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DATE: May 24, 2023 File: AR 22-05

TO: Architectural Review and Historic Preservation Board

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Community Development Department

RE: Architectural Review 22-05 (Cussick Apartments); APN 042-450-022

Revised Plans

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Architectural Review and Historic Preservation Board adopt the required findings contained in the agenda report (**Attachment J**) and approve the proposed project as revised, subject to the recommended conditions.

Proposed Motion

I move that the Architectural Review and Historic Preservation Board adopt the required findings contained in the agenda report (**Attachment J**) and approve Architectural Review 22-05 (Cussick Apartments) as revised, subject to the recommended conditions therein.

PRIOR REVIEW

This project has been heard twice before by the Architectural Review and Historic Preservation Board at its meetings on April 19, 2023, and November 16, 2022. This staff report contains only a brief discussion regarding the project revisions that have been made since the meeting on April 19, 2023. Additional information on the project background, analysis, environmental review and required findings can be found in **Attachment J**, the agenda report for the meeting on November 16, 2022.

The Board last heard this project at its regular meeting of April 19, 2023, during which the Board voted to continue the item to a future meeting pending refinements to the design that adequately addresses the following design concerns:

- Flatten roof lines of the buildings;
- Reconsider the color scheme of the buildings to be neutral and blend in with the neighborhood;
- Redesign the landscape plans to show thicker landscape coverage along the back fence for privacy;
- Provide revised color elevations and renderings:
- Provide renderings showing the effect of the rooftop solar panels; and
- Provide a photometric study or plan showing the light intensity measured in foot-candles.

PROJECT REVISIONS

The revised plans and renderings depict flat roof lines with rooftop solar panels on all proposed buildings, which have been revised to have a more subdued and neutral color scheme (see **Attachment E**, Revised Material Color Boards / Architectural Elevations and Revised Renderings). The applicant provided a revised landscape plan (**Attachment F**). In addition, the applicant provided a photometric study showing the light intensity of the proposed project (**Attachment G**).

DISCUSSION

The applicant's revisions to the project addressed the design concerns raised by the Board as described above. Since this is the third public hearing for this project, Planning staff strongly encourages the Board to either approve or deny the project as currently proposed.

Zoning Code Compliance

The proposed development is a "housing development project" under the Housing Accountability Act (Gov. Code, § 65589.5). Under the Housing Accountability Act, the City cannot deny or reduce the density of housing development projects that meet all "applicable, objective general plan, zoning, and subdivision standards and criteria" except when the project would have a "specific, adverse impact upon the public health or safety unless the project is disapproved or approved upon the condition that the project be developed at a lower density." To deny the project, or condition it on development at a lower density, the City must also find that there is no other feasible method to mitigate or avoid that specific, adverse impact. The City may place conditions on the project so long as the conditions do not have the effect of impairing the ability of the project to provide housing at the level proposed.

In conclusion, approving the project would be consistent with General Plan goals and policies that facilitate increased density and intensity of development in Corridor Opportunity Sites (LU-5.1), support new development within the Corridor Opportunity Sites to support ridership (CIRC-5.2.1), and enable sufficient housing construction to meet future needs (Housing Element 2022 Policy 4.1).

RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

- The front page of all approved building plans shall note in bold type face that the project shall comply with Architectural Review 22-05 (Cussick Apartments). No building permits related to this approval shall receive final approval without prior authorization of Community Development Department Planning staff.
- All development shall comply with all other State and local Code provisions, including those of the City of Chico Community Development and Public Works Departments. The permittee is responsible for contacting these offices to verify the need for compliance.
- 3. All approved building plans and permits shall note that wall-mounted utilities and roof or wall penetrations, including vent stacks, utility boxes, exhaust vents, gas meters and similar equipment, shall be screened by appropriate materials and colors. All parapet caps and other metal flashing shall be painted, consistent with the approved building colors. Adequate screening shall be verified by Planning staff

prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy.

- 4. All exterior lighting shall be shielded and directed downward to avoid light spillage onto adjacent properties.
- 5. All new electric, telephone, and other wiring conduits for utilities shall be placed underground in compliance with CMC 19.60.120.
- 6. As required by CMC 16.66, trees removed shall be replaced as follows:
 - a. On-site. For every six inches in DBH removed, a new 15-gallon tree shall be planted on-site. Replacement trees shall be of similar species, unless otherwise approved by the urban forest manager, and shall be placed in areas dedicated for tree plantings. New plantings' survival shall be ensured for three years after the date of planting and shall be verified by the applicant upon request by the director. If any replacement trees die or fail within the first three years of their planting, then the applicant shall pay an in-lieu fee as established by a fee schedule adopted by the City Council.
 - b. Off-site. If it is not feasible or desirable to plant replacement trees on-site, payment of an in-lieu fee as established by a fee schedule adopted by the City Council shall be required.
 - c. Replacement trees shall not receive credit as satisfying shade or street tree requirements otherwise mandated by the municipal code.
 - d. Tree removal shall be subject to the in-lieu fee payment requirements set forth by Chico Municipal Code (CMC) 16.66 and fee schedule adopted by the City Council.
 - e. All trees not approved for removal shall be preserved on and adjacent to the project site. A tree preservation plan, including fencing around drip lines and methods for excavation within the drip lines of protected trees to be preserved shall be prepared by the project developer pursuant to CMC 16.66.110 and 19.68.060 for review and approval by planning staff prior to any ground-disturbing activities.
- 7. To minimize potential impacts to existing trees along the alignment of the proposed CMU wall, all excavation within the dripline of any tree not approved for removal shall be done by hand tools.
- 8. If during ground disturbing activities, any bones, pottery fragments or other potential cultural resources are encountered, the applicant or their supervising contractor shall cease all work within the area of the find and notify the Community Development Department at 879-6800. A professional archaeologist who meets the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards for prehistoric and historic archaeology and who is familiar with the archaeological record of Butte County, shall be retained by the applicant to evaluate the significance of the find. Community Development Department staff shall notify all local tribes on the consultation list maintained by the State of California Native American Heritage Commission, to provide local tribes the opportunity to monitor evaluation of the site. Site work shall not resume until the archaeologist conducts sufficient research, testing and analysis of the archaeological evidence to make a determination that

the resource is either not cultural in origin or not potentially significant. If a potentially significant resource is encountered, the archaeologist shall prepare a mitigation plan for review and approval by the Community Development Department, including recommendations for total data recovery, Tribal monitoring, disposition protocol, or avoidance, if applicable. All measures determined by the Community Development Director to be appropriate shall be implemented pursuant to the terms of the archaeologist's report. The preceding requirement shall be incorporated into construction contracts and documents to ensure contractor knowledge and responsibility for the proper implementation.

9. The applicant shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City of Chico, its boards and commissions, officers and employees against and from any and all liabilities, demands, claims, actions or proceedings and costs and expenses incidental thereto (including costs of defense, settlement and reasonable attorney's fees), which any or all of them may suffer, incur, be responsible for or pay out as a result of or in connection with any challenge to or claim regarding the legality, validity, processing or adequacy associated with: (i) this requested entitlement; (ii) the proceedings undertaken in connection with the adoption or approval of this entitlement; (iii) any subsequent approvals or permits relating to this entitlement; (iv) the processing of occupancy permits and (v) any amendments to the approvals for this entitlement. The City of Chico shall promptly notify the applicant of any claim, action or proceeding which may be filed and shall cooperate fully in the defense, as provided for in Government code section 66474.9.

PUBLIC CONTACT

Public notice requirements are fulfilled by mailing a 10-day public hearing notice to all landowners and residents within 500 feet of the site and by posting the agenda at least 10 days prior to the ARHPB meeting. The project team held a virtual Neighborhood Meeting via Zoom on March 22, 2023. Public comments that have been received as of the date of this report are included in **Attachment H**.

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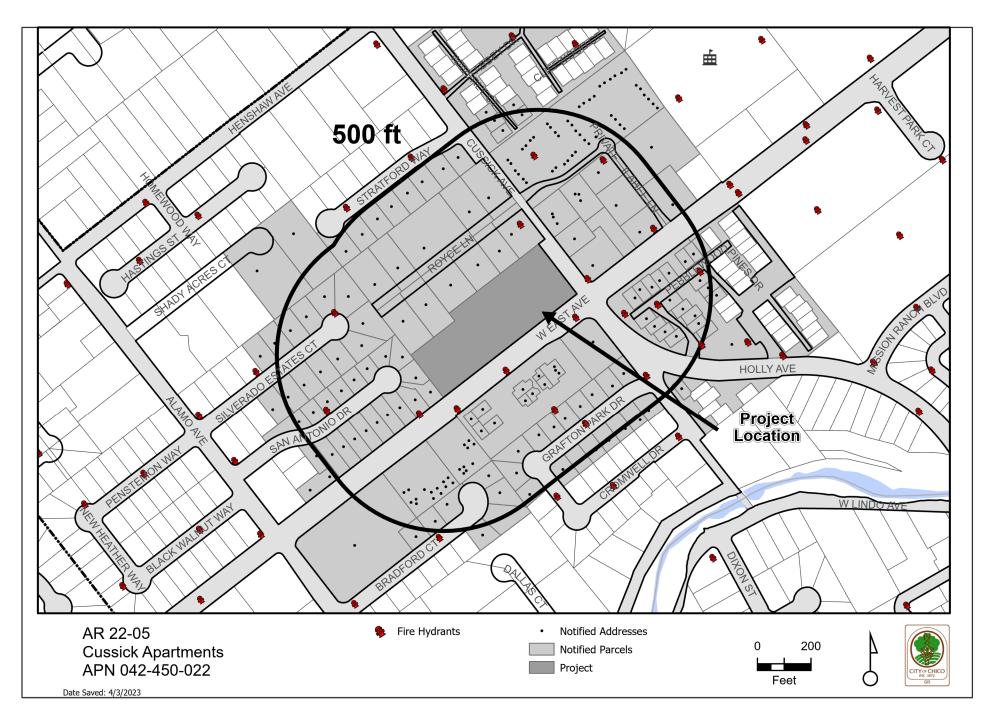
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ATTACHMENTS

- A. Location Map
- B. Project Description
- C. Revised Site Plan
- D. Architectural Elevations
- E. Revised Material Color Boards / Architectural Elevations and Revised Renderings
- F. Revised Landscape Plans
- G. Site Electrical Plan, Photometric Plan, and Electrical Details
- H. Supplemental Materials Neighborhood Comments
- I. April 19, 2023 Staff Report (without attachments)
- J. November 16, 2022 Staff Report (without attachments)



Cussick EA Assistance – February 4, 2022

Construction and Design Description

Site & Exterior:

- New construction of seven (7) residential, multi-family buildings, consisting of three stories, wood framed construction over continuous concrete footing foundation on cast in place concrete slab.
- Residential structures are to be provided with fully remote monitored fire alarm systems, and will be designed for NFPA R-13 and NFPA 13 fire sprinkler systems. Per state building code, all structures will be designed to be in compliance with Construction Type VB, for the three (3) smaller structures and Construction Type VA, for the four (4) larger building footprints. Where required by code, exteriors at the larger structures will be provided with one hour (1-HR) exterior walls.
- Structural building components will be designed by a Licensed Structural Engineer in the State of
 California familiar with multifamily design requirements. All structures will be engineered for
 continuous gravity load paths to structural hardware embedded in the building foundations, and
 sheathed in plywood shear panels to resist lateral wind loads and seismic acceleration in
 conformance with local codes and recognized standards.
- The exterior of all buildings will be platform framed with wood studs, beams and LVL structural elements, with wood plywood or oriented strand board sheathing (non-structural), covered by a vapor barrier system. Over the vapor barrier system, the architect is proposing the installation of cementitious siding, Hardi Plank, or equal, in massing and design elements consistent with contemporary commercial architecture. Panels, grids, and siding elements will be mechanically secured to the building sheathing, through the vapor barrier, in a manner consistent with approved manufacturer's installation instructions. The limited use of stucco, for accent at some build outs, will be over fifteen pound tar paper, lath and plaster with a final colored skim coat of light dash or sand finish.
- Windows are proposed to be double paned, Low E design, vinyl with continuous shingle flashing and sealant. Where windows are adjacent to West East Avenue they will be provided with augmented STC ratings.
- Roofing, as proposed will be low slop, EPDM or PVC type roofing, over a low slope, insulated roof system. Roof planes will drain to internal roof drains which are conducted to an on-site storm water system, and will be provided with code mandated overflows or back up scupper. Roof assembly will have high albedo and be consistent with cool roof ratings. Each structure will be provided with a recessed roof well or wells, for mechanical compressor units for HVAC. By placing HVAC units up on the roof it mitigates ground level sound production and prevents unauthorized access or tampering with refrigerant gas.
- The site has been designed to move the residential structures as far away from the northerly
 property line as possible to allow for privacy of existing residences. Parking and landscape buffer
 have programmed at these areas.

Parking & Transportation:

- As designed, Cussick Apartments provided parking in excess of City of Chico requirements for this zoning designation and multifamily housing requirements. Current code mandates a minimum of 110 parking stalls, and the project has been designed for a minimum of one hundred and forty five (145) parking space, of which seventy six (76) are covered standard and ADA stalls.
- Pedestrian circulation on site will provide for full compliance for mobility compromised individuals with ADA and Title 24 compliant paths of travel to all ground floor units, common area site amenities and community building amenities. Walking paths within the center courtyard have been laid out in a paseo design to encourage spontaneous interactions between residents and guest.
- Adjacent to each structure are long term bike storage areas which are contiguous to concrete sidewalk areas. In addition, near the community building there are long-term, covered and lockable bike storage lockers for employees and guests.

Tenant Units

- Each residential unit has been designed to maximize direct exposure to natural daylighting
 through the thoughtful placement of larger windows in bedrooms and living rooms, in addition
 to patio and deck French doors which are full lite for increased natural day lighting. To augment
 natural lighting, all units are provided with energy efficient LED light fixtures with occupancy
 sensors
- To insure that residents have healthy interior spaces, all units are provided with luxury vinyl tile (LVT) flooring throughout. This durable flooring product reduces ambient dust within units, is easy to clean and will be provided in contemporary colors and textures.
- Cabinets and countertops for all units will be sourced and specified to be consistent with LVT flooring style and color. Cabinets will be contemporary "Shaker" style, or equal, with brushed nickel pulls and handles, soft-close hardware and replaceable components. Cabinets will be configured to provide code compliant reach ranges for all ground floor mobility and adaptable units. Countertops will be durable Quartzite, or similar, cultured composite, with rounded edges and ADA compliant friction coefficients for ground floor units.
- All resident kitchens will be provided with Energy Star appliances and direct exhaust range fans
 for higher interior air quality. In addition, unit restrooms will have low Sone rating exhaust fans
 and will be engineered to be a component of current air quality standards for residential
 construction.
- To provide the highest level of water conservation, all units will be provided with low flow shower heads, lavatory fixtures and low flush toilets. High efficiency, electric water heaters will provide consistent on-demand potable water for fixtures. Each unit is provided with separate closets for resident provided washer and dryer. Also, as mandated by state tax credit requirements, the central community building also has commercial grade washers and dryers for residents that may not have that appliance.
- Resident bathrooms will be designed for full mobility compliance at designated ground floor
 units. This includes grab bars at combination tub shower, shower seats, grab bars at toilets,
 removable base cabinets and countertops within ADA reach ranges. In addition, at standard
 units, residents will be provided with toilet paper roll holders, shower bars, towel rings and bars

- and a built-in medicine cabinet. All electrical fixtures at bathrooms will be provided with GFCI's and light fixtures will be specified for high humidity locations.
- Initial engineering design stipulates that conditioned air within units will be provided by ducted, mini-split HVAC units. These high efficiency units will be located within the units in either mechanical enclosures or will be ceiling mounted (interstitial pan cake units), and will be acoustically isolated from unit interiors for sound mitigation purposes.

Community Areas

- Centrally located within the project development, the community center is located at the
 ground floor of one of the residential units and is on acceptable ADA compliant paths of travel
 for mobility compromised residents. All signage within the structure will be consistent with state
 requirements for universal access, as are all common area facilities including restrooms and
 kitchen.
- The community center is approximately one thousand eight hundred square feet (1,800 SF) and has been programmed to meet the requirements of the State of California Tax Credit Requirements. It will contain a Leasing Office with lockable storage closet, Exercise Equipment Room with direct exterior access, full service Commercial Laundry facility with exterior access, and adjacent resident restrooms. The community center common area has been configured for maximum flexibility with a large 'Gathering Room' adjacent a non-commercial kitchen which will contain a refrigerator, range with range hood, sink, dishwasher, countertops and cabinets, in a style and color program consistent with individual residential units. In addition, the community center will be furnished with commercial grade furnishings and fixtures for long term durability and are to be of a low-maintenance design. All kitchen fixtures are to be Energy Star.
- Lighting within the community center will be LED, commercial grade fixtures, and will be located and switched for ease of use and resident comfort. Low voltage sound systems will be integrated with video monitors (TVs) to be located at the Gathering Room and Exercise Room. Security control and access features for low voltage design at the community building will be consistent with current contemporary commercial residential construction.
- HVAC systems for resident and guest comfort will be integrated into the building design and will
 consist of a forced air furnace and air conditioner, sized for the intended use. The commercial
 grade laundry facility will be serviced by commercial grade hybrid boilers located remote from
 the laundry, in a maintenance closet.
- To insure that the development is serviced appropriately, the community center contains a separate Maintenance Room with and oversized four foot wide door. This space is intended to be used by on-site maintenance staff for storage of surplus appliances and similar activities consistent with the long-term servicing needs of an asset of this size.
- The site has been provided with common area amenities consistent with state requirements, including such amenities as a covered pergola adjacent to a central courtyard tot lot and paseo. For residents to use in production of consumable vegetables, the project has a designated community garden consistent of raised planter beds of mortared concrete masonry units which will be provided with drip irrigation systems for watering. Located at the northwest side of the site is a half-court basketball play area, near a fenced dog park for resident's service animals. In addition to these standard amenities, the site will be provided with fixed bench seating, waste receptacles, lockable bike storage and lockers and three ADA accessible trash enclosures.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REQUIREMENTS:

- FIRE APPARATUS ACCESS ROADS AND WATER SUPPLIES SHALL BE PROVIDED DURING TIME OF CONSTRUCTION.
 THE FURTHEST PROJECTION OF THE EXTERIOR WALL OF A BUILDING SHALL BE ACCESSIBLE FROM WITHIN 150 FEET OF AN APPROVED FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCESS ROAD, MINIMUM 20 FEET WIDE, AND NOT MORE THAN 400 FEET FROM AN APPROVED WATER SUPPLY PER CFC 503.1.1, 507.5.1.
- CF 503.1, 1.507.5.1.

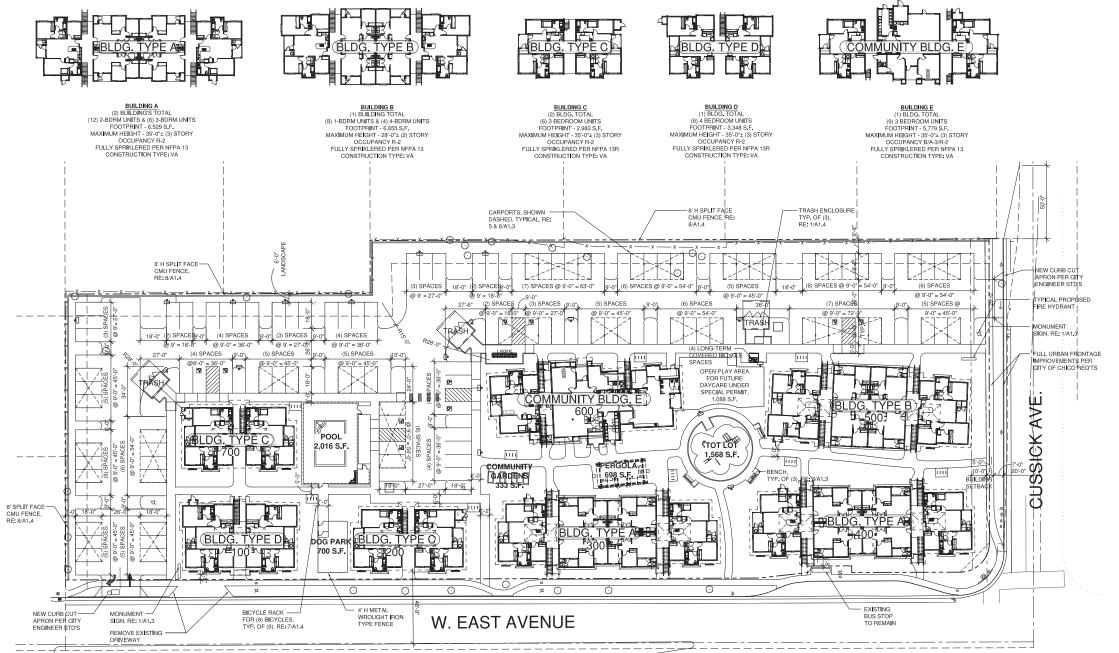
 A ROADS USED FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCESS THAT ARE LESS THAN 28 FEET IN WIDTH SHALL BE MARKED 'NO PARKING FIRE LANE' ON BOTH SIDES; ROADS LESS THAN 36 FEET IN WIDTH SHALL BE MARKED ON ONE SIDE.

 HIRE APPARATUS ACCESS ROADS SHALL BE DESIGNED AND MAINTAINED TO SUPPORT THE IMPOSED LOADS OF FIRE APPARATUS AND SHALL BE SURFACED SO AS TO PROVIDE ALL-WEATHER DRIVING CAPABILITIES PER CFC 503.2.3.

 PROVIDE A CERTIFIED WATER FLOW TEST FOR THE PROPOSED USED, OCCUPANCIES AND CONSTRUCTION TYPE PER CFC 507.4.

 PROVIDE REQUIRED FIRE HYDDRATIS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CFC 507.4, APPENDIX C7, SECTION C102.1, AND THE CITY OF CHICO MUNICIPAL CODE.

 PROVIDE APPROPRIATE KNOX BOX FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCESS FOR SITE, AS APPROVED IN THE FIELD BY AUTHORITIES HAVING JURISDICTION, PER CFC SECTION 506.







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ACCESSIBILITY # OF UNITS PERCENTAGE

ACCESSIBLE UNITS (15% TOTAL) SENSORY IMPAIRED UNITS (10% TOTAL) 12 15.8% 8 10.5%

UNIT MIX SUMMARY SO FOOTAGES

(8) x 652 S.F. = (24) x 734 S.F. = (29) x 1,274 S.F. = (4) x 1,049 S.F. = (10) x 1,486 S.F. = (8) 1-BEDROOM UNITS (24) 2-BEDROOM UNITS (29) 3-BEDROOM UNITS (4) 3-BEDROOM-A UNITS 17,616 S.F. 36,946 S.F. 4,196 S.F. (10) 4-BEDROOM UNITS (75) UNITS TOTAL

COMMUNITY BUILDING TOTAL 3,550 S.F. 82,384 S.F.

FIRE SPRINKLER
AUTOMATIC FULLY SPRINKLERED SYSTEM WITH CENTRAL CALL STATION, OFF-SITE MONITORING AND FDC'S

SITE SIZE

137,235 S.F.± (3.15 ACRES*±) (136,755 NET S.F. ± OR 3,139 NET ACRES ±)
24.13 DWELLING UNITS/ACRE

SITE COVERAGE SQ. FT. PERCENTAGE BUILDING FOOTPRINTS 25.35% 33.62% BUILDING FOOTPHINTS
ON-SITE ASPHALT CONCRETE PAVING
SITE AMENITIES (PERGOLA, TOT LOT, DOG PARK,
POOL, COMMUNITY GARDEN)
CONCRETE WALKS & PADS 46.145 S.F. 5.319 S.F. 3.88% 9.08% 12.465 S.F. LANDSCAPE, OPEN SPACE TOTAL AREA 38,516 S.F. 137,235 S.F.

NOTE: * ALL NUMBERS PROVIDED ARE ESTIMATED FOR SITE COVERAGE

PARKING SUMMARY

TOTAL REQUIRED FOR CORRIDOR OPPORTUNITY SITE (COS) PER

(10) 4-BDRM UNITS X 1.5 = 15 SPACES REQUIRED TOTAL SPACES REQUIRED: 110 SPACES

TOTAL PROVIDED: 130 (INCLUDING 10 ADA SPACES & 65 COVERED SPACES)

COVERED SPACES PROVIDED: 65 (INCLUDING 6 ADA COVERED SPACES)

BICYCLE PARKING 1/UNIT REQUIRED 76 PROVIDED INCLUDING 4 LONG TERM COVERED SPACES AND 72 SPACES ON 9 BICYCLE RACKS

ACOUSTICAL MITIGATION STRATEGY:

BUILDINGS 100, 200, 300, & 400 WILL BE DESIGNED, PERMITTED AND CONSTRUCTED WITH MIN. STC 35 WINDOWS AND DOORS AND SUPPLEMENTAL ACOUSTIC INSULATION, BAFFLES, AND ASSEMBLIES ALONG THE ENTIRE FRONTAGE OF WEST EAST AVENUE.



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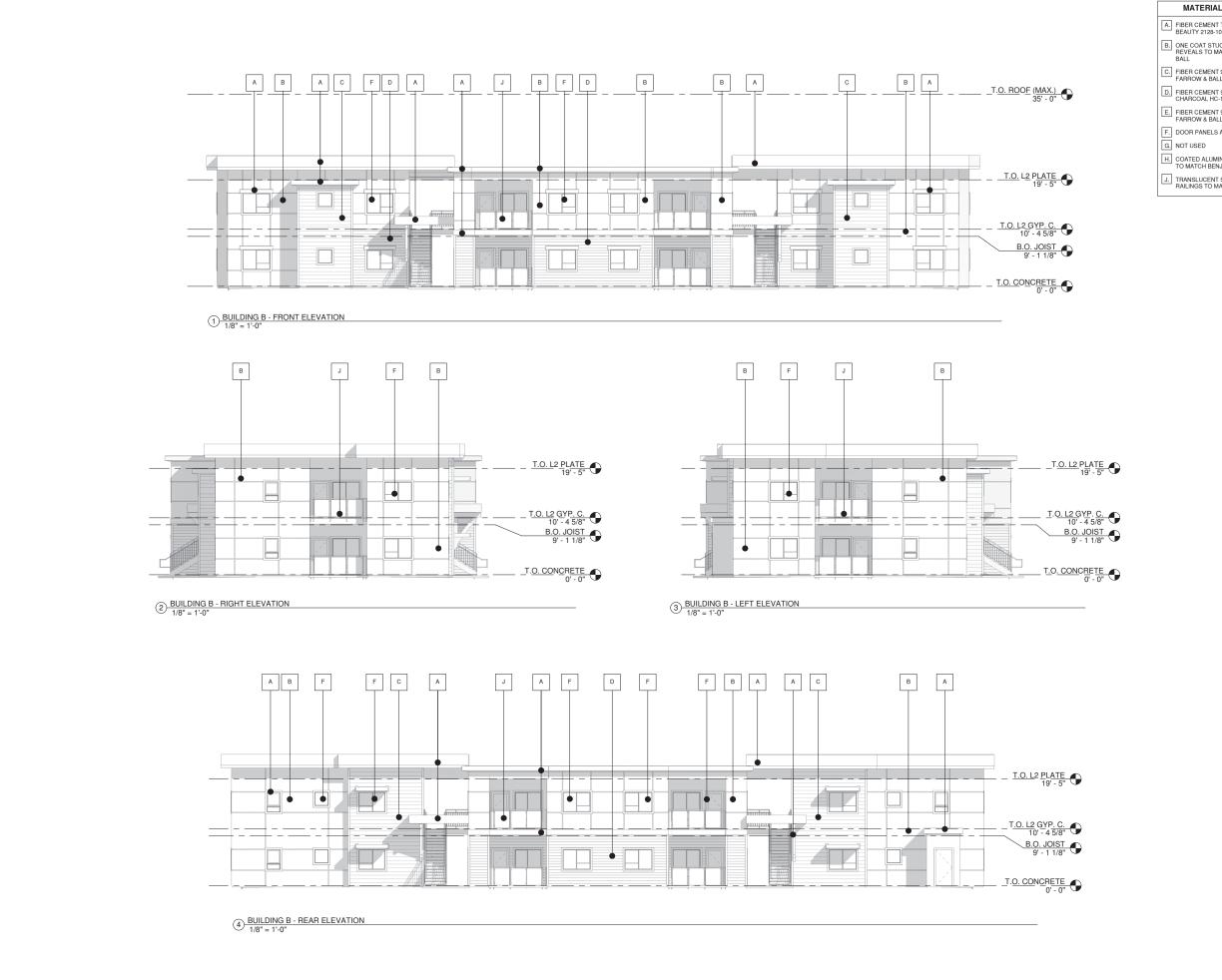
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BUILDING A - EXTERIOR ELEVATIONS



MATERIAL FINISHES (SCHEME B): [-]→

- A. FIBER CEMENT TRIM BOARDS, BENJAMIN MOORE BLACK BEAUTY 2128-10
- B. ONE COAT STUCCO OVER 3/4" FOAM INSULATION WITH 3/4" REVEALS TO MATCH SCHOOL HOUSE WHITE 291 BY FARROW & BALL
- C. FIBER CEMENT 9" LAP SIDING TO MATCH INCHYRA BLUE 289 BY FARROW & BALL
- D. FIBER CEMENT 9" LAP SIDING BENJAMIN MOORE KENDALL CHARCOAL HC-166
- E. FIBER CEMENT 9" LAP SIDING TO MATCH GREEN SMOKE 47 BY FARROW & BALL
- F. DOOR PANELS AND VINYL WINDOWS TO BE WHITE
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- J. TRANSLUCENT SAFETY GLASS PANELS WITH COATED METAL RAILINGS TO MATCH BENJAMIN MOORE BLACK BEAUTY 2128-10

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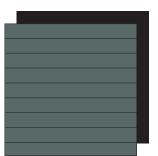




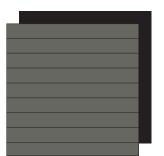
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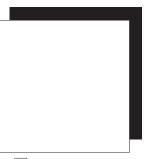
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BUILDING B - MATERIAL COLOR BOARD



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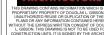
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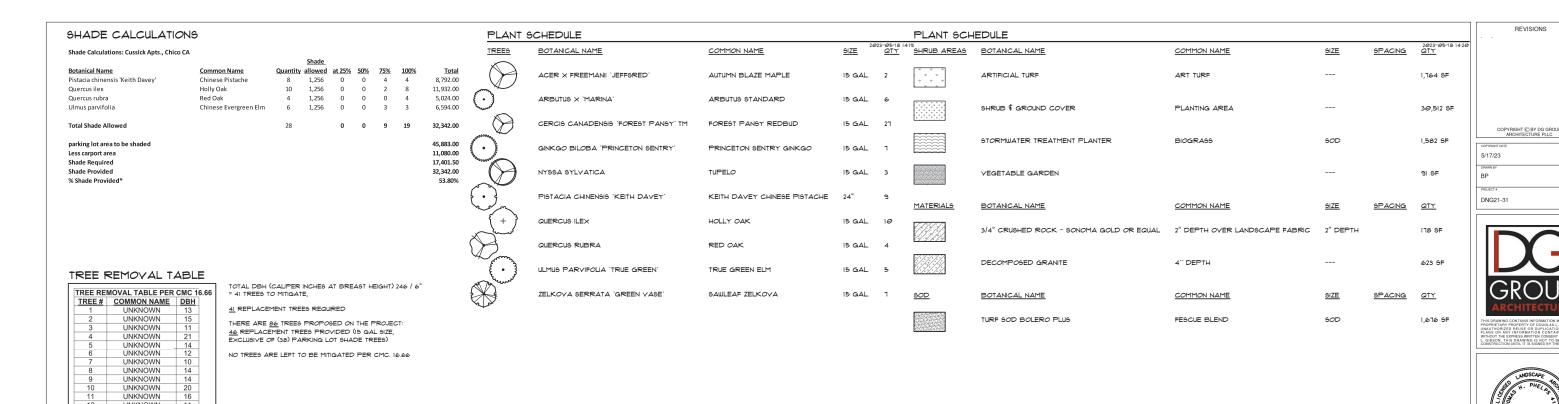


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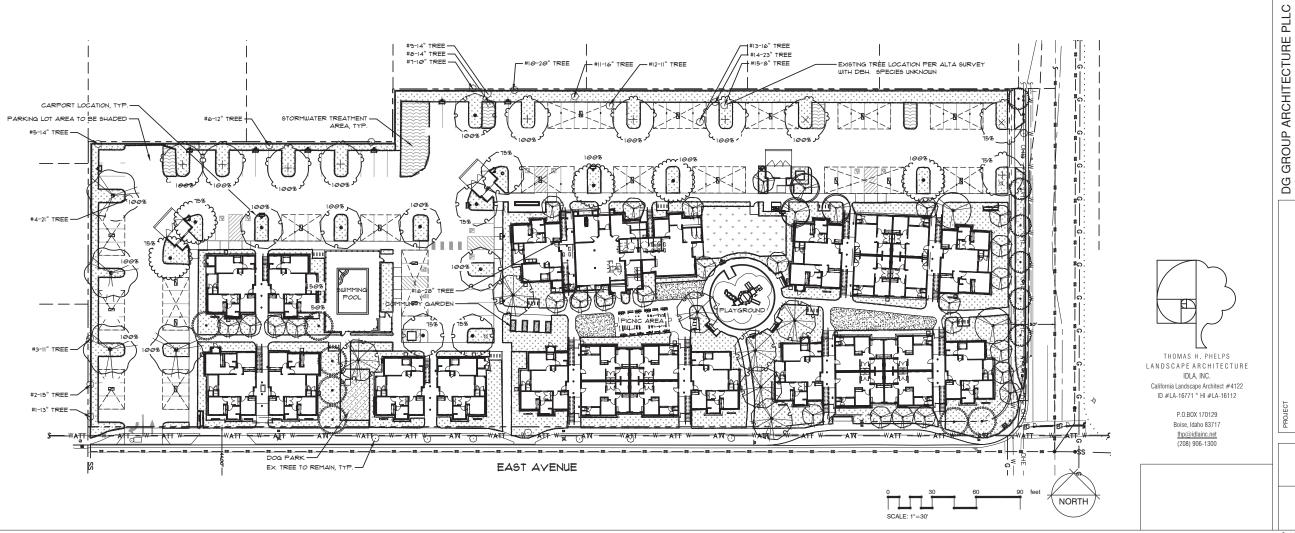


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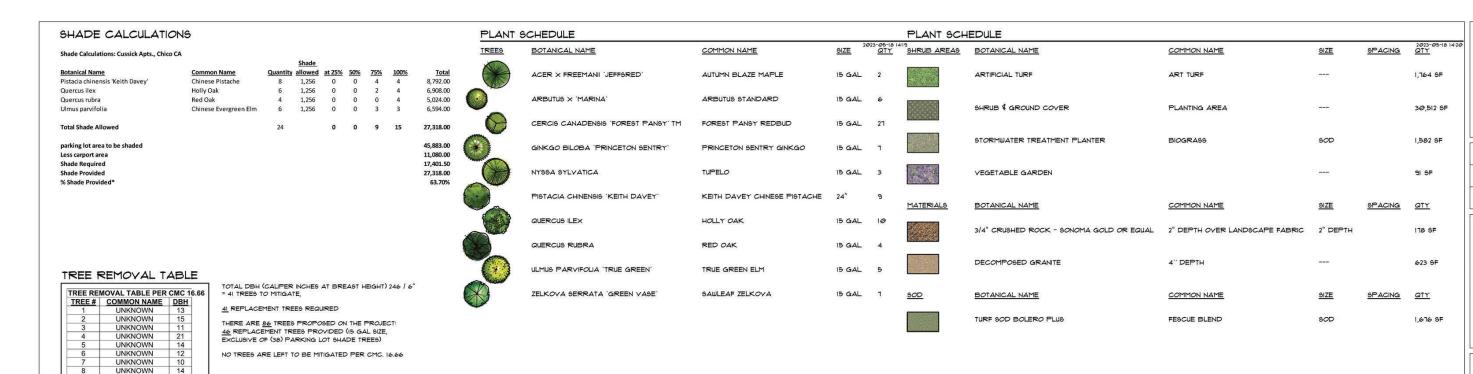
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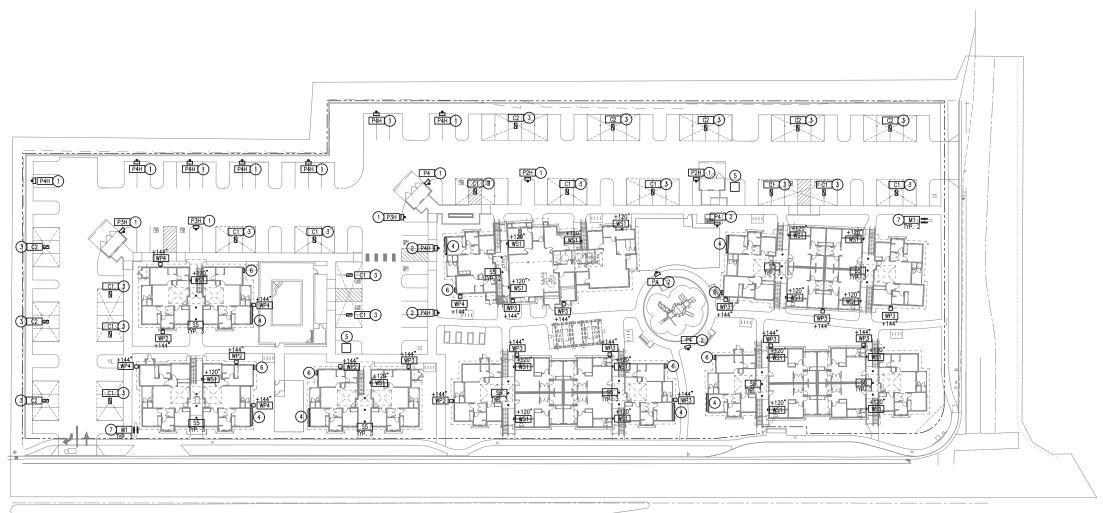


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GENERAL SITE NOTES:

- CONTRACTOR SHALL CONTACT UNDERGROUND UTILITY
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- CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR COORDINATION WITH ALL OTHER SITE DISCIPLINES INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO TRADES ASSOCIATED WITH WATER, SEWER, AND GAS INSTALLATIONS.
- 3. ROUTE ALL EXTERIOR LIGHTING THROUGH A LIGHTING CONTACTOR. PROVIDE PHOTO-CELL ON ROOF AND ELECTRO-MECHANICAL 7-DAY TIME CLOCK ADJACENT TO CONTACTOR CABINET.

- REFER TO SITE POLE DETAIL 1 ON SHEET E1.02 FOR POLE BASES IN VEHICLE IMPACT LOCATIONS.
- REFER TO SITE POLE DETAIL 2 ON SHEET E1.02 FOR POLE BASES IN LANDSCAPE LOCATIONS.
- CARPORT LIGHTING. FIXTURE MOUNTED TO BOTTOM SIDE OF CARPORT ROOF STRUCTURE.

- 7. MONUMENT SIGN LIGHTING. COORDINATE AIMING TO ILLUMINATE SIGN FACE ONLY.

SITE KEY NOTES:

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4. APPROXIMATE LOCATION OF BUILDING ELECTRICAL GEAR. REFER TO PLAN SHEETS FOR EXACT LOCATIONS.

5. APPROXIMATE UTILITY TRANSFORMER LOCATION. VERIFY WITH UTILITY SERVICE PLAN FOR EXACT LOCATION AND REQUIREMENTS.

APPROXIMATE LOCATION OF LOW VOLTAGE EQUIPMENT 'BCP/TTB'. REFER TO PLAN SHEETS FOR EXACT LOCATIONS.

1 SITE ELECTRICAL PLAN
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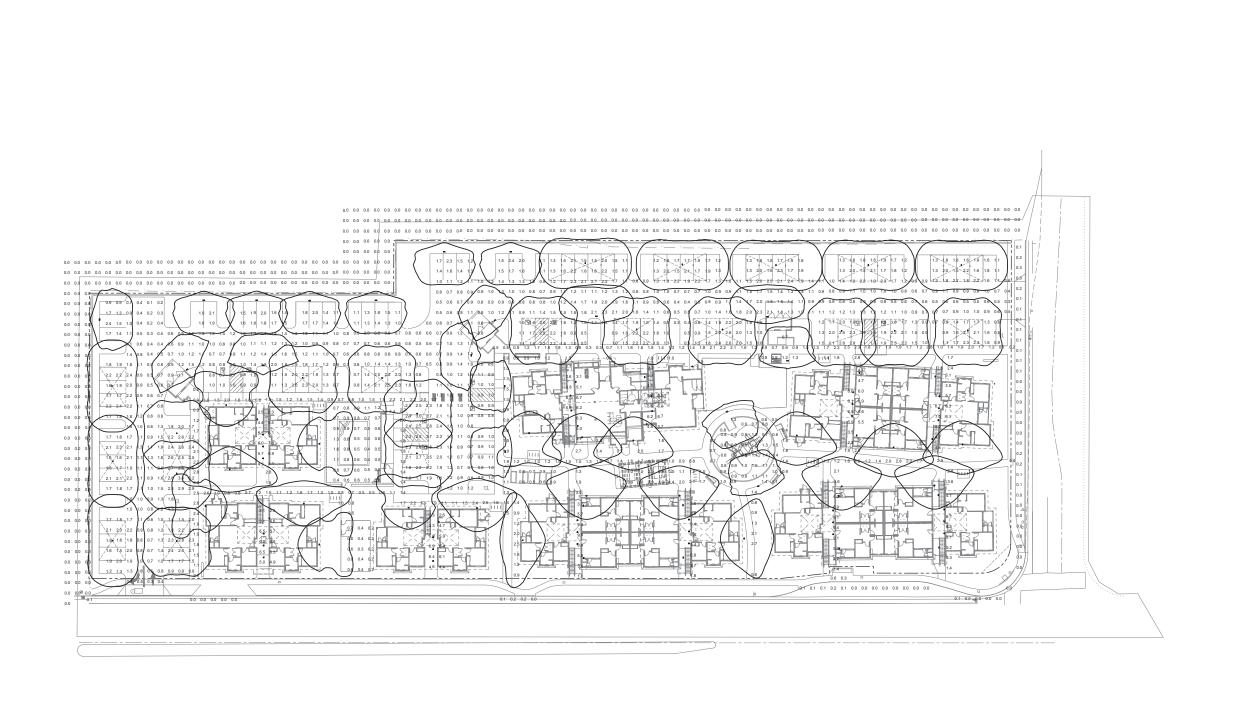
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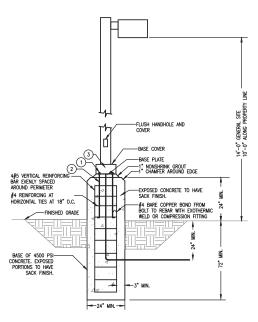
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POLE BASE DETAIL KEYED NOTES:

- 1. PROVIDE GALVANIZED LOCKNUTS AND LOCKWASHERS.
- 2. PROVIDE ANCHOR BOLTS TO MATCH PATTERN AS PROVIDED BY MANUFACTURER.
- 3. STUB 3/4"C-6" ABOVE POLE BASE.

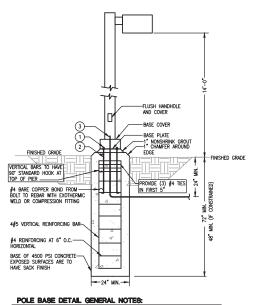
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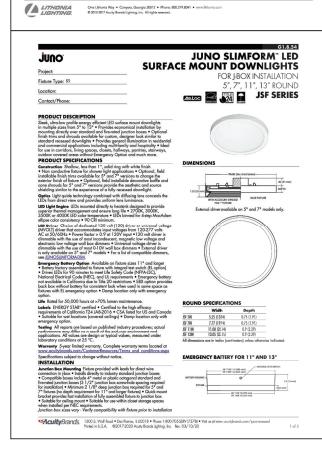
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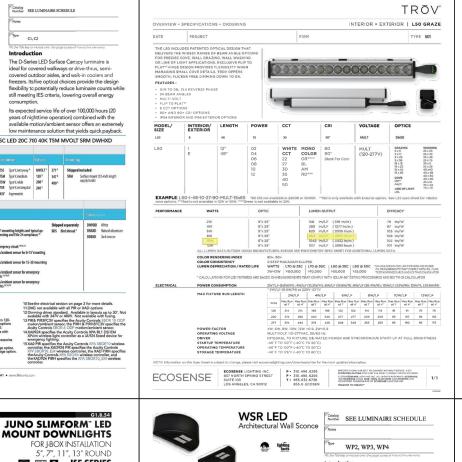
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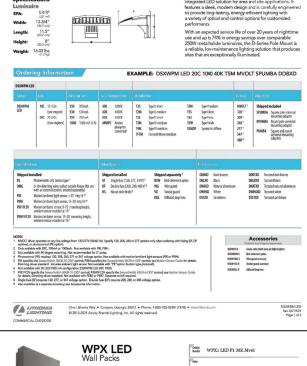
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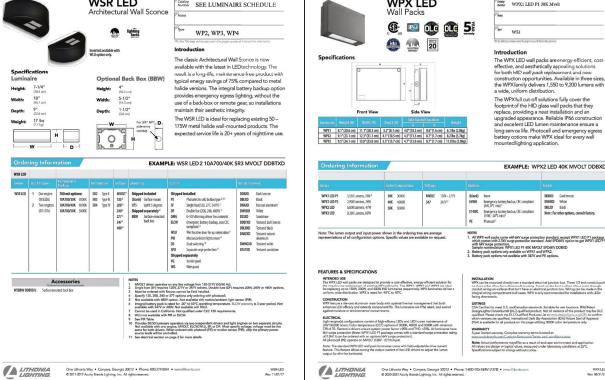


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Tina Wilson

From: Susan Craig <claysusancraig@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 7, 2022 9:37 AM

To: georgie.bellin@chicoca.gov; thomas.thomson@chicoca.gov; austin.barron@chicoca.gov;

rodjennings@chicoca.gov; Tina Wilson

Subject: Cussick Avenue Apartment Project - Danco Builders

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Good morning!

My name is Susan Craig and my husband and I live at 695 Royce Lane here in Chico. We understand that there is a three story apartment complex being planned for the corner of Cussick and East Avenue. Our neighbors and I have several concerns:

- 1. There are no three story complexes anywhere in the area. Those top stories will be butted up to six homes on Royce Lane, eliminating any privacy in our backyards. This extremely high density complex will be loud and congested.
- 2. Traffic concerns Cussick Avenue has become a throughway to East Avenue. Traffic is already horrible on Cussick, with cars driving extremely fast. If there is an entrance on Cussick it will be bottlenecked. **We would like a traffic study to be done prior to approval.**
- 3. The homes on Royce Lane are on septic systems and have wells. What is the plan for hooking up city sewer and city water?
- 4. Our biggest concern is related to the flier that is attached. My husband and I have personal experience with Danco Builders. They "own and maintain" a small town across the bay from Eureka, CA called Samoa. The pictures on the flier are but a few of the homes in Samoa that are being "maintained" by Danco. These are not the exception, but most of the "homes" in Samoa are in this state of disrepair. My 91 year old mother-in-law lives in one of the homes because it is affordable, and hadn't had electricity in her bathroom for over two years because they "were getting to it." Immediately after my first letter to Tina Wilson from the Planning Commission in Chico, the bathroom was fixed. Only under pressure and only to appease our frustration did it get completed.

This is how Danco works. Little, if any, real maintenance and lack of response to issues.

Does the City of Chico really want Danco Builders to build this complex knowing full well what kind of a company they are? Drive to Samoa, take a look at the houses there, and you make the decision.

I look forward to meeting you all at the upcoming meeting on November 16th. There will be several neighbors attending.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Susan Craig (530) 518-8620

NEW CONSTRUCTION ON CUSSICK AND EAST AVENUE PLANNED FOR SUMMER 2023





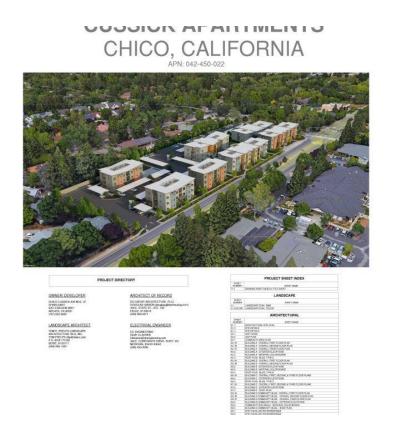


DANCO BUILDERS

DANCO IS PLANNING A THREE STORY APARTMENT COMPLEX ON THE CORNER OF EAST AVENUE AND CUSSICK AVENUE

PICTURES ABOVE ARE CURRENT FROM A TOWN OWNED AND "MAINTAINED" BY DANCO IN SAMOA, CALIFORNIA (ACROSS THE BAY FROM EUREKA, CA)

PLEASE JOIN US BY ATTENDING THE CHICO PLANNING COMMISSION WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2022 AT 4:00 CHICO CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER TO EXPRESS ANY CONCERNS YOU MAY HAVE





THIS WILL BE BACKED UP TO ROYCE LANE IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE UNLES OUR CONCERNS ARE EXPRESSED!!

CONTACT SUSAN CRAIG IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS: 530-518-8620

Tina Wilson

From: Susan Craig <claysusancraig@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 11, 2022 7:36 AM

To: Tina Wilson **Subject:** Pictures

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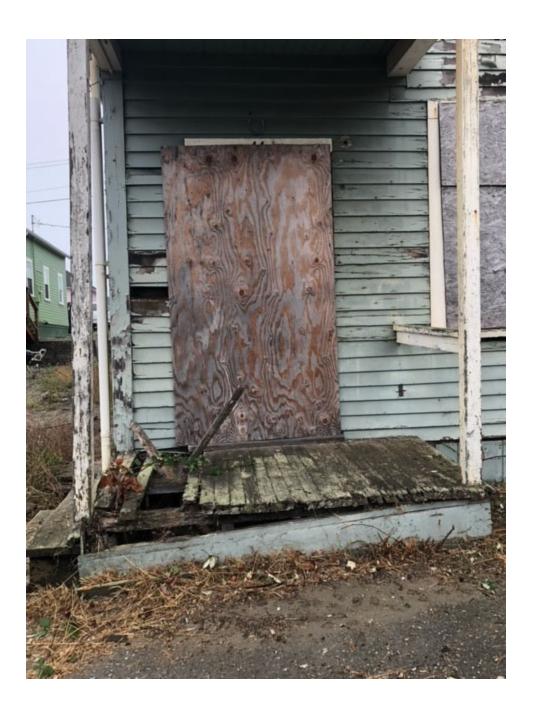
Tina Wilson

From: Susan Craig <claysusancraig@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 11, 2022 8:43 AM

To: Tina Wilson

Subject: Cussick and East Ave

















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From: Isfarrell5332@yahoo.com

Sent: Saturday, November 12, 2022 10:56 AM

To: Tina Wilson

Subject: Notice of Public Hearing 11/16/22

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Wondering if all residents who live in the area were notified. Many of my neighbors did not receive a notice of this hearing and most are home owners in Woodcrest.

Thank you, Linda Farrell

From: Britt Gastreich

Sent: Britt Gastreich

Sunday, November 13, 2022 6:33 AM

To: Tina Wilson

Subject: PLANNED DEVELOPMENT EAST & CUSSICK

Good Morning Tina:

I own a home at 619 Royce Lane, Chico, CA 95973. I have recently been informed by my neighbors that a development has been planned on the corner of W East Ave and Cussick that is slated to be low income multi family housing. Before I purchased this property, I was told that any development of this empty lot would be multi family, however it would fit in with the existing neighborhood. Our neighborhood homes are valued anywhere between \$750,000 to several million dollars. I do not understand how a low income housing development could in any way be appropriate for this location.

I would appreciate the Planning Department considering rejecting this plan in favor of a development that would actually be conducive to our neighborhood and not devaluate our homes. I am also very apprehensive with the possible increase in crime and traffic congestion literally in my back yard. I live alone so needless to say, this is of great concern to me!

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Brigitte M Gastreich 619 Royce Lane Chico, CA 95973 541-404-8068 brittgee49@icloud.com

From: DAWN NIELSEN <dawnchf@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, November 13, 2022 10:30 PM

To: Tina Wilson

Subject: CUSSICK APARTMENTS APN 042-450-022

Importance: High

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Dawn Nielsen, RN, BSN 640 Royce Lane Chico, CA 95973 dawnchf@comcast.net 530.966.4526

Chico Planning Commission 411 Main Street, 2nd Floor Chico, CA 95928 Attn: Tina Wilson

RE: proposed Cussick Apartments, W. East Ave, Chico, CA

To the Chico Planning Commission;

I am writing today to address my personal concerns and the concerns of my family living on Royce Lane, directly behind the proposed Cussick Apartments, APN 042-450-022.

1. 6-three story apartment buildings

Why are these buildings three stories high? There are no three story buildings in this neighborhood or the surrounding area. Consolidation of people should be saved for parts of the city near downtown, areas closer to businesses and amenities and near the university, not in the suburban areas. These buildings will affect our privacy while enjoying the outdoor spaces of our private single family homes and be an eye-sore as our view changes to the side of a tenement-like building. Three story buildings will block the morning sun and possibly impact the solar panels on our residences. The noise from apartments 30 feet high will have no sound barrier as we are forced to listen to the people's lives, music, cars, conversations and a cacophony of other sounds generated from adding approximately 225 people living over our backyard fence.

The buildings should be no more than two stories high. That is a reasonable compromise and would be a better fit into this existing neighborhood. Also, the builders must include a sound barrier of some type between these buildings & parking lots and the existing homes on Royce Lane.

2. Traffic impact on W. East Ave. and the surrounding residential streets

The proposed Cussick Apartments would potentially add 225+ humans to this established neighborhood. W. East Avenue is highly impacted by traffic several times daily. At peak traffic hours it takes 10 minutes to get from the East Ave & Hwy 99 freeway offramp to the intersection of East Ave and Esplanade which is approximately one mile. This forces the current traffic into residential neighborhoods to avoid the East Avenue gridlock. Our neighborhood roads are crumpling and are pothole ridden today. What is the city's plan to improve our roads and minimize the traffic impact produced by this tenement housing?

3. Safety concerns-vehicle speeds, lack of schools & parks and infrastructure
The speed limit on W. East Avenue is 45 MPH. At night and on weekends, this street between
Cussick Ave and Nord Ave becomes the Junior NASCAR Speedway with cars racing at freeway
speeds or greater. There have been several accidents on this section of W. East Avenue due to
excessive speeds and vehicles running the light at Cussick Avenue. Now, Chico's plan is to add a
residential entrance into a large apartment complex in this dangerous stretch of road. There are no
parks in our neighborhood; there are no places for children to play on W. East Avenue and cars
speeding at 45+ MPH will be a serious hazard. There are also no schools in our neighborhood
except Blue Oak Charter School. Where are these Cussick Apartment families going to send their
children to school and how are the children going to get to school? Children walking or riding bicycles
along W. East Avenue to get to/from school while cars are traveling at 45+ MPH will have tragic
consequences. Also, what is the City's plan for water, sewage, garbage removal, fire and police
services to this new area of consolidated people?

The Cussick Apartment project is a bad idea. This is not the neighborhood for this type of residential living. These apartments would be better off built in the vacant lot between the Ace Hardware store and Harvest Park Apartments on the east side of W. East Ave. across from were Enloe plans to build their outpatient services. The lot on Cussick and W. East Ave would be ideal for affordable senior housing, single family townhouses or row houses or for two story condominiums. This would minimize the impact to the existing neighborhood while providing reasonable housing for this suburban area.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Dawn Nielsen Chico, CA

From: Susan Craig <claysusancraig@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2022 11:54 AM

To: Tina Wilson

Subject: Cussick and East ave. Project

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Hi Tina,

Thanks again for passing along our concerns re the project. As all complex things that have a potential to greatly affect your life, questions will continuously come to mind . I have woken up at 2 am with thoughts on the project. Our fence line, next to the project, has 9, upwards of 50 year old trees . The drought has stressed them out. They draw a fair amount of moisture from the ground around them . I am worried that the parking lot will remove that drainage and the rain will run off the parking lot into a storm drain . I once had a tree expert tell me that the value of an individual tree in Chico can be extraordinary considering its ability to provide aesthetics and importantly, shade. It is more likely that a paved parking lot will cause more stress in our continued drought and high temperature cycle. It is my hope that the builder, architect and the city planners have looked into this and found my fears to be misplaced.

Thank you Clay Craig 695 Royce Lane Chico

From: Danielle lus <danielleius@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2022 12:05 PM

To: Tina Wilson

Subject: Cussick Avenue Apartments **Attachments:** Cussick Complex.docx

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Tina Wilson,

I have attached a letter voicing out concerns regarding the low income housing set to break ground in 2023. Please contact me with any questions you have regarding our letter.

Thank you,

Danielle lus 530-520-7623

From: Javy Gar <cano.chico@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2022 2:16 PM

To: Tina Wilson **Subject:** 685 Royce Lane

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Hello, this is from concerned home owners who live at 685 Royce Lane. We learned that their are plans to build an apartment in the lot behind our home. In reviewing the plans these are my concerns:

Privacy from the planned 3 story apartment- 6ft planned fence is not high enough- I propose 10ft minimum wall, traffic on Cussick and merging on from Royce prior to the stop light, dog park At proposed shared fence line and smell of dog waste- I propose switching garden and dog park areas, I also propose separation of evergreen trees for added cushion and visual privacy from apartment and property line for increased: sound, visual and smell barrier from existing shared property line.

Garcias at 685 Royce Lane Sent from my iPhone

From: natalie paul <nataliepaul06@me.com>
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2022 10:29 AM

To: Tina Wilson
Cc: My Mini Boo

Subject: Cussick Apartment Concerns

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Good morning Tina,

I am reaching out to you regarding my concerns for the Cussick Apartments that are projected to be built in my back yard. I do not think that providing residents with a 5 day notice for this Architectural Review/Meeting was a fair or ethical gesture from the city. We were not provided with an ethically justifiable amount of time to collaborate with our neighbors and fairly voice our concerns. Nonetheless, my experience with the city when it comes to matters of the tax paying residents is that our concerns do not matter; albeit, I shall provide you with my concerns anyways. They are as follows:

- PRIVACY: These apartments are projected to be 2 and 3 stories high which will give them the ability to see into my backyard, my bedroom, and my home. This is a violation of my family and I's privacy.
- PRIVATE ROAD: Royce neighbors reside on a private road. There are several roads in our surrounding neighborhood that are privately owned- why would the city choose a neighborhood with more private investments to place a low income (22 units of which would be below poverty) in it's backyard? There are several plots of land in Chico where this development would be far more suitable. We already have a low income housing development across the street that has brought an increase in crime, noise, and traffic. Furthermore, since the residents of Royce own the street we reside on, the increased traffic and interests from the residents in the apartments are of concern to me. I do not want my front yard and portion of the street that I own to become a play ground for kids and families.
- CRIME: Allowing these apartments to be built in my backyard will be an invitation for increase crime in my neighborhood. Royce lane is a secluded cul-de-sac which would create a perfect place for night time crime.
- NOISE: 76 units with 3 & 4 bedroom homes will be a significant amount of noise in my backyard. There is already a significant amount of night time street noise from the people who use East Avenue as a racing strip. It appears that the parking lot is planned to but up next to my fence line. I do not want to hear cars starting and stoping, car alarms, and music all day and night because of this development. When my husband and I purchased this home, one of the selling features was the fact that our home was tucked away on a secluded road and that it was not only private, but it was also quiet!
- TRAFFIC: East Avenue traffic during morning and evening commute times is a NIGHTMARE!!!!! This development is looking to have 2 entrances on East Avenue which will further bottleneck an already overly congested road. We do not need another light on East Avenue to add to the traffic congestion nor do we need to add an additional, at minimum, 76 vehicles to the daily commute. As for Cussick.... This has become the Cussick highway where much of the residents utilize this road to bypass the East Avenue congestion. It is dangerous to pull out of Royce lane in the mornings or evening time due to the amount of vehicles in addition to the rate of speed that they travel. Having an entrance into the Cussick Apartment development on Cussick will only make traffic and safety concerns worse.

- SAFETY: I am concerned for the safety of my daughter and myself for the mere fact that low income housing typically comes with families who are involved in Children's Services, Probation, etc. My husband and I paid \$620k for our home and lived within our means so that our first home would place us in a safer and higher land value location. We have homes on Royce lane that are worth more than \$800K. Why would the city allow for low income homes to be built in the backyards of these highly valued homes? This neighborhood is not a first time home owners area. There is a significant disparity in the socioeconomic status of this new apartment complex and the existing homes. While I realize that the prices of homes overall have increased, there are several other plots of land in Chico that are butted up next to homes that match the socioeconomic status of the existing neighborhood. Why can't the city pick one of those and leave our higher priced neighborhood alone?
- CONFLICT OF INTEREST: I work as a mental health professional with full scope medi-cal clients. Due to my line of
 work, I am often involved in high conflict and high profile Children's Services cases. I am concerned that my
 clientelle will reside in my backyard which will put myself and my family at risk if my clients were to recognize
 my car or see me out front.
- DANCO: This developer is a slum lord!!!!! Has the city looked into some of the properties that they currently manage? Danco's reputation for upkeep and property management is a guaranteed drop in home value for ALL Royce residents. The city only has a vested interest in the initial development of this property. Once it is built and signed off on for final inspections there is little to no vested interest for the city. It all transfers to the current residents on Royce and the surrounding streets. In 3-5 years this complex is going to look like a dump and it will be butted up to a privately owned street where many of the houses are valued at 650-800K.

In closing, I am deeply discouraged by this development and immensely disappointed in the city for not considering the current residents who were here first. I would also like to know when this plot of land was zoned for R3 as all of my research indicates that it was zoned as R2. I am in absolute opposition of this development and do not want it in my backyard. For reference, I reside at 629 Royce lane. My husband's name is Morgan Stromberg and he stands in unity with all of these aforementioned concerns. It is my hope that the city would consider the concerns and voices of the current residents who have spent a lot of money to reside here and were here first. I can be reached at 530-518-3800 should you have any concerns or wish to contact me. You can expect my attendance at the Architectural Review meeting that is scheduled for this Wednesday.

Sincerely,

Natalie Paul A deeply concerned home owner

From: John Ortiz <jortiz24@csuchico.edu>

Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2022 11:52 AM

To: Tina Wilson

Subject: Concerned - Cussick Apartments

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Hello,

We are the owners of 649 Royce Lane in Chico California.

We are writing in regard to the proposed development, Cussick Apartments, on the corner of East Ave and Cussick in Chico CA. We are proud to live in an older North Chico location, and were fortunate to have found this home post Camp Fire. It was a long process and difficult decision to officially make the move to Chico and not rebuild in Paradise. Mainly because it was hard to find something with the privacy and space that we were used to. We saw this house on Royce Lane, and it was nice to see that Chico still had pockets of these old charming neighborhoods. The concern that we have is not that something will be built in this location, but more the magnitude of the development and its impact on the existing neighborhood.

In a written pre-development overview, DANCO states that, "Cussick Apartments, as envisioned, has been designed to fit within the context of an existing residential neighborhood" and "The design and engineering team have paid particular attention to the local, existing context of the neighborhood and where possible have placed the building mass for each collection of apartment homes."

When looking at the project plans and future images of the constructed apartments, this does not seem to be true. I do not believe that the City of Chico and DANCO have really taken the neighborhood and it's exiting residents into consideration. The plans show big square three story buildings in the middle of residential homes. There are existing pockets of condos along Cussick, but these are one to two story buildings that are actually vibrantly landscaped, well maintained and do fit into the existing context of the neighborhood. We have also not received any notice or information about the proposed development from the City of Chico or DANCO, which leads me to believe that the neighborhood and exiting residents do not matter. The voices and concerns of Chico residents are being silenced and ignored.

It may be true that the R2 zoning allows for what is being proposed, but there should be more thought put into what actually works in this area. The height and the number of units causes concern for lack of privacy, safety and increased traffic. Anybody seeing plans like this being built in their neighborhood would have these concerns. I understand the need to build more housing and Chico's rush to do so, but there has to be a more concerted effort to keep its neighborhoods and residents in mind when making these big decisions.

Sincerely, John Ortiz & Lindsay Cross

John (JC) Ortiz
Tribal Relations
Office of the President
California State University, Chico

jortiz24@csuchico.edu



From: Susan Harrison < susan.harrison24@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2022 10:57 AM

To: Tina Wilson; Andrew Coolidge; Kasey Reynolds; Sean Morgan; Dale Bennett; Alex Brown; Mike

Obrien; Deepika Tandon

Subject: Proposed Cussick Apartments Development

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Hello,

I am writing to you today because I was unable to attend the public hearing yesterday due to the passing of my father-in-law. Hopefully, my comments are not too late for consideration.

As a 25 year resident of Chico who lives in the Hyde Park subdivision, I am concerned --- as are my neighbors -- about the impact of this proposed development on W. East Ave and Cussick Ave.

For the record, I am not a "not in my backyard" type of person. This development is just incredibly dense on a relatively small parcel of land. I am extremely opposed to the three-story units. The proposed three-story units on this parcel would be out of place, not in keeping with the other apartment complexes on W. East Ave., and overwhelming both aesthetically and practically to the existing neighbors. What about the residents of Royce Ave? They will have this massive structure looming over their homes. What do you think this will do to their privacy or property values? Is this what you would do to your neighborhood? I'm thinking you would not.

Has there been any thought to the increased traffic at this intersection? It's already very congested at this stretch of East Ave. Additionally, there is no right turn easement at the corner of W. East Ave and Cussick/Holly. We already experience traffic back up stretching way back to Pebblewood Pines and now you're going to add 76 units to the mix?

If this out-of-town developer truly needs to add such tall, dense housing, there are plenty of vacant lots in town that seem much more suitable and that won't unduly impact the quality of life and the property values of the current residents.

I respectfully ask you to not approve this proposed development as it currently stands.

Thank you for your consideration, Susan Harrison 678 Grafton Park Dr. Chico, CA 95926

From: Susan Howe <howeapollo1@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2022 1:18 PM

To: Tina Wilson

Subject: W East Ave/Cussick proposal

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Hi Tina, I attended the architectural meeting last night, but did not speak. Most of the attendees covered almost all of my concerns. I happen to live in the Woodside Commons off Cussick Avenue. Pertaining to the influx of traffic, especially on Cussick Avenue I wanted to express another idea. If the project is approved, and the residents are allowed to exit off of Cussick Avenue, I feel it should be a right turn only. No left turn onto Cussick. I happen to be a walker in that residential area. I am familiar with the speeding traffic as I walk down Henshaw, go down Alamo or go down Gyunn Avenue or even Nord onto Bell Avenue. Trucks and vehicles fly down Bell Avenue. Bell eventually turns into Shasta, which is in dire need of being repayed. Today which is Thursday, December 17 at 11:45am, I had to make a right hand turn out of the Woodcrest commons onto Cussick. I counted 10 vehicles before I could turn right. Five of them turned onto Henshaw to head out to Esplanade. Four of them turned onto Lassen to head out to Esplanade and the last one onto Shasta to head out to Esplanade. I know they did a traffic report and indicated at the most only 27 cars are usually exiting at the stoplight of W. East Ave. onto Cussick. We who live in this area could attest that is incorrect information. Also, the architecture of the three story apartment complex is totally out of character for this neighborhood. I'm a baby boomer and when I saw that apartment building, all I could think of is the Jetsons. The futuristic cartoon show. I understand solar is extremely important to have but the building roof which angles upward on both sides is very unappealing. The only other building that has a roof line like that is the rice bowl Asian restaurant on Esplanade. There are not any three-story buildings in this area. In my opinion, it would be very detrimental to have the planning commission approve this project at its present state of plans. It was heartbreaking to hear the residents on Royce Rd voice their concerns. Just wanted to throw in my two cents worth.

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Susan Howe

Sent from the all new AOL app for iOS

From: Bridget Tisler

Sent: Bridget Tisler

Vovember 22, 2022 11:10 PM

To: Tina Wilson

Subject: Henshaw park / Cussick Apartments

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Good evening,

I received a notice about the corner of Cussick and East ave becoming a 76 unit apartment complex. Have there been any objections to this project? I have some reservations as East Avenue is already an incredibly congested area with traffic taking sometimes 20 mins to get from that area of Cussick to the freeway at east ave. The foot traffic is already questionable as well. I'm also concerned as being a home owner, how this will affect my property value. This part of Chico is not made for the traffic we are already receiving and creating that many more units will not help. What type of housing will this be? The apartments next to the proposed area are sketchy at best and I am reluctant to welcome more apartments to this otherwise safe and quiet neighborhood.

This area is also in great need of a community park and playground which was supposed to go up on Henshaw decades ago. Is this housing project taking funds away from that park yet again?

Is there something I can do to try to block this project or prove the need for a park is better for the community than more apartments? The housing expansion in Chico is just mind boggling lately. This little town is not meant to house this many people. Our roads, schools, and services cannot withstand much more (if ANY more).

I'm sorry if this email comes off confrontational. That is not my objective, but to find answers and voice my concern. I'm happy to discuss this further over the phone (or email if that's easier).

Thank you for your time,

Bridget (530)370-8793

From: DAWN NIELSEN <dawnchf@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 10:54 PM

To: Tina Wilson

Subject: RE: Neighborhood Outreach Meeting-Development W. East Ave & Cussick Ave Chico

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Hello Tina,

Thank you for responding to my email concerning the planned tenement development at W. East Ave and Cussick in Chico. I have looked over the attachments you sent, however I cannot see where the company revised anything based on the concerns of the existing neighborhood.

My number one concern is that these buildings are three stories high. Has that been changed?

My second concern is noise and invasion of privacy. By changing the entry point into this tenement complex to be from Cussick Ave instead of W. East Ave the houses on Royce Lane will be subjected to headlights of incoming cars shining into our yards and windows as well as the noise of stereos, vehicles and people. This is not an improvement. An 8 foot wall is not going to mitigate the noise or light pollution from those buildings nor will it block the eyesore that will become our view from our properties.

Dawn Nielsen 640 Royce Lane Chico, CA dawnchf@comcast.net

On 03/10/2023 6:35 PM Tina Wilson <tina.wilson@chicoca.gov> wrote:

Hello Dawn,

Please see attached the revised site plan for the Cussick Apartments project.

I've also attached the notice that was mailed out and it appears to show one of the renderings of the project as it was originally designed.

I hope this helps alleviate any confusion

Sincerely,

Tina Wilson

Associate Planner

City of Chico, Community Development Department

(530) 879-6807 / tina.wilson@chicoca.gov

411 Main Street

P.O. Box 3420

Chico, CA 95927



I am currently out of the office, returning Monday, March 20th. I am monitoring email and voice mail messages while I am away.

From: DAWN NIELSEN <dawnchf@comcast.net>

Sent: Friday, March 10, 2023 6:27 PM **To:** jjohnson@danco-group.com

Cc: Tina Wilson <tina.wilson@Chicoca.gov>; Sean Morgan <sean.morgan@Chicoca.gov>; Kasey Reynolds

<kasey.reynolds@Chicoca.gov>; Nicole Acain <nicole.acain@Chicoca.gov>

Subject: Neighborhood Outreach Meeting-Development W. East Ave & Cussick Ave Chico

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Dear J. Johnson,

I received your flyer in the mail today inviting me to a Zoom meeting to discuss how Danco Group has "revised the site plan to mitigate neighbor concerns raised at our previous Architectural Review". However, I am looking at the photograph of the project and it is very clear to me that your company hasn't changed a thing about the project that concerned me. So, why should I waste my time attending your meeting to listen to you piss on my shoes and tell me that it's raining?

Here is my original letter to the Chico Architectural Review about Danco's project in my front yard:

Dawn Nielsen, RN, BSN

640 Royce Lane

Chico, CA 95973

dawnchf@comcast.net

530.966.4526

Chico Planning Commission

411 Main Street, 2nd Floor

Chico, CA 95928

Attn: Tina Wilson

RE: proposed Cussick Apartments, W. East Ave, Chico, CA

To the Chico Planning Commission;

I am writing today to address my personal concerns and the concerns of my family living on Royce Lane, directly behind the proposed Cussick Apartments, APN 042-450-022.

1. 6-three story apartment buildings

Why are these buildings three stories high? There are no three story buildings in this neighborhood or the surrounding area. Consolidation of people should be saved for parts of the city near downtown, areas closer to businesses and amenities and near the university, not in the suburban areas. These buildings will affect our privacy while enjoying the outdoor spaces of our private single family homes and be an eye-sore as our view changes to the side of a tenement-like building. Three story buildings will block the morning sun and possibly impact the solar panels on our residences. The noise from apartments 30 feet high will have no sound barrier as we are forced to listen to the people's lives, music, cars, conversations and a cacophony of other sounds generated from adding approximately 225 people living over our backyard fence.

The buildings should be no more than two stories high. That is a reasonable compromise and would be a better fit into this existing neighborhood. Also, the builders must include a sound barrier of some type between these buildings & parking lots and the existing homes on Royce Lane.

2. Traffic impact on W. East Ave. and the surrounding residential streets

The proposed Cussick Apartments would potentially add 225+ humans to this established neighborhood. W. East Avenue is highly impacted by traffic several times daily. At peak traffic hours it takes 10 minutes to get from the East Ave & Hwy 99 freeway offramp to the intersection of East Ave and Esplanade which is approximately one mile. This forces the current traffic into residential neighborhoods to avoid the East Avenue gridlock. Our neighborhood roads are crumpling and are pothole ridden today. What is the city's plan to improve our roads and minimize the traffic impact produced by this tenement housing?

3. Safety concerns-vehicle speeds, lack of schools & parks and infrastructure

The speed limit on W. East Avenue is 45 MPH. At night and on weekends, this street between Cussick Ave and Nord Ave becomes the Junior NASCAR Speedway with cars racing at freeway speeds or greater. There have been several accidents on this section of W. East Avenue due to excessive speeds and vehicles running the light at Cussick Avenue. Now, Chico's plan is to add a residential entrance into a large apartment complex in this dangerous stretch of road. There are no parks in our neighborhood; there are no places for children to play on W. East Avenue and cars speeding at 45+

MPH will be a serious hazard. There are also no schools in our neighborhood except Blue Oak Charter School. Where are these Cussick Apartment families going to send their children to school and how are the children going to get to school? Children walking or riding bicycles along W. East Avenue to get to/from school while cars are traveling at 45+ MPH will have tragic consequences. Also, what is the City's plan for water, sewage, garbage removal, fire and police services to this new area of consolidated people?

The Cussick Apartment project is a bad idea. This is not the neighborhood for this type of residential living. These apartments would be better off built in the vacant lot between the Ace Hardware store and Harvest Park Apartments on the east side of W. East Ave. across from were Enloe plans to build their outpatient services. The lot on Cussick and W. East Ave would be ideal for affordable senior housing, single family townhouses or row houses or for two story condominiums. This would minimize the impact to the existing neighborhood while providing reasonable housing for this suburban area.

Thank you for your time.		

1. 6-three story apartment buildings

No, still 6-three story buildings in this photograph. Nothing has been "revised" there.

2. Traffic impact on W. East Ave. and the surrounding residential streets

No, still trying to fit too many people on a small lot on a busy street, but now the entrance in practically on top of our Royce Lane houses. THIS IS NOT AN IMPROVEMENT. I don't want these 225 people driving their cars CLOSER to my house. And, in your new plan I would have to fight MORE traffic to get down the street to my home. Your solution is worse that the original plan.

3. Safety concerns-vehicle speeds, lack of schools & parks and infrastructure

No, adding a "child care facility" and a "sport court" hardly addresses the issues of
safety, schools, and infrastructure and how this tenement housing complex will impact
this neighborhood.

If you think this project is so great, build it in your own front yard.

Dawn Nielsen, RN, BSN

Chico CA

From: Kay Innocenti <katieinnocenti@aol.com>

Sent: Friday, March 24, 2023 12:16 PM

To: Tina Wilson

Subject: Residential Apts at W East Ave and Cussick

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Tina,

So good to have you on the Zoom call Wednesday. Many of us expressed concern over 3 stories and flat roofs. If we wanted to do a petition, how many signatures would we need to object before the April 19 meeting? Also can the public speak at this meeting and how do we sign up.

Also a concern is the exit on East Ave., since they can't turn left, from experience with Harvest Park apts and the medical offices at Cussick, I can see cars making many illegal turns. Like they will turn left, then get in center lane to turn into the church lot, so they can re-enter East Ave to go toward the Esplanade. Or they will go to Alamo, turn right and make a u turn to come back onto East Ave.

There is a lot of traffic on W East Ave with car's commuting from Hamilton City and Orland area.

Many thanks, Kay and John Innocenti 714 Bradford Ct.

Sent from my iPad

From: Susan Craig <claysusancraig@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, April 3, 2023 6:32 AM

To: Nicole Acain
Cc: Tina Wilson
Subject: From the Web!

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Hello Nicole!

My name is Susan Craig and my husband and I are residents of Chico residing at 695 Royce Lane. I am contacting you about the upcoming Planning Commission meeting on 4/20/23 (I think that is the date). My neighbors and I are concerned about the plan for the new apartment complex on the corner of East Avenue and Cussick. In November we attended the Architectural Review Board to express our concerns about the complex. Danco Builders was in attendance and the Board rejected the plan, stating "back to the drawing board." They have changed a few of the items in the complex at our request, but our major concerns are that it is a three story complex (there are no three story buildings anywhere near here), and the increased traffic that will occur on the already bust Cussick Avenue have not been altered. The lot is way too small for such a compacted complex and Cussick is dangerous now, without an additional 100-150 cars on it every day.

I also have personal experience with Danco builders as they own a town that my mother-in-law lives in in Samoa, California. We had previously sent pictures of the dilapidated condition of the homes they "manage." I would love to send you those pictures as well to distribute to the board as well as this letter.

Tina Wilson has multiple letters about our concerns from the last Architectural Review Board. Would you please ask Tina to supply you with those letters and pictures to give to the Planning Commission members. If that isn't possible, urinate neighbors will write new letters expressing their concerns.

We will be present in large numbers at the Planning Commission meeting, as we feel this location is not appropriate for a three story complex. Please let me know if you have any questions, and how we can send any letters and documentation that you can distribute to the Commission.

Thank you, Susan Craig 695 Royce Lane Chico, CA 95973 (530) 518-8620

Sent from my iPad

From: Barbara Anderson <barbander39@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, April 7, 2023 3:33 PM

To: Tina Wilson

Subject: Danco Project Planer

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I wanted to express my feelings in regards to the proposed housing development on the corner of W East Ave. and Cussick Ave. I am a property owner in that area and I feel that this project would definitely impact this area. East Ave. is a very heavily traveled road and the addition of this increase in population to the area would be a real concern. Because this would be a high-rise development it would not fit the residential area and would be a better fit in one of the outer areas surrounding Chico.

I am asking that you consider these and several other concerns of the neighbors in this area before you make a decision that will impact the area for years to come.

Thank you,

Barbara Anderson

From: Alexandra Shand
To: Tina Wilson

Subject: Meeting re Cussick Apartments

Date: Friday, April 14, 2023 11:48:06 PM

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Today a few neighbors and myself received notice of the meeting on Monday at 4pm regarding the proposed Cussick Apartments. Many homeowners in our small subdivision proximal to the site did not receive notices at all. The timing of the notices combined with the lack of thoroughness are insufficient for us to adequately address the level of the negative impact this will have on our neighborhood. A major concern is the associated traffic congestion which the developer stated he could not discuss because it would be up to the City. Three story apartments built up to the sidewalk are glaringly out of place in Chico. Alexandra Shand, 671 Grafton Park Drive, (530) 591-7052.

From: Alexandra Shand
To: Tina Wilson
Subject: Correction

Date: Saturday, April 15, 2023 8:04:43 AM

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I was told that the meeting was scheduled for Monday, I see that the meeting is actually Wednesday, a slight improvement. Alexandra Shand

From: Christy Rogers
To: Tina Wilson

Subject: Architectural Review 22-05 (Cussick Apartments)

Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 1:52:08 PM

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Hello Ms. Wilson,

My family and I are residents in the vicinity of the proposed Cussick Apartment Complex. I just learned yesterday of this proposed development and have some concerns. Unfortunately I can not attend the upcoming public hearing but wanted to submit my concerns to you. My understanding, (after doing some research online) is that at the November 16, 2022 public hearing a number of concerns were voiced. It appears that the proposed solutions were all addressed by the developer except one. They did not make one of the three story buildings a two story building, but they did relocate it the best they could. I appreciate that they made an effort to be neighborly, but in my opinion one of the greatest concerns is the adverse impact upon public health and safety with the tremendous increase of population in the area with adding 76 apartments. With a 76 unit apartment complex ranging from two -four bedrooms is going to significantly increase traffic, on an already congested and very busy roads. Not to mention the number of wrecks that already occur in the area and a lack of side walks on many of the surrounding streets. There will also be a negative impact with the increased water, and sewer usage on an already taxed utility system. I saw the lot was rezoned to medium density and would allow this size complex but I ask that you consider this massive apartment complex proposal as if it was going in next to your own home and what the impact it would have on you and your families health and safety. I would request the complex be reduced to the minimum requirement for medium density zone of 45 units (15 units per acre), the building be no more that two stories high to sustain privacy of single family home neighbors, and sidewalks on surrounding roads for residents to walk safely with the increased population and traffic. This would help reduce the impact on the roads, utilities, sustain the safety and public health for all in the area.

According to the City of Chico's General plan all new developments should "emulate the positive qualities of traditional Chico neighborhoods." This proposed modern three story complex does not appear to align with the city's commitment. The three story very modern design and aesthetic is not cohesive with the existing areas building and single family homes. By making it a two story building with a max of 45 units and not such a modern design would align better with the city's vision and commitment. Under the Housing Accountability Act the city has the authority to reduce the density of the proposed 76 units for these very reasons and I hope you utilize your authority for the best interest of the current residence of the proposed Cussick Apartment area.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Christy Rogers

From: Corin Meester
To: Tina Wilson
Subject: Cussick Apartments

Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 1:38:40 PM

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To whom it may concern,

As a homeowner adjacent to the proposed Cusskick Apartments I have several concerns. I attended the zoom meeting with the builder, but left with a feeling they were not open to change. I am hoping, as our representatives, you will be able to help us modify the proposed plan before approval.

I am not opposed to new housing in our neighborhood, but concerned about the traffic, size and esthetic value of this project as proposed.

The three story modern look does not fit with any of the properties anywhere near this project. I would very much like to see the apartment be no more than two stories. I have concerns about the flat roof and the modern look, but can deal with those if the size is modified. This would fit in better with the surroundings and also mitigate some of the concerns about traffic.

Regarding the traffic concerns, a simple solution may be to add speed bumps on both sides of Cussick. The builders stated that was not their problem...

Thank you for your time in considering this matter

Corin Meester 26 Pebblewood Pines Dr, Chico, CA 95926 From: Ange B
To: Tina Wilson

Subject: Statement re: 4/19 Agenda Item 4.3, AR 22-05 (Cussick Apartments)

Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 2:44:08 PM

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Hello Tina and Board,

I read that you are planning to recommend approval of the Cussick Apartment project as revised at your next scheduled meeting. I would beg you to reconsider as this (admittedly needed) project in its present configuration would cause irrevocable harm to the aesthetic value and quality of life in our charming west north Chico community. As you are aware, a three-story flat roof project would be an anomaly in our neighborhood and would most likely fit in Meriam Park or the UC housing area but definitely not here. Harvest Park is a beautiful example of affordable housing done right in our neighborhood; the template is right there.

I understand these developers are not from Chico and do not care about our community's quality of life; it is not their job to protect Chico's charm and the valuable character of specific areas. It is the job of the ARHP to protect Chico and preserve our quality of life, not to mention respecting the quality of life of the future low income tenants. If done wrong this will forever blight our neighborhood; it is ARHP's historical legacy. Please respect us and more importantly protect us. Sincerely,

Angelina Ginochio Pebblewood Pines From: Alexandra Shand
To: Tina Wilson

Subject: Re: Question about Cussick Apartments **Date:** Monday, April 17, 2023 11:19:17 PM

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If only Cussick Apartments were more like Harvest Park - not 3 story, overbuilt, intrusive, ugly and causing traffic issues!

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> On 17 Apr 2023, at 3:17 pm, Tina Wilson <tina.wilson@Chicoca.gov> wrote: > 
> Hello Alexandra, 
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> This is not "Section 8" housing. The project is being funded with federal funds passed to the State and then to the City in response to the Camp Fire. These funds do allow the developer to serve lower income households, similar to the Harvest Park Apartments along East Avenue near the Ace Hardware store.

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> Hello again. There's a rumor that this project is being government funded as Section 8 housing. My many objections to this apartment complex are unrelated to it being low income, but is this true or just some folks being alarmists? Thanks, Alexandra Shand

From: Joe Hamilton
To: Tina Wilson

Subject: Apartment complex @east and cussik **Date:** Tuesday, April 18, 2023 5:56:13 AM

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I think this apartment complex is being put exactly where it will benefit it's occupants best. It's located near shopping, near public transportation and will benefit the business in the area.

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

 From:
 Patrick Tedford

 To:
 Tina Wilson

Subject: Proposed development at Cussick and East Ave Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 12:42:08 PM

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Dear Ms. Wilson, My name is Pat Tedford and have been a pediatrician in Chico for the last 48 years. My wife, Shelley, and I have lived in Pebblewood Pines for the last 3 years. We both have concerns about this proposed development. The major issue is traffic. East Ave has always been very busy and the traffic fast. The stretch between Highway 32 and East Ave is poorly regulated and invites speed. Many people use Cussick as a by-pass around East and the Esplanade and that street has also turned into a very dangerous area. The residents of our community are fearful of crossing Cussick because of the speed of the cars and poor visibility. And this is all during the day. Night is a different story- speed is faster, East turns into the local drag strip and accidents are not unusual. The area is dangerous at night. What part of this situation would be better if 76 new units are built on that corner? It is my opinion that increase congestion combined with the poor regulation and ever-increasing speed is a formula for disaster and frankly dangerous. I am sure that there are ways to mitigate the problems ie more stop signs or traffic lights but I would need to see these prior to construction to be comfortable. Incidentally I sit trying to find the closest 3 story building- this project would have a tremendous negative impact on the residential feeling of the neighborhood. I appreciate your taking the time to read this. Pat Tedford 21 Pebblewood Pines Chico ca 95926

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Patrick Tedford Physician



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From: Donna M Gaghagen
To: Tina Wilson

Subject: URGENT! Opposition to Architectural Review 22-05 (Cussick Apartments); APN 042-450-022

Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 1:45:11 PM **Attachments:** City of Chico Document.docx

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Please find attached our comments for the record opposing the proposal to construct a 76 unit apartment complex and associated site improvements on the site west of the intersection of Cussick and W. East Avenues, Architectural Review 22-05 (Cussick Apartments)APN 042-450-022.

Thank you Donna and Kim Gaghagen 530-345-1454 796 Silverado Estates Ct Chico, CA 95973



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Please accept this email as opposition to the residential development as proposed at the corner of W East Ave and Cussick (Architectural Review 22-05, APR 042-450-022). Opposition is based on the density of the proposed apartment complexes, the height of the complexes, the impact to traffic in the area, the possible toxicity of the soil, and the incompatibility with the current neighborhood character.

- The density of 79 units is contrary to the multiple dwellings in this neighborhood.
 Most residences are single family residences.
- Traffic in this area is extremely heavy and adding 76 units will only add to this already impacted area.
- Three story buildings are not compatible with the single story and two story residences and businesses in this whole area. Every single, multi-family unit, business or home on this section of the Esplanade corridor is 2 stories or less. While it is understood reducing the density and height of the buildings will impact the developer's bottom dollar, the three story units are not consistent with the look of this entire area of residences.
- Discussions with Chico Eye Center about purchasing and developing this same
 lot were not met with opposition as the traffic impact essentially was M-F 8-5.
 There were rumors about the environmental issues on that piece of property
 which resulted in chico eye center not purchasing it. If that's true, the public
 should be made aware of those issues and how they will be mitigated.
- If there is Camp Fire money involved in this development the public should be aware of how that money is appropriate to this development as opposed to developing in Paradise where the Camp Fire victims lived.
- While we are not within the formal notification area, our home of over 30 years is
 within sight and walking distance of this project. We were just notified of this
 proposed development via the distribution of a neighborhood flyer yesterday. We
 have seen development over the years in our neighborhood and have been
 proactive with the developers in maintaining a quality neighborhood and
 supporting appropriate planned growth.

To be clear, we are not opposed to development of multi-family dwellings or
professional office buildings as long as the developments maintain the current
character of the neighborhood, the density issues are addressed and the height
of the buildings is consistent with the rest of the neighborhood.

Thank you for your time.

Donna and Kim Gaghagen
796 Silverado Estates Ct
Chico, CA

From: Susan Craig
To: Tina Wilson

Subject: List of Requests for Danco

Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 2:41:03 PM

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Good afternoon Tina! Clay nor myself will be able to attend the meeting tomorrow, but my son-in-law who works in compliance helped us format a list of requests (demands) for Danco. I would like this list to go to each of the members of the architectural review board.

Thank you, Susan

- Limiting Housing Project Height for Aesthetic Consistency
 - Danco will limit the housing project to 2 stories maximum.
 - Danco will consider visual impact to maintain community character.
 - Danco will pay to complete a study of impact on neighborhood aesthetics and property values, to be conducted by an independent third party.
- Traffic Safety Measures for Proposed Housing Project
 - Use only East Ave for access and egress.
 - Avoid using Cussick Ave.
 - Danco will make their traffic study available for review.
 - Danco will pay for a review of study to be conducted by an independent third party, selected by impacted residents.
- 8-Foot Masonry Fence Required for Security
 - Danco will confirm installation of an 8-foot masonry fence.
- Safety and Privacy Concerns for Residents
 - Danco will ensure no buildings or playgrounds are placed against fence lines.
 - Danco will subject fence designs to review by law enforcement and an independent third party, selected by impacted residents and paid for by
 - Danco will provide assurances that property and violent crime will not increase as a result of the development.
 - Define Danco's responsibilities for financial reimbursements to rectify harm and losses of residents if crime rates increase.
- Danco's Responsibilities for Mitigating Light Pollution
 - Danco will provide estimations on light pollution impact.
 - Danco will develop a mitigation plan.
 - Danco will make a commitment to preserve the night sky and reduce light pollution.
 - Danco will pay for an independent third-party review of their estimations and mitigation plan.
- Danco's Responsibilities to Mitigate Heat Island Effect
 - Danco will provide an estimate of the heat generated by the proposed project.

- Danco will assess the impact on the environment and residents' health.
- Danco will plant trees and vegetation along the fence line to mitigate effects.
- Danco will pay for an independent third-party review of their estimations and mitigation plan.
- Retaining Mature Trees in Development Plan
 - Danco will ensure mature trees are incorporated into the proposed development plan.
 - Danco will pay for an independent third-party environmental impact study, selected by impacted residents, if proposing to remove mature trees.
- Danco's Responsibilities for Wildlife Protection
 - Danco will provide a detailed plan for mitigating potential harm during construction and after completion.
 - Danco will fund independent wildlife studies by various entities, including an independent third party selected by impacted residents.
 - Danco and participating entities will make study results available for review by all impacted residents and an independent third party, to ensure accuracy.
- Danco's Responsibilities Regarding Noise Pollution
 - Danco will provide an estimate of noise levels generated by the proposed project.
 - Danco will provide a plan to mitigate noise pollution impact.
 - Danco will fund an independent impact study.
 - Danco will identify and address all potential noise pollution sources.
 - Danco will take measures to minimize noise pollution.
- Danco's Responsibilities for Air Quality Pollution
 - Danco will provide an estimation of air pollution levels generated by the proposed project.
 - Danco will assess short and long-term impacts of air pollution on the environment and resident health.
 - Danco will pay for an independent third-party review of their estimations and mitigation plan.
 - Danco will plan to best mitigate air pollution generated by the proposed project.
 - Danco will ake measures to reduce air pollution and consider the impact on the local community.
- Danco's Responsibility for Property Maintenance
 - Danco should commit to proper maintenance and financial penalties should be in place to incentivize them.
- Danco Management Contact Information
 - Danco must provide contact information for resident management and Danco management.

From: Lori Miller
To: Tina Wilson

Subject:Opposition to Cussick ApartmentsDate:Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:03:20 PM

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Dear Ms. Wilson,

I am a resident in the Hyde Park neighborhood and I am writing to express my opposition to Cussick Apartments proposal and urge the city to reject it. I am opposed to the project for the following reasons:

- 1. Safety: these apartments will bring more traffic to East and Cussick Avenues and the surrounding neighborhood. The developers referred to the roads as "underutilized" and I can tell you as a resident that they are not. Other residents have expressed the difficulty in getting from Cussick and East to 99 during morning and evening commute times. More traffic will be pushed to the neighborhood roads, which would again negatively impact the city. Our roads are potholed and in disrepair. And we certainly don't want more tragedies like the pedestrian who was struck and killed on Lassen Avenue in 2019.
- 2. The three-story buildings are not suitable for the area. There are no three-story apartments on East Avenue. The buildings are out of proportion with the neighborhood. The apartment complex would dwarf office buildings and everything else in the area. Aesthetic may not be your primary concern, but having a well-designed cohesive neighborhood should be important. There are many new builds along East Avenue with more appropriate size and design.
- 3. The design is completely out of sync with the neighborhood. The modern three-story would be more appropriate for Nord Avenue or the Meriam Park neighborhood. It would fit in with architectural designs in those areas.
- 4. Not all of my neighbors within the designated areas were notified of the proposal and given a chance to speak. And not all of the letters that were submitted in opposition were shared online. Each of those impacted should have a voice.

Finally, I object to the DANCO company and their characterization of Chico residents in a December 2022 presentation: https://arcata1.com/olli-presentation-the-affordable-housing-challenge-december-12-2022/. These are not the people I want for my neighbors, as property managers. Chris Dart, president of the Danco Group, completely rejects neighbors' concerns for the size of the project, its design, its impact on our community, and safety concerns and labels those who object NIMBYs. His company takes advantage of government financing, grants and tax benefits to build "supportive housing." They further use the CEQA exemptions to push these projects through. Their investment in our community is transactional and they have little regard for the repercussions. They won't be living here.

Thank you for hearing my concerns. I urge the city to reject this project. Lori Miller

Sent from Mail for Windows

From: Scott Johnson
To: Tina Wilson
Subject: East ave appts

Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 6:30:35 PM

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I'm not excited about the location but understand. Given that I hope the complex will include a play ground and places for people to garden. We all need a place to relax!!

Thanks for the opportunity to voice opinions!

Janet Johnson

Sent from my iPhone

From: Patty D.
To: Tina Wilson

Subject: Architectural Review of Cussick Apartments

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Please consider these comments before approving this massive project.

I live in the Pebblewood Pines community which is kitty corner to this proposed development, and I very much object to this project. My main concern is the additional number of vehicles that will enter an already very crowded roadway. I am not sure what your statistics show, but my guess would be 1.5 vehicles per unit (x 76), equaling 114 new vehicles entering and leaving the complex at all hours of the day and night.

We already have a problem with eastbound vehicles on W. East Avenue taking the short-cut by turning south on Cussick/Holly, noisily speeding by our complex and then turning left on Mission Ranch Blvd. over to Esplanade. Most people heading toward downtown want to avoid the crowded intersection of W. East Avenue and Esplanade, so they take the shorter route. The corner of Mission Ranch and Holly is very dangerous and has had one recent fatality, one serious accident, and a near miss I witnessed myself one morning when a vehicle taking this same route almost ran over a mother with two toddlers who were on her bicycle. This was a very frightening thing to see, and could have been heartbreaking had they not been lucky that day.

We have a large project on our Eastern side, Harvest Park Apartments, but because of their location, they head east through the East/Esplanade intersection instead of doubling back to take the Cussick route. All things considered, they have been very good neighbors and we have not been greatly affected. But, this new complex will effect us greatly.

I understand that this project was reconfigured because of complaints from the residential area on the southwest side, which brought the buildings closer to East Avenue with less of a landscape buffer to soften the look of these commercial structures. This may be better for those homes, but three-story structures right next to the road seems less than ideal.

Please know that many of our residents are opposed to this project as currently presented.

Respectfully,

Patricia DelFrate 1 Pebblewood Pines Drive Chico, CA 95926 530.591-0248 From: <u>Cindy Hutchins</u>
To: <u>Tina Wilson</u>

Subject: Architectural Review 22-05 (Cussick Apartments); APN 042-450-022 (Notice of Public Hearing)

Date: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 1:51:55 PM

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Attention: City of Chico Architectural Review and Historic Preservation Board Members

We are property owners of Hyde Park, and yesterday, April 18, was the first time we were made aware of the Public Hearing on the "proposed" residential development at the corner of W. East Avenue and Cussick Avenue.

Our concerns are:

- 1. Is adequate water and sewer infrastructure available to meet the demands of a 76-unit apartment complex?
- 2. Can our already understaffed local police and fire departments provide adequate protection and/or respond to emergencies in a timely manner?
- 3. What is the impact on our schools and enrollment?
- 4. Prior to Chico Eye Center's move, PARKING had been a real safety issue along East Avenue for Hyde Park residents. Question whether or not the 3.23 acre site will accommodate a 76-unit apartment complex, a community building with outdoor amenities including a tot lot, benches, pergola, and community garden plus PARKING? Not to mention that the six three-story and one two-story contemporary apartment buildings would be so out of character with its surroundings.
- 5. We are in a low density neighborhood and believe that a medium density development will amplify problems listed above.

Please confirm receipt of this email and thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Cynthia and William Hutchins 664 Cromwell Drive Chico, CA 95926 530-433-3610 From: David B Philhour
To: Tina Wilson

Subject: Cussick Ave. Apartments

Date: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 1:36:46 PM

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Though I am in favor of in-filling the City of Chico rather than creating urban sprawl, I think a project of this size would have a very negative impact on traffic flow with folks wanting to go East on East Ave. The only currently viable access is the existing light at East and Cussick be though west bound travelers could easily exit from the complex directly on to East, to avoid backups for Eastbound traffic an additional stoplight coming directly out of the complex would have to be installed. But that too would negatively impact folks coming to work from Hamilton City and beyond. I would suggest a smaller complex.

Respectfully submitted,

David Philhour

28 Pebblewood Pines Drive.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Gayle Matson
To: Tina Wilson

 Subject:
 Cussick Apartments APN 042-450-022

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Dear Ms. Wilson,

I am in support of the Cussick Apartment Project, recognizing the need for more low and moderate income housing in Chico. I do have one serious concern, however, which is the increased traffic the project portends for Holly Avenue.

I live in the Pebblewood Pines development just south of the project site. Holly Avenue has become an increasingly busy thoroughfare, so much so that it is difficult to cross the street without running. One elderly person in our neighborhood has given up even trying—and walking up to East Avenue to use the crosswalk is a four block detour (up and back). One reason for the difficulty getting across the street is the fact that the speed limit on Holly between EastAvenue and West Lindo Avenue is a whopping 35mph. On the north side of East Avenue, on Cussick, the speed limit drops to 25mph and 15mph where there is a speed bump.

The high speed limit (which is very frequently exceeded) is generally acknowledged to be a problem in the neighborhood. You may be aware that there was a traffic fatality on the corner of Holly Avenue and Mission Ranch Blvd in 2017. The steadily increasing traffic is bad enough, but the speed compounds the problem, turning what would be a nuisance into a quality of life issue for pedestrians in the neighborhood and residents (like myself) whose homes are adjacent to Holly. The straight shot without stop signs between West Lindo Avenue and East Avenue seems to make the route especially attractive to motorcyclists at full throttle and people who have removed their car mufflers to enjoy revving their engines at high speed.

I am specifically avoiding a "not in my neighborhood" approach to the Cussick Apartment Project, but for heaven's sake—PLEASE reduce the speed limit on that stretch of Holly. Why on earth do we need the same speed limit there as we have on the Esplanade? And while you are at it, why not include a speed bump like the residents along Cussick enjoy, so as to remove the temptation to exceed the speed limit?

Sincerely,

Gayle Matson 47 Pebblewood Pines Drive Chico, CA 95926 503-475-6706 From: Maria Giovanni
To: Tina Wilson

Subject: Re: Architectural Review 22-05 Cussick Apartments APN 042-450-022

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Yes, please do. Thank you!

On Wed, Apr 19, 2023 at 10:41 AM Tina Wilson < tina.wilson@chicoca.gov > wrote:

Please feel free to reach out to the developer regarding your questions. Would you like me to include your email below with the public comments provided to the ARHPB?

Thank you,

Tina Wilson

Associate Planner

City of Chico, Community Development Department

(530) 879-6807 / <u>tina.wilson@chicoca.gov</u>

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From: Maria Giovanni < megiovanni 1@gmail.com >

Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 10:35 AM **To:** Tina Wilson <a href="mailto: tina.wilson@Chicoca.gov>

Subject: Re: Architectural Review 22-05 Cussick Apartments APN 042-450-022

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My property is at the end of the cul de sac on San Antonio and my yard directly borders the property. I have some questions, e.g., about their fence vs. my fence and visibility into my home and my yard. I am also concerned with the height of the apartments affecting my solar and mostly, my property value. These questions aren't relevant to most of the people attending the meeting. Should I meet separately with the developer about these questions?

Thank you,

Maria

On Wed, Apr 19, 2023 at 9:11 AM Tina Wilson < tina.wilson@chicoca.gov > wrote:

Yes, that's correct. If you would like to speak, the Chair of the ARHPB will provide an opportunity for any member of the public to speak on the item. There are speaker cards to fill out on a table at the entrance to the Council Chambers.

Thank you,

Tina Wilson

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From: Maria Giovanni < megiovanni 1@gmail.com >

Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 8:53 AM **To:** Tina Wilson < tina.wilson@Chicoca.gov>

Subject: Re: Architectural Review 22-05 Cussick Apartments APN 042-450-022

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Thank you. This meeting is open to the public, correct? Will we be able to ask questions orally or just submit them in writing?

Maria

On Wed, Apr 19, 2023 at 8:39 AM Tina Wilson < tina.wilson@chicoca.gov > wrote:

Hello Ms. Giovanni,

The Architectural Review and Historic Preservation Board (ARHPB) currently meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 4:00 PM. This item is last on the agenda. I've included a link to the ARHHPB's webpage below if you would like additional information:

https://chico.ca.us/architectural-review-and-historic-preservation-board

Please let me know if you have any questions or if you would like this email forwarded to the ARHPB.

Thank you,

Tina Wilson

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From: Maria Giovanni < megiovanni 1@gmail.com >

Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 9:27 PM

To: Tina Wilson < <u>tina.wilson@Chicoca.gov</u>>

Subject: Architectural Review 22-05 Cussick Apartments APN 042-450-022

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Dear Ms. Wilson:

The public hearing scheduled for tomorrow is at 4:00 pm, which is difficult for those of

us who are working. Why was this meeting scheduled during the work day? As one of the developers noted in the Zoom meeting several weeks ago, we_aren't just a bunch of grandmas in this neighborhood.

Maria Giovanni

709 San Antonio Dr.

Chico, CA 95973

From: sherrilou2u
To: Tina Wilson

Subject: This proposal just doesn"t make sense. East Avenue carries soo much traffic already. Imagine that many more

autos trying to make turns into the facility, a traffic accident in the making! Please consider a safer place for

families with children to gro...

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From: rosalie liddell
To: Tina Wilson

Subject: Architectural Review Meeting on April 19 re. Cussick Apartments (APN 042-450-022)

Date: Thursday, April 20, 2023 7:45:13 PM

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I was in attendance for this meeting representing Hyde Park. I have a couple of comments.

We attended the meeting as we needed more information to understand the proposed apartment construction proposed for the Cussick/East Avenue lot and potential problems for our residents and all Chico residents who travel this area daily.

My question is why weren't we informed at the beginning of the meeting that the proposal to construct on this lot was basically a "done deal" with the project scope already established whereby the City had to accept the project with only a few minor tweaks allowed? The color of the buildings is hardly the major concern. Who approved of this project when it was first presented as a new low housing complex? It appears that whoever gave it initial approval only considered the income that would be realized by this number of apartments and did not consider whether it would "fit" in the overall growth of Chico. There are plenty of vacant spaces within the Chico area where this modern design might fit and might not present the problems from the added traffic. We were always told the Chico Eye Center might build on this piece of property but the City wouldn't rezone it. I'm very much aware this city needs affordable housing. But someone needs to plan and guide our growth in a manner that "fits" with the City of Trees. It's appalling that someone gave approval of this site to allow for three story apartments.

The increased traffic is a major concern which was expressed by so many residents in the surrounding area. East Avenue is very dangerous because no one follows the posted speed between the 99 freeway and highway 32. Has the City monitored the number of vehicles traveling daily in this area? We never witness anyone monitoring the speed of the vehicles (police/HP); at various times of the day it becomes a race track with cars/trucks accelerating to high speeds. Adding this large number of new residents will only make the intersection more dangerous. Because there is going to be need for improved traffic flow, why isn't the developer/contractor having to pay for highway changes to make the intersection safer? I'm sure there are City employees who drive this area daily who could attest to the traffic concerns they see every day. In addition to the multiple vehicles added to the intersection, I'm concerned that there will be no parking for the overflow of vehicles who can't park in the designated apartment parking spaces. Our neighborhood was negatively impacted with the traffic/parking in our neighborhood coming from the excessive growth of the Chico Eye Center. When attempts to inform the City of our concerns to see if we could do something to eliminate the problems experienced every day, we were told nothing could be done because these are public streets. So if we had friends or service/construction vehicles in our area, they had no place to park because of the overflow parking coming from the Eye Center. It was a constant issue.

Thank you for listening.

 From:
 Bill Holestine

 To:
 Tina Wilson

 Subject:
 Cussick Apartments

Date: Friday, April 21, 2023 6:58:23 PM

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Cussick Apartments My name is Bill Holestine I live at the corner of Alamo and East Avenue. This email is in reference to the Cussick apartments that are back for review for some reason. My main objection to this project is traffic control on East Avenue. I've lived in this house approximately four years and I've had one person at the corner of Alamo and East Avenue turn in front of another and a large Dodge pick up came through my cinderblock wall and into my backyard, thank God I wasn't it back there doing something. So at that time when

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Sent from my iPhone

From: Robin Donatello
To: Tina Wilson

Subject: In favor of Apt complex on cussic Date: Saturday, April 22, 2023 8:43:05 AM

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It may be to late, but I just saw a post on NextDoor about this proposed apt complex and the entitled NIMBYism from HOA dwellers is disgusting.

Chico needs more affordable housing and the homeowners nearby don't own the skyline, traffic,, or neighboring lot. And yes, I'm in that neighborhood. I approve of building more apartments (and more parks) in every empty lot we can find in town.

I would hope however that these Apts have sensible parking (bottom floor parking garage?) Solar on the roofs (at no or litte cost to the tenants) and intersection at cussic be improved to handle the extra traffic.

There's another huge empty lot in thr same area, near ACE. can we get some more green space to counter the additional buildings? A simple park like oak way would help offset the paving over of more land

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From: Britt Gastreich
To: Nicole Acain
Cc: Tina Wilson

Subject: Re: 6-7-2023 Architectural Review and Historic Preservation Board

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Hello Nicole and Tina:

Once again I will voice my concern about the the inherent crime that comes with allowing low income housing in a neighborhood of custom homes. Before I purchased my home at 619 Royce Lane, I was assured that the city would only allow development of a project that was suitable for the neighboring area. A low income housing project does not fall into a suitable category! Another huge concern is the sheer number of vehicles that a project this size will put on the small road Cussick which borders my home (my property line actually goes to the middle of the street). 76 units will have at the least 152 vehicles if not more. Will they park in my driveway when they can't find a parking spot? It is very difficult for me already to pull out of my driveway as Cussick is used to bypass East Ave constantly. All these many more vehicles literally next door to me, trying to go both directions will be a nightmare! I am very concerned about my privacy with units that are 2 and 3 stories high just in the back of all of us on Royce Lane. There are no other 3 story apartment units in this area of W East Ave.

I also have a huge concern that a development like this will drastically reduce the value of our custom homes on Royce Lane.

I truly wish the city would have taken more care before allowing a plan of this scale and density in this neighborhood.

Respectfully,

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On May 26, 2023, at 11:02 AM, Nicole Acain <nicole.acain@Chicoca.gov>

wrote:

Good morning,

Please see attached notices for a public hearing of the City of Chico Architectural Review and Historic Preservation Board for June 7, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

Thank you,

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Meeting Date 4/19/2023

DATE: April 6, 2023 File: AR 22-05

TO: Architectural Review and Historic Preservation Board

FROM: Tina Wilson, Associate Planner, 530-879-6807, tina.wilson@chicoca.gov

Community Development Department

RE: Architectural Review 22-05 (Cussick Apartments); APN 042-450-022

Revised Site Plan

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Architectural Review and Historic Preservation Board adopt the required findings contained in the agenda report (**Attachment H**) and approve the proposed project as revised, subject to the recommended conditions.

Proposed Motion

I move that the Architectural Review and Historic Preservation Board adopt the required findings contained in the agenda report (**Attachment H**) and approve Architectural Review 22-05 (Cussick Apartments) as revised, subject to the recommended conditions therein.

PRIOR REVIEW

This project has been heard once before by the Architectural Review and Historic Preservation Board at its meeting on November 16, 2022. This staff report contains only a brief discussion regarding the project revisions that have been made since that meeting. Additional information on the project background, analysis, environmental review and required findings can be found in **Attachment H**, the agenda report for the meeting on November 16, 2022.

The Board last heard this project at its regular meeting of November 16, 2022 during which the Board voted to continue the item to a future meeting pending refinements to the design that adequately addresses the following design concerns:

- Reconsider the site planning, including the interior access drive and parking to be relocated along the northern boundary of the property;
- Reconsider the location of the dog park and half-court basketball area to be farther away from the neighbors on Royce Lane;
- Increase the fence height up to eight feet; and
- Move the two-story building to the northwest area of the site, farther away from the neighboring properties on Royce Lane.

PROJECT REVISIONS

The revised site plan includes the interior access drive and parking relocated along the northern boundary of the property (see **Attachment C**, Revised Site Plan, and **Attachment E**, Revised Renderings). In addition, the dog park and half-court basketball area were relocated

closer to West East Avenue, away from the neighboring properties on Royce Lane. Also, the fence height has been increased to eight feet. Finally, the building that had previously been sited closest to the neighboring properties along Royce Lane was moved farther south next to Building D.

DISCUSSION

The applicant's revisions to the project addressed some of the design concerns raised by the Board as described above. Although Building Type C was relocated farther away from the neighbors along Royce Lane and next to Building D, it is still proposed as a three-story building.

Zoning Code Compliance

The proposed development is a "housing development project" under the Housing Accountability Act (Gov. Code, § 65589.5). Under the Housing Accountability Act, the City cannot deny or reduce the density of housing development projects that meet all "applicable, objective general plan, zoning, and subdivision standards and criteria" except when the project would have a "specific, adverse impact upon the public health or safety unless the project is disapproved or approved upon the condition that the project be developed at a lower density." To deny the project, or condition it on development at a lower density, the City must also find that there is no other feasible method to mitigate or avoid that specific, adverse impact. The City may place conditions on the project so long as the conditions do not have the effect of impairing the ability of the project to provide housing at the level proposed.

In conclusion, approving the project would be consistent with General Plan goals and policies that facilitate increased density and intensity of development in Corridor Opportunity Sites (LU-5.1), support new development within the Corridor Opportunity Sites to support ridership (CIRC-5.2.1), and enable sufficient housing construction to meet future needs (Housing Element 2022 Policy 4.1).

RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

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10. The applicant shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City of Chico, its boards and commissions, officers and employees against and from any and all liabilities, demands, claims, actions or proceedings and costs and expenses incidental thereto (including costs of defense, settlement and reasonable attorney's fees), which any or all of them may suffer, incur, be responsible for or pay out as a result of or in connection with any challenge to or claim regarding the legality, validity, processing or adequacy associated with: (i) this requested entitlement; (ii) the proceedings undertaken in connection with the adoption or approval of this entitlement; (iii) any subsequent approvals or permits relating to this entitlement; (iv) the processing of occupancy permits and (v) any amendments to the approvals for this entitlement. The City of Chico shall promptly notify the applicant of any claim, action or proceeding which may be filed and shall cooperate fully in the defense, as provided for in Government code section 66474.9.

PUBLIC CONTACT

Public notice requirements are fulfilled by mailing a 10-day public hearing notice to all landowners and residents within 500 feet of the site and by posting of the agenda at least 10 days prior to the ARHPB meeting. The project team held a virtual Neighborhood Meeting via Zoom on March 22, 2023. Public comments that have been received as of the date of this report are included in **Attachment G**.

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- B. Project Description
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- D. Architectural Elevations
- E. Material Color Boards and Revised Renderings
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- G. Supplemental Materials Neighborhood Comments
- H. November 16, 2022 Staff Report (without attachments)

Meeting Date 11/16/2022

DATE: November 2, 2022 File: AR 22-05

TO: Architectural Review and Historic Preservation Board

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Proposed Motion

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BACKGROUND

The applicant proposes to construct a 76-unit apartment complex, and associated site improvements including outdoor amenities, parking, and landscaping on an approximately 3.23-acre site west of the intersection of Cussick and W. East Avenues (see **Attachment A**, Location Map). The site is designated Medium Density Residential (MDR) on the City of Chico General Plan Land Use Diagram and zoned Medium Density Residential (R2) and within the Corridor Opportunity Site (-COS) overlay zone.

The proposed apartment complex would consist of six three-story and one two-story contemporary buildings. A community building would be centrally located on the site with outdoor amenities including a tot lot, benches, pergola, and community garden. A half-court basketball area and fenced dog park would be located on the northwest side of the site (see **Attachment B**, Project Description and **Attachment C**, Site Plan). The site is currently vacant. Surrounding land uses include single-family residences to the north and west, single-family and commercial veterinary uses to the east, and medical offices to the south.

ANALYSIS

The proposal is for the construction of a 76-unit apartment complex. The common open space has pedestrian access and is dispersed around the development, with a community building centrally located within the complex, outdoor seating, an enclosed dog park, bicycle parking, a community garden with raised planter beds, a half-court basketball play area, and other outdoor amenities.

Corridor Opportunity Site (-COS) Overlay Zone

The -COS overlay zone is intended to encourage mixed use development of medium-and high-density residential and commercial land uses and to promote increased density and transportation patterns that do not rely solely on the automobile. The development standards of the -COS overlay zone are designed to encourage a safe and pleasant pedestrian environment with an attractive streetscape and limited conflicts between vehicles and pedestrians. Residential projects within the -COS overlay zone must be developed at or above the midpoint range of the primary zoning district designation. Development standards specific to the -COS overlay zone include criteria regarding density, maximum height limit, and off-street parking reduction. Regarding density, residential projects within the -COS overlay zone range from 15 dwelling units per acre minimum to a maximum of 70 dwelling units per acre.

Density

Pursuant to CMC Section 19.42.040, Table 4-5, the allowable density range of the R2 zoning district is 6 to 14 dwelling units per acre. As noted above, the Corridor Opportunity Site overlay increases the density range of this site to 15 to 70 dwelling units per acre. With 76 residential units proposed as part of the project, the density would be 23.5 dwelling units per acre and within the range required by the -COS overlay zone.

Parking

Pursuant to CMC Section 19.70.040, multi-family housing projects within Corridor Opportunity Site overlay zones are required to provide 1 parking space per each one-bedroom unit and 1.5 spaces per each unit with two bedrooms or more. Based on these requirements, 110 parking spaces would be required for the proposed project. A total of 145 vehicle parking spaces are provided, meeting requirements for the minimum number of spaces. In addition, a total of 76 bicycle parking spaces are required and 76 are provided, meeting requirements.

Architectural Design

As conditioned, the project complies with all development standards including lot size, site coverage, setbacks and building height. The exterior of the proposed three-story apartment buildings would be a variety of earth tones with yellow, orange, and blue contrast and a variety of materials. The exterior materials would be a combination of stucco and HardiePlank siding. Architectural accents would be incorporated, providing an aesthetically appealing, contemporary exterior with low-pitched hip roofs that blend with the character of the surrounding neighborhood (see **Attachment D**, Architectural Elevations). Planning staff will present the color and materials boards at the upcoming meeting. The color and materials boards and renderings of the proposed apartment complex have been attached to the report (see **Attachment E**, Material Color Boards and Renderings).

Lighting and Landscaping

The landscape plan proposes a variety of native oaks and other trees and plants (see **Attachment F**, Landscape Plan). A total of 84 new trees would be planted onsite, including redbud, gingko biloba, and oak trees.

Exterior lighting would include parking lot lights with a finished height of 18 feet and wall-mounted downlights on the buildings. Lighting design will be required to minimize glare and spillover impacts while still maintaining a safe atmosphere.

DISCUSSION

General Plan Goals, Policies and Actions

The Medium Density Residential land use designation is generally characterized by duplexes, small apartment complexes, single-family attached homes such as town homes and condominiums, and single-family detached homes on small lots. The proposed project is for the construction of a 76-unit apartment complex, and associated site improvements including outdoor amenities, parking, and landscaping on an approximately 3.23-acre site. The apartment complex would consist of six three-story and one two-story contemporary buildings with 76 units ranging including one-, two-, three-, and four-bedroom units. The proposal is consistent with General Plan goals and policies that facilitate increased density and intensity of development in Corridor Opportunity Sites (LU-5.1), support new development within the Corridor Opportunity Sites to support ridership (CIRC-5.2.1), and enable sufficient housing construction to meet future needs (Housing Element 2022 Policy 4.1).

Consistency with Design Guidelines Manual

The design intent of the Multi-Family Residential project type ranges from duplexes and triplexes to large multi-unit apartment buildings. The proposed housing project provides for much needed housing options for people in the community. The design of the project provides amenities for the people who would live in the proposed apartment complex. The common open space has pedestrian access and is dispersed around the development, with a community building centrally located within the complex, outdoor seating, an enclosed dog park, bicycle parking, a community garden with raised planter beds, a half-court basketball play area, and other outdoor amenities (DG 4.1.42, 4.1.45). This encourages individuals to make use of the open space by setting it in a meaningful relationship with its surroundings. Lighting design will be required to minimize glare and spillover impacts while still maintaining a safe atmosphere (DG 1.5.14, 1.5.15). The overall plan has the character, scale, and quality expected of new architecture in the City of Chico by the Chico Municipal Code and by the Design Guidelines (DG 1.2.11).

Environmental Review

The project has been determined to be categorically exempt under CMC Section 1.40.220 and pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15332 (Infill Development Projects). Consistent with this exemption, the project site is less than five acres, surrounded by urban uses, and can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services.

REQUIRED FINDINGS FOR APPROVAL

Architectural Review

According to Chico Municipal Code Section 19.18.060, the Architectural Review and Historic Preservation Board shall determine whether or not a project adequately meets adopted City standards and design guidelines, based upon the following findings:

1. The proposed development is consistent with the General Plan, any applicable specific plan, and any applicable neighborhood or area plans.

The proposal is for the construction of a 76-unit apartment complex, and associated site improvements including outdoor amenities, parking, and landscaping, on property designated Medium Density Residential (MDR) on the City of Chico General Plan Land Use Diagram. The proposal is also consistent with General Plan goals and policies that facilitate increased density and intensity of development in Corridor Opportunity Sites (LU-5.1), support new development within the Corridor Opportunity Sites to support ridership (CIRC-5.2.1), and enable sufficient housing construction to meet future needs (Housing Element 2022 Policy 4.1).

2. The proposed development, including the character, scale, and quality of design are consistent with the purpose/intent of this chapter and any adopted design guidelines.

The proposed structures have meaningful architectural character and high-quality design elements. The proposed landscaping and configuration of the parking area help to minimize the views of automobiles (DG 1.1.14). The common open space has pedestrian access and is dispersed around the development, with a community building centrally located on the site with outdoor amenities including a tot lot, benches, pergola, and community garden. Other outdoor amenities include a dog park and half-court basketball (DG 4.1.42, 4.1.45). This encourages individuals to make use of the open space by setting it in a meaningful relationship with its surroundings. Lighting design will be required to minimize glare and spillover impacts while still maintaining a safe atmosphere (DG 1.5.14, 1.5.15). The overall plan has the character, scale, and quality expected of new architecture in the City of Chico by the Chico Municipal Code and by the Design Guidelines (DG 1.2.11).

3. The architectural design of structures, including all elevations, materials and colors are visually compatible with surrounding development. Design elements, including screening of equipment, exterior lighting, signs, and awnings, have been incorporated into the project to further ensure its compatibility with the character and uses of adjacent development.

The type of construction of the apartment building would be wood frame supported by perimeter foundations. The exterior materials would be a combination of stucco and HardiePlank siding. Architectural accents would be incorporated, providing an aesthetically appealing, contemporary exterior with low-pitched hip roofs that blend with the character of the surrounding neighborhood.

4. The location and configuration of structures are compatible with their sites and with surrounding sites and structures, and do not unnecessarily block views from other structures or dominate their surroundings.

The proposed apartment complex buildings are predominantly sited close to Cussick and W. East Avenues. Parking is provided along a loop with an access driveway on each street at points furthest from the intersection. Four of the seven buildings are sited along W. East Avenue where they are located farthest from neighboring single-family residences. In addition, outdoor amenities such as the dog park and interior access drive aisle would create a buffer between surrounding existing development and most of the proposed buildings. Consequently, the development should not unnecessarily block views from other structures or dominate its surroundings (DG 1.2.13).

5. The general landscape design, including the color, location, size, texture, type, and coverage of plant materials, and provisions for irrigation and maintenance, and protection of landscape elements, have been considered to ensure visual relief, to complement structures, and to provide an attractive environment.

The landscape design includes a variety of trees and shrubs with moderate to low water use. The design will complement the proposed apartment complex and outdoor amenities, help to screen certain portions of the site, and provide sufficient visual relief to create an attractive environment.

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