

City Manager's Weekly Update

November 13, 2020

Library

Community Resilience Project: Food Security in an Age of Climate Change and Pandemics

Join us for the next in our monthly discussion series intended to help build resiliency within our community. November's event focuses on food security and community resilience, with special emphasis on climate change and pandemics.

The event will provide an overview of the topic, and a panel of local leaders, experts, and educators discussing how this issue impacts the Santa Cruz community. We'll end with public Q&A and tips for how individuals can create a stronger and more supportive community. Panelists include Michelle Hernandez, Community Outreach Coordinator, Yolanda Perez, Calabasas Garden Manager, Cheryl, Climate Change Educator Josue Barajas, Chief Programs Officer of Santa Cruz County Second Harvest Food Bank Renee Shepherd, seed developer, entrepreneur, author. Moderated by David Shaw of Santa Cruz Permaculture, and the UCSC Right Livelihood College.



Thursday, November 19 • 6 - 7:30 pm • Via Zoom • [Click here to Register](#)

Visit <https://santacruzpl.org/calendar/> to view all our upcoming virtual events.

Parks & Recreation

Additional Youth Sports Now Operating under COVID-19 Guidelines!

In addition to Santa Cruz City Youth Soccer Club, we now have NorCal Flag Football out at Harvey West Park on Sundays! They are using the Youth Sports COVID-19 Guidelines, which allows for skills, drills, and conditioning for up to 14 children per group, even in the Red Tier. Santa Cruz Little League and Sand Santa Cruz Volleyball Club are offering a modified afterschool and weekend camp program for both baseball and volleyball. Both of these groups will operate under the afterschool camp COVID-19 guidelines for stable groups of 14 children!



Planning and Community Development

314 Jessie Street: On October 20, 2020, the Planning & Community Development Department received an application for a pre-application review of a 50-unit 100% affordable multi-family development on a parcel located in the R-L/CZ-O (Multiple Residence-Low Density/Coastal Exclusion Zone A) zone districts at 314 Jessie Street. The project site is currently developed with a 14-unit multi-family development and one accessory building. The proposal includes demolition of the existing buildings and construction of 40 studio and 10 one-bedroom low-level affordable rental apartments ranging from 316 to 459 square feet in size. The development currently includes a five-story design, with a community room, offices for resident services, parking, and property management on the bottom two stories and residential units on the top three stories.

The applicant is proposing to utilize two state bills to achieve the proposed development: AB 1763 and AB 2162. AB 1763 allows for up to an 80% density bonus for 100% affordable housing projects if the proposed units are restricted for lower-income households. Furthermore, AB 1763 projects located within a half mile of a major transit stop are not subject to maximum density controls and are allowed a height increase of up to three stories or 33 feet. Under this bill, a developer receives four incentives or concessions pursuant to the Density Bonus Law, and parking requirements are eliminated. AB 2162 streamlines affordable housing projects that include supportive housing units and onsite supportive services. It allows for supportive housing projects of 50 units or fewer to be located in residential and mixed-use zoning districts; it prohibits local jurisdictions from imposing minimum parking requirements for units occupied by supportive housing residents if the development is located



within a half mile of a public transit stop, and it removes the need for environmental documentation through the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for all qualifying projects.

We estimate that the formal application will require administrative-level approval (no public hearing) of a design permit. The pre-application process will allow staff to determine if any other permits are required.

A pre-application review helps an applicant prepare their formal application and allows for an initial staff review of a potential project. In this case, the pre-application review process will enable staff to determine the applicability of these bills to the project and the level of review required for the development. There is no public hearing or decision with a pre-application review, however, a community meeting is required under the City's Community Outreach Policy for Planning Projects, and the feedback provided may contribute to alterations in the project design. Additional updates will be provided if a formal application is submitted following the pre-application review process. Bryanna Sherman is the planner on this project.

Public Works

The Street Smarts program has teamed up with Bike Santa Cruz County to distribute free bike lights to Santa Cruz bicyclists in need. We are hosting four pop-up bike light giveaways this month to help make cycling safer by providing more visibility to bicyclists at night. The events will occur after dusk at undisclosed high traffic bike commute locations in the City of Santa Cruz.

The first Pop-up Bike Light Giveaway was a success on Nov. 10, with Bike Santa Cruz County installing about 100 lights for cyclists in need at Delaware and Bethany Curve. Watch for three more pop-ups in the coming days!

