

# CITY OF SACRAMENTO

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CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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SACRAMENTO, CALIF. 95814 TELEPHONE (916) 449-5604 MARTY VAN DUYN
PLANNING DIRECTOR

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Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT:

Appeal of the City Planning Commission's approval of a Variance request to construct a portion of a swimming pool and a six-foot fence within the street side yard setback area. (P-9078)

LOCATION:

561 46th Street

## SUMMARY

This is a proposal to construct a swimming pool and six-foot high fence within a portion of the street side yard area. The Planning Commission, in concurrence with staff recommendation, approved the Variance requests. The Variances were subsequently appealed to the City Council.

# BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The subject site is an irregular shaped parcel that is located at the intersection of Pico Way and 46th Street. The proposed swimming pool and fence are located within the required 12½-foot setback along Pico Way. The staff and Planning Commission have no objection to the proposal because the site is unique in that there is a very limited back yard area that actually faces Pico Way as shown on the attached site plan. Also, the proposed location is the most logical place to place the swimming pool.

There were several neighbors who expressed concerns regarding traffic safety because they felt that the location of the fence would reduce visibility at this intersection. The intersection is unique because it is a five corner intersection and there is a substantial amount of traffic that travels through the intersection. They also indicated that there is a significant amount of the intersection.

BY THE CITY COUNCIL

AUG 26 1980

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK The staff and Planning Commission recognize the concerns expressed by the residents regarding traffic circulation and safety. However, there is a yield sign located on Pico Way which should force motorists to stop or slow down as they approach the intersection. Also, the location of the fence will be 35 feet from the intersection which should allow sufficient visibility. Furthermore, the property owner can legally place the fence as close as 25 feet to the intersection which would be more hazardous.

Attached are copies of petitions and letters that were submitted by the neighbors.

# VOTE OF COMMISSION

On July 10, 1980, the Planning Commission by a vote of seven ayes, two absent, approved the variances subject to conditions.

# RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends that the City Council deny the appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

Marty Van Duyn Planning Director

FOR CITY COUNCIL INFORMATION
WALTER J. SLIPE
CITY MANAGER

MVD:HY:jm Attachments P-9078 August 19, 1980 District No. 3

# NOTICE OF APPEAL OF THE DECISION OF THE SACRAMENTO CITY PIANNING COMMISSION

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

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PROPERTY OWNER: PATRICK J. WEAGRAFF
ADDRESS: 56/-46th STREET SACRAMENTO CA- 95819
APPLICANT: PATRICK J. WEAGRAFF
ADDRESS: 561-46 TO STREET, SACRAMENTO CA
APPELLANT: Henry & Meyer (SIGNATURE)
ADDRESS: 591- Pier Way Sacramento Ca. 95819
FILING FEE: \$50.00. Receipt No.
FORWARDED TO CITY CLERK ON DATE OF: 7-29-80
P- 0170 Hearing Date: 8-19-80

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To the Members of the Sacramento City Planning Commission and Members of the Sacramento City Council:

This letter is a direct protest to a notice posted on property located at 561 46th Street. Said notice was a request from owners of property at 561 46th Street to be allowed two separate variances. One request asking for a six and one half foot set back from the established city property line. The other request being permission to construct a six foot fence. Purpose for variances needed to construct a swimming pool. The property location for the construction of said pool would be located in the front yard of this home.

It would deface the original beauty of a long established neighborhood and would also be a direct safety hazard. This is a five street entrance to this intersection which at present has three separate yield signs posted on three of it's street corners at the intersection. It already poses a very dangerous corner. A six foot fence would add to obstructing the view of the approaching intersection. This fence would also eliminate the beauty of an old, quiet and park like appearance that would affect the views from old established homes that are located surrounding this intersection. This corner is a beautiful old Sacramento area that adds to the beauty of our old city heritage and should remain as such. We ask the council to please consider our request to deny the six and one half foot variance and to deny the construction of a six foot fence.

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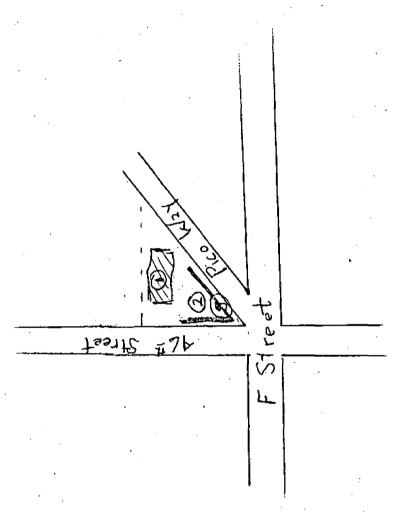
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LORRAINE MAGANA CITY CLERK

# OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

915 1 STREET CITY HALL ROOM 203 SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 95814
TELEPHONE (916) 449-5426

August 1, 1980

Owner of Property:

Patrick Weagraff 561 46th St. Sacramento, CA 95819

On July 29, 1980  $\,$  , the following matter was filed with my office to set a hearing date before the City Council.

Appeal of Planning Commission's approval of <u>Variance</u> to reduce street side yard setback and <u>Variance</u> to allow 6 foot fence in street side yard. Loc: 561 - 46th Street (P-9078)

The hearing has been set for August 19, 1980, 7:30 P.M., Council Chamber, 2nd floor, 915 - I Street, Sacramento, California. Interested parties may appear and speak at the hearing.

Pursuant to Council Rules of Procedure 4.5, continuance of the above matter may be obtained only if a written request is delivered to this office no later than 12:00 Noon the Monday before the meeting when the hearing is scheduled. If written request is not delivered to this office as specified herein, you may obtain continuance only by appearing before the City Council at the time the hearing is scheduled and request the continuance.

ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS HEARING SHOULD BE REFERRED TO:

SACRAMENTO CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT 725 - J STREET SACRAMENTO CA 95814

TELEPHONE: 449-5604

Sincerely,

Lorraine Magana

City Clerk

cc: P-9078

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# CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

915 "I" STREET - SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 95814

APPLICANT_	Patrick	J.	Weagraff,	561 -	- 46th	Street.	Sacramento.	_CA	
OWNER	Patrick	J.	Weagraff,	<u>5</u> 61 -	46th	Street,	Sacramento,	CA	
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# APPLICATION:

- 1. Environmental Determination
- 2. Variance to reduce street side yard setback from 12½ feet to 6 feet in order to construct a swimming pool and pool equipment
- 3. Variance to locate a 6 foot high fence in the street side yard setback area.

LOCATION: 561 46th Street (46th Street and Pico Way)

# PROJECT INFORMATION:

General Plan Designation: Residential

East Sacramento Community

Plan Designation: Light Density Residential

Existing Zoning of Site: R-1

Existing Land Use of Site: Single Family

Surrounding Land Use and Zoning: Single Family Residences and R-1

Square Footage of Property: 6,000 sq. ft.

Size of Pool: 450 sq. ft.

Dimension of property: Irregular

The applicant proposes to construct a swimming pool that would project approximately 6½ feet into the street side yard setback area. The pool equipment (heater, filter) would also be located in the side yard setback area adjacent to the existing garage. In addition, a six-foot high wood or masonry fence would be installed along Pico Way and around the pool area (see site plan).

STAFF EVALUATION: The staff has reviewed the overall proposal and has the following observations:

- 1. The subject property contains 6,000 square feet and is an irregular shaped corner lot. The single family structure and detached garage were constructed in 1927. The front of the dwelling faces 46th Street and access to the garage is from Pico Way.
- 2. The existing dwelling has a three-foot setback on Pico Way and the garage is located on the street side yard property line (Pico Way). A portion of the dwelling and the garage therefore project into the 12½ foot street side yard setback area.
- 3. Approximately 6½ feet of the pool area (1/3 of the total pool) would project into the street side yard. The remaining setback area would consist of decking, planting area and a fence. The pool equipment which includes the pump, filter and heater would also be located in the setback area against the garage and behind the fence.

- 4. The applicant has indicated that a four-foot high wire and wood fence was originally located along Pico Way. The fence was removed due to deterioration. The new fence would be six feet in height and be set back approximately one foot from the sidewalk. The one-foot setback area would be planted with shrubs.
  - To provide additional planting outside of the fence, on Pico Way, the staff suggests the planting strip be increased to four feet in width as shown on Exhibit B. In addition, to improve the appearance and longevity of the fence, staff suggests that a decorative wall such as slumpstone block or stucco be used. A stucco fence would blend with the building exterior.
- The staff's major concern is whether the six-foot fence on Pico Way could create a traffic hazard at the intersection. The intersection has had several accidents because there are five streets which intersect at different angles (see Exhibit A). According to the City Traffic Engineer, the major traffic flow is located on "F" Street. A bus route also runs along 46th Street and "F" Street. A large portion of this traffic is generated because of the Sutter Memorial Hospital which is located on "F" Street three blocks to the east. Field observation indicates that a visibility problem could occur when making a left-hand turn from 46th Street to Pico Way and making a right-hand turn from Pico Way to 46th Street. However, the percentage of vehicles using these turns is very low compared to "F"-46th Street traffic use. The distance from the rounded corner (measured from inside of sidewalk) to the proposed fence is 33 feet. The City Code requires corner lots to have a minimum 25-foot distance from This area must be unobstructed with fencing. intersections.

Since this corner lot has a  $40^{\circ}-45^{\circ}$  angle, staff believes additional sight distance should be required. Staff therefore suggests the fence be shifted seven feet towards the pool (see Exhibit B). This modification would locate the fence approximately 40 feet from the corner.

Staff believes the variance requests can be justified in that:

- a. The property is an irregular shaped corner lot.
- b. The existing fence, dwelling and garage extend into the street side yard setback.
- c. The property originally contained a four-foot high wire/wood fence along Pico Way.
- d. The modified fence/wall location reduces the visibility problems.
- e. The property presently has a very limited back yard area because of the configuration of the lot and the variance would enable him to have a larger back yard area which is enjoyed by other residents in the area.
- f. Other properties in the immediate area have fences (wood and stucco) along the street side yards.

NEIGHBORHOOD PROTEST: The staff has received letters from 17 property owners in the neighborhood that object to the variance for the following reasons:

- 1. The proposal would ruin the beauty of the neighborhood; and
- 2. The fence would create a traffic hazard by obstructing the view of the approaching intersection.

Attached is a copy of the protest letter.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: The staff recommends approval of the variance requests subject to the following conditions and based on findings of fact that follow:

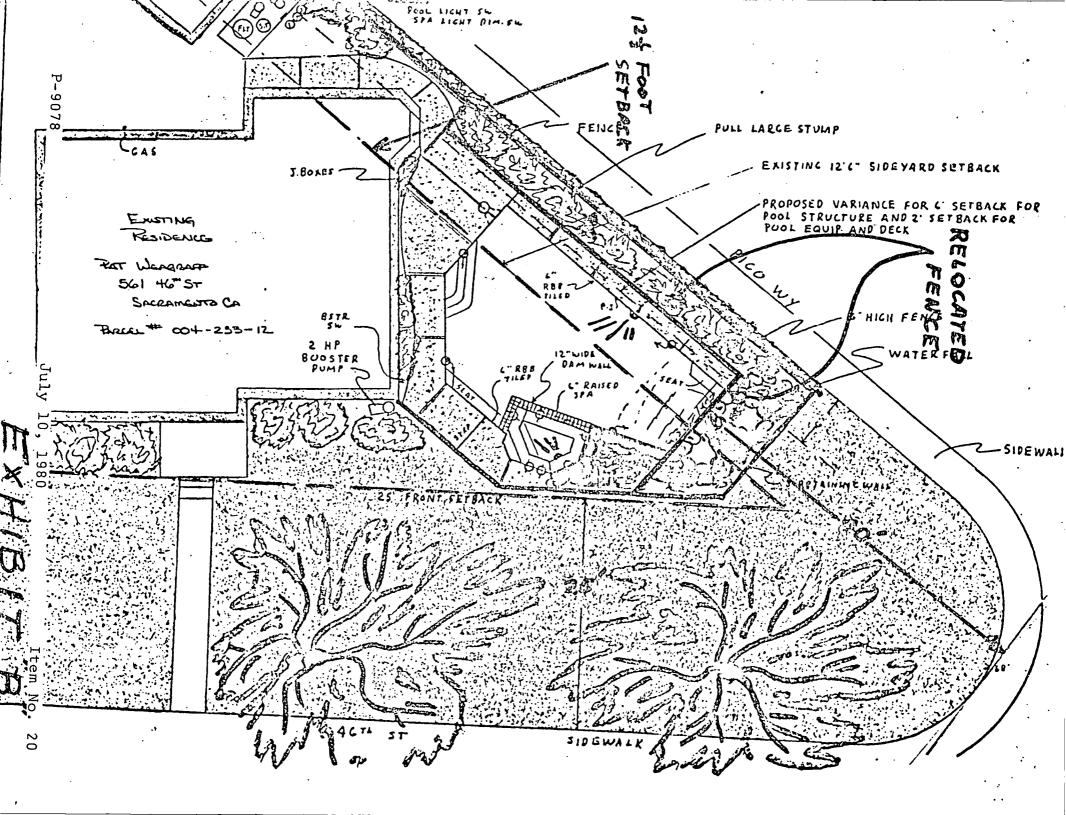
# Conditions:

- 1. The proposed six-foot high fence shall consist of a stucco or masonry material and be approved by staff.
- The proposed fence along Pico Way shall be set back four feet from the sidewalk. This setback area shall be planted with ground cover and shrubs (CPC amended to...set back 3 feet... and added: Landsaping plans shall be subject to review & approval by staff.)
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- 3. The south portion of the fence/wall shall be religiously contain a 40-foot distance from the corner as per Exhibit B. (CPC amended to...shall be rounded at the corner and relocated to contain a 35 foot distance...)

# Findings of Fact:

- The proposal does not constitute a special privilege in that:
  - a. The subject lot is an irregular shaped corner lot.
  - b. The existing fence, dwelling and garage extend into the street side yard setback.
  - c. Other properties in the neighborhood have fences (wood and stucco) on the property line and within the setback areas.
- 2. The variance will not constitute a use variance in that swimming pools and fences are allowed in the R-1 zone.
- 3. The proposal will not be injurious to the general public or surrounding properties in that:
  - The modified fence/wall location will improve the sight clearance for traffic visibility.
  - b. The modified fence/wall design will blend with the stucco material of the dwelling.
  - c. The proposal as conditioned will provide a four-foot planting area between the sidewalk and new fence.
  - d. The proposal will not impact the character of the neighborhood.
- 4. The variance is in harmony with the 1974 General Plan and the East Sacramento Communtiy Plan in that these plans designate the subject site as residential use.





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915 I STREET CITY HALL ROOM 203

SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 95814 TELEPHONE (918) 449-5426

August 27, 1980

Henry L. Meyer 591 Pico Way Sacramento, CA 95819

Dear Mr. Meyer,

On August 26, 1980, the City Council heard your appeal from City Planning Commission action approving variance to reduce street side yard setback and variance to allow 6 foot fence in street side yard at 561 - 46th Street (P-9078).

The Council adopted by motion, its intent to deny the appeal contingent on Findings of Fact due September 10, 1980.

Sincerely,

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cc: Patrick J. Weagraff
Planning Department