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Sonoma County Board of Zoning Adjustments Agenda

Board of Supervisors Chambers
575 Administration Drive, Room 102A
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

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May 23, 2024
Meeting No.: 24-07

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Roll Call

Absent, District 1
Commissioner Reed, District 2
Commissioner Ocaña, District 3
Commissioner Koenigshofer, District 5
Commissioner McCaffery, Chair, District 4

Staff Members

Emi Thériault, Deputy Director of Planning

Peter Kaljian, Project Planner
Levan King Cranston, Project Planner
Tasha Levitt, Administrative Assistant
Jennifer Klein, Chief Deputy County Counsel

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Materials

Available digitally through the link in the Agenda and on the Board of Zoning Adjustments website. You can also email PlanningAgency@sonoma-county.org or the project planner to request materials.

1:00 PM Call to order, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance.

Correspondence

Planning Commission/Board of Supervisors Actions

Commissioner Announcements

Public Appearances for Non-Agenda Items

Items scheduled on the Agenda

Board of Zoning Adjustments Regular Calendar

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Item No.: 1
Time: 1:05 PM
File: UPE22-0051 Freestanding Faux Tree Telecom Facility
Applicant: Melissa C. Keith obo Vertical Bridge, Assurance Reality Inc., T-Mobile
Owner: Dena and Garth Harding Trust
Cont. from: March 23, 2023
Staff: Peter Kaljian
Env. Doc: Categorical Exemption
Proposal: Request for a Use Permit to allow construction of an Intermediate Freestanding Commercial Telecommunication Facility including a 70-foot tall faux tree, associated ground equipment cabinet, located within a 2,500 square lease are on a 14.35-acre parcel zoned DA B6 20, RC100/25

Recommended

Action: Staff recommends that the Board of Zoning Adjustments find this project exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and approve the request for an intermediate freestanding commercial telecommunication facility, subject to the conditions of approval.

Location: 9300 Mill Station Rd., Sebastopol

APN: 061-141-001

District: Fifth

Zoning: Diverse Agriculture 20-acre density, Riparian Corridor 100-foot development setback/25-foot agricultural setback

Action:

Appeal Deadline:

Resolution No.: 24-0_

Vote:

District 1

Commissioner Reed

Commissioner Ocaña

Commissioner Koenigshofer

Commissioner McCaffery

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:
Abstain:

Item No.: 2
Time: 1:20 PM
File: UPE22-0068
Applicant: Ben Hackstedde, Sequoia Development Services
Owner: Ted Stashak and Gloria Stashak
Cont. from: N/A
Staff: Levan King Cranston
Env. Doc: Categorical Exemption, Section 15303, New Construction of a Small Structure
Proposal: Request for a Use Permit to allow for the construction of an intermediate freestanding commercial telecommunication facility located inside a 45-foot-tall faux water tower within a 625-square foot lease area enclosed by an 8-foot-tall wooden cedar fence on a 5.26-acre parcel. The request includes a 5-foot encroachment into the required front yard setbacks to allow construction of a portion of the proposed 8-foot-tall wooden cedar fence and PG&E ground mounted transformer.

Recommended

Action: Staff recommends that the Board of Zoning Adjustments find the project exempt from CEQA and approve use permit request.
Location: 927 Los Alamos Road, Santa Rosa
APN: 030-141-005
District: First
Zoning: Agricultural and Residential (allowed density: B8, Lot has been frozen) and combining zone for Accessory Dwelling Unit Exclusion

Action:
Appeal Deadline:
Resolution No.: 24-0_

Vote:
District 1
Commissioner Reed
Commissioner Ocaña
Commissioner Koenigshofer
Commissioner McCaffery

Ayes:
Noes:

Absent:
Abstain:

Permit Sonoma Hearing Waiver Calendar

This calendar serves only to notify the public of hearing waiver projects. The projects listed below are not on the current agenda.

File: UPE24-0007
Project Name: GreenFire Energy
Applicant: Joseph Scherer, GreenFire Energy, Inc
Staff: Robert Pennington
Location: 12700 Pine Flat Road, Healdsburg
APN: 141-040-027
Project Description: Use Permit for GreenFire Energy Inc's installation of a steam dominated greenloop system into an existing geothermal well (D&V #13) at the Geysers for proof of concept testing. This well is located on an existing geothermal production pad which supplies steam to Calpine's Socrates Power Plant. The project will perform proof-of-concept testing for approximately three (3) months.

Last Day for Public Comment: May 27, 2024

Public Appearances for Non-Agenda Items: Shortly after the hearing begins, the BZA invites public participation regarding the affairs of the County. Any person desiring to speak on any matter which is not scheduled on this agenda may do so. Comments may be limited to three minutes, or as imposed at the discretion of the Chair. Under State Law, matters presented during public appearances cannot be discussed or acted upon by the BZA commissioners.

Public Appearances for Agenda Items: PC hearings begin at 1:00 PM and are recorded. Agenda items begin on or after the time stated on the agenda. After a county staff project presentation and commission questions, the public hearing is then opened. The applicant may then give a 10-minute project presentation followed by public comments. The time limit for public comments is at the Chair's discretion and is typically three minutes per speaker. Please state your name for the record when you are called upon. Questions raised by the public may be answered after all public comments are given. The Commission may request staff or the applicant to answer questions, and the applicant is given the opportunity to respond to any public comments. The public hearing is then closed, and no further public comments are received. The commissioners discuss the project and make a decision by motion and roll call vote.

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Hearing Waiver Calendar: The hearing waiver calendar lists projects proposed for public hearing waivers for informational purposes only. The listed items are not scheduled on the current or uncontested calendars. For more information on the hearing waiver item, contact the planner assigned to the project or fill out a 'Request for Information' card.

Uncontested Calendar: All items listed on the uncontested calendar are considered to be routine. The Chair will open the public hearing on all items simultaneously. If no one from the public addresses the BZA, the hearing will be closed, and the items may be acted upon with a single majority vote.

Public Comments

Please follow the instructions below to submit a Public Comment in writing, email or in person via the hearing room. The BZA invites interested persons to submit comments which are entered into the permanent record. Written comments received prior to and during the hearing are distributed to the commissioners, staff, and are available to the public via the public copies link in the calendar section of this agenda. Written comments received after the package is made public may be read into the record.

Mail Public Comments: Address letters to: Permit Sonoma, 2550 Ventura Avenue, Attn: Planning Agency Secretary, Santa Rosa, CA 95403 and include the project number. **This is not the location of the hearing.**

Email Public Comments: Email comments to: PlanningAgency@sonoma-county.org. Please provide your name and the project number. It is advised to email comments (no later than the day before) prior to the hearing date to give commissioners and staff review time.

If you wish to speak on an item which appears on this agenda, please fill out a speaker card and drop it in the box near the staff table. You will be called by the Chair in the order received. Your name, will be announced when it's your turn to speak (1 public comment is allowed per person). The meetings are recorded and all in person testimony must be given through the

microphone. Please state your name upon approaching the microphone. Each person may speak only once and is usually granted 3 minutes. Time limits are at the discretion of the Chair. Questions raised by the public are to be directed to the Commission. At the end of the hearing, the Commission may ask staff or the applicant to respond to any questions raised during the hearing.

If you wish to comment on a hearing waiver item, submit your comment directly to the assigned planner prior to the “last day for public comment” date listed for each item.

Please Be Respectful of others and the varying points of view. No clapping, booing, or speaking out of turn.

Please Be Courteous turn off cell phones and pagers while the meeting is in session.