



City of Santa Barbara California

NOTICE OF A JOINT PUBLIC HEARING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION TO THE PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN 300 FEET OF A PROJECT FOR A DISCUSSION ITEM

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2011
1:30 P.M.* (SEE NOTE BELOW)
630 GARDEN STREET
DAVID GEBHARD PUBLIC MEETING ROOM

**APPLICATION OF SUZANNE ELLEDGE AGENT FOR THE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY,
2559 PUESTA DEL SOL, 023-271-003 & 004, 023-272-002 & 003, 023-250-068, 066 & 039, E-1 SINGLE
FAMILY ZONE, GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATION: MAJOR PUBLIC AND INSTITUTIONAL
(MST2010-00166).**

This is the second joint concept review of the Master Plan for the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History. The Master Plan is a result of a thorough evaluation of the facility and operations, and a series of public outreach meetings. The goals of the project include consistency with applicable building codes, better accommodations for visitors to the campus and improved connection with the surrounding natural setting. At the conclusion of the evaluations, the Museum will submit an application to revise their current Conditional Use Permit.

The overall concept for the project involves removing a majority of the buildings except for the historic building core, which faces Puesta Del Sol. The new two-story development would be located west of the existing Fleishman Auditorium and at the southern edge of the existing parking area, and would occupy the site of the MacVeagh house and part of the oak woodland. The location of the existing parking facility would remain, but would be rehabilitated to accommodate storm water runoff. The oak woodland habitat that is located on adjacent parcels within the County would remain and become a preserve. These parcels will be annexed to the City. The MacVeagh House would be re-located across Puesta del Sol to a Museum owned parcel, which is currently developed with residential buildings. The MacVeagh House will be rehabilitated and, along with the houses on the parcel, become employee housing.

The discussion item will allow the Planning Commission, Historic Landmarks Commission and the public an opportunity to review the proposed project at an early stage, prior to submitting an application to the City, and provide the Applicant and Staff with feedback and direction regarding the proposed land use and design. The opinions of the Planning Commission and Historic Landmarks Commission may change or there may be ordinance or policy changes that could affect the project that would result in requests for project design changes. **No formal action on the development proposal will be taken on the discussion item, nor will any determination be made regarding environmental review of the 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, and received no later than 4:30 P.M. on the Monday before the Historic Landmarks Commission hearing. Please submit 20 copies of any written materials over 2 pages. Written comments are accepted at and up to the time of the hearing; however, the Historic Landmarks and Planning Commission members may not have time to consider materials submitted after the Monday deadline.

This is 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 Peter Lawson, Associate Planner at (805) 564-5470 extension 4565, or by email at PLawson@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.

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 Planning Division Office at (805) 564-5470. If possible, notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements in most cases.

* **NOTE:** The regular Historic Landmarks Commission meeting begins at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday afternoon. The Joint Public Hearing with the Planning Commission will be the first item on the agenda. The Historic Landmarks Commission regular meeting agenda will continue at the conclusion of the joint public hearing. On Friday, July 15, 2011, an Agenda with all items to be heard on Wednesday, July 20, 2011, will be available at 630 Garden Street. **AGENDAS, MINUTES and REPORTS:** Copies of all documents relating to agenda items are available for review at 630 Garden St. and posted online at www.SantaBarbaraCa.gov/pc. 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 at 1:30 p.m. Continuances will not be granted unless there are exceptional circumstances.

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