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From: Alecia Rostad <rostad.alecia@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 04, 2022 8:11 PM
To: Planning Clerk
Subject: Public Comment Re: Figas Coastal Development Permit, Record Number PLN-2019-15399
Attachments: Public Comment on Figas Coastal Development Permit.pdf

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Hello, I am including below my public comment below and I've also attached a pdf that includes my public comment and signatures:

Re: Public Comment Regarding Figas Coastal Development Permit; Arcata Area; Record Number PLN-2019-15399, Meeting Date 4/7/2022, at 10:00 a.m.

Dear Humboldt Zoning Administrator,

We are writing to express concern regarding the proposed modification to the fencing on Assessor's Parcel Number: 505-192-004. We reside at 2203 Ariel Way, Arcata, CA, 95521, which shares the North property line of the aforementioned parcel owned by Figas Coastal Development. We are concerned that any modifications to the existing fencing could have a number of negative impacts on our property.

The south-facing side of our home and our backyard are situated very close to the fencing in question. The fence is approximately 16 feet from the back of our house. We have 8 windows on the south side of our home that look out towards the fence, including a glass sliding door that leads to our back porch. It would have a large visual impact to us if the fence were to be modified to include barbed wire. We feel that we could experience decreased enjoyment of our property as well as decreased property value due to the barbed wire being visually unappealing.

In addition to the aesthetic impact, we are concerned that modifying the existing fence could have a harmful effect on the stability of the land. We have observed an area of the ground near the fence that is actively sinking. We are worried that the impact of clearing the blackberries and trees as well as operating any heavy machinery or trucks along the fenceline could cause further settling to occur in that area. We have french drains and raised garden beds in close proximity to the fence and are concerned about potential damage to these systems.

Our third concern is for the wildlife that lives along the fenceline. There are many hummingbirds, hawks, owls, turkey vultures, and many other types of birds that utilize the area. Clearing the blackberries, roses, and trees along the fenceline would be disruptive to the natural habitat, and spring nests of these birds.

We have lived at 2203 Ariel Way for 4 years. During this time, we have never had any trespassers breach the fence to access the Figas property from our section of fence. Our backyard is entirely fenced with 6-foot tall solid redwood and a lock on our gate. There is no street access from Ariel Way to the fence through our property. There is absolutely no benefit to modifying the section of fence that goes through our backyard. The blackberries, trees, and other foliage act as a natural deterrent to trespassers as well.

Currently, the fencing along the Figas property that is situated in our backyard is 5'9" tall and we see no benefit to raising the existing fence to 6' using barbed wire. Meanwhile, there are numerous potential harmful effects

from modifying the fence. We ask that the section of the fence that is shared with the 2203 Ariel Way property be left as is and not be included in any proposed modifications.

Sincerely,

Alecia and Andi Rostad
2203 Ariel Way
Arcata, CA 95521
(707) 825-1041

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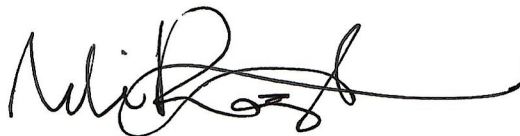
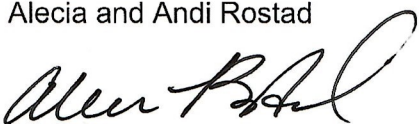
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Alecia and Andi Rostad



McClenagan, Laura

From: carilyn hammer <carilynah@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 02, 2022 11:21 PM
To: Planning Clerk
Subject: Figas property hearing

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April 2, 2022

Humboldt Co Zoning Administrator
Humboldt Co Planning and Building Dept.
3015 H St
Eureka, CA...95501

RE; Figas Coastal Development Permit
PLN-2019-15399

Hello

We are writing as 24 year residents of the Windsong subdivision in Arcata. As residents of Lorelli St, we are well aware of the problems that have transpired over the years at the Figas property. This has been an all-county problem as we all know, but one that was also exacerbated by Mr. Figas' years of neglect and letting the problem build. Were it not for the concerns voiced by the adjoining neighborhood, it seems likely that Mr. Figas would have done nothing. The area has seen years of neglect from both Mr Figas and the County. There has been a history of an absence of patrolling. Thanks to organized neighbors, bringing together different county, city and private parties, the situation is quite improved.

Nevertheless, the proposal for a barbed wire fence is highly objectionable. For neighbors on Ariel the aesthetics alone are horrid. But regardless of aesthetics, any fence can be cut into as we all know. Seems barbed wire is actually easier! It's also more dangerous.

As a frequent visitor and part time volunteer at the Arcata Marsh I've seen that when trespassers want to trespass into off limits areas, they will move any fence that is in their way. Certainly you've seen this countywide. Also this is an area of some wildlife activity, and barbed wire is dangerous for wildlife in general.

In summary, please....NO BARBED Wire. Perhaps a well thought out longer term planning would be a good idea.

In hoping for a good solution,

Carilyn and Kurt Goldammer
2012 Maria Ct
Arcata, CA

McClenagan, Laura

From: Isabella White <isabellawhite@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 05, 2022 10:39 PM
To: Planning Clerk
Subject: 15399; Figas Coastal Development; 04/06/22

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Hello,

To the city of Arcata, I have prepared the following statements that I hope will be read aloud for all to hear in the hearing of this issue.

1. We hold these houseless folks of Arcata's community to be bright, kind individuals and friends of our circles. As gentrification in Arcata sweeps home-challenged folks under the rug as the university expands and corporations push out small businesses, we pray that our small communities who've found home here won't be pushed out.
2. It is an atrocious proposal to arrest these individuals who are being wrongly forced to move out of the side of the road where they have sought sanctuary and resided for many weeks. These threats further displace these people and offer them no hope. Arcata is a sanctuary city afterall. It is proposed that this tiny strip on the outside of Arcata where they are residing will be turned into camps for the houseless. Then what is the point of arresting them first? Where do you propose these folks will go? They are already denied so many resources.
3. If the city and lumbar business are truly concerned about the lives of these home-challenged folks, I ask why the side of the road is such a cumbersome place for them to reside until shelters are built? Plenty of new housing is going up in Arcata, but are we sure that our community members are being prioritized? Clearly not. Imagine if we focused on integrating the folks that call Arcata's streets home into the actual space of the community. Or even yet, be left alone on the outskirts. Why would our resources not be used on our own kind before we bring in people from out of the area? Mind you these people from out of town gentrify Arcata as they raise rent prices for the people who've lived here for decades.
4. It is my dearest wish that our community is respected and not pushed away, let alone arrested. For there is no chance that we can truly be kept away, as this is our home. We make this area of Arcata diverse and are kept in the town's heart. If you are worried about how we look, provide us the resources to clean up. I wish to challenge your presumptions on what a healthy community looks like and the forces that drive us apart.

Sincerely,

Your neighbor & local resident of Arcata for nearly 20 years,

Isabella June White

McClenagan, Laura

From: Lynn Erickson <lynnerickson914@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 06, 2022 11:45 AM
To: Planning Clerk
Subject: Figas Coastal Development Permit

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Planning Clerk, County of Humboldt
Re: Figas Coastal Development Permit
Record # PLN-2019-15399 (filed 2/20/2019)
Assessor's Parcel # 505-192-004

We are joining together as a concerned and engaged community to address The Figas Coastal Development Permit. The requested changes on Assessor's Parcel # 505-192-004 directly affect the WindSong community.

As residents of said community, we do not see the need for adjustments, most specifically, the addition of barbed wire along the northern portion of the parcel which is established residential property. At present the fencing is 66 inches (just short of the proposed six foot) and has, to date, adequately served the residents as protection from any property damage from both humans and wildlife. Though we are in agreement that fencing around the perimeter of the parcel is warranted, the addition of barbed wire, specifically along the northern boundary, seems an unnecessary addition.

Most importantly, the replacement or adjustment to the present fencing on the northern portion of said parcel will be harmful to the wildlife habitat that has been created over several years of encouragement. These changes will result in displacement, disturbance and, in some cases, destruction of established habitat.

We are requesting that any changes, if approved, take into consideration the following:

- I. All wildlife and their habitat be of primary concern.
- II. All work to be limited to only non-nesting season.
- III. The entry gate at the end of Lorelei and Ariel Way be repaired prior to any additional modifications.

We look forward to additional engagement as part of the development of this property.

Sincerely,

Monica Simms.	2275 Ariel Way
Ron and Lynn Erickson.	2268 Ariel Way
Caryn Lowe.	2251 Ariel Way
Jerry and Robbie Basist.	2263 Ariel Way
Louise and John Harris.	2379 Ariel Way
Dennis Thoele and Erainya Neirro	2356 Ariel Way
Jeremy Cotton.	2280 Ariel Way

Sent from my iPad

McClenagan, Laura

From: David Marshak <david.marshak@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 3:53 PM
To: Planning Clerk
Subject: Figas Coastal Development Permit PLN-2019-15399

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My house is at 2395 Ariel Way in Arcata. My backyard is adjacent to the northern perimeter of the Figas property at its edge on V Street.

There is a fence already in place, marking the boundary between my property and that of Mr Figas. The fence is already about 66 inches in height. Directly adjacent to the fence, on the Figas property, is a blackberry patch, at least 2-3 feet higher than the fence and at least 10 feet wide.

The fence is inaccessible from the south unless you want to crawl through 10 feet of blackberries. From my backyard you'd still have to crawl through the blackberries. Adding 5-6 inches of barbed wire to the fence would in no way add to the fence's capacity to keep people from accessing the Figas property from my backyard—the property is already inaccessible. Anyone who was motivated to climb the fence and crawl through the blackberries would certainly be just as motivated to climb over a few inches of barbed wire.

So, adding barbed wire is a waste of money. In addition I object to the visual pollution of fencing off my backyard with barbed wire. I don't want to live in a place that looks like a prison encampment.

David Marshak
2395 Ariel Way, Arcata CA 95521