

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #3

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2024, 7:00 P.M. CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM 2929 TAPO CANYON ROAD

AGENDA

NC #3 Chair
NC #3 Vice Chair
NC #3 Secretary
City Council Liaison

Jeremy Yablan
Bridget Charboneau
Rachel Bystrom
Council Member Dee Dee Cavanaugh

- 1. Call to Order/Welcome/Pledge of Allegiance
- Agenda Review
- 3. Approval of Minutes
- 4. Correspondence
- 5. Public Statements/Comments

This is the time allotted for public statements or comments on matters within the subject matter and jurisdiction of the Executive Board not on the agenda. Statements and comments are limited to no more than three (3) minutes per speaker.

- 6. Informational Presentation(s)
 - a. Managing Hazardous Materials, Solid Waste, and Recycling Programs

 No Action: Receive Information
- 7. New Business
 - a. Review of a request for a Conditional Use Permit application (CUP-S-2023-0004) to construct a 66,431-square-foot industrial tilt-up building on a 7.67-acre vacant site for warehousing and manufacturing of bakery ingredients

Action: Vote to recommend approval or denial



b. Election of Officers

Action: Nominate and Vote to select Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary

- 8. City Staff Comments
- 9. Executive Board Comments

This is the time allotted for Executive Board member statements or comments on matters within the subject matter and jurisdiction of the Neighborhood Councils, to give an Ad Hoc Committee Report, or to make any announcements related to community events and other items of interest.

10. Adjournment: Thursday, July 11, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

/s/	
Mara Malch	

Deputy Environmental Services Director

If any interested individual has a disability that may require accommodation to participate in this meeting, please call the Neighborhood Council Program at (805) 583-6756. Upon advance notification, reasonable arrangements will be made to provide accessibility to the meeting.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome

Chair Jeremy Yablan called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. A quorum was present.

Jeremy Yablan	Р	Fred Peterson	Е
Bridget Charboneau	Р	Jon Gatewood	Е
Rachel Bystrom	Р	Steven Baker	Р
Peter Carrube	Р	Andy Hanna	Α
Revathi Pudhota	Ε	Vacant	
Tony Hudacs	Р	Vacant	
Lyle Jackson	Р	P=Present; E=Excused; A=Ab	sent

2. Agenda Review

No changes were made to the agenda.

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Steven Baker and seconded by Peter Carrube to approve the March 14, 2024 minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Correspondence

Kevin Marshall resigned from the Neighborhood Council Executive Board.

- 5. Public Statements/Comments: None
- 6. Informational Presentation(s)
 - a. Understanding and Combatting Human Trafficking

Detective Kellyn King from the Simi Valley Police Department presented an educational presentation on Understanding and Combatting Human Trafficking. She emphasized the community's pivotal role in reporting suspicious situations, which could lead to vital resources for victims or the prosecution of traffickers. Despite society's misconceptions perpetuated by media, statistics from 2021 revealed that only 6% of reported human trafficking cases involved abduction. It is more likely that a known perpetrator might victimize a person. Traffickers and victims come from diverse backgrounds, and victims can be male or female. Human trafficking manifests in various industries and can affect anyone with vulnerabilities including unstable living conditions, history of abuse, foster youth, undocumented immigrants, developmental disabilities, or economic hardships. Human trafficking encompasses a wide range of exploitative practices, including both sex and forced labor, facilitated through coercion, fraud, or force. There is no such thing as child prostitution and any child who is induced into commercial sex is being

trafficked. In cases where someone discloses being trafficked, active listening, non-judgmental support, and offering to contact local resources are vital. Ultimately, reporting suspicious situations and providing support are essential actions in combating human trafficking. Call 911 if you witness a suspicious situation or there is a possibility of immediate harm and report "suspected human trafficking." Contact the Ventura County Human Trafficking Task Force Hotline for resources, services, and advocacy by calling Interface for adults at 1-800-636-6738 and Forever Found for minors at 1-805-261-1212.

b. Drops of Change – Strategies for Water Conservation

Ramona Mejia, Environmental Compliance Program Coordinator, presented strategies for water conservation. The City of Simi Valley/Waterworks District No. 8 customers are no longer required to follow a designated watering day schedule. Customers are requested to continue making water conservation a California way of life by watering only when their lawns or gardens need it. Water only before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m. to reduce evaporation, and no watering during (and for 48 hours after) measurable rainfall. Residents can report water waste using the Water Waste Reporting Form. The City is removing non-functional turf around the Civic Center, getting ahead of AB 1573, which prohibits the use of potable water for the irrigation of non-functional turf owned by local government beginning January 1, 2027. Bewaterwise.com offers a turf removal program that provides a rebate up to \$3 per square foot (up to 5,000 sq. ft.) for residents and \$2 per square foot for commercial customers who remove their grass and replace it with water-efficient California friendly and native plants. Additionally, residents can earn an extra \$100 per tree added to their project for a maximum of five trees. Bewaterwise.com has a wealth of helpful tips on how to lower water use including water-saving rebates and grants, landscape classes, and water-wise garden inspiration. The City of Simi Valley provides Simi Valley / Ventura County Waterworks District No. 8 residential water utility customers with a free water usage dropcountr Home portal. The dropcountr HOME portal will help residents keep track of and manage their water use, as well as provide leak and threshold alerts. Residents with Golden State Water have a similar monitoring device program called the Flume. The Metropolitan Water District hosts virtual landscaping and irrigation workshops to help inform residents about turf removal, drought-tolerant plants, and irrigation systems. All workshops are offered at no cost and are listed on the Calendar page of the City's website.

7. New Business: None

8. City Staff Comments

Kelly Duffy announced free dog adoptions are available from April 12 to April 14, 2024, at Ventura County Animal Services. Residents can watch the recorded State of the City presentation from Mayor Fred Thomas on the City's website. Recruitment for Executive Board membership is in progress with Neighborhood

Council #3 receiving seven applicants for the six Executive Board openings. Ms. Duffy reminded Executive Board members to keep Executive Board comments non-partisan, as the Neighborhood Council is a politically free zone, citing Bylaws. The Homeless Resource Coordination meeting is April 16, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. at the Simi Valley Library Community Room. The ADA Paratransit Advisory Committee Meeting is at the Simi Valley Senior Center on April 18, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. Lastly, The Wellness Expo 2024 will be held in the Civic Center Quad area between City Hall and the Library on May 15, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

- 9. Executive Board Comments: None
- 10. Adjournment: Thursday, May 16, 2024, 7:00 p.m.By consensus of the Executive Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.



Neighborhood Council Development Project Overview

Project No.	CUP-S-2023-0004
Project Name	
Neighborhood Council No	
Neighborhood Council Date	May 16, 2024
Tentative Planning Commission Meeting Date	
Tentative City Council Meeting Date	N/A
Case Planner	Alexandra Clingman

Request:

Consideration of a Conditional Use Permit application (CUP-S-2023-0004) to construct a 66,431-square-foot industrial tilt-up building on a 7.67-acre vacant site for warehousing and manufacturing of bakery ingredients.

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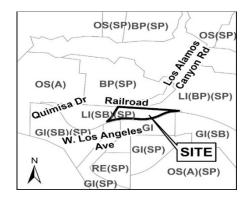
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General Plan: Industrial

Zoning: Light Industrial (LI), Sexually Oriented Business Overlay (SB), West End

Specific Plan (WESP)

Location: 615 West Los Angeles Avenue





Project Overview

The applicant, Walter Postelwait, On the Rise Properties, LLC, requests approval of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP-S-2023-0004) to construct a 66,431-square-foot industrial tilt-up building on a 7.67-acre vacant site located north of West Los Angeles Avenue and south of the railroad at 615 West Los Angeles Avenue. The proposed single-story building will include a 38,582-square-foot warehouse space, a 21,000-square-foot manufacturing area, and a 6,600-square-foot office and partial mezzanine (refer to Figure 1).

Railroad **Loading Docks Loading Docks** Los Alamos Creek Warehouse/ Parking Manufacturing Driveway Driveway Office/ Mezzanine W Los Angeles Ave

Figure 1: Proposed Site Plan

The site is currently vacant and will require approximately 30,000 cubic yards of excavation and 19,000 cubic yards of fill. New grading will remain at least 100 feet away from the top of the bank of Alamos Creek to the west.

The proposed building will be a maximum of 41 feet and 3 inches in height and features vertical articulation through the use of varying parapet heights. The exterior design of the building will consist of concrete tilt-up walls in varying shades of grey with copper-colored tile and corrugated metal siding accents. Metal awnings will be provided over windows and loading docks. Building entries will be emphasized with bronze aluminum framing and windows will be dual-glazed with a green tint (refer to Figure 2). All roof-mounted equipment will be completely screened by the parapet. Wall-mounted lighting fixtures will be placed on the building and parking lot fixtures will not exceed 20 feet in height throughout the site.

Figure 2: Building Elevation Facing West Los Angeles Avenue



There will be a total of 91 parking spaces for both public and employee use located on the west and east sides of the building. Two new driveways will be constructed to access the parking areas and the 4 loading docks on each side of the building (8 total loading docks, refer to Figure 3). The driveways will be accessible from West Los Angeles Avenue. Additionally, a 77-foot-long and 15.5-foot-high concrete tilt-up wall will be provided on the west side of the building to screen the loading docks from view on West Los Angeles Avenue. The loading docks located on the east side of the building will be screened by the building wall and landscaping.

Figure 3: North Building Elevation Facing the Railroad



A landscaped buffer area will screen the south, east, and west portions of the building along West Los Angeles Avenue through the use of trees, shrubs, and ground cover. The proposed landscaping of 61,957 square feet (28.3 percent) complies with the West End Specific Plan requirement of 15 percent landscaping. Retaining walls ranging from 1 foot to 6.5 feet in height will be constructed along the south and west edges of the parking area and building. Four (4) Coast Live Oaks and two (2) Peruvian Pepper trees will be removed from the site to accommodate the current project. To mitigate the loss of these trees, the Applicant is required to plant upsized replacement trees on-site or pay into the City's Tree Mitigation Fund (refer to Figure 4).



Figure 4: Conceptual Landscape Plan

The General Plan land use designation for this site is 'Industrial,', which is intended to provide areas for most industrial uses and should consist of one to three-story buildings (City of Simi Valley General Plan - Chapter 3). The site is located within the 'Light Industrial' zone of the West End Specific Plan (WESP), intended for the development of a broad range of industrial and service commercial activities such as light manufacturing, wholesale trade, transportation, communications, research and development, and administrative offices (West End Specific Plan- Section 2). The proposed one-story industrial building will be utilized for warehousing, distribution, and related office purposes and is therefore consistent with both the General Plan land use designation and the WESP zone.

The project is consistent with the recently approved industrial project located to the west at 903 Quimisa Drive, as well as the existing RV and contractor storage facilities situated to the southwest and the sanitation facility and City offices located to the south, in that the building will be utilized for industrial purposes such as warehousing, manufacturing, and related office functions. A landscaped slope and West Los Angeles Avenue will act as a buffer between the project and these uses. Moreover, grading will remain outside of Alamos Creek to the west.

The proposed project is surrounded by the following land use designations and uses:

	GENERAL PLAN	ZONING	LAND USE
Project Site:	Industrial	LI(SB)(SP) [Light Industrial (Sexually Oriented Business) (West End Specific Plan)]	Vacant
North:	Business Park	BP(SP) [Business Park (West End Specific Plan)]	100-foot-wide railroad right-of-way then natural hillside
South:	Industrial and Public Services Center	GI(SP) [General Industrial (Arroyo Simi Greenway Specific Plan)]	West Los Angeles Avenue then the City of Simi Valley Sanitation and Transit facilities
West:	Industrial	LI(SB)(SP) [Light Industrial (Sexually Oriented Business) (West End Specific Plan)]	Vacant land for industrial development Approved but unbuilt industrial project (903 Quimisa Drive)
East:	Business Park and Industrial	LI(BP)(SP) [[Light Industrial (Business Park) (West End Specific Plan)]	100-foot-wide railroad right-of-way then natural hillside

II. <u>Discretionary Statement</u>

Bakery product warehousing requires a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) in the Light Industrial (LI) Zone within the West End Specific Plan (WESP). The Planning Commission may grant a CUP in compliance with Simi Valley Municipal Code Section 9-52.070.G-Findings and Decision.

III. Issues

There are no issues.

IV. Environmental Review

An Initial Environmental Study is being prepared for the project, and it is anticipated that a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) will be required under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Potential mitigation measures may include Tribal monitoring, pre-construction biological surveys, on-site tree replacement, and the use of standard Best Management Practices to avoid potential environmental impacts.

V. Exhibits

Project	exhibits	are	attached
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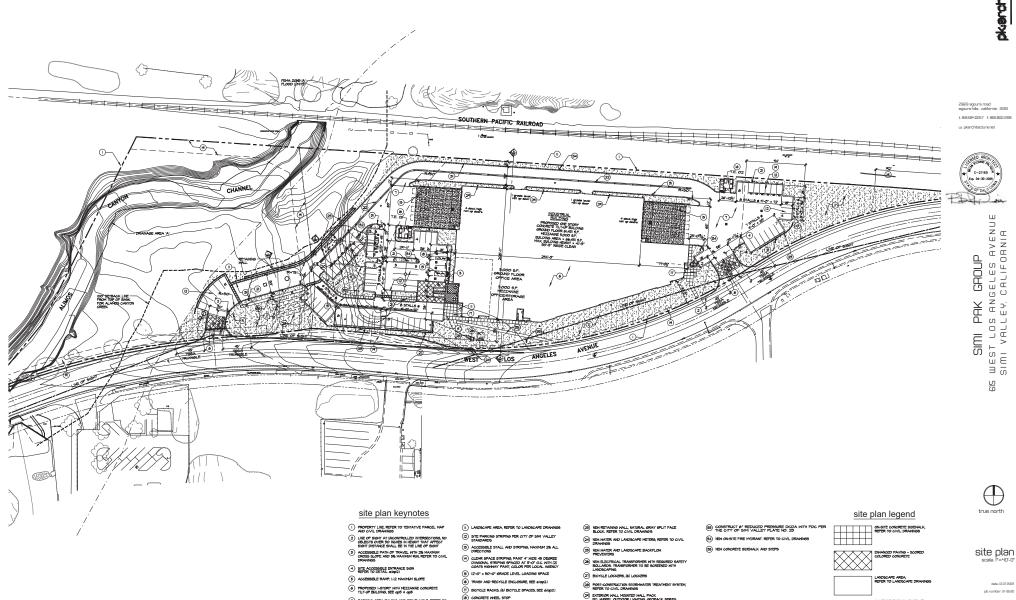
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(22) CONCRETE SHALE AND CATCH BASINS, REFER TO CIVIL DRAWINGS

(M) EXISTING PUBLIC EASEMENT, REFER TO CIVIL DRAWINGS

(52) MODULAR METLAND DEVICE, REFER TO CIVIL

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