

CITY OF BURLINGAME

PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION 2026-07.13- APPROVING MAJOR DESIGN REVIEW TO CONSTRUCT A 3,254 SQUARE-FOOT, TWO-STORY SINGLE-UNIT DWELLING WITH DETACHED GARAGE LOCATED AT 1454 BALBOA AVENUE PROJECT NO. DSR26-0014

WHEREAS, an application has been made by James Chu, Chu Design & Associates, Inc., on behalf of Property Owner, 1454 Balboa LLC, for Major Design Review to construct a 3,254 square-foot, two-story single-unit dwelling with detached garage on a 7,001 square-foot site in the R-1 (Low Density Residential) zoning district, APN: 029-013-320; and

WHEREAS, on July 13, 2026, the Planning Commission of the City of Burlingame held a duly noticed public hearing at which time it reviewed and considered the staff report and all other written materials and testimony presented at said hearing; and

WHEREAS, on July 13, 2026, the Planning Commission of the City of Burlingame reviewed and considered a Categorical Exemption under Section 15303 (a) for the Project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Planning Commission of the City of Burlingame does here by resolve, find, determine and order as follows:

SECTION 1: The project is Categorically Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15303 (a) of the CEQA Guidelines, which states construction of a limited number of new, small facilities or structures including one single family residence, or a second dwelling unit in a residential zone is exempt from environmental review. In urbanized areas, up to three single family residences may be constructed or converted under this exemption.

SECTION 2: City of Burlingame Municipal Code (BMC) authorizes the Planning Commission to grant Major Design Review upon making certain findings. The Planning Commission finds the following:

MAJOR DESIGN REVIEW FINDINGS (BMC SECTION 25.68.050.G.)

1. *The project is consistent with the General Plan and is in compliance with all applicable provisions of Title 25, all applicable design guidelines, all other City ordinances and regulations, and most specifically, the standards established in in BMC 25.68.060 subsection B, C, or D, as applicable.*

The proposed new single-unit dwelling with a detached garage is consistent with the General Plan designation of Low Density Residential and complies with all applicable provisions of Title 25. The proposed dwelling is consistent with the design guidelines in that the mass and bulk of the proposed structure is in scale with the lot and in relation to neighboring properties and that the project proposes a Modern Farmhouse architectural style through utilizing board and batten as the primary façade material, standing seam metal roofing, and rectangular windows with divided lites, as well as Craftsman influences by utilizing prominent gabled roofs, wood outriggers, and a covered front porch. The use of quality materials, the varied roof forms and recessed wall planes which break up the mass and bulk of the structure, and the proposed detached garage make the project compatible with the character and variety of architectural styles in the neighborhood.

2. *The project will be constructed on a parcel that is adequate in shape, size, topography, and other circumstances to accommodate the proposed development.*

The subject parcel is a 7,001 SF level, rectangular lot of sufficient size and dimensions to accommodate the proposed two-story single-unit dwelling and detached garage. The proposed development has been thoughtfully designed to fit within the site while complying with all applicable R-1 Zoning development standards. There are no existing unusual topographic or site constraints that would preclude the proposed development and the parcel is adequate in shape, size, topography, and other circumstances to accommodate the proposed project.

3. *The project is designed and arranged to provide adequate consideration to ensure the public health, safety, and general welfare, and to prevent adverse effects on neighboring property.*

The project complies with the applicable R-1 zoning setback regulations, providing adequate separation from adjacent residences for light, air, and access. The proposed driveway and entrance are located in a similar location to the existing driveway and entrance, and the proposed detached garage and driveway provide the required off-street parking. The proposed landscaping enhances the streetscape while maintaining compatibility with the surrounding neighborhood. The project will comply with applicable local and state requirements to provide building and fire safety, address stormwater runoff, and implement safe construction practices. The project will not be detrimental to public health, safety, or general welfare, nor result in adverse effects on neighboring properties.

SECTION 3: The Planning Commission of the City of Burlingame after conducting the public hearing **HEREBY APPROVES** DSR26-0014 subject to the following conditions:

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

1. that the project shall be built as shown on the plans submitted to the Planning Division and date stamped June 23, 2026, sheets A.1 through AC.1, L.1 through L.2;
2. that any changes to building materials, exterior finishes, windows, architectural features, roof height or pitch, and amount or type of hardscape materials shall be subject to Planning Division or Planning Commission review;
3. that any changes to the size or envelope of the basement, first or second floors, or garage, which would include adding or enlarging a dormer(s), shall require an amendment to this permit;
4. that any recycling containers, debris boxes or dumpsters for the construction project shall be placed upon the private property, if feasible, as determined by the Community Development Director;
5. that demolition for removal of the existing structures and any grading or earth moving on the site shall not occur until a building permit has been issued and such site work shall be required to comply with all the regulations of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District;
6. that prior to issuance of a building permit for construction of the project, the project construction plans shall be modified to include a cover sheet listing all conditions of approval adopted by the Planning Commission, or City Council on appeal; which shall remain a part of all sets of approved plans throughout the construction process. Compliance with all conditions of approval is required; the conditions of approval shall not be modified or changed without the approval of the Planning Commission, or City Council on appeal;

7. that all air ducts, plumbing vents, and flues shall be combined, where possible, to a single termination and installed on the portions of the roof not visible from the street; and that these venting details shall be included and approved in the construction plans before a Building permit is issued;
8. that the project shall comply with the Construction and Demolition Debris Recycling Ordinance which requires affected demolition, new construction and alteration projects to submit a Waste Reduction plan and meet recycling requirements; any partial or full demolition of a structure, interior or exterior, shall require a demolition permit;
9. that the project shall meet all the requirements of the California Building and Uniform Fire Codes, in effect at time of building permit submittal, as amended by the City of Burlingame;

THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS SHALL BE MET DURING THE BUILDING INSPECTION PROCESS PRIOR TO THE INSPECTIONS NOTED IN EACH CONDITION:

10. that prior to scheduling the foundation inspection, a licensed surveyor shall locate the property corners, set the building footprint and certify the first-floor elevation of the new structure(s) based on the elevation at the top of the form boards per the approved plans; this survey shall be accepted by the City Engineer;
11. that prior to scheduling the framing inspection the applicant shall provide a certification by the project architect or residential designer, or another architect or residential design professional, that demonstrates that the project falls at or below the maximum approved floor area ratio for the property;
12. that prior to scheduling the framing inspection the project architect or residential designer, or another architect or residential design professional, shall provide an architectural certification that the architectural details shown in the approved design which should be evident at framing, such as window locations and bays, are built as shown on the approved plans; architectural certification documenting framing compliance with approved design shall be submitted to the Building Division before the final framing inspection shall be scheduled;
13. that prior to scheduling the roof deck inspection, a licensed surveyor shall shoot the height of the roof ridge and provide certification of that height to the Building Division; and
14. that prior to final inspection, Planning Division staff will inspect and note compliance of the architectural details (trim materials, window type, etc.) to verify that the project has been built according to the approved Planning and Building plans.

SECTION 4: The Major Design Review approval shall be subject to revocation if the applicant fails to comply with the conditions listed herein at any time. If, at any time, the Community Development Director or Planning Commission determines that there has been or may be a violation of the findings or conditions of this approval, or of the Zoning Code, a public hearing may be held before the Planning Commission to review this approval pursuant to Burlingame Municipal Chapter 25.88. At said hearing, the Planning Commission may add conditions, or recommend enforcement actions, or revoke the approval entirely, as necessary to ensure compliance with the Zoning Regulations, and to provide for the health, safety, and general welfare of the community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of July 2026.

Chairperson

I, _____, Secretary of the Planning Commission of the City of Burlingame, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was introduced and adopted at a regular meeting of the Planning Commission held on the 13th day of July 2026 by the following vote:

Secretary

Exhibits:

Exhibit A - Project Plans dated June 23, 2026

AYES:

NOES:

RECUSED:

ABSENT: