

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION #1

For Planning Commission Agenda of:
October 6, 2016

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Re: Eureka The Pentecostal Conditional Use Permit

Application Number 9657

Case Number CUP-02-87M

Assessor Parcel Number 014-182-008-000

The project is located in Humboldt County, in the Myrtle town area, at the north end of Hoover Street north of Myrtle Avenue, approximately 500 feet north of the intersection of Hoover Street and Ridgeway Street, on the property known as 1060 Hoover Street, and further described as APN 014-182-008.

Attached for the Planning Commission's record and review is (are) the following supplementary information item(s):

- A. An additional public comment, dated September 24, 2016 from residents of Hoover Street, and a petition with bulleted concerns and four (4) pages of attached signatures, attached.
- B. An additional public comment letter from Eureka resident Margaret Herbelin, attached.

September 24, 2016

In response to the Public Hearing Notice regarding Eureka The Pentecostal Church's proposal to modify their Conditional Use Permit, members of the neighborhood met and developed the following comments:

As neighbors to the Pentecostal Church, we are against any modifications to the current Conditional Use permit. We do not want the addition of a 4,320 square foot building or parking lot lights that exceed 15'. In addition, the freestanding sign should not exceed 10' by 4' as stated in the existing permit and should not be illuminated. We would like to have the landscaping adhere to the DFG mitigation requirements.

The item that most concerns us is the addition of another building on the church's site. There is no doubt that this will increase the other church sponsored activities which equates to more traffic on Hoover and more noise in the parking lot. The statement that "the additional building is not expected to increase parking demand" is ludicrous. The capacity to have more classes, more meetings, and more activities will have a major cumulative effect. The appeal for new membership will be increased greatly as well. Pastor Jonathan McDonald approached the person owning the adjoining property asking to purchase it. He already stated at the last public meeting that he wants to increase membership from over 300 to 600 (maximum membership).

Although many of us do not live on Hoover, our properties are affected by activities in the parking lot. We experience a lot of church noise at least 5 days and evenings per week. The Pentecostal church has something happening almost every evening of the week and their parking spaces are almost filled each time. Frequently people park on Hoover Street as far away as Ridgeway Street. That is a lot of noise, light, traffic and emissions that do not belong in a neighborhood. The additional traffic will also degrade Hoover street more rapidly. The Pentecostal Church is extremely active, more so than most churches. They meet Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Sunday in the evenings and often there are daytime activities as well. The addition of these activities will negatively impact the peace and safety of the neighborhood. Eureka, The Pentecostal Church is not your average church, but more like a large commercial operation that is operating in a neighborhood.

Although the traffic on Hoover Street was one of the main issues at the January 13, 2016 meeting, it was never remediated. Over 100 cars continue to come and go multiple nights a week. There is only one way in and one way out of the church and that is on Hoover Street. In preparation for the January meeting, Nancy Tout took a survey on 3 different nights and counted 106, 133, and 165 cars leaving the parking lot after the activity was over! With the capacity for more space, the traffic will increase, guaranteed. This is not compatible with a neighborhood. Would you want to live around this church?

We are very much against any modifications of the current permit. There has been a long history of violating the Conditional Use Permit by previous churches with no enforcement. The County has in the past ignored these violations. Now that the huge Pentecostal Church has moved in neighbors are no longer able to turn a blind eye to the permit violations.

If the church is wanting larger rooms for their Sunday schools, then they can remodel the existing 18,000 square foot space that is available to them. This solution is gentler on the environment and there would be no need for "site enhancement". As it is, the church is on sensitive wetlands and that should deter any further building and landscape development. What good is a permit if it isn't adhered to?

Please note our concerns and we will see you at the October 6th meeting.

September 25, 2016

Re: Eureka The Pentecostal Church's proposal to modify their Conditional Use Permit.

We, the neighbors of The Pentecostal Church on Hoover Street have the following concerns:

- The original church constructed in the 1980's was used by a relatively small congregation with far less impact on the neighborhood.
- The Pentecostal Church has the feel of a large commercial corporation setting up shop in a neighborhood that once was made up primarily of single family dwellings.
- One impact of the much increased activities and traffic of The Pentecostal Church has been the neighborhood moving more and more to rentals rather than home owners.
- The main church building violated the original conditional use permit by building an 18,000 square foot church rather than 10,000 square feet. This violation of the permit was never successfully addressed by the County.
- A subsequent approximately 1500 square foot office building was constructed.
- Pastor McDonald approached the adjoining property owner to purchase additional property for the church.
- The "garage" or "outbuilding" behind the house has been totally remodeled for use as additional meeting space and could serve the Sunday School need.
- The original house is not occupied by pastor or a care taker as it was in the past. No one lives on site as is typical of a commercial undertaking.
- The church facility is being utilized 5 days a week in the evenings in addition to daytime activities. Users of the facilities include services to non parishioners.
- Pastor McDonald stated in the January 2016 meeting that they have 300 parishioners and he plans to expand the church to include 600 parishioners. This could easily double the utilization, traffic and parking at the current facility.
- The proposed 4,320 square foot modular building was stated to be used for office space, Sunday School and other church activities and meetings. This addition will result in additional traffic, parking and days and nights of use.
- The July 1987 Conditional Use Permit revision does not allow daytime or parochial school use of the existing building, a usage that would naturally flow from adding 4,300 feet of additional space.
- The 300 parishioners are not people living in this neighbor and must drive to the church.
- Frequently they park on Hoover Street as far away as Ridgeway Street.
- The parking lot lights are about 30 feet tall rather than 15 feet as required in the permit.
- Native trees and shrubs were removed and weed cloth and rocks were put in their place by both a previous church and the present church. The use of weed cloth was denied by Pastor McDonald although observed to being placed by members of the neighborhood.
- The permit allowed 150 parking spaces and they have exceeded this limit.
- If additional Sunday school classroom space is needed, it would be more acceptable to the neighbors for the Church to build the second story that would bring the total space to 23,000 square feet without using up more open space.
- The sign on the building is very large and lighted without permit. The light is on from dusk until 9:30 p.m. and infringes on neighbors. Churches don't typically have large lighted signage. After all, the church is located on a dead end street.
- The sign on the end of Hoover Street is overly large and must not be lighted.

Neighbors of Eureka, The Pentecostal Church:

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	MEETING?	YEARS
Nancy Tont	2845 Essex St.	445-0756	yes	24 yrs.
Hely Tr	1308 Hoover St.	707-798-9067		3 yrs
Haley Paulsen	1243 Hoover	707-3181670	yes	5 yrs
Andy Jordan	2845 NORTH ST,	707 445 9111	NO	34 yrs
Margaret J Shuizen	2845 North St.	707 443-8807	(OUT OF TOWN)	30 yrs
Justin Vizgards	2820 North St.	707 616-8287		4 yrs
Rachel GAUBE	2820 North St.	707 616 1911		4 yrs
Vack Naylor	2840 Essex ST	707-496-4353		20 yrs
Joyce Schmitz	2840 Essex St.	707-442-0359		20 years
REDACTED	2845 Essex St	445-0756		24 yrs

Neighbors of Eureka, The Pentecostal Church:

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
Deborah Day	1348 Hoover	4987546
Edrice Day	2650 Ridgeway	4422708
Delbert Day	2650 Ridgeway	4422708
Mattison Bills	1348 Hoover ST	672-9791
NEIL OGIMACHI	1218 SANTA CLARA ST	442-6697

Neighbors of Eureka, The Pentecostal Church:

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
LAYLA GOLDSTEIN	1235 HOOVER ST	510-919-0569
Izzy Lugo	1235 HOOVER ST	646-596-6043
Judy Blanchard	1316 Hoover St	442-6705
Art Blanchard	1316 Hoover St.	442-6705

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Neighbors of Eureka, The Pentecostal Church:

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	MEETING?	YEARS
Margaret Berlin	2619 Ridgeway Lane	445-2401	yes	46
Charles Hechler	2619 Ridgeway Ln	445-2401	1/2	46
Heather Landon	2675 Ridgeway Ln.	273-2658	no	14
Eamon Landon	2675 Ridgeway Ln	275-2952	(family emergency)	11
James Byers	1147 Hoover	443-2884	3	8
Cecilia Rahner	1147 Hoover	498-2792	yes	10
Barbara Nickals	1204 Hoover St.	443-7938	yes	42
Albert Nickals	1204 Hoover St			-
Jim Sullivan	2626 RIDGEWAY LN	443-7021		
Jim Sullivan	Here since about 1950 - Built here in 53 after my return from Korea			
Judy McHenry	1219 Hoover St.		NO	36
Russell Michel	1204 Hoover ST	444-3103	NO	40

Planning and Building Department
Planning Division
Attn: Steven Umbertis

September 28, 2016

I am writing to you because after thinking about the cumulative impacts of the many changes that have occurred in our neighborhood I think there should be a through review of the traffic issues. Here are the things that I see affecting traffic:

The light at PG&E on Myrtle Avenue plus cars entering from Park Street create a line of traffic that frequently makes it difficult to get onto Myrtle Avenue from Hoover Street. At peak hours sometimes the second line arrives before the first has passed.

Coast Guard housing has brought more traffic to Hoover Street to exit onto Myrtle.

Flips For Kids in my mind is a dangerous accident waiting to happen. Since they have limited parking in front of the building, they park on both sides of Hoover Street. There is no crosswalk for safety of the children. I have observed many times children crossing alone.

The Humboldt Hand and Foot Clinic clients frequently choose to enter from Hoover Street because the Myrtle Avenue entrance is steep and difficult to use.

The new office building on the corner has made the corner fairly blind.

The Pentecostal Church has activities most every day with up to 150-160 vehicles on Hoover Street.

Previously Hoover Street businesses were much smaller and had less traffic. A gas station, a pizza parlor, the Salvation Army thrift store and a much smaller congregation at the previous church's residing at the end of Hoover Street.

I urge you to consider doing a more through analysis of the current situation before deciding to allow more changes that can only further impact an already impacted traffic situation

Sincerely,



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