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STAFF REPORT: CONSENT CALENDAR

Application No.: 6-04-62

Applicant:

Santa Fe Christian School

Agent: Chuck Leslie

Description:

Installation of an approximately 6,000 sq. ft. temporary tent on

existing asphalt in northwest corner of campus and one new section of bleachers. In addition, the project includes the after-the-fact request for approval of two sections of existing bleachers and a concrete pad

next to the sports field.

Site:

838 Academy Drive, Solana Beach, San Diego County. APN 298-

112-29, -30.

Substantive File Documents: City of Solana Beach General Plan and Zoning

Ordinance; City Case No. 17-04-07 SDP/CUP Modification; CDP No.

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I. STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The staff recommends the Commission adopt the following resolution:

MOTION:

I move that the Commission approve the coastal development permit applications included on the consent calendar in accordance with the staff

recommendations.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT CONSENT CALENDAR:

Staff recommends a **YES** vote. Passage of this motion will result in approval of all the permits included on the consent calendar. The motion passes only by affirmative vote of a majority of the Commissioners present.

II. Standard Conditions.

See attached page.

III. Special Conditions.

The permit is subject to the following conditions:

1. <u>Temporary Tent</u>. The proposed tent is authorized for a time period of 5 (five) years from the date of Commission action or until the Middle School Gymnasium has been constructed. Placement of the tent on the subject site beyond 5 years or after construction of the Middle School Gymnasium shall require an amendment to Coastal Permit No. 6-04-62 from the California Coastal Commission or shall require an additional coastal development permit from the California Coastal Commission or from the applicable certified local government.

IV. Findings and Declarations.

The Commission finds and declares as follows:

A. <u>Detailed Project Description/History</u>. Proposed is the installation of an approximately 26 ft. high, 6,000 sq. ft. tent on an asphalt area of an existing private high school facility and the installation of an approximately 117 ft.-long sport event bleachers with press box and an approximately 4,300 concrete pad for the bleachers adjacent to the existing sports field.

The existing approximately 17.19 acre school site consists of classrooms, offices, library/media center, chapel, gymnasium, two sport fields, playgrounds and to serve an existing K-12 student enrollment. In February 2002, the Commission approved extensive reconstruction of the school facility including demolition of approximately 40,500 sq. ft. of gross floor area of existing classrooms, administration buildings, gymnasium and chapel and construction of approximately 127,000 sq. ft. of gross floor area consisting of classrooms, administration buildings, cafeteria, science building, middle school gymnasium and performing arts center. The proposed 6,000 sq. ft. tent is proposed to be used as a temporary gymnasium until the new middle school gymnasium is constructed. It is estimated that the tent will be in place for approximately 5 years. The approximately 26 ft.-high tent will be located in a section of the school grounds that is a lower elevation that the majority of the campus such that public views of the tent will be limited to those on campus or at an adjacent commercial center. Based on photographic depictions provided by the applicant, the temporary tent will not visible from motorists along Interstate 5, a scenic corridor in the City of Solana Beach. Views across the campus to the beach or other coastal scenic areas do not exist. No adverse visual coastal impacts will occur as a result of the installation of the tent.

The construction of the bleachers involves an after-the-fact request. Two sections of the proposed 3-sectioned bleachers and the concrete pad have already been installed without a coastal permit. The applicant indicates that the bleachers and concrete pad were

installed on the campus in approximately May, 2000 following restructuring of the athletic field. The unpermitted bleachers replaced some older bleachers that pre-existed the Coastal Act but were located on the other side of the sports field. The proposed additional section of bleachers will be installed on the existing concrete pad such that no additional concrete will be necessary. The proposed (and existing) bleachers will serve only the existing student population such that it will not result in an intensity of use over what currently occurs.

The tent will be located on existing asphalt, therefore, it will not result in an increase of impervious areas. The concrete pad for the bleachers does result in an approximately 4,300 sq. ft. increase of impervious surface. However, runoff from the bleachers and concrete pad will flow into the athletic field which will effectively treat all runoff prior to exiting the site.

The project site is located adjacent to the west side of Interstate 5, approximately 2 blocks south of Lomas Santa Fe Drive and east of Academy Drive in Solana Beach. The location is approximately 1 mile east of the shoreline. The project site is located within an area that was previously covered by the County of San Diego's Local Coastal Program (LCP). However, the County LCP was never effectively certified and is now used for guidance with Chapter 3 Policies of the Coastal Act used as the standard of review.

B. <u>Biological Resources</u>. Coastal Act policies 30240 and 30251 restrict the alteration of natural landforms and protect sensitive habitats. Section 30231 of the Coastal Act requires that coastal waters are protected and runoff minimized.

The proposed development will not have an adverse impact on any sensitive habitat, and, as conditioned, will not result in erosion or adverse impacts to water quality, as adequate drainage controls will be provided. Thus, the project is consistent with the resource protection policies of Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act.

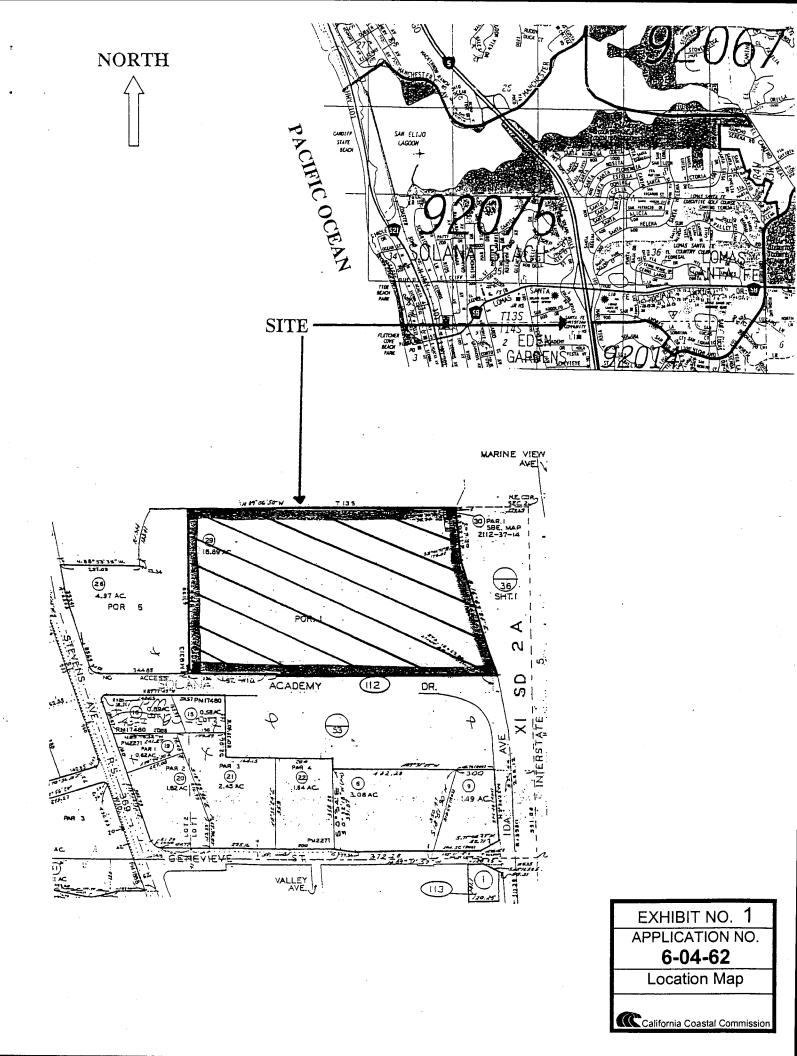
- C. <u>Community Character /Visual Quality</u>. The development is located within an existing developed area and, as conditioned, will be compatible with the character and scale of the surrounding area and will not impact public views. Therefore, the Commission finds that the development, as conditioned, conforms to Section 30251 of the Coastal Act.
- **D.** <u>Public Access/Parking</u>. The proposed development will not have an adverse impact on public access to the coast or to nearby recreational facilities. As conditioned, the proposed development conforms to Sections 30210 through 30214, Sections 30220 through 30224, Section 30252 and Section 30604(c) of the Coastal Act.
- E. <u>Unpermitted Development</u>. The proposed development will occur on a site that contains unpermitted development in form of installation of bleachers and a concrete pad. The applicant is requesting after-the-fact approval for the bleachers and concrete pad as part of this application. Although construction has taken place prior to submission of this permit application, consideration of this application by the Commission has been based

solely upon the Chapter 3 policies of the Coastal Act. Approval of this permit does not constitute a waiver of any legal action with regard to the alleged violation nor does it constitute an admission as to the legality of any development undertaken on the subject site without a coastal permit.

- F. <u>Local Coastal Program</u>. The City of Solana Beach does not have a certified LCP at this time. Thus, the Coastal Commission retains permit jurisdiction in this community and Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act remains the legal standard of review. As conditioned, the proposed development is consistent with Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act. Approval of the project, as conditioned, will not prejudice the ability of the City of Solana Beach to prepare a Local Coastal Program that is in conformity with the provisions of Chapter 3.
- G. <u>California Environmental Quality Act</u>. As conditioned, there are no feasible alternatives or feasible mitigation measures available which would substantially lessen any significant adverse effect which the activity may have on the environment. Therefore, the Commission finds that the proposed project, as conditioned to mitigate the identified impacts, is the least environmentally damaging feasible alternative and is consistent with the requirements of the Coastal Act to conform to CEQA.

STANDARD CONDITIONS:

- 1. <u>Notice of Receipt and Acknowledgment</u>. The permit is not valid and development shall not commence until a copy of the permit, signed by the permittee or authorized agent, acknowledging receipt of the permit and acceptance of the terms and conditions, is returned to the Commission office.
- 2. <u>Expiration</u>. If development has not commenced, the permit will expire two years from the date on which the Commission voted on the application. Development shall be pursued in a diligent manner and completed in a reasonable period of time. Application for extension of the permit must be made prior to the expiration date.
- 3. <u>Interpretation</u>. Any questions of intent or interpretation of any condition will be resolved by the Executive Director or the Commission.
- 4. <u>Assignment</u>. The permit may be assigned to any qualified person, provided assignee files with the Commission an affidavit accepting all terms and conditions of the permit.
- 5. <u>Terms and Conditions Run with the Land</u>. These terms and conditions shall be perpetual, and it is the intention of the Commission and the permittee to bind all future owners and possessors of the subject property to the terms and conditions.



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