APPEAL 14-CC-29 AND 14-CC 30 DENIALS

Presented by: Susan F. Petrovich



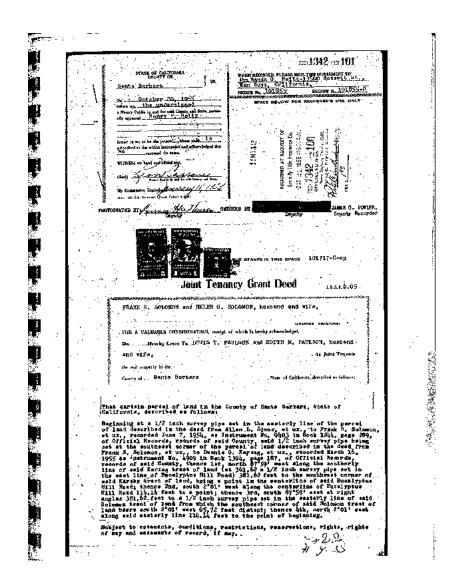
3140 EUCALYPTUS HILL ROAD AND 740 ARCADY HAVE SEPARATE HISTORIES

- These 2 parcels were created
- separately and each is a separate
- legal parcel 2 Certificates.
- Mr. Hawker and Ms. Philippides purchased the land based upon a good faith belief that they were purchasing two legal parcels.
- Your Board can do the right thing or the wrong thing today.

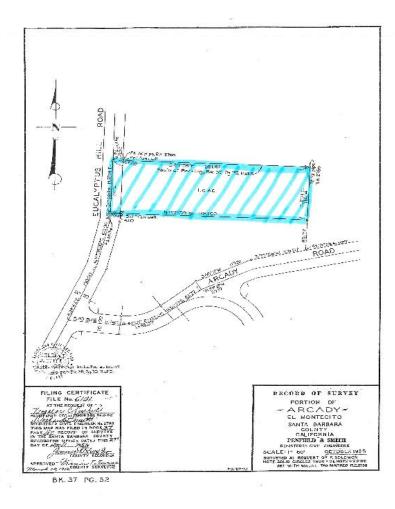
 The right thing is to grant the appeal so Mr. Hawker and Ms. Philippides can complete their lotline adjustment, increasing the square footage of 740 Arcady Road and eliminating the zoning violation that the County has declared.

3140 AND 740 WERE CREATED SEPARATELY AND WERE NEVER MERGED

 Solomon deeded 3140 Eucalyptus Hill Road to Paulson, by grant deed recorded 10/21/1955 – Instrument No. 19012, Book 1342, Page 101.



3140 ON 1955 RECORD OF SURVEY



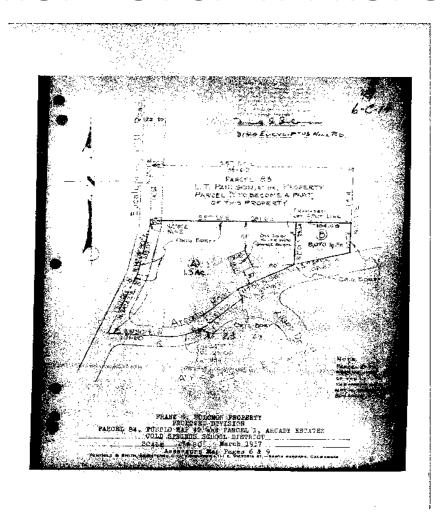
740 ARCADY ROAD CREATION

- 740 Arcady was created by a County approved lot split followed by a deed from Solomon to Paulson recorded 5/7/1957. This lot is a separate legal parcel and, contrary to staff's contention, has never been merged under any statutory or case law – ask staff what law creates a merger process by a sketch on a Land Use Rider application or by calling out two separate parcels in a deed.
- The sole legal authority mandates issuing both of these certificates.

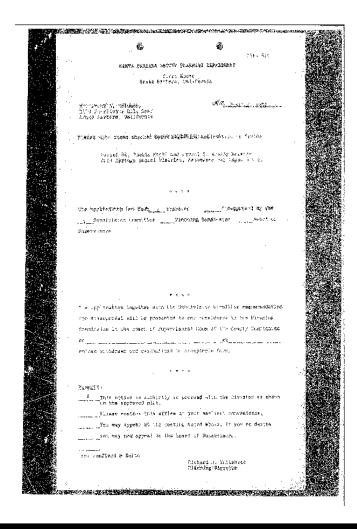
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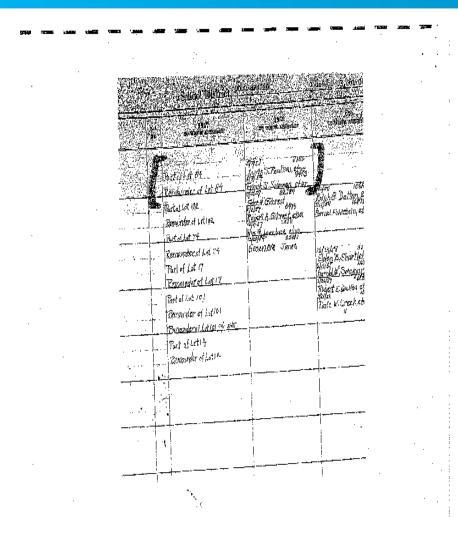
- 4/4/1957 Action Letter
 - Solomon is the sole applicant
 - Paulson is not named or involved in application
 - NO CONDITIONS stated in Action Letter
 - The Action Letter is the sole legal notice to the world of the County's official action
 - Subdivision Committee action was final and Solomon timely recorded the deed needed to complete the lot split.

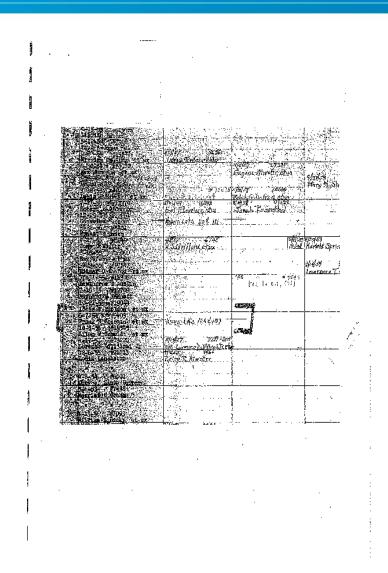
SOLOMON LOT SPLIT PROPOSAL



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APPLICABLE ORDINANCES

- Ord. 786: "Maps filed for the purpose of reverting subdivided land to acreage shall be so designated on the title sheet by an appropriate note containing the words 'MAP OF VACATION" followed by "REVERSION TO ACREAGE."
- This is the ordinance that the County would have used if it intended to require the newly created parcel to be merged with Paulson's property. That would take an additional map process. The Subdivision Committee had no authority to require a merger of lots by any process other than this ordinance. They had no authority over Paulson.

APPLICABLE ORDINANCES

- Ord. 791: "The Subdivision Committee shall approve the plat whenever all of the following conditions obtain: (a) The division conforms to all applicable zoning and subdivision regulations of the county of Santa Barbara pertaining to size of lots, shape and dimension of lots,..."
- "A division of land shall be deemed to have been completed for the purposes of this ordinance when a deed has been recorded in the office of the County Recorder."
- Plat must be signed by the legal owner or his authorized agent, stating that he/she is applying for approval of the division of the property shown.

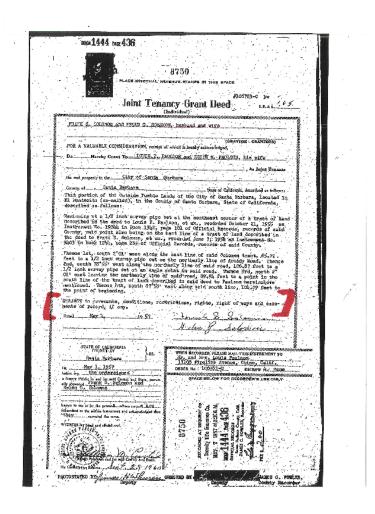
PAULSON'S PROPERTY WAS NEVER SHOWN ON THE PLAT

- Solomon is the only one who signed the plat as owner.
- Only Solomon's property was the subject of the lot split.
- The deed from Solomon to Paulson included no conditions of record.
- The condition that the County Surveyor claims was imposed appears nowhere of record – not in any recorded document, not in the Action Letter, not in the County's Lot Split Record Book – all indicate that the lot split was not conditioned.

COUNTY'S LOT SPLIT RECORD BOOK

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EXHIBIT *A"

Three portions of the Cietaria Parable Lands of the City of Santa Barbara, located in El Municerito (so-called), in the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, described as follows:

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thence 1st, North 67°39' West along the Southerly line of said Kazzay tract of land (at 951.62 Fest a 1/2 Inch survey pipe set in the east line of Eurohyptus Hill Road), 381.67 feet to the Southwest corner of said Karsag tract of land, being a point in the centering of said Eurohyptus Hill Road;

thence 2nd, South 2*01' West along the centerline of Eucalyptus Hill Road, 114.14 feet to a point;

thence 3rd, South 87°59' Bast at right engles, 383.52 feet to a 1/2 inch survey pipe set in the Easterly line of said Solomon track of land, from which the Southeast corner of said Solomon track of land bears South 2°01' West, 55.72 feet distant;

thence 4th, North 2°01' East along said Easterly line, 114.14 feet to the point of beginning.

Parcel Two:

Beginning at a 1/2 inch survey pipe set at the Southeast comer of a tract of land described in the deed to Louis T. Paulson, et us., recorded October 21, 1956 as Instrument No. 19044 in Book 1342, Page 101of Cfficial Records, records of said County, said point also being on the Bast fine of a bract of land described in the deed to Frank S. Sotomon, et us., recorded June 7, 1954 as Instrument No. 9403 in Book 1244, Page 289 of Official Records, records of said County,

therace 1st, South 2707 West along the East line of said Solomon tract, 65,72 feet to a 1/2 inch survey pipe set on the Northerly line of Arcady Road;

thence 2nd, South 76°55' West along the Northerly line of sald road, 106.87 feet to a 1/2 inch survey pipe set at an angle point in said road;

thence 3rd, North 2°03! East leaving the Northerly line of said road, 89.94 feet to a point in the South line of the tract of land described in said deed to Paulson, ferreinabove mentioned;

thence 4th, South 87°57 East along said South line, 104.09 feet to the point of beginning.

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Those portions of the Outside Pueblo Lands of the City of Ganta Barbera, located in El Hostecito [se-called), in the County of Santa Barbera, State of Childrenia, described as followed:

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- Ord. 791 –a land division intended to result in a conveyance to a neighbor is not exempt from conforming to minimum lot size –Here is the <u>entire</u> language of the section excerpted by staff in their presentation:
- Ord. 791 (III)(2)(f): "Any existing or new street, intended for or serving as the principal means of vehicular access to the property shown on the plat, has a minimum width of forty (40) feet . . . Provided, however, when the purpose of the division is to convey land to an abutting owner, the only condition that shall be required as a basis for approval shall be those set forth in Subsection (a) of this section."

- Conditions of approval there were none of record.
- Land Use Rider application simply shows the entire land holding at the time and no ordinance or law makes that a merger. It's a sketch and inaccurate.
- The 740 lot was separately deeded to Paulson without condition – common ownership of two legal parcels is not a merger.

- Civil Code Section 1093:
- "[I]ndividual listing of the legal descriptions in a subsequent single instrument of conveyance or security document, or by means of a consolidated legal description comprised of more than one previously separate and distinct legal description [] does not operate in any manner to alter or affect the separate and distinct nature of the real property"

- 740 Arcady now has a County-approved structure so if your Board prefers to make the building permit a basis for granting the certificate of compliance for that parcel, you have the grounds to do so.
- There is no legal basis for denying these 2 certificates

- The zoning ordinance of the time had a 20,000 square foot parcel size at the time the Subdivision Committee approved the lot split, but Parcel B wasn't even that large.
- The Subdivision Committee's decision, right or wrong, was final unless the Planning Commission reversed it during its next hearing or within 40 days. It elected not to do so.
- The public record shows that the Paulson property was 2 separate parcels and that is how they and their successor deeded it.

FAILURE TO ISSUE THE CERTIFICATES SUBMITS THE COUNTY TO LIABILITY

- The Morehart case and the Hawker cases both provide valuable precedents – and lessons – regarding the County's insistent that mergers have occurred of legal parcels.
- The County must act consistent with the law, not disregard it.
- The law is clear there is no basis for asserting a merger in this case.
- Both certificates must be granted under the law.

CONCLUSIONS

- 740 Arcady and 3140 Eucalyptus Hill Road originated as separate legal parcels.
- There is nothing in the record to reflect any action, under the law, that would change their status as separate and legal.
- If staff can quote such a law, let's hear it.
- The applicants relied on there being 2 separate parcels when they purchased.
- There is no legal ground for asserting merger.
- 740 is developed with a single family home so a certificate can be granted on those grounds.

CONCLUSIONS

- Whatever grounds the Board elects, we ask that your direct your staff to issue these two (2) certificates of compliance without delay.
- We ask that the Board also assert the common sense exemption from CEQA – issuance of certificates of compliance is ministerial, not discretionary, so not subject to CEQA.