



# City of Santa Barbara California

## NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO THE PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN 300 FEET OF A PROJECT

THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2014  
1:00 P.M.\* (SEE NOTE BELOW)  
CITY HALL – 735 ANACAPA STREET  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

**APPLICATION OF SUZANNE ELLEDGE PLANNING & PERMITTING SERVICES FOR THE SANTA BARBARA MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, 2559 PUESTA DEL SOL, APNS 023-271-003 & -004; 023-250-039, -056, -066 & -068, COUNTY ZONING: 20-R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, 20,000 SQ.FT. MINIMUM LOT SIZE), CITY ZONING: E-1 (ONE FAMILY RESIDENCE), COUNTY GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATION: RES 1.8 (RESIDENTIAL, 1.8 DWELLING UNITS PER ACRE) CITY GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATION: LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (MAXIMUM DENSITY THREE DWELLING UNITS PER ACRE) (MST2014-00116)**

The City received a request from the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History (Museum) to initiate annexation of three Museum-owned parcels to the City: APNs 023-250-039; -066; and -068, totaling approximately five acres. Those parcels would be included in the Museum's Master Plan and subject to an updated and consolidated Conditional Use Permit for the Museum. While the Museum institutional complex is within the City, the City-County boundary bisects the land area owned and used by the Museum.

The Museum also requests a Planning Commission Concept Review of its proposed 10-15 year Master Plan, which anticipates the following improvements over that time period: improved accessibility and ADA compliance; full renovations to the Marine/Paleontology/Geology Exhibit Hall and restrooms, including an 82 square foot addition; full replacement of the butterfly exhibit; rehabilitation of Gould Hall; relocation of trash and recycling; new fencing; enhancements to existing outdoor activity areas; landscape improvements; native habitat restoration; mechanical equipment upgrades; and interior repairs to existing buildings. No operational changes to activities, programs or events are proposed. New improvements in the largely undeveloped area proposed for annexation include an enhanced bioswale with an associated boardwalk and overlook, and restoration of the woodland area with replacement of non-native plants with native plants.

In addition to annexation of the three Museum-owned parcels, staff requests that the Planning Commission initiate annexation of two additional privately-owned parcels, adjacent to the Museum property, located at 609 Mission Canyon Road (APNs 023-271-005 & -006), if the property owner consents.

Staff recommends a General Plan Designation of Low Density Residential (Maximum Density: Three Dwelling Units per Acre) and a Zoning Designation of E-1 (One-Family Residence Zone) for the five parcels considered for annexation.

**The Planning Commission may take action to Initiate Annexation of the affected parcels at this hearing. The Planning Commission will also review, at a conceptual level, a potential development project related to the requests for Initiation of Annexation; however, no formal action on the Museum's development proposal will be taken at this time, nor will any determination be made regarding environmental review of a proposed project.**

You are invited to attend this hearing. Written comments are welcome and will be entered into the public record. Written information should be submitted prior to the meeting at the Planning Division Office, 630 Garden St; by mail attention Planning Commission Secretary, P.O. Box 1990, Santa Barbara, CA 93102-1990; or by email at [PCSecretary@SantaBarbaraCA.gov](mailto:PCSecretary@SantaBarbaraCA.gov), and received no later than 4:30 P.M. on the Monday before the Planning

Commission hearing. Please submit 12 copies of any written materials over 2 pages. Written comments are accepted at and up to the time of the hearing; however, the Planning Commission may not have time to consider materials submitted after the Monday deadline.

This may be the only notification you will receive for this development application. The scope of this project may be modified under further review. If you have any questions, wish to review the plans, or wish to be placed on a mailing list for future agendas for this item, please contact Daniel Gullett, Project Planner, at (805) 564-5470, extension 4550, or by email at [DGullett@SantaBarbaraCA.gov](mailto:DGullett@SantaBarbaraCA.gov). Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and every other Friday. Please check our website under [City Calendar](#) to verify closure dates.

If you, as an aggrieved party or applicant, disagree with the decision of the Planning Commission regarding the outcome of this application, you may appeal the decision to the City Council. The appeal, accompanied by the appropriate filing fee per application, must be filed in the City Clerk's Office within ten calendar days of the Planning Commission decision.

If you challenge the permit approval or environmental document in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to the public hearing.

**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT:** In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to gain access to, comment at, or participate in this meeting, please contact the City Administrator's Office at (805) 564-5305. If possible, notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements in most cases.

\* **NOTE:** On Thursday, May 29, 2014, an Agenda with all items to be heard on Thursday, June 5, 2014, will be available at 630 Garden Street. Copies of all documents relating to agenda items will also be available for review at 630 Garden St. and posted online at [www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/PC](http://www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/PC) on Thursday, May 29, 2014. Please note that online Staff Reports may not include some exhibits. Agenda items are subject to change. It is recommended that applicants and interested parties plan to arrive for the meeting at 1:00 p.m. However, for longer agendas, all parties are encouraged to monitor Channel 18 and when the item prior to the application of interest begins come to the Commission hearing. Continuances will not be granted unless there are exceptional circumstances.

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