PUBLIC HEARING PROCEDURE: This agenda is subject to change. Applicants and interested parties should plan to arrive at 9:00 a.m.

The order of presentation after the Staff Hearing Officer introduces an item is as follows: 1. Staff Presentation (3 minutes)*; 2. Applicant Presentation (5 minutes)*; 3. Public Hearing*; 4. Additional response by Applicant/Staff (5 minutes)*; 5. Staff Hearing Officer questions and comments; 6. Staff Hearing Officer consideration of Findings and Conditions of Approval; and 7. Action taken by the Staff Hearing Officer. *Time may be extended or limited by the Staff Hearing Officer.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The public is invited to comment on any item on the agenda. The Staff Hearing Officer will announce when public testimony can be given for each item. Speaker slips are available by the door and should be handed to staff before the agenda item begins. Due to time constraints, individual comments are typically limited to two minutes. Written comments are also welcome. Mail to SHO Secretary, P.O. Box 1990, Santa Barbara, CA 93102-1990 or email to SHOSecretary@SantaBarbaraCA.gov. Please note that the Staff Hearing Officer may not have time to consider written comments received after 4:30 p.m. on the Monday before the meeting.

AGENDAS, MINUTES, & REPORTS: Documents relating to agenda items are available for review in the Community Development Department at 630 Garden Street, and agendas, minutes, and reports are also posted online at SantaBarbaraCA.gov/SHO. Please note that online Staff Reports may not include some exhibits. Materials related to an item on this agenda submitted to the Staff Hearing Officer after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public inspection in the Community Development Department at 630 Garden Street during normal business hours.

PLANS & ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The scope of a project may be modified as it proceeds through the planning process. If you have any questions, wish to review the plans, or wish to be placed on a mailing list for future agendas for an item, contact the Case Planner as listed in the project description. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and every other Friday (see SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Calendar for closure dates).

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: If you need auxiliary aids or services or staff assistance to attend or participate in this meeting, contact the SHO Secretary at (805) 564-5470, ext. 4572. 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.
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APPEALS & SUSPENSIONS: Most items before the Staff Hearing Officer may be appealed to the Planning Commission. In addition, the Planning Commission may take action to suspend any decision of the Staff Hearing Officer and schedule a public hearing before the Planning Commission to review said decision. Any appeal or suspension must be filed with the Community Development Department within 10 calendar days of the date of the Staff Hearing Officer decision.

NOTICE OF CASE NUMBER FORMAT CHANGE

The City has recently updated permit tracking software necessitating a change to the case number prefix from “MST” to “PLN.”

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

A. Requests for continuances, withdrawals, postponements, or addition of ex-agenda items.

B. Announcements and appeals.

C. Comments from members of the public pertaining to items not on this agenda. Due to time constraints, each person is limited to two minutes.

II. PROJECT


The 15,000 square-foot site is currently vacant. On March 29, 2017, the Staff Hearing Officer approved a two- and three-story 17-unit affordable housing project to serve the homeless veteran population using the Average Unit-Size Density Incentive Program (AUD). As the project progressed through the Design Review and Building Permit processes, it was discovered that perimeter walls would be taller than 12 feet in height due to the steep change in grade between the project site and the neighboring properties to the east and the north. The proposed wall and fence would range in height from 10 to 18 feet.

The discretionary applications under the jurisdiction of the Staff Hearing Officer required for this project are:

1. A **wall height modification** to allow a new combined retaining wall and wood fence with a maximum height of 13 feet along the east property line (SBMC §30.140.110 and §30.250.020.C); and

2. A **wall height modification** to allow a new combined retaining wall and wood fence with a maximum height of 18 feet along the north property line (SBMC §30.140.110 and §30.250.020.C).

The Environmental Analyst has determined that the project is exempt from further environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15183.
III.  ADJOURNMENT