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VIA EMAIL

Fedolia Harris
Community Development Department
300 Richards Boulevard, Third Floor
Sacramento, CA 95811

RE: Yeshi Arden Apartments (Z22-077)

Dear Fedolia Harris:

Civic Thread (formerly "WALKSacramento") has reviewed the Yeshi Apartments Project (Z22-077). The project proposes to construct four apartment buildings with 39 units. Even with a height restriction, the project proposes to provide 45% shading which does comply with the county requirements. In addition, the project provides trash, recycling, and an organic bin that will incentivize residents to sort their waste. We would like to offer the following comments.

Further Maximizing Landscape Design

Choosing the right vegetation for a landscape allows plants to reduce heat temperatures, reduce contaminated stormwater runoff, and improve air quality. In addition, plants can also help replace the usage of fences. Due to the current climate change it is equally important to choose drought tolerant plants. To support better vegetation growth and safety, we propose the following:

- Utilizing a bush to act as a barrier so that children don't run into the parking lot from the playground area
 - These plants could be; Heavenly Bamboo, or Holly Dwarf
- Planting Deer Grass
 - Great for filtering contaminated stormwater runoff
 - Drought tolerant
- Plant vines around the patio covers
 - Will provide additional shade

Enhancing Active Transportation

Enhancing active transportation will provide the Yeshi Arden Apartment residents the health, economic, and environmental benefits of car-free living that are typically less accessible. We are pleased to see that the residents are being given 44 bicycle parking spaces but would recommend weather protection for all the outdoor bike parking.

Safety Through Design

The placement of the windows has many benefits for the Yeshi apartments. Having the windows surrounding the buildings allows for safety through design. The windows allow for neighborhood watch especially in the playground area.

Connecting with the Community

We are pleased to see all the elements of design within this project. In particular, the playground area and communal spaces promote outdoor activities. The use of trees to serve as shade for the parked cars is also noticed and is essential to reduce heat island effect.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments. Please notify Civic Thread of future routings or notices for this project.

Sincerely,

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Project Assistant