

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
October 24, 2017

"For all items *NOT* on the agenda"

(Each Speaker Limited to 3 Minutes)

Voluntary Sign-In Sheet

1. Charles L. Ciancio
2. Alex Service - Grave Matters & Untimely Departures
3. Paul Hegen ✓
4. Jennifer Raymond ✓
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Date: 10/23/17

To: Everyone

Subject: Learning about real world truths in forestry, growing things, and rural life.

I have a question “When is **experience** in forestry, growing things, and rural life going to be applied?” United States and the world are divided in many ways, and I see experience involving real world realities missing.

Being old, after my head surgery, and living a rural life, I and other experienced folks have learned a lack of real world field experience (I emphasize “field experience”) in forestry, and real world realities is taught by educational system and established leaders. With inexperience dominating (I emphasize inexperience), living a rural life, and being a field forester for fifty plus years, I see some groups showing inexperienced like the Humboldt Board of Supervisors, media, legalese, protectionists, some well-off folks, and California’s Fourth Branch of Government (regulators) Inexperience is shown in marijuana grows, and in Humboldt County’s number one private industry involving timber, growing vegetation, and in producing and selling wood products. I see a lack of understanding how the private timber industry is dying in California where around 80% of timber production is provided outside California while California is growing all the wood it needs. Having fought controlled and uncontrolled fire, who knows what the fire triangle says, and with the short time allowed, the movie “Only the Brave” tells a lot of what happens, what is destroyed, and misses what proper timber harvesting can do. With some wrongly applied hi-tech, with problem neighbors, with no one talking to me and learning what I have learned, and with many other real world realities in play, I see humans being misled. With wealthy Trump, who I voted for, not being perfect, and I am still waiting for him to put in place someone who knows what is happening to experienced rural folks. I see my one rural minority vote doing little to nothing especially in the politically correct Humboldt County’s Forest Review Committee, California Licensed Forester groups, and in many other ways.

Clinton presidency has older folks at the mercy of the IRS, and older folks with IRAs not knowing how much income tax they pay until the income year papers are filed. Forgetting the minimum to be paid and throwing IRAs into the mix, a higher stock market means you pay more income tax.

You can talk to and learn from this old person, but when you are old and of sound mind and body, when you are ignored, and when you can see what is coming with few listening to what has been experienced in forestry, rural life and in real world realities, an older life can be the pits. I have reached the point where I have trouble believing anything spoken by **inexperienced**

humans, and I can see it **not being safe** for humans in the wildlands. I see many species and humans headed for bad times.

Charles L. Ciano

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(An old tired field forester no one gives any attention who has lived in a working man’s world)

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Humboldt Spay/Neuter Network

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Date: October 24, 2017

To: Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

From: Jennifer Raymond, Executive Director
Humboldt Spay/Neuter Network

Re: Inquiry regarding building at 5600 South Broadway, Eureka, CA 95503 (APN: 305-131-018)

My name is Jennifer Raymond. I run Humboldt Spay/Neuter Network, a nonprofit organization that provides affordable spaying and neutering for dogs and cats in Humboldt County.

We operate a low-cost clinic for cats that makes it possible for us to spay and neuter more than 2,000 cats each year. We estimate, conservatively, that this prevents the births of at least 12,000 kittens a year, resulting in significant savings in Animal Control costs to the County.

At the present time, we provide vouchers for approximately 500 dogs to be spayed and neutered each year at local veterinary clinics. In order to reduce our costs and increase the number of dogs we are able to help, we would like to expand our clinic to provide spaying and neutering for dogs. To do this, we need of a larger facility.

For several years, I have felt that an ideal location for a spay and neuter clinic would be the County-owned building located at 5600 South Broadway, next to the County Agricultural Commissioner's office.

- it is centrally located for our clients, who come from all areas of Humboldt County,
- it is easily accessible from the freeway, and
- the property's land use and zoning is appropriate for this use

This building was acquired by Humboldt County in 1968. It has not been used since the 1990's.

I first inquired about the building in 2003. At that time, I was told that it was in poor condition and was slated for demolition. However, in 2017, the building is still standing. It seems that before the County can destroy this building, it is going to have to spend thousands of dollars to deal with its asbestos shingles and its lead paint.

I have repeatedly approached the County, expressing my interest in this building as a location for a low-cost spay and neuter clinic. I have made it clear that I am not asking for a handout. Humboldt Spay/Neuter Network is willing to pay fair market value to purchase this building, or to lease it from the County. In addition we are willing to pay to bring the building up to code for use as a low-cost spay and neuter clinic. I have reviewed the findings of the County's Chief Building official regarding this building, and I am convinced that this building can and should be repaired.

I am here today to ask the Supervisors to reconsider the decision to destroy this building, and to instead allow it to be repurposed for a worthwhile cause. Humboldt Spay/Neuter Network is offering to purchase a property that is presently a liability, and turn it into a facility that will save thousands of lives and thousands of dollars in Animal Control costs.

Respectfully,

Jennifer Raymond, Executive Director
Humboldt Spay/Neuter Network

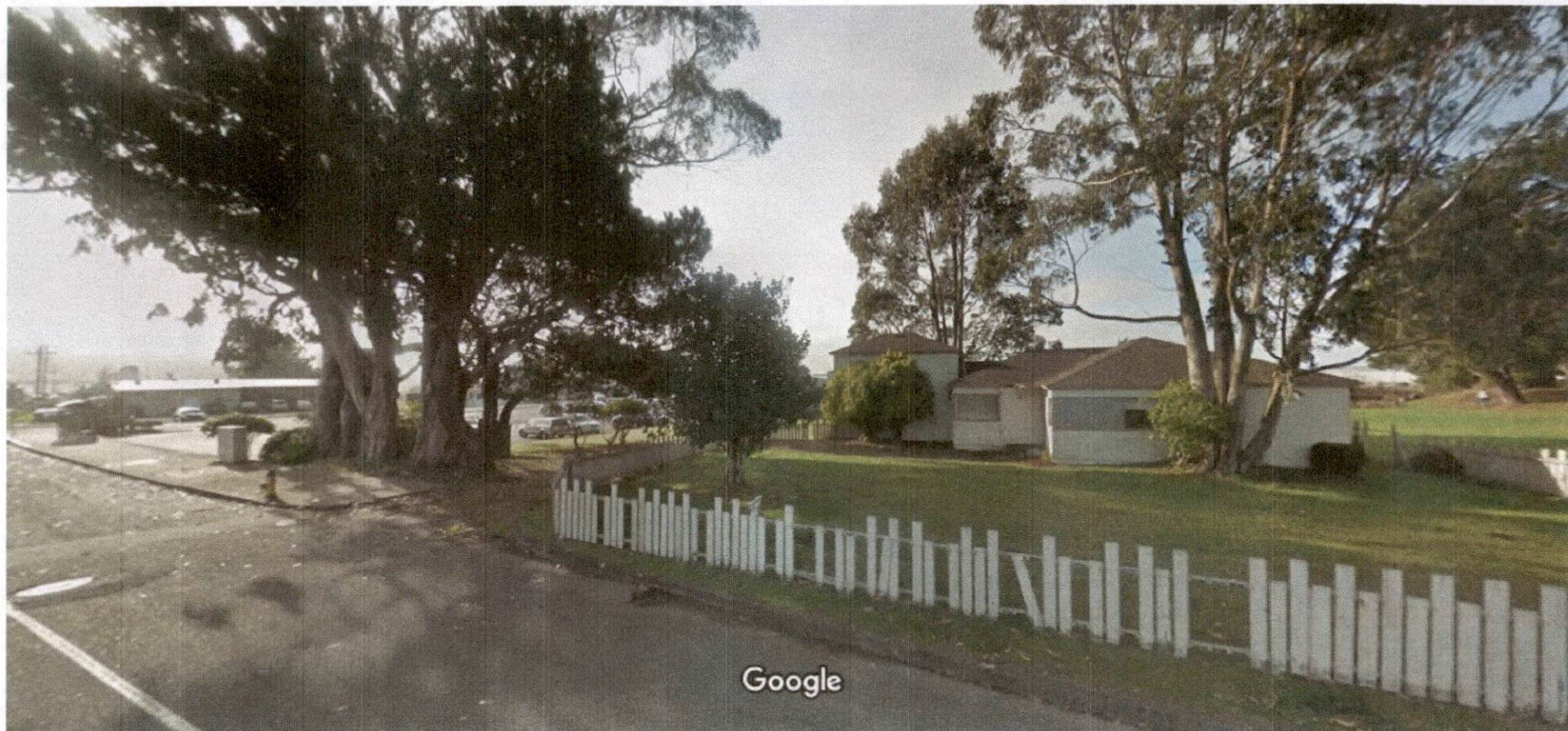


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COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT
BUILDING DIVISION

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DATE: June 6, 2017

OWNER: Humboldt County
LOCATION: 5600 South Broadway, Eureka
A.P.N.: 305-131-018

SUBJECT: Status of Existing Structure for Use and Occupancy.

Investigation:

- 1) Site Inspection was performed on April 28, 2017
- 2) Inspection of both the interior and exterior took place.
- 3) Attic, underfloor or other concealed areas were not inspected.
- 4) Roofing inspection was not performed.

Findings:

- 1) Building is not ADA accessible.
- 2) Exterior has asbestos siding.
- 3) Most likely the paint is lead based.
- 4) Wood rain gutters need to be replaced.
- 5) Foundation has structural issues: cracking, alignment and settlement issues.
- 6) Structural issues in walls and ceiling areas due to water damage and foundation settlement.
- 7) Rafter tails have dry rot due to water damage.
- 8) The heating system will require evaluation for repair or replacement due to moisture and rust issues in the components.
- 9) Components of the water system will have to be replaced due to rust and restriction in the galvanized piping.
- 10) There are mold issues throughout the interior of the building.
- 11) Electrical system needs to be gone through.
- 12) Slab floor in downstairs office area has major moisture issues.
- 13) Building would have to undergo major interior modification to be ADA compliant.
- 14) Roof is leaking in places.

Conclusion: Based on the general condition of both the exterior and interior along with the obvious structural issues and lack of ADA compliance it is my recommendation that the structure be demolished instead of making needed repairs and alterations.


Todd Sobolik, Chief Building Official

Attachments: Site Plan and Photos