



Eichler Design Standards

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Hi Dana,

My name is Chris Maes and I attended the last meeting on Eichler Design Standards. I'm a resident of the Fairglen Eichler Additions neighborhood.

There is one main point of confusion among my neighbors that is worth clarifying: **would the city deny a permit for plans that did not follow these objective design standards?**

My take from Thursday's meeting and from reading Chapter 1 (page 5) of the document is that these design standards **do** restrict permits. For example the document states (bold face is my own)

"The [...] Objective Design Standards (ODS) **provide project design requirements** and additional voluntary guidance for property owners, design professionals, and **City staff when planning and reviewing projects**. The ODS are **intended to supplement San Jose's existing project review process by establishing a clear set of rules (design standards)** and recommendations (optional design guidelines) for **property alterations**"

Can you clarify if this is the case? Additionally, is there a recording of the meeting or copy of the slides I could review and share?

Thank you,
Chris

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