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From: LAMARA HEARTWELL [joyblossom@mac.com]

Sent: Monday, May 17, 2010 10:41 PM

To: Wolf, Janet; sbcob; Gray, Joni; Farr, Doreen; Centeno, Joseph; Allen, Michael (COB); Carbajal, Salud

Subject: Column in NP re Botanic Garden



**Opinion: SHARED
SPACE? Duplication and
expansion of facilities for
large gatherings is an
expensive and dangerous
proposition for
community**

Sydney Baumgartner
May 16, 2010 6:39 AM

I'd like to challenge the Santa Barbara community to come together to solve a looming problem that affects us all so profoundly. The Santa Barbara Botanic Garden and the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History were one united organization at their inception, sharing facilities and disciplines to study, explore and instruct Santa Barbara about its environment.

Both of these venerable institutions are in the throes of expansion.

The Botanic Garden has proposed large gathering facilities for instruction and is on the brink of county consideration and approval of its expansion.

The Natural History Museum has invited neighbors from the city's Upper Eastside to view its plans for expansion of its facilities with greater capacity for gatherings, events,

education and instruction, as well as better traffic circulation.

Saint Anthony's Seminary is expanding its facilities for a larger school, a block and a half from the existing Roosevelt School. The Santa Barbara Mission, between these two schools, has a large facility for gathering and worshipping for neighbors and tourists. The Fielding Institute nearby has gracious meeting rooms for instruction.

The duplication and expansion of more facilities for large gatherings is an expensive and dangerous proposition for our community. Coordination of the schedules of all of these facilities and the resulting number of people in this area at any given time becomes an impossible task.

Add to this mix, sundowner winds, low humidity and the threat of fire down the lower corridor of Mission Canyon. Then consider the current economic pinch on the budgets of these institutions and the great cost of expansion of facilities to draw larger groups of people for educational purposes.

Could we step back in time to consider a solution:

Share use of existing facilities among these organizations to save considerable capital expense and to prevent duplication of existing buildings. Coordinate scheduling of events to relieve the traffic and congestion in Mission Canyon, the Upper Eastside and Alameda Padre Serra evacuation routes. Threat of fire in this area demands careful coordination and planning between these organizations.

This level of cooperation between city and county entities may be a challenge, but the ultimate saving of lives in time of emergency, the actual savings in cost of new, duplicate facilities, the reduced footprint of added buildings on the land and the new sharing of facilities and information will make each of these organizations stronger and less competitive than they are at present.

In a nutshell, it would be insanity to build and fill multiple auditoriums with people at the top and at the bottom of Mission Canyon Road, with the unrealistic hope that a sundowner wind would not spread a fire through this dry oak woodland corridor.

I hope for a step back in the planning process and for cooperation between our beloved institutions.

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Allied Neighborhoods Association

May 18, 2010

To: Chair Wolf and other members of the Board of Supervisors

The Board of Directors of Allied wishes to affirm our strong support of the Appeals filed by the Mission Canyon Association, Friends of Mission Canyon and the Friends of Xana'yan to deny approval of the Botanic Garden Master Plan.

We have been made aware that there may be some confusion regarding our position and I wish to assure you that as President I am the only one authorized to speak for our organization on this important issue.

Cathie McCammon, President

Lee-Rodriguez, Nicole

From: Rosanne Crawford [info@childtimenanny.com]

Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 9:47 AM

To: sbcob

Subject: Vital Mission plan apeal

I will try to be at the May 27th meeting however most likely have to be out of town for the Holiday weekend. I would like to have my opinion known that I am not in agreement with the expansion. I have no problem with them replacing structures burned and upgrading existing facilities however the fire danger in our area is very real as we all saw last year. As a mission canyon resident residing within a short walk of the Garden, I feel this is a huge concern. I also do not think that all these proposed research facilities are necessary inn light of both UCSB and Santa Barbara City College, right here in our community that have excellent botany programs. As far as a venue for special events, with almost countless options available in our community, there is really no need or is this greed?

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Lee-Rodriguez, Nicole

From: Rebecca Eldridge [rjesb2001@yahoo.com]

Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 3:09 PM

To: sbcob

Subject: SBBG plan

I have been following the long, long process the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden has been subjected to regarding their building plan. I was very surprised to read after the last meeting of the limitation on visitors that is being proposed, especially for special events.

I worked at the Garden from 1986-1994, and my brother has lived on Tunnel Rd. since the early 1970s [he lost his home in the Jesusita fire] so I am familiar with the Garden and with the Mission Canyon area, and with the fire danger. Visitors to the Garden generally come at a rather gentle pace and it is rare to feel on a daily basis that the place is overrun with masses of people needing to be evacuated in an emergency. Most of the weekday visitors are there when Mission Canyon residents are away from their homes so I find it difficult to imagine the doomsday scenarios those who are opposing the garden are painting.

Severely limiting the number of visitors for special events would seriously hamper fundraising efforts, which is precisely what the neighbors opposing the garden want to do. They are not interested in the research and educational aspects of the Garden.

What has amazed me through all of this with the concerns raised about fire danger and evacuating, is that I have not heard any of the Mission Canyon neighbors campaigning to close the Tunnel Rd. trail. Drive up Tunnel Rd. on any nice weekend and there are cars blocking the road, making it impossible for fire trucks to pass. Should a fire break out while all those hikers are up on Tunnel Trail [a real possibility since they seem to be so helpful with 'trail maintenance' and irresponsible acts such as the incident that started the Jesusita fire] not only would the hikers have difficulty retreating to their vehicles and then evacuating, but so would Mission Canyon residents who find their routes restricted by all the parked vehicles. No one opposed to the garden's plan seems to be outraged over this. And certainly the Garden with all their planning, fire hydrants, closing on red flag alert days, etc., are far more conscientious and considerate of their neighbors than the hoards of people who flock to Mission Canyon on weekends to hike the trails.

Please reconsider the restrictions on visitors for special events especially so the Garden can continue to be a viable, important asset to the entire community. With careful planning and thoughtful scheduling, the Garden should be able to hold special events that do not put the residents of the canyon in jeopardy.

Sincerely,

Rebecca J. Eldridge
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Lee-Rodriguez, Nicole

From: Francesca Galt [frangalt@cox.net]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 12:31 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: Tuttle, Alex
Subject: busses to SBBG

Dear Supervisors,

The buss service to the SBBG is a not a safe or reasonable situation. Excessive noise comes from the acceleration uphill (it is uphill from Foothill) and the brakes coming back downhill, plus all the stopping and starting.

There never were regular scheduled busses north of Foothill and residents and visitors consider these country roads.

The second turnout is especially for bikers and hikers who come into the canyon. There are no shoulders in most places so a buss puts all pedestrians at risk.

Busses damage the safety, quiet and the whole ambience of the place.

If necessary to have a regular weekend service - and experience shows that the busses are usually empty - a small van or shuttle is sufficient.

Any service should be carefully monitored and discontinued when shown to be unused.

We greatly appreciate careful consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Francesca Galt

Lee-Rodriguez, Nicole

From: Francesca Galt [frangalt@cox.net]
Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2010 4:23 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Historic Landmark decision

Dear Supervisors,

Thank you so very much for your vote to uphold the recommendations of the County Historic Landmark Advisory Commission.

This will help to ensure that the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden will be a treasured and respected site into the future.

It shows that the people can make a difference and gives us hope for the system.

Sincerely,

Fran Galt

Lee-Rodriguez, Nicole

From: Ingrid Kaper [ingkapin@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2010 8:20 PM
To: sbcob; SupervisorCarbajal; Centeno, Joseph
Cc: Wolf, Janet; Farr, Doreen; Gray, Joni
Subject: Santa Barbara Botanic Garden

I am writing in support of the Vital Mission Plan of the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden. I can't understand why they are being fought every step of the way. The current plan is extremely scaled back and is bare bones. The building and rebuilding that needs to be done is crucial to enable the Garden to continue its historic mission to educate, research and conserve. The changes proposed make the canyon safer from fire, with better access for fire trucks and equipment. There are many reasons for you to approve and allow the Garden to proceed with their plans. I urge you to stop these unnecessary delays and let the Garden do what they do best: educate, research, and conserve.

***Ingrid Kaper
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Lompoc, Ca 93436***

***Live Well,
Laugh Often,
Love Much.***

Lee-Rodriguez, Nicole

From: Michael Brooks [mbrooks2@ix.netcom.com]

Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2010 11:07 PM

To: sbcob

Subject: Support of Botanic Gardens

Please allow the plans for the Botanic Gardens to pass. I am a fourth generation Santa Barbaran and am in total support of the Gardens, as well you should be.

Thank you,

Michael Brooks

805-967-9525

Lee-Rodriguez, Nicole

From: Peter and Paulina Conn [pconnt43@cox.net]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 5:26 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Fwd: Botanic Garden/pumpkin tank firefighting/brochure
Attachments: Pumpkin Tank.pdf; ATT00001.txt; ATT00002

Begin forwarded message:

From: Peter and Paulina Conn <pconnt43@cox.net>
Date: May 26, 2010 11:03:34 PM PDT
To: Centeno Joe <jcenteno@co.santa-barbara.ca.us>, Salud Carbajal <scarbajal@sbcbos1.org>, Supervisor Wolf Janet <jwolf@sbcbos2.org>, Farr Doreen <dfarr@countyofsb.org>, Gray Joni <jgray@co.santa-barbara.ca.us>
Subject: Botanic Garden/pumpkin tank firefighting/brochure

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I question the wisdom and logic of a helipad and pumpkin tank on the SB Botanic Garden property when we have an excellent, safer, and less costly water source just one minute (Jesusita Fire time) away at the Lauro Canyon reservoir . To keep a "pumpkin" water tank filled at the SBBG will tie up at least two firefighters and one fire hydrant.

Brochure below shows that these pumpkin tanks are used when a water supply is limited. The water supply for helicopters is not limited for the SBBG.

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Ground Application

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Drainage Outlets:

- 1" to 6" NPT

Specifications on overleaf.



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Part No.		112	253	506	1012	1518	2530	4048	5060	80100	120144
Collapsed Dimension	Inches	10x18x28	12x20x30	15x24x33	15x24x38	15x24x40	20x29x40	20x29x48	22x30x48	32x32x54	38x24x62
	cm	25x46x71	30x50x76	38x61x84	38x61x96	38x61x101	51x73x101	51x73x122	56x76x122	81x81x137	95x61x158
Weight	Pounds	13	22	38	55	69	92	106	123	200	250
	kg	6	10	17	25	31	42	48	56	91	113
Filled Outside Diameter	Inches	60	84	84	124	133	164	195	209	236	260
	Metres	1.5	2.1	2.1	3.15	3.4	4.2	5	5.3	6	6.6
Collar Inside Diameter	Inches	30	52	54	60	84	108	131	144	144	168
	Metres	.75	1.3	1.4	1.5	2.1	2.7	3.3	3.7	3.7	3.7
Height (Filled)	Inches	23	32	38	40	48	48	60	60	80	93
	Metres	.6	.8	.97	1	1.2	1.2	1.5	1.5	2	2.4
Outlets	#	1	2	2	2	2	2	4	4	4	4
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> I recommend that the helipad be denied.

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> This spot is also one of the prime view spots that is handicap
> accessible. It also allows the disabled to enjoy the Porter Trail area
> which they can not do now. The Porter Trail is one of the few
> relatively level and natural looking areas that the disabled in wheel
> chairs can experience in the same way that the able bodied visitors
> can.

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> Thank you for your consideration.

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> Sincerely,
> Paulina Conn
> 682-5183

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Lee-Rodriguez, Nicole

From: Peter and Paulina Conn [pconnt43@cox.net]
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2010 12:18 AM
To: Centeno, Joseph; sbcob; Carbajal, Salud; Wolf, Janet; Farr, Doreen; Gray, Joni
Subject: Re: SBBG Map- significant parcel omitted from Cultural Landscape Master Plan

Attachments: IMG_2889.jpg; ATT00001.txt; IMG_3852.jpg; ATT00002.txt



IMG_2889.jpg (152 KB) ATT00001.txt (331 B) IMG_3852.jpg (197 KB) ATT00002.txt (3 KB)

Dear Supervisors Carbajal, Wolf, Farr, Gray, and Centeno,

Please include AP 023-060-018 (1941) in the Cultural Landscape Master Plan (CLMP). It is the very important triangle of land at the Y of Tunnel Rd. and Mission Canyon Rd. The two photos below show its significance as the first public view of SB Botanic Garden property. It is planted in native California plants. Since it was acquired in 1941, it is part of the period of significance between 1926 and 1950. This parcel was omitted from the CLMP on the SBBG map that showed the Landmark, the CLMP parcels, and the entire Garden.

MISSION CANYON RD
TUNNEL RD

TUNNEL ROAD

BOTANIC GARDEN

MISSION CANYON ROAD 1/2 MILE



ATT00001

IMG_2889.JPG This triangle of land behind the signs at the Y of Tunnel Rd. and Mission Canyon Rd. belongs to the SBBG. Acquired in 1941. It is part of the period of significance and belongs in the Cultural Landscape Master Plan. Photo 8-4-09 by Paulina Conn



ATT00002

IMG_3852.JPG Another view of the land at the Tunnel Rd. and Mission Canyon Y. This is the first view the public has of the SBBG. This triangle of land on the left is north of the sign pointing to the Botanic Garden at the Y of Tunnel Rd. and Mission Canyon Rd. Acquired in 1941, it is AP 23-060-018. It is part of the period of significance and should be included in the Cultural Landscape Master Plan. Photo 4-24-10 by Paulina Conn

Please do not certify the EIR until the very important parcel, AP 023-060-018 (acquired in 1941), which was omitted from the Cultural Landscape Master Plan is included in the CLMP. Although Alex Tuttle, Planner for the SB Botanic Garden, indicated in the email response below that this parcel "was not used as part of the active Garden during the period of significance." Mr Tuttle also indicates that parcels AP 023-060-022 (1947, the Director's home parcel) and AP 023-060-023 (1941, the water tank parcel) are included in the Cultural Landscape Master Plan. These parcels were not used as part of the active Garden and still are not part of the public part. It does not make sense to omit AP 023-060-018 from the Cultural Landscape Master Plan as this very important parcel introduces the public to the SBBG at the Tunnel Rd and Mission Canyon Y while including parcels AP 023-060-022 and 023. The omission may also indicate that HRG did inadequate independent research. This also indicates the importance of upholding your own Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission's oversight on this issue.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,
Paulina Conn

On May 25, 2010, at 10:59 AM, Tuttle, Alex wrote:

> yes
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Peter and Paulina Conn [mailto:pconnt43@cox.net]
> Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2010 10:58 AM
> To: Tuttle, Alex
> Subject: Re: SBBG Map omitted parcel for Cultural Landscape Master
> Plan?
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> Are parcel numbers AP -060-023 (1941, water tank parcel) and
> AP023-060-22 (1947, director's home parcel) included? The map looked
> like they were.
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> Thanks,
> Paulina
> On May 25, 2010, at 10:29 AM, Tuttle, Alex wrote:
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>> That parcel was not included in the boundaries of the Historic Garden
>> because, while purchased in 1941, was not used as part of the active
>> Garden during the period of significance. This discussion is included
>> in the Historic Resources Evaluation.
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>> -----Original Message-----
>> From: Peter and Paulina Conn [mailto:pconnt43@cox.net]
>> Sent: Sunday, May 23, 2010 10:43 PM
>> To: Tuttle, Alex
>> Cc: Centeno, Joseph; Woodward John; Carbajal, Salud; Wolf, Janet;
>> Farr, Doreen; Gray, Joni

ATT00002

>> Subject: SBBG Map omitted parcel for Cultural Landscape Master Plan?
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>> Dear Alex,
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>> At the Board of Supervisors' hearing on May 18, a map of the SBBG was
>> shown on which was marked, by various dotted lines, the Landmark and
>> the parcels to be included in the Cultural Landscape Master Plan.
>> Those
>> parcels for the Cultural Landscape Master Plan (CLMP) were to be the
>> ones acquired by the SBBG prior to 1950 were they not?
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>> The parcel at the corner of Tunnel Rd. and Mission Canyon, APN
>> 023-060-018, was acquired in 1941. I did not see that it was included
>> in the delineation on the map as being included in the CLMP. Did I
>> miss it?
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>> Thank you.
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>> Sincerely,
>> Paulina Conn
>> 682-5183
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May 25, 2010

Subject: Santa Barbara Botanic Garden

Dear Supervisors,

I am writing in regards to the upcoming hearing on June 1st concerning the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden. I have written in the past regarding this subject and I find it quite concerning that the Garden and its Vital Mission Plan are still the subject of debate and discussion. The Garden is a community asset and all efforts should be taken to allow the Garden to survive and thrive well into the future.

It is clear that Garden management has been responsive to community and Supervisor concerns and that they have adjusted their plans in accordance with the issues at hand. However, it appears that currently proposed changes, specifically more stringent limits on the amount of affordable homes, drastic limits on educational classes and major cuts to visitation levels, will severely impact the Garden's viability and will greatly diminish its ability to continue to serve the community at large.

Affordable housing at the Garden has many benefits including: Providing much needed affordable housing to our community, reduced commuting to and from the Garden and therefore reduced vehicle traffic and pollution, as well as the obvious benefits to the Garden of having staff on hand for the maintenance and protection of the property.

Severe limits on educational offerings goes against common sense and the mission of the Garden. Education is at the core of not only the Garden's mission, but without education how do you expect future generations to gain knowledge and appreciation of our natural surroundings. Educational funding and opportunities are being cut all across the state. Please do not limit educational opportunities at the Garden.

Curtailing visitation to the Garden, below what is already proposed served no valid purpose other than to placate a few vocal neighbors. The Garden is a resource which should be available to as many residents during as many hours as is reasonable and practical. We should be striving to serve the maximum allowed and not lowering limits and reducing hours. What is the point in having the Garden if one cannot visit or if the fees are so high and the hours so restrictive that reasonably planned events cannot take place?

I urge you to put in place no further restrictions and to allow the Garden to flourish as it is meant to do.

Thank You



Sarah Kitson

President, Kitson Landscape Management, Inc.

Dear Janet Wolf,

I am a frequent visitor to the Santa Barbara Botanic Gardens and I am very concerned with the struggles they are facing due to the proposed renovations. The Garden is a wonderful place to visit, of course, but it much more than that: children take field trips, lecturers come to speak, and necessary scientific research is done there. We should make sure that these aspects are always a priority at the Garden. The only to do this is to allow the Vital Mission Plan through.

I understand that people are nervous about any plans to update facilities, especially in such a sensitive area, but these plans will only improve the Garden. The updates will not sacrifice open space or the mission of the Garden.

Please approve the plans that the Garden has proposed.

Sincerely, 

Ignacio Elias
5016 La Gama Way
Santa Barbara, CA 93111

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2ND DISTRICT OFFICE

Dear Salud Carbajal,

I am a frequent visitor to the Santa Barbara Botanic Gardens and I am very concerned with the struggles they are facing due to the proposed renovations. The Garden is a wonderful place to visit, of course, but it much more than that: children take field trips, lecturers come to speak, and necessary scientific research is done there. We should make sure that these aspects are always a priority at the Garden. The only to do this is to allow the Vital Mission Plan through.

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Sincerely, 

Ignacio Elias
5016 La Gama Way
Santa Barbara, CA 93111

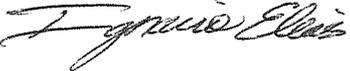
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1ST DISTRICT OFFICE

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Sincerely, 

Ignacio Elias
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Santa Barbara, CA 93111

Lee-Rodriguez, Nicole

From: DCHall284@aol.com

Sent: Friday, May 28, 2010 11:21 AM

To: sbcob

Subject: Botanic Garden Plan

I support the Botanic Garden's reasonable Vital Mission Plan.

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Santa Barbara, Ca. 93108

Lee-Rodriguez, Nicole

From: Francesca Galt [frangalt@cox.net]
Sent: Monday, May 31, 2010 5:45 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: Tuttle, Alex
Subject: deliberation on SBBG agenda #6

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Blue

Dear Supervisors,

I urge you to require review and approval by CHLAC of all changes coming to the planning department related to the Historic Landmark, the entire Historic garden and the Historic Landscape Design Concept of the SBBG.

This is specialized knowledge and your County Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission will help prevent a continuous series of costly mistakes.

Sincerely,

Francesca Galt

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Santa Barbara, CA 931-5

May 28,2010

Janet Wolf
County Board of Supervisors
105 E. Anapam St.
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Re. Santa Barbara Botanic Garden.

Please deny the SBBG's building expansion plans.

In case compromise is need here are some ways to accommodate and save the landmark, etc.
See Attached map and attached room sizes and potential accommodations for overcapacity verification. Summary is at the end.

Please uphold your Historic Landmark Advisory Commission's oversight of the Terrace restoration, hardscape (pavers etc.), all parts of the Resolution 2003-059 including the 8 criteria, the 7 features, and the most important feature of all the historic landscape design concept and historic use, and the Cultural Landscape Master Plan.

Dear Supervisor Wolf,

Thank you for upholding Supervisor's Carbajal's excellent suggestions at the May 18,2010 hearing. Thank you for your own excellent observations and suggestions. Assuming the conceptual vote (5-0) is upheld here are some other compromise suggestions. Numbers 1 through 10 notes refer to the enclosed map.

1. Action: Remove the Childrens' Center P1-A

Why? Overcapacity. One room is sufficient. Placement is beyond the historic footprint for buildings into Manzanita Section. Blocks historic trail to creek.

Solution: Put Childrens' Center downstairs in North Wing. Do not allow gas jets

2. Action: Remove new entry sequence .

Why? Carefully designed 1938 master plan had all visitors enter at the steps.

Solution: Create 3 ADA parking spaces at the steps. Create a 36" to 39" zig zag ADA ramp that is screened with native CA plants and starts at the parking lot near steps and ends at the bottom of the steps thus everyone has the same experience. Idea by landscape architect specializing in preservation, head of the Independent Living Resource Center, and OK'd by Kellam de Forest, son of Lockwood de Forest.

Add fee kiosk similar to the beach ones in the parking lot if fees are needed.

3. Action: Remove large vehicle turnaround.

Why? Creates confusion and potential increase of road accidents here. Terrain too steep. Loss of mature trees.

Solution: Keep exit as is and mark it and the entrance clearly. Vehicles can go up Gene Howel driveway by way of entering parking lot and exiting at current entrance exit.

4. Action: Remove street parking spaces for Guild House on Mission Canyon Rd. near hairpin turn on Las Canoas Rd.

Why? Too dangerous.

Solution: Restudy and rework the existing 6 parking places at the Guild House property.

5. Action: Remove heliprot and pumpkin tank.

Why? Inappropriate for site. Wastes firefighter manpower and fire hydrant.

Solution: Use the Lauro Canyon Reservoir for water. It is only 1 minute away.

6. Action: Remove Conservation Center. P5

Why: Overcapacity. Not needed.

Solution: Put in Gane House as all can fit easily and well.

7. Action: Remove pocket parking along Gane House Driveway.

Why? Not needed. Ruins historic sandstone wall. Visually unacceptable from Mission Canyon Rd.

Solution: Place where Conservation Center would have been and around Gane House.

8. Action: Remove widening and realignment of Hansen site driveway.

Why? Dangerous exit. Archaeological site. Is not a secondary access therefore not needed.

Solution: Leave as is or pave at the current width.

9. Action: Remove all new homes on Hansen site.

Why? Archaeological site. Not needed.

Solution: SBBG has multiple adjacent properties for employee housing (2333 Las Canoas Rd. with 4 dwellings; 1100 Tunnel Rd (1); 1140 Tunnel Rd. (burned with potential for 2); 1007¹ Mission Canyon Rd which is the Guild House with 1).

10. Action: Remove Overlook on Cavalli site.

Why? Not needed. Potential public nuisance.

Solution: Plant California native trees.

A. Action: Remove 2 year temporary installations and 90 day seasonal exhibits from the landmark.

Why? The historic design concept and historic use is for the landscape architecture, native California plants and vistas to be the art that is the important function of the landmark.

Solution: Place on the non landmark portion of the Garden.

B. Action: Remove omission of the triangle parcel at Mission Canyon and Tunnel Rd. from the historic garden.

Why? It was omitted erroneously from the EIR. Acquired in 1941, it has been the first vista of garden property since that time. ~~Native CA~~ It is as important as the water tank and director's parcels which are included.

Solution: Add the triangle parcel to the historic garden and for inclusion in the Cultural Landscape Master Plan.

Sincerely,
Paulina Conn

Santa Barbara Botanic Garden Expansion Plans
 Comparison of existing and proposed square footage of **group rooms**/*people indoors*
 5-27-10 *Potential*
simultaneously

Landmark

Existing

Cottage E1-M 1,390
Herbarium E2-R 2,818 (1,209) 2 story
 Downstairs workroom accom approx **2**
Blaksley Library E3 3,153 (1677) 2 story
 Upstairs
 Library 896 can accommodate up to **70**

Downstairs
 Reading Rm.410 accommodates approx **6**

Unexcavated 162
Propagation Nursery E4 3,003
 Can accommodate **5**
 Accommodates approx.. **10**
North Wing E5 3,298 (1,649) 2 story
 Upstairs
 Gift Shop was 547 sf at NOP
 Accom.approx **10+2staff**
 Lab 240, kitchen 37,storage 33,32 sf
 Accom approx. **3**

Downstairs
 Arroyo Rm (labeled conf rm)643 sf
 Accom. Approx**25+ 2staff**

Visitor Kiosk E6R 170
Restroom E7 404
 Accom 6 (**not counted**)
Information Kiosk E8 320 roofed outside

Tea House E9 188
 Accommodates up to **12**

Proposed

Cottage –move 0
Herbarium -demolish 0

Blaksley Library change use 3,153
 Upstairs
 Exhibit Hall can
 accommodate **70**

Downstairs
 Snack window 236 est accom . **2**
 Kitchen prep 226 est accom **4**
 Janitor50,unlabeled 153, mech.50
 Unexcavated 162
Propagation Nursery (enc.222)
 3,003 Can accommodate **5**
 Accommodates approx.. **10**
North Wing remodel 3,972
 upstairs
 Gift Shop may already be at 1,061
 Accom.approx **12+2staff**
 Change to workroom inc to 275sf
 Accommodates approx. **4**
 And storage at 259sf plus elevator

Downstairs
 Adult lab classroom1,211
 accom.approx **55** according to
 Doug Singletary (DS) but sf
 is excessive.
 Volunteer rm712, accom. approx.
50
 kitchen 250 Accom.approx **3**
 toilet/lockers, storage?sf
Visitor Kiosk remove 0
Storage change use 404

Information Kiosk320 roofed
 outside

Tea House 188
 Accommodates up to **12**
Kid's Center P1A 3 floors 2,678
 Classrooms sf? Approx 704
 accom **50** (DS)
 Laboratory sf? Approx 704
 accom **50** (DS)
 outdoor growing roofs **25**

Restrooms accom 5 (**not counted**)
Adult Center/Library 2 floors plus
 basement 7.941
 Lower level
 2 Classrooms sf? Approx 865
 accom. **55 & 53**
 removable divider makes
 these into multipurpose room
 for events.
 Library Study sf? Est accom **10**
 +2staff
 Restrooms accom approx 7 (**not**
counted)
 Library Storage (assume this is
 compactor book library)
 Middle Level sf ?
 Huge "librarian" area, rare books,
 Educational resources, large area
 that looks empty. Est accom **20**
 Upper level
 Large empty space, elevator
 Est. accom **4**
Visitor Admission/restrooms 724
 Claims one floor but dug into
 canyon so is two story of
 walls

Total potential people indoors simultaneously in group rooms on Landmark in existing structures = 147

Total potential people indoors simultaneously in group rooms on Landmark in proposed structures = 495

Gane House Property

Existing
Gane House E10 derelict storage/maintenance 9.318

Proposed
Gane House administration 8,178
 (3975 footprnt)
 Main level
 Conference rm407 est
 accom.**15**
 Break rm 437
 Kitchen232
 Covered Patio307 est accom.
10
 Upper level porch 478 covered?
 Est accom. **15**
 Basement 1,423 not labeled. Est
 330 used for storage and
 machines
 Attic 1,033not labeled as to use

Storage Shed E11R 339
Storage Shed E12 356
Storage Shed E13R 323
Storage Shed E14M 150
Can Yard E15 1,984
Shade Structure (Saran House) E16 244
Lath House plants E17 725
Shade Structure plants E18 686
Head House (head gardener) E19 1,138

Restroom, offices, and storage is claimed.

Wood Shed storage E20M 143

Storage Shed remove 0
Storage Shed 356
Storage Shed remove 0
Storage Shed 150
Can Yard 1,984
Shade Structure addition 363
Lath House 725
Shade Structure 686
Head House (Propagation Unit)
1,138
Production space 380 accom aprox
3

Restroom 1 (not counted)
Wood Shed move to Hansen (143)
P5 Research Herbarium
(**Conservation Center** 2 floors
plus basement 5,552
Basement 2,215
Herbariums compactors and
specimen prep Est. accom. **2**
Main level 1936 gross sf
Light microscope lab est
500sf accom approx **5**
Lobby accom approx **2**
Restrooms 1 (**not counted**)
Upper level 1401 gross sf
Restroom 1 (**not counted**)
P6/7/8 Horticultural office/services
3,527
Reception 111? Approx accom **4**
Workroom 153? Approx accom **4**
Lunch room 267? **8 (not counted)**
Workshop/engraving 298? approx
accom **4**
Restrooms 2(**not counted**)
Electrical vehicle 472 (**not**
counted)
P9 Horticultural garage/shops
1,733
Wood Shop 400? approx accom **4**
Restrooms 1(**not counted**)
Truck Bay 288?
P10 Can Yard propagation 400

Total potential people indoors simultaneously in group rooms on Gane House property in existing structures = 0

Total potential people indoors simultaneously in group rooms on Gane House property in proposed structures = 68

Total potential people indoors simultaneously in group rooms on Landmark and Gane House property together in existing structures = 147

Total potential people indoors simultaneously in group rooms on Landmark and Gane House property together in proposed structures = 563

The Guild House Property not counted. Volunteers used to be here to make art object of natural materials to sell in the gift shop. About 10 could be accommodated with parking for 6 cars on site.

Also not counted are all the thousands of square feet of proposed patios and decks with the Children's Center, Adult Classroom and Library, conservation Center, and the Gane House.

Not counted is the new 700+ sf deck around the Cottage with lights! Never had lights before!

Number of potential people indoors simultaneously in offices and group rooms existing on the Landmark and Gane House property = $95 + 147 = 242$

Number of potential people indoors simultaneously in offices and group rooms proposed on the Landmark and Gane House property = $158 + 563 = 721$

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 Comparison of existing and proposed square footage of offices/ *personnel*
 5-27-10

Landmark

<u>Existing</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Cottage E1-M 1,390 5 offices 144,136,272,77,60 = 689sf	Cottage –move 0
Herbarium E2-R 2,818 (1,209) 2 story 1 lrg rm est. 6 offices = approx 1,000sf	Herbarium -demolish 0
Blaksley Library E3 3,153 (1677) 2 story 2 offices upstairs 224,358 1 office down 380 = 962sf	Blaksley Library change of use 3,153. 3 offices upstairs 224,258,117= 599sf
Propagation Nursery E4 3,003 0 offices	Propagation Nursery 3,003 (enc.222) 0 offices
North Wing E5 3,298 (1,649) 2 story 4 upstairs 145,143,139,139 3 down 172,232,287 = 1257sf	North Wing remodel 3,972 1 upstairs 150 1 down 150 = 300sf
Visitor Kiosk E6R 170	Visitor Kiosk remove 0
Restroom E7 404	Storage change use 404
Information Kiosk E8 320	Information Kiosk 320
Tea House E9 188	Tea House 188
	Kid's Center P1A 2 floors 2,678 0 offices
	AdultCenter/Library 2 floors plus basement 7,941 5 offices -2 offices upstairs 3 down est 150 ea = 750 sf
	Visitor Admis/restrooms 724. Claims one floor but dug into canyon
 Total # Offices = 21 at 3,980 sf	 Total # Offices = 15 at 1,649 sf

Gane House Property

<u>Existing</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Gane House E10 derelict storage/maintenance 9.318 Offices est at 2 at 50sf ea = 100 sf	Gane House administration 8,178 14 offices Upstairs533,343,172,144,174,182,103,174 Downstairs226,131,109,109,123,313 = 2,836 sf
Storage Shed E11R 339	Storage Shed remove 0
Storage Shed E12 356	Storage Shed 356
Storage Shed E13R 323	Storage Shed remove 0
Storage Shed E14M 150	Storage Shed 150

Can Yard E15 1,984
Shade Structure (Saran House) E16 244
Lath House plants E17 725
Shade Structure plants E18 686
Head House (head gardener) E19 1,138
2 Offices 76,80 = 156 sf
Wood Shed storage E20M 143

Can Yard 1,984
Shade Struct. addition 363
Lath House 725
Shade Structure 686
Head House 1,138
2 Offices 76,80 = 156 sf
Wood Shed move to Hansen
(143)
P5 Research Herbarium
2 floors plus basement 5,552
10 offices on three floors
upper 6 est at 150 ea
middle 3 est at 200 ea
lower 1 est at 150 = 1,650 sf
P6/7/8 Horticultural
office/services 3,527
5 offices est 150sf ea= 750 sf
P9 Horticultural
garage/shops 1,733

Total # offices = 4 at 256 sq ft

Total # offices = 31 at 5,392 sq ft

Grand totals

**Existing # offices Landmark and Gane House properties = 24 offices at a total of
4,236 sf.**

Proposed # offices Landmark and Gane House properties = 46 at a total of 7,041 sf.

**Using 2.25 people for 100sf of office space = existing 95 employees /100-sf-office.
= proposed 158 employees.100-sf-office.**

Other places where offices will exist in the future is on the Cavalli Property and have existed in the past under the current administration and may exist again is in the Guild Studio.

Architect

SANTA BARBARA BOTANIC GARDEN
1212 MISSION CANYON ROAD
SCHEMATIC DESIGN



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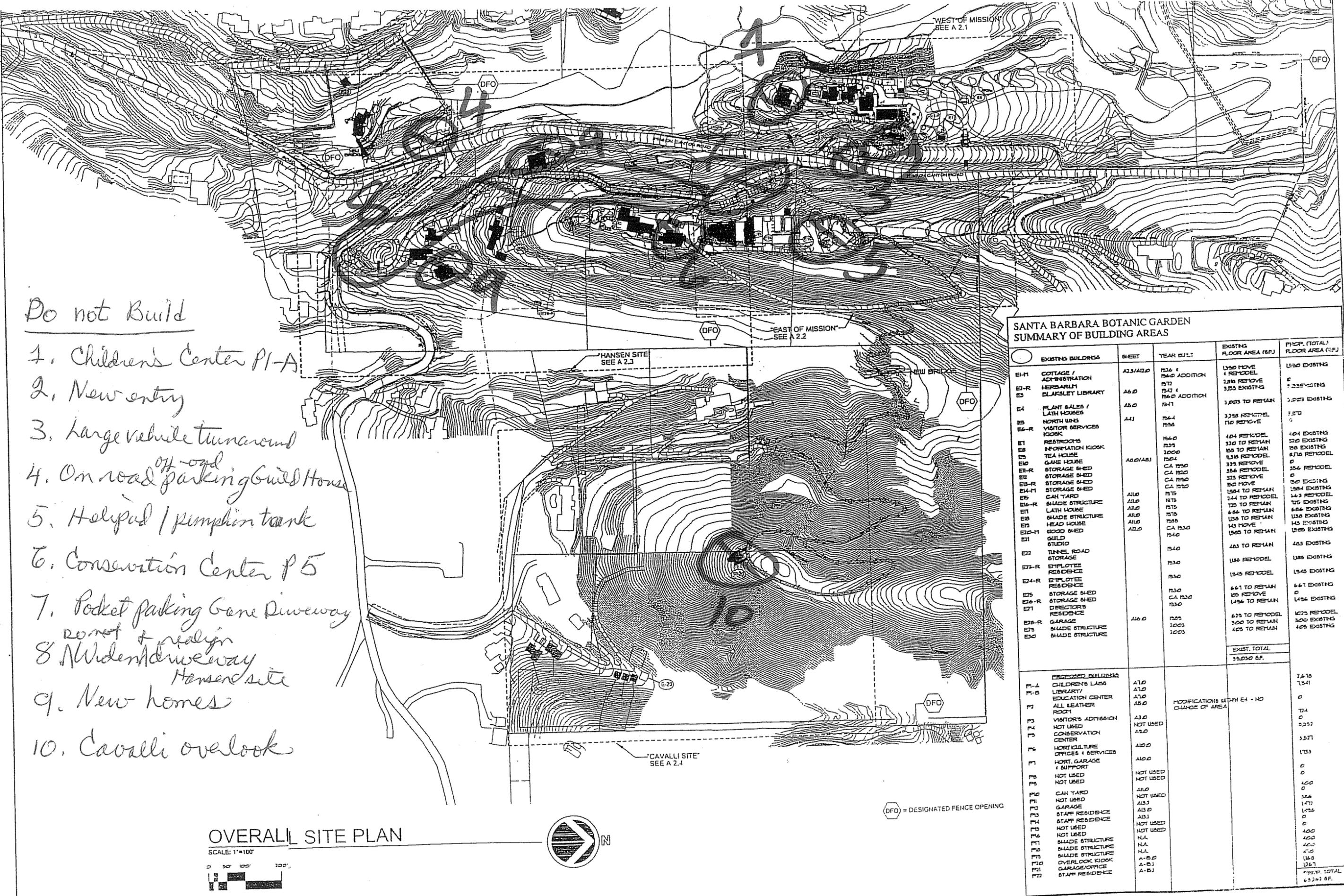
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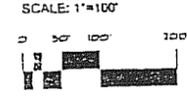


Do not Build

1. Children's Center P1-A
2. New entry
3. Large vehicle turnaround
4. On road parking ^{off road} Guild House
5. Helipad / pumpkin tank
6. Conservation Center P5
7. Pocket parking Gene Driveway
8. Widen ^{road} driveway ^{& realign} Hansen site
9. New homes
10. Cavalli overlook

SANTA BARBARA BOTANIC GARDEN SUMMARY OF BUILDING AREAS					
EXISTING BUILDINGS	SHEET	YEAR BUILT	EXISTING FLOOR AREA (SF)	PROJ. (TOTAL) FLOOR AREA (SF)	
E1-H	A23/A20	1946	1340	1340	EXISTING
E1-R		1946	285	285	REMODEL
E3	A50	1947	385	385	EXISTING
E4	A50	1947	1005	1005	TO REMAIN
E5	A41	1954	328	328	REMODEL
E6-R		1955	710	710	REMODEL
E7		1960	464	464	REMODEL
E8		1935	310	310	TO REMAIN
E9		1960	105	105	TO REMAIN
E10	A50/A51	1964	538	538	REMODEL
E11-R		CA 1930	335	335	REMODEL
E12		CA 1930	354	354	REMODEL
E13-R		CA 1930	323	323	REMODEL
E14-H		CA 1930	150	150	MOVE
E15	A100	1975	184	184	TO REMAIN
E16-R		1975	124	124	TO REMODEL
E17	A100	1975	125	125	TO REMAIN
E18	A100	1975	686	686	EXISTING
E19	A100	1975	130	130	TO REMAIN
E20-H	A20	CA 1930	143	143	MOVE
E21		1940	1505	1505	EXISTING
E22		1940	483	483	EXISTING
E23-R		1930	188	188	REMODEL
E24-R		1930	1545	1545	EXISTING
E25		1930	641	641	TO REMAIN
E26-R		CA 1930	145	145	REMOVE
E27		1930	1456	1456	EXISTING
E28-R	A160	1955	625	625	TO REMODEL
E29		1903	300	300	EXISTING
E30		1903	405	405	EXISTING
			EXIST. TOTAL	32030	SF.
F1-1	A10			2476	
F1-2	A10			7541	
F2	A50			0	
F3	A30			124	
F4	A30			0	
F5	A30			5352	
F6	A100			1571	
F7	A100			173	
F8	A100			0	
F9	A100			0	
F10	A100			400	
F11	A100			0	
F12	A100			356	
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F96	A100			400	
F97	A100			400	
F98	A100			400	
F99	A100			400	
F100	A100			400	
			PROJ. TOTAL	65200	SF.

OVERALL SITE PLAN



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