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To: Planning Clerk
Subject: PLN 2020-16864 SP

Dear planning department and Planning commission I am writing in reference to the coastal development permit and building permit PLN-2020-16864 SP for APN 514-141-016-000. I am the general manager of the Westhaven Community Services District. I want to open by saying the District, its Staff and Board of Directors support 100% the much needed additional enclosed emergency vehicle storage, this has been in the planning stage for almost 15 years.

I previously commented on the issue of parking at this multi-use community facility and asked for removal of the "Old Post Office" as a mitigation for the loss of overall parking at the multi-use property. The staff report did not recommend a dismantling permit due to potential historical status of the "Old Post Office". The condition of this building is very poor with rot on the subfloor and top plates and plywood siding as well as many areas of powder post beetle. The "Old Post Office" was built in the 1960's sometime and there is no documented evidence of it being prior to 1964 or in fact any actual date that I am aware of. While many in the community including myself have fond memories of the "Old Post Office" regardless of the actual age or possible historical significance it is well beyond its lifespan. The Post office ceased operation in 1995 with the death of the Postmistress Tyna Rymbee and the Post Office boxes were removed and relocated to the Trinidad Post Office in 2007 due to the unsafe conditions with the building at that time.

The assigned planner never responded to my calls and comments and staff made this recommendation with no site visit, and not based on the degraded state of the structure. When I visited the planning office and spoke with Steve Lazar the planner on duty that day he referred me to another planner who also never responded to the districts concerns.

The project will remove at least 32 feet of pull in parking in front of the property out of 110 feet of space that could really be pulled into and parked. At the standard 9 foot wide parking space that equates to 12.2 parking spaces before the project with a loss of 3.5 parking spaces with the project for a loss of almost 30% of current parking leaving 8.7 spaces at best. When the fire fighters respond to an emergency they can drive between 2 and 8 cars to the station. Leaving almost no parking for other users of the Fire Hall or Westhaven CSD customers.

For almost 30 years the district has had an office attached to the east side of the existing fire station. This office is not on the plot plan I commented previously and this was not corrected. It is most likely too that the office wasn't included in total build out figures either. Built in 1993 by volunteer labor exclusively for the permanent use as an office for the Westhaven CSD.. It is directly behind the "Old Post Office" with an entrance next to the fire station doors. Due to limited parking in front of we only have one parking spot for customers and 2 staff parking places there are many times we need additional parking, this has been an ongoing problem. Removal or relocation of the post office building would give us about 5 spaces thus insuring our needs never conflict with the fire department's needs or other user's needs. It seems to the district in light of this project this is an entirely reasonable mitigation request.

As a retired Westhaven VFD Fire Chief I want to close by saying the district completely supports the construction of the new parking building and the mission of the Westhaven VFD.

Thank you, Paul

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