



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, JANUARY 8, 2015, 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 SF MIN. LOT SIZE), CITY ZONING: E-1 (ONE FAMILY RESIDENCE), COUNTY GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATION: RES 1.8 (RESIDENTIAL, 1.8 DWELLING UNITS/ACRE) CITY GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATION: LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (MAX. DENSITY 3 DWELLING UNITS/ACRE) (MST2014-00116)

The proposed Master Plan for the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History (Museum) anticipates the following improvements over the next 10-15 years: improved pedestrian accessibility and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements; renovations to the Marine/Paleontology/Geology Exhibit Hall and restrooms resulting in a net decrease of 194 square feet; replacement of the butterfly exhibit; rehabilitation of Gould Hall; conversion of the 475 square-foot MacVeagh Cottage from residential use to educational non-residential use; relocation of trash and recycling; new fencing; new screening wall along the northeasterly portion of the parking lot; as-built improvements and enhancements to existing outdoor activity areas; native habitat restoration; landscape improvements, including removal of approximately 2,800 square feet of existing asphalt; mechanical equipment upgrades; and interior repairs to existing buildings. The Master Plan results in a net increase in accessible Museum parking spaces (from 6 to 7), a net loss of Museum parking spaces overall (from 156 to 155), and an addition of four bicycle spaces (from 18 to 22).

The proposal includes Annexation of three Museum-owned parcels to the City: APNs 023-250-039; -066; and -068, totaling approximately five acres (hereinafter referred to as the Western Parcels). Existing development on the Western Parcels includes a single family residence. The Museum proposes to maintain the existing uses of the Western Parcels which consist of the use of the single family residence, passive recreation, and Museum educational activities. New improvements in the largely undeveloped Western Parcels include an enhanced bioswale with an associated boardwalk and overlook, and restoration of the woodland area including replacement of non-native plants with native plants.

In addition to Annexation of the three Museum-owned parcels, staff requests that the Planning Commission recommend annexation of two additional privately-owned parcels, adjacent to the Museum property, located at 609 Mission Canyon Road (APNs 023-271-005 and -006) and the Mission Canyon Road right-of-way between the current City boundary up to and including the intersection of Mission Canyon Road and Puesta del Sol. 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 all parcels considered for annexation.

Actions requiring a recommendation by the Planning Commission to the City Council, and subsequent approval by the City Council and the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO):

- A. Reorganization of the properties known as APNs 023-250-039; -066; and -068, and APNs 023-271-005 and -006, and a portion of the Mission Canyon Road right-of way including Annexation to the City of Santa Barbara and Detachment from the Santa Barbara County Fire Protection District, County Service Area 12, and the Mission Canyon Lighting District.

- B. A General Plan Amendment to designate the properties to be annexed as Low Density Residential (Maximum Density: Three Dwelling Units per Acre) upon annexation.
- C. A Zoning Map Amendment to zone the properties to be annexed as E-1 (One-Family Residence Zone) upon annexation.

Actions by the Planning Commission:

- D. A Conditional Use Permit Amendment to allow for the proposed changes to the Museum (SBMC §28.94.030).
- E. A Parking Modification to provide less than the required number of onsite parking spaces (SBMC §28.92.110).

The Environmental Analyst has determined that the project is exempt from further environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Sections 15301 (Existing Facilities), 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction), 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), 15305 (Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations), 15307 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources), and 15319 (Annexations of Existing Facilities and Lots or Exempt Facilities).

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 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. 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: If you need auxiliary aids or services or staff assistance to attend 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 usually enable the City to make reasonable arrangements. Specialized services, such as sign language interpretation or documents in Braille, may require additional lead time to arrange.

* **NOTE:** On Tuesday, December 23, 2014, an Agenda with all items to be heard on Thursday, January 8, 2015, 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 by Tuesday, December 23, 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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