

Jason Masters

From: Ted Randall <trandall001@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 16, 2014 10:17 PM
To: Jason Masters
Subject: Encroachment Permit Appeal- 130 41st St

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> Hello. My name is Ted Randall and I'm the resident and property owner of 209 41st St. My wife Wazhma, three year old daughter Nyla and I think the fountain is a fantastic addition to the neighborhood. It sounds wonderful when walking by it and the kids in the neighborhood love it (sometimes more than we'd like). To be honest, planter = litter box in our neighborhood (we have to clean ours every day) and this looks great and avoids those issues. The fountain is a great way to beautify the exterior of the house and it is enjoyed by all. I'll let the other neighbors speak for themselves, but I have never heard a complaint from anyone on the street about the fountain.

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> Please reconsider Mr Goettsche's appeal!

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> Sincerely,
> Ted, Wazhma, and Nyla
> 213-445-5627

Jason Masters

From: Eduardo Alonso <fasteddy1971@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 25, 2014 11:15 AM
To: Jason Masters
Subject: Comments re: Encroachment Permit Appeal 130 41st Street - Hearing

Mr. Masters,

apologies for the late submittal of comments. I live at 201 Kelp Street, almost directly behind 130 41st Street. I do not support the approval of the appeal request. For several weeks, I noticed the sound of either a "running shower" or open water faucet coming from a location near my house. All the houses in these blocks are very close and any sound echoes and reverberates across the block. I had assumed it was either a surfer rinsing off after a day at the beach or some sort of open faucet or plumbing leak. It was odd to hear the sound at different hours of day and night. After discussing this several times with my neighbors, it was brought to my attention that the source of the sound was coming from the house almost directly behind mine located at 130 41st street.

I do not judge the owner's decision to have a fountain in their house, but I think the decision did not consider the impact to other in the surrounding houses. If you live in this area, you know that hearing the sound of the ocean is one of the major attributes. The noise created by the fountain is a distraction and it stands out more as a problem than an attribute. Frankly, it does not add to the location and more times than not it creates the impression that the noise is caused by a faucet or shower left unattended.

If I could not hear the running water from the water fountain, I would not comment on this. But I, and others near 130 41st do. I prefer not to. We were not and have not been consulted on the matter. I'd appreciate if the request and appeal are not approved so the water fountain is not in use at any hour of the day.

I prefer to remain anonymous, but you may contact me if you would like to discuss this further. Thank you for your attention and the opportunity to provide comments.

Sincerely,
Eduardo Alonso
201 Kelp Street. MB

Jason Masters

From: Nhung Madrid
Sent: Thursday, September 25, 2014 10:41 AM
To: Laurie B. Jester; Jason Masters
Subject: FW: 09/25/14-3 DENY Encroachment Permit Appeal to Allow a Water Fountain – 130 41st Street

From: Gary McAulay [<mailto:gary.mcaulay@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, September 25, 2014 10:34 AM
To: List - PPIC
Subject: 09/25/14-3 DENY Encroachment Permit Appeal to Allow a Water Fountain – 130 41st Street

Dear PPIC,

I urge you to deny the water feature encroachment at 130 41st Street.

There is no justification for allowing this unpermitted and illegally constructed encroachment onto City land and the Public right-of-way.

The City cannot maintain a policy of granting exemptions for illegal encroachments simply because they have already been constructed. The idea that it is easier to ask for forgiveness rather than asking for permission, and justifying the encroachments because they were expensive to build; or because they are “pretty,” or because a couple of neighbors send letters saying that the encroachment is ok by them, is not a workable policy for our town. Further, old existing construction and encroachments, that do not meet current code, cannot justify additional non-conforming encroachments.

Please remember that every exemption that *is* granted becomes precedent, for a mile around, to allow even more exemptions.

The City is currently reviewing its Mobility Plan. Among many concerns is the ever-increasing encroachment onto the public right-of way for yards, fences, landscaping, etc. This pushes pedestrians into the streets, which in turn impacts vehicular traffic and public safety.

Jason Masters

From: Aaron Tofani <aarontofani@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 25, 2014 10:27 AM
To: Lucas Goettsche; Jason Masters
Subject: 130 41st - Fountain

Hi Jason - I am writing this message to express my support for the Fountain at 130 41st Street. I enjoy the feature and I know many others in the community enjoy the fountain as well on a regular basis. Please allow this amenity to our street to remain.

Thank you,

Aaron Tofani
200 41st Street, Manhattan Beach, CA

Jason Masters

From: Kevin Freeman <dreidrage@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 25, 2014 10:14 AM
To: Jason Masters; Lucas Goettsche
Subject: Water feature at 130 41st Street
Attachments: photo (5).JPG

Jason,

i'm writing this letter just in case i am unable to attend tonights hearing regarding the water feature at 130 41st street. i may be unable to attend because i was called in for Jury duty.

my daughter and i walk by this water feature several times a week as we go to the beach or swings. She's four and she absolutely loves it. She even knows "Mr Lucas" and that it's his fountain and says so whenever she stops to admire and even play with it. she would be heart broken if it was no longer there.

From my own perspective, the feature is beautifully done, well integrated and acoustically pleasing and non invasive to surrounding areas. it would be a total waste to have it removed.

If for some reason I and my daughter are not standing before you this evening because i am serving jury duty, please do not let my absence have any less weight then me standing there before you. Please keep this feature and do not waste any more of the city's time on the matter.

Thank you,

Kevin Freeman

Manhattan Beach Home owner, tax payer and 41st street resident
(sent from the downtown courthouse)

Jason Masters

From: gcherep@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, September 23, 2014 1:30 PM
To: Jason Masters
Subject: Encroachment Appeal - 130 41st Street

Dear Mr. Masters:

As I understand it, the homeowner at 130 41st Street was provided, generously by the City, with a variance for a planter on public right of way. It appears that, unless this was not understood, this was not enough, and either believing that "people won't notice/complain", or relying upon the proposition that it is easier to ask for forgiveness than for permission, the "ground rules" were broken. I would mention that "water fountain feature" understates the size and activity of the structure I just saw.

Perhaps if the water were to be replaced with drought-resistant plants and/or dramatically downsized, the public and homeowner would be better served.

Thank You,

Greg Cherep
200 Moonstone Street
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Jason Masters

From: Fred Geisinger <fred.geisinger@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 19, 2014 8:22 AM
To: Jason Masters
Cc: lucas@lgdesignstudio.com; Katelyn Gorham
Subject: Lucas Goettsche - 41st St

Hi Jason,

I am Lucas' neighbor at 215 41st St. I wanted to write a quick note in support of keeping the water feature in front of 130 41st St. My girlfriend and I think it adds curb appeal and aesthetics to an otherwise flat and stucco-filled neighborhood. The water feature clearly adds value to other homeowners on the street, as well as beautifies the neighborhood for our guests. We think it would be to the detriment to El Porto and 41st St to force anyone, including 130 41st St., to destroy a design feature that is causing no harm to any neighbors.

Please call or email with any questions or suggestions,

Sincerely,

Fred Geisinger and Katelyn Gorham
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City of Manhattan Beach Department
Community Development
Jason Master, Assistant Planner
1400 Highland Avenue
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Dear Mr. Master,

I have been a resident of the North Manhattan Beach/El Porto area for over 60 years. I have lived on Moonstone Street and 41st Street from my preschool years to my current retirement years.

I have seen the good, bad, and ugly of this area over these past many years. When the building at 130 41st Street was being constructed, I was thrilled! It is a beautiful structure that has added to much to our street and community!

In addition, when I realized the owner had added a water feature, I was so pleased. It is lovely, and the sounds of the moving water just add to our neighborhood in such a positive way. It is so soothing!

Please do not force the owner to remove the water feature. It would be such a shame to take this away from our little community. We all enjoy it! I have never heard one complaint about the water feature. In fact, I have only heard compliments about its beauty and soothing sounds.

Most sincerely,

Peggy Malpee
Owner: 117 41st Street
115 41st Street
120 Moonstone Street

PS Please feel free to contact me in regard to my letter. pmalpee@aol.com