



PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

April 29, 2018

Donald P. Emery, General Manager
Megan Fujiko Watanabe, Vice President & Chief Operating Officer
Riviera Country Club
1250 Capri Drive
Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

Re: Riviera Country Club Contemplated Improvements and Impact on the Longworth Gate

On April 26, 2018, the Board of the Pacific Palisades Community Council met at a regularly scheduled public board meeting, and voted unanimously to support the following motion, after robust discussion on the matter over the course of two meetings:

“PPCC notes the legitimate concerns of the neighbors pertaining to the improvements proposed by Riviera Country Club.

“We urge the Riviera Country Club to contact the two neighborhood liaisons, Richard Moss and Lorie Kraus, within the next two weeks, to begin open lines of communication and engage with the neighbors in the following ways:

- 1. Provide architectural plans for the contemplated improvements at the Riviera Country Club;*
- 2. Schedule a tour of the site, aimed at explaining the contemplated improvements, for the neighborhood liaisons and PPCC area representatives; and*
- 3. Begin to negotiate in good faith, within the same two-week time span, on all aspects of the contemplated improvements.”*

PPCC is the most broad-based community voice of the Palisades since 1974, representing all Palisadian neighborhoods. We were alerted to the permit and construction activity of the Riviera in early April, and were asked to take up the matter at our first April board meeting. We invited the Riviera management to join us, as well as our Council office. Both were present. At the conclusion of that meeting, we asked Mr. Emery to take back the community’s concerns to Riviera management and return with responses. Mr. Emery and Ms. Watanabe, along with Mr. Michael Yamaki, subsequently offered the Chair a tour of the property and a review of the contemplated improvements. The Chair asked Ms. Watanabe and Mr. Emery to return on April 26th for more discussion, and they did.

The result was a pledge by both sides to communicate and work together in good faith to arrive at an understanding whereby the neighbors would be assured of the peace and quiet associated with the current limited use of the gate on Longworth Drive, and the Riviera can effectuate the improvements allowed by the law and the conditions imposed upon the use of the gate.

It is my hope that these talks begin within the time frame laid out by our motion, and that they are fruitful and consequential.

Sincerely,
Maryam Zar
Chair, Pacific Palisades Community Council

cc: Reza Akef, Andrew Wolfberg, Krista Kline, Len Nguyen, Lisa Cahill, Councilmember Mike Bonin