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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Planning & Building Services

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Mendocino County Zoning Administrator at its regular meeting on Thursday, February 14, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., to be held in Planning and Building Services Conference Room, 860 N. Bush St., Ukiah, California, will conduct a public hearing on the following project at the time listed or as soon thereafter as the item(s) may be heard.

CASE#: U_2018-0023

DATE FILED: 10/2/2018

OWNER: SIMEON EVANS

APPLICANT: BRANDY MOULTON

REQUEST: Use Permit to allow for a cannabis cultivation permit (Type C-A: Indoor) of no more than 2,500 sq.ft. of mature canopy within a structure per Mendocino County Code Section 20.242.040 (C)(1)(c). This property is subject to the 'Sunset Clause'.

LOCATION: 6.4± miles southeast of Fort Bragg city center, lying on the east side of Jade Court (CR 453), 0.1± miles east of its intersection with Amethyst Street (CR 451), located at 17501 Jade Ct., Fort Bragg (APN: 019-560-31).

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: Categorically Exempt

STAFF PLANNER: JESSE DAVIS

Your comments regarding the above project(s) are invited. Written comments should be submitted to the Department of Planning and Building Services Commission Staff, at 860 North Bush Street, Ukiah, California, 95482, no later than **February 13, 2019**. Oral comments may be presented to the Zoning Administrator during the public hearing.

The Zoning Administrator's action regarding this item shall be final unless appealed to the Board of Supervisors. The last day to file an appeal of the Zoning Administrator's decision is the 10th day after the hearing. To file an appeal, a written statement must be filed with the Clerk of the Board with a filing fee prior to the expiration of the above noted appeal period. If you challenge the project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Department of Planning and Building Services at, or prior to, the public hearing. All persons are invited to appear and present testimony in this matter.

**Douglas Kronzer
16220 Shane Drive
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February 4, 2019

Brent Schultz
Department of Planning & Building Services
860 North Bush St.
Ukiah, CA 95482

Dear Mr. Schultz,

I am writing regarding the use permit to allow for a cannabis cultivation permit at 17501 Jade Court in Fort Bragg. I am opposed to granting this permit for cannabis cultivation in our residential neighborhood.

First, the mailbox at this location has the number 31320 in front of the property. Photographs of the entrance to the property are enclosed. This is a deception, and I believe that is characteristic of the nature of cannabis cultivation and distribution business. The behavior of the owners and employees still display the nature of undercover activity, secrecy and criminality. This type of activity should not be allowed to exist in our neighborhood.

Second, I question the square footage regulation on this permit. There is a large 2 story warehouse on the property. Has this building been inspected by your office? The measurement standard refers to square feet, not cubic feet. Are there outdoor greenhouses that also house plants for cultivation? If so, they may be exceeding the 2500 square foot limitation. Will your office inspect and verify the legality of the square footage requirement?

Third, there are two large tanks inside the front gate. One is labeled Carbon Dioxide. I am curious to know what is in the second tank. What is the purpose of having these tanks on their property? This also brings us to the main question of waste management. Will your office be inspecting the property to make sure that no chemicals are leaching into the soil and creeks in the area? Why should we be subject to the risk of contamination in our own neighborhood? Again, this type of business should not be allowed in a residential area.

Fourth, what are the security measures and procedures of this establishment? Do they have guns or other firearms on the property? We should know if there is any risk of public safety since this is a residential area. Shootings are only too common in the cities of the Bay Area.

On a personal note, we have heard loud voices drifting down towards our property. I went to talk with them, and ask that they be mindful of the fact that this is a quiet neighborhood, and people enjoy their privacy. Their response was less than receptive, bordering on defiant. I was told that they have every right to do whatever they want on their property. Similar with any other mind or mood altering activity, like in a bar, people have a tendency to get noisy and boisterous. The problem is – that kind of party attitude has the potential of disturbing a peaceful residential area. Therefore I am opposed to granting the permit at 17501 Jade Court.

I have submitted various questions in this letter, and I would like to receive a written response from you to these questions and concerns. I would also request a written response regarding the outcome of this permit request, and I have enclosed the self-addressed envelope.

Finally, I have spoken with neighbors regarding this permit hearing, and they have not received the notification of this public hearing. Both properties were recently sold. One new owner is on Jade Court, and the other new owner is on Shane Drive. We have friends on Canyon Drive, and they did not receive a notice of this public hearing as well. It seems your distribution process lacks in contacting a number of neighbors in this area. Also, no neighbors on Amethyst Drive or Emerald Drive received notification of this public hearing. I know there are neighbors who also oppose cannabis cultivation in this area. All of this sounds like voter suppression, and I am expressing a concern that your office did not contact a number of residents who might also oppose this permit. Do you have an answer or solution to this problem?

I will be attending the hearing on February 14 to express my objections and concerns. It would be nice if you could also contact a larger sample size from our neighborhood so they can also voice their concerns.

Respectfully,



Douglas Kronzer



Chrisanne Sahines
Spouse

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