



City of Sonoma Planning Commission **AGENDA**

Regular Meeting of April 9, 2015 -- 6:30 PM
Community Meeting Room, 177 First Street West
Sonoma, CA 95476

Meeting Length: No new items will be heard by the Planning Commission after 10:30 PM, unless the Commission, by majority vote, specifically decides to continue reviewing items. If an item is not heard due to the length of the meeting, the Commission will attempt to schedule a special meeting for the following week. If a special meeting is necessary, potential dates will be established at the close of this meeting, and a date set as soon as possible thereafter.

CALL TO ORDER – Chair, Bill Willers

Commissioners: James Cribb
Robert Felder
Mark Heneveld
Chip Roberson
Ron Wellander
Robert McDonald (Alternate)

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Presentations by audience members on items not appearing on the agenda.

MINUTES: Minutes from the meetings of February 12, 2015 and March 12, 2015.

CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM #1 – PUBLIC HEARING

REQUEST:

Consideration of a Use Permit amendment and Parking Exception to allow the following uses associated with the William-Sonoma store and culinary center: 1) conversion of residential area to retail display of home furniture/furnishings; 2) outdoor retail display and other uses in the garden area; and, 3) special events.

Applicant/Property Owner:

Williams-Sonoma, Inc.

Staff: Rob Gjestland

Project Location:

605 Broadway

General Plan Designation:

Commercial (C)

Zoning:

Planning Area: Downtown District

Base: Commercial (C)

Overlay: Historic (/H)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Commission discretion.

CEQA Status:

Categorically Exempt

ITEM #2 – PUBLIC HEARING

REQUEST:

Consideration of a Use Permit to convert a nonconforming detached garage to a pool house, while adding a carport.

Applicant/Property Owner:

Alan Heoney

Staff: Rob Gjestland

Project Location:

330 Patten Street

General Plan Designation:

Low Density Residential (LR)

Zoning:

Planning Area: Central-East Area

Base: Low Density Residential (R-L)

Overlay: Historic (/H)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve with conditions.

CEQA Status:

Categorically Exempt

ITEM #3 – PUBLIC HEARING

REQUEST:

Consideration of a Use Permit to operate a Bed and Breakfast (B&B) within an historic residence.

Applicant/Property Owner:

Rick Suerth and Pat Coleman

Staff: Rob Gjestland

Project Location:

827 Broadway

General Plan Designation:

Mixed Use (MU)

Zoning:

Planning Area: Broadway Corridor

Base: Mixed Use (MX)

Overlay: Historic (/H)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve with conditions.

CEQA Status:

Categorically Exempt

ITEM #4 – PUBLIC HEARING

REQUEST:

Consideration of a Use Permit to convert office area to a vacation rental unit.

Applicant/Property Owner:

Len Tillem

Staff: David Goodison

Project Location:

846 Broadway

General Plan Designation:

Mixed Use (MU)

Zoning:

Planning Area: Broadway Corridor

Base: Mixed Use (MX)

Overlay: Historic (/H)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve with conditions.

CEQA Status:

Categorically Exempt

ITEM #5 – PUBLIC HEARING

REQUEST:

Consideration of an Exception to the fence height standards to allow overheight fencing within the front yard setback of a residential property.

Applicant/Property Owner:

Mark and Judy Krawec

Staff: David Goodison

Project Location:

289 Chase Street

General Plan Designation:

Low Density Residential (LR)

Zoning:

Planning Area: Central-East Area

Base: Low Density Residential (R-L)

Overlay: None

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve with conditions.

CEQA Status:

Categorically Exempt

ITEM #6 – DISCUSSION

ISSUE:

Consideration of an amendment to the Development Code that would identify “Vacation Rental” as a conditionally-allowed use in the Public zone.

Staff: David Goodison

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Forward to City Council, with recommendations.

CEQA Status:

Not applicable

ISSUES UPDATE

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

ADJOURNMENT

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CRISTINA MORRIS, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

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