

Valle Vista Renovation Narrative

The property located at 5001 E. Valle Vista way has a limited developable area and is an extremely challenging site for construction – previous owners have submitted and been approved to raze the existing residence because of the site challenges. Our strategy is completely the opposite; we respect the sensitivity to which the current home is sited, and have approached this project with restraint. Our plan is to limit our disturbance into the surrounding native desert and accentuate the current home.

Our plan consists of an outdoor patio with pool; a pool shade structure bookended by two fire features - one free standing and one structurally integrated; and lastly at the existing parking pad we have designed a shade structure that acts as an extension of the residence and unifies the overall design. Cosmetically, we plan to update the driveway with pavers, and integrated a new steel view fence/ pool barrier.

The new concrete patio and negative edge pool falls below the current walkway three feet four inches. The pool is pushed towards the outer edge limiting the amount of cut we would have in the slope. The patio will be surrounded by cast-in-place concrete retaining wall and a new glass guardrail. A steel shade structure has been finely tuned to for shade at the lower pool, and is limited in height so not to be overbearing from internal and external views. Above, at the driveway a similar language was developed at that shade structure as an extension of the home. Limited to within the current driveway and parking area footprint, we created slatted shade canopy in order to protect the homeowners' cars for the intense Arizona Sun. This shade structure was in leu of a garage which would have a much larger visual impact and expanded footprint.

Our intent is to improve the property with limited site intervention while keeping the new spaces tight to the existing residence or within the existing footprint of current disturbance.

Thanks,

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