## Hunters Point Homeowners Association Architectural Committee Solar Panel Installation Guidelines

The Architectural Committee utilizes the following criteria and standards to assist those home owners considering the installation of solar power systems. The Architectural Committee must give advanced written approval for installations of solar panels and related equipment.

- 1. Whenever possible, solar panels must be mounted parallel to the roof surface.
- a. Photovoltaic panels shall be mounted so that the top of the panel is less than eight (8) inches above the surface of the roof.
- b. Solar thermal panels shall be mounted so that the top of the panel is less than four (4) inches above the surface of the roof.
- 2. If mounting the panels parallel to the roof is not viable, the following alternatives are available:
- a. The solar panels may be mounted on the roof, with the panels not parallel to the roof surface. The roof must be altered to enclose the panels and apparatus.
- b. The solar panels may be mounted on a house wall. The panels must be integrated into the structure using similar materials so that the panels appear to be a natural extension of the structure.
- c. The solar panels may be mounted on the ground. The panels must be integrated into the structure using similar materials so that the panels appear to be a natural extension of the structure.
- 3. To the extent possible, solar panels and equipment must be color specific to match the roof material.
- 4. To the extent possible, all installations shall not detract from the appearance of the property and must be reasonably harmonious to the neighboring properties.
- a. To the extent possible, conduit, pipes, or wiring associated with the solar installation shall be hidden from view (by running under the solar panels or inside the envelope of the house). Visible conduit or pipes must be painted to match the house color.
- b. Apparatus mounted on the exterior of the home (dc-ac inverter, electrical switches, etc.) shall be placed as inconspicuously as possible without compromising the energy efficiency or safe operation of the system.
- 5. Final installation is subject to review by the Architectural Committee.