

Jomsky, Mark

From: Danz, Nadine <nadine.danz@sothebyshomes.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 22, 2015 11:27 AM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Cc: smadison@cityofpasadena.net; Bogaard, Bill; 'tony danz'
Subject: 140 GLEN SUMMER ROAD

We, my neighbors on Glen Summer and the surrounding streets are shocked and dismayed that the plans for the remodeling of 140 GSR were accepted and approved by the City. There seemed to be no awareness of the character of the street or the intrusive size of this project. The 2 houses on either side have been exceedingly diminished in curb appeal by the proximity of this looming box on either side as well as the closeness to the street. Our neighborhood is a collection of architectural styles including, Spanish, Cape Cods, Ranch and mid-century. All represent the rich diversity of architecture on our long established streets that is such a signature Pasadena attribute. To learn that our City does not have any restrictions or guidelines in influencing the integration of new construction in our neighborhoods was quite unbelievable. Look what has happened(happening) to Arcadia. Maybe Claire Bogaard can take on one more project! We vehemently implore that appropriate action be addressed and implemented.

Nadine and Tony Danz
263 Glen Summer Road

Nadine Danz DRE 0132799
Sotheby's International Realty


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From: Erin Shaw <shaw@isi.edu>
Sent: Thursday, January 22, 2015 12:07 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Cc: Madison, Steve; Bogaard, Bill
Subject: "Mansionization Update"

To: City Clerk Mark Jomsky
From: Erin Shaw, Resident Glen Summer Road
Re: "Mansionization" of Pasadena Neighborhoods

Dear Mr. Jomsky,

I was informed that there would be a discussion about "Mansionization" at the City Council meeting scheduled for Monday, January 26. I am writing in support of protecting the character of our neighborhoods. There is a house being modified, one lot over from our home on Glen Summer Road, and I have been watching its construction with trepidation. Here are my observations.

1. The house being constructed is too high. The roof is above all its neighbor's chimneys. I question the permissibility of the height. Moreover, the fact that the roof is flat means that it is higher over a larger surface area, which contributes to its mansion-like appearance.
2. The house being constructed is too close to the street. The offset of the surrounding homes include a front patio area so that the living area is further back. Having living areas that do not match up ruins the privacy of the patio areas of houses next door. In addition, the constructed house will block the sunny south face of the house (and its patio) to its north.
3. We have several different styles of homes on our street, and while it is unfortunate that the new house is being constructed between and across from a cluster of extraordinarily lovely Spanish Renaissance style homes, I believe that the house being constructed could have lived agreeably among them had the city planners better accounted for the height and offset concerns that now make this a truly unwelcome house in our neighborhood.

On a possibly related note: This past year, I was approached by realtors going door-to-door, representing potential house buyers from China, and have wondered if it was just a matter of time before our Pasadena neighborhoods began to resemble those in Arcadia that are populated by mansions with only facades and square feet to recommend them. The character of our Glen Summer Road neighborhood was exactly what appealed to us when we settled here 20 years ago: It is worthy of city protection.

Sincerely,

Erin Shaw

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Pasadena, CA 91105

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From: Janice Price <glensummer@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, January 22, 2015 11:03 AM
To: Jomsky, Mark; Parker, Kelvin; Sarkis Nazerian; Bogaard, Bill
Subject: Fwd: Updated "Mansionization" letter with Photos of 140 Glen Summer Rd

Begin forwarded message: This is to keep you in the loop with our communications with our neighbors.

From: Janice Price <glensummer@sbcglobal.net>
Date: January 22, 2015 7:00:02 AM PST
To: Alex Lee <alee@law.usc.edu>, annie Henry <annie13henry@yahoo.com>, asong <asongmd@yahoo.com>, averyfred@charter.net, Judy Bailey <b.j.bailey@sbcglobal.net>, "Barbara Leider@yahoo.com" <bleider@yahoo.com>, bob and sue donaldson <Pasadenabobcat@att.net>, Bob Lade <bob@patinav.com>, Candis & Roger Ipswitch <candisi@aol.com>, Carol Jones <carol@acmecos.com>, Cathy MacVaugh <cmacvaugh@macvaugh.com>, Charla Thompson <CharlaT@me.com>, Christy Bradley <Cbradley24@sbcglobal.net>, cndwilliams@sbcglobal.net, Cynthis Jorda-Nithsdale Capt <chjordan@comerica.com>, Darren and Chelsea Zuzow <ddz@wondermarketinginc.com>, donna <dlg6226@gmail.com>, Emily Lee <emily.byeon.lee@gmail.com>, eric.goldreich@lw.com, Erin Shaw-128 GSR <shaw@isi.edu>, Janice Price <glensummer@sbcglobal.net>, Kathy/Gordon Hamilton <glensummer@earthlink.net>, greg jones-61 gsr <GJones@stutman.com>, Heather <waterbabe08@sbcglobal.net>, hkstmom6479@sbcglobal.net, Hydeefeldstein <hydeefeldstein@yahoo.com>, isabell guy <isblguy@gmail.com>, janice Seagall <passadonut@sbcglobal.net>, jenny scanlin <jscanlin@cra.lacity.org>, "jerilyn.mcaniff" <jerilyn.mcaniff@gmail.com>, Joan Terry <jterry88@charter.net>, John Price <gabroadcast@sbcglobal.net>, John and Monica <johnandmonica@sbcglobal.net>, johnson580@charter.net, jsumida@cbre.com, Julia <juliacancion@yahoo.com>, Kathrine and manyy Olaiz-96 gsr <kathrynolaiz@gmail.com>, Kathy Goodwin <bobkat1155@gmail.com>, kevin and Barbara Narramore <KevinNarramore@aol.com>, khurburtsarosi@earthlink.net, lasley bivans <pasadenalas@yahoo.com>, Lee and Jeanette Gessel <ljgess@gmail.com>, Linda Hubbard <summerglen320@aol.com>, lindsey and kevin miller-80 gsr <lindsey.cole.miller@gmail.com>, lmwax@sbcglobal.net, manny francisco <manny.francisco@dreamworks.com>, marie and John cleaves-95GSR <marie.cleaves@sbcglobal.net>, mary and Curt Osenbaugh <mcalden@hotmail.com>, Melissa/Dan O'Bryant <melobry@sbcglobal.net>, mike@agora2000int.earthlink.net, Nadine Danz <Nadine.danz@sothebysrealty.com>, nancy cole <ncole.1@charter.com>, New Neighbor <pobinsider@mac.com>, patty cartwright <cartwright.patty@gmail.com>, Peter Mcaniff <peter.mcaniff@gmail.com>, Raquel Donchey <raqueldonchey@gmail.com>, richard Eckardt <eckardt@alumni.usc.edu>, Robert e Long <relong@alumni.caltech.edu>, Robert Holmes <rholmes@glendale.edu>, Roseanne Kusar <roseanneKusar@yahoo.com>, Roseanne Kusar <rosannekusar@yahoo.com>, Ron Paler <rpaler@earthlink.net>, Simon Chien <chenghao.chien@gmail.com>, Susan

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Subject: Updated "Mansionization" letter with Photos of 140 Glen Summer Rd

Dear Neighbors,

Yesterday, Takako Suzuki, Judy Bailey, Ralph Hubbard, John Price and I met with Kelvin Parker and Sarkis Nazerian at the Pasadena City Planning and Community Development Department regarding the current construction of an addition to the house at 140 Glen Summer Road. We, and many of you, are concerned about the size and contemporary design of this boxy, flat-roofed structure that is unlike any other house on our street.

The bottom line is that construction may continue since all permits have been granted and there are no restrictions in Pasadena to encourage appropriate and complementary design and integration of new houses and additions into existing neighborhoods.

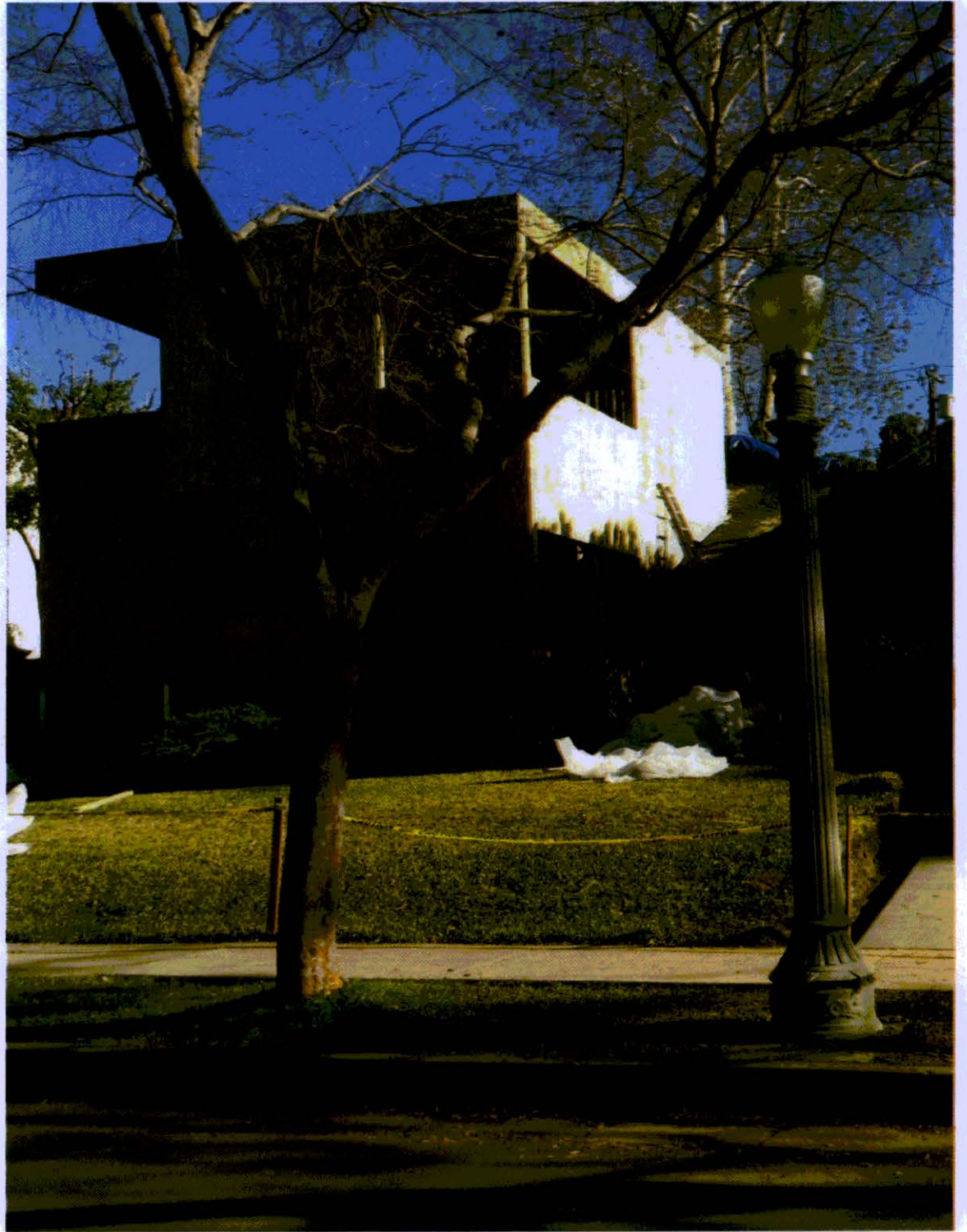
At the City Council meeting on Monday (January 26) the agenda will include a "Mansionization Update" with a discussion of how City Planning can set and enforce regulations to keep new construction in character with scale and design of existing neighboring houses. Mr. Parker and Mr. Nazerian agreed that letters from concerned neighbors will be influential in underscoring the need for such regulations.

These letters must be received by City Clerk Mark Jomsky no later than 12 noon today to be included in the discussion on Monday. Please send your comments, however brief, to <mjomsky@cityofpasadena.net>. If you cannot meet this deadline, please send them to Councilman Steve Madison <smadison@cityofpasadena.net> and Mayor Bill Bogaard <bbogaard@cityofpasadena.net> so they will be aware of your concerns before the meeting Monday evening.

It is our goal to protect our beautiful and highly desirable neighborhood, and our property values, and to prevent intrusive and inappropriate construction in the future.

Sincerely,

Jan Price





Sent from my iPad

Jomsky, Mark

From: Hamilton, Kathleen R. <khamilton@caltech.edu>
Sent: Thursday, January 22, 2015 10:33 AM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Cc: Bogaard, Bill; Madison, Steve
Subject: input re City Council Agenda for January 26, 2015

Importance: High

Dear City Clerk,

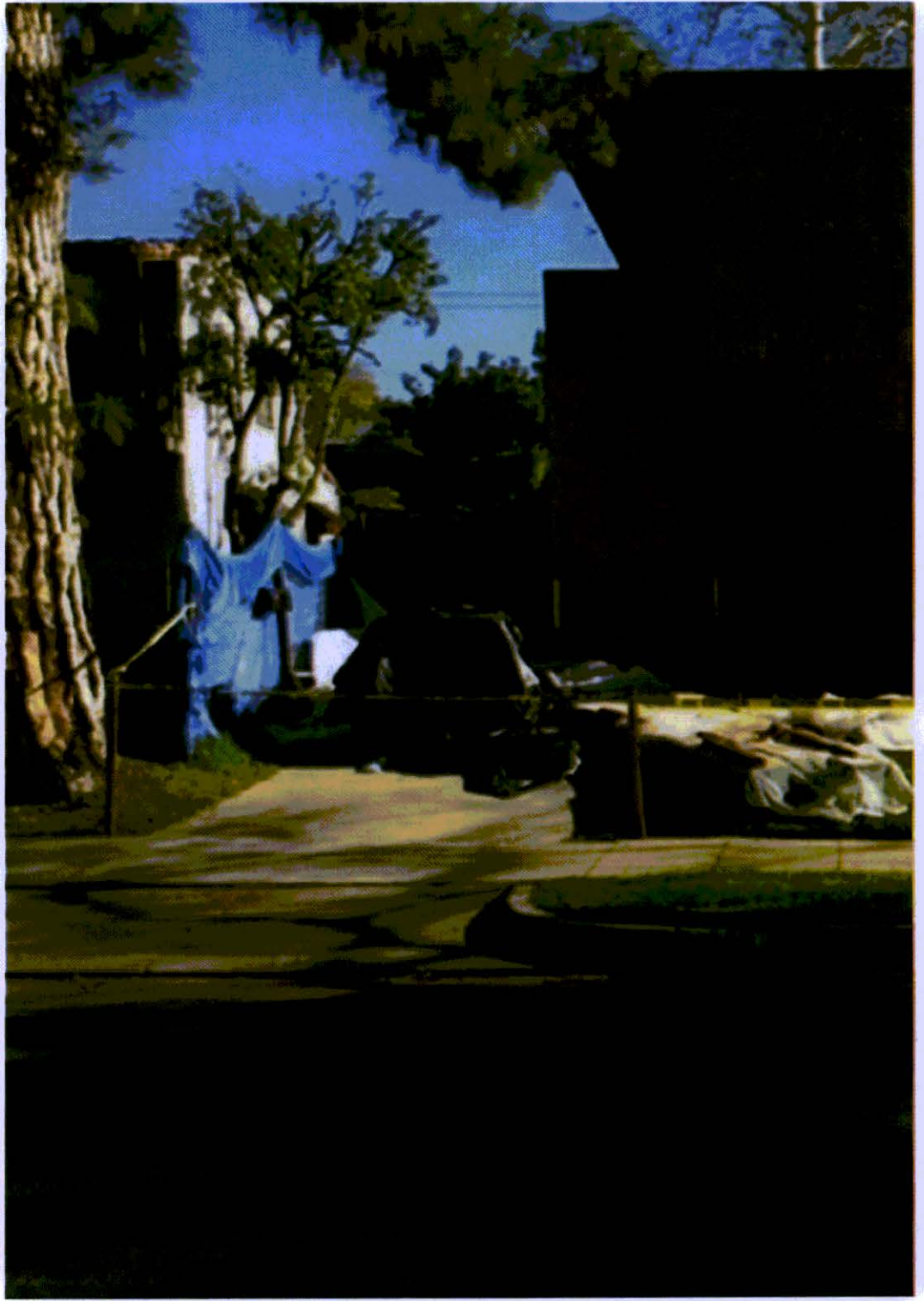
When the City Council discusses the agenda item "Mansionization Update" at the January 26, 2015 Council meeting, please bring this letter to their attention.

A pending remodel of a home on our street, Glen Summer Road in the San Rafael neighborhood, is essentially a teardown. What is being constructed in its place is a huge box, out of scale and out of character with the surrounding neighborhood homes. The classic charm of the entire area is diminished with this type of thoughtless construction. With no municipal restrictions in place to encourage appropriate design, we are informed that this project will continue. This practice will embolden others to construct similarly oversized homes.

Neighborhoods in Pasadena need the protection of appropriate zoning and land use standards to protect and preserve the character of our neighborhoods. We look to the City Council to provide this protection.

My best,
Kathleen Hamilton





Jomsky, Mark

From: SallyBarn@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, January 22, 2015 10:05 AM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Cc: Madison, Steve; Bogaard, Bill
Subject: letter for City review of home construction design

Mark Jomsky, City Clerk:

I wish to register my concern over the inappropriately designed houses that seem to be springing up in our sometimes historic, but always comfortable, Pasadena neighborhoods. In addition, I have a concern about the number of recently sold but empty and unlive-in houses that present an unhappy prospect with dead and dying trees and lawns, chain link fences sometimes up for years, and shabby exteriors.

The preservation of Pasadena's character over the past many years has made the city's various neighborhoods now very attractive in the real estate market. Sadly, many of the houses being "remodeled" are being done so with little attention to neighborhood or neighbor concerns.

I strongly urge the City to exercise strong oversight on the "fit" of remodels and new construction and to consider a non-resident tax on those homes that are sitting empty or are not primary residences of the property owner.

Sally Barngrove

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From: John Cleaves <john.cleaves@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, January 22, 2015 9:47 AM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Cc: Madison, Steve
Subject: agenda item "Mansionization Update"

Hello,

My family and I are residents of Pasadena. We live on Glen Summer Rd., a street lined with Spanish and Ranch style houses. Currently 140 Glen Summer is being "mansionized" into a Contemporary/Modern style house, which will be completely different in appearance from every other house in the neighborhood and will stick out like a sore thumb.

We urge the City Council to consider enacting requirements that new and remodel construction stay within the style of the neighborhood.

Thank you!

John & Marie Cleaves
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Jomsky, Mark

From: Ragus, Mark <mark.ragus@dowjones.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 22, 2015 9:44 AM
To: Jomsky, Mark; Madison, Steve; Bogaard, Bill
Subject: 140 Glen Summer Construction--What's going on?

Mark, Steve, Mayor Bogaard,

I was alarmed by the current remodel underway at 140 Glen Summer Road. I've been informed all permits are in order, but find the design and the scope of the project underwhelming, ugly, and in no way consistent with the architectural design of the neighborhood.

Other concerned neighbors who've voiced their concerns with you, Steve Madison and the Mayor, speculate that the recent embezzlement case has prompted the city to turn a blind eye on preserving the unique architecture of this West Pasadena neighborhood and the city, in pursuit of collecting "fees" associated with such projects.

I recently replaced a 60' foot long wooden fence along my property, with a block wall on my property. When pulling the permits for this project, I learned so much about construction guideline requirements. It was quite an eye opener. In fact, we had to change the design no less than three times to meet the city requirements. That said, I find it hard to believe that the plan designs for this remodel are even remotely within code!

I'm interested to hear any explanation you can provide.

Respectfully, from a concerned tax and utility customer of the City of Pasadena.

Best, Mark

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Mark G. Ragus

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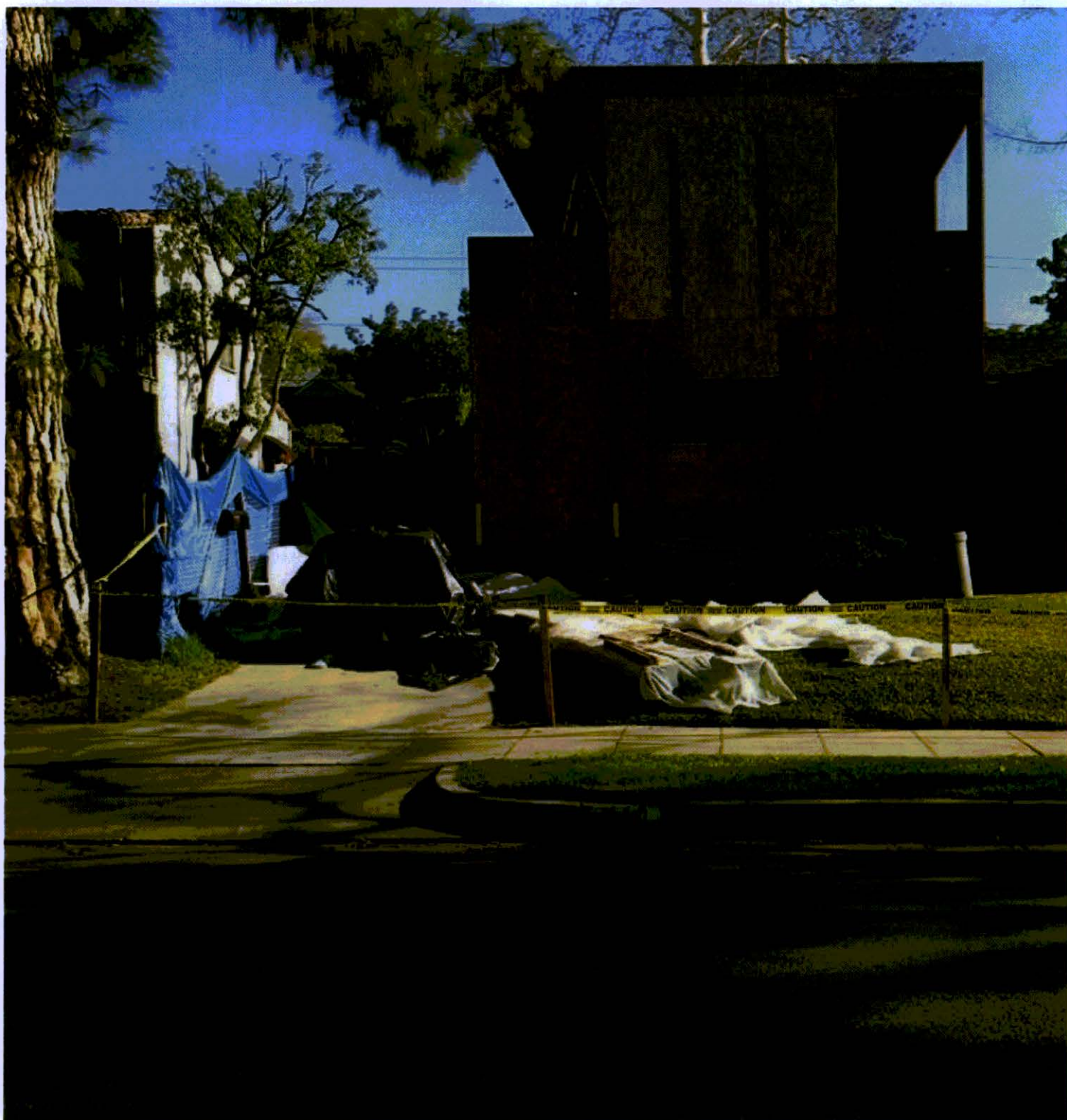
Jomsky, Mark

From: mesumida@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, January 22, 2015 7:41 AM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Mansionization Regulations

Hello,

I am writing to voice our concern with the lack of enforcement of regulations on new construction/remodels occurring in our neighborhood. The home on 140 Glen Summer is a prime example. It originally was a single story traditional home that fit the character of the neighborhood. Now you can see that it has become a towering eye soar that appears to be modern box stuck to an existing traditional home! Please stop this from continuing into our neighborhoods!!! The beauty of Pasadena is being lost!

Thank You,
Jeff and Michele Sumida



Jomsky, Mark

From: Nellie <nelliebrehme@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 22, 2015 7:33 AM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Ugly structures in beautiful neighborhoods.

This letter is to protest the construction of inappropriate size and out of place look of 140 Glen Summer address in Pasadena. This neighborhood is a quaint and family friendly bastion of traditional Pasadena history. How can the City of Pasadena grant permits for this monstrosity? Were there payments under the table? Who is looking out to keep Pasadena within perimeters of acceptable plans?

City of Pasadena has to set some limits.

Please help the neighborhood set some guidelines so this type of building does not go on

Respectfully Nellie Brehme


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Sent from my iPhone

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From: John Price <gabroadcast@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2015 8:55 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Cc: Linda Hubbard; Judy Bailey; Sue/Al Checcio; Bill & Sally Francis; Bill Woods; Cam Currier; Bob Donaldson; Pat & Dick Pennock; West Pas Residents Residents
Subject: Nightmare on Glen Summer Road

Please include these photos, and our pleas for action, during the discussion at the City Council meeting on Monday. This project will begat additional mansionization in our area very soon. At the moment we have no defenses against automatic approval by Planning.

John Price
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Begin forwarded message:

From: Janice Price <glensummer@sbcglobal.net>
Date: January 20, 2015 5:38:45 PM PST
To: Linda Hubbard <summerglen320@aol.com>, Judy Bailey <b.j.bailey@sbcglobal.net>, Sue/Al Checcio <sueart17@aol.com>, John Price <gabroadcast@sbcglobal.net>, Bill & Sally Francis <thefrancisfamily@hotmail.com>
Subject: Fwd: Addition to 140 Glen Summer Road

Begin forwarded message: FYI

From: "Madison, Steve" <smadison@cityofpasadena.net>
Date: January 20, 2015 4:30:46 PM PST
To: 'Janice Price' <glensummer@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: RE: Addition to 140 Glen Summer Road

We've asked the staff to meet with concerned residents about this project and have referred concerns to Code Compliance.

From: Janice Price [mailto:glensummer@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Sunday, January 18, 2015 6:14 PM
To: Madison, Steve
Cc: Suzuki, Takako; Linda Hubbard; Bill & Sally Francis; Judy Bailey; Sue/Al Checcio; John Price
Subject: Addition to 140 Glen Summer Road

Dear Councilman Madison:

The residents of Glen Summer Road are distressed over the construction of an addition at #140. As you can see, it is out of character in scale and design with the existing houses on our street. We do not know how well this structure will be integrated with the design

of the original house and the owner has not shown us a rendering. We are very protective of our beautiful and highly desirable neighborhood, and of our property values. At present, this addition is our worst nightmare.

Takako has kindly offered to accompany us to the City Planning Department on Wednesday the 21st where we may address these concerns, plus:
the unsightly building supplies, tarps and other debris on the lawn after work hours and weekends; the absence of a security fence; and that no evidence is currently posted of the City's approval of the building plans.

We are seeking reassurance that Pasadena will protect our interests.

Sincerely
Jan Price





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John Price
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Jomsky, Mark

From: Janice Price <glensummer@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, January 22, 2015 11:17 AM
To: Madison, Steve; Suzuki, Takako; Jomsky, Mark; Parker, Kelvin; Sarkis Nazerian
Cc: Kathy/Gordon Hamilton; Linda Hubbard; Ron Paler; Sally Barngrove
Subject: Photo of the original 140 Glen Summer Road house "before"

Photo of 140 Glen Summer Road after the garage was removed and before the addition was recently erected. Please include with the other photos of the addition that we have sent you.

Thank you,
Jan Price



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Jomsky, Mark

From: Summerglen320@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2015 5:24 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Fwd: 140 Glen Summer Rd.

To: Mark Jomsky, City Clerk
City of Pasadena

Dear Mr. Jomsky:

We are longtime residents of Glen Summer Rd. and have recently noticed a new two story construction project at 140 GSR. As you can see from the picture below this unsightly structure, in our opinion, is architecturally out of character with the other houses in the neighborhood; it resembles the "mansionization" found in surrounding areas; it is ugly and unattractive. While looking for the building permit we noticed the job site for this construction is unsafe, as the building materials are strewn about in an untidy manner making it dangerous to walk about, not to mention its sloppy, unkempt appearance.

It is requested that this matter be investigated and that this building project be stopped. Please advise us as to any city council meetings regarding this issue.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph and Linda Hubbard



From: summerglen320@aol.com
To: summerglen320@aol.com
Sent: 1/21/2015 5:06:40 P.M. Pacific Standard Time
Subj: (no subject)



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