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Subject: Fwd: Coastal Commission Appeal of Betty Chin Trailers
Date: Sunday, October 10, 2021 1:12:04 AM

See below.

Mike Wilson P.E.
Commissioner

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jennifer Kalt <jkalt@humboldt看keeper.org>
Date: September 29, 2021 at 10:21:22 PM PDT
To: Colin Fiske <colin.fiske@gmail.com>
Cc: Tom Wheeler <tom@wildcalifornia.org>, Nezzie Wade <nowl@suddenlink.net>, Leslie Castellano <lcastellano@ci.eureka.ca.gov>, "Wilson, Mike@Coastal" <mike.wilson@coastal.ca.gov>
Subject: Re: Coastal Commission Appeal of Betty Chin Trailers

Adding Mike Wilson in case he has any insights.

Last I talked to Janelle about it was quite a while ago, but at that time, she had concerns about soil contamination on site that she learned about via a PRA request after the Planning Commission approved the project. I looked into it and I thought that the contamination seems less concerning for a project that is temporary and doesn't propose soil disturbance, but the project may have changed since the project was brought to the Planning Commission - I think it has gone through a few iterations. My understanding is that Coastal Commission staff do not agree with the appellants that "substantial issues" have been raised (Coastal Act jargon for recommending denial of the appeals).

I see that the upcoming City Council agenda has this on consent - I just have to wonder, where are people who are living in vehicles supposed to go next? Seems like more endless whack-a-mole, pushing people "away" instead of addressing the root causes.

B.4. West Side Industrial Area Parking Restrictions

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution of the City Council creating a "No Parking Between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., Commercial Vehicles Excepted" restriction on Railroad Ave. from Del Norte St. to 450' north of 14th St.; Del Norte St. between Felt St. and Railroad Ave.; Felt St. between Del Norte and Hawthorn Streets; and Truesdale St. between Broadway and Christie St.

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On Mon, Sep 27, 2021 at 12:55 PM Colin Fiske <colin.fiske@gmail.com> wrote:
My initial thought is to push back on the idea that transitional housing poses some kind of visual blight or threat to trail use. However, I have to admit I am a little concerned about putting this housing in such a flood-prone location subject to SLR. Also, it concerns me that Janelle Egger, historically an advocate for houseless people, is appealing it. Maybe Nezzie can shed light on that?

On Mon, Sep 27, 2021 at 12:09 PM Tom Wheeler <tom@wildcalifornia.org> wrote:

Hi all,

Three Eureka residents are appealing the City of Eureka's permit for the Betty Chin trailer housing project before the Coastal Commission. Their appeals can be found [here](#). Anyone have thoughts on whether to engage the Coastal Commission on this? This is agendized for the October 15, 2021 meeting.

Tom

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"If EPIC had not undertaken its lonely efforts on behalf of the Marbled Murrelet, it is doubtful that the species would have maintained its existence throughout its historical range in California." - Judge L. Bechtle, *Marbled Murrelet v. Pacific Lumber Co.*

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From: [janelle](#)
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Subject: Significant Issues related to Eureka CDP-21-0006 appeal
Date: Thursday, September 2, 2021 12:43:07 PM
Attachments: [Crowley Parcel in Eureka General Plan.pdf](#)

Thanks for the phone conversation yesterday. My summary of mentioned issues:

The project is not exempt from CEQA as it does not qualify for the claimed exemption.

At the Oct 2020 Commission meeting regrading the LUP and IP amendments for this project I attempted to address the location in a natural resource area conflicting with the LCP policies, the need for an update of the Eureka Coastal Plan, and this site's land use change to commercial during the City's 2018 update of its General Plan (picture worth a thousand words; please see land use maps in attached pdf).

If this were not a homelessness related project I think the Commission may have looked more closely at the LUP/IP amendments last October, however the significant issues still need to be addressed of whether this site is appropriate for anything other than open space and whether there are alternative sites for the project.

As I remember this byzantine process, all communication is to be cc'd to CCC staff; sending to email address on the Appeal form. (For more byzantine fun, try going to the online Eureka Development Services Library and look at its LCP in the PDF version and Chapter 155(old) and Chapter 156 in the linked Municipal Code; its not just the numbering that is different.)

Thanks again,

janelle