



# City of Santa Barbara California

## CITY OF SANTA BARBARA PLANNING COMMISSION

### RESOLUTION NO. 015-11 2547 MEDCLIFF ROAD COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT JULY 14, 2011

**APPLICATION OF STEVE WELTON OF SUZANNE ELLEDGE PLANNING & PERMITTING SERVICES, INC., AGENT FOR ED AND JOAN TOMELO, 2547 MEDCLIFF ROAD, APN 045-173-041, E-3/SD-3 ZONES, GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATION: RESIDENTIAL 5 UNITS/ACRE (MST2011-00151, CDP2011-00004)**

The project consists of a proposal to construct a 1,285 square foot addition, including a 264 square foot loft and an attached 65 square foot pool equipment storage area, to an existing 2,302 square foot one-story single-family residence with a detached 489 square foot two-car garage. The residence is located on a 1.11 acre lot located in the Hillside Design District and in the Appealable Jurisdiction of the Coastal Zone. The project includes the removal of the existing pool, and construction of a new pool and spa, solar panels, new stone and permeable patio areas, a new 436 square foot wood deck, new site walls, fences, and landscaping, including a new six foot tall stucco wall and entry gate. A total of 335 cubic yards of grading is proposed.

The discretionary application required for this project is a Coastal Development Permit (CDP2011-00004) to allow the proposed development in the Appealable Jurisdiction of the City's Coastal Zone (SBMC §28.44.060).

The Environmental Analyst has determined that the project is exempt from further environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15301.

**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 no one appeared to speak in opposition thereto, and the following exhibits were presented for the record:

1. Staff Report with Attachments, July 7, 2011.
2. Site Plans
3. Correspondence received in support of the project:
  - a. List names, address
4. Correspondence received in opposition to the project:
  - a. Paula Westbury, 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. Coastal Development Permit (SBMC §28.44.150)

The project is consistent with the policies of the California Coastal Act, the City's Local Coastal Plan, all implementing guidelines, and applicable provisions of the Code because the addition is consistent

with the General Plan and the Zoning Ordinance, is compatible with the existing neighborhood, would not be visible from the beach or impact views from public view corridors, would not impact public access, would not contribute to safety or drainage hazards on the site, including those related to seacliff retreat, and is not located on an archaeologically sensitive site, as discussed in Section VI.C of the staff report.

II. Said approval is subject to the following conditions:

A. **Order of Development.** In order to accomplish the proposed development, the following steps shall occur in the order identified:

1. Obtain all required design review approvals.
2. Pay Land Development Team Recovery Fee.
3. Make application and obtain a Building Permit (BLD) to demolish any structures / improvements and/or perform rough grading. Comply with condition G "Construction Implementation Requirements."
4. Record any required documents (see Recorded Conditions Agreement section).
5. Permits.
  - a. Make application and obtain a Building Permit (BLD) for construction of approved development.
  - b. Make application and obtain a Public Works Permit (PBW) for all required public improvements.

Details on implementation of these steps are provided throughout the conditions of approval.

B. **Recorded Conditions Agreement.** The Owner shall execute a written instrument, which shall be prepared by Planning staff, 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:

1. **Approved Development.** The development of the Real Property approved by the Planning Commission on July 14, 2011, is limited to a 1,285 square foot addition to an existing 2,645 square foot one-story single-family residence with an attached two-car garage. The project includes removal of the existing pool, and construction of a new pool and spa, solar panels, new stone and permeable patio areas, a new 436 square foot cantilevered wood deck, new site walls, fences, and landscaping, including a new six foot tall stucco wall and entry gate, and the improvements shown on the plans signed by the chairman of the Planning Commission on said date and on file at the City of Santa Barbara.
2. **Uninterrupted Water Flow.** The Owner shall provide for the continuation of any historic uninterrupted flow of water onto the Real Property including, but not limited to, swales, natural watercourses, conduits and any access road, as appropriate.
3. **Recreational Vehicle Storage Limitation.** No recreational vehicles, boats, or trailers shall be stored on the Real Property unless enclosed or concealed from view as approved by the Single Family Design Board (SFDB).

4. **Landscape Plan Compliance.** The Owner shall comply with the Landscape Plan approved by the Single Family Design Board (SFDB). Such plan shall not be modified unless prior written approval is obtained from the SFDB. The landscaping on the Real Property shall be provided and maintained in accordance with said landscape plan, including any tree protection measures. If said landscaping is removed for any reason without approval by the SFDB, the owner is responsible for its immediate replacement.
5. **Oak Tree Protection.** The existing Oak tree shown on the Landscape Plan shall be preserved, protected, and maintained in accordance with the recommendations contained in the arborist's report prepared by Bill Spiewak, dated March 23, 2011. A copy of this report shall be attached to the recorded conditions as an exhibit.
6. **Storm Water Pollution Control and Drainage Systems Maintenance.** Owner shall maintain the drainage system and storm water pollution control devices in a functioning state. Should any of the project's surface or subsurface drainage structures or storm water pollution control methods fail to capture, infiltrate, and/or treat water, or result in increased erosion, the Owner shall be responsible for any necessary repairs to the system and restoration of the eroded area. Should repairs or restoration become necessary, prior to the commencement of such repair or restoration work, the Owner shall submit a repair and restoration plan to the Community Development Director to determine if an amendment or a new Building Permit and Coastal Development Permit is required to authorize such work. The Owner is responsible for the adequacy of any project-related drainage facilities and for the continued maintenance thereof in a manner that will preclude any hazard to life, health, or damage to the Real Property or any adjoining property.
7. **Coastal Bluff Liability Limitation.** The Owner understands and is advised that the site may be subject to extraordinary hazards from waves during storms and erosion, retreat, settlement, or subsidence and assumes liability for such hazards. The Owner unconditionally waives any present, future, and unforeseen claims of liability on the part of the City arising from the aforementioned or other natural hazards and relating to this permit approval, as a condition of this approval. Further, the Owner agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the City and its employees for any alleged or proven acts or omissions and related cost of defense, related to the City's approval of this permit and arising from the aforementioned or other natural hazards whether such claims should be stated by the Owner's successor-in-interest or third parties.
8. **Geotechnical Liability Limitation.** The Owner understands and is advised that the site may be subject to extraordinary hazards from landslides, erosion, retreat, settlement, or subsidence and assumes liability for such hazards. The Owner unconditionally waives any present, future, and unforeseen claims of liability on the part of the City arising from the aforementioned or other natural hazards and relating to this permit approval, as a condition of this approval. Further, the Owner agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the City and its employees for any alleged or proven acts or omissions and related cost of defense, related to the City's approval of this permit and arising from the aforementioned or other natural hazards whether such claims should be stated by the Owner's successor-in-interest or third parties.

9. **Areas Available for Parking.** All parking areas and access thereto shall be kept open and available in the manner in which it was designed and permitted.

C. **Design Review.** The project, including public improvements, is subject to the review and approval of the Single Family Design Board (SFDB). The SFDB shall not grant project design approval until the following Planning Commission / Staff Hearing Officer land use conditions have been satisfied

1. **Tree Protection Measures.** The landscape plan and grading plan shall include the following tree protection measures:
  - a. **Tree Protection.** All trees not indicated for removal on the approved landscape plan shall be preserved, protected, and maintained, in accordance with the Tree Protection Plan prepared by Bill Spiewak dated March 23, 2011:
  - b. **Landscaping Under Trees.** Landscaping under the tree shall be compatible with the preservation of the trees, as determined by the SFDB.
  - c. **Oak Tree.** The following additional provisions shall apply to the existing oak tree on site:
    - (1) No irrigation system shall be installed within three feet of the dripline of any oak tree.
    - (2) The use of herbicides or fertilizer shall be prohibited within the drip line of any oak tree.
    - (3) No storage of heavy equipment or materials, or parking shall take place within five (5) feet of the dripline of any oak tree.
  - d. **Tree Protection Plan.** Include a note on the plans that the recommendations/conditions contained in the Tree Protection Plan prepared by Bill Spiewak, dated March 23, 2011, shall be implemented
2. **Appropriate Plants on Bluff.** Special attention shall be paid to the appropriateness of the existing and proposed plant material on the bluff. As described in Geologic Evaluation of Coastal Bluff prepared by Campbell Geo, Inc. dated March 25, 2011, existing iceplant and other vegetation on the seacliff face can and should be left in place to minimize shallow soil disturbance and erosion. New plantings at the top of bluff and the adjacent yard should be drought-tolerant, preferably requiring no supplemental irrigation. To minimize the need for irrigation to get plants established, new planting should be conducted in late fall. All existing succulent plants that add weight to the bluff and/or contribute to erosion shall be removed in a manner that does not disturb the root system and replaced with appropriate plant material in a manner that does not increase the rate of erosion.
3. **Irrigation System.** The irrigation system shall be designed and maintained with the most current technology to prevent a system failure. Watering of vegetation on the bluff edge shall be kept to the minimum necessary for plant survival. The drip system along the bluff edge shall be removed after one full season of plant growth. As described in Geologic Evaluation of Coastal Bluff prepared by Campbell Geo, Inc. dated March 25, 2011, drainage controls shall be implemented to prevent surface water runoff over the

seacliff face. Landscaped areas should have hard pipe drainage systems. The runoff should be conveyed to an area, such as Medcliff Road, where the seacliff will not be eroded. No stormwater should be captured for onsite infiltration or otherwise retained onsite, except for temporary storage to smooth out discharge spikes, per the City's current policy for new development. The proposed pool is to be located no less than 60 feet from the bluff top setback, north (inland) of the existing residence. Should leakage be noted by anomalous water level drops, the pool should be emptied until the leak is repaired. Should shallow groundwater be found to daylight in the bluff face after development is complete, irrigation practices should be modified to the extent necessary to correct that condition or an investigation of other possible sources (pool leakage, broken pipes, etc.) should be conducted.

- D. **Requirements Prior to Permit Issuance.** The Owner shall submit the following, or evidence of completion of the following, for review and approval by the Department listed below prior to the issuance of any permit for the project. Some of these conditions may be waived for demolition or rough grading permits, at the discretion of the department listed. Please note that these conditions are in addition to the standard submittal requirements for each department.
1. **Public Works Department.**
    - a. **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 prepares said agreement for the Owner's signature.
    - b. **Drainage and Water Quality.** The project is required to comply with Tier 3 of the Storm Water Management Plan (treatment, rate and volume) with a partial waiver from the requirement to install a 5,000 gallon double walled fiberglass tank. The Owner shall submit drainage calculations prepared by a registered civil engineer or licensed architect demonstrating that the new development will comply with the City's Storm Water Management Plan. Project plans for grading, drainage, stormwater facilities and treatment methods, and project development, shall be subject to review and approval by the City Building Division and Public Works Department. Sufficient engineered design and adequate measures shall be employed to ensure that no significant construction-related or long-term effects from increased runoff, erosion and sedimentation, urban water pollutants (including, but not limited to trash, hydrocarbons, fertilizers, bacteria, etc.), or groundwater pollutants would result from the project.
    - c. **Medcliff Road Public Improvements.** The Owner shall submit building plans for construction of improvements along the property frontage on Medcliff Road if any improvements are proposed for the public right of way. Any work in the public right-of-way requires a Public Works Permit.
    - d. **Construction-Related Truck Trips.** Construction-related truck trips for trucks with a gross vehicle weight rating of three tons or more shall not be scheduled during peak hours (7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.) in order to help reduce truck traffic on adjacent streets and roadways.

2. **Community Development Department.**

- a. **Recordation of Agreements.** The Owner shall provide evidence of recordation of the written instrument that includes all of the Recorded Conditions identified in condition B "Recorded Conditions Agreement" to the Community Development Department prior to issuance of any building permits.
- b. **Design Review Requirements.** Plans shall show all design, landscape and tree protection elements, as approved by the appropriate design review board and as outlined in Section C "Design Review," and all elements/specifications shall be implemented on-site.
- c. **Conditions on Plans/Signatures.** The final 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 sheet as follows: The undersigned have read and understand the required conditions, and agree to abide by any and all conditions which are their usual and customary responsibility to perform, and which are within their authority to perform.

Signed:

_____		_____
Property Owner		Date
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Contractor	Date	License No.
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Architect	Date	License No.
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Engineer	Date	License No.

E. **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, including demolition and grading.

- 1. **Construction Contact Sign.** Immediately after Building permit issuance, construction information signage shall be posted prominently on the front lot line facing Medcliff Road. The sign shall list the contractor's name, contractor's telephone number, construction work hours, site rules, and construction-related conditions, to assist Building Inspectors and Police Officers in the enforcement of the conditions of approval. The font size shall be a minimum of 0.5 inches in height. Said sign shall not exceed six feet in height from the ground if it is free-standing or placed on a fence. It shall not exceed 24 square feet if in a multi-family or commercial zone or six square feet if in a single family zone.

- 2. **Construction Hours.** Construction (including preparation for construction work) shall only be permitted as follows: 1) Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., with no -noise generating construction between 7:00 a. m. -8:00 a.m., 2) Non-noise generating construction only on Saturdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.; and 3) No construction shall be allowed on Sundays and on the following holidays:

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 said 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 Storage/Staging.** Construction vehicle/ equipment/ materials storage and staging shall be done on-site. No parking or storage shall be permitted within the public right-of-way, unless specifically permitted by the Transportation Manager with a Public Works permit.
- 4. **Unanticipated Archaeological Resources Contractor Notification.** Standard discovery measures shall be implemented per the City master Environmental Assessment throughout grading and construction: 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. If such archaeological resources are encountered or suspected, work shall be halted immediately, the City Environmental Analyst shall be notified and the Owner 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.

A final report on the results of the archaeological monitoring shall be submitted by the City-approved archaeologist to the Environmental Analyst within 180 days of completion of the monitoring and prior to any certificate of occupancy for the project.

F. **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 public improvements (curbs, gutters, sidewalks, roadways, etc.) or property damaged by construction 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. **New Construction Photographs.** Photographs of the new construction, taken from the same locations as those taken of the story poles prior to project approval, shall be taken, attached to 8 ½ x 11" board and submitted to the Planning Division.

G. **General Conditions.**

1. **Prior Conditions.** These conditions are in addition to the conditions identified in Planning Commission Resolution #060-89.
2. **Compliance with Requirements.** All requirements of the city of Santa Barbara and any other applicable requirements of any law or agency of the State and/or any government entity or District shall be met. This includes, but is not limited to, the Endangered Species Act of 1973 [ESA] and any amendments thereto (16 U.S.C. § 1531 et seq.), the 1979 Air Quality Attainment Plan, and the California Code of Regulations.
3. **Approval Limitations.**
  - a. The conditions of this approval supersede all conflicting notations, specifications, dimensions, and the like which may be shown on submitted plans.
  - b. All buildings, roadways, parking areas and other features shall be located substantially as shown on the plans approved by the Planning Commission / Staff Hearing Officer.



- c. Any deviations from the project description, approved plans or conditions must be reviewed and approved by the City, in accordance with the Planning Commission Guidelines. Deviations may require changes to the permit and/or further environmental review. Deviations without the above-described approval will constitute a violation of permit approval.
4. **Land Development Team Recovery Fee Required.** The land development team recovery fee (30% of all planning fees, as calculated by staff) shall be paid at time of building permit application.
5. **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 being notified of a lawsuit regarding 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 COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT TIME LIMITS:**

The Planning Commission / Staff Hearing Officer action approving the Coastal Development Permit shall expire two (2) years from the date of final action upon the application, per Santa Barbara Municipal Code §28.44.230, unless:

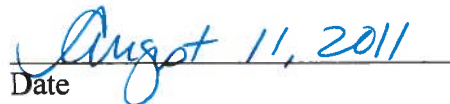
1. Otherwise explicitly modified by conditions of approval for the coastal development permit.
2. A Building permit for the work authorized by the coastal development permit is issued prior to the expiration date of the approval.
3. The Community Development Director grants an extension of the coastal development permit approval. The Community Development Director may grant up to three (3) one-year extensions of the coastal development permit approval. Each extension may be granted upon the Director finding that: (i) the development continues to conform to the Local Coastal Program, (ii) the applicant has demonstrated due diligence in completing the development, and (iii) there are no changed circumstances that affect the consistency of the development with the General Plan or any other applicable ordinances, resolutions, or other laws.

This motion was passed and adopted on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2011 by the Planning Commission of the City of Santa Barbara, by the following vote:

AYES: 7 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

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

**PLEASE BE ADVISED:**

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