

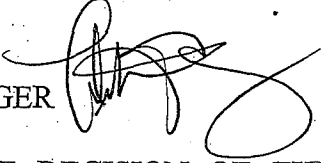


MEETING DATE: 3/15/04
ITEM NO. 16
DESK ITEM

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: March 15, 2004

TO: MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL

FROM: DEBRA J. FIGONE, TOWN MANAGER 

SUBJECT: CONSIDER AN APPEAL OF THE DECISION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION DENYING A ZONE CHANGE REQUEST OF A PLANNED DEVELOPMENT FROM CH TO CH:PD TO CONSTRUCT AN OFFICE BUILDING AND ARCHITECTURE AND SITE APPROVAL TO DEMOLISH A SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE. NO SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A RESULT OF THIS PROJECT AND A NEGATIVE DECLARATION IS RECOMMENDED. PLANNED DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION PD-04-2, ARCHITECTURE AND SITE APPLICATION S-04-5 AND NEGATIVE DECLARATION ND-04-1 PROPERTY LOCATION: **15047 LOS GATOS BOULEVARD** APN 424-07-087 PROPERTY OWNER/APPELLANT: JOSCO PROPERTIES APPLICANT: JOHN LIEN, ARCHITECT

DISCUSSION:

Attachments 9 and 10 are electronic messages received after the Council report was printed and distributed. These attachments were also e-mailed directly to the Mayor and council members

Attachments:

- 1.- 8. Previously submitted
9. E-mail from William Parish, Jr., received March 11, 2004.
10. E-mail from Rosie Casals, received March 12, 2004.

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PREPARED BY: BUD N. LORTZ 
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Reviewed by: QSS Assistant Town Manager QV Attorney _____ Clerk _____ Finance
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Revised: 3/15/04 2:53 pm

Los Gatos Town Council Members

Dear Council Members, my name is William c. Parrish, Jr. and I am the C.E.O. of the Santa Clara County Medical Association. The Santa Clara County Medical Association is a non-profit association, serving physicians, their patients, and the community in health related issues for over 125 years. I would like to ask for your consideration and support on an issue that will be brought before you on Monday March 16, 2004.

The issue, as I understand it, involves a property use/building issue. A group of nine local physicians wish to build and occupy a 20,000 sq. ft. medical office building at 15047 Los Gatos Blvd. The Los Gatos Planning Commission is requiring 4000 sq. ft. (20%) to be utilized for retail. This would place a burden on these physicians, their patients, and perhaps the greater community at large. We ask you to consider an exception in this case.

If an exception were not granted, there would not be enough "medical use" space at this location for these physicians to practice together in a group setting. This would be disruptive, inconvenient, and costly to their practice and the patients they serve. It might also have unintended consequences, sending another negative message to physicians struggling to practice in our county.

Multiple recent surveys depict serious concerns relative to maintaining adequate levels of physicians in our community. We already experience physician shortages in certain specialties, recruitment is extremely difficult, and our current physician population is aging. We have physicians retiring early and/or relocating their practices out of the area.

Why is Santa Clara County being impacted? It is high housing costs, high labor and rent, escalating insurance costs combined with decreased reimbursement and increased regulations.

I mention the above issues to make a plea that access to health care in our area is a major concern; requiring government, business and individuals to be aware of this impending crisis and move decisively to reduce barriers for physicians and other health care practitioners to practice in our community. I ask you to consider this information and ask you to grant a use exception for health care delivery.

If I can provide any additional information or assistance, please contact me at 408-998-8850. This is a serious issue and I appreciate your consideration and efforts.

Sincerely,

William C. Parrish, Jr.
Chief Executive Officer

----- Original Message -----

From: <Sportswomn@aol.com>

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<mwasserman@losgatosca.gov>; <Jpirzynski@losgatosca.gov>

Cc: <LGFOOTCNTR@aol.com>

Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2004 5:00 PM

Subject: No Subject

> Dear Council Members of Los Gatos:

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> My name is Rosie Casals and I was one of the pioneers of women's tennis along

> with Billie Jean King. Dr. Oloff is a personal friend of mine and Ms King as

> well as our Podiatrist. I've known Dr. Oloff for 12 years and I have

> introduced her to many of the women tennis professionals on tour who have come to

> depend on Dr. Oloff for treatment. I am aware that she has purchased real estate

> in Los Gatos and desires to build a Professional Medical building that will

> house top physicians in various fields and is requesting permission from the

> council to complete this project. I don't doubt with her reputation she will

> attract many sports personalities in addition to providing the best of her services to the community.

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> I do hope that the council will allow her and the other physicians to serve

> the community and other clients in a state of the art medical facility.

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> Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

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> Sincerely,

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> Rosie Casals

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