

CITY OF CUPERTINO  
10300 Torre Avenue  
Cupertino, California 95014

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_

OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER OF THE CITY OF  
CUPERTINO APPROVING AN ARCHITECTURAL AND SITE PERMIT  
TO ALLOW EXTERIOR AND LANDSCAPE MODIFICATION TO AN  
EXISTING AMENITY SPACE AT AN EXISTING APARTMENT  
DEVELOPMENT 20800 VALLEY GREEN DRIVE

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SECTION I: PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Application No.: ASA-2020-005  
Applicant: Mike Egusa  
Location: 20800 Valley Green Drive (APN 326-09-054)

SECTION II: FINDINGS

WHEREAS, the City of Cupertino received an application for an Architectural and Site Approval to consider allowing modifications to the existing pool deck and landscaping for an existing multi-family residential complex, as described in Section I. of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the necessary public notices have been given as required by the Procedural Ordinance of the City of Cupertino, and the Administrative Hearing Officer has held at least one public meeting with regard to the application; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq.) ("CEQA"), together with the State CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15000 et seq.) (hereinafter, "CEQA Guidelines"), the City staff has independently studied the proposed Project and has determined that the Project is exempt from environmental review pursuant to the categorical exemption in CEQA Guidelines section 15301 for the reasons set forth in the staff report dated June 10, 2021 and incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has met the burden of proof required to support said application; and

WHEREAS, the Administrative Hearing Officer finds as follows with regard to this application:

1. The proposal, at the proposed location, will not be detrimental or injurious to property or improvements in the vicinity, and will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, general welfare, or convenience;

*The proposal includes interior, exterior, and landscape modifications to an existing amenity space located at the Villages at Cupertino. The exterior enhancements will incorporate new outdoor gathering spaces, updated landscaping, and provide ADA accessibility to the primary building on the parcel. The proposal includes minor improvements to the existing use. No changes to the location of the use are being proposed. Therefore, the exterior and landscape modifications will not be detrimental or injurious to property or improvements in the vicinity, and will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, general welfare, or convenience.*

2. The proposal is consistent with the purposes of Chapter 19.168, the General Plan any specific plan, zoning ordinances, applicable planned development permit, conditional use permits, variances, subdivision maps or other entitlements to use which regulate the subject property including, but not limited to, adherence to the following specific criteria:

- a) Abrupt changes in building scale should be avoided. A gradual transition related to height and bulk should be achieved between new and existing buildings.

*The project proposes to add additional architectural details to the existing building, and new unenclosed accessory structures (kitchen and lounge pavilions). The existing building will include new dormers that will help to reduce the massing of the structure, and no increase in height or size of the existing structure is proposed. The new unenclosed accessory structures are located approximately 47' and 142' from Valley Green, the nearest public right of way. Due to the additional architectural details to the existing building, the large setback from Valley Green Drive, and a nominal height of approximately 12 foot of the proposed accessory structures, abrupt changes in building scale will be avoided.*

- b) In order to preserve design harmony between new and existing buildings and in order to preserve and enhance property values, the materials, textures and colors of new building should harmonize with adjacent development by being consistent or compatible with design and color schemes with the future character of the neighborhoods and purposes of the zone in which they are situated. The location, height and materials of walls, fencing, hedges and screen planting should harmonize with adjacent development. Unsightly storage areas, utility installations and unsightly elements of parking lots should be concealed. The planting of ground cover or various types of pavements should be used to prevent dust and erosion, and the unnecessary destruction of existing healthy trees should be avoided. Lighting for development should be adequate to meet safety

requirements as specified by the engineering and building departments and provide shielding to prevent spill-over light to adjoining property owners.

*The exterior and landscape modification are harmonious with the existing development. The color scheme and design will remain the same and is consistent with the properties throughout the development. New structures are made of red cedar that is consistent with the neutral color palette throughout the development. Additional landscaping further harmonizes the development through its integration of the improvements and planting areas. The proposed tree removals (one removal and one transplantation) are due to their conflict with proposed ADA upgrades and their inability to be maintained based on good urban forestry practices. The project proposes replacements consistent with the Cupertino Municipal Code. Additionally, the project will be conditioned to implement bird-safe and dark sky compliant lighting to accommodate the City's new Bird-Safe and Dark Sky Regulations.*

- c) The number, location, color, size, height, lighting and landscaping of outdoor advertising signs and structures have been designed to minimize traffic hazard, positively affect the general appearance of the neighborhood and harmonize with adjacent development.

*No signs are proposed as part of this project.*

- d) With respect to new projects within existing residential neighborhoods, new development should be designed to protect residents from noise, traffic, light and visually intrusive effects by use of buffering, setbacks, landscaping, walls and other appropriate design measures.

*This application is not a new development project.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That after careful consideration of the maps, facts, exhibits, testimony, staff's report and presentation, and other evidence submitted in this matter, subject to the conditions which are enumerated in this Resolution beginning on PAGE 4 thereof,

The application for an Architectural and Site Approval, Application no. ASA-2020-005 is hereby approved and that the subconclusions upon which the findings and conditions specified in this resolution are based and contained in the Public Meeting record concerning Application no. ASA-2020-005 as set forth in the Minutes of the Administrative Hearing Meeting of June 10, 2021 and are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

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### SECTION III: CONDITIONS ADMINISTERED BY THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

#### 1. APPROVED EXHIBITS

Approval is based on the plan set drawn by Eroc Knuston of Knutson Architectue, titled "The Villages at Cupertino 20875 Valley Green Drive Cupertino, California" consisting of 23 sheets labeled as A0.01 – A5.02, S1 – S5, and L1.0 – L6.2, except as may be amended by conditions in this resolution.

#### 2. ACCURACY OF PROJECT PLANS

The applicant/property owner is responsible to verify all pertinent property data including but not limited to property boundary locations, building setbacks, property size, building square footage, any relevant easements and/or construction records. Any misrepresentation of any property data may invalidate this approval and may require additional review.

#### 3. ANNOTATION OF THE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

The conditions of approval set forth shall be incorporated into and annotated on the first page of the building plans.

#### 4. BUILDING AND FIRE CODE

The applicant shall apply for and obtain building permits to allow the construction of the approved project. The applicant shall provide information and plans to allow the Building Official and the Fire Marshall, or their designee, to determine that the proposed plans comply with Building and Fire Codes in effect at the time of application for a building permit.

#### 5. CONSULTATION WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS

The applicant is responsible to consult with other departments and/or agencies with regard to the proposed project for additional conditions and requirements. Any misrepresentation of any submitted data may invalidate an approval by the Community Development Department.

#### 6. CONCURRENT APPROVAL CONDITIONS

The conditions of approval contained in file no. TR-2021-005 shall be applicable to this approval.

#### 7. DEMOLITION REQUIREMENTS

All demolished building and site materials shall be recycled to the maximum extent feasible subject to the Building Official. The applicant shall provide evidence that materials were recycled prior to occupancy.

## 8. DUST CONTROL

The following construction practices shall be implemented during all phases of construction for the proposed project to prevent visible dust emissions from leaving the site:

- a. Water all exposed surfaces areas (e.g., parking areas, staging areas, soil piles, graded areas, and unpaved access roads) at least twice daily and more often during windy periods to prevent visible dust from leaving the site; active areas adjacent to windy periods; active areas adjacent to existing land uses shall be kept damp at all times, or shall be treated with non-toxic stabilizers or dust palliatives.
- b. All haul trucks transporting soil, sand, or other loose material off-site shall be covered.
- c. All visible mud or dirt track-out onto adjacent public roads shall be removed using wet power vacuum street sweepers at least once per day. The use of dry power sweeping is prohibited.
- d. All vehicle speeds on unpaved roads shall be limited to 15 mph.
- e. All roadways, driveways, and sidewalks to be paved shall be completed as soon as possible. Building pads shall be laid as soon as possible after grading unless seeding or soil binders are used.
- f. Idling times shall be minimized either by shutting equipment off when not in use or reducing the maximum idling time to 5 minutes (as required by the California airborne toxics control measure Title 13, Section 2485 of California Code of Regulations [CCR]). Clear signage shall be provided for construction workers at all access points.
- g. All construction equipment shall be maintained and properly tuned in accordance with manufacturer's specifications. All equipment shall be checked by a certified mechanic and determined to be running in proper condition prior to operation.
- h. Post a publicly visible sign with the telephone number and person to contact at the Lead Agency regarding dust complaints. This person shall respond and take corrective action within 48 hours. The Air District's phone number shall also be visible to ensure compliance with applicable regulations.

The applicant shall incorporate the City's construction best management practices into the building permit plan set prior to any grading, excavation, foundation or building permit issuance.

## 9. EXTERIOR BUILDING MATERIALS/TREATMENTS

The final building exterior plan shall closely resemble the details shown on the original approved plans. Final building exterior treatment plan (including but not

limited to details on exterior color, materials, architectural treatments, doors, windows, lighting fixtures, and/or embellishments) shall be reviewed and approved by the Director of Community Development prior to issuance of building permits to ensure quality and consistency. Any exterior changes determined to be substantial by the Director of Community Development shall either require a modification to this permit or a new permit based on the extent of the change.

10. DARK SKY AND BIRD SAFE COMPLIANCE

Prior to issuance of Building Permits, the applicant/property owner shall submit final plans to comply with development standards of Cupertino Municipal Code Section 19.102.030 Bird-Safe Development Requirement and Section 19.102.040 Outdoor Lighting Requirements. In the event changes are proposed from the approved plans, said changes must be reviewed and approved by the Director of Community Development or their designee. The applicant shall provide all documentation required to determine compliance with the Municipal Code.

11. GRADING AND CONSTRUCTION HOURS AND NOISE LIMITS

- a. All grading activities shall be limited to the dry season (April 15 to October 1), unless permitted otherwise by the Director of Public works.
- b. Construction hours and noise limits shall be compliant with all requirements of Chapter 10.48 of the Cupertino Municipal Code.
- c. Grading, street construction, underground utility and demolition hours for work done more than 750 feet away from residential areas shall be limited to Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Grading, street construction, demolition or underground utility work within 750 feet of residential areas shall not occur on Saturdays, Sundays, holidays, and during the nighttime period as defined in Section 10.48.053(b) of the Municipal Code.
- d. Construction activities shall be limited to Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Construction activities are not allowed on holidays as defined in Chapter 10.48 of the Municipal Code. Night time construction is allowed if compliant with nighttime standards of Section 10.48 of the Cupertino Municipal Code.
- e. Rules and regulations pertaining to all construction activities and limitations identified in this permit, along with the name and telephone number of an applicant appointed disturbance coordinator, shall be posted in a prominent location at the entrance to the job site.
- f. The applicant shall be responsible for educating all contractors and subcontractors of said construction restrictions.

The applicant shall comply with the above grading and construction hours and noise limit requirements unless otherwise indicated.

## 12. LANDSCAPE PROJECT SUBMITTAL

Prior to issuance of building permits, the applicant shall submit a full Landscape Documentation Package, per sections 14.15.050 A, B, C, and D of the Landscape Ordinance, **for projects with landscape area 500 square feet or more** or elect to submit a Prescriptive Compliance Application per sections 14.15.040 A, B, and C **for projects with landscape area between 500 square feet and 2,500 square feet**. The Landscape Documentation Package or Prescriptive Compliance Application shall be reviewed and approved to the satisfaction of the Director of Community Development prior to issuance of building permits, and additional requirements per sections 14.15.040 D, E, F, and G or 14.15.050 E, F, G, H, and I will be required to be reviewed and approved prior to final inspections.

## 13. NESTING BIRDS

Nests of raptors and other birds shall be protected when in active use, as required by the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the California Department of Fish and Game Code.

- a. Construction and tree removal/pruning activities shall be scheduled to avoid the nesting season to the extent feasible. If feasible, tree removal and/or pruning shall be completed before the start of the nesting season to help preclude nesting. The nesting season for most birds and raptors in the San Francisco Bay area extends from February 1 through August 31. Preconstruction surveys (described below) are not required for tree removal or construction activities outside the nesting period.
- b. If construction activities and any required tree removal occur during the nesting season (February 1 and August 31), a qualified ornithologist shall be required to conduct surveys prior to tree removal or construction activities. Preconstruction surveys shall be conducted no more than 14 days prior to the start of tree removal, pruning or construction. Preconstruction surveys shall be repeated at 14-day intervals until construction has been initiated in the area after which surveys can be stopped. During this survey, the ornithologist shall inspect all trees and other possible nesting habitats in and immediately adjacent to the construction areas for nests.
- c. If the survey does not identify any nesting birds that would be affected by construction activities, no further mitigation is required. If an active nest containing viable eggs or young birds is found sufficiently close to work areas to be disturbed by these activities, their locations shall be documented and

protective measures implemented under the direction of the qualified ornithologist until the nests no longer contain eggs or young birds.

- d. Protective measures shall include establishment of clearly delineated exclusion zones (i.e. demarcated by identifiable fencing, such as orange construction fencing or equivalent) around each nest location as determined by the qualified ornithologist, taking into account the species of birds nesting, their tolerance for disturbance and proximity to existing development. In general, exclusion zones shall be a minimum of 300 feet for raptors and 75 feet for passerines and other birds. The active nest within an exclusion zone shall be monitored on a weekly basis throughout the nesting season to identify signs of disturbance and confirm nesting status. The radius of an exclusion zone may be increased by the qualified biologist, if project activities are determined to be adversely affecting the nesting birds. Exclusion zones may be reduced by the qualified biologist only in consultation with California Department of Fish and Wildlife. The protection measures and buffers shall remain in effect until the young have left the nest and are foraging independently or the nest is no longer active.
- e. A final report on nesting birds and raptors, including survey methodology, survey date(s), map of identified active nests (if any), and protection measures (if required), shall be submitted to the Planning Manager, through the building permit review process, and be completed to the satisfaction of the Community Development Director prior to the start of grading.

#### 14. SIGNAGE

Signage is not approved with this application. Signage shall conform to the City Sign Code.

#### 15. TREE AND LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE

The property owner shall be responsible for ensuring that the existing trees and newly planted trees are properly maintained including but not limited to ensuring that there is adequate soil drainage, that the soil is well-aerated, and irrigation systems are thoroughly tested to provide sufficient water to landscaped areas while reducing water waste.

#### 16. TREE PROTECTION

As part of the demolition or building permit drawings, a tree protection plan shall be prepared by a certified arborist for the trees to be retained. In addition, the following measures shall be added to the protection plan:

- For trees to be retained, chain link fencing and other root protection shall be installed around the dripline of the tree prior to any project site work.



- No parking or vehicle traffic shall be allowed under root zones, unless using buffers approved by the Project Arborist.
- No trenching within the critical root zone area is allowed. If trenching is needed in the vicinity of trees to be retained, the City's consulting arborist shall be consulted before any trenching or root cutting beneath the dripline of the tree.
- Wood chip mulch shall be evenly spread inside the tree projection fence to a four-inch depth.
- Tree protection conditions shall be posted on the tree protection barriers.
- Retained trees shall be watered to maintain them in good health.
- A covenant on the property shall be recorded that identifies all the protected trees, prior to final occupancy.

The tree protection measures shall be inspected and approved by the certified arborist prior to issuance of building permits. The City's consulting arborist shall inspect the trees to be retained and shall provide reviews prior to issuance of demolition, grading or building permits. A report ascertaining the good health of the trees mentioned above shall be provided prior to issuance of final occupancy.

#### 17. INDEMNIFICATION

As part of the application, to the fullest extent permitted by law, the applicant shall agree to indemnify, defend with the attorneys of the City's choice, and hold harmless the City, its City Council, and its officers, employees, and agents (collectively, the "indemnified parties") from and against any liability, claim, action, cause of action, suit, damages, judgment, lien, levy, or proceeding (collectively referred to as "proceeding") brought by a third party against one or more of the indemnified parties or one or more of the indemnified parties and the applicant related to any Ordinance, Resolution, or action approving the project, the related entitlements, environmental review documents, finding or determinations, or any other permit or approval authorized for the project. The indemnification shall include but not be limited to damages, fees, and costs awarded against the City, if any, and cost of suit, attorneys' fees, and other costs, liabilities, and expenses incurred in connection with such proceeding whether incurred by the Applicant, the City, or the parties initiating or bringing such proceeding.

The applicant shall agree to (without limitation) reimburse the City its actual attorneys' fees and costs incurred in defense of the litigation. Such attorneys' fees and costs shall include amounts paid to the City's outside counsel and shall include City Attorney time and overhead costs and other City staff overhead costs

and any costs directly related to the litigation reasonably incurred by City. The applicant shall likewise agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the indemnified parties from and against any damages, attorneys' fees, or costs awards, including attorneys' fees awarded under Code of Civil Procedure section 1021.5, assessed or awarded against the indemnified parties. The Applicant shall cooperate with the City to enter a Reimbursement Agreement to govern any such reimbursement.

The Applicant shall agree to (without limitation) reimburse the City for all costs incurred in additional investigation or study of, or for supplementing, redrafting, revising, or amending, any document (such as an Environmental Impact Report, negative declaration, specific plan, or general plan amendment) if made necessary by proceedings challenging the project approvals and related environmental review, if the applicant desires to continue to pursue the project.

The Applicant shall agree that the City shall have no liability to the Applicant for business interruption, punitive, speculative, or consequential damages.

18. NOTICE OF FEES, DEDICATIONS, RESERVATIONS, OR OTHER EXACTIONS

The Conditions of Project Approval set forth herein may include certain fees, dedication requirements, reservation requirements, and other exactions.

SECTION IV: CONDITIONS ADMINISTERED BY THE BUILDING DIVISION

19. BUILDING CODE COMPLIANCE

Pool and pool decks must comply with the 2019 California Building Code Chapter 11B.

20. CLUB HOUSE ADDRESS

A separate address is to be provided for the Club house.

SECTION V: CONDITIONS ADMINISTERED BY THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

21. OPEN-FLAME COOKING DEVICES

*(As noted on Sheets A1.03 and within provided device spec docs)* Open-flame cooking devices shall not be operated on combustible balconies or within 10 feet of combustible construction. Exceptions: 1) One- and two-family dwellings. 2) Where buildings, balconies and decks are protected by an automatic sprinkler system. 3) LP-gas cooking devices having LP-gas container with a water capacity not greater

than 2 1/2 pounds. *Use is commercial. Installation instructions for listed appliance provided. Distances required between the device and any combustible construction or vegetation are exhibited in the plans.*

## **22. PORTABLE OUTDOOR FIREPLACES**

*(As noted on Sheets A1.03 and within provided device spec docs)* Portable outdoor fireplaces shall be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and shall not be operated within 15 feet of a structure or combustible material. Exception: Portable outdoor fireplaces used at one- and two-family dwellings. *Use is commercial. Installation instructions for listed appliance provided. Distances required between the device and any combustible construction or vegetation are exhibited in the plans.*

## **23. FIRE APPARATUS ACCESS ROADS REQUIRED FOR BUILDING AND FACILITIES**

*(As noted on Sheet A0.01)* Approved fire apparatus access roads shall be provided for every facility, building or portion of a building hereafter constructed or moved into or with the jurisdiction. The fire apparatus access road shall comply with the requirements of this section and shall extend to within 150 feet of all portions of the facility and all portions of the exterior walls of the first story of the building as measured by an approved route around the exterior of the building or facility. [CFC, Section 503.1.1].

## **24. REQUIRED BUILDING ACCESS**

*(As noted on Sheet A0.01)* Exterior doors and openings required by this code or the International Building Code shall be maintained readily accessible for emergency access by the fire department. An approved access walkway leading from fire apparatus access roads to exterior openings shall be provided when required by the fire code official. CFC Sec. 504.

## **25. KNOX KEY BOXES//LOCKS WHERE REQUIRED FOR ACCESS**

*(As noted on Sheet A5.02)* Where access to or within a structure or an area is restricted because of secured openings or where immediate access is necessary for lifesaving or firefighting purposes, the fire code official is authorized to require a key box to be installed in an approved location. The Knox Key Box shall be a of an approved type and shall contain keys to gain necessary access as required by the fire code official. Locks. An approved Knox Lock shall be installed on gates or similar barriers when required by the fire code official. Key box maintenance. The operator of the building shall immediately notify the fire code official and provide the new key when a lock is changed or re-keyed. The key to such lock shall be

secured in the key box. [CFC Sec. 506]. *All new gates shall be equipped with 'keyed' lock. Knoxbox shall be provided at minimum at new main entry gate (further evaluation by field review) and shall contain keys for all new gates.*

26. ACCESS MAINTAINED

(As noted on Sheet A0.01) Fire department access to the site, the building, and to all fire protection systems shall be maintained at all times, in accordance with CFC Chapter 5.

27. CONSTRUCTION SITE FIRE SAFETY

(As noted on Sheet A0.01) Fire department access to the site, the building, and to all fire protection systems shall be maintained at all times, in accordance with CFC Chapter 5.

SECTION VI: CONDITIONS ADMINISTERED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

28. BUILDING PERMIT SUBMITTAL

The project will be reviewed at the time of building permit submittal and there will be additional requirements related to stormwater pollutant management and solid waste diversion and management.

29. COPPER

Copper metal roofing, copper granule containing asphalt shingles, copper gutters and downspouts, and/or other exterior ornamental copper are not permitted for use on any commercial or industrial building.

30. ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS DIVISIONS CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL FOR TENANT IMPROVEMENTS AND DEVELOPMENT

The applicant and property owner must sign and submit to the Environmental Programs Division, the attached "Environmental Programs Division Conditions of Approval for Tenant Improvements and Development" form. The form may be downloaded at [www.cupertino.org/greendev](http://www.cupertino.org/greendev)

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June 2021 at a noticed Public Meeting of the Administrative Hearing Officer of the City of Cupertino, State of California, held by the Director of Community Development, or his or her designee, pursuant to Cupertino Municipal Code Section 19.12.120.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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