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AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE PUBLIC COMMENTS
AT ANY PUBLIC MEETING.**

**THE FOLLOWING ARE COMMENTS RECEIVED
FOR THIS MEETING**

Joseph Nosrat

Subject: FW: Stonegate Lot 1

From: Teryl Willis [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2023 3:18 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityofsierramadre.com>
Subject: Stonegate Lot 1

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To: The Sierra Madre Planning Commission
Re: Lot 1 Stonegate, and
#3, #3 1/2 and #5 West Carter Avenue
6 Attachments on 2 separate emails

Sierra Madre Planning Commissioners,
A heart-felt thank you for the preservation of the Atlantic Cedar, the Australian Cherry, the Live Oak, and the larger of the Scrub Oaks on the slope to the west of the retaining wall. It is a relief to see a more correct lot line, adjusted since the early days of the development, on this version. It is also a relief to see that there will be no major excavation for a basement, as the airborne and ground-borne vibrations of that work are hard on older houses.

Patio
The southwest corner patio as proposed could work as a viewing platform for my house, porch and yard at #3, all of which are oriented to the east. Will the Commission consider removing the patio, or changing its location to another part of the property, or incorporating it onto the deck?

Lighting
Strict adherence to and implementation of the lighting requirements in the HMZ, the GP, and the DG would be appreciated.

Retaining wall
There is a wildlife path along the eastern edge of my property to factor in when the retaining wall is built. The most frequent users of the path are bears, most importantly as an exit when they are being chased out of streets lower down. A neighbor took a brief video that shows a bear in a locust tree in front of #5 West Carter. When the bear exits, it goes up #3's driveway and back into the hillside. Preserving that access would help fulfill the goals of maintaining environmental equilibrium (HMZ, 17.52.010 B) and minimizing "adverse impacts to wildlife and to benefit wildlife and wildlife habitat." (HMZ 17.52.180 D)

It would be helpful if the Stonegate gardeners would stop using the Southwest corner of Lot 1 for green waste.

Brush Clearance
The portion of Lot 1 that borders 3 and 3 1/2 West Carter requires professional brush clearance, while the area behind 3 1/2 and 5 West Carter is the responsibility of Stonegate generally. The clearance is long overdue.

Arrival/Start times:
Through the many years of this development, there have been arrivals as early as 5:00 a.m., more commonly, 6:00 a.m., and most often between 6:15 and 6:30 a.m. Back-up bells, cement trucks, unmuffled engines, and diesel engines left running make early arrivals no different from actual work starting. Code enforcers have done what they can but there is no set rule to rely on, and crews and supplies can arrive at any time. The only recourse for neighbors in those early hours is to call the police. At one phase (a decade ago?), active police response and tickets given turned out to be an entirely effective solution, but not ideal for the police force or the truck drivers. Since this is a multi-year, multi-decade project, a code modification to make arrival and start times the same, 7:00 a.m., would greatly improve the quality of life around the project site.

Thank you for your attention,
Teryl Willis
[REDACTED]

Joseph Nosrat

Subject: FW: Stonegate Lot 1, 2 pictures 1 movie
Attachments: Loquat bear.mov

From: Teryl Willis [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2023 3:20 PM
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Wildlife path





Joseph Nosrat

Subject: FW: Stonegate, Lot 1, 3 pictures

From: Teryl Willis [REDACTED]

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To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityofsierramadre.com>

Subject: Stonegate, Lot 1, 3 pictures

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