

N & E Planning & Zoning Committee  
Report  
January 23, 2006

The Committee convened at 7:05 p.m. with members Sandi Genser-Maack, Dolores Hembree, James Johnson, Martha Seymour, Michael Warren and Jerry Rasmussen (Acting Chair) present.

1. Single-family dwelling at 2344 Esmond Avenue addition and conversion to multiple units -- action deferred.

Myro Escobar, realtor, presented his proposal to add 400 sq. ft. to the rear of an existing 1100 sq. ft. house, plus a 1500 sq. ft. second story. A four-car attached garage would replace a two-car garage.

The Committee suggested cosmetic changes including tile trim along the parapet edges, and reconfiguring the new upper front entry, both to replicate existing design details. Re-aligning windows on the east facade was also suggested.

Noting the five exterior entry doors and the four separate rooms designated "living room," the Committee asked for clarification of exactly how many units are proposed. The applicant's response was vague (evasive) at best.

The Committee voted 6 -- 0 to defer any decision pending submittal of clarified drawings and a copy of the City application to clearly indicate the number of units proposed.

2. Speed bumps proposed at 1124 26th Street -- action deferred.

Elder Dorn, the only resident with an address on the 200' stretch of 26th Street, described the traffic problems here and along adjacent Rheem and Maricopa Avenues. And he suggested the best location for one or more bumps.

The Committee heard his concerns, noting that 26th Street dead-ends a half block north of Maricopa and that the problem drivers seem to be mostly speeders turning from the adjacent through streets. They pointed out alternative traffic calming tactics. They also suggested the Mr. Dorn enlist the support of his three neighbors on the other corners of his block, who also have driveway access on 26th, if he decides to petition the City for a speed bump.

The Committee voted to defer any decision pending Mr. Dorn's return with a more formal application.

The Committee adjourned at 8:20 p.m., to reconvene on Feb. 27th.