



City of Santa Barbara California

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA PLANNING COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 008-07

RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM CHANGES FEBRUARY 8, 2007

PROPOSAL TO AMEND SECTIONS OF THE SANTA BARBARA MUNICIPAL CODE INCLUDING TITLE 28 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT RECOMMENDED SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM CHANGES (MST2006-00721)

The City of Santa Barbara is considering Amendments to the Santa Barbara Municipal Code, Titles 22 and 28 of the Zoning Ordinance to address the processing of Solar Energy Systems consistent with State law. Changes would result in:

Codified procedures for referral of certain solar energy system projects, consistent with State laws pertaining to Solar Energy Systems (Government Codes 65850.5, Civil Code Section 714, 801 & 801.5, Revenue and Taxation Code Section 73 and Public Resources Code 25980 - 25986).

Proposed changes were initially discussed by the Architectural Board of Review on October 23rd, Historic Landmarks Commission on November 1st and City Council on December 5th. The Planning Commission initially considered amendments on January 11, 2007. The purpose of this hearing is to get Planning Commission feedback on the proposed recommendations before taking them to the Ordinance Committee for adoption.

The Environmental Analyst has determined that the project is exempt from further environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Guidelines Section 15305, Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has held the required public hearing on January 4, 2007 and February 8, 2007 for the above application, and the Applicant was present.

WHEREAS, 3 people appeared to speak in favor of the recommendation, and 1 person appeared to speak with concerns thereto, and the following exhibits were presented for the record:

1. Staff Report with Attachments, December 28, 2006
2. Correspondence received with concerns:
 - a. Patty Erbe, Santa Barbara, CA

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Planning Commission:

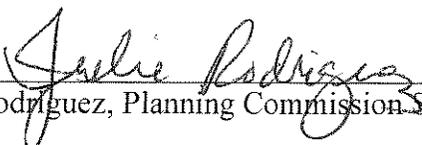
Recommended to the City Council that the City Council Ordinance Committee:

1. Pursue a Solar Energy Ordinance with tourism as the major focus, and the historic buildings in the El Pueblo Viejo and Brinkerhoff Districts as categories for consideration; and
2. Pursue the legislative agenda and League of California Cities actions to persuade the State to alter existing law regarding solar energy system permits to allow design review in cases where historic districts or structures of merit may be significantly impacted.

This motion was passed and adopted on the 8th day of February, 2007 by the Planning Commission of the City of Santa Barbara, by the following vote:

AYES: 5 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 2 (Larson, Jostes)

I hereby certify that this Resolution correctly reflects the action taken by the City of Santa Barbara Planning Commission at its meeting of the above date.



Julie Rodriguez, Planning Commission Secretary



Date

THIS ACTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION CAN BE APPEALED TO THE CITY COUNCIL WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS AFTER THE DATE THE ACTION WAS TAKEN BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.