

City Manager's Weekly Update

December 23, 2016

PLANNING

1315 Water Street-Sante Adairius Brewery

This past October, the Zoning Administrator approved an Administrative Use Permit to allow for the operation of a brewpub at 1315 Water Street. The site was previously occupied by *Bonnie and Blythe*, a soap manufacturing and retail business, and prior to that, was occupied by *Staff of Life* as their deli and vitamin annex. The brewpub will be operated by Sante Adairius Rustic Ales who currently operate a brewery and tasting room at 103 Kennedy Drive in Capitola and have quite a following, not only from County residents, but also from Bay Area beer connoisseurs (<http://rusticales.com/>). The back portion of the building will be used primarily for beer storage with light manufacturing, while the front portion of the building will provide a seating area, kitchen, and a counter for the service of *Sante Adairius* beer and food. The outdoor patio area will be available for eating and drinking. This week, our department received an application for a building permit to construct the tenant improvements for this space. Construction is expected to begin early next year. Samantha Haschert is the planner who is working on the project.

108 Sycamore Street - Surf Colony

Last week, we reported that the Zoning Administrator recently approved an application to construct a nine room boutique hotel on this site located on the corner of Sycamore Street and Pacific Avenue. On the heels of that approval, the applicants submitted their application for a building permit this week. Construction is expected to begin in the spring. Ryan Bane is the planner who is working on the project.

2415 Mission Street – Upper Crust Apartments

Last July, the Planning Commission approved Design and Special Use Permits to construct a three story building containing 14 apartment units in the parking lot behind *Upper Crust Pizza*. The project includes a combination of one-, two- and three-bedroom units. Approval included a remodel of the existing mixed use building fronting on Mission Street to provide for architectural consistency between the two buildings. While a couple of concerned neighbors testified, no appeals to the City Council were filed. This week our department received an application for a building permit to construct the improvements. Construction is expected to begin in the spring. Clara Stanger is the planner working on the project.

1191 Water Street - Precision Mercedes

Code enforcement staff has been actively working on a case involving this business located at the corner of Catalpa and Water Streets. The primary complaints have to do with use of the neighboring streets to park cars that are not being serviced. This has been a periodic problem for neighbors on and off over several years. The situation improves with enforcement then gets worse again. Unfortunately, the use permit, approved in the early 1980s, did not include any

conditions of approval prohibiting parking of un-serviced vehicles on the street. Part of the problem stemmed from the use of the vehicle parking area to wash cars. Last November, Code Enforcement staff met with property owner Bruce Canepa, who was very cooperative and worked with his tenant to ensure that modifications to the property occurred in a timely manner so as to allow for additional parking on site. Complaints were non-existent in the few months following the site modification. However, last spring, we began receiving additional complaints from neighbors of cars once again, being parking in the surrounding neighborhood. Efforts to work with the business owner to address the situation have been unsuccessful. This week, we gave *Precision Mercedes* 60 days to find a viable site and file the necessary planning applications to serve as overflow parking for the business. Failure to do so will result in the use permit being scheduled for revocation or modification proceedings. Nancy Concepcion is the planner/code enforcement officer working on the case.

PUBLIC WORKS

Resource Recovery

Grey Bears is now operating a Styrofoam recycling machine at their Chanticleer Avenue location. In partnership with Grey Bears, the City's Resource Recovery facility at Dimeo Lane can now also receive Styrofoam from the public (technically polystyrene) for recycling at the Grey Bears facility. Styrofoam must be clean, dry and not include food containers or packing "peanuts". The announcement can be found on the City's home page.

Wastewater Operations and Maintenance

Wastewater facility maintenance staff completed installation of a cross over platform at the DAFT thickener tank. The platform (seen on left of photo below) will allow a safer passageway to the top of the thickener for inspecting process performance.



Laboratory & Environmental Compliance

Environmental Compliance is working with the Collection system to contain the wastewater running along the 2nd Street gutter that was confirmed by lab analyses this week because of the very high levels of indicator bacteria and caffeine detected in the water. The violation was

discovered on a routine inspection by the EC Inspector for the area. It is clear visually and from analytical data that the water is contained within a narrow stretch of the gutter (less than 1,000 feet) into the pump station downstream of it. Collection system has informed EC and Operations that the water will be diverted from the pump station downstream of the gutter into the wastewater conveyance system till the broken pipe is repaired. Storm water and Engineering staff have all been kept apprised of the findings and the remediation and containment strategies. Pictures below show the area from which the samples were taken.



2nd Street gutter areas impacted



Collection systems crew draining 2nd Street gutter

Environmental Compliance is currently investigating the oil sheen visible at the western shore of San Lorenzo River (SLR) near Riverside Bridge this week. Samples taken have been sent to a contract laboratory for petroleum hydrocarbon fingerprinting to assist in source tracking. This

violation of the surface water quality was detected during the investigation of the domestic sewage spill reported above. Although a report of oil sheen from a close area of the SLR was made to our program the previous week, the images sent with the complaint were less definitive and the sheen was not detectable by the time the Environmental Compliance Inspector received the reports. Pictures below were taken at sampling time this week.



Sheen as seen from levee



Close up of sheen

Administration

The City received initial news of award of \$705,094 in grant funding from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife toward funding of the San Lorenzo River lagoon Head Driven Culvert project. While the award was only for one portion of a four-part salmonid habitat improvement grant application that totaled over \$2 million, the award is a very important step in advancing a sustainable lagoon management tool in the form of the head driven culvert.

Engineering

The Corporation Yard Beam Replacement Project (1st phase of Seismic Upgrade Project) is underway. Beam fabrication has been approved, and we can expect the beam to be on site in perhaps six weeks.

Bids for the Corporation Yard Seismic Upgrade Project phase 2 were opened on Thursday the 22nd. Four bids were received. A schedule of values is due from the bidders on December 23rd, at which point staff will be able to evaluate the validity of the bids.

Parking Services

The "Parking for Hope" program benefitting Hope Services is again underway. Hope Services, a Santa Cruz non-profit that provides training and support services to adults with developmental disabilities and has helped to keep Downtown streets clean for 20 years will receive meter revenue from the downtown meters from 12/18 to 12/25. The department may have an idea as early as the 26th as to how much revenue Hope may receive this year. Last year Hope received \$30,000 from the program.

