield Planning Advisory Board

Attachments:

1. Marin County Uniformly Applied Conditions 2021
2. Department of Public Works, Inter-Office memorandum, dated June 23, 2021



**MARIN COUNTY UNIFORMLY APPLIED CONDITIONS
FOR PROJECTS SUBJECT TO DISCRETIONARY PLANNING PERMITS**

2021

STANDARD CONDITIONS

1. The applicant/owner shall pay any deferred Planning Division fees as well as any fees required for mitigation monitoring or condition compliance review before vesting or final inspection of the approved project, as determined by the Director.
2. The applicant/owner shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County of Marin and its agents, officers, attorneys, or employees from any claim, action, or proceeding, against the County or its agents, officers, attorneys, or employees, to attack, set aside, void, or annul an approval of this application, for which action is brought within the applicable statute of limitations. The County of Marin shall promptly notify the applicant/owner of any claim, action, or proceeding that is served upon the County of Marin, and shall cooperate fully in the defense.
3. Exterior lighting for the approved development shall be located and shielded to avoid casting glare into the night sky or onto nearby properties, unless such lighting is necessary for safety purposes.
4. Building Permit applications shall substantially conform to the project that was approved by the planning permit. All Building Permit submittals shall be accompanied by an itemized list of any changes from the project approved by the planning permit. The list shall detail the changes and indicate where the changes are shown in the plan set. Construction involving modifications that do not substantially conform to the approved project, as determined by the Community Development Agency staff, may be required to be halted until proper authorization for the modifications is obtained by the applicant.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. BEFORE ISSUANCE OF A BUILDING PERMIT, the applicant shall submit a signed Statement of Conformance prepared by a certified or licensed landscape design professional indicating that the landscape plan complies with the State of California's Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance and that a copy of the Landscape Documentation Package has been filed with the Community Development Agency.
2. BEFORE ISSUANCE OF A BUILDING PERMIT, the applicant shall mark or call out the approved building setbacks on the Building Permit plans indicating the minimum distance of the building from the nearest property line or access easement at the closest point and any of the following features applicable to the project site: required tree protection zones, Wetland Conservation Areas, or Stream Conservation Areas.

3. BEFORE ISSUANCE OF A BUILDING PERMIT, the applicant shall revise the plans to depict the location and type of all exterior lighting for review and approval of the Community Development Agency staff. Exterior lighting visible from off-site shall consist of low-wattage fixtures, and shall be directed downward and shielded to prevent adverse lighting impacts to the night sky or on nearby properties. Exceptions to this standard may be allowed by the Community Development Agency staff if the exterior lighting would not create night-time illumination levels that are incompatible with the surrounding community character and would not shine on nearby properties.
4. BEFORE ISSUANCE OF A BUILDING PERMIT, the applicant shall record a Waiver of Public Liability holding the County of Marin, other governmental agencies, and the public harmless related to losses experienced due to geologic and hydrologic conditions and other natural hazards.
5. BEFORE ISSUANCE OF A BUILDING PERMIT, the applicant shall submit written confirmation that the property owner has recorded the "Disclosure Statement Concerning Agricultural Activities," as required by Section 23.03.050 of the Marin County Code.
6. BEFORE ISSUANCE OF A BUILDING PERMIT for any of the work identified in the project approval, the applicant shall install 3-foot high temporary construction fencing demarcating established tree protection zones for all protected trees that are not being removed in the vicinity of any area of grading, construction, materials storage, soil stockpiling, or other construction activity. The applicant shall submit a copy of the temporary fencing plan and site photographs confirming installation of the fencing to the Community Development Agency. Acceptable limits of the tree protection zones shall be the dripline of the branches or a radius surrounding the tree of one foot for each one inch diameter at breast height (4.5 feet above grade) of the tree trunk. The fencing is intended to protect existing vegetation during construction and shall remain until all construction activity is complete. If encroachment into the tree protection zone is necessary for development purposes, additional tree protection measures shall be identified by a licensed arborist, forester, or botanist, and the tree specialist shall periodically monitor the construction activities to evaluate whether the measures are being properly followed. A report with the additional measures shall be submitted for review and approval by the Planning Division before any encroachment into a tree protection zone occurs.
7. BEFORE FINAL INSPECTION, if encroachments into a tree protection zone have been approved, then the tree specialist shall submit a letter to the Planning Division verifying that the additional tree protection measures were properly implemented during construction activities.
8. BEFORE ISSUANCE OF A BUILDING PERMIT, temporary construction fencing shall be installed on the subject property at edge of the Wetland Conservation Area and/or Stream Conservation Area, as applicable to the site. The applicant shall submit a copy of the temporary fencing plan and site photographs confirming installation of the fencing to the Community Development Agency. The construction fencing shall remain until all construction activity is complete. No parking of vehicles, grading, materials/equipment storage, soil stockpiling, or other construction activity is allowed within the protected area. If encroachment into the protected area is necessary for development purposes, additional protection measures shall be identified by a qualified biologist and the biologist shall periodically monitor the construction activities to evaluate whether the measures are being properly followed. A

report with the additional measures shall be submitted for review and approval by the Planning Division before any encroachment into a protected area occurs.

9. BEFORE FINAL INSPECTION, if encroachments into a protected area have been approved, then the biologist shall submit a letter to the Planning Division verifying that the additional protection measures were properly implemented during construction activities.
10. BEFORE ISSUANCE OF A BUILDING PERMIT, the applicant must provide written evidence that all appropriate permits and authorizations have been secured for this project from the Bay Conservation and Development Commission, the California Department of Fish and Game, the Regional Water Quality Control Board, the California Coastal Commission, the California State Lands Commission, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, and/or the United States Army Corps of Engineers.
11. BEFORE CLOSE-IN INSPECTION, the applicant shall have a licensed land surveyor or civil engineer with proper surveying certification prepare and submit written (stamped) Floor Elevation Certification to the Planning Division confirming that the building's finished floor elevation conforms to the floor elevation that is shown on the approved Building Permit plans, based on a benchmark that is noted on the plans.
12. BEFORE FINAL INSPECTION, the project shall substantially conform to the requirements for exterior materials and colors, as approved herein. Approved materials and colors shall substantially conform to the materials and colors samples shown in "Exhibit A" unless modified by the conditions of approval. The exterior materials or colors shall conform to any modifications required by the conditions of approval. All flashing, metalwork, and trim shall be treated or painted an appropriately subdued, non-reflective color.
13. BEFORE FINAL INSPECTION, the applicant shall install all approved landscaping that is required for the following purposes: (1) screening the project from the surrounding area; (2) replacing trees or other vegetation removed for the project; (3) implementing best management practices for drainage control; and, (4) enhancing the natural landscape or mitigating environmental impacts. If irrigation is necessary for landscaping, then an automatic drip irrigation system shall be installed. The species and size of those trees and plants installed for the project shall be clearly labeled in the field for inspection.
14. BEFORE FINAL INSPECTION, the applicant shall submit a Certificate of Completion prepared by a certified or licensed landscape design professional confirming that the installed landscaping complies with the State of California's Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance and the Landscape Documentation Package on file with the Community Development Agency.
15. BEFORE FINAL INSPECTION, the applicant shall submit written verification from a landscape design professional that all the approved and required landscaping has been completed and that any necessary irrigation has been installed.
16. BEFORE FINAL INSPECTION, utilities to serve the approved development shall be placed underground except where the Director determines that the cost of undergrounding would be so prohibitive as to deny utility service to the development.
17. BEFORE FINAL INSPECTION, the applicant shall call for a Community Development Agency staff inspection of approved landscaping, building materials and colors, lighting and

compliance with conditions of project approval at least five business days before the anticipated completion of the project. Failure to pass inspection will result in withholding of the Final Inspection approval and imposition of hourly fees for subsequent reinspections.

CODE ENFORCEMENT CONDITIONS

1. Within 30 days of this decision, the applicant must submit a Building Permit application to legalize the development. Requests for an extension to this timeline must be submitted in writing to the Community Development Agency staff and may be granted for good cause, such as delays beyond the applicant's control.
2. Within 60 days of this decision, a Building Permit for all approved work must be obtained. Requests for an extension to this timeline must be submitted in writing to the Community Development Agency staff and may be granted for good cause, such as delays beyond the applicant's control.
3. Within 120 days of this decision, the applicant must complete the approved construction and receive approval of a final inspection by the Building and Safety Division. Requests for an extension to this timeline must be submitted in writing to the Community Development Agency staff and may be granted for good cause, such as delays beyond the applicant's control.

PLANNING APPLICATION REVIEW

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Inter-office Memorandum - First Transmittal

DATE: July 12, 2021

DUE: July 8, 2021

TO: Immanuel Bereket

FROM: Cara E. Zichelli

APPROVED: 

RE: 1028 Sir Francis Drake LLC

Design Review P3203

APN: 071-132-29

ADDRESS: 1028 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard

Kentfield

TYPE OF DOCUMENT

- DESIGN REVIEW
- COASTAL PERMIT
- LAND DIVISION
- VARIANCE
- USE PERMIT
- ADU PERMIT
- ENVIRONMENTAL REV.
- OTHER:

Department of Public Works Land Use Division has reviewed this application for content and:

Comments Included (Inc.) or Attached (Att.) from other DPW Divisions:

- Find it **COMPLETE**
- Find it **INCOMPLETE**, please submit items listed below
- Find it **NEEDS SUBSTANTIAL MODIFICATIONS TO CONFORM**

- Traffic
- Flood Control
- Other: _____

Merit Comments

Prior to Issuance of a Building Permit:

1. **Grading & Drainage Plans:** Provide a drainage and grading plan prepared by a licensed professional engineer or by a registered architect:
 - a. Plan shall provide existing and proposed topographic contours, or a sufficient number of spot elevations, to describe drainage patterns. The proposed project shall maintain existing drainage patterns.
 - b. Plan shall show and label all existing and proposed drainage features and improvements. Improvements may include down spouts, footing and foundation drains, area drains and catch basins, piping and out fall structures or means of dispersion.
 - c. Per California Residential Code § R401.3, lots shall be graded to drain surface water away from foundation walls. The grade shall fall a minimum of 6 inches within the first 10 feet. Where lot lines, walls, slopes, or other physical barriers prohibit 6 inches of fall within 10 feet, drains or swales shall be constructed to ensure drainage away from the structure. Impervious surfaces within 10 feet of the building foundation shall be sloped a minimum 2 percent away from the building. Demonstrate compliance.
 - d. The plan shall also incorporate any recommendations from the Geotechnical Engineer, if such a professional is involved in the project.
 - e. The plan shall tabulate the existing and proposed areas of impervious surface for the property, and demonstrate that there will be no net increase in runoff from the developed site compared to pre-existing development.
 - f. Plan shall show and label the limit of disturbance. Provide the total area to be disturbed and the proposed cut and fill earthwork volumes. Indicate to where off haul will be taken.
 - g. Indicate means of restoring all disturbed areas.
 - h. Add a note on the plans indicating that the Design Engineer/Architect shall certify to the County in writing upon the completion of work that all grading and drainage improvements were installed in accordance with the approved plans and field direction. Be aware that a DPW Engineer will need to inspect and accept work after receipt of certification letter. Certification letters shall reference building permit number or numbers for specific work

being certified, the address of the property and the Assessor's Parcel Number (APN), and shall be signed and stamped by the certifying professional.

2. **Geotechnical Review and Acceptance:** The plans must be reviewed and approved by the soils engineer. Certification shall be either by his/her stamp and original signature on the plans or by a stamped and signed letter. Certification shall reference plans reviewed, specifying site, structural, and drainage plans with date of drawings, and verify that plans address any recommendations previously offered.
3. **Site Retaining Walls:**
 - a. Clarify the proposed heights for all site retaining walls. You will need to apply for a separate Building Permit for each site/driveway retaining wall greater than 4ft in height, or for any wall that is subject to a surcharge such as a sloped backfill or vehicular load. The total height shall be measured from the bottom of the footing to the top of the wall. If any walls are structurally tied to the dwelling, indicate this on the plans, as these walls will not require a separate permit.
 - b. For each retaining wall, provide a cross sectional reference on the site plan which corresponds to a structural detail provided in the plan set.
 - c. Submit design calculations for the retaining walls which are greater than 4ft in height, measured as described above in item a, or which are subject to a surcharge behind wall. Calculations shall be prepared, signed and stamped by the design engineer.
 - d. Add a note on the plans indicating that the Design Engineer shall inspect and certify in writing to DPW that each retaining wall was constructed per approved plan and field direction. Certification letters shall reference building permit number or numbers for specific work being certified, the address and the Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) for the project, and shall be signed and stamped by the certifying professional.
4. **Best Management Practices:** Per Marin County Code § 24.04.625(a)(c)(g)(k), provide a plan indicating construction-phase best management practices (BMPs) include erosion and sediment controls and pollution prevention practices. Erosion control BMPs may include, but are not limited to, scheduling and timing of grading activities, timely re-vegetation of graded areas, the use of hydroseed and hydraulic mulches, and installation of erosion control blankets. Sediment control may include properly sized detention basins, dams, or filters to reduce entry of suspended sediment into the storm drain system and watercourses, and installation of construction entrances to prevent tracking of sediment onto adjacent streets. Pollution prevention practices may include: designated washout areas or facilities, control of trash and recycled materials, covering of materials stored on-site, and proper location of and maintenance of temporary sanitary facilities. The combination of BMPs used, and their execution in the field, must be customized to the site using up-to-date standards and practices. You may refer to the Marin County Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program's website, <https://www.marincounty.org/~media/files/departments/pw/mcstoppp/development/erosionsediment-control-measures-for-small-construction-projects-2015.pdf?la=en>
5. **Stormwater Control Plans:** Provide updated totals of new or replaced impervious for all related building permits. If the total of new plus replaced impervious surface equals or exceeds 2,500 sf, provide a Stormwater Control Plan as required by Marin County Code § 24.04.627 Permanent Stormwater Controls for New and Redevelopment. You may refer to the BASMAA Post Construction Manual which you can access at the County's website for post-construction stormwater management requirements, publications and resources at: <http://www.marincounty.org/depts/pw/divisions/mcstoppp/development/new-and-redevelopment-projects?panelnum=2>. **Directions for small projects, 2,500 sf to 5,000 sf of new plus replaced impervious surface, is in Appendix C of the BASMAA manual. Direction for projects creating or replacing over 5,000 sf of impervious surfaces can be found in Appendix D of the BASMAA manual.**

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