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April 21, 2022

Greetings Humboldt County Planning Commission,

I am writing in response to the proposed Holgersen Minor Subdivision located at 3409 Edgewood.

The neighborhood concerns with this proposed subdivision are as follows:

- The design has asked for a variance to the width of the ingress/egress from 40ft. to 30ft. with 5ft. sidewalks on each side and no turn around. Allowing the narrow access does not provide enough room for service vehicles or garbage trucks to access each unit. This pushes approximately 36 Recology cans (1 garbage, 1 recycle, 1 green waste) to Edgewood Road and into the drive lane. These cans cannot go along the curb, as that is set aside for four proposed parking spaces for the subdivision. The cans, according to Recology, need to have space between them. (36 cans x 3ft. each = 108ft. and then add a foot between each can totals 144ft. of Edgewood driving lane lined up with Recology cans.) The proposed subdivision is 116ft. in width which does not include the 30ft. ingress/egress. Of the 116ft. take away 20ft. for the existing residence two-car paved driveway which leaves approximately 96ft. of subdivision frontage for Recology cans in the drive lane. The approximate total length needed for Recology cans will be 144ft. on Edgewood Road, less 96ft. of subdivision frontage leaving an additional need of 48ft. of Recology cans that will impact the neighbors and parking because the can will be in front of their homes. This 48ft. of street frontage use does not belong to the subdivision. Recology cans are often left along Edgewood for extended periods of times, how long will traffic be avoiding cans in the drive lane

and subdivision cars unable to use their four allotted spaces on Edgewood Road. This will cause significant traffic hazards to the stretch of Edgewood between Myrtle to Quaker. Residents along this stretch of Edgewood are already struggling with the speed of cars zooming down Edgewood and turning onto Quaker or crossing Quaker for the rest of Edgewood or turning down Forest Lake. I have attached emails between myself and Recology about the cans having to be brought up to Edgewood. A thorough traffic impact study is strongly needed for garbage collection, parking, and congestion. **No** variance to road width should be allowed.

- I have spoken with the local mail carrier, and she informed me they are not allowed to back up more than 100' or they are called into their supervisor's office for a reprimand. Unless this subdivision provides a turning point, mail can't be delivered to the homes.
- Parking is already tight on Edgewood at this location and adding more will definitely impact the neighborhood and our right to quiet enjoyment. The proposed layout of the subdivision allows for one parking spot per unit, five on the narrow ingress/egress drive, and four on Edgewood Road frontage. What provision has been made for the units that have more than one car? These are duplexes which will be rented. In Humboldt having multiple cars is very standard. Roommates generally all have their own cars. If you figure one car per bedroom there will be a minimum of 22, or more cars. The subdivision has allotted a total of 17 spaces. Where are the additional cars going to park without impacting their neighbors? When my children lived at home, we had five vehicles for a family of 4. This is Humboldt County where it takes a vehicle to get around and some employers have their employees take work vans home.
- The drainage basin at the back of the property requires knowledgeable maintenance with correct vegetation and removal silt every year or so to ensure the basin works as designed. What happens to this basin when an owner/tenant, that doesn't know or understand its purpose, lets it fill up with garbage, fills it in, or lets nature fill it in and they turn it into a flat back yard. The residents that are behind this subdivision are already struggling with drainage issues. One neighbor has previously installed French drains to reduce flooding around her home and the other neighbor's garage currently floods. Circle Drive ponds up at the turn during rains.

Ultimately this subdivision does not fit with the neighborhood character. It negatively impacts all those that surround it or drive down Edgewood Road. What would be a good character fit for the neighborhood is one or two single family homes. What could be acceptable is a design that allows for adequate ingress/egress for all vehicles and service vehicles and enough onsite parking and garbage pickup that they don't spill out onto Edgewood, negatively affecting all

those that live in the surrounding area destroying our right to a quiet enjoyment of the homes we have bought and paid for.

I would be happy to meet with any of you to discuss this in person.

Yours truly,

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minor subdivision at 3409 Edgewood

3 messages

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Wed, Apr 13, 2022 at 2:33 PM

To: fthanks@recology.com

Hi Fred,

Thank you for reviewing the proposed layout for the minor subdivision. The subdivider is asking for a variance to the street width essentially making the ingress/egress a single lane drive.

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Mon, Apr 18, 2022 at 8:48 AM

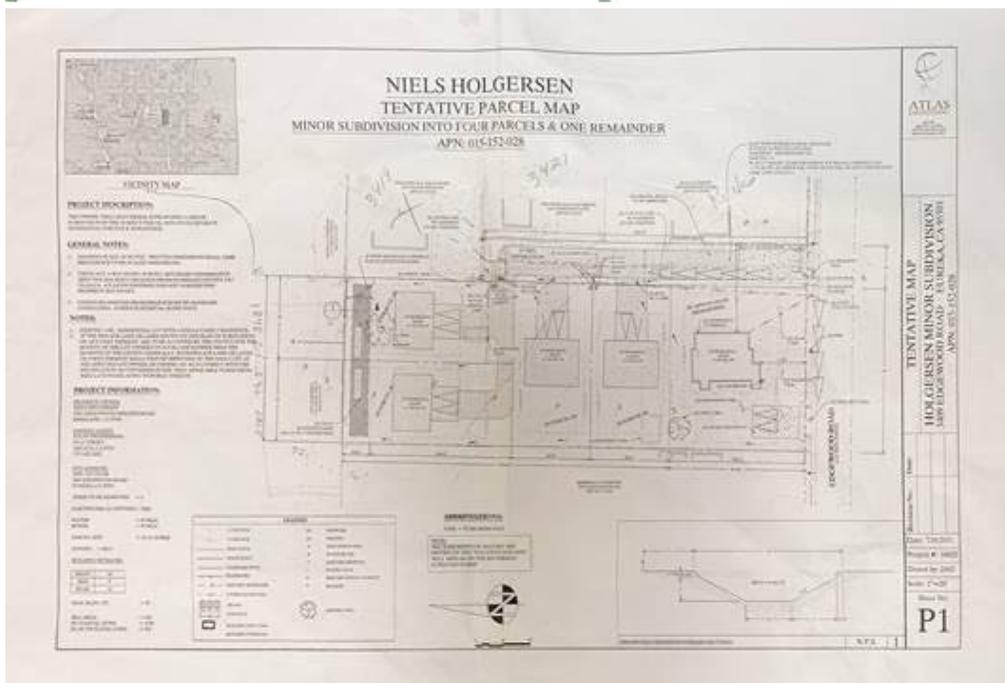
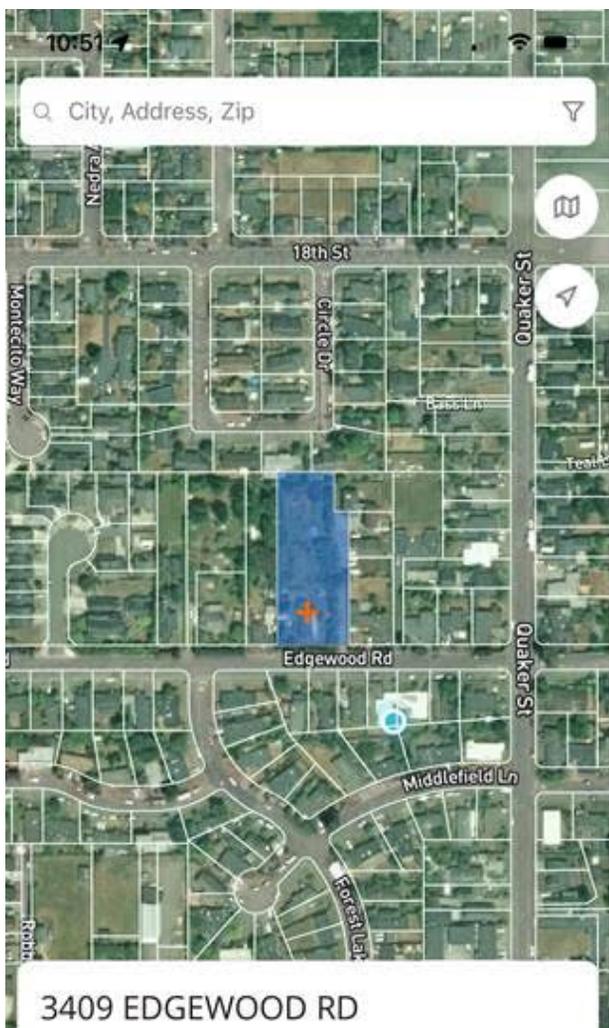
I drove by the location last week. Unfortunately the trash cans are going to have to be placed on the street on service day. If you have any other questions feel free to contact me. Have a great day.

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Mon, Apr 18, 2022 at 9:41 AM

Thank you for your response. I will pass this on the the County Planning Department.



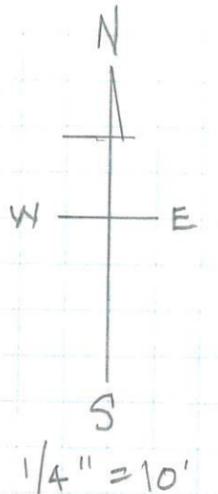
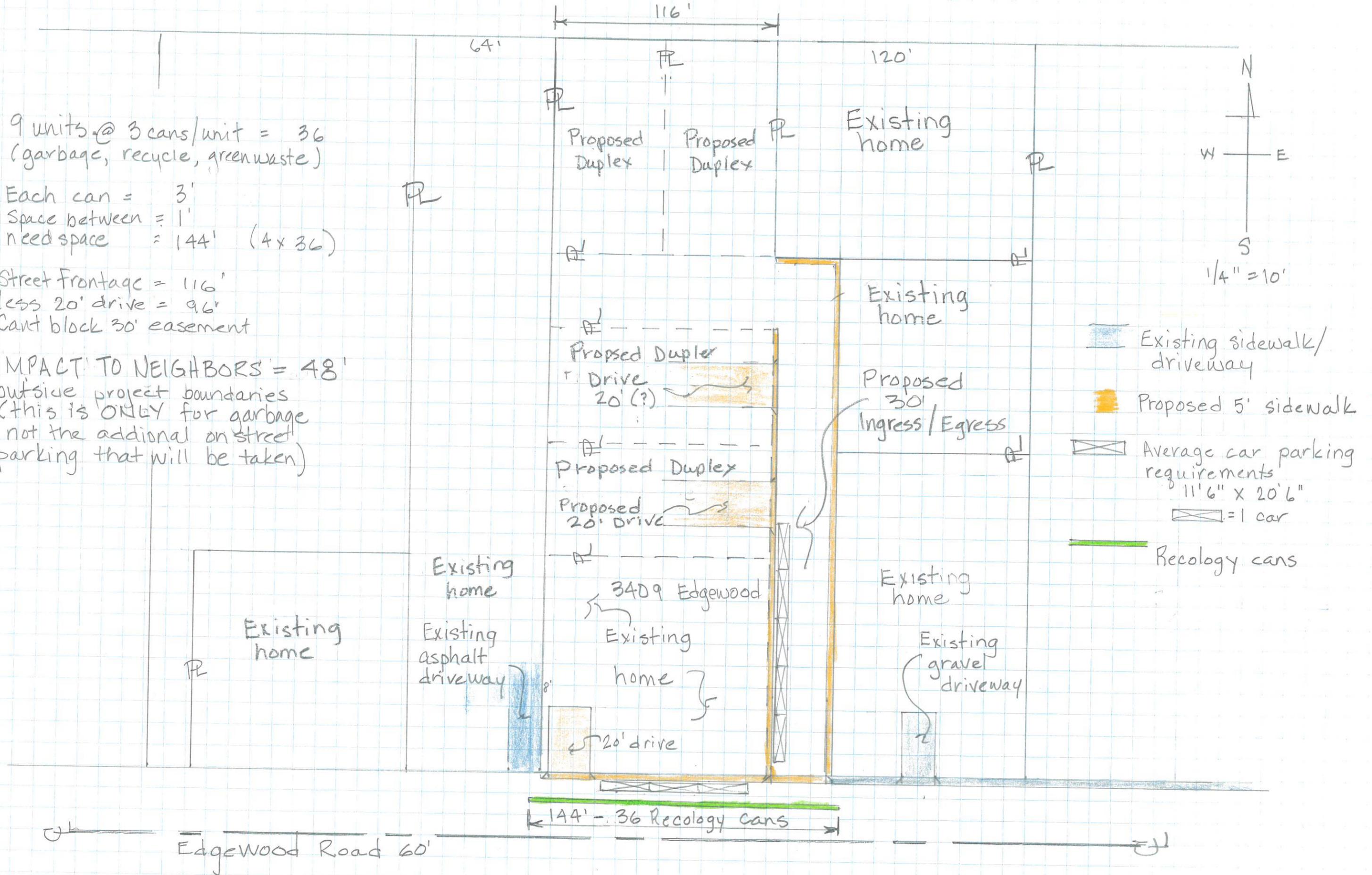
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9 units @ 3 cans/unit = 36
(garbage, recycle, green waste)

Each can = 3'
Space between = 1'
need space = 144' (4 x 36)

Street frontage = 116'
less 20' drive = 96'
Can't block 30' easement

IMPACT TO NEIGHBORS = 48'
outside project boundaries
(this is ONLY for garbage
not the additional on street
parking that will be taken)



- Existing sidewalk/
driveway
- Proposed 5' sidewalk
- Average car parking
requirements
11'6" x 20'6"
= 1 car
- Recology cans

Edgewood Road 60'