

10/12/2021

Dear Planning Committee members,

We received the notice of the Development Review Hearing regarding the 3885 Baldwin Drive addition proposal scheduled at 3:00pm on October 30th, 2021.

Under the proposal, 3885 Baldwin Drive will turn into a mansion with 4,147 square feet, 8 rooms, and 4.5 bathrooms. The enormous size of the house dwarfs the 1,508 median house size on Baldwin Drive. It is an outlandish mismatch with the surrounding community.

In addition, both the size of the house and the number of rooms go way beyond what a single family typically needs. If the 8 rooms are fully occupied, increased traffic and crowded street parking will be the neighborhood's daily norm.

More importantly, the excessive number of rooms caused grave concerns among our neighbors for future potential conversion into Airbnb short term rentals. The gunshots heard during a March 29th, 2021 arrest of an Airbnb renter at 371 Lowell Dr., a rental that had 9 rooms, still resonate in the minds of our community. Another Airbnb rental at 431 Lowell Dr. hosted loud overnight parties, and a neighbor's expensive bike was stolen during the same night. The high turnover and number of renters wreak havoc on the safe and quiet Westwood Oaks community. A 4,147 square feet, 8 room, 4.5 bathroom Airbnb rental down the road should not be permitted at the planning stage.

Please kindly revise the size and room number of the proposed addition at 3885 Baldwin Drive.

Sincerely Yours,

Xiuduan Fang

Owners of [REDACTED] Giannini Dr Santa Clara



From: [Jason C](#)
To: [Tiffany Vien](#)
Subject: Concerns about the planned project 3885 Baldwin Dr, santa clara
Date: Monday, October 11, 2021 1:40:32 PM

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am a house owner in the Westwood oaks community. I received a notice that there is a planned rebuilding project at 3885 Baldwin Dr, Santa Clara, a house close to my house. From the description of the project, the owner is trying to expand the house as much as possible, and they are trying to build a 8 room house, which is unusual in this neighborhood. As far as I know, there are many Airbnb houses in this neighborhood, since the community easy to communicate to anywhere in the south bay area, and walking distance to the headquarter of the Apple. More importantly, there is no airbnb regulation rules in Santa Clara City. Those airbnb houses have brought many issues to our communities, such as more traffic, crimes and bad people. These airbnb owners make money by sacrificing the safety and peace of our community. please refer the crime cases happened in our neighborhood because of airbnb houses.

<https://www.santaclaraca.gov/Home/ShowDocument?id=72635>

I am not saying that the owners of 3885 Baldwin Dr are going to airbnb their house for sure, but it is highly possible, unless they have solid reasons to build such a huge house in our neighborhood. Since Santa Clara city hasn't have airbnb regulation rules as other cities, there are many airbnb business owners target Santa Clara city. We have to do something to protect our city and our community.

I strongly against the current plan of this project, unless the owner changes his plan to reasonable footage and number of rooms.

Thanks a lot!

Jason

From: [Steve Xu](#)
To: [Tiffany Vien](#)
Subject: Re: 3885 Baldwin Drive Proposal Feedback
Date: Saturday, October 09, 2021 9:32:33 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi Tiffany,

Thanks for sending me the plan! I have looked at the rear and right-side elevation. The rear side second floor has 4 windows and two are pretty large. They directly look into our backyard. Is it possible to adjust the windows to be 5 feet above the floor? I remember when we proposed development plan 9 years ago, that was the requirement. The right-side second floor has two windows, they directly look into one of our bedroom window. Is it possible to have them removed? At the very minimum, I hope they could be fixed (cannot be opened) and use frosted glass?

Please let me know if this is possible.

Thanks,
Steve

On Friday, October 8, 2021, 10:20:50 AM PDT, Tiffany Vien <tvien@santaclaraca.gov> wrote:

Hello Steve,

I have attached their proposed development plans. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments!

Thank you,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2021 9:08 PM
To: Tiffany Vien <TVien@SantaClaraCA.gov>
Subject: 3885 Baldwin Drive Proposal Feedback

Dear Tiffany,

I am a neighbor of David and Penny Hall. I saw a new development proposal at 3885 Baldwin drive. The proposal only shows the front and left-side of the elevation graph. Is it possible to send me the back and left-side of the elevation graph as well? I would like to make sure that there is no second floor window directly facing our backyard. This is to protect our privacy.

Thanks,

Steve