



# City of Santa Barbara California

## CITY OF SANTA BARBARA PLANNING COMMISSION

### RESOLUTION NO. 066-05

309 LADERA STREET

TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION MAP AND CONDOMINIUM CONVERSION

NOVEMBER 3, 2005

**APPLICATION OF STEVE WELTON, SUZANNE ELLEDGE PLANNING & PERMITTING SERVICES, INC., AGENT FOR JULIE & JOHNNY CHANG (PROPERTY OWNERS), 309 LADERA STREET, 037-221-002, R-4, MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONE, GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATION: RESIDENTIAL, 12 UNITS/ACRE (MST2004-00805)**

The proposed project involves a request to convert four existing apartment units to four residential condominiums. The existing units include one, two-bedroom unit and three, three-bedroom units. Each unit includes an attached two car garage. The existing 11,406 square foot, three story building was approved in 2000 and received a certificate of occupancy in 2004. The discretionary applications required for this project are:

1. Tentative Subdivision Map for a one-lot subdivision for the conversion of four (4) residential units into condominium units (SBMC§27.07); and
2. Condominium Conversion Permit to convert four (4) residential units to four (4) condominium units (SBMC§28.88).

The Environmental Analyst has determined that the project is exempt from further environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15315 (minor land divisions) and Section 15303 (conversion of small structures).

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission has held the required public hearing on the above application, and the Applicant was present.

**WHEREAS**, no one appeared to speak in favor of or in opposition thereto, and the following exhibits were presented for the record:

1. Staff Report with Attachments, November 3, 2005
2. Site Plans

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Planning Commission:

- I. Approved the subject application making the following findings and determinations:
  - A. **THE TENTATIVE MAP (SBMC §27.07.100)**

The Tentative Subdivision Map is consistent with the General Plan and the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Santa Barbara. The site is physically suitable for the proposed development, the project is consistent with the variable density provisions of the

Municipal Code and the General Plan, and the proposed use is consistent with the vision for this neighborhood of the General Plan. The design of the project will not cause substantial environmental damage, and associated improvements will not cause serious public health problems.

**B. CONDOMINIUM CONVERSION (SBMC§28.88.120)**

1. All provisions of the Condominium Conversion Ordinance are met and the project will not be detrimental to the health, safety, and general welfare of the community.
2. The proposed conversion is consistent with the density requirement of the Land Use Element of the General Plan.
3. The proposed conversion will conform to the Santa Barbara Municipal Code in effect at the time the application was deemed complete, except as otherwise provided in the Condominium Conversion Ordinance.
4. The overall design (including project amenities) and physical condition of the conversion will result in a project, which is aesthetically attractive, safe, and of quality construction.
5. The units have not been "affordable rental units" therefore; affordability restrictions do not apply to the project.
6. The project is exempt from the provisions of Section 28.88.130 because the project consists of fewer than five units.
7. The Applicant has not engaged in coercive retaliatory action regarding the tenants after the submittal of the first application for City review through the date of approval.

**II. Said approval is subject to the following conditions:**

- A. **Recorded Agreement.** The following conditions shall be imposed on the use, possession and enjoyment of the Real Property and shall be memorialized in an "Agreement Relating to Subdivision Map Conditions Imposed on Real Property" reviewed as to form by the City Attorney and as to content by the Community Development Director and/or Public Works Director that shall be recorded by the Owners concurrent with the Parcel Map and prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for the condominium conversion permit:
  1. **Uninterrupted Water Flow.** The Owner shall provide for the uninterrupted flow of water through the Real Property including, but not limited to, swales, natural water courses, conduits and any access road, as appropriate. The Owner is responsible for the adequacy of any project related drainage facilities and for the continued maintenance thereof in a manner that will preclude any hazard to life, health or damage to the Real Property or any adjoining property.

2. **Recreational Vehicle Storage Prohibition.** No recreational vehicles, boats or trailers shall be stored on the Real Property.
  3. **Landscape Plan Compliance.** The Owner shall comply with the Landscape Plan as approved by the Architectural Board of Review (ABR). Such plan shall not be modified unless prior written approval is obtained from the ABR. The landscaping on the Real Property shall be provided and maintained in accordance with said landscape plan.
  4. **Allowed Development.** The development of the Real Property approved by the Planning Commission on November 3, 2005 is limited to four condominiums and the improvements shown on the set of plans signed by the chairman of the Planning Commission on said date and on file at the City of Santa Barbara.
  5. **Required Private Covenants.** The Owners shall record in the official records of Santa Barbara County either private covenants, a reciprocal easement agreement, or a similar agreement which, among other things, shall provide for all of the following:
    - (a) **Common Area Maintenance.** An express method for the appropriate and regular maintenance of the common areas, common access ways, common utilities and other similar shared or common facilities or improvements of the development, which methodology shall also provide for an appropriate cost-sharing of such regular maintenance among the various owners of the condominium parcels.
    - (b) **Garages Available for Parking.** A covenant that includes a requirement that all garages be kept open and available for the parking of vehicles owned by the residents of the property in the manner for which the garages were designed and permitted.
    - (c) **Landscape Maintenance.** A covenant that provides that the landscaping shown on the approved Landscaping Plan shall be maintained and preserved at all times in accordance with the Plan.
    - (d) **Covenant Enforcement.** A covenant that permits each owner to contractually enforce the terms of the private covenants, reciprocal easement agreement, or similar agreement required by this condition and which also provides that such covenants may be enforced by the owners' association in accordance with the requirements of the state Subdivision Sales Law.
- B. **Design Review.** The following are subject to the review and approval of the Architectural Board of Review (ABR) prior to the issuance of a building permit or public works permit (as applicable):
1. **Lighting.** Exterior lighting, where provided, shall be consistent with the City's Lighting Ordinance. No floodlights shall be allowed. Exterior lighting shall be directed toward the ground.

2. **Pedestrian Connection.** Provide a pedestrian path with enhanced pavement along the driveway to the entrances of the units.
- C. **Required Prior to Building Permit Issuance.** The following shall be finalized and specified in written form and submitted with the application for a building permit:
1. **Ladera Street Public Improvements.** Owner shall submit building plans for construction of improvements along the subject property road frontage on Ladera Street. As determined by the Public Works Department, the improvements shall include installation of an Alhambra A470 curb drain outlet as proposed in the hydrology report for this site to convey site drainage that is currently surface flowing across the sidewalk, replacement of existing street light, style shall be determined by Public Works and ABR, replacement of all cracked and/or uplifted sidewalk, City standard driveway apron, underground utilities, preserve and/or reset contractor stamp and/or survey monuments, drought-tolerant parkway landscaping, and provide adequate positive drainage. Where tree roots are the cause of the damage, the roots are to be pruned under the direction of the City Arborist. The building plans shall be prepared by a registered civil engineer or licensed architect and reviewed by the City Engineer.
  2. **Storm Water Quality Control.** The Owner shall apply storm water quality control guidelines to the project per the Public Works Department Construction Project Best Management Practices.
- D. **Building Permit Plan Requirements.** The following requirements shall be incorporated into the construction plans submitted to the Building and Safety Division with applications for building permits. All of these construction requirements shall be carried out in the field and completed prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy:
1. **Conditions on Plans/Signatures.** All Planning Commission Conditions of Approval shall be provided on a full size drawing sheet as part of the drawing sets. A statement shall also be placed on the above sheet as follows: The undersigned have read and understand the above conditions, and agree to abide by any and all conditions which is their usual and customary responsibility to perform, and which are within their authority to perform.

Signed:

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Property Owner		Date
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Contractor	Date	License No.
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Architect	Date	License No.
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Engineer	Date	License No.
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- E. **Public Works Submittal Prior to Parcel Map Recordation.** Owners shall submit the following or evidence of completion of the following to the Public Works Department prior to the recordation of the Parcel Map.
1. **Building Permit Required for Conversion.** Evidence that a conversion permit has been issued for the conversion of the three-unit apartment building to condominiums.
  2. **Water Rights Assignment.** Owners shall assign to the City of Santa Barbara the exclusive right to extract ground water from under the Real Property. This assignment of rights shall not include a right of surface entry on or from the Real Property. This assignment shall be documented by a written instrument approved as to form by the City Attorney and recorded in the Office of the County Recorder.
  3. **Parcel Map Preparation.** Owners shall submit a Parcel Map to the Public Works Department acceptable for recordation. The Parcel Map shall be prepared by a licensed land surveyor or registered civil engineer in conformance with current Subdivision Map Act and in conformance with the requirements of the City Survey Control Ordinance.
- F. **Prior to Certificate of Occupancy.** Prior to issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy for the condominium conversion permit, the Owners of the Real Property shall submit the following or evidence of completion of the following to the Public Works Department:
1. **Recordation of Parcel Map.**
  2. **Agreement Recordation.** Recordation of the Agreement Relating to Subdivision Map Conditions Imposed on Real Property.
  3. **Repair Damaged Public Improvements.** Repair any damaged public improvements (curbs, gutters, sidewalks, etc.) subject to the review and approval of the Public Works Department. Where tree roots are the

cause of the damage, the roots shall be pruned under the direction of the City Arborist.

4. **Cross Connection Inspection.** The Owner shall request a cross connection inspection by the Public Works Water Reclamation/Cross Connection Specialist.
5. **Complete Public Improvements.** Public improvements constructed as shown on the building plans.

G. **Litigation Indemnification Agreement.** In the event the Planning Commission approval of the Project is appealed to the City Council, Applicant/Owner hereby agrees to defend the City, its officers, employees, agents, consultants and independent contractors ("City's Agents") from any third party legal challenge to the City Council's denial of the appeal and approval of the Project, including, but not limited to, challenges filed pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (collectively "Claims"). Applicant/Owner further agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the City and the City's Agents from any award of attorney fees or court costs made in connection with any Claim.

Applicant/owner shall execute a written agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, evidencing the foregoing commitments of defense and indemnification within thirty (30) days of the City Council denial of the appeal and approval of the Project. These commitments of defense and indemnification are material conditions of the approval of the Project. If Applicant/Owner fails to execute the required defense and indemnification agreement within the time allotted, the Project approval shall become null and void absent subsequent acceptance of the agreement by the City, which acceptance shall be within the City's sole and absolute discretion. Nothing contained in this condition shall prevent the City or the City's Agents from independently defending any Claim. If the City or the City's Agents decide to independently defend a Claim, the City and the City's Agents shall bear their own attorney fees, expenses and costs of that independent defense.

**NOTICE OF TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION MAP (INCLUDING CONDOMINIUM CONVERSIONS) TIME LIMITS:**

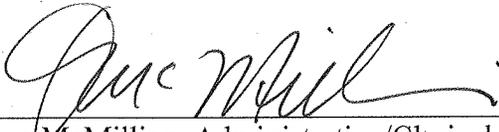
The Planning Commission's action approving the Tentative Map shall expire two (2) years from the date of approval, per SBMC Section 28.07.110.a & .b, unless the subdivider requests an extension of time, not to exceed two (2) years beyond the expiration of the original two (2) years expiration date or per the allowances provided in the Subdivision Map Act. The subdivider may request an extension of this time period in accordance with Santa Barbara Municipal Code section 27.07.110 or the provisions of the California Subdivision Map Act.

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This motion was passed and adopted on the 3rd day of November, 2005 by the Planning Commission of the City of Santa Barbara, by the following vote:

AYES: 7 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

I hereby certify that this Resolution correctly reflects the action taken by the City of Santa Barbara Planning Commission at its meeting of the above date.



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Deana McMillion, Administrative/Clerical Supervisor

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Date

THIS ACTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION CAN BE APPEALED TO THE CITY COUNCIL WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS AFTER THE DATE THE ACTION WAS TAKEN BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.