



**DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**TO: Planning Commission**

**FROM: Planning Staff**

**SUBJECT: Site Plan/Architectural Review Case No. 07-SPR-008 (Mahterian for Hesen)**

**DATE: July 17, 2008**

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**BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

On February 7, 2008, the Planning Commission held a public hearing for a Site Plan/Architectural Review request to construct a first and second story addition and a garage addition to an existing single-family residence located at 5575 Micaela Drive. The applicant, Robert Mahterian for Jen and Mitch Hesen, desired to add 1,672 square feet of additional space to the 2,430 square foot, two-story residence.

Upon conducting a public hearing and receiving oral and written testimony from staff, the applicant and the public, the Planning Commission continued the public hearing to the March 6, 2008 Planning Commission meeting and requested that the applicant submit alternate plans which address changes to the project that were recommended by the Planning Commission. At the request of the applicant, the public hearing was continued to April 3, 2008. An additional continuance was granted to the June 19, 2008 Planning Commission meeting, as requested by the applicant, to allow his clients additional time to consider proposed design revisions.

At the July 19, 2008 Planning Commission meeting, staff reported that no plans had been submitted to date and, despite staff's requests, the applicant had not indicated with certainty whether his clients desire to continue pursuing this project and had given no indication that revised plans will be submitted in the near future. As such, staff requested that the Planning Commission take final action on the application. The Planning Commission directed staff to return with a Resolution of denial for adoption at the next Planning Commission meeting of July 17, 2008. However, on June 27, 2008, the applicant submitted a letter to staff withdrawing the Site Plan/Architectural Review application for Case No. 07-SPR-008. A copy of the letter is attached. Since the application has been withdrawn, no action is required of the Planning Commission.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The applicant has withdrawn the application for Site Plan/Architectural Review Case No. 07-SPR-008. This is for information only and no action is required of the Planning Commission.

**ATTACHMENT**

- Letter from the applicant dated June 27, 2008

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June 27, 2008

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Re: 5575 Micaela Drive  
Agoura Hills, CA  
Case No.: 07-SPR-008

Dear Ms. Tang,

We request to have the above-referenced application withdrawn.

The owners are not willing to go before the planning commission again without a defined and city approved description for lot coverage. Without this definition, it allows for a subjective view of what is appropriate to build from a lay planning commission. During the hearing I asked for more feedback on what size would be deemed appropriate; the response that "they'll know it when they see it" does not give the clients much comfort that their resources would be well spent in paying for additional design work.

Unfortunately, the Hesens have no option but to move from their home of over ten years to accommodate their large family.

As always, your courteous and professional help through the process has been very much appreciated.

Best regards,



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