

County of Santa Cruz

BRUCE DAU, Chairperson
KEN KIMES, Vice Chairperson
DAVID W. MOELLEQ Executive Secretary

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY AGRICULTURAL POLICY ADVISORY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES - April 20,2006

Members Present
Bruce Dau
Ken Kimes
Frank "Lud" McCrary
Sam Eamshaw
Mike Manfre
Dave Moeller (ex officio)

Staff Present
Joan Van der Hoeven
Lisa LeCoump
Nell Sulborski

Others Present Donald E. Cooley Peggy Dallas Terry Martin

- 1. The meeting was called to order by Bruce Dau 1:35p.m.
- 2. (a) Approval of February 16,2006 Minutes M/S/P to approve the minutes.
 - (b) Additions/Corrections to Agenda
 None.
- 3. Review of APAC correspondence:
 - (a) Preliminary Agricultural Consultants List
 - (b) Claravale Farm

- (c) Letter of Diane P. and Donald E. Cooley dated March 13,2006 regarding Application No. 00-0728 Conditions of Approval
- 4. Commissioner's Presentations:

Election of Officers (Code Chapter 2.82.030). Bruce Dau was nominated as chairperson and Ken Kimes was nominated as vice chairperson.

M/S/P to accept the slate.

5. Oral Communications:

Donald Cooley explained that his letter was simply asking for a clarification of what was meant by a solid wood fence and vegetative barrier, and if it could be changed to just a vegetative barrier that would be tall enough to provide a visual barrier.

Joan Van der Hoeven explained that the building had not had a final inspection and the planting and fencing will be required at that time.

Commissioner Manfre made a motion to have Joan Van der Hoeven look at the sight and report back to the Commission at the May 18,2006 APAC meeting.

M/S/P

CONSENT AGENDA:

Notice of Pending Action pursuant to County Code Section 16.50,095(g).

6. Proposal to construct a 212-square foot addition to an existing single-family dwelling. Requires an Amendment to Agricultural Buffer Determination 97-0808. Property located on the north side of Lilly Way, about 1/3 mile northwest of the intersection with Zils Road, at 86 Lilly Way in La Selva Beach.

Application: #05-0059 APN: 046-241-42

Applicants/Owners: Miguel & Marie Podolsky

Project Planner: Joan Van der Hoeven, phone 454-5174, pln140@co.santa-cruz.ca.us

M/S/P to accept consent agenda.

REGULAR AGENDA:

7. Proposal to convert an existing single-family dwelling to a second unit, construct a new single-family dwelling to a height of **33.5** feet, and to construct a fence up to 6-feet high in the required front yard. Requires an Agricultural Setback Determination. Property located on the south side of Loma Prieta Avenue, approximately 1 mile southeast of the junction of Old San Jose and Summit Roads, at 24655 Loma Prieta Avenue in Los Gatos.

Application: #06-0086 APN: 098-011-05

Applicant: Peggy Dallas for Teny Martin Associates, Architects

Owners: Charles and Kim Korstad

Project Planner: Joan Van der Hoeven, phone 454-5174, pln140@co.santa-cruz.ca.us

Joan Van der Hoeven gave the staff report. Correspondence had been received from Mr. Kennedy, a neighbor to the property who farms his property as organic. Ms. Van der Hoeven had met with Mr. Kennedy at the site, and he had suggested changes to the proposal. The changes are recommended as modifications to the conditions. Changes include installing the vegetative barrier prior to any site disturbance or construction, and wetting down the site to effectively suppress the dust during construction so as not to damage adjacent crops. The shrubs utilized shall attain a minimum height of six feet to a maximum 12-25 feet upon maturity. Staff recommended approval of the project with the changes.

The Commissioners discussed the project.

M/S/P to approve staffs recommendation with the suggested changes.

8. Proposal to modify the use of an existing agricultural building from a cold storage facility for apples to allow for continued cold storage of apples, and to allow for cold storage of other agricultural produce not grown on site. Requires a project review consultation and preliminary APAC review. Property located on the west side of Green Valley Road, about 1,800 feet north of the intersection with Wheelock Road at 1309 Green Valley Road in Watsonville.

Application: #06-0177 APN: 109-131-15

Applicant: Stephen Graves Owner: **Buak** Fruit Company

Project Planner: Joan Van der Hoeven, phone 454-5 174, pln140@co.santa-cruz.ca.us

Joan Van der Hoeven explained that this was apre-development plan proposed before the

property was purchased to determine if the use intended would be approved.

The Commissioners expressed concerns about giving an opinion on a project before staff has reviewed the **plan** and given recommendations.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Moeller, Executive Secretary

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