### Meeting Notice and Agenda

### Town Council

Thursday, January 21, 2021	6:00 PM	Council Chambers

#### TOWN COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION SPECIAL JOINT STUDY SESSION

### 1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Town Council, Planning Commission, and to the general public that the Town Council and Planning Commission will hold a Joint Study Session starting at 6:00 PM by remote participation on Zoom.

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE MEETING

Members of the public are encouraged to participate in the meeting via the following options:

1. View the live stream at https://paradisevalleyaz.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx

(a) Click on Calendar Tab

(b) Look for Town Council meeting (you may have to select it from the dropdown list) and find the meeting date

(c) Click the "In Progress" link in the column titled Video

2. Zoom Conference

(a) Computer: https://zoom.us/j/6678902153

(b) Telephone: 1 669 900 6833 Meeting ID 667 890 2153

3. Submitting questions and comments:

(a) Visit https://paradisevalleyaz.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx, search for the meeting date, and click "eComment". Locate the agenda item you are interested in and click "Comment" (Please submit comments at least 1 hr prior to meeting)

(b) Email dmiller@paradisevalleyaz.gov (Please submit comments at least 1 hr prior to meeting)

(These meeting participation guidelines are pursuant to Town Council Resolution 2020-08 adopted March 17, 2020.)

Notice is hereby given pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02. that members of the Town Council and Planning Commission will attend by audio/video conference call.

#### 2. STUDY SESSION ITEMS

The Study Session is open to the public however the following items are scheduled for discussion only. The Town Council will be briefed by staff and other Town representatives. There will be no votes and no final action taken on discussion items. The Council may give direction to staff and request that items be scheduled for consideration and final action at a later date. The order of discussion items and the estimated time scheduled to hear each item are subject to change.

#### 21-023 Discussion of Building Pad Heights for Non-Hillside Lots

*Staff Contact:* Paul Mood, Town Engineer, 480-348-3573

Attachments: Attachment A - Staff Report

Attachment B - Presentation

Attachment C - Resident Feedback

Attachment D - Development Community Feedback

(Town Council and Planning Commission Discussion. Legal action will not be taken at this meeting.)

ORDER OF DISCUSSION

- A. Opening Remarks by Mayor Bien-Willner
- B. Staff Presentation
- C. Town Council Questions and Comments
- D. Planning Commission Questions and Comments
- E. Public Input
- F. Concluding Remarks

<u>21-021</u>	Discussion of Committee, Commission, and Board Appointment Process
Staff Contact:	Duncan Miller, 480-348-3610
<u>Attachments:</u>	Attachment A - Staff Report
	Attachment B - Committee and Commission Reappointments 2021
	Attachment C - Committee Commission Board Appointment Process Timeline 2
	Attachment D - Presentation

(Town Council Discussion)

#### 3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(Executive Sessions are not open to the public)

21-019 Discussion or consultation with the Town representatives concerning negotiations for the purchase, sale, or condemnation of real property in the vicinity of 7100 E Lincoln Drive as authorized by A.R.S. §38 431.03(A)(7), discussion or consultation with the Town Attorney to consider the Town's position and provide instruction regarding Development Agreement negotiations related to the Smoke Tree Resort authorized by A.R.S. §38 431.03(A)(4), and/or legal advice regarding Special Use Permit zoning as authorized by A.R.S. §38 431.03(A)(3.)

### 4. ADJOURN

AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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Action Report

File #: 21-023

### AGENDA TITLE: Discussion of Building Pad Heights for Non-Hillside Lots

**STAFF CONTACT:** 





### STAFF REPORT

- TO: Mayor Bien-Willner and Town Council Members
- FROM: Jill Keimach, Town Manager Lisa Collins, Community Development Director Paul Mood, Town Engineer
- DATE: January 21, 2021

### AGENDA TITLE: Discussion of Building Pad Heights for Non-Hillside Lots

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Review, discussion and potential direction related to building pad heights for residential construction on non-hillside lots.

### SUMMARY STATEMENT:

At prior Town Council Work Studies, staff presented material regarding building pad heights on non-hillside lots which is one of the more frequent development related questions associated with new construction. When vacant lots are developed, or existing properties redeveloped building pad heights and overall allowable structure heights are often questioned by surrounding property owners.

Information was presented on surrounding municipal codes related to building pads and residential structure heights, visual impacts to properties and potential code amendments to require residential properties to more closely follow the contour of the lot for non-hillside properties. Information related to the unrestricted fill heights for outdoor living areas and landscaped areas were also presented. Based on the presentation and discussion, staff was asked to bring this item to the Planning Commission to determine if any recommend Town Code edits are warranted for future Town Council consideration.

Information related to building pad heights was reviewed and discussed at the September 15 and December 15, 2020 Planning Commission meetings. Feedback from residents as well as the development community was also provided. Due to the level of questions and concerns expressed by residents it was recommended that a joint meeting between the Town Council and Planning Commission be held to review, discuss and provide additional feedback and/or direction to staff.

### **BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

This item is for discussion only with no financial impact to the Town.

### ATTACHMENT(S):





### **STAFF REPORT**

- A. Staff ReportB. Presentation
- C. Resident Feedback
- D. Development Community Feedback

## TOWN OF PARADISE VALLEY BUILDING PAD HEIGHT

January 21, 2021



### AGENDA

<u>Agenda</u>

- 1. History & Background
- 2. Resident Feedback
- 3. Development Community Feedback
- 4. Town Code Overview
- 5. Next Steps





### HISTORY & BACKGROUND

Information related to building pad heights, applicable Town Codes, resident concerns and feedback and development community feedback were provided at the following meetings.

- January 23, 2020 Town Council Work Study
- May 14, 2020
- June 25, 2020
- September 15, 2020
- December 15, 2020

- Town Council Work Study
- Town Council Work Study
  - Planning Commission
  - Planning Commission

### **RESIDENT FEEDBACK**

Main items received from residents include:

- Building pad heights, outdoor living & landscape areas block views
- Preserve and protect the character of the community
- Require applicants to build into and follow the contour of the land
- Drainage concerns from elevated properties
- Neighbor notification of new residential projects





### DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

Main items received from architects, engineers and builders include:

- Keep 24' height restriction from lowest natural grade
- Open space criteria protects neighbor's views
- Building pads extending over sloped topography lowers the lowest natural grade and building heights
- Add regulations that only 2' of exposed fill can be seen outside of the building footprint.
- Limit fill outside of building pad to 2' to terrace landscape areas
- Update and or add definitions as needed
- Paradise Valley rules are restricting enough and protect neighboring property views



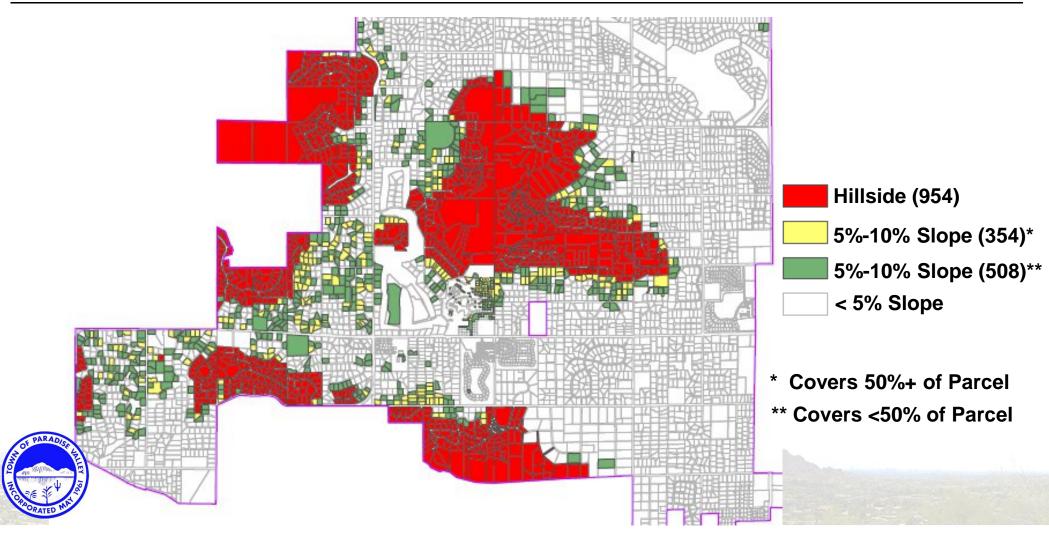
### TOWN CODE OVERVIEW

Town Code Section 5-10-5, B,2, a: Grading Plans prepared by a Civil Engineer

- The grading plan shall contain the preparing engineers certification of the 100 year water surface elevation and finished floor elevation.
- The building pad shall not exceed two (2) feet in height except where required to protect the building against flooding, in which case the pad shall be one (1) foot above the water surface elevation of the 100 year event



### 5% TO 10% SLOPED LOTS



### EXAMPLE #1

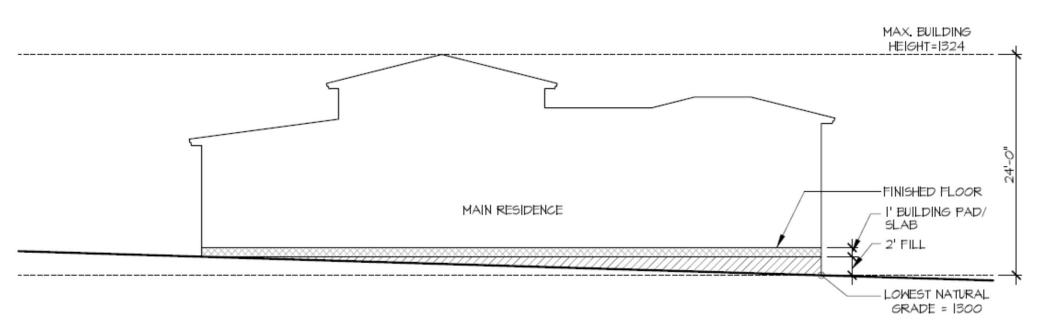
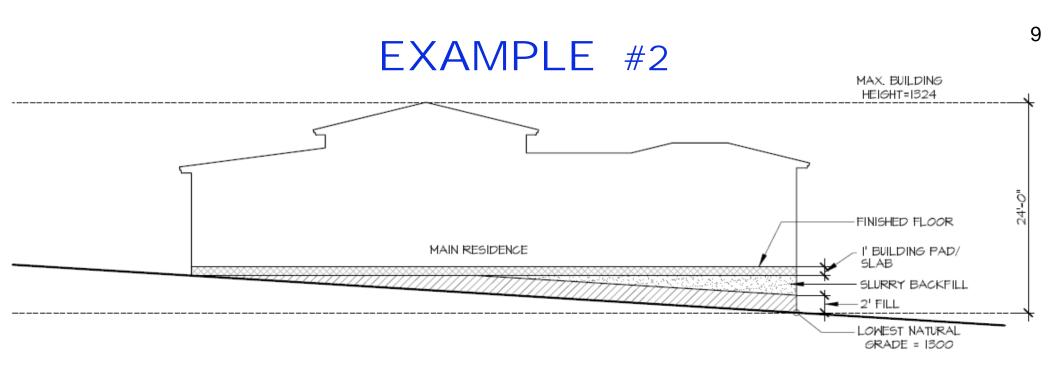
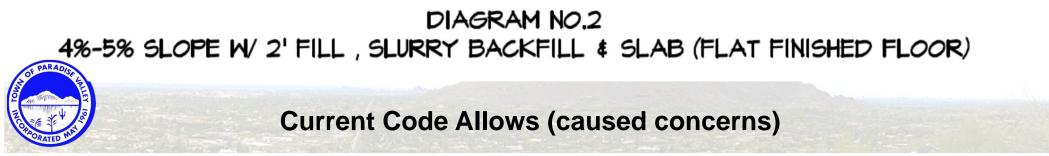


DIAGRAM NO.I 3% SLOPE W/ 2' FILL & I' BUILDING PAD/SLAB (FLAT FINISHED FLOOR)

Current Code (typical)





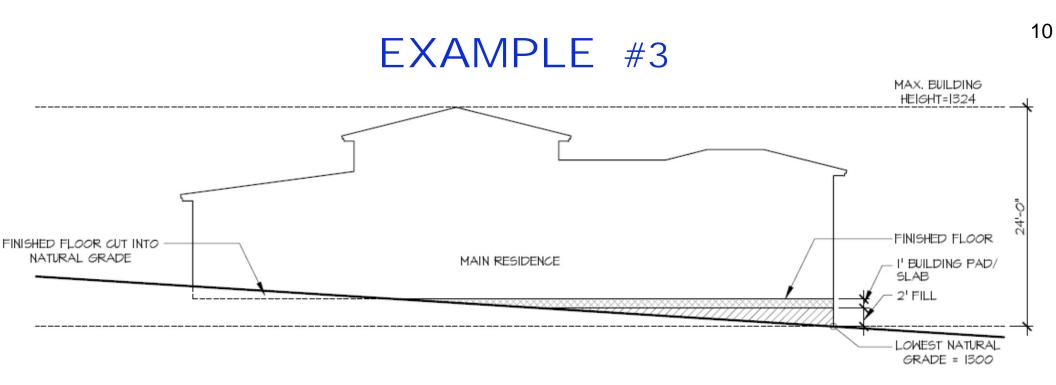


DIAGRAM NO.3 4%-5% SLOPE W/ 2' FILL & I' BUILDING PAD/SLAB (FLAT FINISHED FLOOR, WILL REQUIRE NOTCHED OUT)

**Current Code Allows** 

### EXAMPLE #4

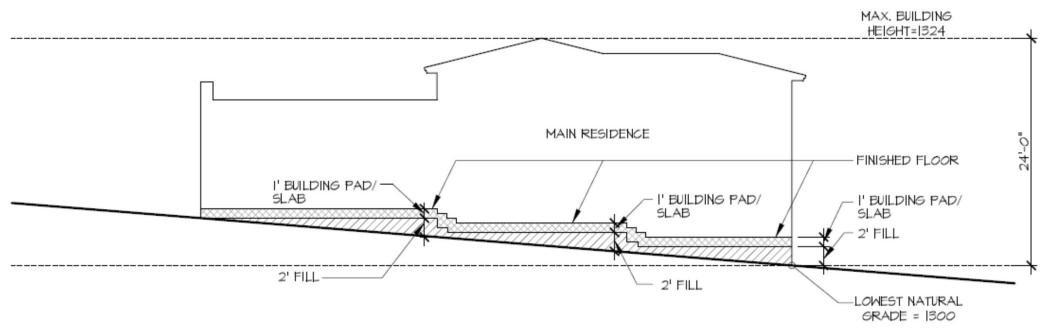


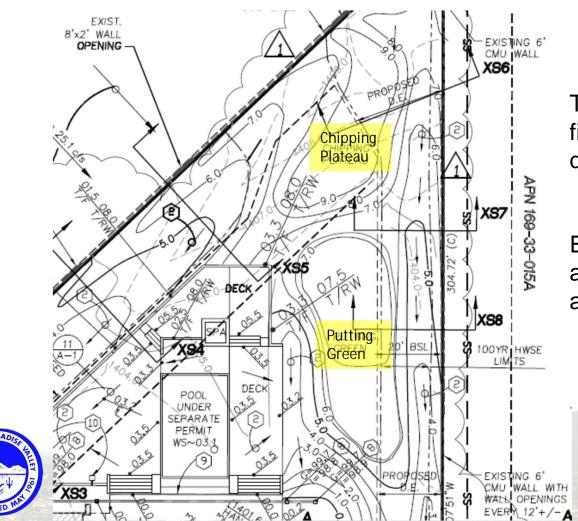
DIAGRAM NO.4 7%-8% SLOPE W/ 2' FILL & I' BUILDING PAD/SLAB (STEPPED FINISHED FLOOR)



Possible Code Amendment (3' max finished floor from natural grade)

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### LANDSCAPING FILL



Town Code does not limit the amount of fill for landscaped areas so long as drainage is not affected.

Example grading & drainage plan shows approx. 3' of fill for chipping plateau and approx. 5' of fill for the putting green.

### CLARIFICATIONS/INTERPRETATIONS

Potential Town Code clarifications and interpretations to follow the intent of the code which references preserving natural desert landscape.

- Maintain maximum 2' fill limitation and review interpretation
- Maintain 1' above 100 year flood elevation and review interpretation
- Continue to measure height from lowest natural grade under structure
- Continue to require open space criteria
- Require finished floor certification prior to framing inspection



### POTENTIAL CODE AMENDMENTS

Provide guidance and potential code amendments to achieve homes that follow contour of land.

- Add maximum finished floor height above natural grade.
- Add maximum fill above natural grade of outdoor living areas, yards, landscaping, etc.
- Revise definitions as needed.



### NEXT STEPS

Determination of goals and Council direction of process:

- □ Clarifications / interpretations
  - Review code interpretations that are not clear
  - Review code interpretations with Planning Commission and/or Council
  - Publish code interpretations
- Code amendments
  - Add and/or modify code language for Planning Commission recommendations and Town Council approval



# **QUESTIONS?**



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From: **Phil Hagenah** Date: Mon, Sep 14, 2020 at 4:47 PM Subject: Re: PV Planning and Zoning Meeting To: Susan Hagenah

On Mon, Sep 14, 2020 at 4:00 PM wrote: To the members of the TPV Planning Commission:

My wife and I continue to be upset with changes that have been happening in our Town and in our neighborhood of 25 years.

Our concern is the change regarding grading and building permits which has allowed pad sizes to be raised higher than their neighbors

and created drainage problems for those neighbors as well as unsightly lots which do not conform to the previous elevations.

In our neighborhood in particular, both <u>5940 E. Cheney Drive</u> and <u>6207 Cholla Drive</u> have had fill added to their lots to create grades well above what is natural.

These changes are destroying the character of our neighborhoods and making enemies of neighbors. Even our friends who are Builders and Developers do not understand or like the changes which have been made in the past year or so which have created such unreasonable conditions.

In addition, while in this same neighborhood, please view recent examples of newer homes that have been built INTO the running of the land, not raising above it: 6250 E. Cheney Dr., 6230, and 6220, also. And, right around the corner: 7535 N. Ironwood Dr., 7425 N. Ironwood Dr. and 7501 N. Ironwood Dr. Dr.

We are all asking WHY and WHO made these changes and how can we stop this? In this Covid-19 atmosphere, with no human to human representation at meetings, you cannot justify allowing unasked for (by Town residents) changes to further destroy our neighborhoods.

Please drive past both these formerly mentioned addresses to see exactly what has happened (as well as the other addresses you have on record from other residents).

Please be responsive and sensitive to the existing and long time residents and remedy this problem. Don't destroy the character of our Town.

Thank you, Susan and Phil Hagenah E. Cholla Place Paradise Valley, AZ From: Jennifer Gustafson
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 4:57 PM
To: Paul Mood <pmood@paradisevalleyaz.gov>
Subject: Planning Group Video

#### EXTERNAL

Thanks for alerting us to the Video on the Building Pads. I watched and learned plenty. I was confused to how this was occurring in the photo below. It's Joshua Tree Lane. The house foundation will start above the perimeter fence. It might make the house look out of place with beautiful remodeled houses to the South and East that are a floor below this new house.



I'll look forward to watching this progress.

Best-

Jenn

From: Phyllis Peshkin
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 5:47 PM
To: Paul Mood <<u>pmood@paradisevalleyaz.gov</u>>
Subject: Fwd: Pad Height Review, 9/15/20-Personal experience with adverse impact due to elevated pad height and subsequent issues to my adjacent property.
Importance: High

#### **EXTERNAL**

This was my cover letter again encouraging outreach to me and my availability to participate.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Phyllis Peshkin

Subject: Re: Pad Height Review, 9/15/20-Personal experience with adverse impact due to elevated pad height and subsequent issues to my adjacent property.

Date: September 14, 2020 at 11:55:52 AM MST

To: jwainwright@paradisevalleyaz.gov, Chairman Daran Wastchak <<u>dwastchak@paradisevalleyaz.gov</u>>,
 JRose@paradisevalleyaz.gov, TCampbell@paradisevalleyaz.gov, CCovington@paradisevalleyaz.gov,
 OLewis@paradisevalleyaz.gov, pgeorgelos@paradisevalleyaz.gov
 Cc: Town Manager Jill Keimach <<u>JKeimach@paradisevalleyaz.gov</u>>, Mood Paul
 <pmood@paradisevalleyaz.gov>, Peshkin Lawrence

Town Manager, Town Engineer and Town Planning Commission,

Sorry for my late entry, computer problems. Attached are my comments related to the Planning Commission's discussion of Building Pad Heights, and

our engineer, Nick Prodanov's, red-lined evaluation and associated narrative of the original approved G/D plan for the adjacent property. Thank you for recognizing the consequences when the surrounding area is not considered and only the property being developed is the focus. We now have a wonderful neighbor and are hoping to have a solution. Our situation is a result of the "construction team" and not any homeowner which is why the Town's involvement i.e. reviews, approvals, on-site inspections ... is so vital to support and protect innocent residents.

I am available for any further explanations.

Sincerely, Phyllis Peshkin Planning Commission Chairman Wainwright and Planning Commissioners,

The review of Pad Heights and subsequent issues is critical especially since there is so much new construction activity. Developers are buying "older homes" in established subdivisions. Many of these projects are SPEC homes. Contractors are not interested in listening to a neighbor but they will listen to Town Staff.

I am taking this opportunity to participate in this discussion due to my first hand experience. My intent is to prevent other residents from having the same unfortunate experience. The home on the property adjacent to us was demolished in 2013 and a SPEC home began construction. As we watched dirt being delivered daily (total: 758 CY) to the site, we were very concerned and alerted the Town Staff. Town Staff assured us that there would be no harm to us. Within 6 months we had our first flood and one year later, a second flood due to a grading and drainage design which did not take into consideration the surrounding area. We had more significant rainfall storm events in Aug. 2, 2005 and Aug. 24, 2006 with no problems. Former owners also never had flooding.

Here are some issues created to our property by the significantly elevated adjacent pad:

Changes historic flow path of stormwater drainage

Increases flow/velocity of stormwater runoff

Non-compliant with neighborhood character, subdivision plat, declaration of restrictions Raising a house on fill that is adjacent to a wash will eliminate a portion of the overbank area needed to convey flows and diverts the overflow, putting other areas at risk

Creates a steeper driveway slope: example > 11%

Directs stormwater runoff to street and adjacent property

Retention/detention measures not strategically placed to capture the increased velocity and volume of the home's significantly larger footprint and elevation

With added fill the pervious area is now elevated and sloped reducing the time to allow the runoff to percolate as a result of gravity

Interferes with quality of life e.g. privacy, views, security thus diminishes home value Significant expenses both for restoration and evaluation of a solution

NFIP claim would be denied due to <u>not</u> meeting FEMA's definition of a flood - "2 or more acres or 2 or more properties involved ..."

Suggestions to avoid complications from elevated pad heights:

An onsite meeting during "approval phase" would be beneficial to see adjacent home pad heights, the street pitch, utility equipment placement, and other variables
Noticing by mail to adjacent neighbors (practiced with Hillside Properties) of a significant elevation, should be required so neighbors can express any concerns
Share on-site inspection information with various staff and depts. when consequences are observed or anticipated, to surrounding areas

- Require the contractor to submit and follow the subdivision's final plat and declaration of restrictions/CC&R during the application/initial review. Insures the new property will be in compliance with those recorded documents which are readily available from the Title Company or the County Recorder
- Offer the possibility of a variance to the contractor to avoid harming an adjacent property (example: variance offered to homes in a floodplain surrounded by homes which are low with no history of flooding)

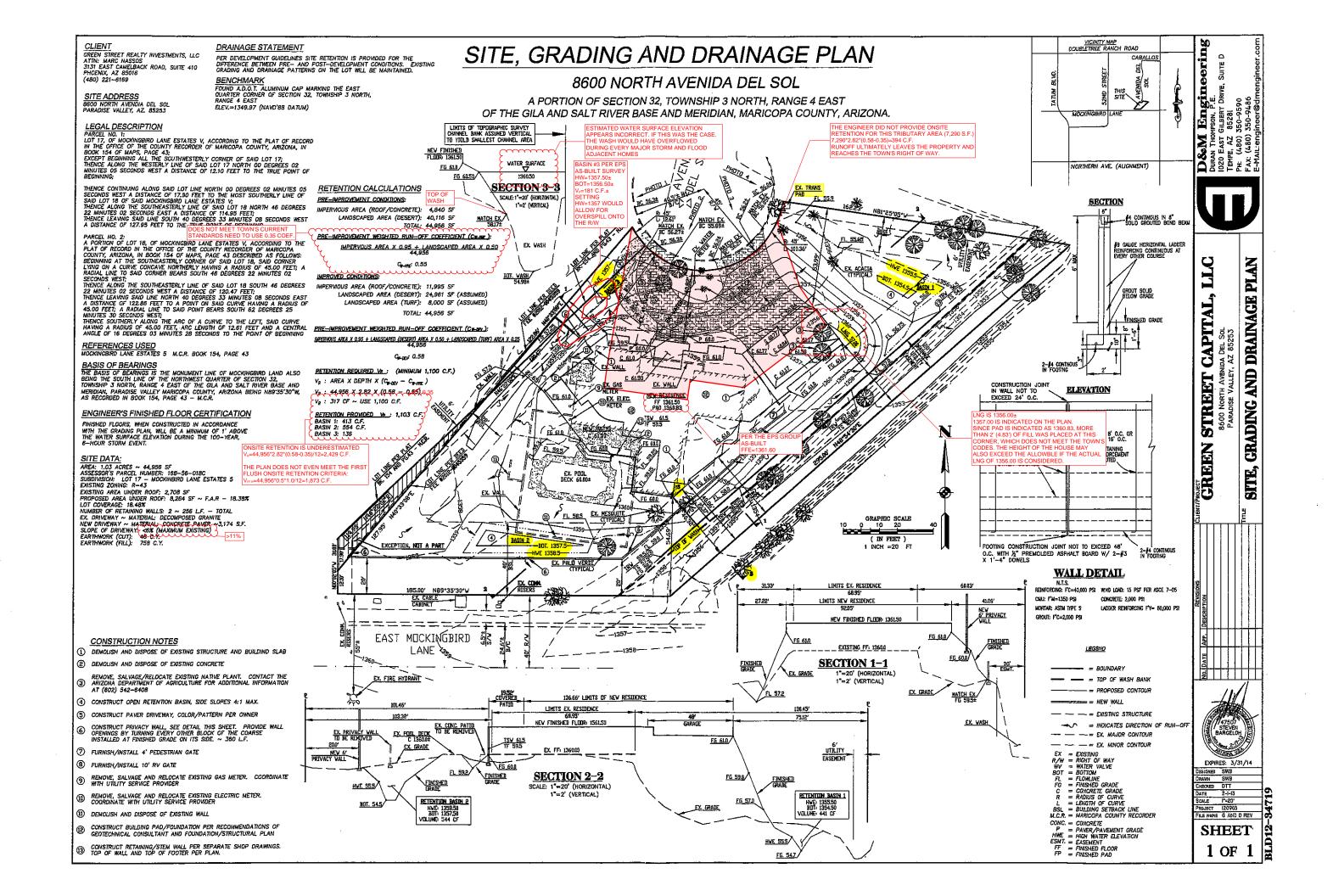
For your information, in February, 2019 we filed a complaint with the State of Arizona, Bureau of Technical Registration (BTR). After a rigorous investigation, the Board unanimously agreed that the grading and drainage design created an adverse impact on our adjacent property and the engineer was sanctioned. (The Town has many of the BTR documents which are also available with a public records request to the State of Arizona, BTR.)

Nick Prodanov, PE who is very familiar with TPV codes visited our property and reviewed the grading and drainage document. He then submitted his evaluation to the Town in 2018 which I am attaching.

It would be helpful to understand the various consequences I described if you drive by our home (5421 E. Via Buena Vista) and through our neighborhood. There is a new home 5530 E. Orchid Lane (2016 date of construction), which is <u>not significantly elevated</u>. Their backyard is adjacent to the Cherokee Wash which is similar to our situation. It is one street south and 3 houses east of us. This home is in our subdivision and I am not sure why it was not elevated but is a good example of how to consider the surrounding homes and neighborhood.

Thank you for your service to protect our community. I am available for clarification or any additional questions.

Sincerely, Phyllis Peshkin (Town Resident since 1993)



From: Mike Flood Sent: Friday, November 27, 2020 5:48 PM To: Paul Mood <pmood@paradisevalleyaz.gov> Subject: Expressing building pad concerns

EXTERNAL

Dear Mr. Moody,

We live at 6431 E Cheney Drive in the Town of Paradise Valley. It appears that a number of new residences in our area have been and are being constructed on raised building pads, presumably to obtain maximum views, often to the disadvantage of neighboring properties. It would seem that the Town should more carefully monitor all new construction to disallow these elevated residences that do not conform to the surrounding area. I would like the Town to address these concerns regarding new construction and building pad height issues. Thank you for your kind attention.

Mike and Colleen Flood E Cheney Dr Paradise Valley, AZ 85253



August 29, 2018

- To: Mr. Lawrence Peshkin Homeowner 5421 E Via Buena Vista Paradise Valley, AZ 85253
- Re: Civil Engineering Review Grading and Drainage Plans 8600 N Avenida Del Sol Paradise Valley, AZ 85253 LDG Project #1805107

Dear Mr. Peshkin:

Per your request, we have prepared this narrative describing the major deficiencies we have discovered during our review of the approved grading and drainage plans for a new single-family residence, located at 8600 N Avenida Del Sol, Paradise Valley, AZ 85253, including the potential adverse drainage impact to your home at 5421 E Via Buena Vista, which is located downhill and northeasterly of the subject property.

We have reviewed the civil engineering plans for the 8600 N Avenida Del Sol property, which are called: "Site Grading and Drainage Plan" and are prepared by D&M Engineering, dated 2/19/13 and signed by Mr. Steven Bargeloh, PE. Per the Maricopa County GIS map, the house was completed in 2013.

The new home finish floor elevation was raised by approximately 12" from the previously built home on the lot. The new building footprint was further expanded towards northeast and east, where the natural grades are down to 1356.00±. This brought the building's finish floor elevation 6.5 feet above the natural grade and the adjacent street grades. A new steep (11%±) driveway was built to provide access from the street to the new garages. By constructing the raised access driveway, altered from what the approved plans call for, the sheet flows coming from west were diverted northeasterly to the cul-de-sac and discharged onto the driveway of 5421 E Via Buena Vista Home, which caused flooding of the home. ARS, §48-3613 precludes a landowner from the diversion and obstruction of waters in any watercourse without securing proper authorization and permits to do so. The statute also precludes homeowners from diverting natural sheet or concentrated flows on their property and causing such waters upon their neighbors.

The onsite storm water retention calculations are not correct and are not in accordance with at the time applicable -Storm Drain Design Manual, Town of Paradise Valley, Ordinance Resolution No. 537, 1987. The Engineer has used runoff coefficient of 0.55 as a pre-development coefficient, instead of the approved and listed in the Town's manual 0.35. This has reduced the amount of required on-site storm water retention (2,429 c.f. required vs. 1,103 c.f. provided) on-site and it has increased the potential runoff that could leave the subject property and impact adjacent downstream homes.

Furthermore, the Engineer did not provide on-site retention for the runoff generated from the northeast side of the

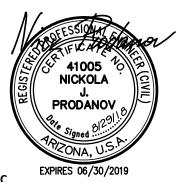
building roof, hardscape and access driveway. Run off was sent to the street's right of way and towards the driveway of 5421 E Via Buena Vista. Section 5-10-8, Item B from the Town of Paradise Valley Code, states: "No development shall be permitted to occur within the Town which causes an increased flow of surface water discharged from the subject site. On-site storm water retention areas shall be adequate to contain the volume of water required by the Town's Storm Drain Design Manual, current edition. The tributary area used in the computation shall be the area of the site." Article 8-7 Drainageways from the Town of Paradise Valley, Item A states: "It is unlawful and a public nuisance to allow or cause any alteration, diversion, retardation, obstruction or impeding of the flow of waters in any watercourse or drainageway whenever such action creates a hazard to life or property, damages or endangers by flooding, erosion or any other means any public or private property or improvements, or reduces the capacity of a watercourse or drainageway."

The Town of Paradise Valley Zoning Ordinance, Article X regulates the limits of building height. For the subject property, the maximum height is 24 feet, measured from the lowest natural grade (LNG) at the building footprint. The lowest natural grade at the building footprint is 1356.00 near the southeasterly corner of the new garage. The plans call for LNG of 1357.00. A height certification was performed by D&M Engineering, sealed by Duran Thompson, PE on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013. The height certification calls for total height of 23.6 feet measured from lowest natural grate of 1357.00, which would bring the height of the building in non-compliance (24.6 feet > 23.6 feet), since the actual lowest natural grade is 1356.00.

Based on above described major deficiencies it is our opinion that the prepared civil engineering plans for 8600 N Avenida Del Sol do not meet the standard of care to protect downstream properties from increased runoff, historic flow diversions and flooding.

LDG opinions and statements are based on review and analysis of the provided materials to date of the preparation of this letter and are based on a reasonable degree of engineering certainty. We reserve the right to modify our opinions should new information or facts be presented or come to light.

Respectfully Submitted,



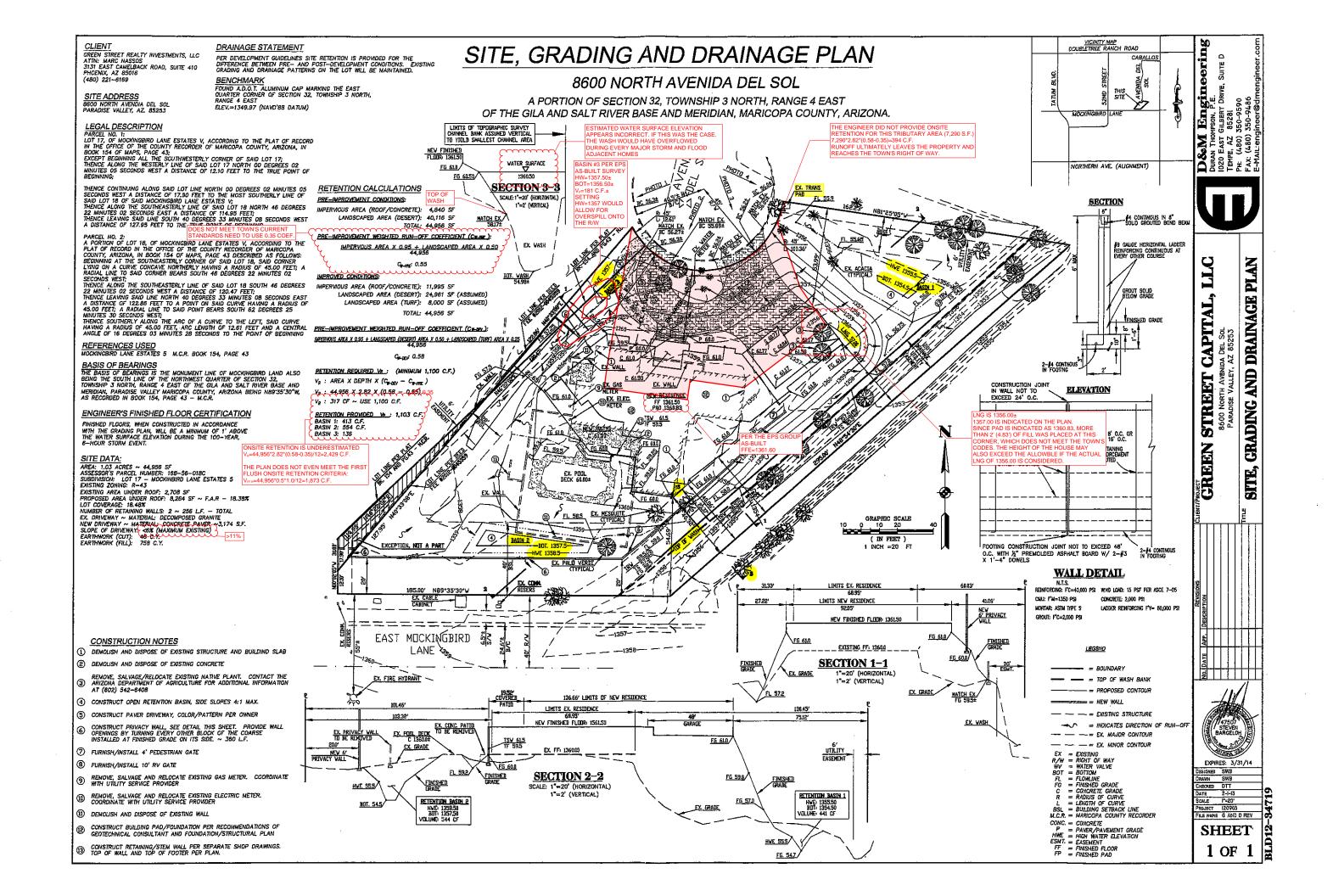
Nick Prodanov, PE, PMP Principal Land Development Group, LLC

#### Enclosures

- Site Grading and Drainage Plan, prepared by D&M Engineering, dated 2/19/13 and signed by Mr. Steven Bargeloh, PE.
- Height Certification, D&M Engineering, dated 5/3/13 and signed by Mr. Duran Thompson, PE.

#### References

- Storm Drain Design Manual, Town of Paradise Valley, Ordinance Resolution No. 537, 1987
- Storm Drainage Design Manual, Town of Paradise Valley, 2018
- Town of Paradise Valley Code, Chapter 5, Building and Construction
- Town of Paradise Valley Zoning Ordinance, Article X, Height and Area Regulations
- Drainage Design Manuals for Maricopa County, Arizona



### **TOWN OF PARADISE VALLEY HEIGHT CERTIFICATION FOR PRIMARY BUILDING** (R-43 AND R-175 ZONING)

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#### From: jtzachariah@aol.com

Sent: Sunday, November 29, 2020 7:13 PM

To: Paul Mood <pmood@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Jill Keimach <JKeimach@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Hugo Vasquez <hvasquez@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Paul Michaud <pmichaud@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; George Burton <gburton@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Loras Rauch <LRauch@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Deborah Robberson <drobberson@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Andrew Miller <amiller@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Mayor Jerry Bien-Willner <jbienwillner@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Vice Mayor Julie Pace <jpace@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Council Member Ellen Andeen <eandeen@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Council Member Paul Dembow <pdembow@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Council Member Scott Moore <smoore@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Council Member Mark Stanton <mstanton@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Council Member Anna Thomasson <a href="color: blue"><a href="color: blue">color: blue</a> Council Member Anna Thomasson <a href="color:blue">color: blue</a> Council Member Anna Council Member Anna Anna Council Member Anna Anna Anna Anna Jonathan Wainwright <jon@calviswyant.com>; adviser az@msn.com; Planning Commissioner Pamela Georgelos <pgeorgelos@gmail.com>; Planning Commissioner Charles Covington <wescov1@yahoo.com>; Planning Commissioner Jim Rose <JRose@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Planning Commissioner Daran Wastchak <dwastchak@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Planning Commissioner Campbell <campbellbci@aol.com>; Hillside Committee Member Scott Jarson <sjarson@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Hillside Committee Member Scott Tonn <stonn@paradisevalleyaz.gov> Subject: building height violations

#### **EXTERNAL**

Mayor Jerry Bien-Willner and all committee members:

I am writing in regards to the recurrent residential building code violations as it pertains to the height limit of 24 ft.

There is one thing for certain in life – change. Rules and regulation are dynamic for various reasons. As in all rules and regulations, over time some will bend the rules to attain an individual goal. Thus the rules and regulation must be constantly updated to account for these unintended variations.

In this situation – I am not sure how this came to be – but it needs to be stopped. The idea of being able to build the ground below the home up 8-10 ft and keep the home less than 24 ft (although the end result is 34 ft!!) is ludicrous! The pictures of what has already happened here in Paradise Valley is disheartening – not building within the rules – but is an eyesore.

I do see the utility in reviewing how this came to be – but the main goal should be to remedy this going forward - to preserve the integrity of the town's codes and beauty of our town.

Teresa Zachariah e san Miguel ave From: Phyllis Peshkin
Sent: Sunday, November 29, 2020 2:15 PM
To: Council Member Ellen Andeen <eandeen@paradisevalleyaz.gov>
Cc: Jill Keimach <JKeimach@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Paul Mood <pmood@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Hagenah Phil
Subject: Pad Height, new construction concerns

#### EXTERNAL

Dear Council Member Andeen,

I was <u>very</u> encouraged when I received the email from Susan and Phil. They stated your interest and support regarding new construction and the various consequences resulting from elevating pad heights and putting our residents' quality of life and safety at risk. I feel in order to have effective improvements, **communication** is necessary specifically if you have/had a direct experience which resulted in an adverse impact to your existing adjacent property. I know Town Council was suggesting new codes and ordinances but that will not help since the Town has the <u>discretion to enforce them</u>. In my opinion, it is critical to consider the surrounding area and require the Subdivision's recorded Declaration of Restrictions during the application phase. Even subdivisions built in the 1970's that do not have an active HOA have the subdivision's standards set by the builder with a non-waiver clause to protect our older established neighborhoods (specifically Flatland) that are targets for SPEC homes by developers.

I look forward to having a productive conversation where we can learn from each other and preserve our Town's unique character.

Thank you for your dedication to protecting the residents of Paradise Valley.

**Phyllis Peshkin** 

From: Phyllis Peshkin
Sent: Sunday, November 29, 2020 12:59 PM
To: Planning Commissioner Jonathan Wainwright <jon@calviswyant.com>
Cc: Paul Mood <pmood@paradisevalleyaz.gov>
Subject: List of addresses of new homes built with similar elevation and retention to our "older home"

EXTERNAL

Chairman Wainwright,

Here is the list I referred to for a quick drive around my established neighborhood. I cannot emphasize enough how critical the pad height review resulting in subsequent dangerous consequences, thus it is imperative that the Town supports our residents in these situations. In my opinion, a good start to "support" residents is with <u>communication</u>. Improvement happens with involvement and that is my intent.

Thank you for listening,

Phyllis

<u>New Construction</u> (elevation/retention per Town Code and surrounding area)

The following addresses are all homes built since 2016. They are elevated <u>within</u> the 2 feet allowed of the street (LNG), have retention in the front of property and are within 1 street of our home. Also note the height of the homes relative to the surrounding homes. The first 2 homes have a wash adjacent to their backyard. Take a quick ride around the 4 streets to see how there is no adverse impact on any adjacent property from these properties. I am interested to hear your thoughts. Essentially they are all the same relative elevation to the street as our home and the other homes in Mockingbird Lane Estates V and VI. Year/s built = ( )

5530 E. Orchid Lane (2016-2017) adjacent to Cherokee Wash, 1 street south of Via Buena Vista 8620 N. Avenida Del Sol (2018-2020) adjacent to a wash, diagonal to west side or our home. 5423 E. Via De Cielo ((2016-2018) 1 street north of Via Buena Vista

8700 N. 55th Pl. (2016-2018) SW corner of Via De Cielo & 55th Pl. 1 street north of Via Buena Vista 8716 N. 55th Pl. (2020) NW corner of Via De Cielo & 55th Pl. 1 street north of Via Buena Vista

There are other new homes in our area however these are the newest and closest to our home and are all in Mockingbird Lane Estate V or VI.

-----Original Message-----From: Ronald C Duff Sent: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 1:08 PM To: Paul Mood <pmood@paradisevalleyaz.gov> Cc: Phil Hagenah Subject: Building pad height changes

EXTERNAL

We have been residents of Paradise Valley for over three years and have watched in distress the systematic destruction of the town/area we have fell in love with! It seems the planning commission and town planners have zero sense when it comes to what is reasonable development and what is not. They have utterly failed the existing residents of Paradise Valley. The interpretation of the building pad heights is just the most recent example of poor judgment on the planners part. The building pads should be based on the existing topography of the lot with minor adjustments for natural drainage, not allowing fill of 6 feet as is the recent example on Cholla, that example boarders on gross incompetence! These decisions degrade our living environment the reason we all moved to this special place. This is not Scottsdale or Phoenix stop trying to make us like them, the houses in our area are built into the landscape our streets follow the natural contour of the land we have no street lights no sidewalks or curbs and we like it that way, that is why we paid extra to buy here. Do the right/correct thing keep this area substantially the way it is the way it was meant to be. Building pad heights should not be allowed to increase above what is absolutely necessary to compliment natural drainage. Start protecting your residents and stop pandering to developers! Paradise Valley is special it is unique please help us protect it.

Ron and Lynn Duff N Invergordon Rd Paradise Valley, AZ

Sent from my iPad

-----Original Message-----From: Connie Marolt Sent: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 12:13 PM To: Paul Mood <pmood@paradisevalleyaz.gov> Subject: Height restrictions

EXTERNAL

We live at E Cholla Drive. Our house now looks like the guard house to the house right across the street. We used to see part of Mummy Mountain but it is entirely blocked due to the extra 20 or so tons of dirt to make their view better and compliment their negative edge pool. We have been here in this neighborhood since 1972. We don't mind change but this is absurd and simply WRONG. Constance and William Marolt

Sent from my iPhone

### From: John Cotton Sent: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 10:41 AM To: Paul Mood <pmood@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Jill Keimach <JKeimach@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Hugo Vasquez <hvasquez@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Paul Michaud <pmichaud@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; George Burton <gburton@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Loras Rauch <LRauch@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Deborah Robberson <drobberson@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Andrew Miller <amiller@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Mayor Jerry Bien-Willner <jbienwillner@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Vice Mayor Julie Pace <jpace@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Council Member Ellen Andeen <eandeen@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Council Member Paul Dembow <pdembow@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Council Member Scott Moore <smoore@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Council Member Mark Stanton <mstanton@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Council Member Anna Thomasson <athomasson@paradisevalleyaz.gov> Subject: Please support Councilmember Andeen and Vice Mayor Pace

#### **EXTERNAL**

Please support Councilmember Andeen and Vice Mayor Pace in their drive to revise the town's ordinances that govern building pad heights and other similar issues.

John C. Cotton

From: nancy albert
Sent: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 4:37 PM
To: Susan Hagenah
Cc: Paul Mood pmood@paradisevalleyaz.gov
Subject: Re: from Phil and Susan Hagenah re Town Pad Heights and building heights

#### **EXTERNAL**

We and neighbors have complained about this for years during the building of the Smith house (NE corner of Ironwood and Cheney and others at that time. We were told the plans submitted did not show the rise in elevation of the land surrounding. By the time they came to check the house was built as well as landscaping done. We asked isn't someone supposed to check the houses as they being built? We were told they are way to busy to get to all the houses. I don't know that anything will change as it seems the new money/ builders money speaks better than us. I'm tired of fighting and talking to city hall as we and our neighbors have been ignored for over 20 years.

Nancy Albert Sent from my iPad

On Dec 2, 2020, at 4:14 PM, Susan Hagenah wrote:

Dear Neighbors in Paradise Valley -

We are greatly troubled by some of the raised pad heights in our Town and have been talking with the Town Council. They are aware of the concern by many residents and have turned this over to Planning and Zoning for a recommendation. If you have not seen examples of egregious violations please drive past 6207 Cholla Drive (at Cholla Place) and 5940 E. Cheney Drive. In the first case, not only the pad height of the new residence was raised, but the entire yard has had dirt added to raise it about 12' above the previous grade and road!! At the second, a home was allowed to be raised up and subsequently built to such a height that the 30+ year neighbors were despondent and have moved.

Our lovely Town needs many voices to let the Town Engineer and Council know that this is not what we want!! This goes against the years of following land contours and respect for our desert and lifestyle.

#### Please help us:

Here are many "talking points" gathered by our Town Council Vice Mayor, Julie Pace, to help us ALL to take a few minutes to email Town Engineer Paul Mood (his email address is below) about the crazy new construction going on all around us.

PLEASE ! take a few minutes to email him your concerns for these raised pad heights and the negative impacts they are having on neighbors and neighborhoods - we have an opportunity to really get some much needed attention toward solutions. WE NEED EMAILS - LOTS of them! Deadline is Dec. 7th

6pm. You only need to email Mr. Mood, or as many people as you like. Any questions, please reply. And please feel free to fwd this to other neighbors!

Thanks,

Phil and Susan Hagenah

------ Forwarded message ------From: Julie Pace <<u>Julie@scottsdaledailyphoto.com</u>>

Hi to all and please circulate this to as many people who care about the Town and would be willing to write or speak on this important issue. They can sign petitions and send in joint letters from their neighborhoods also.

Based on many discussions and resident complaints about this situation that is adversely impacting neighborhoods throughout our community, and in particular on Mummy Mountain, below are talking and writing points that you can use as you wish to submit to Town Council and Planning Commission regarding recommendations regarding applicants raising building pad heights, instead of continuing to require applicants to build into the land and follow the contour of the land.

This situation is ruining neighborhoods and causing great distress among PV residents. Everyone's comments and emails will make a difference to get the Town Council and Planning Commission to work with Town Staff to stand up and do something. Many have asked to date, but nothing has been changed and more houses are being built in a way that is making a negative impact in neighborhoods. There are several current examples of this problem. Thank you for taking the time to stand up and send in comments so your voice can be counted to Preserve Paradise Valley.

#### Deadline for Comments: 6 pm Monday December 7

You can attend the Planning Commission to watch and to speak on this important issue if you like. Just join the Zoom meeting on Tuesday, December 16 at 6 pm

Use whatever themes you want as each of your voices matters greatly. Councilmember Andeen and Vice Mayor Pace have been pushing these issues for awhile but do not have enough support to make the changes that need to be made. Please help by standing up and let's try together to get others on Council, Planning Commission, and on Town Staff to fix this problem before more damage is done.

Send your emails to the addresses below, which includes Town Manager, Town Staff, Town Council, Planning Commission and Hillside Committee Members:

pmood@paradisevalleyaz.gov jkeimach@paradisevalleyaz.gov hvasquez@paradisevalleyaz.gov pmichaud@paradisevalleyaz.gov gburton@paradisevalleyaz.gov Irauch@paradisevalleyaz.gov drobberson@paradisevalleyaz.gov amiller@paradisevalleyaz.gov jbienwillner@paradisevalleyaz.gov jpace@paradisevallevaz.gov eandeen@paradisevalleyaz.gov pdembow@paradisevalleyaz.gov smoore@paradisevalleyaz.gov mstanton@paradisevalleyaz.gov athomasson@paradisevalleyaz.gov jon@calviswyant.com adviser az@msn.com pgeorgelos@gmail.com wescov1@yahoo.com jrose@paradisevalleyaz.gov dwastchak@paradisevalleyaz.gov campbellbci@aol.com sjarson@paradisevalleyaz.gov stonn@paradisevalleyaz.gov

Points you could use in letters, emails, and comments at the meeting or use whatever you feel comfortable to submit to get attention and a resolution to this issue :

1. Please honor and stand up for the Town of Paradise Valley and take actions to preserve Paradise Valley. **Your inaction is causing harm to the Town we love.** Please do something with the role each of you play to stop raising building pad heights.

# 2. This issue regarding building pad heights and starting to allow lots to be built over 2 feet in height on slightly sloping lots or hillside lots needs to stop now.

3. Residents are regularly making complaints to the Town identifying houses that are well over 2 feet in height and up to 8 feet in height. What is the Town doing about this situation? What is the enforcement? How does the Town propose to fix the damage?

4. Town residents expect the Town Staff, Town Council, and Planning Commission to look out for the residents and the goals of the Town. Why are each of you not taking steps to address the problem when it was first raised more than two years ago. Now it is getting worse and worse and still no one who has authority is doing anything to stop the problem. This is a great disappointment.

5. Why is the Town allowing builders to raise the entire house to one level when that is not how PV was previously built? Instead, builders and architects used to follow the contours of the land. We hear staff say that applicants want to avoid stairs in a house and want the entire house one level. A personal desire to avoid stairs in a house is not enough to change decades of rules to build by following the contours of the land. This is not what PV residents agreed to

and how does Town Staff override decades of rules based on a convenience request today. What is the authority to do so? This is not allowed in the General Plan.

6. Why is the landscape area being built up higher? This is ruining neighborhoods to allow landscaped areas of the entire yard to be built up. This was never allowed and is a mistake by the Town. This is not in keeping with the Town's General Plan or the Code. Please correct the mistakes and cease allowing any further degradation of our community and open space and adverse impact to the desert environment, existing residents and their properties and views.

7. **Close any loopholes in the Town Code** if applicants are taking advantage and not honoring the Town and its General Plan.

8. Staff interpretation and Town Code has not changed so why and how is this major change in raising building heights happening? Please research and correct asap. Do not delay so we do not have even more damage done in our communities.

9. Do not allow a new change in which landscape area is being built flush with finished floor. That has not been allowed before and is not the building style or approvals allowed in Paradise Valley. How did this last house (5656 E Indian Bend) get approved with raising the entire yard for landscaping to be even with the house? The landscape in the recent house continued the elevation of the pad out over the down slope. Who allowed this new change to happen? Landscape has always been built with tiered yards and consistent with contours of the land.

10. Why are some Council members and Planning Commission members not supporting the existing residents and homes and instead letting new builds destroy neighborhoods? Please let us know who is favoring new builds that increase building pad height, as opposed to existing residents. Residents have a right to know.

# 11. Please make sure to look at Town Code and ensure the Town is regulating the elevation of the building pad and the elevation and type of construction on top of that building pad.

12. The Town should add language in the Code that the maximum height of the pad shall not exceed two feet from the natural grade or more specifically from the finished floor.

13. Evaluate whether builders doing a cut and fill on a sloping lot would allow for a level pad that could meet Town Code.

14. Examples of houses built against the Town historical rules and interpretations and that are causing great disruption in neighborhoods include but are not limited to: 5940 E Cheney, 6207 Cholla Drive (raised property 8 feet high), and 5656 E Indian Bend.

Good examples of homes built into the land and following contours of the land include 7535 N Ironwood, 7425 Ironwood, 7501 Ironwood, 6286 E Cheney, 6250 E Cheney, 6230 E Cheney, 6220 E Cheney, 6214 E Cheney and many others in our community.

15. The Town's 2012 General Plan is absolutely not being followed. There were six themes in our Town's 2012 General Plan and three of them are directly on point that each of you must follow: (1) Creating a Sense of Community, (2) Preserving Natural Open Space and (3) Improving Aesthetics and Creating a Brand.

16. The Town's 2012 General Plan identified quality of life issues as privacy, dark skies, protection against noise, valuing and preserving the desert environment, preserving open space, preserving private wash corridors, and that the Town will maintain comprehensive and an up-to-date set of ordinances and codes to ensure that development is sensitively designed and high quality. The Town failing to require applicants to build with the contours of the land and the applicants raising building heights does not meet these goals and is in violation of the Town's General Plan. Covering over the desert environment with fill dirt 8 feet high on the entire property on a downslope is a violation and should not be tolerated by any of you.

17. As a resident, I do thank each of you for serving as volunteers. We know our Town staff is hard working, but if we do not honor our Town values and resident preferences and do something right now to stop the bad direction the Town is going by allowing increases in building heights and pads and landscape heights, there is nothing left to save. Our Town is destroyed and our aesthetics and brand is gone. The uniqueness of PV is irrevocably lost. Please do something now to honor our Town values and residents' wishes. You know when you see it what is the right fit for our Town and what is not. Take action, please.

Julie Pace Dictated but not proofed. Thanks. Have a great day!

#### From: Mike Ingram

#### Sent: Thursday, December 3, 2020 10:51 AM

To: Paul Mood <pmood@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Jill Keimach <JKeimach@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Hugo Vasquez <hvasquez@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Paul Michaud <pmichaud@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; George Burton <gburton@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Loras Rauch <LRauch@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Deborah Robberson <drobberson@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Andrew Miller <amiller@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Mayor Jerry Bien-Willner <jbienwillner@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Vice Mayor Julie Pace <jpace@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Council Member Ellen Andeen <eandeen@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Council Member Paul Dembow <pdembow@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Council Member Scott Moore <smoore@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Council Member Mark Stanton <mstanton@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Council Member Anna Thomasson <a href="color: blue"><a href="color: blue">color: blue</a> Council Member Anna Thomasson <a href="color:blue">color: blue</a> Council Member Anna Council Member Anna Anna Council Member Anna Anna Anna Anna Jonathan Wainwright <jon@calviswyant.com>; adviser\_az@msn.com; Planning Commissioner Pamela Georgelos <pgeorgelos@gmail.com>; Planning Commissioner Charles Covington <wescov1@yahoo.com>; Planning Commissioner Jim Rose <JRose@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Planning Commissioner Daran Wastchak <dwastchak@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Planning Commissioner Campbell <campbellbci@aol.com>; Hillside Committee Member Scott Jarson <sjarson@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Hillside Committee Member Scott Tonn <stonn@paradisevalleyaz.gov> Subject: PV Town Pad Heights and Building Heights

#### **EXTERNAL**

To Whom It May Concern,

While I understand some of my neighbors are concerned about current new home construction in our neighborhood, my suggestion is for everyone to chill out, take a deep breath, and let's wait and see what the project looks like when finished. It might actually raise the values for all our properties in the neighborhood.

Mike Ingram E. Cholla Drive Paradise Valley, AZ 85253 From: Peggy Schultz Sent: Friday, December 4, 2020 1:23 PM To: Paul Mood <pmood@paradisevalleyaz.gov> Subject: Paradise Valley home pads

EXTERNAL

Hello Mr. Mood,

We are writing to express our dismay with current building practices in Paradise Valley. We own a home on **E**. Cholla Drive and have noticed several new construction projects that are raising the building site pads much higher than permitted by zoning as well as raising the surrounding landscaping. Such practices violate the nature of the landscape and this unique community.

We thank you for your service and for listening to our concerns.

Sincerely,

Peg & Dave Schultz

From: Hope Ozer
Sent: Sunday, December 6, 2020 7:59 PM
To: Paul Mood <pmood@paradisevalleyaz.gov>
Cc: Vice Mayor Julie Pace <jpace@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Council Member Ellen Andeen
<eandeen@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Phil Hagenah
Subject: Building Pad Heights

#### **EXTERNAL**

Dear Paul,

I am writing to you as a citizen of the Town and not in my official capacity as a member of the TPV Board of Adjustment.

I understand that there is some confusion/conflict related to building pad heights on properties that have recently been built on slightly sloping lots that are not considered hillside as such, and thus not governed by hillside code. I certainly understand the concern of the neighbors of the properties that are impacted by those homes being built on higher pads. I also recognize the desire for the owners of those properties being built to desire the most optimal positioning of their homes.

To mitigate these issues going forward, one option might be to reclassify properties on slightly sloping lots as hillside. Or create a new designation with appropriate criteria for properties on slightly sloping lots. This will be an ongoing challenge unless specified prior to additional redevelopment of these properties.

Thanks for your consideration!

Warm regards, Hope H. Ozer N Kober Road Paradise Valley, AZ 85253 A. G. ATWATER, JR.

For the kenefat of our Community as well as all property ourors building height code restriction? must apply to all construction and renovation projects. Roof heights must be enforced and calculated from grade level of the land not an arliferrial, man made level, nor from the highest point of an induidual property

A. G. ATWATER, JR.

DEAR MR. MOOD-

BOTH DOMNA (MY WIFE) AND I AGREE THAT RAISING BUILDING PAD HEIGHTS, INSTERD OF CONTINUING TO REQUIRE APPLICANTS TO BUILD INTO THE LAND AND FOLLOW THE CONTOUR OF THE LAND IS UNACCEDTABLE. IF ALLOWED TO CONTINUE IT WILL ANVERSELY INAKCT ALL NEIGHBORBOOKS THE TIME TO STOP THIS PROCESS 15 NOW, BEFORE DOING MORE DAMAGE TO PU NEISH BORHOODS.

> MY WIFE'S COMMENTS ARE NEXT,

> > THANK YOU.

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Atwater N. Desert Fairways Drive Paradise Valley, AZ 85253 MR, PAUL MOOD PV TOWN ENGINEER

#### From: Pamela Hollenbeck

#### Sent: Sunday, December 6, 2020 8:01 PM

To: Paul Mood <pmood@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Jill Keimach <JKeimach@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Hugo Vasquez <hvasquez@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Paul Michaud <pmichaud@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; George Burton <gburton@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Loras Rauch <LRauch@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Deborah Robberson <drobberson@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Andrew Miller <amiller@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Mayor Jerry Bien-Willner <jbienwillner@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Vice Mayor Julie Pace <jpace@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Council Member Ellen Andeen <eandeen@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Council Member Paul Dembow <pdembow@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Council Member Scott Moore <smoore@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Council Member Mark Stanton <mstanton@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Council Member Anna Thomasson <a href="color: blue"><a href="color: blue">color: blue</a> Council Member Anna Thomasson <a href="color:blue">color: blue</a> Council Member Anna Council Member Anna Anna Council Member Anna Anna Anna Anna Jonathan Wainwright <jon@calviswyant.com>; adviser\_az@msn.com; Planning Commissioner Pamela Georgelos <pgeorgelos@gmail.com>; Planning Commissioner Charles Covington <wescov1@yahoo.com>; Planning Commissioner Jim Rose <JRose@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Planning Commissioner Daran Wastchak <dwastchak@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Planning Commissioner Campbell <campbellbci@aol.com>; Hillside Committee Member Scott Jarson <sjarson@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Hillside Committee Member Scott Tonn <stonn@paradisevalleyaz.gov> Subject: Building pad build-up

#### EXTERNAL

I understand that the town council will be discussing this topic. This problem has been distressing me for sometime. Just in our neighborhood we have had several new builds that have been way built up as well as the building pad built out so that they loom over the house below them as well as stick out like sore thumbs on the mountain sides. This is ruining the views for all Paradise residents not only those who live above or below these structures.

The first picture in a new house in our cul de sac that is so large and high it covers the whole lot and looms over the house below which used to be the Lincoln's . David and Joan ( who was a former PV mayor and member of the Hillside committee) were long time PV residents. They would have been horrified to have this house looming over their back yard. I think the square footage should be limited. If people want 10,000 or 20,000 Sq. Ft then they should have 2 or 3 acres.

The next picture is the real atrocity on 57th pl. and Indian Bend. Mr. Vasquez told me this pad was not built up which I find hard to believe because as you can see in the picture the original driveway is still the and way below the house. On top of that tons of fill dirt was hauled up there to build the pad out toward the street which ended up so steep that when it rained last winter the dirt all washed down on to the street. Dump truck after dump truck were lined up for days hauling dirt up there. This house is an absolute disgrace and should be torn down.

This has been going on for sometime. The pad for the house on the SW corner of Ind. Bend and 62nd St. was built up about 20 or 30 feet.

I assume there are rules and regulations for hillside building. If this is the way they are being followed they definitely need to be reconsidered and rewritten.

Thank you,

Pamela Hollenbeck







From: BERNARD FRANCOIS
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 3:11 PM
To: Paul Mood <pmood@paradisevalleyaz.gov>
Cc: Melinda Moss Francois
Subject: Demand that Building Pad Heights Not Be Raised and Homes Should be Built Into the Land

#### **EXTERNAL**

Dear Mr Mood

Why is the Town of Paradise Valley allowing builders to raise the entire house to one level which has not been the practice in the past ? Instead builders and architects use to follow the contours of the land. This is not in accordance with the General Plan.

Please preserve and protect the casual desert character of our community we all love so much.

Thank you very much to your attention to this matter

Bernard and Melinda Francois

East Palo Verde Place Paradise Valley AZ 85253 From: Phil Hagenah
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 5:32 PM
To: Paul Mood <pmood@paradisevalleyaz.gov>
Cc: Mayor Jerry Bien-Willner <jbienwillner@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Council Member Ellen Andeen
<eandeen@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Vice Mayor Julie Pace <jpace@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Council
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Michaud <pmichaud@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; George Burton <gburton@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Phil
Hagenah Hagenah

Subject: Fwd: Something has changed, and it's wrong...

#### **EXTERNAL**

Dear Mr. Mood,

Many years ago, I've been told (and I think it was Jon Wainwright), our Town Manager Bill Mead, in search of a solution, drove around our town and determined which homes should be designated "hillside", and which ones were "NOT".

Unfortunately, there was no designation for neighborhoods that are, clearly, in between. There lies the current problem being addressed by many residents. We are looking forward to solutions regarding pad heights and drainage in new construction.

Susan and I have been looking around our immediate neighborhood, and observed something troubling. Many of the newer homes along Ironwood and Cheney have been built INTO the land - directly opposed to two very new homes that have now been built UP. Higher. A lot higher.

I thought I would ask a builder: WHAT HAS CHANGED?

Last year, our entire neighborhood was appalled at what happened at 5940 E. Cheney Dr. (TOPV study session 1/23/2020 agenda item 20-045). Sadly, the neighbors directly west of this new home have put their home of about 25 years up for sale, as their beautiful vistas have been destroyed. That is WRONG. Then, just a few months ago, the Cholla Dr. "landing strip", 6207 Cholla Dr. or "Cholla Dr. Mesa", as the neighborhood refers to this giant pile of dirt - raising the natural land by at least 8 ft. So, looking around, we noticed so many of the newer homes in this neighborhood were built INTO the land - NOT UP.

GOOD examples include 7535 N. Ironwood, also 7425 Ironwood and 7501 Ironwood. also, 6286 E. Cheney Dr. 6250 Cheney Dr., 6230 E. Cheney Dr. and 6220 E. Cheney Dr. some of these homes now look directly into the previously mentioned mound of dirt at 6207 Cholla Dr.

As this problem proceeds through Planning Commission, and on to Council, please search for solutions. The simplist one would be to lower building heights on areas that should be classified as "gently sloping" Who came up with building heights of max. 24 feet? If the town can legislate" you cannot paint your hillside home pink", you can certainly help bring sensible building practises to the neighborhoods being affected. Furthermore, "flatland" is also being affected by these pad heights.

We realize Planning Commish. and Council members have a life outside your volunteer commiments. We thank you for your time and sevice to our wonderful Town.

Phil Hagenah E. Cholla Place TOPV From: Susan Hagenah Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 2:35 PM To: Paul Mood <pmood@paradisevalleyaz.gov> Cc: Mayor Jerry Bien-Willner <jbienwillner@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Council Member Paul Dembow <pdembow@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Council Member Ellen Andeen <eandeen@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Vice Mayor Julie Pace <jpace@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Council Member Scott Moore <smoore@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Council Member Mark Stanton <mstanton@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Council Member Anna Thomasson <athomasson@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Planning Commissioner Jonathan Wainwright <jon@calviswyant.com> Subject: Pad Heights, TPV

EXTERNAL

Dear Mr. Mood,

My husband and I have lived in Paradise Valley for over 25 years ~ in the same home on a sloping 2+acre lot. Our neighborhood is on the West slope of Mummy Mountain ~ not quite elevated enough to have been designated as "Hillside" but with incredible mountain views to the East nonetheless. We have two large natural washes on either side of our property and over these past years have observed many deluges, droughts, 100 and 500 year rains. Our property was adversely impacted soon after we built by the enormous home built next door to the West. It is over 10,000' and rises well over 30' high on the East end.

Our driveway was washed out many times as a result of the new water flow so we have spent much time and money to protect our drive, home, and landscaping.

It is with great concern that we are now watching a huge pile of dirt under and East of the new home being built at 6207 Cholla Drive. This dirt pile slopes down to the Intersection of Cholla Drive and Cholla Place.

In the past 25 years we never had a drainage problem from the previous home on the property as their yard and landscaping followed the natural slope down toward the East. This pad height is going to create terrible

problems for the neighbors to the East and Northeast because they are all LOWER than the streets (see Ironwood Drive homes on East side). Please do not allow this pad height and others like it to negatively impact neighbors, neighborhoods and our Town's natural desert.

You are supposed to protect our desert and natural washes for the beauty as well as the natural drainage of water. This home and others like it (5940 E. Cheney Dr.) are creating terrible stormwater drainage problems which can only be addressed by YOU and the Town of Paradise Valley.

Please, if you can possibly drive past this area you will see our concerns and hopefully all make the necessary changes/adjustments to pad heights. Please protect our Town's unique character!!!!

Thank you, Susan Hagenah E. Cholla Place PV From: Molly Livak
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 1:48 PM
To: Paul Mood <pmood@paradisevalleyaz.gov>
Subject: Stop raising building pads

#### EXTERNAL

Good Afternoon,

Please honor and stand up for the Town of Paradise Valley and take actions to preserve Paradise Valley. Your inaction is causing harm to the Town we love. Please do something with the role each of you play to stop raising building pad heights.

Thank you, Molly Livak N Shadow Mountain Road

Sent from my iPhone

#### From: taber@taberanderson.com

Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 1:05 PM

To: Paul Mood <pmood@paradisevalleyaz.gov>

Cc: Kimberly Anderson; Jill Keimach <JKeimach@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Hugo Vasquez <hvasquez@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Paul Michaud <pmichaud@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; George Burton <gburton@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Loras Rauch <LRauch@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Deborah Robberson <drobberson@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Andrew Miller <amiller@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Mayor Jerry Bien-Willner <jbienwillner@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Vice Mayor Julie Pace <jpace@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Council Member Ellen Andeen <eandeen@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Council Member Paul Dembow <pdembow@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Council Member Scott Moore <smoore@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Council Member Mark Stanton <mstanton@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Council Member Anna Thomasson <athomasson@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Planning Commissioner Jonathan Wainwright <jon@calviswyant.com>; adviser\_az@msn.com; Planning Commissioner Pamela Georgelos <pgeorgelos@gmail.com>; Planning Commissioner Charles Covington <wescov1@yahoo.com>; Planning Commissioner Jim Rose <JRose@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Planning Commissioner Daran Wastchak <dwastchak@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Planning Commissioner Campbell <campbellbci@aol.com>; Hillside Committee Member Scott Jarson <sjarson@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Hillside Committee Member Scott Tonn <stonn@paradisevalleyaz.gov> Subject: Re: Building Pad Heights

#### **EXTERNAL**

Dear Mr. Mood, Town Council Members and Representatives,

I'm aware you are likely receiving numerous requests about this topic.

As a suggestion, as was the process in the past, anyone wishing to construct or reconstruct a home on a homesite in Paradise Valley should be REQUIRED by the Town to first submit an "As-Is" topographical plan prior to receiving any Demolition, Grading and or Building Permits of any kind.

The Town's engineering department should then compare the topographical plan submitted to the historic topographical information already possessed by the Town. If an applicant is found to have manipulated the grades on the homesite (as if often done during the "Demolition Phase" of a preexisting home or portions thereof then the Applicant should be required to restore the previously existing and approved grades and potentially be fined and have the application for new grading and building permits denied until full compliance has been completed and approved by the Town's building inspectors.

A way to potentially prevent grade manipulation during the Demolition phase is to require the Applicant to submit a plan that includes spot elevations (above sea level) of all primary rooms and garages of the existing home (in the case of a requested renovation or tear down) certified by a Registered Land Surveyor acceptable to the Town's engineering department.

I respectfully request that you protect our town building guidelines and reject efforts to allow the building up of pad heights beyond natural grade in our community. For years, our town has preserved a feeling of openness, space and a natural assimilation with the land, which has until recently been protected by the 2012 General Plan. I urge you now to safeguard the aesthetic of our community by denying further misinterpretation of town guidelines.

Like many PV residents, we have lived here for years and wish to preserve our beautiful community. We thank you for your efforts in keeping our town the charming, unique hamlet it has always been.

Kind regards,

Kim Anderson

#### From: Kimberly Anderson

Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 11:11 AM

To: Paul Mood <pmood@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Jill Keimach <JKeimach@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Hugo Vasquez <hvasquez@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Paul Michaud <pmichaud@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; George Burton <gburton@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Loras Rauch <LRauch@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Deborah Robberson <drobberson@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Andrew Miller <amiller@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Mayor Jerry Bien-Willner <jbienwillner@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Vice Mayor Julie Pace <jpace@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Council Member Ellen Andeen <eandeen@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Council Member Paul Dembow <pdembow@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Council Member Scott Moore <smoore@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Council Member Mark Stanton <mstanton@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Council Member Anna Thomasson <a href="color: blue"><a href="color: blue">color: blue</a> Council Member Anna Thomasson <a href="color:blue">color: blue</a> Council Member Anna Council Member Anna Anna Council Member Anna Anna Anna Anna Jonathan Wainwright <jon@calviswyant.com>; adviser\_az@msn.com; Planning Commissioner Pamela Georgelos <pgeorgelos@gmail.com>; Planning Commissioner Charles Covington <wescov1@yahoo.com>; Planning Commissioner Jim Rose <JRose@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Planning Commissioner Daran Wastchak <dwastchak@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Planning Commissioner Campbell <campbellbci@aol.com>; Hillside Committee Member Scott Jarson <sjarson@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Hillside Committee Member Scott Tonn <stonn@paradisevalleyaz.gov> Subject: Building Pad Heights

#### **EXTERNAL**

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Kind regards,

Kim Anderson

#### From: dyan Getz

Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 11:03 AM

To: Paul Mood <pmood@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Jill Keimach <JKeimach@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Hugo Vasquez <hvasquez@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Paul Michaud <pmichaud@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; George Burton <gburton@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Loras Rauch <LRauch@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Deborah Robberson <drobberson@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Andrew Miller <amiller@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Mayor Jerry Bien-Willner <jbienwillner@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Vice Mayor Julie Pace <ipace@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Council Member Ellen Andeen <eandeen@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Council Member Paul Dembow <pdembow@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Council Member Scott Moore <smoore@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Council Member Mark Stanton <mstanton@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Council Member Anna Thomasson <a href="color: blue"><a href="color: blue">color: blue</a> Council Member Anna Thomasson <a href="color:blue">color: blue</a> Council Member Anna Council Member Anna Anna Council Member Anna Anna Anna Anna Jonathan Wainwright <jon@calviswyant.com>; adviser az@msn.com; Planning Commissioner Pamela Georgelos <pgeorgelos@gmail.com>; Planning Commissioner Charles Covington <wescov1@yahoo.com>; Planning Commissioner Jim Rose <JRose@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Planning Commissioner Daran Wastchak <dwastchak@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Planning Commissioner Campbell <campbellbci@aol.com>; Hillside Committee Member Scott Jarson <sjarson@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Hillside Committee Member Scott Tonn <stonn@paradisevalleyaz.gov> Subject: Raising Build Pads

#### **EXTERNAL**

In the last couple of years I have watched builders bring in dirt to raise pads for homesites. This has happened on two lots in my neighborhood. The one currently being built on my street, Palo Verde Place and Mummy Mountain, is massive and the elevations are ridiculous. I trust that town approves and follows the guidelines set by council, but this project on Mummy Mtn and Palo Verde is way off course. It's very unfortunate. This home will obstruct others views. My husband and I played by the rules when we built our home. We agreed to building limitations because we wanted to PRESERVE Paradise Valley. We LOVE Paradise Valley for the views, the dark streets and skies, and its respect of the desert. When did this philosophy begin to change and why?

Please do NOT allow building pads to be raised.

Dyan Getz East Palo Verde Place From: Phyllis Peshkin
Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 11:12 AM
To: Paul Mood <pmood@paradisevalleyaz.gov>
Cc: Jill Keimach <JKeimach@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Planning Commissioner Jonathan Wainwright
<jon@calviswyant.com>
Subject: Attachment for packet Planing Commission Review of Building Pad Height
Importance: High

#### **EXTERNAL**

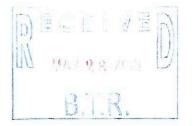
Hi Paul,

I know during the last review, Sept.15th, the Commissioners were interested in other engineer's comments. I know you have Mr. Marmon's (P.E.) signed and sealed review which he submitted to BTR as he was on the Enforcement Action Committee as an assessor. I am sending it again for you to <u>include</u> <u>it in the packet</u> that was due yesterday. I am trying to participate with factual and requested information that will help in the discussion resulting in improvements during the pre-approval, approval, and on-site inspection phase of both re-development (former homes demolished) and new development. With the re-development projects there is a history which should be considered. We must protect our residents and it will ultimately make your life easier !

Thank you, Phyllis

March 23, 2019 9087 E. Sahuaro Drive Scottsdale, AZ 85260

Sent by mail and e-mail State of Arizona Board of Technical Registration 1110 W. Washington St. Phoenix, Arizona 85007



Attn: Mr. Shawn Thacker, Investigator

Re: P19-037, Steven Bargeloh, P.E. No. 47507 (Civil) Grading and Drainage Project: Site Grading and Drainage at 8600 N. Avenida Del Sol, Paradise Valley, AZ

Dear Mr. Thacker

As requested, I have reviewed the documents provided to me by the Board of Technical Registration (BTR). The documents included:

- The Complaint Form
- The Allegations included in case P19-037
- The Alleger's Documents
- The Respondent's letter and Documents
- Supplementary Documents submitted at the Assessor's Request

It is alleged by the neighbor residing at 5421 E. Via Buena Vista, Mrs. Phyllis Peskin, that the Respondent's grading and drainage design plan for the property at 8600 N. Avenida Del Sol fell below the standard of care for Professional Engineers and did not consider the adverse impact on the existing adjacent property of the Alleger. This possible violation of the Board's Practice act is: The Respondent may have failed to apply the appropriate technical knowledge and skill in the practice of a Board regulated profession.

The site plan used in this review is titled: "Site Grading and Drainage Plan, 8600 North Aventine Del Sol" and dated 2-1-13.

The following is my review of the allegations by Peskin's with the information at hand. I do not know any of the participants in this case or other specifics about it. I have made the following observations regarding the submitted site plans, calculations and other documentation.

**Determination of the 100-year floodplain**. Several issues are apparent when reviewing cross section 3-3 on the site plan. The accurate determination of the proposed floor slab by calculating the 100-year elevation is the single most important driving force in establishing the floor slab elevation of the proposed house and site grades. There is a note on the cross section which says "Limits of topographic survey channel bank assumed vertical to yield smallest channel area". The note indicates that an artificially small area was used in the Manning's equation calculation. Why would the respondent do this? It makes the 100-year flood plain higher than necessary makes the floor slab higher and consequently requires more fill on the site. If there was insufficient data to complete the cross-section, than additional survey should have been performed.

The respondent's single Manning Equation submitted to the City in 2013 in the supplementary review package by the respondent presumes that many iterations were done adjusting the area and wetted perimeter to yield a cross section which handles the design flood, which is OK. This information is not submitted to the City or to the Board for review.

These questions lead the assessor to believe that the 100-year flood plain was not calculated correctly.

**Retention Calculations.** The existing site weighted run-off coefficient, C is calculated on the site plan to be 0.55 based on the pre-development conditions. In the Site Data section on the site plan size of the new house is shown to be three times the existing home, and the retention calculations indicate a the total impervious area increased 2 and one-half times, yet the post development run-off coefficient increased only 1%. This result could not be possible.

The assessor could not see desert landscaping (with impervious underlayment) on the predevelopment photos of the previous house at 8600. In the Paradise Valley Storm Drainage Design Ordinance 537 which the respondent refers to indicates that the runoff coefficient for a townhouse development would be 0.55. This is clearly not the case in the pre-existing condition.

This reviewer does not see how the respondent's pre-development run-off coefficient is accurate. The previously mentioned Ordinance 537 assigns a runoff coefficient of 0.45 to existing residential development which is closer to the truth. The result of having the very high pre-existing runoff coefficient is that insufficient volume is calculated and designed for the on-site storm water management on the site.

**Site pre- and post- development grading.** The photos of the pre-development site show bare earth with a flat roofed dwelling. The existing topography and the photos indicate the grades on the existing site are gentler than the proposed grading for the new home. These conditions lend themselves to a long time of concentration for the existing conditions. In other words any rainfall falling on the existing 8600 site did not runoff quickly. The proposed grading for the new 8600 site show a pitched roof house directing a part of the roof to the cul-de-sac and much steeper grades along the front. These conditions result in a much faster time of concentration, meaning that rainfall falling on the existing conditions. Faster time of concentration increases the rainfall intensity in the runoff calculations. All this means is that the proposed grading directed more water more quickly to Avenida than existing conditions.

**The 2013 Flooding Event.** The flooding event which occurred during the construction of 8600 should have raised red flags with the respondent that something was amiss. Instead he blames the alleger for causing the incident. The problem should have been reviewed on the spot, the cause identified, and a cure developed while construction was in progress.

There is conflicting statements in the material regarding pre-development flooding of the alleger's residence and that will not be addressed here.

The respondent frequently refers to using available information while performing this project. I concur that the respondent knew where to obtain information in the design manuals at the time. However what appears to be lacking is the proper application of the information during design. The flood plain, grading and storm water management calculations were not performed properly, and the 2013 flooding incident was ignored.

I conclude that Mr. Bargeloh did not apply the technical knowledge and skill that would be applied by other qualified registrants who practice the same profession in the same time. This was a direct contributor to the flooding experienced by the alleger's.

I recommend that this case be forwarded to the Enforcement Advisory Committee for consideration. I also recommend that the respondent be required to take accredited courses in flood plain and storm water management design.

Thank you for this opportunity to be of service to the Board of Technical Registration. Please feel free to contact me regarding this.

Sincerely,

anna

Robert H. Marmon, P.E. AZ PE #45921 Expires: 3/31/2022



-----Original Message-----From: Phyllis Peshkin < Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 2:48 PM To: Paul Mood <pmood@paradisevalleyaz.gov> Cc: Mayor Jerry Bien-Willner <jbienwillner@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Jill Keimach <JKeimach@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Planning Commissioner Jonathan Wainwright <jon@calviswyant.com>; Hagenah Phil <

Subject: Attachments for packet re: Joint Mtg., Building Pad Height Discussion, Jan. 21st Thank you Importance: High

EXTERNAL

Mr. Mood,

Please include the following 3 attachments in the packet for the January 21st, 6 PM Special Joint Town Council/Planning Commission meeting of the Building Pad Height Discussion. Since you are the lead contact, I think it would be beneficial if both Mr. Brent Skoglund and Mr. Bob Lee are included since they have personal experience and are familiar with actual historical changes in Town construction/topography on "Flatland" Properties-my concern, and "Sloping" Properties (which are not considered Hillside). Just a suggestion.

Thank you for your continuous support and professional engineering guidance on this crucial ongoing subject which affects us all.

Sincerely, Phyllis Peshkin Various staff statements from emails obtained via a February, 2019 Public Records Request regarding the adverse impact to our existing adjacent property. Created by a re-developed property which included significant elevation in a FLATLAND subdivision. Town has cited no code violations which was used to support over a million dollar lawsuit threat against us by former owner.

(8/5/2016) "... As I started this letter, I am clear this has been a contentious issue for your neighbor since before you moved in. I re-affirm that I believe your house was constructed in accordance with Town requirements. I am not looking to place the Town in the middle of any civil disputes nor drag you into a new one ..."

(8/9/2016) "... historically it was more of a sheet flow through there and not a defined wash. The pad development for 8600 changed that. Regardless the street cul-de-sac has always drained there. I'm trying to stay away from blaming the 8600 engineer from not accounting for the drainage. You cannot engineer flows into the street when the street is draining back towards the lot."

"... when new property owners reroute historic flows and the Town accepts those designs so long as they meet the other requirements of the code. Even if you assume that to be correct and the Town accepts the new redirected flows into the street then the Town is responsible that the flow does not create flooding for neighboring property. That sounds like it opens the Town up to liability. That flow which prior to the new house flowed between the two lots as a more spread out sheet flow. Today because of the pad and grading that same flow has concentrated ...."

(10/26/2017) "... the answer is that no (as in zero) new homes in any area of town have "directed" the storm runoff into the street. Each and every new home has onsite retention, including the one next to her."

[see attachment with blue arrows showing approved new stormwater flow directed to street]

(08/02/2016) "... Richard does the inspection in conjunction with the final building inspection. He doesn't look at landscape but does look at the size and depth and location of the retention basins. He also looks at other things like the driveway and such but the main thing is the onsite retention."

"... Richard reviews that design to verify that the calculations to determine the amount of retention are accurate. He looks at the plan to verify that the rainwater can actually get into those basins. So while the Town doesn't have the liability for the design, we do verify that it works." "... He then goes out at the end and verifies that the actual grading matches the approved plans"

[Plan shows a circular driveway with a <6% grade but actual driveway is a straight driveway with an 11% slope. Retention calculation coefficient wrong. Placement & size of retention basins ineffective]

## (08/23/2016) Document begins: "It is recommended that the Town seriously consider backing away from this situation for the following reasons: (10 items including:)

10. b.The Town issued a permit for the new residence which is immediately adjacent to a wash and included significant filling of the site without fully understanding the then existing situation with respect to: i. The capacity of Cherokee Wash to convey flows to protect finished floors during a 100-year event. ii. The impact that significant filling of the yard to raise the house pad would have on the capacity of the overbank area to continue to convey flows. c. Town review of the grading plan did not identify the imbalance of the retention basins with respect to the subareas they serve."

\* updated 05/25/2017: 1997 study says Cherokee Wash channel is evaluated as a 2-year capacity.

(09/10/2018) "... Can I get a letter drafted on Town of Paradise Valley letterhead indicating that our property is not in Code Violation? " (from former owners to senior staff)

Contact me and I will share emails in their entirety which are also available to you via TPV Public Records. Please drive through my neighborhood to understand our challenge. We have a wonderful new family for neighbors and must respect their privacy. Thank you for your service to our Town.

There are many negative consequences that occur when an adjacent property's pad height is elevated. The damage is exaggerated when the **surrounding area is** *not* **considered**. My experience involved a **FLATLAND** re-development property (former home built in 1975, neighborhood developed 1973-1976) **SPEC HOME** by **developer**. No neighbor. No history of stormwater problems.

Contacted Town Staff, (Mr. Lee), Feb. 2013 alerting truckloads of fill being delivered. Continuous contact during 12 months of construction including staff visit following 1st stormwater flooding event-7/2013, yet no action by Town against the construction team to protect us. FEMA visited our property 8/2013, confirmed we are not in a SFHA, this is a <u>stormwater problem to be addressed by *local jurisdiction*.</u> Advised us due to the FEMA definition of a Flood, (2 acres or 2 properties), an <u>NFIP *CLAIM*</u> would be <u>DENIED</u>. Second stormwater flood occurred Sept. 2014.

Some consequences of an elevated pad I experienced include:

Threatened Law Suit <u>against us</u> by 1st owner for over a million dollars claiming: no Town code or ordinance violations & they had not been in any "collaborative discussion" [with TPV or us]

Redirecting the historical stormwater flow

Sending to <u>STREET</u>: Stormwater from front pitched roof, driveway and front area of property No accommodation on street to accept this new runoff, formerly retained on-site

Changing the "flow type" from sheeting to concentrated (more damaging)

Reducing the time for pervious area to percolate runoff into the soil (elevation increases speed of flow) Adding stormwater <u>volume</u> (home is larger and elevated creating more impervious area = more runoff) Increasing <u>velocity</u> due to elevation creating steeper inclines, example driveway >11%

Eliminating a portion of the overbank <u>area adjacent to wash</u> that would be used to convey flows thus <u>diverting flows to other areas</u>

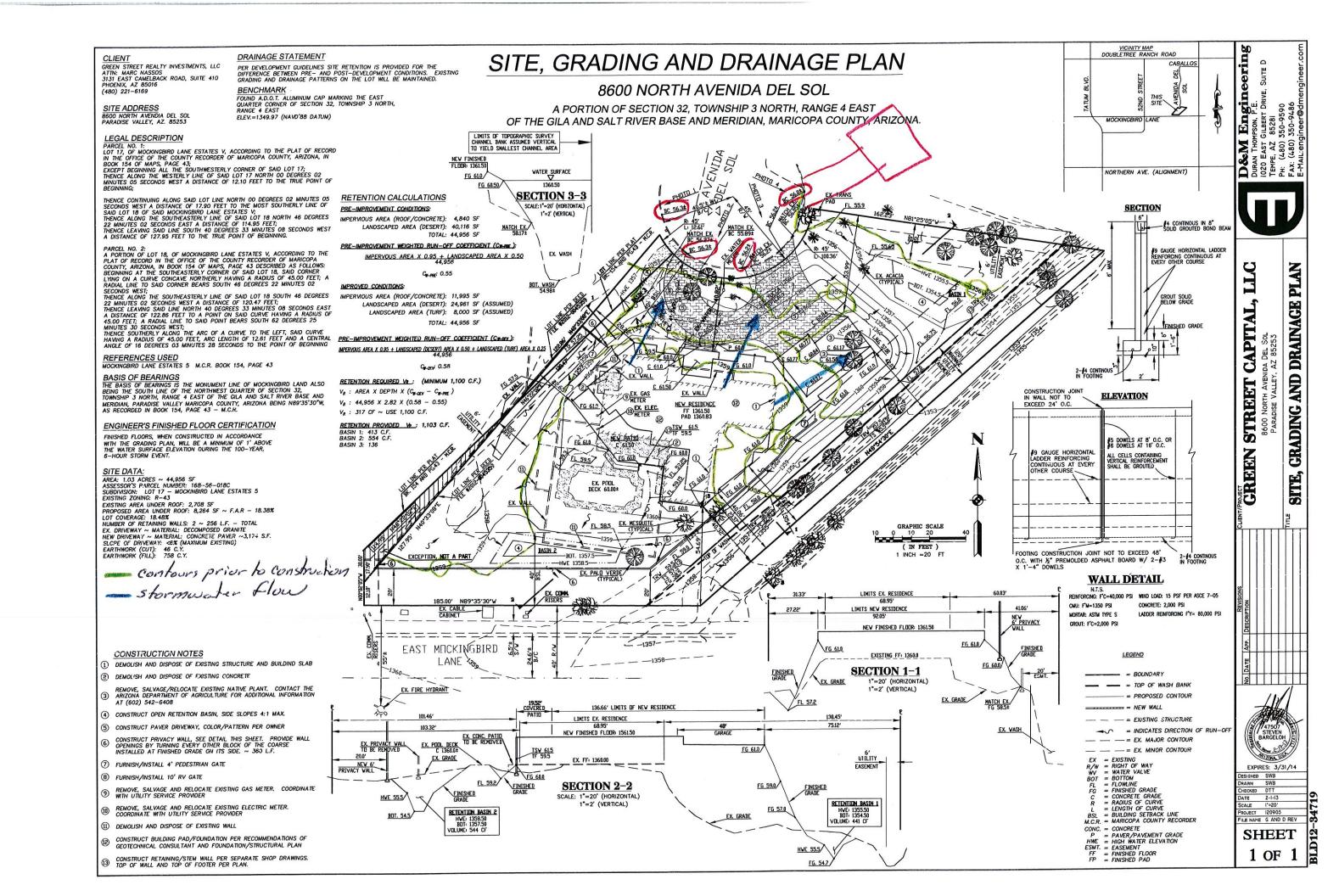
Creating new topography in previous areas which accepted runoff that were flat and now are sloped. Aiming concentrated runoff to utilities, specifically APS transformer and PUE Not placing retention measures in areas of faster/new runoff due to elevation & not sized accurately

No consideration of harmful consequences when demolishing walls constructed to protect against overflow of wash, specifically a property elevated adjacent to a natural wash Requiring monsoon protection of adjacent properties <u>during</u> monsoon season construction

ADEQ's SWPPP would add accountability however TPV has no record of SWPPP for this property

My participation in this critical review is to prevent other residents from an emotionally exhausting, financially burdensome, and noncooperative experience. Apparently I am not alone from reading the various resident responses. My hope is that with every failure is a lesson. I would like to know **what I did wrong** in my efforts to preserve my quality of life. I disagree with former staff who cautioned the 1st owner in a letter about a civil dispute. I believe that the *licensed professionals who create/construct the defective design/property are liable* but it is the Town's responsibility to enforce building codes promptly during the planning, inspection, or research (after listening to residents) phase. The State Board of Technical Registration ("BTR") which licenses various professionals does hold their members accountable to protect the public. After a thorough objective investigation of our complaint as allegers which included an interview with the respondent (engineer), BTR unanimously agreed that his design created an adverse impact on our adjacent property. Please read our case for their professional enlightenment. There is a disconnect and I am encouraged that with the commitment of both the Town Council and the Planning Commission, it can be resolved. Regretfully I was restricted from interacting with Town staff beginning Oct. 2017, then restricted from interacting with Town Council beginning Sept. 2018. That is why I am using this as my platform to be a productive voice.

We have a wonderful family as our new neighbor and we must respect their privacy. <u>Protection of the</u> <u>Surrounding Area with Proactive Enforcement of Town Codes</u> is imperative. Thank you for the opportunity to participate and I am available for further explanations. Thank you for your dedication to TPV.



From: Rod Cullum
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 8:14 AM
To: Paul Mood <pmood@paradisevalleyaz.gov>
Cc: Vivian Ayala; P Drewett;, David Dick Architect; Nick Prodanov, PE, PMP; Fred Fleet; Brad Cullum;
Greg Hunt; frontoffice@gmhuntbuilders.com; Chris Martinez <CMartinez@paradisevalleyaz.gov>; Paul
Michaud <pmichaud@paradisevalleyaz.gov>
Subject: Re: Town of Paradise Valley - Building Pad Height Discussion & Request for Development
Community Comments

### **EXTERNAL**

Paul

After review our team would make the following recommendation

Keep the 24ft height restriction from the LPNG This is the real control on cut and fill.

Add a stipulation that only 2 ft of exposed fill can be seen above natural grade outside of the building footprint. This would require the design to incorporate retaining walls and tall stem walls to help balance the home on the lot.

Do not allow more than two feet of grade change outside of a newly to be defined building or disturbed area envelope and no grade change at property line unless for drainage. This would eliminate the neighbor to neighbor issues that are currently being created.

Preliminary ideas for what we hear the concerns are.

Hope this helps Rod From: Vivian Ayala
Sent: Sunday, December 6, 2020 6:59 PM
To: Paul Mood <pmood@paradisevalleyaz.gov>
Cc: Greg Hunt; Nick Prodanov; Chris Martinez <CMartinez@paradisevalleyaz.gov>
Subject: Re: Town of Paradise Valley - Building Pad Height Discussion & Request for Development Community Comments

#### **EXTERNAL**

Good evening Paul,

Hope this email finds you well! Greg, Nick and I met to discuss these items and we just have few comments for considerations. I organize the items in different format on the items I had an opinion of.

Greg & Nick, please chime in if any additional thoughts or clarifications to my following comments:

- Building Pad height & FFE: The Town of PV height regulations are the most restrictive in comparison to other municipalities, between the max. Height of 24ft plus the open space criteria. If a higher FFE or Pad is desired by the Homeowner on their specific lot, therefore it is their decision to get lower ceilings and lower roof line. Neighbors' views are already protected via the Open Space Criteria and the max overall height allowed. I don't think there should be a limitation.
- FFE height & Impacts to drainage: see my comment above in regards to Pad heights. The major concern and most important from a liability stand point, we want to avoid potential risks with drainage or flood issues, if the FFE is set too low. The FFE set should be determine in a case by case scenario depending on lot location, slope, etc.
- Overall Height Calculations: Is there a consideration to eliminate the Lowest Natural Grade as part of the height restriction and limit the height to a rolling plan above natural grade at 24 ft. For max height?
- Building pad heights outside of building (setback area): avoid fill against existing property line walls.
- Finished floor elevation requirements: should be done when pad is built and before concrete is poured.
- Building height elevation requirements: still at framing as currently is.
- Feedback from residents and development community: if all the requirements are met, there should be no input from neighbor's or development community (*this is what the variance process is in place, for those that need exceptions to the requirements*). Adding an extra step for neighbor's input, will only slow down the process, just like the current Hillside process.

Overall, we feel that the Town of PV's rule are restricting enough, protect the neighbor's views the most, and therefore against any additional restrictions.

Although this item was not included on the list below, and may need to be discuss with the Building Department, we also want to bring up the valuation determination on remodel/additions projects, and what is actually considered to be included on the valuation itself.

Based on the current determination, if a remodel exceeds 50% of the current footprint, the lot/home has to be brought up to current code, including an entire Grading & Drainage Plan in place. We feel this

determination should be done in a "case by case" scenario depending on the actual work been proposed to be done. For example, we see this issue on projects that involve these simple items that do not have any impact on the existing site design: replacing existing windows & doors within existing openings with no structural impact; interior remodels only, small additions, etc. This is becoming expensive for the Homeowner, especially if bringing the lot up to code was not part of the initial scope of work or budget

Hope this helps!

Thanks everyone! Have a great night!

Vivian Ayala, Principal Candelaria Design Associates, LLC

### December 7, 2020

Paul Mood Town of Paradise Valley

### RE: Paradise Valley Building Pad Height

Paul, I have reviewed the link you sent of the Council discussing the existing building pad ordinance and their concerns raised by several new projects. I agree there should be a rework of the existing language defining the intent of the ordinance, keeping the homes and patios closer to the desert floor.

I want to recognize that the vast majority of these controversial projects occur along the edge of the line that separates Hillside and standard lots. This small number of properties have unique qualities, typically the slope or grade creates problems using the building pad ordinance and the new grading and drainage requirements squeeze these properties creating real hardships that needs to be considered. These issues limit lot development in both 2 dimension and 3 dimensions. There needs to be thought given to development standards that allow equitable solutions on these difficult lots.

The redevelopment or refinement of the building pad ordinance must happen in parallel to ordinances that develop and recognize this band of properties along the line defining Hillside properties. Updating in a way that would recognize the need for change and consider the realities of development on these properties.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my thoughts about this issue and I look forward to discussing them with you in the future.

**Kind Regards** 

David Dick, AIA, NCARB

ARCHITECT

DAVID DICK, AIA

From: CP Drewett
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 2:07 PM
To: Paul Mood <pmood@paradisevalleyaz.gov>
Subject: Re: Town of Paradise Valley - Building Pad Height Discussion & Request for Development Community Comments

### **EXTERNAL**

Paul,

Again thank you for reaching out to all of and allowing us a voice.

1. Should there be a limit on building pad height

-The fill limitation while intended to help maintain projects which largely "map the earth" is frequently limiting.

-I would suggest a limitation of visible perimeter foundation walls. Often referred to as high or raised stems, the exposure should be limited to 24" or augmented by planters grading or material changes. -The definition of fill is maybe not as clear as it might want to be, which most of us in the industry have used to our advantage. Often with a slurry backfill, "other than dirt" or raised flooring systems with crawl space. We have ways around the code principally, but the ability to limit exposed faces will assist in the contextual goals.

2. Should there be a limit on finished floor height

-Same as above as these are largely synomous regarding overall impact.

-One addition as a consideration, as affiliates finished floor and finished grade and heights.... Finished grade in a vacuum is defined as 6" below FF, which is rarely the case on complex sloping lots. I would consider a revised definition.

3. Should there be a limit on fill height outside of building pad area

-Yes I would suggest the "inverse of the hillside retaining wall terracing requirements. If greater than 24" of fill outside of building pad, then retaining walls must be integrated to terrace fill. Create a constraint which would limit exposed faces and require terracing to avoid expansive fill.

4. Update and/or add Definitions in Town Code Article 5-10, Development

-See item 1.... Small definition comment

5. Impacts to drainage

-Maintaining historic ingress and egress should be allowed with the option of moving washes alongside the efforts of a civil engineer.

-Maintaining or reducing flow rates. Onsite retention for first flush ...

6. Impacts to surrounding properties

- status quo must be maintained.
- 7. Requirement and timing of finished floor elevation certificate

-Should be approved prior to strap and sheer

- 8. Requirement and timing of building height elevation certificate
- -Should be approved prior to dry in efforts.
- 9. Process for feedback from residents and development community

Paul, it would be great to also investigate at a given cross slope of lot LNG+24' might not be the best approach. Given a certain elevation drop across a lot such as a 12' overall the LNG scenario might not be the preferred height mechanism. 24' above natural grade might be a more substantive

approach. Additionally limiting the amount of roof mass to exist within the 24' limits would be a welcome consideration. Estancia, in my humble opinion, has a firm grip on heights and how to limit/ restrain/ control the overall aesthetic. I feel the intent of both paradise Valley and Estancia has the preservation of our desert landform as a priority.

### See Excerpt below:

### 4.6 BUILDING HEIGHTS AND MASSING ESTANCIA DESIGN REVIEW GUIDELINES - 2011. PAGE 55

The terrain of Estancia is varied and unique, with ridges, knolls, valleys and other changes in elevation, making absolutely uniform applicability of height restrictions for Resi- dences inadvisable. These Design Guidelines are intended to discourage and/or prevent any Residence or other Structure which, in the sole opinion of the Committee, would appear ex- cessive in height when viewed from a street, common space, Golf Course or other Lot and/or which would appear out of character with other Residences because of height. The Commit- tee can disapprove a proposed residence even though the residence complies with the maxi- mum height restrictions if the home appears excessive in height. These considerations are particularly important with Residences constructed along tops of ridges or knolls.

Because the desert vegetation is low, scarcely ever exceeding twenty (20) feet in height, Residences that tend to blend with, rather than dominate the environment, are encour- aged. Residences may be sited partially below grade. Height Criteria within these guidelines in made up of the compliance with massing heights, 24' sloping heights, and overall building height. These measurements are not mutually exclusive, and work together.

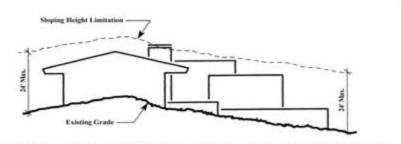
A summary diagram is provided to illustrate the application of each height dimension.

The Committee may require adjustments to Finished Floor Elevations as described in SEC- TION 3.8 of these Guidelines regardless of building height compliance.

The height of all Structures is limited by a series of maximum allowable dimensions de- scribed as follows:

### (a) Sloping Heights:

In addition to the other height requirements in this section, no portion of the Residence or other Improvements, except for chimneys, may exceed a height of twenty-four (24) feet above existing natural grade. This height is measured vertically at any point of the Residence or Improvement to existing natural grade immediately below that point. Due to the unique and varied topography, the Committee may approve, on a case by case ba- sis and in its sole discretion, increases in the sloping height limitations.

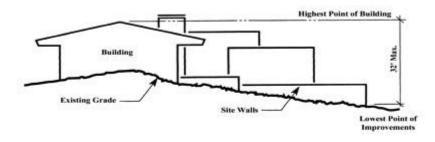


### MAXIMUM BUILDING HEIGHT ELEVATION & SLOPING HEIGHT LIMITS

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### (b) Overall Building Height:

The overall height of a Residence or Improvement shall not exceed thirty-two (32) feet measured in vertical plane from the highest parapet or roof ridge to the natural grade at the lowest point adjacent to the building exterior inclusive of site-retaining walls, patio walls, and pool walls. In special circumstances involving conditions which do not conflict with applicable City ordinances, the Committee may approve, on a case by case basis, overall vertical dimensions which may exceed the thirty-two (32) feet limitation.



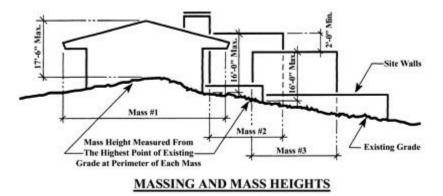
MAXIMUM OVERALL IMPROVEMENT HEIGHT

### (c) Massing:

Scale and proportion in the desert can be deceiving. Small structures can at times ap- pear large and dominating against the low vegetation and landforms. Therefore, proper massing will reduce the scale of a large Structure and create building texture that will help to blend the Residence with its environment.

Unless otherwise specifically approved by the Committee, each Residence shall be composed of at least three (3) visual building masses as viewed from any elevation. Homes larger than 5,000 square feet, excluding garages, shall be composed of at least four (4) visual building masses as viewed by any elevation. To be classified as a vis- ual mass, the mass shall have a minimum depth and width of twenty (20) feet, be a minimum of five hundred (500) square feet in area, and be offset by at least four (4) feet horizontally and two (2) feet vertically. Depth and width dimensions shall be measured perpendicular to each other. Very large or dominating individual building masses, in particular those created by sloping roofs, are discouraged. Therefore, no individual building mass shall have an area larger than 1,500 square feet, or a single dimension larger than Sixty (60) Linear feet, unless, in the opinion of the Committee, a larger mass does not appear to be excessive in size.

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### (d) Mass Heights:

Mass height shall be measured vertically from the highest adjacent natural grade at the perimeter of each building mass. The maximum height of any individual building mass of a Residence may not exceed sixteen (16) feet, measured from highest adja- cent grade to the tops of surrounding parapets on flat roofs; or seventeen (17) feet six (6) inches measured from the highest adjacent natural grade to the top of the ridge on sloping roofs; except that a maximum of one-third of the area of the overall enclosed building footprint, including garages, may exceed these limits to a maximum of nine- teen (19) feet measured to the top of surrounding parapets on flat roofs, or twenty (20) feet six (6) inches measured to the top of the ridge on sloping roofs. (See illus- trations). Single slope or "shed" roofs shall conform to the height limitations for flat roofs or may be interpreted as sloping roofs depending on their configuration and at the discretion of the Committee

Mass Height Chart

Refer to Form I in Appendix B for a copy and an example of the Mass Height Chart. Each preliminary and Final submission must have this chart completed for review.

### (e) Difference in Mass Heights:

Unless otherwise specifically approved by the Committee, the required three or four visual masses shall vary in height vertically by a minimum of two (2) feet from any adjacent mass or masses.

### (f) Exposed Wall Heights:

In no case shall a wall have an unbroken height of more than twenty (20) feet meas- ured vertically from the finished grade at its lowest point along the wall to the top of

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the wall. Additional wall height may be achieved if another wall or site wall is cre- ated and separated a minimum of four (4) feet. Door and window penetrations and applied banding or textured relief in a wall plane do not change the measurements of an unbroken wall height.

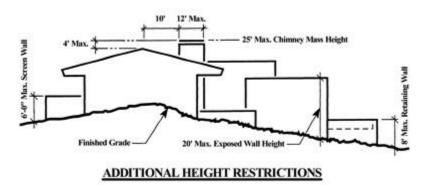
### (g) Articulation of Massing:

All height limitations are rudimentary criteria, which form the basis of the general massing. For example, in addition to the overall massing which must step with the terrain, it is expected that all elevations will not only take advantage of the view from within the Residence, but will provide pleasant views from all

surrounding areas. All side and rear elevations are expected to be articulated to break up the facade into smaller elements, as well as adding the richness of shade and shadow. Large blank walls will not be allowed. Failure to provide adequate articulation and richness may be grounds for rejection of the design by the Committee.

### (h) Chimney Mass:

Chimneys may be constructed to a height not to exceed twenty-five (25) feet, meas- ured vertically from the highest natural grade adjacent to the chimney mass. Unless otherwise approved by the Committee, the height of a chimney mass may not exceed four (4) feet above the highest point within ten feet of that chimney mass. A chimney mass may not exceed an overall horizontal dimension of twelve (12) feet in any one direction, unless otherwise specifically approved by the Committee.



### (i) Retaining Wall Height:

In general, the height of a retaining wall shall not exceed eight (8) feet measured ver- tically from the lowest point at finished grade adjacent to the wall to the highest point of the wall along the exterior side of the enclosure. Retaining walls shall include any walls that retain or hold back earth more than two (2) feet in depth. The Committee,

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on a case by case basis, may consider approval of retaining wall heights, which ex- ceed the eight (8) feet limitation described above. Where justified by topographic conditions and where the extra height causes no adverse visual impact, an overall height of up to fourteen (14) feet may be achieved by use of more than one retaining wall, provided that a minimum four (4) foot planting area is maintained between the two walls. Open railings up to an additional three (3) feet high may be allowed on top of a maximum eight (8) foot tall retaining wall, subject to approval by the Committee. The Design Review Committee must specifically approve the design of these railings.

### Screen Wall Height:

In no case shall the height of a screen wall or site wall exceed six (6) feet measured vertically from the lowest point at finished grade adjacent to the wall to the highest point of the wall along the exterior side of the enclosure, unless otherwise specifically approved by the Committee.

Kind regards,

### **C.P. Drewett** AIA, NCARB

architect / founder DREWETT WORKS Action Report

File #: 21-021

### AGENDA TITLE: Discussion of Committee, Commission, and Board Appointment Process

**STAFF CONTACT:** 





### STAFF REPORT

TO: Mayor Bien-Willner and Town Council Members

FROM: Jill Keimach, Town Manager Duncan Miller, Town Clerk

DATE: January 21, 2021

**DEPARTMENT: Town Manager** 

## AGENDA TITLE: Discussion of Committee, Commission, and Board Appointment Process

### SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The purpose of this study session is to brief the Town Council on the proposed process and timeline for the volunteer committee recruitment and appointment process.

Each year the Mayor and Town Council make appointments to volunteer standing committees. In total, more than 50 Paradise Valley residents donate their time and expertise to the Town by serving on one of the ten land use, administrative, or advisory committees.

In December, incumbents whose terms are expiring this year were contacted to determine their interest in being reappointed. Attachment A lists the committees and which terms expire this year. The names shown in black have confirmed that they would like to be reappointed. The names shown in red indicate that the seat is vacant or that the incumbent is not seeking reappointment. In this appointment cycle, there are seven vacancies.

In recent history it has been customary for the Council to provide guidance in a study session on the appointment timeline and manner in which the interviews will be conducted. Staff will be seeking guidance on the desired interview format and how input from committee chairs will be obtained.

Attachment B is the proposed timeline. It provides for interviews to be conducted during study sessions on February 11, 25, and March 11 followed by appointments on March 25. Pursuant to the Town Code, new committee terms begin April 1. The newly Council-adopted Board and Commission Handbook will be provided to the appointees and training will be scheduled soon thereafter.

### ATTACHMENT(S):

- 1. List of Committees and seats to be filled
- 2. Proposed timeline
- 3. Presentation

## 2021 BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS / RE-APPOINTMENTS

Committee	Created	Term	Membership Defined	Qualifications	Expiring Terms Vacancies	Applicants
	1					
Advisory	Mar 2015	Staggered	Res. 1330	Resident	Recommendation from ACOPS:	
Committee on Public Safety		2-yr Term	Res. 2016-10 Res. 2017-21 Res. 2020-01	Annual Background     Check	2023 = Jay Ozer, Ryan Wooddy and Jeff Gaia	
Council Appts					2022 = Tim Dickman Paul Moore, Mike Cummiskey	
Board of Adjustment	Oct 1961	Staggered 3-yr Term	TC § 2-5-3(A) ARS §9-462.06	Resident	Emily Kile (2004) Rohan Sahani (2019)	
Mayor Appts					Vacant (Leibsohn) Rick Chambliss (2012)	
Hillside Building Committee Mayor Appts	Aug 1973	Staggered 2-yr Term	TC §2-5-6(B)	Citizen members must be residents, but not Planning Commissioners or Town Staff	Scott Jarson (2013)	
Historical	Jul 1997	Staggered	Council Action	Resident	Catherine Kauffman (1997)	
Advisory Committee		3-yr Term	7/13/2000		Katrina Lessard (2018) Maureen Strom (2004) Beth Wickstrom (2015)	
Council Appts					Anne Andeen (1997)	
Municipal	Oct 1993	Staggered	Articles of Incorp	Resident	Vacant (Thompson – expires	
Property Corp		3-yr Term	Bylaws 3.04 Res 2018-04		2022)	
Council Appts						
Personnel Appeals Board	Jan 1986	Staggered 3-yr Term	TC § 2-5-5(A) ARS §38-847	<ul> <li>Resident May not be employees or an official of the</li> </ul>	Richard Herold (2013)	
Council Appts				Town		

Planning	Aug 1961	Staggered	TC § 2-5-2(A)	Resident	Pamela Georgelos (2018)
Commission		3-yr Term			Daran Wastchak (2015)
					Jonathan Wainwright (2013)
Council Appts					
PV Arts Board	Jul 1999	Staggered 3-yr Term	Resolution 2018-17	Resident	Janie Russo (2010)
Council Appts					
PV Mountain	Nov 1997	Staggered	Resolution 923 Trust	Resident	John Graham (2018)
Preserve Trust		3-yr Term	Articles 2018 Crt Order	• At least 21 years old	Teresa Zachariah (2018)
Mayor Appts					
PSPRS	June 1980	Staggered 4-yr Term	ARS §38-847(A)(1)	<ul> <li>Resident</li> <li>1 member designated as</li> </ul>	None in 2021
Mayor Appts				mayor's rep.	

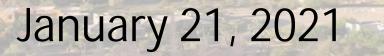
### **Council Assignments**

Committee	Assignment
Advisory Committee on Public Safety	
Experience Scottsdale Board of Directors	
Historical Advisory Committee	
HOA Forum	
League of Cities and Towns Resolutions Cmte	Mayor
MAG Regional Council	Mayor
Planning Commission	Vice Mayor (per §2-2-7(B))
PV Arts Board	

### 2021 COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, & BOARD APPOINTMENT TIMELINE

November 30, 2020	December 9		January 4, 2021	January 5, 2021
Generate list of expiring terms and vacancies	<ul> <li>Contact members whose terms are expiring and ask them to submit a letter of interest in being reappointed</li> <li>Due date December 30 Update list of Vacancies</li> </ul>	•	Update committee pages and volunteer page on website – include list of vacancies Update online application form	<ul> <li>Issue press release on committee appointments</li> <li>Website</li> <li>Email contact lists (&amp; all volunteers)</li> <li>Social Media</li> <li>Press release</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>February 4</li> <li>Application Deadline</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>February 5, 2020</li> <li>Staff vets applications to verify qualifications</li> <li>Schedule interviews with new applicants and incumbents. Inform applicants about process and timeline</li> </ul>	•	February 5 Send all application materials to Council	February 11 Council Interviews in Study Session
<ul> <li><u>February 25</u></li> <li>Council Interviews in Study Session</li> </ul>	March 11 • Council Interviews in Study Session, if necessary Council ranks applicants and makes recommendations for appointments	•	<u>March 25</u> Mayor and Council make appointments – Action Item Assign Committee Liaisons	<u>March 26</u> Generate appointment letters and regret letters for the Mayor's signature
<u>March 26</u> Staff liaisons to committees will contact the newly appointed members to provide initial information and schedule training	<u>April 1</u> Term of office begins	•	April 2 Update committee information on:	<u>April - May</u> • Committee Training

# COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER APPOINTMENT PROCESS 2021





# PURPOSE & GOAL TODAY

## **Committee Process & Timeline**

The purpose of this study session is to brief the Town Council on the proposed process and timeline for the volunteer committee recruitment and appointment process.

## Questions and Direction

- Would the Council like input from committee chairs on desired skill sets to balance expertise on committees?
- Is there a preference for how the interviews will be conducted?
- Should applicants from previous recruitments who were not appointed be considered in this cycle?



## **Process Steps**

# Key Dates

- Volunteer applications are accepted online throughout the year but there is a deadline to be considered in this cycle
- Applicants are not required to designate a specific committee in the application
- All qualified applicants will be interviewed by the Council
- Applicants not appointed are eligible to fill mid-year vacancies

January 5 - Advertise app. deadline

 Website, AlertPV, social media, press release

February 4 - Application deadline

February 11, 25, & March 11 Interviews and ranking

March 26 – Appointments

April 1 – Effective Date

## www.paradisevalleyaz.gov/volunteer

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

### Proud History of Community Involvement

For more than 50 years the Town has benefited from a high level of community in helped preserve the Town's original mission to maintain a quiet residential comm surroundings, while at the same time guiding policy changes to address the need more than 50 positions for residents on 10 committees, commissions, and boards

The Council makes appointments to committees, commissions, and boards in Ma received by the first week of February to be considered for appointment.

Below are summaries of the Town's various committees.

### **Committee Descriptions**

#### Advisory Committee on Public Safety (ACOPS)

The Advisory Committee on Public Safety was established to preserve and impro assisting the Police Department and Community Resource Officer in engaging the relevant to public safety, including prevention, enforcement, awareness, and com an oversight board. The Committee is comprised of seven members appointed by and serve two year terms. A Council Member serves as the Chairperson.

#### Arts Advisory Committee

The Arts Advisory Committee advises the Town Council concerning planning and Complex. The Committee helps to create and sustain a cultural and artistic enviro collectors, and gallery owners to participate in educational and exhibition projects members and meets three times per year.

### Board of Adjustment

The Board of Adjustment is a group of seven residents appointed by the Town Co interpretations by the Zoning Administrator and variance requests. They may gran application of the Zoning Ordinance if a hardship exists as outlined in State statu

#### Home > Forms

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

#### TOWN OF PARADISE VALLEY COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER APPLICATION FORM

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with the Town. Appointments to committees, commissions, and boards are made in late March of each year and terms begin April 1. Applications are accepted throughout the year. The deadline to be considered for appointment is February 4th at 5:00 PM. Applications received after that time will be kept on file and may be considered for midterm vacancies. It is not necessary to list a committee preference. During the interview with the Mayor and Council, consideration will be given to the applicant's background, skills, and interests to assist in determining the best fit.

Please provide the following background information.

Name*
Address*
Email*
Home Phone
Employer
Occupation
Business Phone
Cell Phone
Number of years as PV resident

Professional experience highlights

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nittee member?	

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## Mayor Appointed Liaisons

Council Assignments						
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Experience Scottsdale Board of Directors						
Historical Advisory Committee						
HOA Forum						
League of Cities and Towns Resolutions Cmte	Mayor					
MAG Regional Council	Mayor					
Planning Commission	Vice Mayor (per §2-2-7(B))					
PV Arts Board						

### **Council Assignments**



# **REQUESTED DIRECTION**

## **Questions and Direction**

- Should applicants from previous recruitments who were not appointed be considered in this cycle?
- Would the Council like input from committee chairs on desired skill sets to balance expertise on committees?
- If so, how would you like to receive that feedback?
  - Invite to attend interviews

chairs

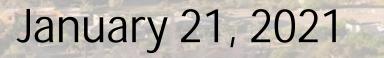
Set aside time to meet with

- Should the interviews be held in public study session or executive session?
- Should ranking and appointment discussions take place in study session or executive session?

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# COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER APPOINTMENT PROCESS 2021





**Action Report** 

### File #: 21-019

Discussion or consultation with the Town representatives concerning negotiations for the purchase, sale, or condemnation of real property in the vicinity of 7100 E Lincoln Drive as authorized by A.R.S. §38 431.03(A)(7), discussion or consultation with the Town Attorney to consider the Town's position and provide instruction regarding Development Agreement negotiations related to the Smoke Tree Resort authorized by A.R.S. §38 431.03(A)(4), and/or legal advice regarding Special Use Permit zoning as authorized by A.R.S. §38 431.03(A)(3.)