

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

PLANNING COMMISSION

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November 16, 2012

General Services Department Attn: Ronn Carlentine 105 E. Anapamu Street Santa Barbara, CA 93101

PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING OF NOVEMBER 14, 2012

RE: Alexander Land Donation Acceptance Government Code Conformity Determination; 12GOV-00000-00023

Hearing on the request of Ronn Carlentine, Manager of the Office of Real Estate Services, General Services Department to consider Case No. 12GOV-00000-00023, [application filed on October 22, 2012], for a determination that the proposed acceptance of the Alexander Land Donation for in-fee ownership of a 1.5-acre property to be used as public park by the County of Santa Barbara, is in conformity with the Comprehensive Plan of the County of Santa Barbara pursuant to Government Code Section 65402(a). The site is identified as Assessor Parcel Number 097-371-038 located on the northwesterly side of Constellation Road, in the Lompoc Area, Third Supervisorial District.

Dear Mr. Carlentine:

At the Planning Commission hearing of October November 14, 2012, Commissioner Hartmann moved, seconded by Commissioner Blough and carried by a vote of to 5 to 0 to:

- 1. Determine that the proposed Alexander Land donation to the County of Santa Barbara for a public park is in conformity with the Comprehensive Plan; and
- 2. Transmit the conformity report required by Government Code Section 65402(a) to Ronn Carlentine, Manager of the Office of Real Estate Services, General Services Department and the Board of Supervisors. This document, Mr. Carlentine's application (Exhibit B of the staff memorandum, dated November 14, 2012) and the County Planning Commission's action letter shall constitute the required report.

The Planning Commission action relative to Government Code Section 65402(a) is advisory in nature; therefore the appeal procedure is not applicable. I am hereby forwarding the Commission's determination to the Board of Supervisors.

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Sincerely,

Alice McCurdy for Dianne M. Black

Secretary to the Planning Commission

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Case File: 12GOV-00000-00023

Planning Commission File County Chief Appraiser

Doreen Farr, Third District Supervisor

Joan Hartmann, Third District Planning Commissioner Rachel Van Mullem, Chief Senior Deputy County Counsel

Florence Trotter-Cadena, Planner

Attachments:

Memo to Planning Commission from Doug Anthony dated November 14,

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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT Consent Agenda

TO:

County Planning Commission

FROM:

Douglas Anthony, Deputy Director, Development Review North

HEARING DATE: November 14, 2012

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APPLICANT: Ronn Carlentine, Manager of the Office of Real Estate Services, General Services Department, (805) 568-3078

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Santa Barbara County, General Services Department proposes to accept a donation for in fee ownership of a 1.5 acre property to be used as a public park. Mr. Reid Alexander has proposed to donate approximately 1.5-acres of land situated in the middle of an 8.29-acre site, zoned SC, Shopping Center. The site is identified as Assessor Parcel Number 097-371-038 located on the northwesterly side of Constellation Road, in the Lompoc Area, Third Supervisorial District. The entire property is currently undeveloped and the owner plans to develop the remaining, approximately 6.79-acres in the future with commercial uses. The proposed donation for in-fee ownership is in conformity with the Comprehensive Plan of the County of Santa Barbara pursuant to Government Code §65402(a). This project is exempt from environmental review in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15316, "Transfer of Ownership in Order to Create Parks." This section allows for the acquisition, sale, or other transfer of land in order to establish a park where the land is in a natural condition. The land is in a natural condition and no management plan for the park has been prepared.

JURISDICTION

California Government Code Section 65402 requires that before the County acquires, disposes of, vacates, or constructs upon real property to which the County's general plan applies, the location, purpose, and extent of such acquisition, disposal, vacation, or construction must be submitted to and reported on by the County's "planning agency" as to conformity with the County's general plan. Under the Santa Barbara Land Use and Development Code Section 35.100.020(A)(1), pursuant to the provisions of Section 65100 of the California Government Code, and as provided by Article V, Chapter 2 of the County Code, the County Planning Commission is designated as the "planning agency" for the unincorporated portion of the County located outside of the Montecito Community Plan Area.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONFORMITY DISCUSSION:

The following discussion applies to acceptance of the land donation for park purposes. An additional Government Code Conformity determination would be required prior to any development of the site.

LAND USE ELEMENT

Urban Area - An area shown on the land use map within which is permitted the development of residential, commercial, and industrial activity, and their related uses, buildings and structures, including schools, parks, utilities, etc. Mineral extraction (including oil) and related uses are permitted in urban areas outside the coastal zone. Open spaces and recreational activities and related uses are permitted and encouraged throughout the Urban area. Agriculture is permitted and encouraged in the Urban area when it is surrounded by urban uses. When adjacent to a Rural area, agriculture shall be in the Rural area.

General Commercial (C) - This designation has been used to denote areas suitable for many types of commercial activities. Central business district areas, district centers, service commercial, neighborhood centers, and design commercial are all contained under this designation. Permitted uses in the General Commercial designation range from convenience activities, which serve such day-to-day needs as food, drugs, gasoline, and other incidentals, to wholesale facilities which support agricultural, construction, and transportation activities.

<u>Discussion</u>: Conforms. While the site is designated commercial, the proposed donation would be for the purpose of public recreational use, providing a local area for nearby residents to recreate which is considered a related use in urban areas and therefore in conformity.

LAND USE DEVELOPMENT POLICY 4: Prior to the issuance of a development permit, the County shall make the finding, based on information provided by environmental documents, staff analysis, and the applicant, that adequate public or private services (i.e. water, sewer, roads, etc.) and resources are available to serve the proposed development.

Discussion: Conforms. As discussed above, the proposed project is a donation of a 1.5 acre portion of an 8.29 acre parcel to the County to be reserved as a public park. In its current undeveloped state, no public services would be provided. Any future development of the site as a public park would require adequate public services be demonstrated in a subsequent conformity determination.

HILLSIDE & WATERSHED PROTECTION POLICY 2: All developments shall be designed to fit the site topography, soils, geology, hydrology, and any other existing conditions and be oriented so that grading and other site preparation is kept to an absolute minimum. Natural features, landforms, and native vegetation, such as trees, shall be preserved to the maximum extent feasible. Areas of the site which are not suited to development because of known soil, geologic, flood, erosion or other hazards shall remain in open space.

<u>Discussion</u>: Conforms. No development is proposed as part of this project. The site slopes and vegetation would not present a constraint for future development for active or passive recreational uses to adhere to this policy. Therefore, the proposed project is in conformity with this policy.

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PARKS/RECREATION POLICY 3: Future development of parks should emphasize meeting the needs of the local residents.

Discussion: Conforms. The donation of 1.5 acres of land would incrementally contribute to the recreational space available to the public within the Vandenberg Village area. As discussed under Land Use Definition above, the subject area could be developed in the future to meet the needs of local residents. The nearest County park is located approximately ¾ of a mile away within the Providence Landing Development located on the south side of Highway 1. This site would provide additional recreational opportunities suitable to serve local residents. Therefore, the proposed project is in conformity with this policy.

LOMPOC AREA/COMMUNITY GOALS:

LAND USE

Goal: Urbanization should remain within the City of Lompoc and designated urban portions of the Vandenberg Village/Mission Hills/Mesa Oaks areas.

Discussion: Conforms. The absence of new commercial development over the past 20 years indicates that there is a sufficient inventory in the Vandenberg Village/Mission Hills/Mesa Oaks area, and that the removal of 1.5 acres of commercially zoned property would not increase development pressure to expand the urban area.

Despite the relatively small size of the 1.5 acre donation, the land would provide an opportunity for passive recreational activities within the Urban-designated Vandenberg Village area. Therefore, the proposed project is in conformity with this policy.

PARKS/RECREATION

Goal: Provide facilities for a maximum variety of recreational activities for all age levels within a reasonable distance of the place of residence, so separated and protected as to avoid conflicts between the different types of activities.

Discussion: Conforms. In its present form, the 1.5 acre donation would provide opportunities for passive recreational activity within the Vandenberg Village area. The nearest County park is located approximately ³/₄ mile away and this site would provide additional recreational opportunities within a reasonable distance of residences. Therefore, the proposed project is in conformity with this policy.

Goal: Locate recreational activities where adverse effects, such as increased auto traffic, noise, and increased litter would not conflict with surrounding areas.

<u>Discussion</u>: Conforms. The proposed donation of land in and of itself would not increase traffic, noise, and/or litter so as to conflict surrounding areas. However, future development of recreational amenities/improvements for a public park would need to address any potential conflicts with the surrounding areas in a subsequent conformity determination. The proposed project is in conformity with this policy.

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Goal: Design future parks to be natural areas with minimal maintenance.

<u>Discussion</u>: Conforms. The donation would provide passive recreation activities within the Vandenberg Village area. No amenities are proposed as part of this project.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Planning Commission:

- 1. Determine that the proposed Alexander Land donation to the County of Santa Barbara for a public park is in conformity with the Comprehensive Plan; and
- 2. Transmit the conformity report required by Government Code Section 65402(a) to Ronn Carlentine, Manager of the Office of Real Estate Services, General Services Department and the Board of Supervisors. This document, Mr. Carlentine's application (Exhibit B) and the County Planning Commission's action shall constitute the required report.

Exhibit A – Site Plan with Park Location Exhibit B – Application dated October 22, 2012

Staff Contact/Prepared by: Florence Trotter-Cadena, Planner, (805) 934-6253

Exhibit A

Site Plan

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Site Plan for Alexander Land Donation 12GOV-00000-00023

Memorandum

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S.B.COUNTY (NORTH)

To:

Date:

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Planning and Development

From:

Ronn Carlentine

General Services Department Office of Real Estate Services

Subject:

Alexander Vandenberg Village Land Donation

(Portion of APN: 097-371-038) Third Supervisorial District



In accordance with Government Code Section 65402, the County of Santa Barbara, through the General Services Department, is contemplating Mr. Reid Alexander land donation to convey the middle of an 8.29 acres of vacant commercial property. The land donation to the County is approximately 1.5 acres (Portion of APN: 097-371-038) to provide for proposed public park use. The remaining two parcels 3.14 acres will be commercial zoned properties.

The Alexander property is LOCATED on the northwesterly side of Constellation Road in Vandenberg Village, California. The parcel is known as County Assessor Parcel Number 097-371-038 as shown on the maps attached hereto.

The PURPOSE of acquiring the subject property is through a land donation for proposed public park use.

The EXTENT of this proposed real property transaction is the acceptance of fee ownership of approximately 1.5 acres of land. The vesting of the Property will be held by the County of Santa Barbara.

In accordance with Government Code Section 65402, the General Services Department hereby requests that a finding be made by the Planning Commission as to whether the proposed acceptance of fee ownership of the Property is, or is not in conformity with the Santa Barbara County General Plan.

In accordance with your findings, please forward the Planning Commission final report to the Real Estate Services Office of the General Services Department for further processing of the proposed acquisition of the subject property.

If you have any questions, please call me at extension 3078. Thank you for your assistance.

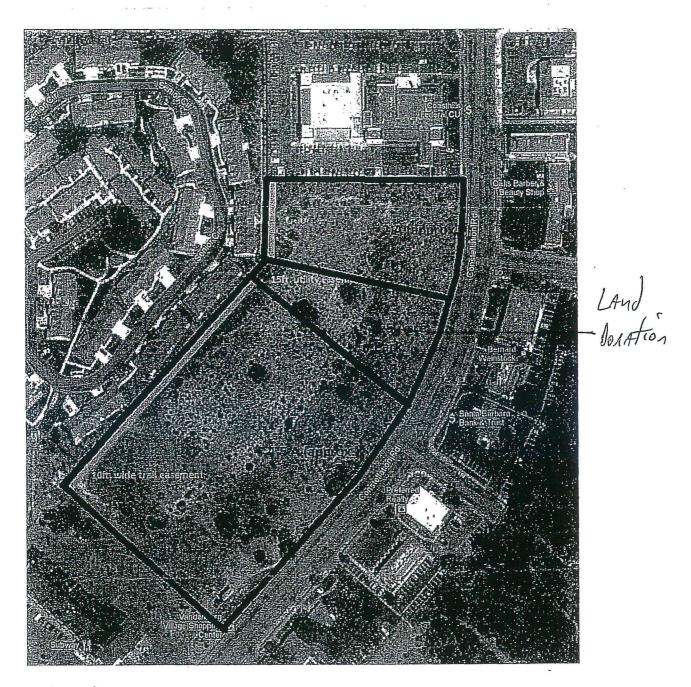
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1.5-Acre Land Donation for Park

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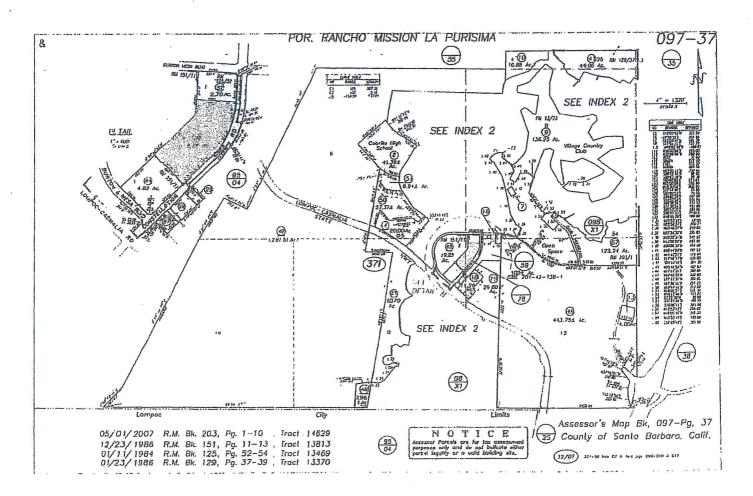
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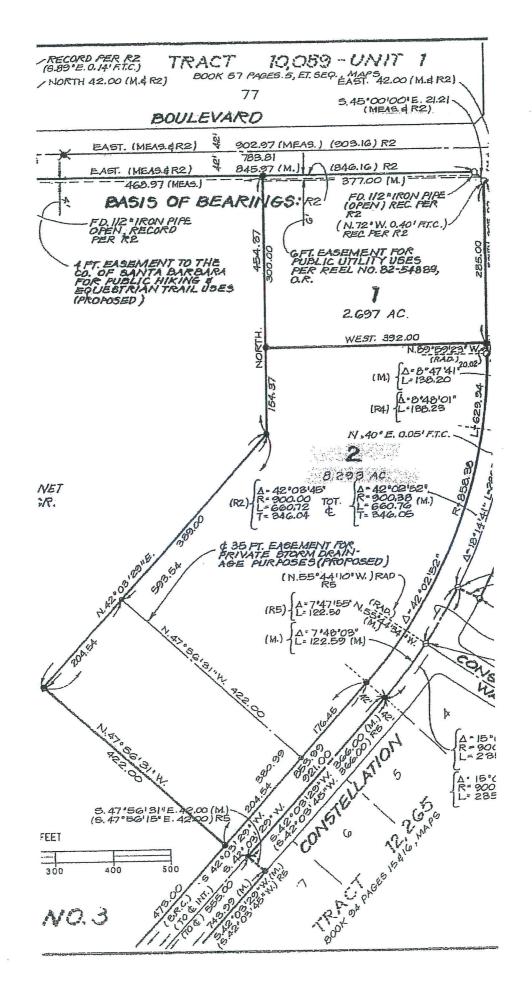
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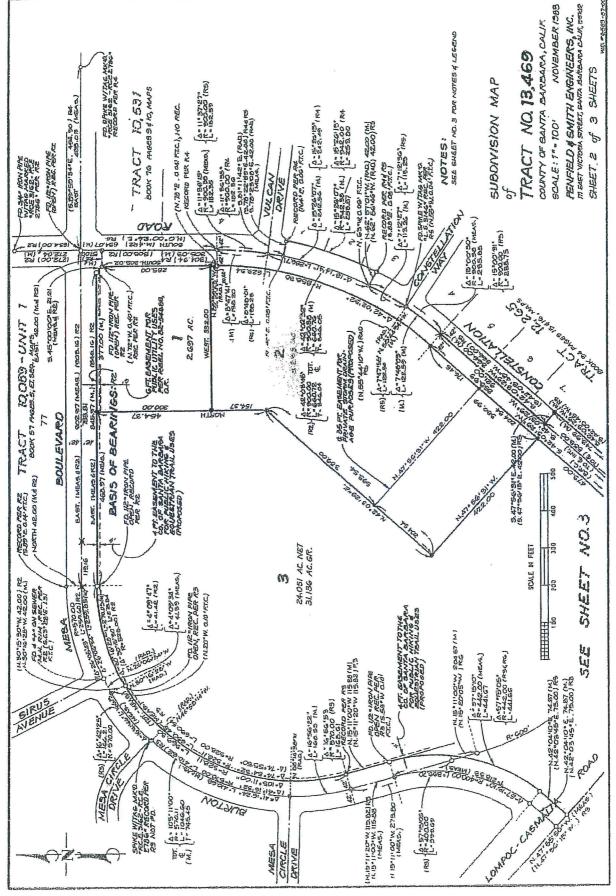
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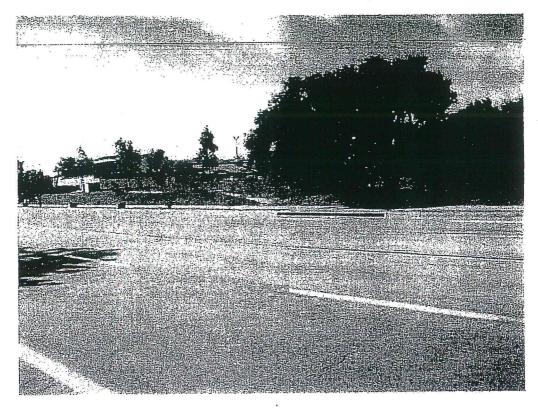
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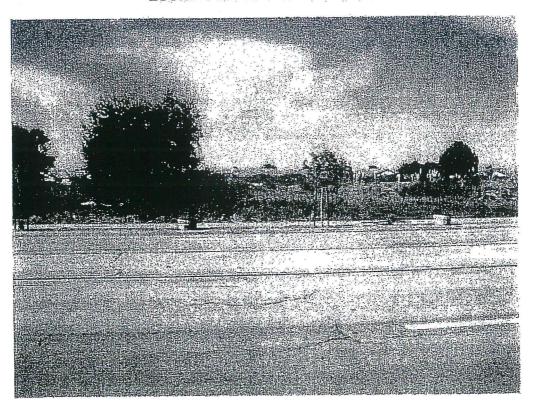
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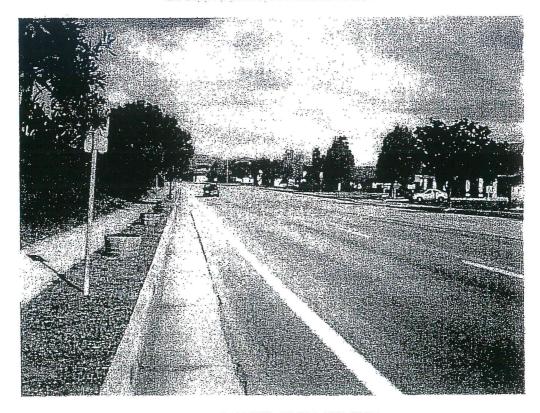


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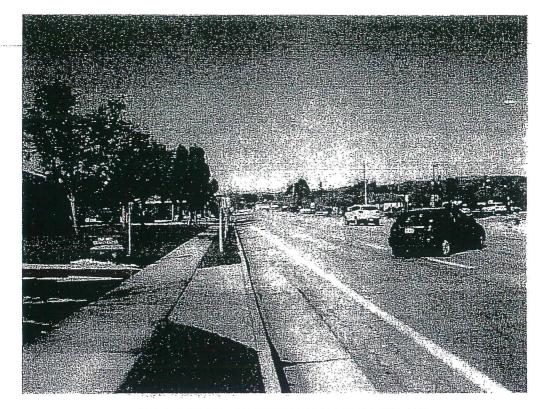


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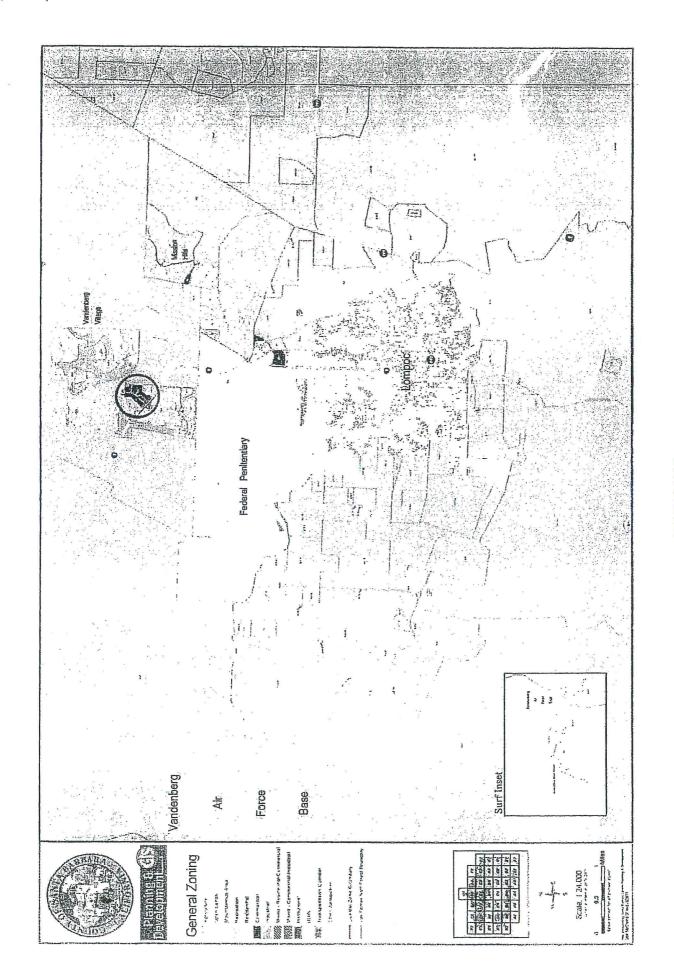
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