

806 2nd Avenue
Westhaven, California 95570
16 November 2021

Re: Concern regarding & Opposition to PLN-2017-13733, APN 514-112-019
“HANKS COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT, SPECIAL PERMIT”

To: Planning Clerk & Zoning Administrator
via Planningclerk@co.humboldt.ca.us

I am a long-term Westhaven resident, and a member of the third generation to live in the same house on 2nd Avenue, across the creek and down a couple of properties from 881 1st Avenue. It is unclear if this project has already started as the filing date is 8/9/2017, and my recollection is a number of trees have already been cut down and removed since 2017.

I am opposed to this project for a few reasons:

1. With the trees already removed the privacy in my backyard has already been diminished, for the first time I can remember I can see structures on that property, and I'm sure vice versa.
2. With the trees already removed from this property and with the fairly recent installation of the obnoxious streetlight on 1st Avenue, I now have to see the bright light when stargazing in my own backyard. If more trees are removed I am concerned this will be more of a visual nuisance.
3. There is a creek running between the properties on 1st and 2nd Avenues used by all sorts of animals and plants. I am concerned with more tree removal, there could be increased dirt run off into the creek, decreasing the flow of water. The creek has already been suffering throughout the drought, and does not need any more preventable challenges thrown at it.
4. What I understand from multiple tree care professionals, is in most cases it is better to remove dangerous limbs rather than the whole tree for building structure safety as well as tree safety and health. Once you start removing entire trees you endanger neighboring trees (to for example, less support during wind storms) which then creates more tree issues, creating a cycle that could logically follow to cutting down every tree on a property.

It seems there are plenty of places in Humboldt County where houses are not surrounded by trees. If the owner is so concerned about tree damage, perhaps s/he/they would be happier with property in one of those locations, instead of negatively altering the forest feel of living in Westhaven.

Sincerely,

Shawn Worth

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