



City of Santa Barbara California

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA STAFF HEARING OFFICER

RESOLUTION NO. 010-14
219 SYCAMORE LANE (AKA: 211-221 SYCAMORE LANE)
MODIFICATIONS
FEBRUARY 18, 2015

APPLICATION OF DESIGNARC, ARCHITECT FOR HOUSING AUTHORITY OF SANTA BARBARA, 219 SYCAMORE LANE (AKA 211-221 SYCAMORE LANE), APN 017-073-046, R-2 TWO-FAMILY RESIDENCE ZONE, GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATION: MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL, 12 UNITS PER ACRE (MST2014-00592)

The 1.69 acre project site is currently developed with ten duplex buildings totaling twenty residential units and a commons building used as both a laundry facility and maintenance room. The proposed project involves renovations to both the interior and exterior of the buildings, including an architectural upgrade, new entry porches, upper level balconies, private patios and fences. The discretionary applications required for this project are:

Modifications to permit architectural elements to encroach into the required twenty-foot front and six-foot interior setbacks (SBMC §28.18.060), and;

A Modification to permit architectural projections and improvements to be located within the required fifteen-foot building separation between buildings on site (SBMC 28.18.070).

The Environmental Analyst has determined that the project is exempt from further environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15301 and 15305 (Existing Facilities and Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations).

WHEREAS, the Staff Hearing Officer has held the required public hearing on the above application, and the Applicant was present.

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

1. Staff Report with Attachments, February 12, 2015.
2. Site Plans

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Staff Hearing Officer:

- I. Approved the subject application making the following findings and determinations:
 - A. The Modification to permit architectural enhancements and improvements to project into the required front and interior setbacks is consistent with the purpose and intent of the Zoning Ordinance and is necessary to secure an appropriate improvement on the lot. The proposed improvements will upgrade the aesthetics of the building without adding additional floor area within the setbacks.

B. The Modification of the required distance between main buildings is necessary to secure an appropriate improvement and meets the purpose and intent of the ordinance which is to provide separation between residential habitable spaces for quality of life. No additional habitable space will be added within the required separation distance and the new balconies and porches will enhance the quality of life within the complex.

I. Said approval is subject to the following condition:

A. The following language shall be added to the plans submitted for building permit:

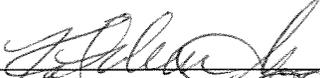
“Prior to the start of any vegetation or paving removal, demolition, trenching or grading, contractors and construction personnel shall be alerted to the possibility of uncovering unanticipated subsurface archaeological features or artifacts associated with past human occupation of the parcel. If such archaeological resources are encountered or suspected, work shall be halted immediately, the City Environmental Analyst shall be notified and an archaeologist from the most current City Qualified Archaeologists List shall be retained by the applicant. 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 a 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 a 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.”

This motion was passed and adopted on the 18th day of February, 2015 by the Staff Hearing Officer of the City of Santa Barbara.

I hereby certify that this Resolution correctly reflects the action taken by the City of Santa Barbara Staff Hearing Officer at its meeting of the above date.



Kathleen Goo, Staff Hearing Officer Secretary



Date

PLEASE BE ADVISED:

1. This action of the Staff Hearing Officer can be appealed to the Planning Commission or the City Council within ten (10) days after the date the action was taken by the Staff Hearing Officer.
2. If the scope of work exceeds the extent described in the Modification request or that which was represented to the Staff Hearing Officer at the public hearing, it may render the Staff Hearing Officer approval null and void.
3. If you have any existing zoning violations on the property, other than those included in the conditions above, they must be corrected within thirty (30) days of this action.
4. Subsequent to the outcome of any appeal action your next administrative step should be to apply for **Architectural Board of Review (ABR)** approval and then a building permit.
5. **PLEASE NOTE: A copy of this resolution shall be reproduced on the first sheet of the drawings submitted with the application for a building permit.** The location, size and design of the construction proposed in the application for the building permit shall not deviate from the location, size and design of construction approved in this modification.
6. **NOTICE OF APPROVAL TIME LIMITS:** The Staff Hearing Officer's action approving the Performance Standard Permit or Modifications shall expire two (2) years from the date of the approval, per SBMC §28.87.360, unless:
 - a. A building permit for the construction authorized by the approval is issued within twenty four months of the approval. (An extension may be granted by the Staff Hearing Officer if the construction authorized by the permit is being diligently pursued to completion.) or;
 - b. The approved use has been discontinued, abandoned or unused for a period of six months following the earlier of:
 - i. an Issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for the use, or;
 - ii. one (1) year from granting the approval.