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IN THE EYE OF THE BEHOLDER

When the local city council rejected the plans for a new home in Old Agave, they said that the home design and scale "didn't fit" in the custom-equestrian community.

Council members offered that they like the variety of styles in Old Agave, and said they would welcome something unique. They also acknowledged that it wasn't simple to define what would fit into the community.

The design guidelines spell out the desires for a "rural, rustic, and country" feel.

A sale list, voiced by Councilmember Linda Northing, is to stick with classic, Old World designs. Undoubtedly Arts and Crafts, or Craftsman, with an emphasis on natural elements and local materials, is acceptable. What if a builder's taste runs modern? As evidenced by 10 written offers on one modern home for sale on Wagon Rd. in Agave, and 8 offers on a mid-century on Balkans, modern is wildly popular. Indeed, three of the most modern homes in Old Agave are or were owned by two former Agave Hills planning commissioners, and a former chair of the architectural committee of the Old Agave Homeowners, respectively.

With the popularity of modern styling, the question at the hearing was how to make "modern" have a "rural and country" feel. There is a recent list in Old Agave that is offered for sale with plans for a 2,900 sq-ft. home with an exemplary rustic contemporary design.

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WILD & WONDERFUL

Rumors abound that a mountain lion was sighted just off Chiosito Rd. in Old Agave. A resident on Facebook De said she saw a lion jump her six-foot fence. Two more tracks on the trail that look like any paperweight come from P-22's footprint (P-22 is the latest mountain lion stranded in Griffith Park).

A mountain lion, specifically P-40, was implicated in the killing of a small herd of Alpine in Malibu Canyon. (Sadly, the big cats stay away from traffic, and take their time until the wildlife crossing is built over the 101 FWY. Otherwise, the species will never vanish from the Santa Monica Mountains. The disappearance of large animals has had deleterious consequences to ecosystems everywhere - causing disease and plague that was previously unimaginable.



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