



# City of Santa Barbara California

## CITY OF SANTA BARBARA PLANNING COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 036-07

927 & 933 OLIVE STREET

TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION MAP AND MODIFICATIONS

SEPTEMBER 13, 2007

**APPLICATION OF KEITH RIVERA, ARCHITECT FOR SYNCON HOMES, 927 & 933 OLIVE STREET, APNs: 029-302-030 & 029-302-031, C-2 COMMERCIAL ZONE, GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATION: RESIDENTIAL 12 UNITS/ACRE (MST2006-00421)**

The project consists of a proposal to demolish two existing single-family homes and two existing garages and construct a five-unit condominium development. The project includes five two-bedroom units ranging from approximately 2,100 square feet to 2,150 square feet on an 11,761 square foot lot. Parking would be provided within five two-car garages. The project will include a voluntary lot merger to combine the two existing parcels.

The discretionary applications required for this project are:

1. A Modification to allow encroachments into the interior yard setbacks. (SBMC §28.92.026.A);
2. A Modification to allow encroachments into the rear yard setback. (SBMC §28.92.026.A); and
3. A Tentative Subdivision Map for a one-lot subdivision to create five (5) residential condominium units (SBMC 27.07 and 27.13).

The Environmental Analyst has determined that the project is exempt from further environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Guidelines Sections 15303 [New Construction].

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission has held the required public hearing on the above application, and the Applicant was present.

**WHEREAS**, no one appeared to speak in favor of the application, and 2 people appeared to speak in opposition thereto, and the following exhibits were presented for the record:

1. Staff Report with Attachments, August 29, 2007
2. Site Plans
3. Correspondence received in support of the project:
  - a. Grant Castleberg, Santa Barbara, CA

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

- I. Approved the subject application making the following findings and determinations:

**A. Interior Yard Setback Modification (SBMC §28.21.060)**

The Planning Commission finds that the requested interior yard setback modification is consistent with the purposes and intent of the Zoning Ordinance and that it is necessary to secure an appropriate improvement on the lot. The rear yard modification would allow the building containing Units 1 & 2 to encroach 10 feet into the required ten foot setback for three-story buildings. This structural encroachment can be supported because the adjacent two-story commercial building does not allow for the separation of structures to provide light and air and allows for the use of common driveway for the development, decks and balconies that orient use to the center of the property. In addition, this modification allows the provision of enclosed parking which is not visible from the street and enhances the usefulness of the project.

**B. Rear Yard Setback Modification (SBMC §28.21.060)**

The Planning Commission must find that the requested rear yard front yard setback modification is consistent with the purposes and intent of the Zoning Ordinance and that it is necessary to secure an appropriate improvement on the lot. The rear yard modification would allow the second floor of Unit 5 to encroach four feet into the required ten foot setback. The rear yard modification can be supported due to fact that it is offset by the increased front yard setback over what is required, allowing for additional green-space, which is closest to the adjacent commercial uses and parking to the west.

**C. The Tentative Map (SBMC §27.07.100)**

The Tentative Subdivision Map is consistent with the General Plan and the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Santa Barbara. The site is physically suitable for the proposed development, the project is consistent with the variable density provisions of the Municipal Code and the General Plan, and the proposed use is consistent with the vision for this neighborhood of the General Plan. The design of the project will not cause substantial environmental damage, and associated improvements will not cause serious public health problems.

**D. The New Condominium Development (SBMC §27.13.080)**

1. There is compliance with all provisions of the City's Condominium Ordinance.
2. The project complies with density requirements. Each unit includes laundry facilities, separate utility metering, adequate unit size and storage space, and the required private outdoor living space.
3. The proposed development is consistent with the General Plan of the City of Santa Barbara.
4. The project can be found consistent with policies of the City's General Plan including the Housing Element, Conservation Element, and Land Use Element. The project will provide infill residential development that is compatible with the surrounding neighborhood.

5. The proposed development is consistent with the principles of sound community planning and will not have an adverse impact upon the neighborhood's aesthetics, parks, streets, traffic, parking and other community facilities and resources.
6. The project is an infill residential project proposed in an area where residential development is a permitted use. The project is adequately served by public streets, will provide adequate parking to meet the demands of the project and will not result in traffic impacts. The design has been reviewed by the City's design review board, which found the architecture and site design appropriate.

II. Said approval is subject to the following conditions:

- A. **Recorded Agreement.** Prior to the issuance of any Public Works permit or Building permit for the project on the Real Property, the Owner shall execute (an "Agreement Relating to Subdivision Map Conditions Imposed on Real Property") (a written instrument), which shall be reviewed as to form and content by the City Attorney, Community Development Director and Public Works Director, recorded in the Office of the County Recorder, and shall include the following:
  - a. **Uninterrupted Water Flow.** The Owner shall provide for the uninterrupted flow of water through the Real Property including, but not limited to, swales, natural watercourses, conduits and any access road, as appropriate.
  - b. **Recreational Vehicle Storage Prohibition.** No recreational vehicles, boats, or trailers shall be stored on the Real Property.
  - c. **Landscape Plan Compliance.** The Owner shall comply with the Landscape Plan approved by the Architectural Board of Review (ABR). Such plan shall not be modified unless prior written approval is obtained from the ABR. The landscaping on the Real Property shall be provided and maintained in accordance with said landscape plan. If said landscaping is removed for any reason without approval by the ABR, the owner is responsible for its immediate replacement.
  - d. **Required Private Covenants.** The Owners shall record in the official records of Santa Barbara County either private covenants, a reciprocal easement agreement, or a similar agreement which, among other things, shall provide for all of the following:
    - (1) **Common Area Maintenance.** An express method for the appropriate and regular maintenance of the common areas, common access ways, common utilities and other similar shared or common facilities or improvements of the development, which methodology shall also provide for an appropriate cost-sharing of such regular maintenance among the various owners of the condominium units.

- (2) **Garages Available for Parking.** A covenant that includes a requirement that all garages be kept open and available for the parking of vehicles owned by the residents of the property in the manner for which the garages were designed and permitted.
- (3) **Landscape Maintenance.** A covenant that provides that the landscaping shown on the approved Landscaping Plan shall be maintained and preserved at all times in accordance with the Plan.
- (4) **Trash and Recycling.** Trash holding areas shall include recycling containers with at least equal capacity as the trash containers, and trash/recycling areas shall be easily accessed by the consumer and the trash hauler. Green waste shall either have containers adequate for the landscaping or be hauled off site by the landscaping maintenance company. If no green waste containers are provided for common interest developments, include an item in the CC&Rs stating that the green waste will be hauled off site.
- (5) **Covenant Enforcement.** A covenant that permits each owner to contractually enforce the terms of the private covenants, reciprocal easement agreement, or similar agreement required by this condition.

B. **Public Works Submittal Prior to Final/Parcel Map Approval.** The Owner shall submit the following, or evidence of completion of the following, to the Public Works Department for review and approval, prior to processing the approval of the Final/Parcel Map and prior to the issuance of any permits for the project:

1. **Parcel Map.** The Owner shall submit to the Public Works Department for approval, a Parcel Map prepared by a licensed land surveyor or registered Civil Engineer. The Parcel Map shall conform to the requirements of the City Survey Control Ordinance.
2. **Water Rights Assignment Agreement.** The Owner shall assign to the City of Santa Barbara the exclusive right to extract ground water from under the Real Property in an *Agreement Assigning Water Extraction Rights*. Engineering Division Staff will prepare said agreement for the Owner's signature.
3. **Drainage Calculations.** The Owner shall submit drainage calculations prepared by a registered civil engineer or licensed architect demonstrating that the new development will not increase runoff amounts above existing conditions for a 25-year storm event. Any increase in runoff shall be retained on-site.
4. **Olive Street Public Improvements.** The Owner shall submit building plans for construction of improvements along the property frontage on Olive Street. As determined by the Public Works Department, the improvements shall include new and/or remove and replace to City standards, the following: sidewalk, driveway apron modified to meet Title 24 requirements, supply and install one residential City standard street light, style to be determined by the Public Works

Department and the appropriate design review board, coordinate with City staff to retire light standards on existing utility poles, curbs, gutters, slurry seal a minimum of 20 feet beyond the limits of all trenching, underground service utilities (*SBMC* §22.38.125 and §27.08.025), connection to City water and sewer mains, public drainage improvements with supporting drainage calculations and/or hydrology report for installation of (drainage pipe, curb drain outlets, slot/trench drain, drop inlet, detention, erosion protection (provide off-site storm water BMP plan), etc.), preserve and/or reset survey monuments and contractor stamps, storm drain stenciling, supply and install two new designated street trees, *Olea europaea* (Olive), fruitless named variety, 24-inch box size and tree grates per approval of the City Arborist and provide adequate positive drainage from site. Any work in the public right-of-way requires a Public Works Permit.

5. **Removal or Relocation of Public Facilities.** Removal or relocation of any public utilities or structures must be performed by the Owner or by the person or persons having ownership or control thereof.
- C. **Design Review.** The following items are subject to the review and approval of the Architectural Board of Review (ABR). ABR shall not grant preliminary approval of the project until the following conditions have been satisfied.
1. **Useable Common Open Space.** Adequate usable common open space shall be provided in a location accessible by all units within the development.
  2. **Screened Check Valve/Backflow.** The check valve or anti-backflow devices for fire sprinkler and/or irrigation systems shall be provided in a location screened from public view or included in the exterior wall of the building.
  3. **Southerly Building Design.** The southerly building shall be moved back in order to reduce its square footage, improve its street presence, and align with adjacent southerly structure.
  4. **Photo-voltaics.** The applicant shall provide a photo-voltaic system for the project with the intent of providing 85% of the projected energy use. The calculations shall be submitted for review and acceptance by the Planning Division prior to final Architectural Board of Review approval.
- D. **Public Works Requirements Prior to Building Permit Issuance.** The Owner shall submit the following, or evidence of completion of the following to the Public Works Department for review and approval, prior to the issuance of a Building Permit for the project.
1. **Recordation of Agreements.** After City Council approval, the Owner shall provide evidence of recordation to the Public Works Department.
  2. **Approved Public Improvement Plans and Concurrent Issuance of Public Works Permit.** Upon acceptance of the approved public improvement plans, a Public Works permit shall be issued concurrently with a Building permit.

E. **Community Development Requirements Prior to Building or Public Works Permit Application/Issuance.** The following shall be finalized prior to, and/or submitted with, the application for any Building or Public Works permit:

1. **Contractor and Subcontractor Notification.** The Owner shall notify in writing all contractors and subcontractors of the site rules, restrictions, and Conditions of Approval. Submit a copy of the notice to the Planning Division.
2. **Traffic Control Plan.** A traffic control plan shall be submitted, as specified in the City of Santa Barbara Traffic Control Guidelines. Traffic Control Plans are subject to approval by the Transportation Manager.

F. **Building Permit Plan Requirements.** The following requirements/notes shall be incorporated into the construction plans submitted to the Building and Safety Division for Building permits.

1. **Design Review Requirements.** Plans shall show all design, landscape and tree protection elements, as approved by the Architectural Board of Review, outlined in Section C above.
2. **Utilities.** Provide individual water, electricity, and gas meters, and sewer lateral for each residential unit. Service lines for each unit shall be separate until a point five feet (5') outside the building.
3. **Conditions on Plans/Signatures.** The final Planning Commission Resolution shall be provided on a full size drawing sheet as part of the drawing sets. Each condition shall have a sheet and/or note reference to verify condition compliance. If the condition relates to a document submittal, indicate the status of the submittal (e.g., Final Map submitted to Public Works Department for review). A statement shall also be placed on the above sheet as follows: The undersigned have read and understand the above conditions, and agree to abide by any and all conditions which is their usual and customary responsibility to perform, and which are within their authority to perform.

Signed:

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G. **Construction Implementation Requirements.** All of these construction requirements shall be carried out in the field by the Owner and/or Contractor for the duration of the project construction. (Community Development Department staff shall review the

plans and specifications to assure that they are incorporated into the bid documents, such that potential contractors will be aware of the following requirements prior to submitting a bid for the contract.)

1. **Sandstone Curb Recycling.** Any existing sandstone curb in the public right-of-way that is removed and not reused shall be salvaged and sent to the City Corporation Annex Yard.
2. **Construction Hours.** Construction (including preparation for construction work) is prohibited Monday through Friday before 7:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m., and all day on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays observed by the City of Santa Barbara, as shown below:

New Year's Day	January 1st*
Martin Luther King's Birthday	3rd Monday in January
Presidents' Day	3rd Monday in February
Memorial Day	Last Monday in May
Independence Day	July 4th*
Labor Day	1st Monday in September
Thanksgiving Day	4th Thursday in November
Following Thanksgiving Day	Friday following Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day	December 25th*

\*When a holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the preceding Friday or following Monday, respectively, shall be observed as a legal holiday.

When, based on required construction type or other appropriate reasons, it is necessary to do work outside the allowed construction hours, contractor shall contact the Chief of Building and Safety to request a waiver from the above construction hours, using the procedure outlined in Santa Barbara Municipal Code §9.16.015 Construction Work at Night. Contractor shall notify all residents within 300 feet of the parcel of intent to carry out night construction a minimum of 48 hours prior to said construction. Said notification shall include what the work includes, the reason for the work, the duration of the proposed work and a contact number.

3. **Construction Parking/Storage/Staging.** Construction parking and storage shall be provided as follows:
  - a. During construction, free parking spaces for construction workers and construction shall be provided on-site or off-site in a location subject to the approval of the Public Works Director. Construction workers are prohibited from parking within the public right-of-way, except as outlined in subparagraph b. below.
  - b. Parking in the public right of way is permitted as posted by Municipal Code, as reasonably allowed for in the 2006 Greenbook (or latest reference), and with a Public Works permit in restricted parking zones.

No more than three (3) individual parking permits *without extensions* may be issued for the life of the project.

- c. Storage or staging of construction materials and equipment within the public right-of-way shall not be permitted, unless approved by the Transportation Manager.

4. **Unanticipated Archaeological Resources Contractor Notification.** Prior to the start of any vegetation or paving removal, demolition, trenching or grading, contractors and construction personnel shall be alerted to the possibility of uncovering unanticipated subsurface archaeological features or artifacts associated with past human occupation of the parcel. If such archaeological resources are encountered or suspected, work shall be halted immediately, the City Environmental Analyst shall be notified and the applicant shall retain an archaeologist from the most current City Qualified Archaeologists List. The latter shall be employed to assess the nature, extent and significance of any discoveries and to develop appropriate management recommendations for archaeological resource treatment, which may include, but are not limited to, redirection of grading and/or excavation activities, consultation and/or monitoring with a Barbareño Chumash representative from the most current City qualified Barbareño Chumash Site Monitors List, etc.

If the discovery consists of possible human remains, the Santa Barbara County Coroner shall be contacted immediately. If the Coroner determines that the remains are Native American, the Coroner shall contact the California Native American Heritage Commission. A Barbareño Chumash representative from the most current City Qualified Barbareño Chumash Site Monitors List shall be retained to monitor all further subsurface disturbance in the area of the find. Work in the area may only proceed after the Environmental Analyst grants authorization.

If the discovery consists of possible prehistoric or Native American artifacts or materials, a Barbareño Chumash representative from the most current City Qualified Barbareño Chumash Site Monitors List shall be retained to monitor all further subsurface disturbance in the area of the find. Work in the area may only proceed after the Environmental Analyst grants authorization.

- H. **Prior to Certificate of Occupancy.** Prior to issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy, the Owner of the Real Property shall complete the following:
  1. **Repair Damaged Public Improvements.** Repair any damaged public improvements (curbs, gutters, sidewalks, roadways, etc.) subject to the review and approval of the Public Works Department per SBMC §22.60.090. Where tree roots are the cause of the damage, the roots shall be pruned under the direction of a qualified arborist.

2. **Complete Public Improvements.** Public improvements, as shown in the improvement/building plans, including utility service undergrounding and installation of street trees.
  3. **Manholes.** Raise all sewer and water manholes on easement to final finished grade.
- I. **Litigation Indemnification Agreement.** In the event the Planning Commission approval of the Project is appealed to the City Council, Applicant/Owner hereby agrees to defend the City, its officers, employees, agents, consultants and independent contractors ("City's Agents") from any third party legal challenge to the City Council's denial of the appeal and approval of the Project, including, but not limited to, challenges filed pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (collectively "Claims"). Applicant/Owner further agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the City and the City's Agents from any award of attorney fees or court costs made in connection with any Claim.

Applicant/Owner shall execute a written agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, evidencing the foregoing commitments of defense and indemnification within thirty (30) days of the City Council denial of the appeal and approval of the Project. These commitments of defense and indemnification are material conditions of the approval of the Project. If Applicant/Owner fails to execute the required defense and indemnification agreement within the time allotted, the Project approval shall become null and void absent subsequent acceptance of the agreement by the City, which acceptance shall be within the City's sole and absolute discretion. Nothing contained in this condition shall prevent the City or the City's Agents from independently defending any Claim. If the City or the City's Agents decide to independently defend a Claim, the City and the City's Agents shall bear their own attorney fees, expenses, and costs of that independent defense.

**NOTICE OF TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION MAP (INCLUDING NEW CONDOMINIUMS AND CONDOMINIUM CONVERSIONS) TIME LIMITS:**

The Planning Commission's action approving the Tentative Map shall expire two (2) years from the date of approval. The subdivider may request an extension of this time period in accordance with Santa Barbara Municipal Code §27.07.110.

This motion was passed and adopted on the 13th day of September, 2007 by the Planning Commission of the City of Santa Barbara, by the following vote:

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

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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.

  
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Julie Rodriguez, Planning Commission Secretary

  
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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.