

## Susan Johnson

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**Sent:** Thursday, October 03, 2019 7:40 AM  
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**Subject:** Re: W. Newell Avenue, Walnut Creek - SITE PLAN, FLOOR PLANS AND ELEVATIONS

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If open trench, confirmed.

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On Thu, Oct 3, 2019 at 1:44 AM Tambri Heyden <[tambrij@yahoo.com](mailto:tambrij@yahoo.com)> wrote:  
Hello, Jennifer,

Thank you for taking the time to quickly review my 9/24/19 request. Attached is a new drawing we had to prepare for Contra Costa County Fire for them to approve our access and water service designs. On it, our civil engineer has added the full length of the gas line, which connects to the service at the house that was already shown on our original architectural sheet A-2 and all the civil engineering plans. The latter plans were the drawings you had reviewed and from which you prepared your arborist report.

I'm sending this new drawing to you just to verify that all three of your provisos stipulated in your 9/25/19 email below are in fact true. Therefore, based on this email, you are stating that tree #37 cannot be preserved.

Best regards,  
Tambri Heyden

On Wednesday, September 25, 2019, 12:22:35 PM PDT, Jennifer Tso <[jennifer@traversotree.com](mailto:jennifer@traversotree.com)> wrote:

Tambri, I see the gas service as it attaches to the home, and the EBMUD easement. towards W Newell. I don't see a location for the proposed trench. If (1) the trench is aligned with the side of the house and goes right by the trunk, (2) the trenching depth extends to 3' below grade, and (3) the utility must be installed via open trench, then yes - the tree will need to be removed as it will be structurally compromised and is highly likely to fall over.

Also, re: exploratory trenching, I do not have to be present for it, only to review the findings. That doesn't matter if you are not doing it, but just fyi.

Let me know if you have any questions.

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On Tue, Sep 24, 2019 at 2:21 PM Tambri Heyden <[tambrij@yahoo.com](mailto:tambrij@yahoo.com)> wrote:  
Jennifer,

As per our phone discussion within the past two weeks in response to County Planning staff's 9/10/19 emailed request for us to consider preserving tree #37, you had indicated that investigative digging in your presence would be necessary in order to determine for certain whether our proposed home design would prevent tree #37 from being saved. Although during our phone discussion with you at that time, we agreed to move forward with investigative digging, David and I have re-reviewed our plans and have determined that given the proposed gas line service to the home, reflected on sheet A2 and sheet C.1.1 of our plans, tree #37 cannot be saved, regardless of the results of investigative digging around this tree, because the underground gas line will be within 2.5' from the base of tree #37.

The gas service location cannot change because the service comes from W. Newell Avenue, from the east. Due to PG&E's requirements, the gas line cannot be located on the south side of the home since PG&E does not permit gas lines next to drainage or wet utilities. Given the narrow width (north to south) of the buildable area of the lot, due to the steep hillside and the location of existing, heavy overhead power lines, our south retaining wall is 5 feet from the house. Within this 5 feet is a footing 3 feet from the building foundation and where the drainage must be located in order to meet the County's storm water requirements.

Jennifer, can you please re-look at sheet C.1.1 and the attached sheet A2, showing the gas service location and provide me something in writing indicating whether this gas service location precludes preservation of tree #37?

Best regards,  
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