



General Public Comment

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From: [Ted Hamilton-Rolle](#)
To: [Community Development ABRsecretary](#)
Cc: [Carly Earnest](#)
Subject: General Public Comment
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 9:57:56 AM

Hi Joanie,

Please add the below email to General Public Comment. Thanks!

-----Original Message-----

From: Michael Holland <mike@hollandsb.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2024 1:48 PM
To: Carly Earnest <cearnest@SantaBarbaraCA.gov>
Cc: Mike Jordan <MJordan@SantaBarbaraCA.gov>
Subject: Letter to the ARB

Hi Carly,

I am not sure how to get this email/letter to the ARB for a response. I am hoping you can forward it.

To:ARB
Re permit BLD 2022-02149. Application: PLN 2021-00245

From Michael Holland
107 via del Cielo
Santa Barbara.

Gentlemen,

I am writing to you to understand how you approved a project being started next door to my home. I have had great help by city people in navigating the website to see the application above and the ARB meeting comments.

The project is a utility (TMobile) cell site upgrade.

I understand there are only a few things on a utility project the city can control and the main one being the visual impact on the neighborhood.

I had asked the clerk about how to file an appeal and I was told that needed to be done 10 days after per it granting. I think this is suspect that there was no notice to anyone but to object or add information, or appeal, it needed to be done within 10 days after the secret approval was given.

My questions:

1. There was no notice of this application to neighbor residents on this project. Did I miss seeing this in the documentation or can you tell me it was sent and when?

The applicant was required signs 10 days before the ARB hearings and I believe this was not done where they said it was. Are they to show proof and what is the action you are obligated to take if this was not done and they certified it was. What action are you required to take if the required notifications have not been posted?

2. Your approval noted that they complied with SBMC 22.68.045B, #3. They met all the requirements and you stated you were happy their project did not degrade the views and look to the neighborhood. This MC requires the applicant to take pictures from all angles and provide to you a map showing the direction of each picture. I understand based upon this you make your approval decisions. It appears from the documentation that the applicant did not provide a map and pictures from all directions except they did not take any from my property which is adjacent on the east side. Did you receive this map and pictures in another document not on the website?

My question is how could you approve the project to the requirements of the SBMC #3 If you did not have a map showing my property? One picture was taken from the east but in front of my property. No picture was taken from the project site facing east to show my home 90 feet away. One picture somewhat from my direction showed the location of the existing antenna pole showing it visually standing out so the new larger one would be excessively visible.

How then could you approve the visual impact of this project without a required map? and picture? And when you looked at the overall maps, did not anyone ask for the visual impact on my adjacent property?

3. Re your visual impact approval:

I did not see any pictures or drawing of what the replacement tower and antennas would look like. Simply some wording that it was a faux tree. How did you approve the new tower and antennas (from 3 existing to 9 on a 15 ft diameter frame) if you did not have a picture or drawing of the size and appearance? Was this in the file and I could not find it?

In summary, I was not notified by the city or the applicant(signage 10 days prior to meets). If this is true, what is the city action required if this was forgotten?

The applicant did not meet the requirements of SBMC 22.68 of things to be submitted And thus how did you approve it?

I think as a Santa Barbara resident, I am entitled to have an answer and if the required documentation the applicant needed to provide for your decisions was not provided, how did you make your approval and what action are you required to take now if they did not meet the requirements then?

Michael Holland

Sent from my iPad



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From: dean@deansereni.com
To: Community_Development_ABRsecretary
Subject: State Street Concerns Etc. - URGENT!
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 11:52:16 AM

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Dear Santa Barbara Architectural Board of Review,
I just sent this email to the Mayor and City Council. Please circulate to your board and any other organization that can help with these pressing issues.
Thank you,
Dean

From: dean@deansereni.com <dean@deansereni.com>
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2024 11:49 AM
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Subject: State Street Concerns Etc. - URGENT!

Dear Mayor + Council Members:

We have been visiting Santa Barbara often for over 20 years. We recently purchased a home in the Riviera that we plan on moving to at some point, but after our last 2 recent visits, we have great concern for the “situation” of State Street. It needs to be opened up for cars ASAP! I appreciate Mayor Rowse supporting this. Having almost been run over by out of control electric bikes on several occasions, we were shocked that there are no police officers on foot patrolling this area. I don’t know how the elderly would ever feel safe walking on this street, let alone any visitor feeling a sense of welcome to walk on an asphalt street with nothing of interest. When you walk on the sidewalks you feel the charm, but there is nothing charming about the current scene in the middle of State Street. We live in San Francisco and have seen first hand the unfortunate results of closing Market Street to cars. All mayoral candidates leading in the polls for our new mayor all support opening Market Street back up to car traffic.

I am not sure how the council has come to the conclusion that the current situation on State Street is Safe, aesthetically pleasing and good for business. I made it a point to ask every store and restaurant we visited to see if the feeling of this unfortunate problem and they concurred. IT IS NOT SAFE AND IT IS NOT GOOD FOR BUSINESS. Perhaps there is plan in the works, but this does not solve the short term solution. Why would a once bustling area, now feel like it is overrun by teenagers and homeless people be a good decision for Santa Barbara? There is clearly outside pressure on State Street (it is a long street) as you now have the thriving Funk Zone and Coast Village Plaza in Montecito (no vacancies) and plans to further improve the retail experience.

Perhaps 1 or 2 blocks of state street can be transformed into a more inviting plaza (not black asphalt) with more landscaping, fountains and places to sit as well as provide the farmers market. The section of the street currently closed is WRONG. Are you talking to your visitors, business owners and residents in close proximity to State Street? I have! It is not positive. I try to follow the local news and perhaps I a missing something, but

unless the city of Santa Barbara works on a master plan with someone that can keep the charm/character and scale of Santa Barbara at the forefront, Santa Barbara will quickly not become the special place it has been.

It is beyond scary to read about the insane proposals for 7 story buidlings next to the Mission, in the lower riviera and State Street. Imagine the city with buildings so tall, creating walls, hiding the beauty that makes Santa Barbara so special.

The same issues are being dealt with in San Francisco, and thanks to organziations such as: <https://www.neighborhoodsunitedsf.org/>

The pushback is powerful. I am forwarding the director's info to residents of Santa Barbara and hope that they will also create a neighborhood united santa barbara, to proctect something that is worthy of being preserved, respected and grow in a way that doesn't build walls of housing.

Thank you for your consdieration on these important items.

Dean Sereni



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