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Vicki Shelby to: Holly Phipps

05/12/2015 08:23 AM

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Holly,

I am going to forward emails we receive for this appeal until you tell me you are cutting off for preparation of the meeting on June 2. Will you let me know what that date is and then I will keep them and forward our correspondence to the Clerk for the meeting when it's published.

Thanks

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Subject: URGENT.

Hello Mr. Mecham;

I have just received a confirmation of the appeal I have filed from Nicole Retana. My appeal is in reference to a decision reached at a Planning Department Hearing held on April 17th, 2015.

This in reference to extensive commercial expansion of the Pasolivo Olive Oil..[Willow Creek Newco.LLC] facility next door to my property on Vineyard Drive.

I have very strong objections to many facets of the project and in serious violation of County procedure, was NEVER notified of any applications or hearings regarding this project.

Now, on Friday night at 6PM, I find that the applicant, knowing there will be multiple appeals and strong objections to many components of their application by the nearest neighbors, has made an end run around county policy and the law by obtaining a Demolition Permit just yesterday for the destruction of one of our County's oldest and most historic barns.

The applicant should be ashamed.

County staff should be ashamed for allowing this very questionable tactic. This demolition permit is a serious component of the entire scope of the commercial expansion that the applicant desires. It is against the law for this permit to be acted upon while the County decision is under appeal.

I am writing this to you tonight in hopes you might check your e-mail in time to intercede. It appears that the rushed up demolition of this Historic barn may take place tomorrow..Yes, that would be Saturday. Please do anything you can to enforce County requirements and uphold the law as it relates to this project.

Thank you,

Ron Jolliffe

843 Vine St.

Paso.....[owner of 8380 and 8388 Vineyard Drive..

Home phone is 239 0303



Fw: Appeal of Minor Use Permit DRC2013-00028 for 8530 Vineyard Dr, Paso Robles, zoned Ag-Rural Residential
Vicki Shelby to: Holly Phipps

05/12/2015 11:12 AM

for your staff report.

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Subject: Appeal of Minor Use Permit DRC2013-00028 for 8530 Vineyard Dr, Paso Robles, zoned Ag-Rural Residential

Supervisor Mecham and Board of Supervisors:

We live at 4060 Vineyard Drive, Paso Robles, and 9 years ago we lived for several years at 930 Jensen Road, Paso Robles (near Norman Vineyards). Nine years ago there was much less traffic on Vineyard Drive than today...and the amount of traffic keeps increasing.

As you are aware, this is a beautiful, rural area with winding single-lane country roads. Bicyclists enjoy riding along Vineyard, although there is no shoulder for them. We want this tranquil area preserved, along with the historic circa 1900 barn, one of the few left in the Adelaida area in good condition, having withstood the 2003 earthquake. Demolishing a rare example of pioneer architecture would be a disservice to the shared history of the Paso Robles area.

The "Minor Use Permit" for the proposed "barn like structure" Event Center allows up to 40 events/rehearsals EACH YEAR--that is MORE than ONE per WEEK, with AMPLIFIED MUSIC allowed from 10am to 9pm, and it would very definitely have a negative impact on the "character of the immediate neighborhood." If we still lived off Vineyard Dr at 930 Jensen Rd, we would hear this amplified music 40 DAYS EACH YEAR. How do we know this? We now live 3 miles from Tooth & Nail Winery (formerly Eagle Castle), which has just secured an event-use permit, and 4 miles from Castoro Cellars which puts on outdoor summer concerts using MEGA-HIGH DECIBEL amplified concerts--and WE HEAR THEM AT OUR HOME!! Despite small rolling hills between our home and Castoro Cellars (and soon Tooth & Nail), we CLEARLY HEAR VERY LOUD AMPLIFIED MUSIC. The event(s) at Castoro's new outdoor venue under the oaks go longer than 9:00pm. If we hear amplified rock music 4 miles away, imagine what the 100+ decibel level is doing to the concert-goers' hearing.

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County Planning has no real means to monitor or enforce permit conditions, and that is a very big problem. With no real means of regulation other than the assumption that "everyone obeys the law" there is, in essence, NO MEANS OF REGULATION, because the event center is not within city limits, and there are no police to patrol this rural area. Without MONITORING and ENFORCEMENT, limitations are MEANINGLESS. The problem is further compounded when considering the increased traffic on narrow roads that already see the impact of excessive winery-based tourism. The problem will only worsen because THIS PERMIT SETS A PRECEDENT, as was the case in the permit for Castoro Cellars, which led to a permit for Tooth & Nail...which will lead to other permits.

This Minor Use Permit is, in fact, much more than "minor". It would CHANGE this zoned AG-RURAL RESIDENTIAL Neighborhood into an EVENT-ORIENTED COMMERCIAL ZONE. County Agricultural Policy 6 states: "...uses shall be clearly incidental and secondary to the primary agricultural use." But this is not the case; the many EVENTS along with using the three Pasolivo residences as "upscale vacation rentals" will be the PRIMARY use of this property.

We are traveling out of state at the time of the June 2, 2015 appeal. Please enter our YES vote for APPEAL of Minor Use Permit DRC2013-00028.

Thank you.

Michelle and Dorian Hachigian
20-year residents of San Luis Obispo County
4060 Vineyard Drive
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Re: Fw: SAVE THE BARN

Vicki Shelby to: nlangus
Bcc: Holly Phipps

05/13/2015 10:36 AM

Thank you for your concerns, we've forwarded your email to the County Planner handling this for inclusion in the record for the hearing scheduled 6/2/15.

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Subject: SAVE THE BARN

PLEASE PRESERVE the beautiful, iconic, red barn on Vineyard Drive's Willow Creek Ranch.





Re: Fw: Minor use permit DRC 2013-00028 Pasolivo
Vicki Shelby to: kimrouth59
Cc: Frank Mecham, Holly Phipps

05/13/2015 01:21 PM

Good Afternoon Ms. Routh,

Thank you for your comments on this application. I am forwarding your email to the County Planner handling this project so that it will be included in the record when this matter comes for hearing on June 2.

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Subject: Minor use permit DRC 2013-00028 Pasolivo

Dear Supervisor Mecham,
I live just a couple of doors down from the proposed project and I have some concerns, so I

thought that I would list them for you to ponder while making your decision.

We farm in this neighborhood, it's an agricultural area, that's how it's zoned. The proposed 25 events a year (not counting non profit events) would take place on Ag land that is in the Williamson act. Ask yourself, do they really need to have 25 events a year with amplified music to sell olive oil? I suspect the use of the property would no longer be primarily agricultural. And this is in addition to the multiple vacation rentals on the property.

When Halter Ranch applied for permits and built, I had no problem. In fact, I went over to talk to them about their project and was supportive when they were restoring the historic home and were building out the rest of the project in keeping with the nature of the neighborhood. When Whalebone Winery went in, again, I had no problem. Same with Thatcher Winery. When the original Pasolivo press room was built, I had no objection. They all did it right. And I understand that change happens. This is not about preventing change.

As farmer/ranchers we move equipment down these roads and, as you can imagine, it's no picnic on wine festival weekend. Due to the nature of agriculture we don't have the luxury of altering our time schedule. These roads are narrow, unforgiving and, as witnessed **again** just last week, can be fatal. Every year that goes by there is more traffic and noise, we can't prevent that. However, approving an event center out here just opens up the door to more development that is not in accordance with zoning and is not responsible. Imagine three or four more such venues out here. Imagine tourists that are drowsy from wine tasting and bicyclists out for a ride. Now add to that 1000 more people headed out to events on these roads... You are welcome to ride down the road with me on a tractor with a baler or on a Harrowbed that weekend :) I'll even buy you a cup of coffee at Hoovers afterwards, oh wait, they tore that down too...

It saddens me to see our way of life endangered by people who don't even live here. I urge you to take in to consideration the safety of this neighborhoods residents and the tourists that bring income to our county.

Respectfully yours,

Kim Routh
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Frank Mecham Frank R. Mecham District 1 Supervisor 05/18/2015 09:14:06 AM

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Subject: County File Nmber: DRC2014-00083

Supervisor Mecham,

I am writing to appeal the subject Minor Use Permit. My husband and I purchased our property at 6644 and 6648 Vineyard in 1982 expecting to live out our days in a quiet rural area, away from the hustle and bustle of city life.

Since that time, our area has been inundated with more and more wineries having special events. I realize the vineyards are still agricultural, but the many use permits issued for the wineries has increased every year. This latest request for a permit to have an event center is the straw that broke the camels back. Keep event centers together on the other side of the 101 freeway.

Wanda G. Weage
6648 Vineyard Dr.
Paso Robles, CA 93446

Dear Frank

It seems to me that an Event Center on Vineyard Drive is a very bad idea. We are blessed with one of the most beautiful, pristine, quiet and peaceful areas in the world. Creating an Event Center here would be akin to putting a bar and a bandstand in a Wildlife Preserve. We are here because we enjoy the serenity as a way of life. Opening the door to a non-ag commercialized public attraction would start the flood. This part of Paso Robles is very unique and special.

Please don't let us ruin it.

Thank you,

George and Ann Perham
1965 Niderer Rd,

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Date: 05/15/2015 01:50 PM
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Dear Supervisor Mecham,

My name is Aleah Koury, I reside at 8810 Vineyard Drive in Paso Robles. My residence is just two doors north of the proposed demolition site at Pasolivo Olive Oil Company. Pasolivo is the property which has requested the destruction of one of our last and rarest architectural gems in this area which I lovingly call home. I will argue that this is one of the last remaining buildings preserving our local identity!

I moved to Paso Robles 15 years ago from the Monterey Peninsula searching for rural authenticity and serenity. I found space, tranquility, and the originality of a rural California on the West side of Paso Robles. This area moved me and I feel extremely fortunate to be able to reside here. My move from the Monterey Peninsula was an escape from overdevelopment, overpopulation and commercialization of what was a beautiful, pristine area. Unfortunately dollars and history took a back seat to "progress". Let me state that I am not against progress, I am against the wrong kind of "progress".

When I received the notice of the possible demolition of this historic barn I felt it necessary to voice some of my concerns and explain why this should NOT happen and take action against it!

1. Vineyard Drive is first and foremost a two lane limited artery serving the local residents, farmers and ranchers. Some of these residents are using it to transport heavy farm equipment from one property to another. This is how they make their living and have no choice but to use Vineyard Drive. This activity demands patience and understanding from other motorists and cyclists also sharing the road. Life is slower out here but we make it work. Unfortunately the reality is the road is becoming very crowded and seemingly smaller. We are making it work, but a project of this magnitude will be extremely challenging on many levels.

2. If you have driven on Vineyard Drive you will undoubtedly notice the beauty that surrounds it. Make no mistake, for all of its beauty this road is unforgiving and demands a driver's full attention. The many curves, intersections, steep embankments, lack of lighting at night, Winery driveways and other less considerate drivers make this road challenging for the residents that must drive it daily.

I personally commute to work in Paso Robles every weekday. Unless unavoidable I choose not to drive on Vineyard Drive on the weekends due to traffic, the increasing drunk drivers, inconsiderate tourists and the influx of cyclists and bikers. When I drive, I drive with caution and awareness of the heavy equipment and other obstacles which I encounter. I have never had an incident yet. I feel grateful. Downed trees are common after storms. Rain, fallen moss from trees, rogue livestock and wildlife create conditions which demand drivers attention 100% of the time. In short, this is a driving experience which demands attention, consideration and patience. We also lack a police presence as this is county jurisdiction requiring the local sheriffs office to take care of any problems. I have rarely if ever seen a patrol car out here which would also deter careless driving habits.

3. As each year passes, residents have watched as other local businesses and wineries have "improved" and built out their properties in this immediate area. Opolo, Hammer Sky, Brecon, Thatcher, Halter Ranch, Tablas Creek, and several other wineries not mentioned have all followed suit in their desire to draw the tourist dollar. All of the mentioned businesses and many more are within a 2 mile radius of Pasolivo. I think you can understand that we are reaching our saturation level when it comes to operating businesses which require their patrons to use Vineyard Drive.

I believe these businesses have done a good job in expanding. Some of them have even added food service and guest quarters for B&B's! Unfortunately there is a huge difference between these operations and what the owners of Pasolivo are requesting and pursuing.

4. Having a multi-purpose events center built in place of a historical landmark seems out of place and insensitive to our way of life. Why and how can one family's desire to have what they want effect so many other's lives in such a selfish and negative way? It just doesn't feel honest, ethical or fair. If they want to create a venue which offers concerts and similar events accommodating these numbers why here? Why destroy a local landmark to offend? It is just so juxtaposed to our lifestyle and our sensibilities..... especially on a scale of this magnitude. This "facility " will be in direct ear shot of so many of us living in this rare solitude. Sound is amplified and carries out here. The loudest noise we hear at night is the hoot of the owls, howling of a coyote or rain falling on the roof. Please understand that this "improvement" would adversely change our lives forever. Who can place a value on silence and solitude? That is the commodity for me and I believe I can speak for my neighbors also.

5. As I mentioned earlier, I commute and drive on Vineyard Drive passing Pasolivo at least twice daily. There isn't a single day that I don't witness more and more problems with the local wildlife populations being destroyed by more and more traffic. Deer, (a huge problem at dusk which is when many of these events are scheduled) coyotes, badgers, squirrels, skunks, foxes, ground squirrels, turkeys, vultures, many varieties of snakes, too many bird species to mention,(but I could) including the local and unique yellow billed magpie, all fall victim to roadkill because automobiles driving too fast on a road designed for rural use is overused. I actually pull off of the road to save these creatures when they are too slow moving to cross safely or injured. It

is inevitable they will be run over if I don't. I relocate them to safer ground or water in the case of migrating Western Pond turtles and the California Newt now searching for water sources due to the drought. Another huge issue facing our area.

As traffic levels rise, so does the mortality rate of wildlife in this area. The death toll from additional drivers will take a huge future toll on local animal populations. For a flock of turkeys or the small wild piglets trying to escape a fast moving vehicle it becomes impossible for them to survive. I have to consciously not dwell on the amount of roadkill I see daily but especially on Mondays following a busy wine tasting weekend. It is very depressing. The variety of animals including reptiles, birds, and amphibians is astonishing. They are victims created by an overused road. I wonder if an EPA study would be important to define the nature of additional adverse effects on our local wildlife populations?

6. This brings me to the next issue which directly deals with human deaths and injuries on or near our road in recent months. Because of its scenic beauty Vineyard Drive is used more and more by groups of cyclists, collector car enthusiasts and clubs, wine tasters, tourists and of course residents. I have personally witnessed accidents but have witnessed many near misses too. People visiting our area have a limited understanding that this is a working road. This creates a lack of consideration to yield to local traffic. I believe it never occurs to them because they have lost site of the fact they are not in "reality". It is not uncommon to come around a bend to find a stopped vehicle with the driver taking a picture standing in the road outside of the car! No need to safely pull off of the road, the "Disney" effect has stripped them of any sense of real danger. The fact is they have put us ALL in danger. I could elaborate but won't at this time but it is a big problem and certainly a tragedy waiting to happen.

In closing, I believe I have outlined "some" of the reasons I feel so passionately about the proposed negative development and destruction of this marvelous piece of architectural history.. Let me remind you that at one time Knox Berry Farm was located on a sleepy country road out in the country. Is that the direction we want to go? Can we learn from our mistakes and place value on the things that really matter? Do we have the insight to preserve our history, save our lonelier places and allow those who live there (including wildlife) the right to maintain what we have also paid a dear price to own? I realize I am wordy, but it is the passion I feel compelled to share with those that are in a place of power to make these important decisions. Is this what we want to call progress? Being blown backwards into the future eyes wide open wishing we would have made different choices? This is the difference between progress, smart growth, exploitation and greed. Just because we can does not mean we should!! Or do we learn and listen from our current and past mistakes and preserve and conserve these rare areas walking confidently into the future with pride for future generations? Please consider all of these points and others from concerned residents in this magical place I call my home. I know I am not alone in my beliefs and desires.

Thanks for your time,

Sincerely,

Aleah Koury

8810 Vineyard Drive, Paso Robles, Ca. 93446

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I am writing in support of the permit issued for changes to the Pasolivo property at 8530 Vineyard Dr. The property owner has met with the qualifications set by the county and I see no reason to deny him full use of his investment. I assume the opposing group had the opportunity to purchase said property and did not do so; therefore I fail to understand why they should be able to dictate what the owner does with an old barn. I have no connection to the new owners but I feel strongly about property rights. Again, this owner has met the qualifications established by the county or a permit would not have been issued.

Mary Shears
415 Jensen Rd.
P.R., Ca. 93446



Pasolivo
Vicki Shelby to: Holly Phipps

05/19/2015 09:04 AM

Hi Holly,

Mr. Robert Carlson called and is a neighbor to the above project. While he believes that a person should be able to do what they want with their property, he hates to see the barn destroyed. I told him this would be in the permanent record.

Thanks

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