

March 12, 2025

Subject: Bennett Residence 78 Shady Renovation - Letter of Support

Dear Members of the Ross Advisory Design Review Group,

I am writing to express my support for the home renovation project proposed by my neighbor, Ms. Heather Bennett. As their current neighbor residing directly across the street at 75 Shady Lane, I have had the pleasure of meeting Ms. Bennett and learn more about their proposed home renovation. Her choices of materials and finishes inside the house and outside seem to align well with our Ross small town quality and feel.

Renovation specifics that I appreciated hearing about included the following:
The landscaping plan to preserve the quality you'd expect when walking by on the sidewalk, which offers sufficient privacy between the property and the neighboring homes.
Additionally, the exterior lighting has been designed to shield and direct downward so that it will not impact us at night. The backyard location of the proposed pool is out of view from the street and will not impact our privacy. Furthermore, the proposed project reduces the amount of storm runoff by replacing all the concrete patios and driveway with permeable pavers, better grading, and additional drainage. The commitment to improving the property is evident. Their proposed renovation project is not only aesthetically pleasing but also aligns with the character and charm of our neighborhood, positively contributing to the overall appearance and value of our community.

Heather and her design team have been transparent and communicative during the planning process and have sought input from neighbors. Their ADU design plan addressed neighboring concerns, including minimizing the overall square footage and removing windows to accommodate neighboring requests and thus, appears aesthetically quaint and charming.

In conclusion, I strongly support Ms. Bennett's home renovation project at 78 Shady Lane. I am confident that their dedication to improving their property will have a positive impact on our neighborhood, and I urge the Town Council to approve their plans.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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