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Upper East News

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The Problem with ADUs

On Tuesday, April 17th at 4pm, the City Council will finalize changes to our residential zoning ordinance in response to the statewide mandate allowing Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) in single-family zones. April 17 may be our last, best opportunity to provide our City Council members with recommendations that address important issues such as:

owner occupancy requirements, high fire zone restrictions, parking requirements, definition of interior living space versus expansion into the exterior yards, and support for Single Family Design Board recommendations.

The FINAL City Council hearing and vote will be April 24, so it's important to send emails, letters, phone calls & schedule meetings as soon as possible. Since ADUs affect the whole city, you are encouraged to contact our Mayor Cathy Murillo and all of the following council members. Our elected city council members need your input. Come to both April 17th & 24th hearings and let them know what you think. It is possible to donate your 2 minutes of speaking time to others in the room who support your views.



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Mayor & City Council

To contact the Mayor and entire City Council: <u>SBCityCouncil@SantaBarbaraCA.gov</u>

Report Potholes and Street Hazards Online

Winter rains can mean more potholes on our City streets. Please report potholes by calling (805) 564-5454 or by using the City's online reporting tool. You can also report sidewalk damage or hazards. All you need is a description of the pothole or hazard and an address or location.



ADU FACTS & LINKS TO PROPOSED CITY REGULATIONS

- Approximately 294 ADU's have been requested as of 2/6/18
- 128 of those are for conversations of existing structures
- 34 are new additions to existing residences
- 32 are new separate structures

April 17, 2018 Council Agenda Report:

- 19 are result of existing violations
- Approximately 11,000 parcels could be eligible for ADU's outside high fire zones.

Information on proposed city ADU regulation is provided in the links below. (They may need to be manually copied and pasted into your internet browsers window in order to work.)

https://records.santabarbaraca.gov/OnBaseAgendaOnline/Documents/ViewDocument/Council%20Agenda%2 0Report%20-

Proposed ADU Ordinance:

https://records.santabarbaraca.gov/OnBaseAgendaOnline/Documents/ViewDocument/Attachment%20%20-%20ORDINANCE.pdf?meetingId=350&documentType=Agenda&itemId=10500&publishId=4689&isSection=false

Information from prior hearings can be found on the links below:

Planning Commission meeting of January 25 on ADU ordinance with public comment on restrictive covenants & high fire areas:

https://records.santabarbaraca.gov/OnBaseAgendaOnline/Documents/ViewDocument/Attachment%202%20-%20GENERAL.pdf?meetingId=350&documentType=Agenda&itemId=10500&publishId=4684&isSection=false

Historic Landmarks Commission ADU comments:

https://records.santabarbaraca.gov/OnBaseAgendaOnline/Documents/ViewDocument/Attachment%204%20-%20GENERAL.pdf?meetingId=350&documentType=Agenda&itemId=10500&publishId=4686&isSection=false

City Ordinance Committee comments:

https://records.santabarbaraca.gov/OnBaseAgendaOnline/Documents/ViewDocument/Attachment%205%20-%20GENERAL.pdf?meetingId=350&documentType=Agenda&itemId=10500&publishId=4687&isSection=false

ADUs submittal packet:

https://records.santabarbaraca.gov/OnBaseAgendaOnline/Documents/ViewDocument/Attachment%206%20-%20GENERAL.pdf?meetingId=350&documentType=Agenda&itemId=10500&publishId=4688&isSection=false

ADU Covenant:

https://records.santabarbaraca.gov/OnBaseAgendaOnline/Documents/ViewDocument/Attachment%20%20-%20RESOLUTION.pdf?meetingId=350&documentType=Agenda&itemId=10500&publishId=4690&isSection =false

Comments on ADUs from Fred Sweeney, AIA, Chair of the Single-Family Design Review Board: <u>https://records.santabarbaraca.gov/OnBaseAgendaOnline/Documents/ViewDocument/Attachment%203%20-%20GENERAL.pdf?meetingId=350&documentType=Agenda&itemId=10500&publishId=4685&isSection=false</u>

Neighborhood Watch: Recruiting Block Facilitators

In light of recent events, several Upper East neighbors have started an effort to build and strengthen our disaster readiness. Most of us know the necessary personal preparations, such as having enough water and food for three days, flashlights, and a hand cranked radio.

Beyond personal preparations, however, community preparations will be just as important. In the hours or days after a disaster, we cannot assume that the fire and police departments, medical personnel or public utility workers will be able to help all of us. 9-1-1 capacities can be overwhelmed, roads blocked, cell towers damaged, and power lines down. Out of necessity, we become the first responders. Before the next disaster strikes, we need to be organize as a neighborhood to support each other.

To help you organize your own portion of the Upper East, we will be holding a final workshop for block facilitators. Participants will learn the nine steps to take immediately following a disaster, and how we can be prepared as a neighborhood to assist each other. The workshop will take place on Tuesday, May 1st from 5-6:30pm. Please contact Kathryn Hinsch at <u>khinsch@mazama.net</u> or 206-200-1101 if you would like to attend.

Upper East Association History

Some of you may wonder about the history of our Upper East neighborhood association. The Upper East is one of 30 designated neighborhoods within city boundaries. The Upper East Association is one of approximately 20 associations of neighbors who have organized themselves to have a stronger voice at City Hall. Our association began in the 1950's extending to 1984 with the late Sarah Coulter and our long-time neighbor Joe Howell who were officers during that period. However, when Joe completed his term as president, no one was willing to step forward and continue the leadership. Sara who was the secretary suggested, upon the dissolution of the association, that remaining account funds be forwarded to the Roosevelt School PTA. It would be interesting to know if others have additional neighborhood history to share, particularly with regards to its original inception.

As to the current association, it was re-started with a neighborhood meeting November 15, 2005 thanks to Lisa Burns, Dick Moss, attorney Tony Fischer, and former city planner Don Olson, who decided the neighborhood needed to come together again under a new organization. Our current Upper East Association was officially reinstated with the State of California on January 12, 2007. Meetings were held to address the mission of the association, which is, "to coordinate and facilitate neighborhood preservation and protection in Santa Barbara, California." The association tackled the city's 2008 update to the general plan. From inception, our neighborhoodsponsored city council election forums have been well-attended. We were successful in retaining the height of our beloved hedges; and we made our voices heard on the issue of recreational vehicles parking in our neighborhood.

As a board representing about 250 households, we continue to strive to inform our membership concerning issues which directly affect our neighborhood. When we have consensus of our membership, usually gauged by surveys of our membership, our Board members speak at city council and other governing bodies. Additionally, the association's annual membership gathering in November is an opportunity to bring our members together and thank them for their participation. We look forward to continuing this neighborhood engagement as we ensure our mission to enhance beautiful and historic and preserve our neighborhood.

We want to hear what is important to you. Email the UEA Board at <u>ueacomm@gmail.com</u>.

