Town of Moraga

Public Works/Engineering Department

December 23, 2008

Mr. Dom Sidari
2 Sparrow Ct.
Moraga, Ca 94556

Subject: Proposed Bocce Courts at Moraga Commons

Dear: Mr. Sidari,

I have reviewed the drawings submitted for the proposed Bocce Ball courts at the Moraga Commons and find that they do not provide a sufficient amount of detail for approval. Any proposed project located within 100 feet of a natural watercourse will require a grading permit (as explained in Moraga Municipal Code Section 14.04.31). The Town requires all grading permit applications to provide a detailed drawing of the proposed work that shows:

- The proposed work location relative to property lines and orientation (including a directional arrow showing North);
- Clearly showing the project's proximity to creeks or other drainage channels, any existing easements, and any underground utilities;
- The outline of the area being disturbed and the contours of the area in 10 foot increments;
- The amount of material being disturbed, including quantities hauled into or out of the project;
- A general notes section detailing work hours, general conditions for the work, and any specific conditions for the project;
- A description of the drainage for the project reflecting how stormwater will be collected and where it will be discharged;
- The location, size and type of any trees that will be removed by the project and any that will be preserved adjacent to the project.

More detail on grading permit requirements and the grading permit application may be found on the Town's website under "Departments", or you may contact the Public Works/Engineering office at the Hacienda, at 925-888-7026.

Sincerely,

John Sherbert
Staff Engineer
925-888-7027

cc: Jill Mercurio – Director of Public Works/Town Engineer
Jay Ingram – Director of Parks and Recreation

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February 11, 2009

Mr. George Fisher
815 Camino Ricardo
Moraga, CA 94556

Subject: Bocce Ball Courts at Moraga Commons

Dear Mr. Fisher:

Thank you for your interest in the addition of Bocce Ball courts at the Moraga Commons. As we discussed, due to State requirements for ensuring water quality in creeks and streams, activities near them are reviewed carefully. The Moraga Municipal Code requires a formal review and a Grading Permit for any proposed construction proposal that is within 100 feet of a stream or creek. The review process to obtain a Grading Permit requires a significant amount of detail about the proposal and the area around it to ensure that the proposed work will not create any problems for water quality, encroach into any easements, damage any existing utilities and will meet all other applicable regulations.

To obtain a grading permit, an applicant must supply detailed plans that display the following detail (this detail was included in my letter to Mr. Sidari in December):

- The proposed work location relative to property lines and orientation (including a directional arrow showing North);
- Clearly showing the project's proximity to creeks or other drainage channels, any existing easements, and any underground utilities;
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In addition to this level of detailed plans, the applicant for a grading permit must pay a $75 application fee, a $375 plan review fee and a $925 inspection fee.

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I would be happy to review any preliminary plans to ensure they include the appropriate level of detail. You may wish to contract for an engineer to develop the plans, or utilize a volunteer with the appropriate experience to develop them.

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Sincerely,

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