

## Enatai Mid Century Modern

Location: Bellevue, Washington  
Completion: 2010  
Building Area: 2,037 sf  
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The existing house was built in 1958 by well know architect Paul Kirk. While the original house was modest it had some redeeming qualities. The Enatai neighborhood is well known for architect designed midcentury modern homes. Currently the neighborhood is being sprinkled with builder homes. The goal was to honor the best qualities of the house and honor the neighborhood with a simple, elegant, modest and appropriate solution.



The existing layout and geometry of the house created a poor street presence. The house is in close proximity to the street and the roofline is low and long. There were no windows or architectural features on the elevation. The existing carport was the focus and acted as an entry court. We decided to accentuate the horizontal, the long low roofline became a sleek street front elevation. Horizontal entry windows were added and horizontal glass garage doors work together to create strong horizontal lines at day and are illuminated at night. Closing off the carport and relocating the front door positively impacted the house on many levels.