

MINUTES
HUNTINGTON BEACH OFFICE OF THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR
Room B-8 - Civic Center
2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach California

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1 , 2016, 1:30 P.M.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Ricky Ramos

STAFF MEMBER: John Ramirez, Ethan Edwards, Judy Graham

MINUTES: September 2, 2015
September 16, 2015
APPROVED AS SUBMITTED

ORAL COMMUNICATION: **NONE**

ITEM 1: CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 16-015/ COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 16-007 (VU RESIDENCE)

APPLICANT: Louie J. Hernandez, The Louie Group, 19092 Callaway Circle, Huntington Beach, CA 92648
PROPERTY OWNER: Chi T. Vu, 9402 Shannon Avenue, Garden Grove CA 92841
REQUEST: **CDP:** To permit a 2,521 sq. ft. second and third floor addition to an existing single-story single family residence. **CUP:** To permit a 181 sq. ft. third floor habitable area addition and a 731 sq. ft. third floor deck at an overall building height of 33 feet.
LOCATION: 3932 Sirius Drive, 92649 (south side of Sirius Dr. between Bolero Ln. and Baruna Ln. – Huntington Harbour)
CITY CONTACT: John Ramirez

John Ramirez, Project Planner, displayed project plans and photographs and stated the purpose, location, zoning, and existing use of the subject site. Staff provided an overview of the proposed project and the suggested findings and conditions for approval as presented in the executive summary. Mr. Ramirez noted that the staff would like to clarify that the public notice stated that the existing structure is a two-story residence; however, it is a single story residence. Mr. Ramirez noted that staff received two phone calls regarding the proposed project. The first was inquiring about the scope of the project and the second was a neighbor citing concern for the proposed window alignments. The neighbor did visit staff at City Hall and viewed the plans. The neighbor did not have any comments.

Ricky Ramos, Zoning Administrator, stated that he had no questions for staff.

THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS OPENED.

Louie J. Hernandez, applicant, verified that Public Works staff would inspect the sidewalk and curb prior to construction to verify any improvements that may be required. Mr. Hernandez stated that he had no comments or concerns with staff's recommendations.

THERE WERE NO PERSONS PRESENT TO SPEAK FOR OR AGAINST THE REQUEST AND THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS CLOSED.

Mr. Ramos stated he would approve the request as recommended by staff.

COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 16-015/ CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 16-007 WERE APPROVED BY THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR WITH THE FOLLOWING FINDINGS AND CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL. STAFF STATED THAT THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR MAY BE APPEALED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION WITHIN TEN (10) WORKING DAYS.

FINDINGS FOR PROJECTS EXEMPT FROM CEQA:

The Zoning Administrator finds that the project will not have any significant effect on the environment and is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15301, Class 1 of the CEQA Guidelines, because the project consists of an addition to an existing single-family residence within a residential zone.

FINDINGS FOR APPROVAL - COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 16-007:

1. Coastal Development Permit No. 16-007 to permit a 2,521 sq. ft. second and third floor addition to an existing single-story single family residence, conforms with the General Plan, including the Local Coastal Program. The project is consistent with Coastal Element Land Use Policy C 1.1.1 to encourage new development to locate within, contiguous to or in close proximity to existing developed areas able to accommodate it. The proposed addition will occur on a developed site, contiguous to existing residential development.
2. The project is consistent with the requirements of the CZ Overlay District, the base zoning district, as well as other applicable provisions of the Municipal Code. The addition will comply with all applicable development regulations, including maximum building height and minimum yard setbacks.
3. At the time of occupancy the proposed development can be provided with infrastructure in a manner that is consistent with the Local Coastal Program. The proposed addition will be constructed on a previously developed site in an urbanized area with all necessary services and infrastructure available, including water, sewer, and roadways.
4. The development conforms with the public access and public recreation policies of Chapter 3 of the California Coastal Act. The project will not impede public access, recreation, or views to coastal resources.

FINDINGS FOR APPROVAL - CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 16-015:

1. Conditional Use Permit No. 16-015 to permit a 181 sq. ft. third floor habitable area addition and a 731 sq. ft. third floor deck at an overall building height of 33 feet, will not be detrimental to the general welfare of persons working or residing in the vicinity or detrimental to the value of the property and improvements in the neighborhood. The rooftop deck is wholly within the second-story roof volume, is set back five feet from the building exterior and is oriented toward the channel. Moreover, the deck does not exceed the height limit and will be accessible only from the interior of the building. The overall building height for the single family residence is 33 feet; however, most of the proposed residence is only 27 feet in height, with only an enclosed stairway extending to 33 feet in height. The

enclosed stairway is completely within the roof volume and set back from the exterior wall elevations a minimum of 10 feet on the north elevation and 20 feet on the south elevation, thus minimizing the perceived height and impact to adjacent and surrounding properties.

2. The proposed 181 sq. ft. third floor habitable area addition and 731 sq. ft. third floor deck, will be compatible with surrounding uses because the overall proposed height is 33 feet, in keeping with the design and character of homes in the neighborhood. Additionally, most of the proposed residence is less than 27 feet in height, with only an enclosed stairway extending to 33 feet in height. The enclosed stairway is completely within the roof volume and set back from the exterior wall elevations a minimum of 10 feet on the north elevation and 20 feet on the south elevation, thus minimizing the perceived height and impact to adjacent and surrounding properties. The third story deck will be oriented towards the harbor, which will protect direct views onto adjacent residences. Furthermore, the proposed deck will be setback 5 ft. from the rear and side building exteriors which allows the residence to be compatible with the mass and scale of structures in the surrounding neighborhood.
3. The proposed 181 sq. ft. third floor habitable area addition and 731 sq. ft. third floor deck at an overall building height of 33 feet will comply with the provisions of the base district and other applicable provisions in Titles 20-25 of the Huntington Beach Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance, as well as any specific condition required for the proposed use in the district in which it would be located. The project complies with minimum onsite parking and building setbacks, and maximum lot coverage and building height. The third floor habitable area with an approximately overall building height of 33 feet and the third floor deck are allowed within the RL (Residential Low Density) zoning district with approval of a conditional use permit.
4. The granting of the conditional use permit will not adversely affect the General Plan. It is consistent with the Land Use Element designation of RL-7 (Residential Low Density—7 units per acre) on the subject property. In addition, it is consistent with the following policy and objective of the General Plan:

A. Land Use Element

Policy – 9.2.1: Require that all new residential development within existing residential neighborhoods be compatible with existing structures, including (b) use of building heights, grade elevations, orientation and bulk that are compatible with the surrounding development; and (d) maintenance of privacy on abutting residences.

B. Coastal Element

Objective – C 1.1: Ensure that adverse impacts associated with coastal zone development are mitigated or minimized to the greatest extent feasible.

The proposed 2,521 sq. ft. second and third floor addition to an existing two-story single family residence with a 181 sq. ft. third floor habitable area addition and a 731 sq. ft. third floor deck at an overall building height of 33 feet, is consistent with the requirements of the CZ Overlay District, the base zoning district, as well as other provisions of the Municipal Code including maximum site coverage, maximum building height, and minimum on-site parking. Most of the proposed residence is only 27 feet in height, with only an enclosed stairway extending to 33 feet in height. The enclosed

stairway is completely within the roof volume and set back from the exterior wall elevations a minimum of 10 feet on the north elevation and 20 feet on the south elevation, thus minimizing the perceived height and impact to adjacent and surrounding properties. Furthermore, the proposed deck will be setback 5 ft. from the rear, and side building exteriors which allows the residence to be compatible with the mass and scale of structures in the surrounding neighborhood.

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL - COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 16-007
/CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 16-015:

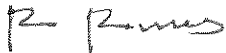
1. The site plan, floor plans, and elevations received and dated May 3, 2016, shall be the conceptually approved design.
2. Prior to submittal of building permits, zoning entitlement conditions of approval, code requirements identified herein and code requirements identified in separately transmitted memorandum from the Departments of Fire, Community Development, and Public Works shall be printed verbatim on one of the first three pages of all the working drawing sets used for issuance of building permits (architectural, structural, electrical, mechanical, and plumbing) and shall be referenced in the sheet index. The minimum font size utilized for printed text shall be 12 point.
3. The structure cannot be occupied and the final building permit(s) cannot be approved until the following have been completed:
 - a. All improvements shall be completed in accordance with approved plans.
 - b. Compliance with all conditions of approval specified herein shall be verified by the Community Development Department.
 - c. All building spoils, such as unusable lumber, wire, pipe, and other surplus or unusable material, shall be disposed of at an off-site facility equipped to handle them.
4. The applicant and/or applicant's representative shall be responsible for ensuring the accuracy of all plans and information submitted to the City for review and approval.
5. Coastal Development Permit No. 16-007 and Conditional Use Permit No. 16-015 shall become null and void unless exercised within two years of the date of final Coastal Development Permit approval by the City or by the Coastal Commission if the Coastal Development Permit is appealed, or such extension of time as may be granted by the Director pursuant to a written request submitted to the Community Development Department a minimum 30 days prior to the expiration date.
6. The Development Services Departments and divisions (Building & Safety, Fire, Planning and Public Works) shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with all applicable code requirements and conditions of approval. The Director of Community Development may approve minor amendments to plans and/or conditions of approval as appropriate based on changed circumstances, new information or other relevant factors. Any proposed plan/project revisions shall be called out on the plan sets submitted for building permits. Permits shall not be issued until the Development Services Departments have reviewed and approved the proposed changes for conformance with the intent of the Zoning Administrator's action. If the proposed changes are of a substantial nature, an amendment to the original entitlement reviewed by the Zoning Administrator may be required pursuant to the provisions of HBZSO Section 241.18.

7. Incorporating sustainable or "green" building practices into the design of the proposed structures and associated site improvements is highly encouraged. Sustainable building practices may include (but are not limited to) those recommended by the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Program certification (<http://www.usgbc.org/DisplayPage.aspx?CategoryID=19>) or Build It Green's Green Building Guidelines and Rating Systems <http://www.builditgreen.org/green-building-guidelines-rating>).

INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS CONDITION:

The owner of the property which is the subject of this project and the project applicant if different from the property owner, and each of their heirs, successors and assigns, shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City of Huntington Beach and its agents, officers, and employees from any claim, action or proceedings, liability cost, including attorney's fees and costs against the City or its agents, officers or employees, to attack, set aside, void or annul any approval of the City, including but not limited to any approval granted by the City Council, Planning Commission, or Design Review Board concerning this project. The City shall promptly notify the applicant of any claim, action or proceeding and should cooperate fully in the defense thereof.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 1:35 P.M. TO THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2016, AT 1:30 P. M.



Ricky Ramos
Zoning Administrator

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