



Wednesday, June 26, 2024, 6:00 p.m. Council Chambers, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo

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Chair Cooley will call the Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission to order.

## 2. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

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#### CONSENT

Matters appearing on the Consent Calendar are expected to be noncontroversial and will be acted upon at one time. A member of the public may request the Planning Commission to pull an item for discussion. The public may comment on any and all items on the Consent Agenda within the three-minute time limit.

# 3.a CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES - JUNE 12, 2024 PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

Recommendation:

To approve the Planning Commission Minutes of June 12, 2024.

#### 4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Note: Any court challenge to the action taken on public hearing items on this agenda may be limited to considering only those issues raised at the public hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the City of San Luis Obispo at, or prior to, the public hearing. If you wish to speak, please give your name and address for the record. Please limit your comments to three minutes; consultant and project presentations limited to six minutes.

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# 4.a 1925 SANTA BARBARA AVENUE (APPL-0232-2024) APPEAL OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S DECISION TO APPROVE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW APPLICATION ARCH-0448-2022

#### Recommendation:

Adopt the Draft Resolution denying the appeal and upholding the decision of the Community Development Director approving the Minor Development Review application ARCH-0448-2022.

4.b 10 HIGUERA STREET (ARCH-0358-2023) REVIEW OF A NEW MIXED-USE PROJECT THAT CONTAINS APPROXIMATELY 23,164 SQUARE FEET OF COMMERCIAL SPACE AND A ONE BEDROOM RESIDENTIAL UNIT, WITH ASSOCIATED SITE IMPROVEMENTS

#### Recommendation:

Adopt the Draft Resolution approving the proposed new mixed-use project, associated site design and improvements, sign program, and the removal of two trees based on findings and subject to conditions of approval. This project is categorically exempt from environmental review under CEQA Guidelines section 15332 (Class 32, Infill Development Projects).

# 5. COMMENT AND DISCUSSION

### 5.a STAFF UPDATES AND AGENDA FORECAST

Receive a brief update from Senior Planner Rachel Cohen.

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#### 6. ADJOURNMENT

minutes.

The next Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission is scheduled for July 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo.

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## **Planning Commission Minutes**

# June 12, 2024, 6:00 p.m. Council Chambers, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo

Planning Commissioner Sheryl Flores, Commissioner Bob Jorgensen,

Commissioners Commissioner Steve Kahn, Commissioner Eric Tolle, Vice Chair

Present: Dave Houghton

PC Absent: Commissioner Juan Munoz-Morris, Chair Justin Cooley

Deputy Community Development Director Tyler Corey, Assistant City Staff Present:

City Attorney Markie Kersten, Megan Wilbanks, Deputy City

Clerk

1. **CALL TO ORDER** 

> A Regular Meeting of the San Luis Obispo Planning Commission was called to order on June 12, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, by Vice Chair Houghton.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA 2.

#### **Public Comment:**

None

--End of Public Comment--

#### 3. CONSENT

3.a CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES - MAY 8, 2024 PLANNING **COMMISSION MINUTES** 

> Motion By Commissioner Tolle Second By Commissioner Kahn

To approve the Planning Commission Minutes of May 8, 2024.

Ayes (5): Commissioner Flores, Commissioner Jorgensen, Commissioner

Kahn, Commissioner Tolle, and Vice Chair Houghton

Absent (2): Commissioner Munoz-Morris, and Chair Cooley

CARRIED (5 to 0)

#### 4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

4.a REVIEW CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (USE-0331-2023) TO ESTABLISH A FRATERNITY FOR UP TO 24 RESIDENTS, INCLUDING A REQUEST TO PROVIDE TWO (2) PARKING SPACES IN TANDEM ON AN EXISTING DRIVEWAY; THE PROJECT IS EXEMPT FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Commissioner Kahn provided ex-parte disclosure and announced that he visited site on Monday, June 10th and spoke with residents.

Vice Chair Houghton provided ex-parte disclosure and announced that he visited the site on Wednesday, June 12th and discussed the proposal with the Applicant, Thomas Symer.

Associate Planner Hannah Hanh presented the staff report and responded to Commission inquiries.

The Applicant, Thomas Symer, provided a brief overview of the project and responded to questions raised.

Vice Chair Houghton opened the Public Hearing

# **Public Comment:**

Kathie Walker Sandra Rowley Steven Walker

-- End of Public Comment--

Vice Chair Houghton closed Public Comment

**Motion By** Commissioner Kahn **Second By** Commissioner Jorgensen

Adopt the Draft Resolution approving the project, which is categorically exempt from environmental review under Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, with the added conditions listed below.

"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ESTABLISH A FRATERNITY AT 1264 AND 1264 ½ EAST FOOTHILL BOULEVARD AND 1241, 1243, 1249, AND 1251 MONTE VISTA PLACE. THE PROJECT INCLUDES A REQUEST TO PROVIDE TWO (2) PARKING SPACES IN TANDEM ON AN EXISTING DRIVEWAY ALONG

EAST FOOTHILL BOULEVARD. THE PROJECT IS EXEMPT FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW UNDER SECTION 15301 (EXISTING FACILITIES) OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) GUIDELINES AS REPRESENTED IN THE STAFF REPORT AND ATTACHMENTS DATED JUNE 12, 2024 (USE-0331-2023)"

- Condition #14: The fraternity use shall comply with Table 1 (Exterior Noise Limits) of Section 9.12.060 (Exterior Noise Limits) between the extended hours of 10:00 pm and 9:00 am, except as approved in writing as a special event by the Community Development Director.
- Condition #15: Prior to a special event approved by the Community
  Development Director pursuant to Condition No. 5, the fraternity shall
  provide written notification of the event to occupants within 300 feet of
  the site. The written notification shall include the date, hours, and
  contact information for the responsible party for the special event.
- Condition #16: Live entertainment, bands, and/or amplified sounds are prohibited, unless otherwise approved through a special event by the Community Development Department.

Ayes (5): Commissioner Flores, Commissioner Jorgensen, Commissioner Kahn, Commissioner Tolle, and Vice Chair Houghton

Absent (2): Commissioner Munoz-Morris, and Chair Cooley

CARRIED (5 to 0)

4.b REVIEW TEXT AMENDMENT TO ZONING REGULATIONS (CODE-0224-2024) TO ADD SINGLE-FAMILY AND MULTI-FAMILY USES AS CONDITIONALLY ALLOWED WITH APPROVAL OF MINOR USE PERMIT IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL (C-N) ZONE; THE PROJECT IS EXEMPT FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Associate Planner Hannah Hanh presented the staff report and responded to Commission inquiries.

Vice Chair Houghton opened the Public Hearing

**Public Comment:** 

Sandra Rowley

Toni Detz

-- End of Public Comment--

Vice Chair Houghton closed Public Comment

# **Motion By** Commissioner Tolle **Second By** Commissioner Flores

Adopt the Draft Resolution, which recommends the City Council introduce and adopt an Ordinance revising Table 2-1 (Uses Allowed by Zone) in Title 17 (Zoning Regulations) to add single-family and multi-family uses as conditionally allowed with approval of a Minor Use Permit in the Neighborhood Commercial (C-N) Zone. The project is exempt from environmental review under Section 15301(b)(3) (General Rule Exemption) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDING THE CITY COUNCIL INTRODUCE AND ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TABLE 2-1 (USES ALLOWED BY ZONE) IN TITLE 17 (ZONING REGULATIONS) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD SINGLE-FAMILY AND MULTI-FAMILY USES AS CONDITIONALLY ALLOWED WITH APPROVAL OF A MINOR USE PERMIT IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL (C-N) ZONE. THE PROJECT IS EXEMPT FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (CEQA) AS REPRESENTED IN THE PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT AND ATTACHMENTS DATED JUNE 12, 2024 (CITYWIDE; CODE-0224-2024) "

Ayes (5): Commissioner Flores, Commissioner Jorgensen, Commissioner Kahn, Commissioner Tolle, and Vice Chair Houghton

Absent (2): Commissioner Munoz-Morris, and Chair Cooley

CARRIED (5 to 0)

#### 5. COMMENT AND DISCUSSION

#### 5.a STAFF UPDATES AND AGENDA FORECAST

Deputy Community Development Director Tyler Corey provided the following update of upcoming projects:

On June 26, 2024, the Planning Commission will review an Appeal
of the Community Development Director's decision regarding a new
mixed-use development at 1925 Santa Barbara Avenue (APPL0232-2024) and review of a new mixed-use project at 10 Higuera
Road (ARCH-0358-2023).

 On July 10, 2024, the Planning Commission will review an Appeal of the Community Development Director's decision to deny a Homestay Permit at 1137 Peach Street (APPL 0210-2024).

# 6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission is scheduled for June 26, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo.

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APPROVED BY PLANNING COMMISSION: XX/XX/2024



**Meeting Date:** 6/26/2024

**Item Number:** 4a

**Time Estimate:** 45 Minutes

# PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

**SUBJECT:** 1925 SANTA BARBARA AVENUE (APPL-0232-2024) — APPEAL OF DECISION APPROVING ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW APPLICATION ARCH-0448-2022

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**APPELLANT:** Wayne Terry

#### RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Draft Resolution denying the appeal and upholding the decision of the Community Development Director approving the Minor Development Review application ARCH-0448-2022.

#### 1.0 COMMISSION'S PURVIEW

As provided by Zoning Regulations Section 17.126.040 (A), the Commission will consider an appeal of the decision of the Community Development Director.

#### 2.0 SUMMARY

Obispo Investments Inc. proposes to develop the property at 1925 Santa Barbara Avenue with a mixed-use project comprised of four residential dwelling units and a small street-fronting nonresidential space (see Attachments B and C, and Figure 2, below). The project is subject to Minor Development Review<sup>1</sup> and review by the City's Cultural Heritage Committee, as the project site is located within the Railroad Historic District.<sup>2</sup>

Accordingly, Minor Development Review application ARCH-0448-2022 was filed on August 17, 2022. On April 22, 2024, the application was approved by the Community Development Director, based in part on the recommendation of the Cultural Heritage Committee, as to the consistency of the proposal with historical preservation policies, standards, and guidelines (see Decision Letter, Attachment D).

Wayne Terry, owner and resident of the property at 1902 Chorro Street, situated immediately southwest of the subject site, appealed the decision of the Director, providing a narrative discussion of the reasons for the appeal (see Appeal Statement, Attachment E).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Minor development review is a staff-level review process with public notice provided, with no public hearing required (Zoning Regs. § 17.106.030 (B))

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> For each level of development review, an advisory body may provide a recommendation to the review authority as applicable or required (Zoning Regs. § 17.106.040 (A)); The Cultural Heritage Committee shall review and make recommendations to the Director on applications and development review projects which include new construction located in historic districts.

In the discussion, the appellant raises concerns with the conduct of the Cultural Heritage Committee's deliberations and questions the project's consistency with the development pattern in the Railroad Historic District and with the City's Historic Preservation Ordinance and Historic Preservation Program Guidelines. This appeal is now before the Planning Commission.

#### 3.0 BACKGROUND

## Site and Setting

The subject property is a rectangular parcel measuring about 7,250 square feet in area, on the west side of Santa Barbara Avenue, 225 feet south of Upham Street, in a Service Commercial (C-S) Zone, and Historical Preservation Overlay (H) Zone denoting its location in the Railroad Historic District (see Figure 1). It is developed with a small commercial building installed in 1985 to serve as an office for an auto sales lot, and most recently used for personal services (The Brow Shoppe).



Figure 1: 1925 Santa Barbara

Adjacent to the site, directly north and south, are single-family dwellings (neither of which

are included in the City's Inventory of Historic Resources). Also in the vicinity are the San Luis Obispo Railroad Museum (a Master List Resource, the Southern Pacific Warehouse), the Del Monte Café (a Contributing List Resource), a development comprised of industrial sheds (formerly Flanders Bicycle Shop; 1951 Santa Barbara), and a newer development of three mixed-use buildings, designed in an historical vernacular style with false fronts (1957-1977 Santa Barbara). Behind the subject site are the Chapek House (at 843 Upham) and the Bittick Residence (1902 Chorro), both Master List Historic Resources within the adjacent Old Town Historic District.

#### Railroad District Plan

In 1998, the City Council adopted the Railroad District Plan (RDP),<sup>3</sup> an "Area Plan", intended to implement General Plan policies within the Railroad Historic District. The plan aims to retain and preserve the historic and architectural character of the District with architectural standards to guide new development. The Architectural Guidelines provided in the Plan (see Attachment F) help to ensure that new development is architecturally compatible with adjacent buildings, and these guidelines are applied in reviewing new development in the Railroad Historic District.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Railroad District Plan may be accessed through the City's website, at: www.slocity.org/home/showpublisheddocument/27524/637305754075300000

# **Project Description**

The proposed project is comprised of three new buildings accommodating four dwellings and a nonresidential suite (see Project Description and Project Plans, Attachments B and C, and Figure 2, below). The nonresidential space is provided at the Santa Barbara Avenue street frontage and is intended for the range of uses and activities permitted in a Service-Commercial Zone.<sup>4</sup> The buildings are designed in a contemporary style, based on rectangular forms, and having medium-sloped pitched roofs with eave overhangs. Plaster and horizontally oriented cement fiber board siding are the predominant exterior materials. Double-hung or divided lite windows are recessed into the building walls and provided with wood trim and sill features.

Non-Residential Space	485 sq. ft.	1-story
Accessible Living Unit	825 sq. ft.	2-story
Tri-Plex (825 sq. ft. /ea.)	2,475 sq. ft.	2-story over under-building parking area



Figure 2: Project Rendering, from Santa Barbara Avenue

#### 4.0 PREVIOUS REVIEW

## **Cultural Heritage Committee**

The application was reviewed by the Cultural Heritage Committee, over the course of two public hearings, for their recommendation to the Community Development Director on the application of architectural and historic preservation standards and guidelines to the proposed project. Video record of each hearing, along with hearing agendas and staff reports, is accessible from the Past Meetings section of the Public Meeting Agendas page on the City's website<sup>5</sup>, and Agenda Correspondence and Minutes for each hearing are available in the City Clerk's document archive.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Uses permitted in various Zones are summarized in Zoning Regs. § 17.10.020 (A)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Public Meeting Agendas may be accessed through the City's website at www.slocity.org/government/mayor-and-city-council/agendas-and-minutes

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> The City Clerk's Documents Archive may be accessed at opengov.slocity.org/WebLink/Browse.aspx?id=26291

On January 22, 2024, the application was brought before the Cultural Heritage Committee. After deliberation, the Committee continued review of the application to "a date uncertain," providing direction to staff and the applicant regarding building massing, height, and placement, roof forms, and building details such as materials, finishes, decorative elements, and window patterns.

Project plans were revised by the applicant and project architect in response to the Committee's direction, and the application was brought back to the Committee on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024.8 Revisions included lowering the building height and modifying the roof form, bringing its upper portion further away from the rear of the site. Fiber cement board with the appearance of wood was employed for the exterior material of the larger triplex building, and trim, decorative elements, and door and window recesses were refined to enhance visual interest, as encouraged by the Architectural Guidelines of the Railroad District Plan. The Committee considered the design revisions to be responsive to the direction they provided and recommended that the Community Development Director find the project to be consistent with the City's Historic Preservation Ordinance, including architectural standards for construction in the Railroad Historic District.

## **Director Decision (Minor Development Review)**

On April 22, 2024, the Community Development Director approved the project by administrative action, based on findings of consistency with the General Plan, Zoning Regulations, and, following the recommendation of the CHC, historical preservation policies, standards, and Historic Preservation Program Guidelines, including consistency with the Architectural Guidelines of the Railroad District Plan (Decision Letter, Attachment D).

#### 5.0 APPEAL EVALUATION

#### **Public Comment at Hearings**

In his appeal statement (Attachment E), the appellant states that his right to public comment was hindered at the March 25<sup>th</sup> Cultural Heritage Committee hearing, by refusal of a visual presentation to supplement his public comment, and as such, he could not adequately provide important information to the Committee.

Immediately prior to the March 25<sup>th</sup> CHC hearing, Mr. Terry requested that the Deputy City Clerk make a presentation available on the City's computer network, from a personal "flash drive" that he had brought to the hearing. The presentation is said to have included images of buildings on Santa Barbara Avenue and excerpts of text from the Railroad District Plan, germane to his comments regarding the scale, massing, and pattern of buildings on this street.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> The Meeting Agenda, Video, and Staff Reports for the January 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting may be accessed online at pub-slocity.escribemeetings.com/Meeting.aspx?Id=092f5d9e-222d-4d65-8388-30e946288483

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> The Meeting Agenda, Video, and Staff Reports for the March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting may be accessed online at pub-slocity.escribemeetings.com/Meeting.aspx?Id=0fb2d569-cf24-478d-8a8d-d2e4a0dd4582

The City's Electronic Visual Aid Presentation policy<sup>9</sup> encourages members of the public who wish to utilize electronic visual aids as a supplement to their oral presentation to provide those materials to the City Clerk by noon on the day of the hearing. The Clerk follows this policy to ensure safe transfer of files to the City's computer network (digital files are subjected to a "virus scan") and to allow for the timely commencement of public hearings. In this case, the Deputy Clerk was not able to accommodate Mr. Terry's request immediately prior to the hearing, well past the noon deadline.

Nevertheless, many images of buildings along the west side of Santa Barbara Avenue were provided to the Committee in the applicant's project plans (see Sheet 7 of Project Plans, Attachment C), including a study of the development pattern on this block), in staff reports to the Commission, and with photographs displayed in the staff presentation. These photographs were also displayed by staff during Mr. Terry's public comment.

Staff reports also included evaluation of the consistency of the proposed project with historical preservation policies, standards, and guidelines, including the consistency of new buildings with the scale, massing, rhythm, and siting of historic structures in the district, along with specific architectural guidelines from the Railroad District Plan. Furthermore, the matter of scale, pattern, and spacing of existing buildings on the west side of the street were, before each Committee hearing, explicitly raised and discussed directly in Mr. Terry's correspondence and his public comment to the Committee, prior to, and during, both hearings.

The record of agenda correspondence and public comment reflects that Mr. Terry was not hindered in his ability to provide information and public comment to the Committee regarding this item

# **Advisory Body Review Process**

The appellant raises concern with the process by which the Cultural Heritage Committee formed their recommendation; that the Committee failed to consider key elements of the Railroad District Plan and inadequately deliberated about the pattern of development in the vicinity of the project site. He notes that the project architect was not present at the second (March 25<sup>th</sup>) Committee hearing, that the Committee Chair had professional familiarity with the project architect, and that the Chair disclosed that he had met the architect and discussed the project design.

It is not uncommon for architectural professionals active in the local community to be familiar with each other and with their work, and ex parte communication between a project proponent and individual Committee Members is permissible, where properly disclosed. Under the Brown Act, if a majority of Committee members are present during communication with a project proponent, generally such discussion could only take place at a noticed public hearing unless an exception applied. Here, however, communication with the applicant's architect was limited to discussion with an individual Committee Member, to share some conceptual ideas regarding potential design revisions, and this

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> This policy is described on the City's website and on Public Meeting Agendas, see: www.slocity.org/government/mayor-and-city-council/agendas-and-minutes

ex-parte communication was properly disclosed by the Committee Chair during the hearing, immediately following staff's presentation.

Staff notes, again, that all relevant elements of the City's Historic Preservation Program Guidelines and the Railroad District Plan were fully evaluated in staff's report and presentation to the Committee, including the consistency of the proposed project with the character of the Railroad District in terms of scale, massing, siting, and spacing of buildings, and these matters were given full deliberation by the Committee. In addition, these elements were directly raised and discussed in the appellant's correspondence and public comment to the Committee prior to, and during, both hearings.

The project architect was absent from the March 25<sup>th</sup> Committee hearing, due to an unintentional scheduling error (mistaking the hearing start time). Although it is customary for an applicant or their representative to be present at public hearings, there is no formal applicant attendance requirement that would constrain the Committee from deliberating and acting on an item under consideration. In this case, the hearing was the second hearing on the item, to consider revisions made in response to Committee direction. Staff advised the Committee that they could proceed with the hearing or, if necessary, further continue consideration of the item to a future date. The Committee elected to proceed with deliberations, having sufficient information available in the project plans and materials, staff reports and presentations, and public correspondence and comments, on which to base their recommendation to the Director.

# **Pattern of Development**

The pattern of development in the vicinity of the project site and along the west side of Santa Barbara Avenue are further discussed in the appellant's statement. The appellant notes that the Railroad District Plan makes no explicit distinction between portions of Santa Barbara Avenue that are north and south of Upham Street, though they lie within different Zones and are subject to different development standards. The predominant building type and pattern of massing and spacing south of Upham is described in the appellant statement, and it is suggested that projects adjacent to historic resources should provide deep rear setbacks and concentrate building height at their west (Santa Barbara Avenue) side, as more appropriate and consistent with the area.

The Railroad District Plan explicitly refers to the City's Zoning Regulations for descriptions of applicable property development standards (see Plan, pg. 33) and provides no specific standards for building setbacks or height for new development. Guidance on building setbacks is limited to encouraging new residential buildings to generally maintain the prevailing setbacks of older houses and apartments along Osos, Santa Barbara, and Church streets (Plan, pg. 82), an area that lies north of Upham Street, in a Medium-High Residential (R-3) Zone.

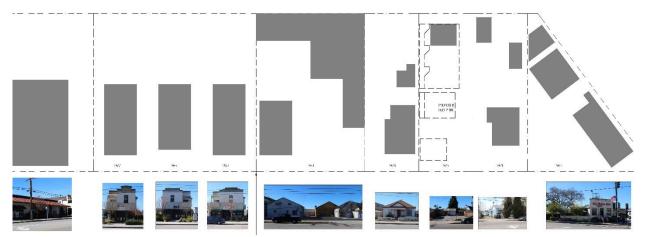


Figure 3: Pattern Study (from Project Plans), West Side of Santa Barbara Avenue

The project was found by the Community Development Director to conform to the development standards applicable to the Service Commercial (C-S) Zone in which it is located, including standards for building height and setbacks, lot coverage, and parking requirements. Zoning Regulations set no rear setback standard within the C-S Zone, but require that, where a site is adjacent to a zone with minimum setback requirements, a setback be provided as in the zone of the adjacent property. In this case, the site is adjacent to a Medium-Density (R-2) Zone, and therefore a minimum setback ranging from five feet (at the ground floor) to ten feet (at the upper levels of the building) must be provided. Furthermore, the project is subject to "Edge Condition" provisions in the Zoning Regulations, to provide a buffer between commercial zones and adjacent lower intensity residential zones. An enhanced building setback ranging from ten feet (at the ground level) to twelve feet (at the upper levels of the building) is required at the rear of the site, adjacent to the residential uses behind it. This project exceeds this requirement, providing a twelve-foot rear setback for the whole building, from the ground to its upper levels.

At just over 25 feet above existing grade to the peak of a single roof gable feature, the height of the tallest building in the project is considered to be consistent with the height of existing residential structures in the adjacent Medium Density Residential (R-2) Zone, including listed historic resources, and well below the maximum 35-foot building height allowed in both the C-S Zone and the adjacent R-2 Zone.

Given these facts, neither the project's building height nor setback from the adjacent residential zone would provide a basis under the City's applicable development standards or historical preservation standards to require modification of the project design or to deny the Architectural Review application.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> See Zoning Regulations § 17.36.020 (B): <u>sanluisobispo.municipal.codes/Code/17.36.020</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> See Zoning Regulations § 17.18.020 (B): <a href="mailto:sanluisobispo.municipal.codes/Code/17.18.020">sanluisobispo.municipal.codes/Code/17.18.020</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> See Zoning Regulations § 17.70.050: sanluisobispo.municipal.codes/Code/17.70.095

## **Negative Impacts**

The appellant's statement concludes that the project, due to building height and setbacks, will negatively impact Master List Historical resources near the project site.

The Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA Guidelines) provide guidance about determining the significance of impacts to historical resources: "A project with an effect that may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an historical resource is a project that may have significant effect on Guidelines environment." (CEQA §15064.5(b)). Substantial adverse change in the significance of an historical resource means physical demolition, destruction, relocation, or alteration of the resource or its immediate surroundings such that the significance of an historical resource



Figure 4: Bittick Residence, 1902 Chorro

would be materially impaired." As to "materially impaired," CEQA Guidelines describe this as involving demolition or material alteration of physical characteristics of a historic resource that convey its significance. <sup>13</sup>

In the case of the Master List "Bittick Residence" at 1902 Chorro (Figure 4, above), the property was found to be eligible for listing as a historic resource due to its Colonial Dutch Barn Style, rarity of its single-story Gambrel Roof style, architectural integrity, attractiveness of design, and association with John Chapek, an early local builder and Town Council member (see Council Resolution No. 9310, Attachment G). Construction of the proposed project on an adjacent site, in conformance to the height limits and enhanced setbacks required under the City's development standards, involves no demolition, destruction, relocation, or alteration of the features identified as important to the significance of the Bittick Residence, nor would the project development to the rear of the Bittick Residence compromise its ability to convey its significance.

# **Summary**

In summary response to the appellant's discussion, staff maintains that the Director took into consideration all relevant matters, including the development pattern of the Railroad Historic District, the City's historical preservation policies, standards, and guidelines, and any potential for negative impacts to historic resources, in deciding to approve the Minor Development Review application for the proposed mixed-use project. The Director's decision was informed by correspondence received from interested parties, and by the recommendation of the Cultural Heritage Committee (CHC), whose duties include

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> See CEQA Guidelines § 15064.5 (b), available online (Thomson Reuters Westlaw): govt.westlaw.com/calregs/Document/I87D9F3AA5B4D11EC976B000D3A7C4BC3

application of historical preservation standards and guidelines, as set out in the City's Historic Preservation Ordinance (SLOMC § 14.01.030 (B)). The CHC deliberated and formulated their recommendation over the course of two duly noticed and conducted public hearings, following review of all relevant information in staff reports and presentations, along with public correspondence and in-person comment provided at the hearings.

As there is no basis presented with this appeal on which to deny the Minor Development Review application ARCH-0448-2022, for development of the subject property with a mixed-use development, staff recommends that the Commission deny the appeal and uphold the decision of the Community Development Director approving the application.

#### **6.0 ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

The project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). It consists of Infill Development consistent with the Services and Manufacturing land use designation and applicable policies described in the City's General Plan, consistent with standards and limitations described in Zoning Regulations for the Service Commercial (C-S) Zone, occurs on a project site of less than five acres substantially surrounded by urban uses with no value as habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species, would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality, and can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services, as described in CEQA Guidelines § 15332. Furthermore, development of the proposed project will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of any historical resources (CEQA Guidelines § 15300.2 (f)) since the project has been found consistent with the Historic Preservation Ordinance provisions for compatible development in historic districts; is not located on a listed historic property; and would not have the potential to result in adverse impacts to adjacent and nearby historic resources.

# 7.0 ALTERNATIVES

1. Uphold the appeal and direct staff to prepare a resolution denying the Minor Development Review application ARCH-0448-2022, regarding development of a proposed mixed-use project at 1925 Santa Barbara Avenue.

This action is not recommended since the appeal provides no justification for denying the Minor Development Review application or for finding that the proposed project is inconsistent with the City's Historic Preservation Ordinance and Historic Preservation Program Guidelines, including those regarding architectural compatibility for new construction in historic districts. Furthermore, this project is a "housing development project" pursuant to the Housing Accountability Act and therefore can only be denied or conditioned in a manner that reduces density if a "specific adverse impact" (a significant, quantifiable, direct, and unavoidable impact, based on objective, identified written public health or safety standards, policies, or conditions) is identified. Facts and evidence based on the City's historical preservation policies, standards, and guidelines, as set out in the Historical Preservation Ordinance (SLOMC Ch. 14.01), along with specific adverse

impacts to public health or safety, as described by the Housing Accountability Act, would have to be provided with any consideration to uphold the appeal as the basis for this alternative.

2. Continue consideration of the item to a future date, with relevant guidance to staff and applicant.

This alternative is not recommended, as continued consideration beyond the three public hearings that will have already been held on the item is unlikely to uncover additional considerations relevant to the action taken on this application. Furthermore, the Housing Crisis Act limits an agency to conduct of no more than five hearings on a proposed housing development that complies with objective standards (Govt. Code § 65905.5 (a)).

#### **8.0 ATTACHMENTS**

- A Draft Planning Commission Resolution (APPL-0232-2024)
- B Project Description: Santa Barbara Lofts
- C Approved Project Plans Santa Barbara Lofts
- D Decision Letter (ARCH-0448-2022)
- E Appeal Statement (Wayne Terry)
- F Architectural Guidelines (Railroad District Plan)
- G Council Resolution No. 9310 (2002)

#### **RESOLUTION NO. PC-XXXX-24**

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA, DENYING AN APPEAL AND UPHOLDING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S DECISION APPROVING MINOR DEVELOPMENT REVIEW APPLICATION ARCH-0448-2022 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF A MIXED-USE PROJECT AT 1925 SANTA BARBARA AVENUE (APPL-0232-2024)

WHEREAS, the Cultural Heritage Committee of the City of San Luis Obispo conducted a public hearing in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, California, on January 22, 2024, for the purpose of reviewing a proposed mixed-use development comprised of four residential dwellings and a nonresidential suite located at 1925 Santa Barbara Avenue, under Minor Development Review application ARCH 0448 2024; Obispo Investments Inc., applicant, and continued consideration of the application to a date uncertain with direction to staff and the applicant; and

WHEREAS, the Cultural Heritage Committee of the City of San Luis Obispo conducted a public hearing in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, California, on March 25, 2024, for the purpose of reviewing revised plans for the proposed mixed-use development, and recommended that the Community Development Director find the project to be consistent with the City's Historic Preservation Ordinance, including architectural standards for new construction in the Railroad Historic District; and

**WHEREAS,** on April 22, 2024 the Community Development Director approved the proposed mixed-use project, under Minor Development Review application ARCH-0448-2024; and

**WHEREAS,** On May 2, 2024, Wayne Terry filed an appeal of the Community Development Director's decision to approve the Minor Development Review application; and

**WHEREAS,** the Planning Commission of the City of San Luis Obispo conducted a public hearing in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 990 Palm Street, on June 26, 2024, to consider the appeal of the Community Development Director's decision; and

**WHEREAS,** notices of said public hearing were made at the time and in the manner required by law; and

**WHEREAS,** the Planning Commission has duly considered all evidence, including the testimony of the applicant, interested parties, and evaluation and recommendations by staff presented at said hearing.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Planning Commission of the City of San Luis Obispo as follows:

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**SECTION 1.** Findings. Based upon all the evidence, the Commission makes the following findings:

- 1. As conditioned, the proposed project is consistent with the goals and policies of the Land Use Element (LUE) of the City's General Plan applicable to development in a Services and Manufacturing area, and with goals and policies of the General Plan's Conservation and Open Space Policies (COSE) for Cultural Heritage (COSE § 3). Mixed uses are encouraged in commercial districts (LUE §3.8.5). The project's residential component is situated at the west side of the site, at the boundary with an adjacent residential neighborhood to the west and provides enhanced building setbacks such that the residential atmosphere of the adjacent neighborhood is protected (LUE §2.3.3). New construction reflects the form, spacing, and materials of nearby historic structures and does not affect the street appearance of buildings which contribute to the neighborhood's architectural character, consistent with Conservation and Open Space Element Policy 3.3.4. Fiber cement board and plaster are employed as the predominant exterior materials, which are visually compatible with the exterior materials of buildings in the vicinity.
- 2. As conditioned, the project design is consistent with standards and limitations set out in the City's Zoning Regulations. The site is within a Service Commercial (C-S) Zone, and Mixed-Use Development is a permitted use in the Zone (§ 17.10.020). The project and proposed new structures conform to applicable development standards for the zone (Ch. 17.70), including enhanced Edge Condition setbacks at the boundary of the adjacent residential neighborhood to the west (§17.70.050) and with standards for Mixed-Use Development (§17.70.130).
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- 5. The project is consistent with the City's Community Design Guidelines. It is designed in an attractive and environmentally sensitive manner that responds to the character and constraints of the site, fits in with site design and architecture in the vicinity, and logically locates site elements for efficient operation (§ 2.1). The new building exhibits proper proportion, harmony, simplicity, rhythm, balance, and is designed to coordinate with existing structures on the site (§ 2.2) and is compatible with adjacent buildings and those in the immediate neighborhood (§ 5.3).

**SECTION 2**. Environmental Review. The project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). It consists of Infill Development consistent with the Services and Manufacturing land use designation and applicable policies described in the City's General Plan, consistent with standards and limitations described in Zoning Regulations for the Service Commercial (C-S) Zone, occurs on a project site of less than five acres substantially surrounded by urban uses with no value as habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species, would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality, and can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services, as described in CEQA Guidelines § 15332. Furthermore, development of the proposed project will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of any historical resources (CEQA Guidelines § 15300.2 (f)) since the project has been found consistent with the Historic Preservation Ordinance provisions for compatible development in historic districts; the property is not located on a historic property; and the project would not have the potential to result in adverse impacts to adjacent and nearby historic resources.

**SECTION 3.** Action. The Planning Commission does hereby deny the subject appeal filed by Wayne Terry, and upholds the Community Development Director's decision to approve development of 1925 Santa Barbara Avenue with a mixed-use development project, under Minor Development Review application ARCH-0448-2022, based on the above findings, and subject to the following conditions:

- 1. <u>Conformance to approved plans and conditions</u>. Final project design and construction drawings submitted for building permits shall be in substantial compliance with approved plans, as revised according to the direction provided by the Cultural Heritage Committee, and with the conditions of approval herein. A separate full-size sheet shall be included in plans submitted for permits, listing all conditions of project approval. Reference shall be made in the margin of the listed conditions as to where in plans requirements are addressed. Any change to approved design, colors, materials, landscaping or other conditions of approval must be reviewed and approved by the Community Development Director.
- 2. <u>Colors and materials</u>. Plan submitted for permits to complete this project shall clearly depict and describe all materials and colors, including siding, roofing, windows, and decorative trim, and the dimensions of windows, including window frames and mullions, lintels, sills, surrounds, recesses, trim, and other related window features, shall be clearly indicated, to the satisfaction of the Community Development Director.

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3.	Night Sky Preservation. Plans submitted for shall include information about exterior lig sufficient to verify conformance to Nig Regulations Ch. 17.23).	hting, including building-mounted light	hting,
follow	Upon motion of, second wing roll call vote:	nded by, and or	n the
	AYES: NOES: RECUSED: ABSENT:		
The fo	foregoing resolution was adopted this 26 <sup>th</sup> day o	f June 2024.	
		Rachel Cohen, Secretary Planning Commission	

# 1925 Santa Barbara Avenue Project Description

Note: All section numbers called out as reference are from the City of San Luis Obispo, Title 17 Zoning Regulations, unless noted differently. Words in italics have been taken directly from the zoning ordinance for clarification and support of the proposal.

**Project Use Concept** –The premise of this project is to create a mixed-use development that will provide a commercial space on the street frontage and living spaces behind, similar to current developments on Santa Barbara Ave.

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Zone - C-S-H
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Lot size - 7257 SF (.166 AC)

**Max. Dwelling units = 24/AC = .166 \times 43560 = 3.998** 

Proposed dwelling units = 4 - 1-bedroom units = 2.64< 3.98

**Additional Use** 1 commercial space 485 SF

**Lot coverage – Max = 75%** 

Units including South balconies = 2630 SF Elevated walkways and stairs = 429 SF Commercial space =  $\frac{485 \text{ SF}}{2000 \text{ SF}}$ Total = 3544 SF

Coverage = 4740 / 7257 = 48.8%

#### FAR - C-S zone 1.5

Allowable 1.5 site area = 1.5 x 7257 = 10885 SF

3 housing unit =  $3 \times 895 = 2685 \text{ SF}$ Accessible unit =  $1 \times 768 = 768 \text{ SF}$ Commercial = 485 SFTotal = 3938 SF

#### **Parking requirements**

1 space for 1 bedroom = 4 1 space per 300 SF = 2Total required =6

#### **Proposed parking**

Standard parking space =6
Van accessible =1
Total provided =7

#### Bicycle parking

8 Long-term bicycle parking spaces have been provided in lockers in the sub-terranean parking area.

#### Motorcycle parking

Not required

**Existing structures** – The current development on the site was built in 1985, on what was at that time a vacant lot. The site was developed as a used car lot with a small office with restroom (257 SF +/-) and a carport (220 SF+/-) for auto detailing. The site was paved, curbs were added, parking lot lights, and signage were added. A drainage easement was secure through the rear property. All that work is to be removed to the sub-grade.

**Structures to be removed** - All structures, pavement, etc., as existing above are to be removed to the sub-grade.

**Adjacent uses** – Single family dwellings exist to the North and South of the site. In the C-S zone this is a use that is no longer on the approved list. To the West are residences that are in the R-2 zone. As per SLO Municipal Code 17.36.20 Table 2-20 C-S Zone Development Standards "No setback unless adjacent to zone with minimum setback requirement, in which case the adjoining setback shall be as provided in zone of adjacent lot." These set back lines are shown on Sheet 8 - Sections

New land use proposal – Mixed Use – as allowed by 17.10.020 Table 2-1 Uses allowed in C-S zone

**Allowed Uses**. A mixed-use project requires a combination of residential units with any other use or multiple uses allowed in the applicable zone by Section 17.10.020

**Proposed Uses** - A Mixed use, residential with a small commercial space. The project consists of three 1-bedroom residential units over a sub-terranean garage, an accessible 1 bedroom unit and a small commercial space.

#### From 17.70.130 - Mixed Use Development

Mixed-use projects provide an opportunity to locate housing, jobs, recreation, and other daily needs in close proximity to one another, thereby enhancing vitality and street life in San Luis Obispo and forwarding the city's sustainability goals.

- A. Purpose See above.
- B. Allowable uses See above.
- C. Maximum density See above.
- D. Site layout and project design standards
  - 1. Location of Units –
  - a. Ground Floor Limitations In all other zones, residential units shall not occupy more than fifty percent of the ground floor space within the first fifty feet of floor area measured from each

building face adjacent to a street toward the rear of the building, with no more than thirty percent of the building frontage to be occupied by residential uses.

Proposed location – The residential units are 45'-4" from the street property line and occupy approximately 9% of the front of the site as required above. The street frontage is primarily occupied by the small commercial use.

#### 3. Trash and Recycling Areas.

Areas for the collection and storage of trash and recyclable materials shall be located on the site in locations that are convenient for both the residential and nonresidential uses. The location and design of trash enclosures shall reduce nuisances from odors and noise when residential uses might be impacted.

Proposed location – The location is conveniently located outside the front yard setback at the side of the commercial space. The garbage and recycling bins are in a lockable enclosure that is screened from the street and neighboring property. We have worked with San Luis Garbage Company, and they have provided a will-serve letter for this location.

E. Design standards - The following is written to address the various parts of this section.

The design concept is to continue the commercial street frontage while adding more permanent residences. The commercial space continues the pattern of small commercial spaces along this side of the avenue in this block. The residential units have been designed in a residential character with the living area on the ground floor and the bedrooms above, in a loft type configuration.

The proposal has a potential impact on the single-family residences to the north and south. These uses, if proposed today, would not be allowed. Like much of the rest of the area to the south the old residences were removed and new mixed-use developments have replaced them. The overall area is a mix of commercial and multi-family residential. The individual uses in the residences are located such that the major living spaces are on the south allowing for a natural controlled light. Each living unit has a personal outdoor space.

#### F. Performance Standards

- 1. Lighting The commercial space is located on the street frontage. Landscape lighting will be used along the walks. A downlight for signage will be used. There are no other lights purposed that will have an effect on the residential uses on site or off.
- 2. Noise With the small commercial space being located at ground level and on the streetside of the property there should not be any adverse impact on the residential units on site or off.
- 3. Air quality and odors all heating / cooling units will be individual residential electric heat pumps.
- 4. Hours of operation the commercial component of the project will adhere to city standards
- 5. Residential noise notice all residences of the project will be provided in writing that they will be living in an urban-like environment and that the noise levels may be higher that a strictly residential area.

G. Pedestrian access - the project meets is designed to meet all code requirements for pedestrian access and circulation.

H. Objective design criteria – the project has taken these points as well as those of the Railroad District Plan into consideration in the design.

#### Railroad District Plan (RDP)

Under Land Use Developing trends the Mixed use Live / work development is identified as a developing trend.

The RDP identifies a wide range of structures in size, architectural style and materials that are present in the District. In addition, the most recent developments go along this direction. In particular the 3 buildings at 1957, 1965, & 1957 Santa Barbara Ave. erected approximately 15 years ago take on a pseudo-historic character with the false front, gabled roof behind, and wood cladding. The more recent development at 2120 Santa Barbara Ave. while much larger, is more cubic in appearance with the bulk of the building having a flat roof. A saw tooth roof at the street facade works more with the RDP objectives. The building facades are composed of multiple building materials: stucco, metal siding, composite siding, and wood.

Our proposal is a similar approach to the 2120 Santa Barbara Ave. See Sheet 7 – Photo Essay

The project at 2120 Santa Barbara is the latest development on this stretch of Santa Barbara Ave. It too is a mixed-use project with residential and commercial. Although 2021 is a much larger project, in part due to parcel size, and taller project this proposal uses similar materials and to some extent building profile.



#### PESPECTIVE FROM SANTA BARBARA AVENUE



EXISTING VIEW FROM SANTA BARBARA AVE.

#### CODE ANALYSIS

BLWA# 2203 JAN 15, 2022

#### SB-; LIVE WORK MIXED USE

lowable Area and Height Calculations								
Group	Chapter 3	Const. Type Section 60		Actual area	Allowable Height Table 504.3	Allowable Stori Table 504.4		
-2	RESIDENTIAL	VB	21000(sm)	3453	40	3		
	BUSINESS	VB	27000(sm)	483	60	3		
-2	LOW HAZARD	IIB	52500	3750	60	3		

Area, Story and Height Modifications Note: See section 506.3

		ion Section 508.3.3 & 510.3	
Occupano Group		Total Allowable Area Per Story	Ratio (Actual Area/Total Allowable Ar
R-2	2040	21000	9.76%
В	483	27000	1.6%
S-2	3750	52500	7.1%
		Sum of ratio's 51	10 400/

ccupancy S	cupancy Separation Note: See Table 508.2.4 for occupancy separation								
Occupancy Group 1	Occupancy Group 2	Required Separation of Occupancies	Notes						
R-2	S-2	1 HR							
S-2	В	1 HR	SEE 406.3.2						
R-2	В	1-HR							
ire Resistar	ce Rating for	Building Elements Note: See Table	601 for rating requirements and Table 721 for rated construc-						

Building Element	Required		
-	Fire Rating	Number	Description
Exterior walls - bearing	0	NA	
Interior walls - bearing	0	NA	
Ext. walls - non-bearing (Table	602)()	NA	
Structural frame	0	NA	
Partitions - permanent	0	NA	
Shaft enclosures (Section 707.4)	0	NA	
Floor & floor / ceiling	0	NA	
Roof & roof / ceiling	0	NA	

ı	Fire Resi		ing For Exterior Wal	is Based on Fire S	eparation Distance	(Table 602)
	Occupanc	Const. Typ	X < 5'	5' ≤ X < 10'	10" ≤ X < 30"	X ≥ 30′
	Group	Section 60				
	R-2	VB	1	1	0	0
	В	VB	1	1	0	0
	S-2	VB	1	1	0	0

Wall	Fire Separatio Distance	n Area of wall	Allowable Protected %	Allowable Un-Protected %	Actual Protected SF	Actual Un-Protecte SF	Ratio Equation
North*	13'-0"	162	N/A	75%	N/A	15	9.25%
South	5'-0"	113	N/A	25%	N/A	24	21.1%
East	>30						
West			NO	OPENINGS			

oress & Occupa	ncy (Refer to Chapter 10 for					
Function of Space Table 1004 1 1		Floor Area per Oc Table 1004.5 (Ao)	C. Actual SF (As)	Occupant Load	Exit Width (in.)	Exits req*d Table 1015.
Residential	Individual unit	200	826	4	36	- 1

#### SB LIVE / WORK UNITS

1925 SANTA BARBARA AVENUE SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA 93401

> APN-003-647-014

SITE AREA:

OWNER OBISPO INVESTMENTS LLC 1110 CALIFORNIA BLVD. STE C SAN LUIS OBISPO

ZONING: C-S-H

PROPOSED USAGE LIVE / WORK SPACES AND

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

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#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION



#### CBC CODE ANALYSIS

ZONE C-S-H LOT SIZE - 145.50' X 49.88' = 7257 SF OR .166 AC. MAX. DWELLING = 24 / AC. = 3.996 DWELLING UNITS PROPOSED 4-1 BEDROOM UNITS = 4 X .66. = 2.64UNITS ADDITIONAL USAGE - COMMERCIAL SPACE , = 485 SF

PARKING REQUIREMENT = 1 PER 1 BEDROOM UNIT = 4 1 PER 300 SF OF COMMERCIAL = 2 TOTAL REOD. = 6 PARKING SPACES PROPOSED = 7 (2 ACCES., 5 STANDARD)

LOT COVERAGE = 75% MAX.
PROPOSED LOT COVERAGE = UNITS W/ BALCONIES = 2690 SF
ELEVIATED WALKWAYS AND STAIRS = 429 SF
COMMERCIAL & TRASH = 534 SF
1071A = 3393 SF
3344 / 7257 = 49.5% < 75%

FAR 1.5 ALLOWED = 1.5 X 7257 = 10, 885 SF 3 -18EDROOM UNITS @ 895 SF / UNIT = 2685 SF 1-1 BEDROOM UNIT @ 768 SF = 768 COMMERCIAL @ 485 SF = 485 SF TOTAL = 3938 SF

REQUIRED SETBACKS
FRONT - 5 FOR PARKING AND SIGNS
- 19 FOR BULLDINGS LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 20' IN HEIGHT
- 15' FOR BUILDINGS GREATER THAN 20'

15 FOR BULDINGS URE-NATE THREE AND ADDRESS TO 2016 WITH JAMPAGEM STEPSON REQUIREMENT, IN WHICH CASE THE BOARD ADDRESS AND ADD

#### VICINITY MAP

2019 CALIFORNIA GREEN BUILI 2019 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE 2019 CMC 2019 CPC 2019 CEC 2019 CEC SAN LUIS OBISPO MUNICIPAL CODE SPECIFICS; CLIMATE ZONE: CZ5 SEISMIC CATEGORY E

#### APPLICABLE CODES

#### SHEET DESCRIPTION

- PERSPECTIVE, PHOTO, AND STATISTICS
- SITE SURVEY, DEMOLITION & GRADING PLANS SITE IMPROVEMENT & GROUND LEVEL PLANS
- 2ND & ROOF LEVEL PLANS SOLID WASTE PLAN & DETAILS
- ARCHITECTURAL EXTERIOR ELEVATIONS
- ARCHITECTURAL EXTERIOR ELEVATIONS
- PHOTO SURVEY OF SANTA BARBARA AVE. ARCHITECTURAL SECTIONS
- STORM WATER CONTROL PLAN
- 10. LANDSCAPE PLAN

SITE DEVELOPMENT SUMMARY SHEET INDEX







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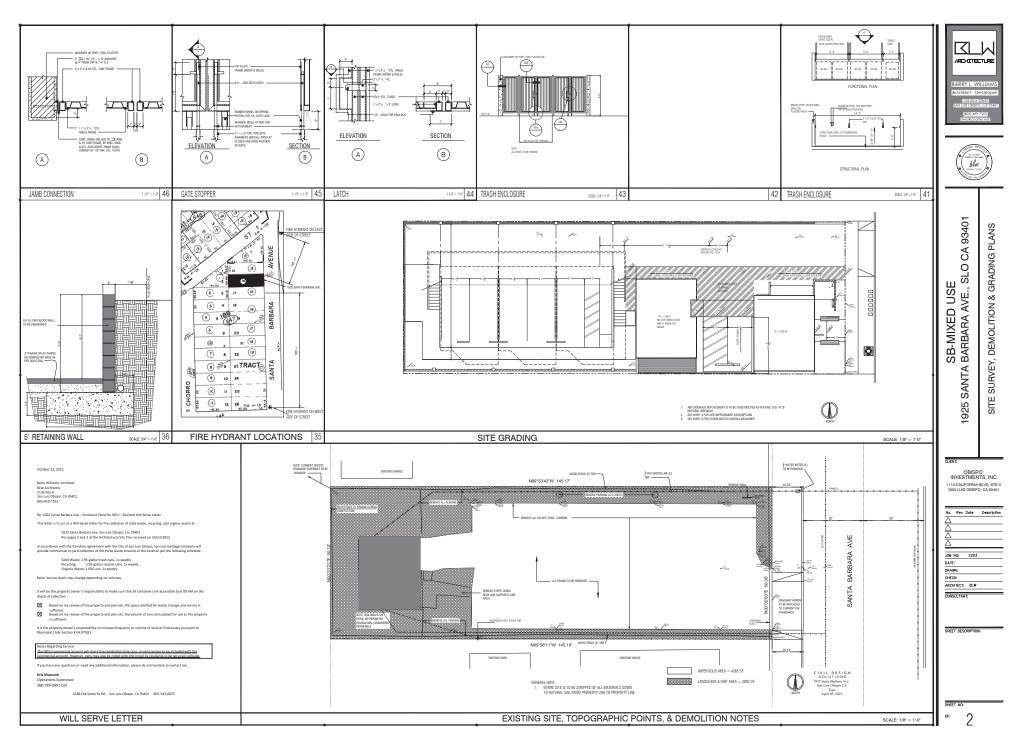
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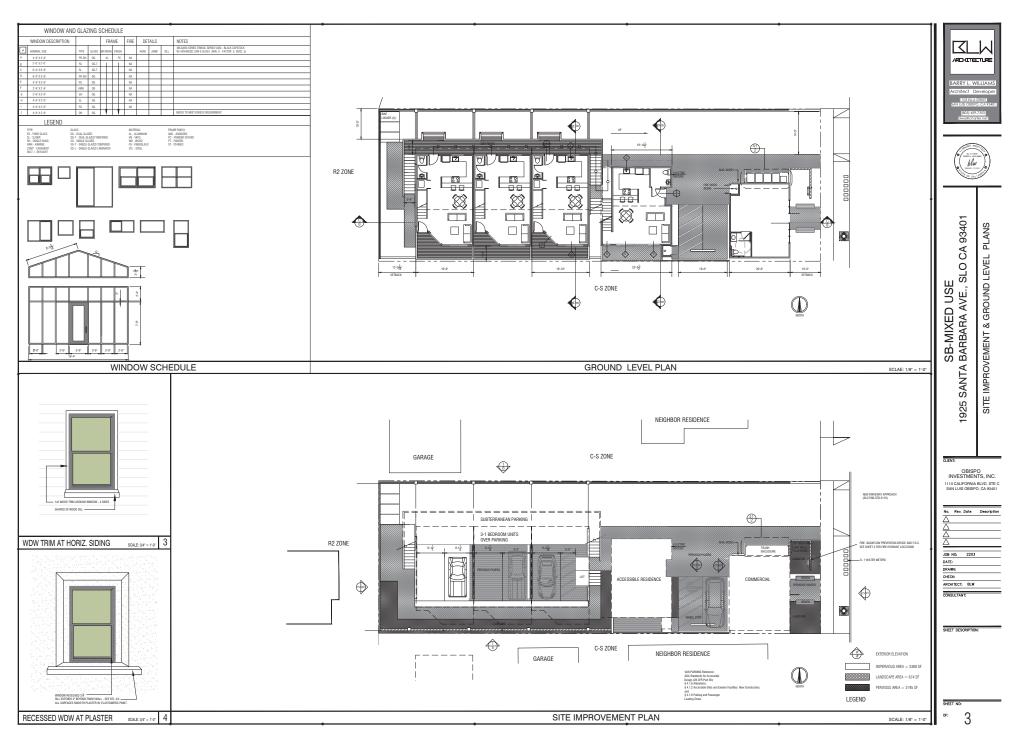
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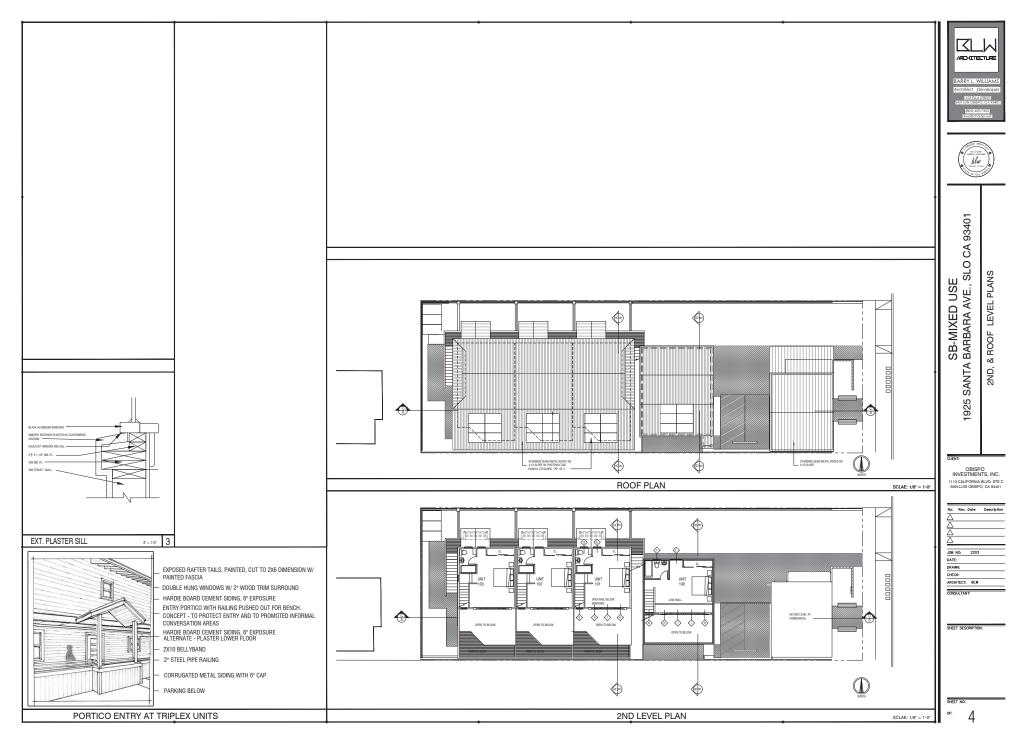
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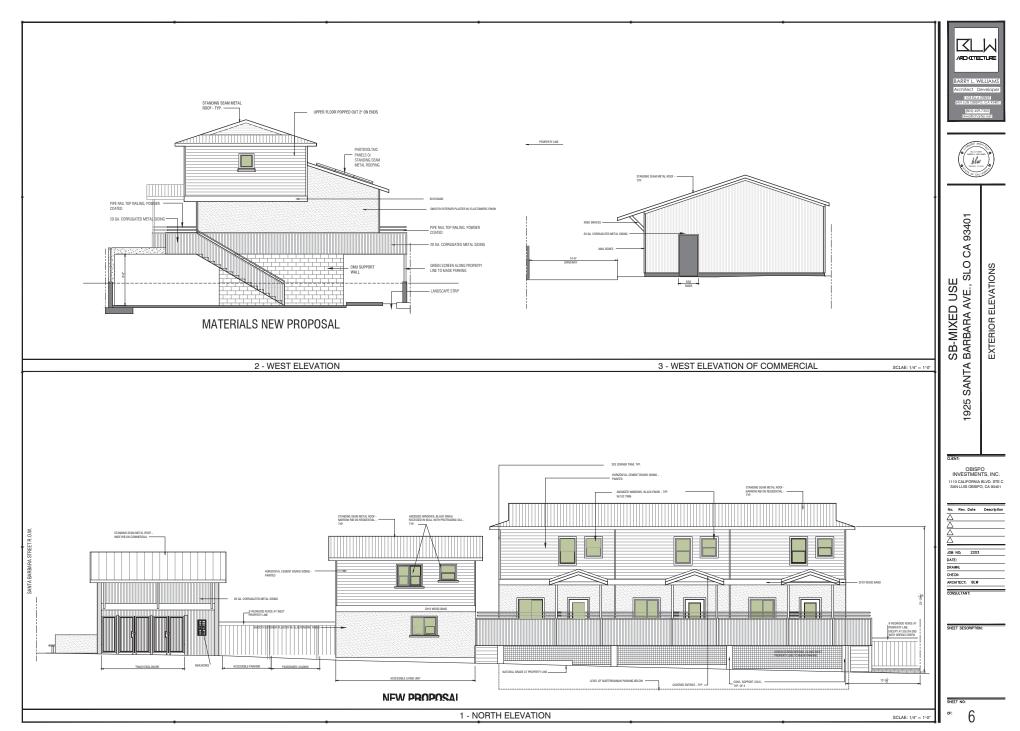




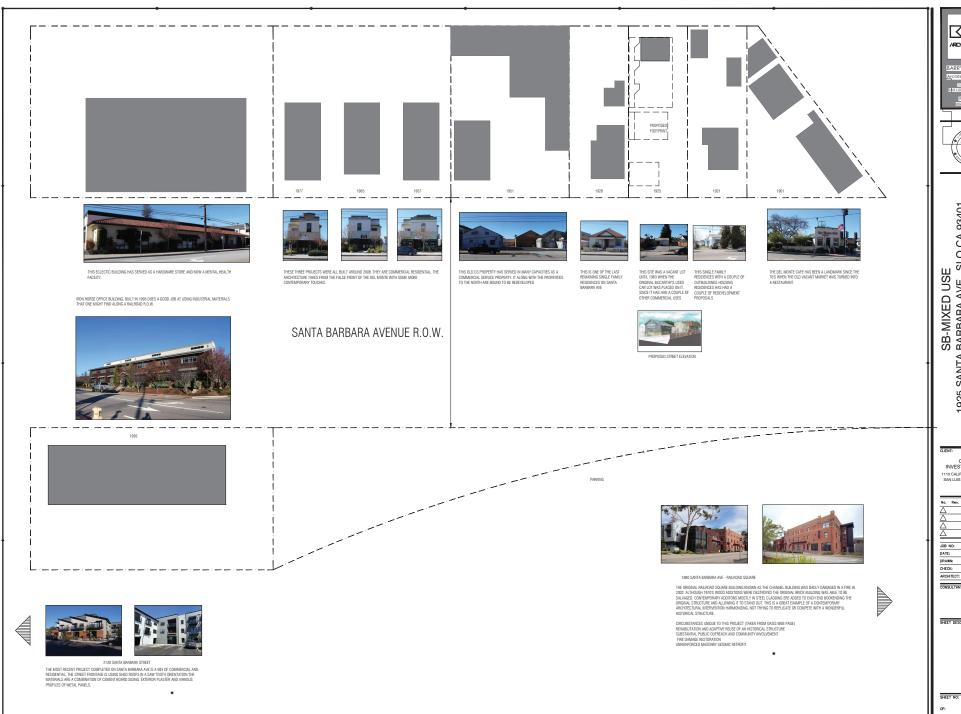
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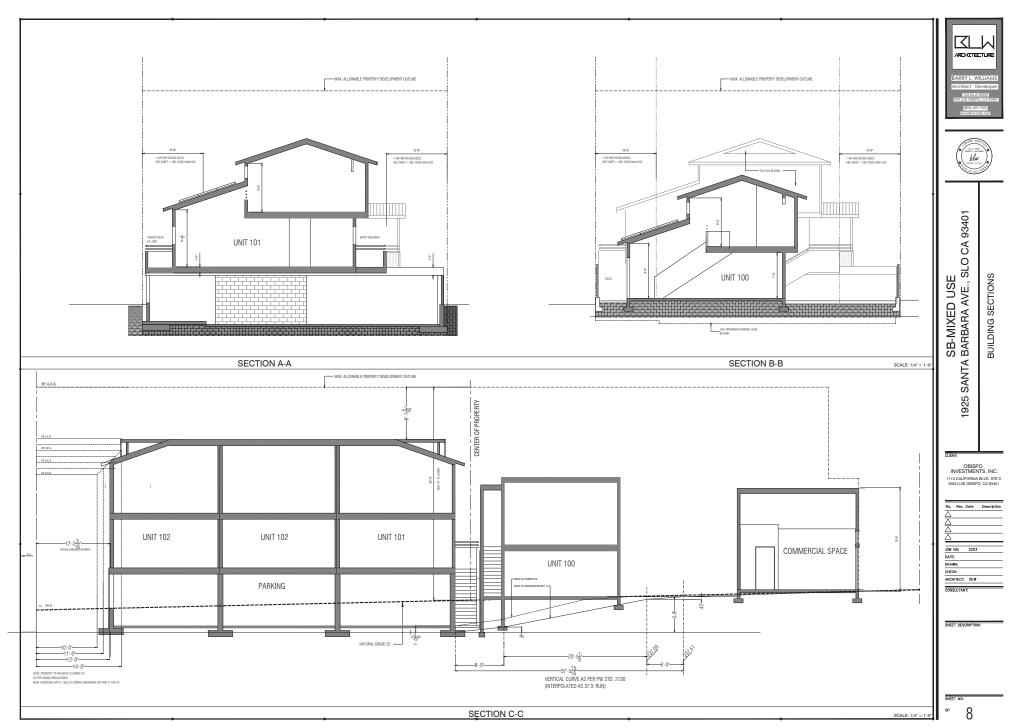


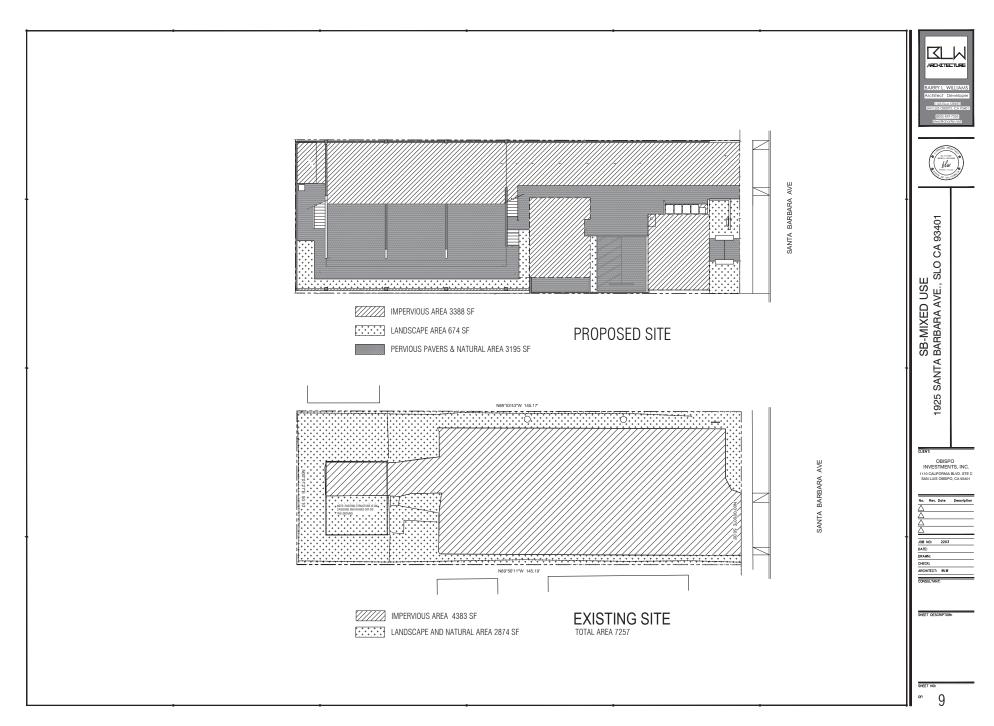


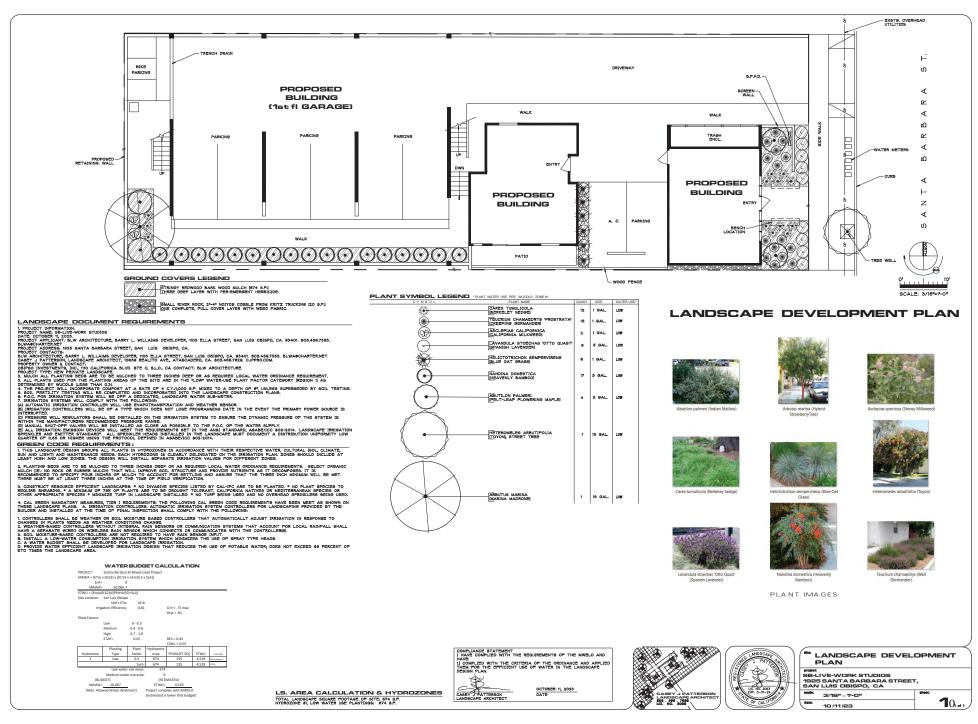














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April 22, 2024

Obispo Investments Inc c/o Barry Williams 1103 Ella St. San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

SUBJECT: Application ARCH-0448-2022 (1925 Santa Barbara)

Architectural review of a new mixed-use development of three buildings, with four residential units and street-fronting nonresidential, in the Railroad Historic

District

Dear Mr. Williams:

On April 22, 2024, I reviewed your client's Architectural Review application regarding a new mixed-use project within the Railroad Historic District. After reviewing the plans, I determined that the project is minor and will not require review by the Architectural Review Commission (ARC). Your plans are approved, based on findings and subject to the following conditions:

# **Findings**:

- 1. As conditioned, the proposed project is consistent with the goals and policies of the Land Use Element (LUE) of the City's General Plan applicable to development in a Services and Manufacturing area, and with goals and policies of the General Plan's Conservation and Open Space Policies (COSE) for Cultural Heritage (COSE § 3). Mixed uses are encouraged in commercial districts (LUE §3.8.5). The project's residential component is situated at the west side of the site, at the boundary with an adjacent residential neighborhood to the west and provides enhanced building setbacks such that the residential atmosphere of the adjacent neighborhood is protected (LUE §2.3.3). New construction reflects the form, spacing, and materials of nearby historic structures and does not affect the street appearance of buildings which contribute to the neighborhood's architectural character, consistent with Conservation and Open Space Element Policy 3.3.4. Fiber cement board and plaster are employed as the predominant exterior materials, which are visually compatible with the exterior materials of buildings in the vicinity.
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- 4. According to the recommendation of the Cultural Heritage Committee made on March 25, 2024, the project is consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. The proposed new construction has been designed to be compatible in form, massing, color, and materials with the historic character of the Railroad Historic District.
- 5. The project is consistent with the City's Community Design Guidelines. It is designed in an attractive and environmentally sensitive manner that responds to the character and constraints of the site, fits in with site design and architecture in the vicinity, and logically locates site elements for efficient operation (§ 2.1). The new building exhibits proper proportion, harmony, simplicity, rhythm, balance, and is designed to coordinate with existing structures on the site (§ 2.2) and is compatible with adjacent buildings and those in the immediate neighborhood (§ 5.3).
- The project is categorically exempt from CEQA environmental review, as Infill 6. Development (CEQA Guidelines §15332). The proposed development is consistent with the Services and Manufacturing designation of the property, applicable General Plan policies, and with the standards and land use limitations set out in Zoning Regulations for the Service Commercial (C-S) Zone with Historic Overlay. The site measures less than five acres in area, is located within City limits, substantially surrounded by urban uses, and has no value as habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species. Approval of the project would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality, and the site can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services. The project does not involve physical demolition, destruction, relocation, or alteration of any historical resource or its immediate surroundings, and therefore does not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of any such resource (CEQA Guidelines §15064.5(b)). The historical resources nearest to the property are located on separate parcels apart from the subject site, physically removed from, and not impacted by, the proposed project. As described in Findings 3 and 4, the project has been found to be architecturally compatible with adjacent and nearby historic resources and with the character of the Railroad Historic District.

### **Conditions:**

Please note the project conditions of approval do not include mandatory code requirements. Code compliance will be verified during the plan check process, which may include additional requirements applicable to your project.

### Planning

- 1. Conformance to approved plans and conditions. Final project design and construction drawings submitted for building permits shall be in substantial compliance with approved plans, as revised according to the direction provided by the Cultural Heritage Committee, and with the conditions of approval herein. A separate full-size sheet shall be included in plans submitted for permits, listing all conditions of project approval. Reference shall be made in the margin of the listed conditions as to where in plans requirements are addressed. Any change to approved design, colors, materials, landscaping or other conditions of approval must be reviewed and approved by the Community Development Director.
- 2. <u>Colors and materials</u>. Plan submitted for permits to complete this project shall clearly depict and describe all materials and colors, including siding, roofing, windows, and decorative trim, and the dimensions of windows, including window frames and mullions, lintels, sills, surrounds, recesses, trim, and other related window features, shall be clearly indicated, to the satisfaction of the Community Development Director.
- 3. <u>Night Sky Preservation</u>. Plans submitted for construction permits to complete this project shall include information about exterior lighting, including building-mounted lighting, sufficient to verify conformance to Night Sky Preservation regulations (Zoning Regulations Ch. 17.23).

# **Code Compliance Notes:**

### Engineering

- The building plan submittal shall show and label all existing and proposed public or private easements for reference. Any required on-site or off-site easements shall be recorded prior to building permit issuance.
- Complete frontage improvements will be required as a condition of the building permit
  including new curb, gutter, sidewalk and street paveout. The improvements shall be
  constructed in accordance with the Engineering Standards in effect at the time of
  encroachment permit issuance.
- 3. The building plan submittal shall note or dimension the street right-of-way width on the site plan. The plan shall show the dimensions of the centerline to property line, centerline to face of curb, and face of curb to property line for reference.
- 4. The building plan submittal shall show all required short-term and long-term bicycle parking to the satisfaction of the Community Development Department. Include details and detail references on the plans for the proposed bicycle parking facilities. The building plans shall provide a detailed site plan of any racks. Show all dimensions and clearances to obstructions per city standard. The Title Sheet of plans shall include a parking calculation describing the required and proposed bicycle parking for the project.
- 5. Final plans submitted for construction permits to complete this project shall be accompanied by written confirmation of solid waste service by the City's Franchise Waste Hauler (San Luis Garbage).
- 6. Final plans submitted for construction permits to complete this project shall depict the location of the proposed mail receptacles or mailbox unit (MBU) serving the project, to the satisfaction of the Postmaster and the City Engineer. MBU's shall not be located within

the public right-of-way or public sidewalk area, unless specifically approved by the City Engineer.

### *Fire*

- 7. Final plans submitted for construction permits to complete this project shall depict fire sprinkler riser rooms with direct exterior access for each building with direct exterior access, to the satisfaction of the Fire Marshal.
- 8. Proposed structures of Construction type "VB" and Occupancy Type "R-2," as depicted in final plans submitted for permits to complete this project, shall be provided with a full NFPA 13-standard fire sprinkler system.
- 9. Plans submitted for construction permits to complete this project shall demonstrate compliance with minimum fire separation distance standards (i.e., 10 feet from the exterior edge of stairways and landings to adjacent lot lines and to other buildings on the same lot) set out in applicable building and fire safety codes, to the satisfaction of the Fire Marshal.
- 10. Plans submitted for construction permits to complete this project shall depict fire department ladder access from driveways to bedroom windows and roofs, compliant with applicable building and fire safety codes. Distances from accessible ground up shall be indicated, and any obstruction by support beams clearly noted.
- 11. Plans submitted for construction permits to complete this project shall show exit travel distances from units to the public way from exterior exit stairs for the residential buildings.

### **Utilities**

- 12. Final plans submitted for construction permits to complete this project shall include a site utility plan showing the size of existing and proposed sewer and water services. The construction plans for sewer and water services shall be in accordance with the engineering design standards in effect at the time the building permit is approved. The project's commercial and residential uses shall be metered separately. All residential units are to be individually metered. The sewer lateral serving the property shall be made with HDPE material and shall be installed per the City's engineering design standards.
- 13. Final plans submitted for construction permits to complete this project shall demonstrate compliance with fire flow and fire sprinkler requirements for all floors of the proposed project, to the satisfaction of the Utilities Director and Chief Building Official. Design plans shall be supported by engineering calculations, to be submitted with the building permit.
- 14. The project is located within a capacity constrained area and shall satisfy the wastewater flow offset requirements described in Municipal Code Section 13.08.396, prior to issuance of construction permits to complete the project.
- 15. The building permit submittal shall include a final landscape design plan and irrigation plan that includes all the criteria required in the City Engineering Standards Uniform Design Criteria for Landscaping and Irrigation.
- 16. The project's estimated total water use (ETWU) to support new ornamental landscaping shall not exceed the project's maximum applied water allowance (MAWA). Final plans submitted for construction permits to complete this project shall include calculation and information for review and approval by the Utilities Department prior to issuance of a

building permit to support required water demand of the project's proposed landscaping.

- 17. Where commercial uses in the project may include food preparation, final plans submitted for construction permits to complete this project shall depict provisions for grease interceptors and FOG (fats, oils, and grease) storage within solid waste enclosure(s). Such commercial facilities shall be subject to issuance of an Industrial Wastewater Discharge Survey and Permit Application prior to issuance of occupancy permit, and an area must be provided to wash floor mats, equipment, and trash cans that is located inside, and drained to the sanitary sewer.
- 18. Potable city water shall not be used for major construction activities, such as grading and dust control. Recycled water is available through the City's Construction Water Permit program.

### Building

19. The design of the under-building parking garage depicted in final plans submitted for construction permits to complete this project must demonstrate compliance with building and fire codes applicable to parking garages, including, but not limited to California Building Code Sections 406 (Motor-Vehicle-Related Occupancies) and 705 (Fire and Smoke Protection Features), and where electric vehicle charging facilities are provided, California Fire Code Section 1207.

### Housing

- 20. The project is subject to Inclusionary Housing Requirements described in Municipal Code Chapter 17.138. Final plans for construction permits must be accompanied by a statement describing the project's inclusionary housing plan, as described in Zoning Regulations Section 17.138.070(A).
- 21. The project is subject to the Commercial Linkage Fee described by Municipal Code Chapter 4.60. The fee must be paid in full prior to the issuance of the first building permit for the commercial development project.

### Indemnification

The applicant shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City and/or its agents, officers and employees from any claim, action or proceeding against the City and/or its agents, officers or employees to attack, set aside, void or annul, the approval by the City of this project, and all actions relating thereto, including but not limited to environmental review ("Indemnified Claims"). The City shall promptly notify the applicant of any Indemnified Claim upon being presented with the Indemnified Claim and City shall fully cooperate in the defense against an Indemnified Claim.

My action is final unless appealed within 10 calendar days of the date of the decision. Anyone may appeal the action by submitting a letter to the Community Development Department within the time specified. The appropriate appeal fee must accompany the appeal documentation. Appeals will be scheduled for the first available Planning Commission meeting date. If an appeal is filed, you will be notified by mail of the date and time of the hearing.

The Community Development Director's approval of this project will automatically expire in one year, unless plans for a building permit have been submitted, or unless a different

expiration date or unlimited expiration is stipulated at the time of approval, per Municipal Code section 2.48.070. On request, the Community Development Director may grant a single, one-year extension, provided, that approval not exceed a maximum of two years from the date of original approval.

Included with this letter is an invoice for the Completion Fee associated with this planning application, which is now due. Completion Fees are to be paid within six months of the final action taken on planning services provided or prior to the acceptance of a building permit to construct the project. Please note that building permit applications will not be accepted prior to payment of the Completion Fee. Payment of this fee may be made in person, online, by mail or by phone.

<u>In Person Payment</u>: Please visit the Community Development Department at 919 Palm Street, Monday and Wednesday between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., and Tuesday and Thursday between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. In person payments can be made in cash, check, or credit/debit card.

<u>Payment Online:</u> The online payment portal has launched. Please visit the link: <a href="https://infoslo.slocity.org/EnerGov">https://infoslo.slocity.org/EnerGov</a> Prod/selfservice#/home to pay the invoice online.

<u>Payment by Mail</u>: Mailed payments must be check, payable to City of San Luis Obispo, with the **application number** from the subject line of this letter included, and sent to:

CDD Planning Fees City of San Luis Obispo 919 Palm Street San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

<u>Payment by Phone:</u> Call our main line 805-781-7170, please press option #6 to speak with a staff member to process credit card payment.

If you have any questions, or if you need additional information, please contact Walter Oetzell, Assistant Planner at (805) 781-7593, or by email at: <a href="wootzell@slocity.org">wootzell@slocity.org</a>

Sincerely,

Tyler Corey Deputy Director

Community Development

I believe my appeal should be considered based on the following:

My right to public comment was hindered by the clerk at the Cultural Heritage Committee. They refused to allow me to show my power point presentation (in pdf form). I was told that such presentations had to be submitted by noon the day of a meeting. Neither the city's website nor the language on the meeting agenda indicated this deadline. Failure to show the CHC images of buildings on Santa Barbara (to demonstrate spacing, coverage, setbacks etc.) as well as relevant language from relevant section of the Railroad District plan seriously impacted my ability to provide the committees information to make a sound recommendation.

The Cultural Heritage Committee's process to form their recommendation was inadequate and inappropriate, which in turn hampered the ability of the Director to make an informed decision. The CHC failed to consider key elements of the Railroad District Plan, did little to no deliberation regarding the pattern of development on the west side of Santa Barbara (including height, coverage, setbacks etc.) including references to such in the city's historical preservation guidelines. The applicant was absent from the CHC meeting and rather than continue the item so the applicant / their agent could answer questions, the CHC continued deliberations. These deliberations were further encouraged by the chairman's confidence in the project's architect (whom he has a 40+ year working relationship with which was not shared). The chairman confirmed the project's zoning, but not aspects of the historic preservation guidelines under the committee's purview. The chair mentioned a discussion with the applicant's architect which potentially should have been held publicly and in front of the CHC.

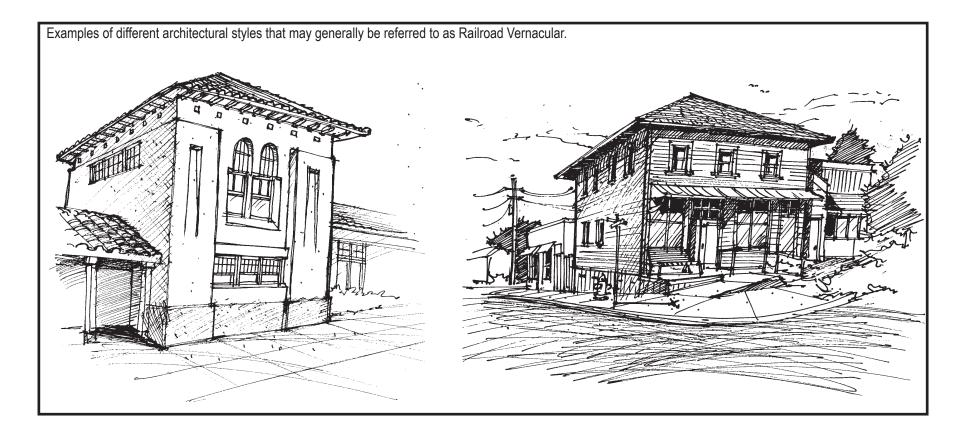
I understand from planning staff that the planning department has noted a north and south side of Santa Barbara Street with a delineation of Upham Street dividing this part of the Railroad District into two patterns of development. It was shared with me that each area is subject to different standards for height, coverage, setbacks and so on. I do not see this delineation referenced in the Railroad District Plan, however, if indeed this is the case I would note that on the west side of Santa Barbara between it's intersection with Broad and up to Upham – the predominant building type is commercial, the predominant height is single story and the pattern exhibited by massing and spacing is significantly different than the proposed project. In addition, commercial properties in this area which have developed with a residential component, the highest elevations are on the east side of the development adjacent to Santa Barbara and there are wide setbacks to the low density development to the west (on Chorro Street). Mimicking this type of development adjacent to Master List historical resources would be more appropriate and consistent with the area.

I believe that placing three story multifamily residential units (with a partially undergrounded 1<sup>st</sup> story) at the minimum setbacks from low density Master List Historical resources does in fact negatively impact these resources. According to the City's Context Statement, such resources are significant not only because of the building themselves but because of the story they tell and how they contribute to the community. The proposed development is neither consistent with the established pattern nor in accordance with the Historical Preservation ordinance and guidelines.

# Architectural Guidelines for the Railroad District

San Luis Obispo has adopted citywide architectural guidelines which apply to new buildings, significant remodels, site improvements, and public area improvements. The Railroad District Architectural Guidelines are to supplement the citywide architectural guidelines and are to be applied in a similar manner, except that they apply only to the Railroad District as shown in Figure 4. Within this area, new development, remodels and additions, site improvements, and publicly-funded projects should follow these guidelines. Property owners, developers, designers, City staff and advisory bodies, such as the Cultural Heritage Committee, Architectural Review Commission and the Planning Commission will use these guidelines to review development projects, consistent with Municipal Code Chapter 2.48.

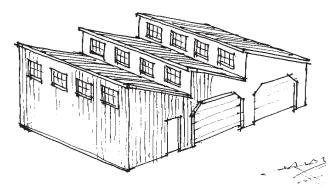
Many of the older buildings in the Railroad District are generally described as "Railroad Vernacular" buildings. A variety of architectural styles fall under this category. Some of the more common architectural elements exemplifying this architectural style are illustrated in this document. These examples provide a "menu" of architectural elements which can be incorporated into new development projects in the Railroad District. New buildings need not include all of these elements, nor be designed to be a replica of a historic building. The Cultural Heritage Committee and Architectural Review Commission interpret the guidelines and will consider contemporary architectural styles which are consistent with these guidelines and which complement the District's historic character.



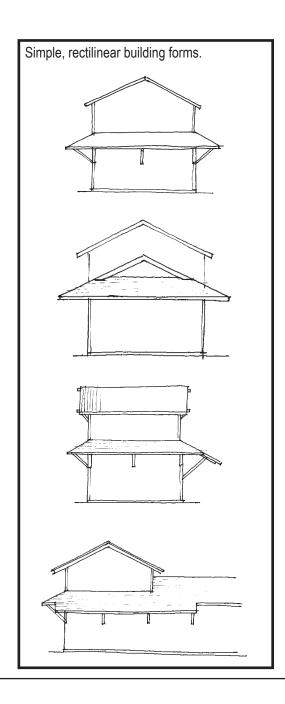
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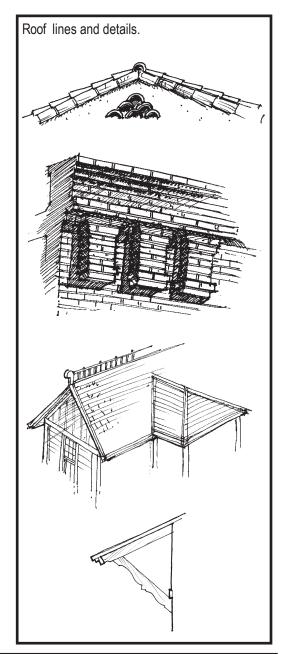
# Building Form, Massing, and Roof Lines

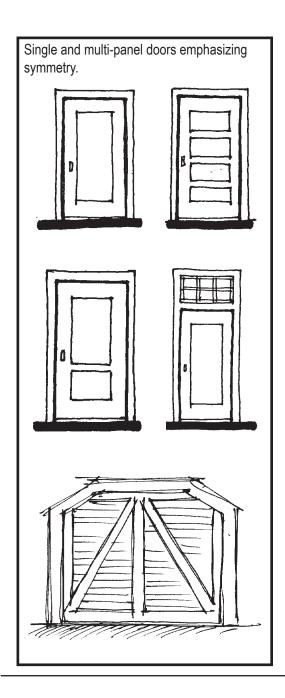
- 1. Simple, rectilinear building forms should predominate.
- 2. Lower building level (ground floor) massing should be horizontal with equal or lesser volume on upper levels.
- 3. Use medium-sloping roofs, generally 4:12 8:12 pitch.
- 4. False-front buildings with shed roofs and parapets may be used.
- 5. Gable, hip, and shed roof forms are typical, with some combinations and minor variations.
- 6. Deep roof overhangs are common, particularly for commercial buildings, at ground floor level.
- Roof overhangs are typically supported with exposed, diagonal support braces or decorative brackets.
- 8. Simple gable, hipped, or Dutch hipped dormers can be used for light or ventilation.

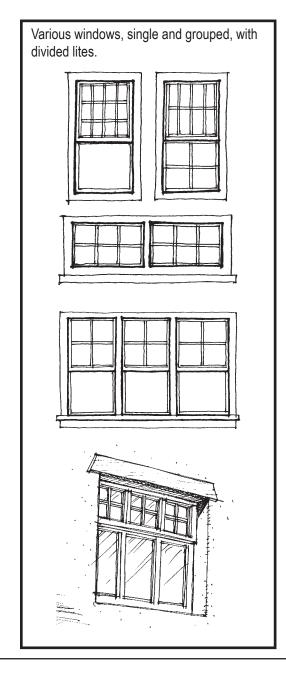


Shed roofed buildings help increase light and ventilation in industrial buildings and contribute to the character of the District.



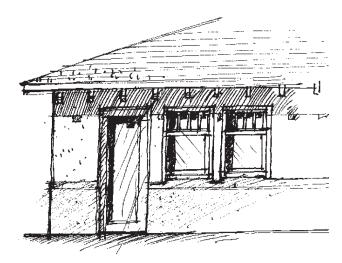






### **Doors and Windows**

- 1. Doors and windows should emphasize symmetry and be vertically oriented.
- Doors should typically be single or multipanel, occasionally with glazing and transom windows above doors.
- Windows are typically fixed, or double hung, often with divided lites.
- 4. Windows are often grouped in multiples of two or three, side by side.
- 5. Horizontal windows may be used with divided lites and may be grouped.
- 6. Doors and windows should generally have wood or plaster trim.
- 7. Windows in plaster buildings may be arched and recessed, sometimes with wood trim.



This rendering shows many of the elements which contribute to the Railroad Vernacular style, including eaves with exposed rafters, a single panel door, and recessed windows with divided lites.

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## **Surface Treatment and Colors**

### **Wood Buildings**

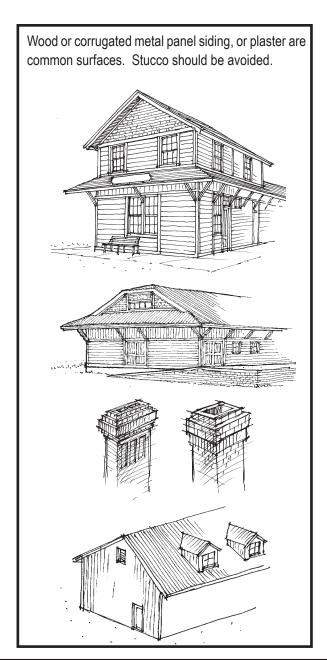
- 1. Horizontal and vertical shiplap, "V-rustic" siding, or board and batten siding are common.
- 2. Shingles are often used as infill siding for gable ends or above doors and windows, away from people contact areas.
- 3. Wood trim is commonly used to create decorative patterns.
- 4. Siding may change direction in the same plane to provide variety in surface pattern and texture.
- 5. Horizontal trim may be used to separate board patterns or to create a wainscot effect.
- 6. Emphasize lighter earthtones such as tan and ochre, with contrasting trim and roof colors. Accent colors are generally low chroma and relatively neutral colors.
- 7. Common roof materials include composition shingle, rolled asphalt roofing, built-up roofing, low profile corrugated metal, and barrel tile. Barrel tile is occasionally used to accent ridges on composition shingle roofs.
- 8. If chimneys are used, they are generally of brick with simple ornamentation at the cap.
- 9. Foundations are commonly emphasized with brick, stone, or plaster wainscot.

### Plaster/Masonry Buildings

- 1. Brick is commonly used as an exterior building material.
- 2. Plaster should have a smooth, hand-finished appearance. Stucco or heavily-troweled finishes should be avoided.
- 3. Plaster buildings are usually white or off-white with accent plaster colors at wainscot or in accent areas. Accent colors should be pastel or low chroma.
- 4. Plaster building wainscots at lower walls may be flush and painted simply, or dimensional.
- 5. Roof material is generally barrel tile, or sometimes "diamond pattern" or similar decorative composition shingle roofing with accent tiles. Built-up roofing is also common.

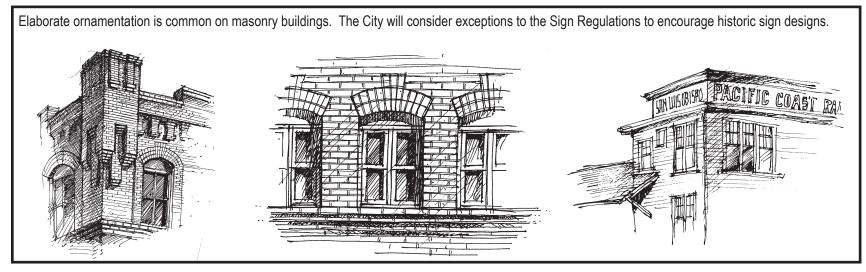
# **Auxiliary Buildings**

- 1. Auxiliary buildings may be sided with the same material as adjacent principle buildings on the same lot; or if solitary, wood or unpainted corrugated metal panel siding is common.
- 2. Roofs should generally consist of composition shingles or corrugated metal panels.



# **Architectural Details**

- 1. Commercial buildings generally have simple detailing with little decoration or ornamentation.
- 2. Some carved shapes are used for rafter tiles, brackets, roof eave bracing, and roof gutters.
- 3. More elaborate ornamentation is common on masonry buildings, including parapet details, towers or decorative cornices or quoins.
- 4. Finials and decorative wood work is sometimes used at roof ridges.
- 5. Plaster corners are typically rounded.
- 6. Connection details, particularly for large structures, are visually emphasized, sometimes with timber connectors, bolts, brackets or other similar hardware.
- 7. Linear raised decks or platforms common with structures with raised floors.
- 8. Exterior-mounted mechanical equipment, including HVAC units, fire suppression equipment, and antennas should be architecturally



screened.

# Signs and Awnings

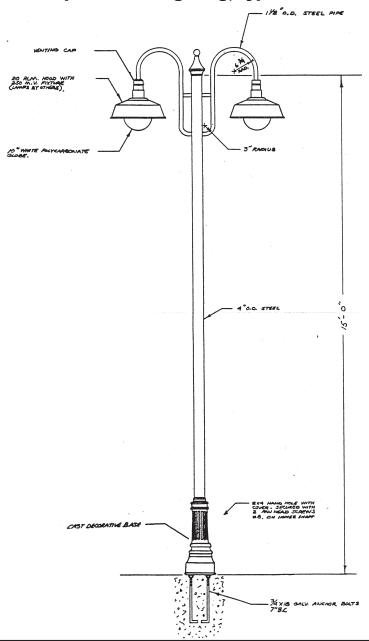
- 1. Signage should generally be non-illuminated. Spot lighting should be used where lighting is needed.
- 2. Signs should either be monument type, or painted or applied individual letters directly on building walls.
- 3. The City will consider exceptions to Sign Regulations to encourage historic sign designs and placement.
- 4. Signs within the Railroad right-of-way should be simple, clearly legible, and reflect historical railroad graphic standards and colors

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# **Site and Public Area Improvements**

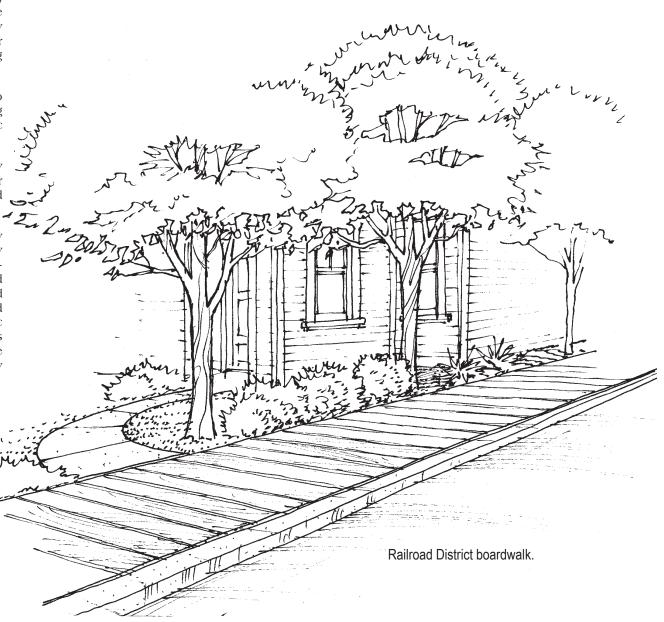
- Site improvements, such as seating areas, bollards, stairs, ramps and walkways should be designed to complement the railroad architectural character. Public improvements such as, but not limited to, traffic controls, street lights, signs, benches and trash containers should be designed in a historic character similar to styles prevalent in the Railroad District before 1950, and they shall be approved by the Architectural Review Commission before the final design is completed.
- 2. Lighting in the depot area should closely resemble the design of the railroad era downlights used in the passenger platform area. All lighting should be shielded to prevent glare onto adjacent properties.
- 3. Pole lights, bollards, information signs, trees and other vertical landscape features should be used to create repetitive, linear, rhythmic elements along the railroad corridor to complement the District's historic character.
- 4. In the passenger depot and other high traffic areas, an open-style, decorative fencing and/or rails should be used. In non-traffic areas abutting the railroad right-of-way, storage areas, construction yards and similar uses should be visually screened from the railroad right-of-way. Appropriate fencing materials include vinyl-clad chainlink, steel picket, wrought iron and other similar, low-maintenance open fences which discourage graffiti. Combination wood and metal rails may also be appropriate. Solid, plain masonry and concrete, walls; and residential-style wood fencing should generally be avoided or accompanied by climbing vines to discourage graffiti.
- 5. Security fencing, such as barbed or concertina wire, should be minimized where visible from the railroad yard or a public way. The Architectural Review Commission may approve the use of security fencing when such materials are visually compatible with their surroundings and used sparingly.
- 6. Public sidewalks along portions of Osos, Santa Barbara, Church, Emily, High, and Roundhouse streets within the Railroad District should be a City-approved wood boardwalk design.
- 7. Decorative paving using patterns or integral color is encouraged in specific areas to define or clarify circulation or activity areas.
- 8. Pedestrian bridges, underpasses and other transportation- or rail-related structures should use historic materials and design elements. Possible elements include: metal and heavy timber structural supports with exposed connectors; local stone or brick foundations or bases; and use of spur track, railroad ties or other railroad equipment and materials.

Figure 26: Railroad District pedestrian lighting, typical



# **Landscape Design**

- Planting areas should be provided: 1)
  in or adjacent to outdoor public use
  areas; 2) along the railroad right-of-way
  to screen storage yards, solid walls or
  fences, or unsightly views; and along
  public street parkways.
- 2. Planting should be used sparingly to define pedestrian use areas, waiting areas, and other high visibility/high traffic areas that can be regularly maintained.
- 3. Planting within the railroad right-of-way should be low-profile, generally not over 12-15 feet tall, to provide screening and color.
- 4. Tree planting within or immediately adjacent to the railroad right-of-way should emphasize open, mediumheight canopy trees; and trees should be selected and placed to preserve and frame scenic vistas of the Morros and surrounding hillsides. Within the historic Railroad Yard, Canary Island Date Palms or equal should be used to extend the Southern Pacific theme as an entry statement for the Railroad District.



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## **Residential Buildings**

- 1. New residential buildings should generally maintain the prevailing spacing, scale, setbacks and character of older houses and apartments along Osos, Santa Barbara, and Church streets.
- 2. New houses and apartments should generally reflect the District's predominant architectural styles, which include, but are not limited to California Bungalow, Spanish Revival, Italianate, and Victorian. New development should include architectural features common to the particular architectural style.
- 3. Raised foundations, covered front porches, and recessed front entries are common residential architectural features.
- Architectural detailing at roof gable ends, roof eaves, windows, doors, railings, foundations, and chimneys should be emphasized, and be used consistently on all building elevations.
- Site features such as exterior lighting, paving, walls, fences, railings and landscaping should be selected for ease of maintenance and for compatibility with traditional designs and materials.
- Utility areas, trash enclosures, and uncovered parking spaces (except in driveways) should generally be screened with landscaping and/or low walls or fencing.

### **Remodels and Additions**

- Remodels and additions should be sensitive to the building's original character and to the character of adjacent buildings. Roof pitch, building form and materials, windows and doors, and architectural detailing should, where possible, match existing building features and be compatible with the scale, spacing, setbacks and massing of adjacent buildings within the Railroad Historic District.
- Building colors and materials should complement the building's historic character. When remodeling designated historic structures, materials and details should be used honestly such as wood sash windows to replace existing wood windows. Simulated or veneer products should generally be avoided.
- When remodeling or adding on to designated historic structures, property owners and designers are encouraged to follow the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring, and Reconstructing Historic Buildings.

Figure 27: Residential Remodel and Addition



Above: This rendering shows the potential for remodelling and expanding residential structures while maintaining the architectural character of the Railroad District. Below: A photograph of the structure.



# RECORDING REQUESTED AND WHEN RECORDED MAIL TO:

City Clerk's Office CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO 990 Palm Street San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

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### RESOLUTION NO. 9310 (2002 SERIES)

# A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO AMENDING THE MASTER LIST OF HISTORIC RESOURCES TO INCLUDE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1902 CHORRC STREET

WHEREAS, in 1983 the City Council adopted Resolution No. 5197 establishing the "Master List of Historic Resources," along with procedures for adding properties to the listing; and

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2002 the Cultural Heritage Committee held an advertised public hearing to consider recommending to the City Council the addition of 1902 Chorro Street to the Master List of Historic Resources due to its historical and/or architectural significance to the community; and

WHEREAS, at said meeting, the Cultural Heritage Committee reviewed the historical documentation on the property and recommended that the City Council add the property to the Master List of Historic Resources; and;

WHEREAS, this City Council considered this recommendation during a public hearing on May 7, 2002 pursuant to historic preservation guidelines established by Council Resolution No. 6157 (1987 Series);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of San Luis Obispo that based on the Cultural Heritage Committee's recommendation, documentation as described in the Historical Resource Inventory for the property, on file in the Community Development Department, public testimony, the staff report, and on the City's Historical Preservation Program Guidelines the following:

### **SECTION 1. Findings.**

A. The building located at 1902 Chorro Street meets the Historic Resource Criteria For Building Evaluation and Recommendations as listed in the Historic Preservation Program Guidelines, under the following categories:

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- I. Architectural Criteria
  - 1. Relative purity of a traditional style: Colonial Dutch Barn Style.
  - 2. Rarity of existence of the single-story, Gambrel Roof style structure.
  - 4. Degree to which the structure has maintained its architectural integrity.
- II. Design
  - 2. Overall attractiveness because of craftsmanship and aesthetic value, though not necessarily unique.
- IV. Architect/Builder
  - 1. The house was designed and built by John Chapek, a designer/builder who, in terms of craftsmanship, made significant contributions to San Luis Obispo.
- VI. History-Person
  - 3. The house is associated with John Chapek, an early San Luis Obispo builder and Town Council member who made early, unique or outstanding contributions to important local affairs or institutions.
- B. Historic designation does not constitute a "project" as defined under Section 15378 of Title 14, Ch. 3 California Code of Regulations and therefore is not subject to review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

SECTION 2. Addition to Master List of Historic Resources. The building located at 1902 Chorro Street (Exhibit A) is hereby added to the Master List of Historic Resources as the historic "Bittick Residence" with the numeric historic ranking as a Type #5 historic property (historically significant at a local level but not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places), as further described in the Documentation of Historical Significance and Historic Resources Inventory for the property, on file in the Community Development Department.

**SECTION 3. Publish Revised Master List.** The Community Development Director is hereby directed to amend the Master List of Historic Resources to include the property listed above, and to publish a revised Master List for public distribution.

**SECTION 4.** Recording of Historic Properties. The City Clerk is hereby directed to record the properties' historic designation with the County Recorder, pursuant to State Law.

On motion of Vice Mayor Marx, seconded by Council Member Mulholland and on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Council Members Ewan, Mulholland, Schwartz, Vice Mayor Marx and

Mayor Settle

NOES: None ABSENT: None

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The foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted this 7th day of May 2002.

Mayor Allen K. Settle

ATTEST:

Lee Price, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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# EXHIBIT A LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF LISTED HISTORIC PROPERTY

Following is the legal description of the property added to the City of San Luis Obispo's Master List of Historic Resources, by City Council Resolution No. 9310 (2002 Series):

1902 Chorro Street. (Historic Name: "Bittick Residence")

City of San Luis Obispo, Ingleside Homestead Tract, Block 186, Lot 3 (Assessor's Parcel Number (APN#) 003-647-002). Owners: Wayne and Leslie Terry.



**Meeting Date:** 6/26/2024

Item Number: 4b

Time Estimate: 45 minutes

### PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

**SUBJECT:** REVIEW OF A NEW MIXED-USE PROJECT THAT CONTAINS APPROXIMATELY 23,164 SQUARE FEET OF COMMERCIAL SPACE AND A ONE BEDROOM RESIDENTIAL UNIT, WITH ASSOCIATED SITE IMPROVEMENTS, A SIGN PROGRAM, AND A REQUEST TO REMOVE TWO TREES AND REPLANT 25 TREES

**PROJECT ADDRESS:** 10 Higuera Street **FILE NUMBER:** ARCH-0358-2023

BY: Rachel Cohen, Senior Planner Phone Number: (805) 781-7574 Email: rcohen@slocity.org

### RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Draft Resolution (Attachment A) approving the proposed new mixed-use project, associated site design and improvements, sign program, and the removal of two trees based on findings and subject to conditions of approval. This project is categorically exempt from environmental review under CEQA Guidelines section 15332 (Class 32, Infill Development Projects).

## **SITE DATA**

Applicant	Keith Sweeny
Zone	Service Commercial with a special consideration overlay (C-S-S) & Tourist Commercial with a mixed-use overlay (C-T-MU) zone
General Plan	General Retail and Services &
Land Use	Manufacturing
Site Area	2.96-acre parcel (128,938 square feet)
Environmental Determination	Categorically exempt from environmental review under CEQA Guidelines section 15332 (Class 32, Infill Development Projects)



Figure 1: Subject Property Location

### 1.0 SUMMARY

Keith Sweeny (Applicant) has applied for a Major Development Review (ARCH-0358-2023) to allow for the construction of a new mixed-use project that contains approximately 23,164 square feet of commercial space [proposed to be occupied by a distillery, restaurant, tasting room, and associated spaces] and a one-bedroom residential unit with associated site improvements, a sign program, and a request to remove two trees on a 2.96 acre parcel zoned Service Commercial with a special consideration overlay (C-S-S) and Tourist Commercial with a mixed-use overlay (C-T-MU).

### 2.0 COMMISSION'S PURVIEW

The Planning Commission's role is to review the project for consistency with the <u>General Plan</u>, <u>Zoning Regulations</u>, <u>Community Design Guidelines</u> (CDG), <u>Sign Regulations</u> and applicable City Standards. Per Zoning Regulations section <u>17.106.030(D)(3)</u> a nonresidential / mixed-use development with more than ten thousand gross square feet of new construction requires discretionary Planning Commission review.

### 3.0 PROJECT INFORMATION

# 3.1 Project Description

The applicant has applied for a new mixed-use project that contains approximately 23,164 square feet of commercial space [proposed future uses to be a distillery, restaurant, tasting room, and associated spaces] and a one-bedroom residential unit with associated site improvements, a sign program, and a request to remove two trees. The project is proposed on property located at 10 Higuera Street (Assessor Parcel Numbers [APN] 004-511-015 and 004-511-022) that is 2.96-acre parcel acres in size located in the Service Commercial with a special consideration overlay (C-S-S) and Tourist Commercial with a mixed-use overlay (C-T-MU) zones. The project would include on-site amenities including a trash enclosure, a parking lot, bicycle parking, and landscaping (including the planting of 25 trees) (see Attachment B, Project Plans).

### 3.2 Site Information

Present Development and Uses	Partially developed site with a small distillery, some site improvements including access, some parking, and landscaping.	
Topography	Relatively flat. San Luis Creek is located along the west property line and Exposition Creek is located along the south property line.	
Access	Higuera Street	
Surrounding Zoning Designations and Uses	East: Higuera Street, (C-S-MU) Retail Businesses West: San Luis Creek and Highway 101 North: (C-T-MU) Caltrans District 5 Offices	
	South: (C-S-MU) Cemetery	

### 3.3 Project Design

Architecture: Contemporary

<u>Design details</u>: The building utilizes symmetrical and asymmetrical lines, large windows, and a mix of materials and colors to provide contemporary design.

<u>Materials</u>: Vertical box rib metal siding, vertical wood siding, concrete bulkheads, dark bronze aluminum storefront windows, and a standing seam metal room.

Colors: Black, Gray, natural wood, and dark bronze colors are proposed.



Figure 3: Rendering of the proposed project as viewed from the loading area towards the front entrance.



Figure 3: Rendering of the proposed project looking west toward the public entrance to the building.

# 3.4 Sign Program

Municipal Code <u>Chapter 15.40</u> outlines the City's Sign Regulations. Subsection 15.40.485 describes that sign programs are required for new mixed-use projects in order to establish ongoing sign requirements and to ensure the signage is complementary and compatible with the development and the surrounding neighborhood and commercial district. The applicant has proposed a sign program and staff has highlighted components of the sign program in Table 1. Details of the sign program and example signage are provided on Sheet A3.1 of the Project Plans (Attachment B).

Table 1. Proposed Sign Program Design Guidelines

Proposed Signs	Maximum Size	Max Number	Design	Material	Illumination
Sign Zone 1 (wall sign)	150 square feet	1	Three-dimensional lettering and / or logo balanced and in proportion with the building.	High Quality Materials and colors that complement and / or similar to the building materials.	Exterior or internal illumination permitted (consistent with SLOMC 15.40.430)
Sign Zone 2 (hanging, suspended, or awning if applicable)	Hanging or Suspended signs: max area of 8 square feet (consistent with SLOMC 15.40.470(E)(2)).	1	All signage shall be three-dimensional lettering and or logo balanced in proportion with the building.	High Quality Materials and colors that complement and / or similar to the building materials.	Exterior or internal illumination permitted (consistent with SLOMC 15.40.430)
Sign Zone 3 (window signs)	Signs shall be limited to a maximum of 24 square feet or 15 percent of the window area, whichever is less (SLOMC_15.40.470(B)(2))	1 per window	Signs shall be limited to small graphics and text that serve to frame a window or provide information. Signs are two-dimensional adhered to glass of windows.	High Quality Materials and colors that complement and / or similar to the building materials.	
Sign Zone 4 (wall sign)	150 square feet	1	Three-dimensional lettering and / or logo balanced and in proportion with the building.	High Quality Materials and colors that complement and / or similar to the building materials.	Exterior or internal illumination permitted (consistent with SLOMC 15.40.430)
Sign Zone 5 (wall sign that faces the rear of the property)	300 square feet	1	Three-dimensional lettering and / or logo balanced and in proportion with the building.	High Quality Materials and colors that complement and / or similar to the building materials.	Exterior or internal illumination permitted (consistent with SLOMC 15.40.430)

## 3.5 Tree Removal Request

The applicant is requesting to remove two *Schinus molle* (Peruvian pepper) trees and replant 25 trees that include 12 strawberry trees, eight buckeye trees and five red oak trees.

## 3.6 Project Statistics

Staff has reviewed the project for consistency with relevant development standards of the Zoning Regulations and have summarized its compliance in Table 2 below. The project is not seeking any exceptions from development standards.

Table 2. Project Compliance with the Zoning Regulations Development Standards

Site Details	Proposed	Allowed/Required*				
		C-S-S Zone	C-T-MU Zone			
Minimum Setbacks Front Interior Side Rear	> 15 feet None 20 feet (Creek setback)	15 feet None 20 feet (Creek setback)	10 feet None None			
Maximum Building Height	33 feet 5 inches to 40 feet	35 feet	45 Feet			
Maximum Lot Coverage	13%	75%	75%			
Floor Area Ratio (FAR)	0.14 to 0.29	1.5	2.5			
Affordable Housing	Pay in-lieu fee and commercial linkage fee	Provide units or pay in-lieu fee and commercial linkage fee				
Parking and Loading Stand	Parking and Loading Standards					
Parking Spaces (Total) Commercial Space Residential EV Ready EV Capable	78 74 1 8 20	75 74 1 8 20				
Bicycle Spaces (Total) Short-term Long-term	35 20 15	35 20 15				
Motorcycle Parking	4	4				
Tree Removal						
Replacement Plantings	2 trees removed; 25 trees to be replanted on- site	1:1 replacemer	nt planting ratio			

<sup>\*2022</sup> Zoning Regulations

### **4.0 PREVIOUS REVIEW**

Both the Architectural Review Commission (ARC) and the Tree Committee have reviewed the proposed project. Details regarding their purview and review can be found in the associated staff reports linked below.

May 6, 2024: The (ARC) reviewed the proposed mixed-use project and found the proposed project design consistent with the Community Design Guidelines, Sign Regulations, and applicable City Standards with specific direction regarding design changes and recommended the Planning Commission approve the design.

May 20, 2024: The Tree Committee (TC) reviewed the removal of two Peruvian pepper (Schinus molle) trees and the replanting of 25 new trees as a part of the proposed new mixed-use project. The Tree Committee recommended the Planning Commission approve the Tree Removal Application with specific direction regarding trees species selection.

## 4.0 PROJECT ANALYSIS

### 4.1 Consistency with the General Plan

The <u>General Plan</u> does not provide specific design guidelines for new structures located within General Retail and Services & Manufacturing land use areas other than to discuss that new commercial buildings shall be accessed from arterial and collector streets and be designed and located to avoid increasing traffic on residential streets (Land Use Element Policy 3.1.2). As proposed, the project is accessed from Higuera Street, an arterial street (see Circulation Element Figure 1) and will not increase traffic on residential streets since the site is not located near residential areas.

The new mixed-use project would also support the City's land use designation's purpose and application for General Retail and Services and Manufacturing land uses (Land Use Element Table 1). The project would include restaurant and retail uses, as well as light manufacturing and residential uses located near the intersection of Madonna Road and Highway 101.

# 4.2 Consistency with the Zoning Regulations

As noted in Section 3.4 above, the proposed mixed-use project complies with the development standards for new structures located within the Service Commercial and Tourist Commercial zones.

### 4.3 Consistency with Design Guidelines

The proposed project is a mixed-use project and with the proposed uses, zoning, and location it supports a more industrial / commercial design rather than residential. As such, staff evaluated the project for consistency with relevant standards and guidelines of the <a href="Community Design Guidelines">Community Design Guidelines</a> (CDG), including Chapter 3, Section 3.3 (Industrial Project Design Guidelines) and Chapter 6 (Site Planning and Other Design Details) as well as the City's <a href="Active Transportation Plan (ATC)">Active Transportation Plan (ATC)</a>, <a href="Appendix C">Appendix C</a> for bicycle parking design standards and <a href="Sign Regulations">Sign Regulations</a>.

As proposed, the project would utilize a contemporary design that includes symmetrical and asymmetrical elements, large windows, and a mix of materials and colors. The exterior materials include vertical box rib metal siding, vertical wood siding, concrete bulkheads, dark bronze aluminum storefront windows, and a standing seam metal room. Blacks, Grays, natural wood, and dark bronze colors are proposed. The overall site plan has robust landscaping, and designated areas for vehicle and bicycle parking.

On May 6, 2024, the ARC reviewed the proposed project and found it to be consistent with the CDG, ATC, and the sign regulations with two directional items and recommended the Planning Commission approve the project design. Provided below is a discussion on the two directional items:

1. Provide a change in color, materials, and/or window fenestration to the north elevation to provide architectural interest.

Per direction from the ARC, the applicant has revised the north elevation to include more architectural interest by adding window fenestration and wrapping the wood accent feature from the west elevation around to the north elevation. Attachment B, Project Plans, includes the revised north elevation as part of the plans. The Planning Commission should discuss if the proposed revisions provide sufficient articulation and architectural features to break up the large wall expanse on the north elevation.



Figure 5: Revised north elevation with additional window fenestration and wood detailing.

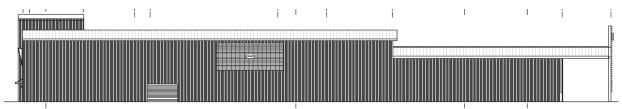


Figure 5: Original north elevation design.

2. Provide screening around the bicycle lockers and/or paint them so that they better integrate into the site plan and overall architectural design.

The applicant has indicated that they are willing to better integrate the long-term bicycle lockers into the site plan and design. As such, staff is recommending condition of approval #11 that states "Building plans submitted for the project shall show that the bicycle lockers are screened and/or painted so that they become integrated into the site and overall architectural design to the satisfaction of the Community Development Director."

# 4.4 Consistency with Tree Regulations

The City's Tree Ordinance (Municipal Code Chapter 12.24) was adopted in 2010 and recently updated in 2019 with the purpose of establishing a comprehensive program for installing, maintaining, and preserving trees within the City. This ordinance establishes policies, regulations, and specifications necessary to govern installation, maintenance, removal, and preservation of trees to beautify the city; to purify the air; to provide shade and wind protection; to add environmental and economic value; and to preserve trees with historic or unusual value.

On May 20, 2024, the Tree Committee reviewed the proposed project and found it to be consistent with tree regulations with one directional item and recommended the Planning Commission approve the tree removal request. Provided below is a discussion on the directional item.

1. The applicant should consider replacing the proposed twelve (12) Marina Strawberry trees (Arbutus) with an alternate species from the City's Master Tree List, with the goal of maximizing canopy potential.

The Committee noted that Strawberry trees are not well suited for high traffic areas, as their leaf and fruit litter are messy and require constant cleanup / maintenance and, even at maturity, this species will not provide sufficient canopy coverage. Staff is recommending condition of approval #14(a) that states that "Arbutus x 'marina' shall not be planted as part of the landscape plan. The project shall select another species from the City's Master Tree List to be planted instead, to the satisfaction of the City Arborist."

### **5.0 ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

The project is categorically exempt from provisions of CEQA described in Section 15332 (Infill) of the CEQA Guidelines because it consists of infill development consistent with the applicable General Plan designation and all applicable General Plan policies as well as with the applicable zoning designation and regulations, it is located within city limits on a project site of no more than 5 acres in size (only 2.96 acres) surrounded by urban uses (existing light manufacturing, distribution, storage, and office uses), the site has no value as habitat for endangered, rare, or threatened species, approval of the project would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality, and the site can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services.

### **6.0 OTHER DEPARTMENT COMMENTS**

The project has been reviewed by the Engineering Division, Transportation Division, Building Division, Utilities Department, and Fire Department. Any conditions of approval or informational notes from these departments and divisions have been incorporated into the Draft Resolution (Attachment A) for project approval.

### 7.0 ALTERNATIVES

- 1. <u>Continue project</u>. An action to continue the item should include a detailed list of additional information or analysis required to make a decision.
- 2. <u>Deny the project</u>. An action denying the project should include findings that cite the basis for denial and should reference inconsistency with the General Plan, Zoning Regulations, or other policy documents.

### 8.0 ATTACHMENTS

- A Draft Resolution for 10 Higuera (ARCH-0358-2023) approving a new, mixed-use project that contains approximately 23,164 square feet of commercial space and a one-bedroom residential unit with associated site improvements, a sign program, and a request to remove two trees.
- B Project Plans for 10 Higuera (ARCH-0358-2023)

### **RESOLUTION NO. PC-XXXX-24**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVING A NEW MIXED-USE PROJECT THAT CONTAINS APPROXIMATELY 23,164 SQUARE FEET OF COMMERCIAL SPACE AND A ONE BEDROOM RESIDENTIAL UNIT, WITH ASSOCIATED SITE IMPROVEMENTS, A SIGN PROGRAM, AND A REQUEST TO REMOVE TWO TREES AND REPLANT 25 TREES. THE PROJECT IS EXEMPT FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW UNDER SECTION 15332 (CLASS 32, INFILL DEVELOPMENT) OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) GUIDELINES AS REPRESENTED IN THE STAFF REPORT AND ATTACHMENTS DATED JUNE 26, 2024 (10 HIGUERA STREET, ARCH-0358-2023)

WHEREAS, the Architectural Review Commission of the City of San Luis Obispo conducted a public hearing in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 990 Palm Street, on May 6, 2024, reviewed the new mixed-use project at 10 Higuera Street and recommended the Planning Commission find the project consistent with the Community Design Guidelines, Sign Regulations, and applicable City Standards with two design modifications, pursuant to a proceeding instituted under ARCH-0358-2023, Keith Sweeny, applicant; and

WHEREAS, the Tree Committee of the City of San Luis Obispo conducted a public hearing in the Council Hearing Room of City Hall, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, California, on May 20, 2024, and recommended that the Planning Commission find the project consistent with the Tree Regulations with one modification, pursuant to a proceeding instituted under ARCH-0358-2023, Keith Sweeny, applicant; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission of the City of San Luis Obispo conducted a public hearing in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 990 Palm Street, on June 26, 2024, to review a Major Development Project for new mixed-use project at 10 Higuera Street, pursuant to a proceeding instituted under ARCH-0358-2023, Keith Sweeny, applicant; and

**WHEREAS,** the Planning Commission of the City of San Luis Obispo has duly considered all evidence, including recommendations by staff, presented at said hearing; and

**WHEREAS,** notices of said public hearings were made at the time and in the manner required by law; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Planning Commission of the City of San Luis Obispo as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Findings. The Planning Commission hereby grants final approval for the project (ARCH-0358-2023), based on the following findings:

Development Review

- 1. The project is consistent with the Land Use Element of the General Plan, particularly Land Use Element Table 1 and Policy 3.1.2 because it supports the City's land use designation's purpose and application for General Retail and Services and Manufacturing land uses by providing restaurant and retail uses, as well as light manufacturing and residential uses located near the intersection of Madonna Road and Highway 101 and the new mixed-use building will be accessed from Higuera Street, an arterial street and will not increase traffic on residential streets since the site is not located near residential areas.
- 2. As conditioned, the project conforms to applicable property development standards, set forth in the Zoning Regulations, for the Service Commercial with a special consideration overlay (C-S-S) zone and Tourist Commercial with a mixeduse overlay (C-T-MU) zone. The project is an allowed use in the C-S-S and C-T-MU zones and would be compatible with established commercial uses on Higuera Street.
- 3. On May 6, 2024, the ARC reviewed the project and recommended the Planning Commission find it consistent with the CDG, ATC, and Sign Regulations subject to considerations of (1) providing a change in color, materials, and/or window fenestration to the north elevation to provide architectural interest and (2) providing screening around the bicycle lockers and/or painting them so that they better integrate into the site plan and overall architectural design. As conditioned, the project building, site, and sign designs would be complementary improvements to the existing neighborhood and incorporate a contemporary design that exhibit proper proportion, articulation, rhythm, and balance.
- 4. As conditioned, the project will not be detrimental to the health, safety, and welfare of persons living or working at the site or in the vicinity because conditions have been included that place limits on the number of persons allowed on site, restrict activities, provide adequate parking, and limit potential disturbances to neighboring properties. The project will be compatible with the existing site constraints and the character of the neighborhood.

### Sign Program

5. The sign program is consistent with the intent and purpose of Chapter 15.40 (Sign Regulations) and includes signs that comply with Section 15.40.480 (Design Principles) to provide sufficient visibility and identification without resulting in clutter or utilizing excessively sized signage. In addition, the ARC reviewed the sign program and found it to be consistent with the intent of the Sign Regulations and CDG.

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### Tree Removal

- 6. The proposed tree removal request is consistent with Municipal Code Section 12.24.090(G) because the two trees are located interior to the almost 3-acre project site and are non-native and therefore have a lower preservation priority. In addition, the Tree Committee reviewed the tree removal application and found the request to be consistent with the Tree Regulations.
- 7. As conditioned, the proposed tree removal request is consistent with Municipal Code Section 12.24.090(J) because the two tree removals will be compensated by planting 25 new trees on the same property.

**SECTION 2.** Environmental Review. The project is categorically exempt from provisions of CEQA described in Section 15332 (Infill) of the CEQA Guidelines because it consists of infill development consistent with the applicable General Plan designation and all applicable General Plan policies as well as with the applicable zoning designation and regulations, it is located within city limits on a project site of no more than 5 acres in size (only 2.96 acres) surrounded by urban uses (existing light manufacturing, distribution, storage, and office uses), the site has no value as habitat for endangered, rare, or threatened species, approval of the project would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality, and the site can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services.

**SECTION 3.** <u>Action</u>. The Planning Commission hereby grants final approval to the project with incorporation of the following conditions:

# Planning Division – Community Development Department

- 1. Final project design and construction drawings submitted for a building permit shall be in substantial compliance with the project description and plans represented in the Staff Report dated June 26, 2024. A separate, full-sized sheet shall be included in the working drawings submitted for a building permit that lists all conditions of approval and applicable code requirements as Sheet No. 2. Reference shall be made in the margin of listed items as to where these requirements are addressed in the plans. Any change to the approved design, colors, materials, landscaping, or other conditions of approval must be approved by the Community Development Director and may be subject to review by the Architectural Review Commission, as deemed appropriate.
- 2. Plans submitted for a building permit shall call out the colors and materials of all proposed building surfaces and other improvements. Colors and materials shall be consistent with the colors and materials board submitted with the Development Review application.

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- 3. Plans shall indicate the type of materials for the window frames and mullions, their dimensions, and colors. Plans shall include the materials and dimensions of all lintels, sills, surrounds recesses and other related window features.
- 4. Plans submitted for a building permit shall include the locations of all lighting such as bollard style landscaping or path lighting. All wall-mounted lighting fixtures shall be clearly labeled on building elevations and complement the building architecture. The lighting schedule for the building shall include a graphic representation of the proposed lighting fixtures and cut sheets in the submitted plans. The selected fixture(s) shall be shielded to ensure that light is directed downward consistent with standards outlined in Section 17.70.100 (Lighting and Night Sky Preservation).
- 5. Mechanical and electrical equipment shall be located internally to the building to the greatest extent possible. Plans submitted for a building permit shall include sectional views of the building, which clearly show the sizes of any proposed condensers and other mechanical equipment. If any condenser, or other mechanical equipment, is to be placed on the roof, plans submitted for a building permit shall confirm that parapets and other roof features will adequately screen them. A line-of-sight diagram may be required to confirm the proposed screening will be adequate. Please note this requirement applies to the initial construction of the building and any subsequent improvements.
- 6. Plans submitted for a building permit shall include landscape and irrigation plans. The legend for the landscaping plan shall include the sizes and species of all groundcovers, shrubs, and trees with corresponding symbols for each plant material showing their specific locations on plans. Details on the proposed surfaces and finishes of hardscapes shall also be included in the landscaping plan.
- 7. Plans submitted for a building permit shall include elevations and detail drawings of all proposed fences and/or walls. Any proposed fences, walls, and hedges shall comply with standards outlined in Section 17.70.070 (Fences, Walls, and Hedges).
- 8. The location of any required backflow preventer and double-check assembly shall be shown on all site plans submitted for a building permit, including the landscaping plan. Construction plans shall also include a scaled diagram of the equipment proposed. Where possible, as determined by the Utilities Director, equipment shall be located inside the building within 20 feet of the front property line. Where this is not possible, as determined by the Utilities Director, the backflow preventer and double-check assembly shall be located in the street yard and screened using a combination of paint color, landscaping and, if deemed appropriate by the Community Development Director, a low wall. The size and configuration of such equipment shall be subject to review and approval by the Utilities and Community Development Directors.

- 9. Plans submitted for a sign permit shall be in substantial conformance with the approved Sign Program. Modifications to the Sign Program or a request for additional signage may require review by the Architectural Review Commission or Community Development Director, as deemed appropriate.
- 10. Plans submitted for a building permit shall clearly depict the location of all required short and long-term bicycle parking for all intended uses. Plans shall show all areas designated for long-term bicycle parking such as bicycle lockers, interior spaces, or storage rooms. Short-term bicycle racks shall be consistent with the City Active Transportation Plan Design Guidelines and feature "hi-low style" campus racks (such as "Peak Racks") or an inverted "U" rack design and shall be installed in close proximity to, and visible from, the main entries into the building. Sufficient detail shall be provided about the placement and design of bike racks, lockers, and interior spaces to demonstrate compliance with relevant Engineering Standards and Community Design Guidelines, to the satisfaction of the Public Works and Community Development Directors.
- 11. Building plans submitted for the project shall show that the bicycle lockers are screened and/or painted so that they become integrated into the site and overall architectural design to the satisfaction of the Community Development Director."

# Housing - Community Development Department

12. The applicant shall pay an inclusionary housing in-lieu fee and commercial linkage fee consistent with Municipal Code Chapters 17.138 and 4.60 prior to building permit approval.

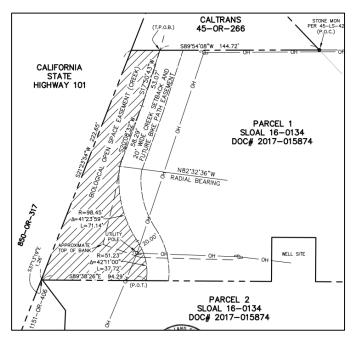
# City Arborist – Community Development Department

- 13. The tree removals for the site shall include the two (2) *Schinus molle* (Peruvian Pepper) tree removals requested by the applicant in the project proposal.
- 14. The project shall replant, at a minimum, twenty-five (25) trees. All trees replanted shall be 15-gallon or 24-inch box trees. Trees shall be planted according to the landscaping plan with the following exception:
  - a. Arbutus x 'marina' shall not be planted as part of the landscape plan. The project shall select another species from the City's Master Tree List to be planted instead, to the satisfaction of the City Arborist.
- 15. All trees shall be planted per the City's Engineering Standards for tree planting prior to final building inspection. All trees planted as part of a compensatory plan shall survive and any trees that do not survive shall be replanted.

- 16. The building plan submittal shall show all existing trees to be removed and trees to be retained. The plan shall show any neighboring trees with canopies/root zones within the area of construction disturbance. Tree preservation measures shall be shown and noted on the building plans to the satisfaction of the City Arborist.
- 17. California Fish and Game Code Section 3503.5 and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1972 prevents the removal of trees with active nests. To account for most nesting birds, removal of trees should be scheduled to occur in the fall and winter (between September 1st and January 31st) and after the young have fledged. If removing trees during the nesting season (February 1st to August 31st), a qualified biologist shall inspect any trees marked for removal that contain nests to determine if the nests are active. If there are active nests, trees shall not be removed and may only be removed once a qualified biologist provides a confirmation memo that breeding / nesting is completed, and young have fledged the nest prior to removal of the tree to the satisfaction of the Community Development Director or City Biologist.

Engineering Division – Community Development / Public Works Departments

18. Improvement plan submittal shall show the existing Biological Open Space Creek Easement limits, and the 20-foot-wide creek setback and future bike path easement.



19. The project shall show and document compliance with the Post Construction Stormwater Regulations as promulgated by the Regional Water Quality Control Board. The building permit application shall include the required PCR checklist to show compliance with any pertinent standards.

- 20. A Private Stormwater Conveyance System Management and Maintenance Agreement (Operations and Maintenance Agreement) shall be provided, City will provide template. The agreement shall be recorded and shall reference a separate maintenance program for the stormwater items and the approved building plans.
- 21. Parking lots with parking spaces and drive aisles, including bay widths and turnaround areas will be subject to the latest City Engineering Standards.
- 22. Plan shall denote the finish floor elevations, elevations of finish grades adjacent to building, established parking lot grades, drainage patterns and locations and gradients of cut or fill slopes.
- 23. Drainage report shall provide a summary of the pre vs. post drainage analysis for the 2 through 100-year storm. Improved or diverted drainage shall not be directed across the side or rear property lines unless conveyed in an existing waterway, or a drainage easement.
- 24. New roof downspouts outlets shall show non-erosive discharge (such as splash blocks) to landscaped areas or approved outlet, or to required stormwater storage chambers per engineered plans.
- 25. As an option, the improved drainage may be retained/detained on site with a controlled outlet to mimic the pre-construction historic run-off (no increase of run-off volume, recreate sheet flow, and/or direct runoff to an existing concentrated outlet location).
- 26. The water service piping and water meter shall be sized in accordance with the approved fire sprinkler plans.
- 27. Provide walking surfaces that are part of an accessible route of travel between public way and accessible entrance.
- 28. Cleanouts for new sewer lateral on site shall be located at 100 feet minimum intervals.
- 29. Water meter and water service lateral to city main water line must be sized in accordance with approved fire sprinkler plans. If upsized meter required, the water service lateral, shall also be upsized.
- 30. The location of any required backflow prevention devices shall be shown on all site plans, including the landscaping plan.
- 31. Work adjacent to or within a channel or creek may require the approvals of Fish and Game, Army Corp of Engineers, and/or the Regional Water Quality Control Board. Provide copies of any required permits or a written waiver or exemption for the same.

- 32. Provide documentation that the adjoining property owner has been notified of the impending excavation and other future construction activity.
- 33. A CAL-OSHA permit is required for excavations or trenching greater than 5 feet in depth. A copy of the annual, provisional, or temporary permit shall be provided to the Building Division prior to building, utility, and/or grading permit issuance if applicable. CA Health and Safety Code Section 17922.5
- 34. All parking spaces shall be able to be entered in one movement. All spaces, drive aisles, etc. shall be designed so that all vehicles can exit to the adjoining street in a forward motion in not more than two maneuvers. For purposes of maneuverability, all required and proposed covered and uncovered spaces shall be assumed to be occupied by a standard size vehicle.
- 35. Include complete parking statistics on the cover sheet of the plans in accordance with the zoning regulations. Include the number of required and proposed vehicle spaces, motorcycle spaces, and bicycle parking spaces. The project summary shall include all required and proposed short-term and long-term bicycle parking spaces. Commercial centers shall include the number and location of the required 12' x 25' commercial loading zones.
- 36. Clearly show the location and extent of the A and B flood zones on the site plan.
- 37. Unless on-site fire hydrants are required or proposed the fire service backflow preventer shall be a double-check assembly. An interior double-check may be approved when the fire riser assembly is located not more than 25' from the property line.
- 38. Double check assemblies shall comply with city Engineering Standard #6420.
- 39. Show the location of any existing private water well and private waste disposal system for reference if applicable. Show or note the disposition of any well, septic tank, or leach field. Abandonment of a water well or private waste disposal system shall be in accordance with local ordinance, plumbing code requirements, and state requirements.
- 40. Provide a Water Pollution Control Plan (WPCP) in the format provided by the Building Division for minor projects less than 1 acre of disturbance.
- 41. Erosion control measures are required in accordance with the grading ordinance and Waterway Management Plan Drainage Design Manual. Provide an erosion control plan and/or erosion control notes on the plans to the satisfaction of the Building Official and Public Works Director. Erosion control measures shall be implemented and maintained during all construction and ground disturbing activities. A detailed erosion control plan is required in accordance with Waterway Management Plan Section 3.7 and Section 10.0.

- 42. Notes shall be added to the plans whether floodproofing or partial floodproofing will be completed with this permit or not.
- 43. Regardless of the valuation of building improvements, all new building service equipment shall be elevated to 1' above the BFE or otherwise protected in accordance with the CBC as amended locally for buildings located in the flood zone.
- 44. This project shall comply with the Floodplain Management Regulations. Analysis shall be provided to show that this development project is reasonably safe from flooding and that that the project will not adversely affect adjoining properties.
- 45. All utilities, including but not limited to gas, electrical panels, telephone panels, sewer laterals, water service, fire service, and utility conduits entering the structure must be sealed to preclude infiltration of floodwater.
- 46. Only one sewer connection is allowed per property. If connecting to the existing sewer lateral, provide the required video inspection. Include the invert elevations for the new sewer lateral.

# Transportation Division - Public Works Department

- 47. Applicable Citywide Transportation Impact Fees must be paid prior to building permit issuance.
- 48. Unless otherwise approved by the Public Works Director, removal/relocation of any trees, landscaping, fencing, irrigation, or other elements that are constructed by the Project within the existing 20-foot Bike Path Easement (recorded July 21, 2020) shall be completed by the property owner at no expense to the City within 90 days of the City providing notice to the property owner of intent to begin construction of Bike Path.

# Utilities Department

- 49. The construction plans for sewer and water services shall be in accordance with the engineering design standards in effect at the time the building permit is approved. Building permit submittal shall identify the size of existing and proposed water services, water meters, sewer lateral, and sewer services for the project, and shall include a licensed engineer's design narrative and supportive engineering calculations. The project's commercial and residential uses shall be metered separately. The project shall provide a separate city-owned water meter and service line, due to the landscaped area exceeding 1,000 square feet.
- 50. Plans submitted for a building permit shall show a private water sub-meter for the proposed new building, to the satisfaction of the Utilities Director.

- 51. Commercial uses in the project include food preparation; therefore, provisions for grease interceptors and FOG (fats, oils, and grease) storage within solid waste enclosure(s) shall be provided with the plans submitted for a building permit. These commercial facilities shall also provide an area to wash floor mats, equipment, and trash cans. The wash area shall be inside, drained to the sanitary sewer, and an Industrial Wastewater Discharge Survey and Permit Application shall be submitted, and permit obtained prior to issuance of occupancy permit.
- 52. The building permit submittal shall include a final landscape design plan and irrigation plan that includes all the criteria required in the City Engineering Standards Uniform Design Criteria for Landscaping and Irrigation. The building permit submittal shall include a completed Maximum Applied Water Allowance (MAWA) form based on the final landscape design plan and a hydrozone table with a summary of Estimated Total Water Use (ETWU) and the corresponding irrigation window.
- 53. The proposed project shall comply with the City's Development Standards for Solid Waste Services. Show the location and size of the bin enclosure(s) that can store the required containers for waste, recycling, and organics. Building permit submittal shall include a letter of service from San Luis Garbage Company pasted on the plans.

# Code Requirements

Building Division - Community Development Department

- 54. Please be aware of H-2 requirements for the "Still Tower" regarding fire protection requirements If over the maximum amount allowed by table (307.1 CBC). Please be especially aware of section 415.6 CBC/CFC due to 25% of the H occupancy will have to be located on the exterior wall. Please be aware of maximum quantities of anticipated amounts for the H-2 / H-3 occupancy as building setback would have to be changed as only 10' is shown. (415.6.3 CBC)
- 55. Parapets may be required, but this will be determined during building review. (705.11 CBC)

# **Utilities Department**

- 56. Plans submitted for a building permit shall show a backflow preventor, consistent with City Engineering Standards Uniform Design Criteria 6.1.3 Cross Connections (required for restaurants and private fire-protection lines, including fire sprinkler systems), to the satisfaction of the Utilities Director and Fire Department.
- 57. Plans submitted for a building permit shall show clearance between the private water service line and private sewer lateral in compliance with the Plumbing Code, to be demonstrated upon building permit issuance.

- 58. The proposed sewer lateral serving the property shall be made with HDPE material and shall be installed per the City's engineering design standards. Existing lateral(s) that are not proposed to be reused shall be abandoned at the City main consistent with City standards.
- 59. Potable city water shall not be used for major construction activities, such as grading and dust control. Recycled water is available through the City's Construction Water Permit program.

# Indemnification

60. The applicant shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City and/or its agents, officers and employees from any claim, action or proceeding against the City and/or its agents, officers, or employees to attack, set aside, void or annul, the approval by the City of this project, and all actions relating thereto, including but not limited to environmental review ("Indemnified Claims"). The City shall promptly notify the applicant of any Indemnified Claim upon being presented with the Indemnified Claim and the City shall fully cooperate in the defense against an Indemnified Claim.

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	AYES: NOES: RECUSED: ABSENT:			
The	e foregoing resolution was passed and	adopted this 26 <sup>th</sup>	day of June 2024.	
		 Rachel Col Planning C	hen, Secretary	

#### 10 HIGUERA ST., SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA 93401



### SUMMARY OF CONTEXT

Our site is primarily surrounded by C-S AND C-T zones. The site is situated between 101 and Higuera street. Directly to the south is a cemetary and southeast of the property is the South Hills Open Space nature conservation. To the east of the site there are 1-story retail





(2) EXISTING BREWERY AND DISTILLERY FROM HIGUERA



3 CEMETARY TO THE SOUTH OF SITE



CONTEXTUAL SITE PLAN



(4) 1-STORY BUSINESS NORTH OF THE SITE



(5) 1-STORY RETAIL STORE EAST OF THE SITE

#### DRAWING SYMBOLS



### PARKING CALCULATIONS

FOR PROPOSED USES		AREA SF	PARKING FACTOR	SPACES REQUIRED		
WAREHOUSE		7570 SF	1 / 1500 SF	5		
DISTILLERY		8838 SF	1 / 1500 SF	6		
STILLS		514 SF	1 / 1500 SE	1		
RESTAURANT		3904 SF	1 / 100 SE	38		
RESIDENTIAL LIMIT		964 SF	75/188	1		
TASTING BOOMS		2438 SF	1 / 100 SF	24		
	TOTAL REQUIRE	D		75		
	TOTAL NEW SPI FOR PROPOSED	NCES PROVIDED FOR PRO	JECT	78		
		SPACES FOR EXISTING I	JSES	35		
	TOTAL FUTURE SPACES ON PROPERTY FOR ALL EXISTING AND PROPOSED BUILDINGS					
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#### BICYCLE PARKING CALCULATIONS

	UNIT COUNT (OR SF)	TOTAL BICYCLE		SHORT TERM		LONG TERM	
WAREHOUSE	7570 SF	1/2000 SF	4	25%	1	75%	3
DISTILLERY	8838 SF	1 / 2000 SF	4	25%	1	75%	3
STILLS	514 SF	1 / 2000 SF	1	25%	0	75%	1
RESTAURANT	3804 SF	1 / 500 SF	8	75%	6	25%	- 2
RESIDENTIAL UNIT	1 UMT	2 / UNIT	0	GUEST	2		- 2
TASTING ROOM	2438 SF	1 / 150 SF	16	75%	12	25%	-
	REQUIRED TOTAL				22		
	PROVIDED TOTAL				22		-

#### BUILDING INFO

DISTILLERY, WAREHOUSE & RESTAUR	NAT IDEO
OCCUPANCY	A2 A3 F1 H3 R3 S
CONSTRUCTION TYPE	1/8
SPRINKLER SYSTEM	YES
STORIES PROPOSED	2 STORIES
HEIGHT PROPOSED	40'
BUILDING AREA SF	21,700 SF

#### ALLOWABLE BUILDING HEIGHT, STORIES & AREAS

	HEIGHT	STORIES	AREA FACTOR (Sprin	dered SN)
-2	60	3	18,000	
-3	60	2	18,000	
-1	60	2	25,500	
H-3	40	1	5,000	
R-3	60	4	UNLIMITED	
j-1	60	2	27,000	
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IRST FLOOR	A-2	3.940	18,000	0.22
	F-1	8,838	25,500	0.35
	H-3	514	5,000	0.10
	R-3	156	UNLIMITED	0.00
	S-1	7,570	27,000	0.28
	TOTAL			0.95
SECOND FLOOR	A-3	5,374	18,000	0.95
ECOND FLOOR		5,374 708	18,000 UNLIMITED	
ECOND FLOOR	A-3			0.30

USE	HEIGHT/ STORIES	HEIGHT PROVIDED	# OF STORIES
A-2	60/2	33-5*	1
E-A	60/2	33-5"	1
F-1	60/2	33-5"	1
H-3	60/3	40'-0"	2
R-3	60 / 4	25'-5"	2
S-1	60/2	25'-5"	1

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

THE PROPOSED PROJECT INVOLVES THE SITE DEVELOPMENT OF AN EXISTING 2.96 AUPELOT IN TWO SEPARATE PHASES WITHIN THE COMMERCIAL TOWNS AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES ZONES. THE PRIMARY GOAL OF THE PROJECT IS TO CREAT A DESTINATION THAT ALLOWS LOCAL GUESTS AND WISTORS TO HAVE AN AWARDSHE EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE WHILE PROJECTION THE LOCAL BUSINESS ON SITE.

PMASE ONE INCLIDES OVERALL SITE IMPROVEMENTS, GRADING AND DRAINAGE, UTILITY UPGRADES, VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRAIN INGRESS AND GERESS, SITE PARKING, LANDSCAPPIG, A TRASH ENCO, GISIRE, AND A NEW YOS GROVED 24 SIGOS FOR PEDIGEREED METAL SHELL BUILDING WITH RESIDENTIAL USE PROVINCED PER MIXED USE ZONING OVERLAY.

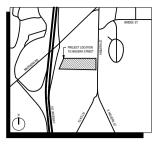
PHASE TWO (UNDER SEPARATE PERMIT) WILL INCLUDE THE TENANT INPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE NEW 21,000 SF SHELL BUILDING TO BE A NEW RESTAURANT, BAR, DISTILLERY, AND DISTILLERY WAREHOUSE.

THE PROPOSED USES ARE ALLOWABLE ON SITE PER THE CITY OF SAYLLUIS OBSPO MUNICIPAL CODE, SECTION 17:10/20, TABLE 2-1. COMMERCIAL INKAGE FEE (PER SLO MUNI CODE CHAPTER 4/80) WILL BE PAID PRIOR TO BUILDING PERMIT ISSUANCE.

### LAND USE REQUIREMENTS

ADURESS		TO HIGUERA ST. SAN	LUIS UBISPU, GA	
APN		034-511-015 & 004-5	11-022	
ZONING		C-S; C-T		
OVERLAY ZONES		S; MU		
CURRENT USE		VACANT; DISTILLERY	BREWERY	
PROPOSED USE		RESTAURANT; DISTIL	LERY; WAREHOUSE	
ALLOWED USE IN ZONE		RESTAURANT: YES; B	ARS: MUP, WAREHOUSE:	YES
ENTITLEMENTS/USE PERMIT RI	EQUIRED	Υ		
LOT SIZE		128938 SF	2.96 ACRE	
C-T: TOURIST COMMERCIAL				
MAX SITE COVERAGE	ALLOWABLE	75%	PROPOSED	20%
FAR	ALLOWABLE	2.5	PROPOSED	0.29
HEIGHT LIMIT	ALLOWABLE	49.0"	PROPOSED	40'-0"
C-S: SERVICE COWNERCIAL				
MAX SITE LUVERWEE	ALLOWABLE	75%	PROPOSED	13%
FAR	ALLOWABLE	1.5	PROPOSED	0.14
HEIGHT LIMIT	ALLOWABLE	39-0"	PROPOSED	33'-5"
ADJACENT ZONES	MARTH	CITAMII		
ADDRESS LONGS	EAST	CSANI		
	SOUTH	C-S-S		
	WEST	C/06-5		
		C-T		C-S
SETBACKS	FRONT	10' MN.	FRONT	
	SIDE - NORTH	NOME	SIDE -NORTH	20' MIN. @C/05
	SIDE - SOUTH	NONE	SIDE - EAST	NONE
	REAR	NA	REAR	20' MIN. @C/OS
CREEK SETBACKS	SLO CREEK	20' MIN.	EXPOSITION CREEK	20' MW.

#### VICINITY MAP



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#### CALIFORNIA CODE REFERENCES

THIS PROJECT SHALL COMPLY WITH CURRENT APPLICABLE CODES & ORDINANCES
2022 CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS ADMINISTRATIVE CODE
2022 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE
2022 CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE
2022 CALIFORNIA MECHANICAL CODE
2022 CALIFORNIA PLUMRIMO CODE
2022 CALIEDRNIA ENERGY CODE
2022 CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL RIII DING CODE

CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO MUNICIPAL CODE: TITLE 15 BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO TITLE 17 ZONING REGULATIONS

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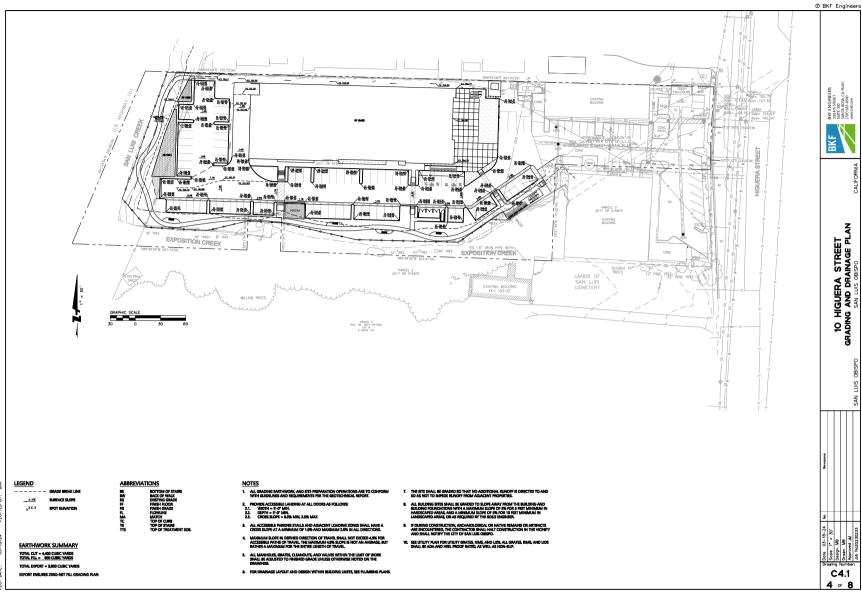
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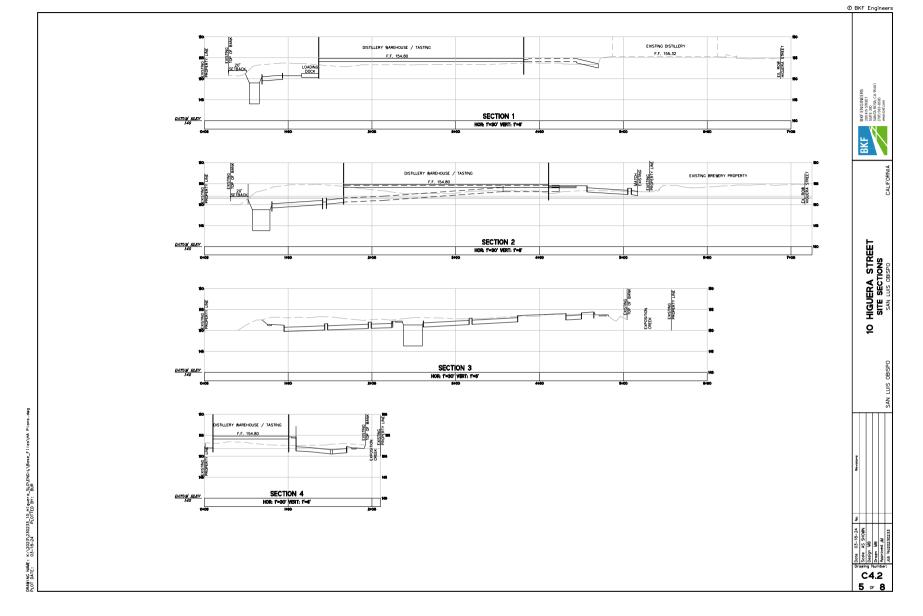
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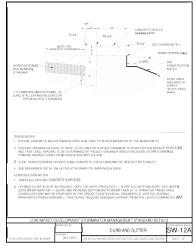


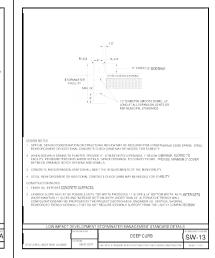
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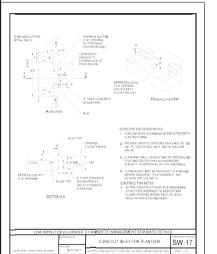




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# PLANT SCHEDULE

SYMBOL	QTY	BOTANICAL / COMMON NAME	SIZE
TREES			
	8	Aesculus californica / California Buckeye	15 gal
	12	Arbutus x `Marina` / Marina Strawberry Tree	24"box
	5	Quercus rubra / Red Oak	24°box

# PLANT SCHEDULE



Chondropetalum tectorum 'El Campo' / El Campo Cape Rush Juncus effusus 'Carman's Japanese' / Carman's Japanese Soft Rush Juncus patens / California Gray Rush

Sesleria autumnalis 'Campo Verde' / Campo Verde Autumn Moor Grass

GROUNDCOVER PLANTING
Ceanothus griseus horizontalis 'Diamond Heights' / Diamond Heights Variegated Carmel Creeper Verbena lilacina 'De la Mina' / De la Mina Lilac Verbena

Frangula californica / California Coffeeberry

<u>FLOWERING SHRUBS</u> <u>Epilobium canum 'Catalina' / Catalina California Fuchsia</u> Kniphofia x 'Gladness' / Gladness Red Hot Poker

FOUNDATION SHRUBS
Pennisetum spathiolatum / Slender Veldt Grass

NATIVE GRASSES Calamagrostis foliosa / Reed Grass Festuca idahoensis / Idaho Fescue Muhlenbergia rigens / Deer Grass



SHRUB AREAS See above.



BIORETENTION SHRUBS
Carex praegracilis / California Field Sedge

ORNAMENTAL GRASSES
Lomandra longifolia 'Roma 13' / Platinum Beauty® Variegated Mat Rush Pennisetum spathiolatum / Slender Veldt Grass

NATIVE SHRUBS Eriogonum giganteum / St. Catherine's Lace

Rhus integrifolia / Lemonade Berry



## LANDSCAPE PLAN LEGEND

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# KEYNOTES

O REFER TO CIVIL PLANS (2) ENTRY PLAZA

BENCH, REFER TO 6 / L3.0 (A) MECHANICAL / CHILLER PAD

(E) LOADING / DELIVERY BAY FOR CENTRAL COAST BREWING (6) (E) PUMP HOUSE (NOT A PART)

(7) TOP OF BANK (I) 20' SETBACK FROM TOP OF CREEK BANK

(2) DG PATH

(1) TRASH ENCLOSURE ACCESSIBLE PEDESTRIAN RAMP

(12) CROSSWALK (1) BIKE RACK - PEAK RACKS, SINGLE SIDED RACK - REFER TO 5 / L3.0

#### LANDSCAPE NOTES

3. IRRIGATION CONROLLER SHALL BE PROGRAMMABLE AND HAVE WEATHER-BASED CARDINITIES

SOIL SHALL BE AMENDED PRIOR TO PLANTING FOR OPTIMAL HEALTH OF ALL PLANT MATERIAL SOIL AMENDMENT SPECIFICATIONS SHALL BE DETERMINED BASED ON A SOIL TEST ANALYSIS.

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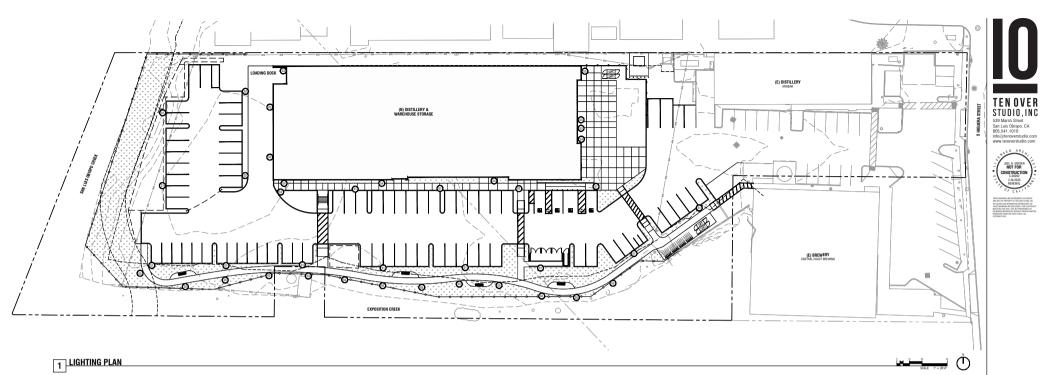
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LIGHTING SCHEDULE

SURFACE MOUNTED CYLINDER

### LIGHTING PLAN GENERAL NOTES

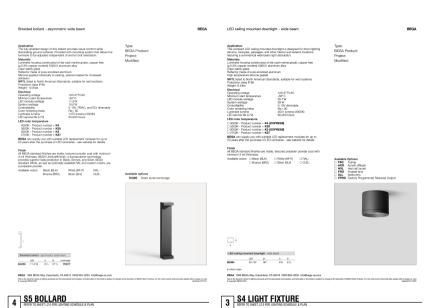
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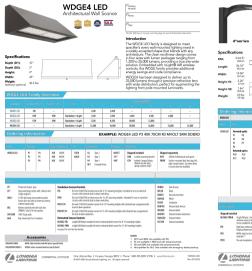
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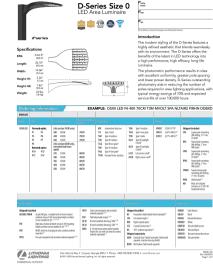
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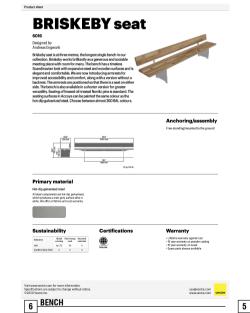
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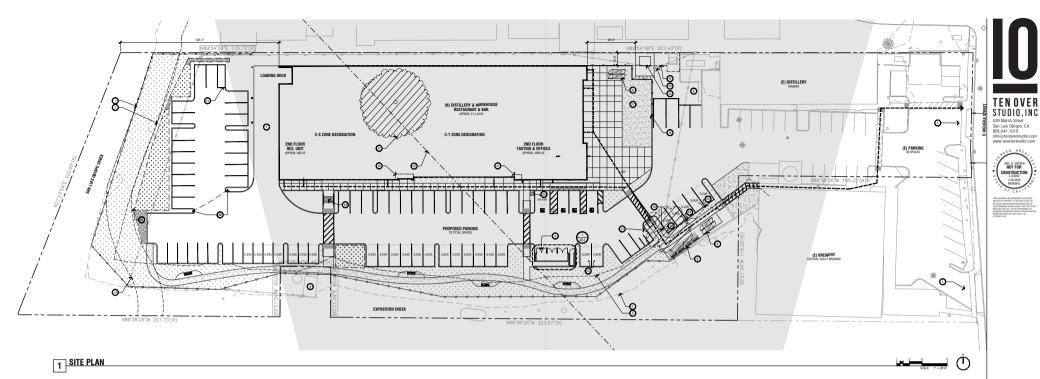
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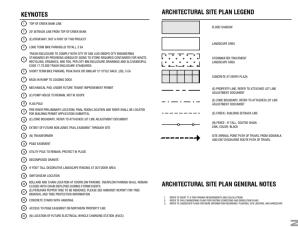
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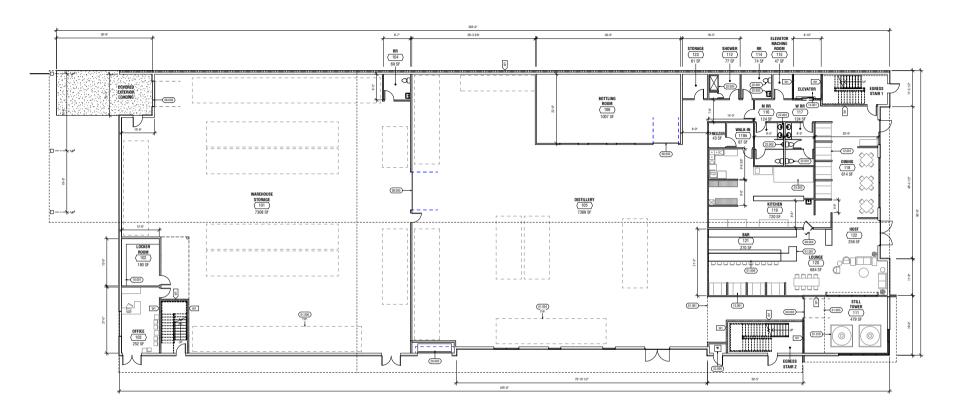




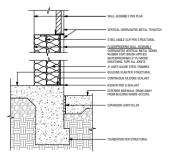
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2 FLOODPROOFING @ EXTERIOR WALL

### FLOOR PLAN GENERAL NOTES

- TOLET ROOMS SHALL HAVE EXHAUST RATE OF 50 CFM MINIMUM.
- ELECTRICAL OUTLETS TO BE PLACED AT 18" TO CENTERLINE ABOVE RINGH PLOOR U.N.O.
- ELECTRICAL SWITCHES TO BE PLACED AT 48° TO CENTERLINE FROM FINISH FLOOR U.N.O.

- ALL EXTERIOR WALL SHALL BE 2X FRAMING WITH R-13 MINIMUM INSULATION OR PER TITLE 24, U.N.O. REFER TO WALL LEGEND.
- ALL INTERIOR WALLS SHALL BE 2X4 FRAMING, TYPICAL U.N.O. REFER TO WALL LEGEND
- ALL PLUMBING WALLS SHALL BE 2X6 MINIMUM FRAMING. REFER TO WALL LEGEND.
- PROVIDE R-13 MINIMUM INSULATION AT PLUMBING WALLS AND WALLS OF LAUNDRY ROOM.
- PROVIDE 11 MINIMUM AIR SPACE RETWEEN WOOD STRUCTURES AND RETAINING WALLS
- PROVIDE 1 MIRROR, 1 TOLLET PAPER HOLDER, 1 HAND TOWEL BAR, AND 2 BATH TOWEL BARS PER BATHROOM.
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- THERE SHALL BE A LANDING OR FLOOR ON EACH SIDE OF EACH EXTERIOR DOOR. THE WIDTH OF EACH LANDING SHALL NOT BE LESS THAN THE DOOR SERVICE, VIEW TAMOND SHALL LANDING SHALL EXPENDED THAN THE SHALL THE SHALL S
- STORM AND SCREEN DOORS SHALL BE PERMITTED TO SWING OVER ALL EXTERIOR STARS AND LANDINGS.
- DO NOT SCALE DRAWINGS, ALL DIMENSIONS ARE ROUGH AND TO FACE OF STUD (F.O.S.).
- ALL DIMENSIONS SHALL BE FIELD VERRIED PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF WORK, IF ANY VARIATION, DISCREPANCY OR OMISSION IS FOLUND, THE CONTRACTOR OR SUB-CONTRACTOR SHALL NOTIFY HE ARCHITECT / DESIGNER IN WRITING AND OBTAIN WRITTEN RESOLUTION FR ARCHITECT / DESIGNER PRIOR TO PROCEEDING WITH ANY WORK.

#### KEYNOTES

DASHED OVERHEAD LINE INDICATES EXTENT OF SECOND FLOOR DASHED LINE WOLCATES CATWALK OVERLOOKING THE STILL TOWER DASHED LINE WOLCATES PALLET STORAGE, SPRIT HOLDING TANKS AND TANKS 01.001 01.003 01.004 TAMES
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ACCESSIBLE FLOOR -MOUNTED TOILET WITH GRAB BARS

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ACCESSIBLE ROIL-IN SHOWER WITH PELDING SEAT AND TRANSFER AND CLEAR SPACE

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FIRE RISES PRELIMBURBY LOCATION, FIVEL ROOM LOCATION AND RISER SHALL BE LOCATED FOR BULLOWS PERBIT APPLICATION SUBMITTAL TYPE 1 HODO WERFERED 
ELECTRICAL SWITCHGEAR; SEE ELECTRICAL DRAINWINGS 22.006

EXTERIOR WALL ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE TYPE DESCRIPTION W1 FIRE RATED WALL

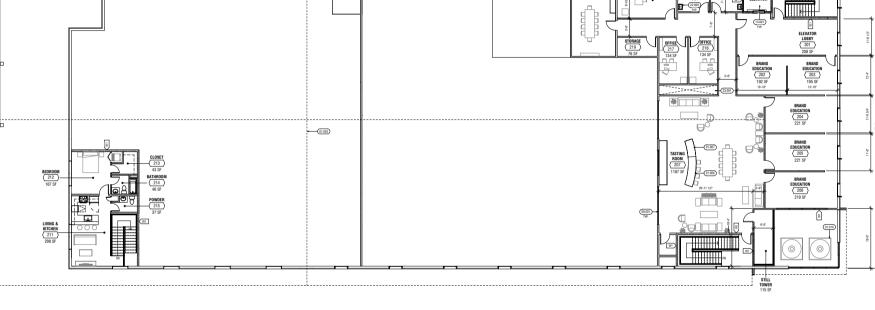
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1 SECOND FLOOR PLAN

#### FLOOR PLAN GENERAL NOTES

- TOILET ROOMS SHALL HAVE EXHAUST RATE OF SO CFM MINIMUM.
- ELECTRICAL OUTLETS TO BE PLACED AT 18" TO CENTERLINE ABOVE FINISH FLOOR U.N.O. 3. ELECTRICAL SWITCHES TO BE PLACED AT 48" TO CENTERLINE FROM FINISH FLOOR U.N.O.
- DOORS HANDLES, LOCK AND OTHER OPERATING DEVICES SHALL BE INSTALLED AT A MIMMUM 34" AND A MAXIMUM 48" A.F.F.

- 6. ALL INTERIOR WALLS SHALL BE 2X4 FRAMING, TYPICAL U.N.O. REFER TO WALL LEGEND.
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CONFERENCE ROOM 220 305 SF

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- DUCKS OTHER THEN THE REQUIRED EARLESS DUCK SHALL BE PROVIDED WITH LANDINGS OF FLOORS NOT MORE THAN 7-514" BELOW THE TOP OF THE THRESHOLD. A LANDING IS NOT REQUIRED WHERE A STARWAY OF TWO OR FEMER RISERS IS LOCATED ON THE EXTERIOR SIDE OF THE DOOR, PROVIDED THE DOOR DOES NOT SWING OVER THE STARWAY.
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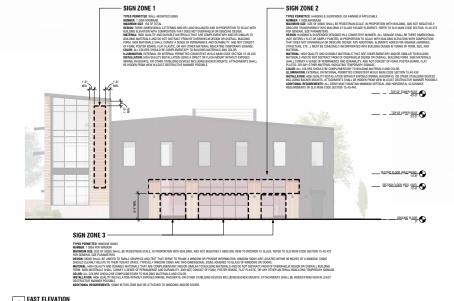


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1 SOUTH ELEVATION

TOP OF UPPER BOOF

TOP OF LOWER ROOF



WALL SIGN ZONE 5 -TOP OF TOWER ROOF TOP OF UPPER ROOF TOP OF LOWER ROOF SECOND FLOOR (RES. UNIT) 10'-6"

2 EAST ELEVATION



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3 WEST ELEVATION

SIGN ZONE 4 -TYPES PERMITTED. WALL-MOUNTED SIGNS NUMBER: 1 SIGN MAXIMUM MAXIMUM SIZE: 150 SF TOTAL DESIGN: THREE-DIMENSIONAL LETTERING AND OR LI

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## SIGNAGE PROGRAM GENERAL NOTES

- SIGNAGE IS ONLY PERMITTED IN ZONES INDICATED IN ELEVATION DRAWINGS ABOVE.
  ALL SIGNAGE SHALL FOLLOW GUIDELINES LISTED IN EACH RESPECTIVE ZONE'S NOTES ON THOSE
  ELEVATIONS INCLUDING SIGNAGE TYPES, NUMBER, DESIGN, SIZE, MATERIALS, COLOR,
  IL HIMMATION, AND INSTALL LISTED.
- ADJUSTMENTS PER PROJECT PROGRAM AND DESIGN.
  ALL SIGNS WILL COMPLY WITH ILLIMINATION REGULATIONS IN SAN LUIS OBISPO MUNICIPAL

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NOTE: THE SIGNS ABOVE ARE EXAMPLES OF SIGNAGE THAT GENERALLY COMPLY WITH THE DESIGN STANDARDS OF THIS SIGNAGE PROGRAM. SEE EACH ZONE FOR SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS.

4 SIGNAGE TYPE EXAMPLES



01 - VIEW FROM ENTRY



02 - VIEW FROM PLAZA



03 - VIEW FROM PARKING AREA



04 - VIEW FROM LOADING AREA

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PERSPECTIVE IMAGES

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