

New eComment for Planning Commission Meeting

Pamela Sund submitted a new eComment.

Meeting: Planning Commission Meeting

Item: 11. REPORT 19-0400 Precise Development Plan Amendment to extend the building permit expiration date, pursuant to Section 15.04.050 of the Municipal Code, for a 30-room hotel currently under construction at 1429 Hermosa Avenue

eComment: I think the City of Hermosa Beach should not allow Raju Chhabria and his company 1429 Hermosa LLC to have an extension of their permit for one additional year without detailed information from the company proving they have the money to complete construction and have the hotel open for business by 3/31/20 or very shortly thereafter. Mr. Chhabria has purchased several properties in the Hermosa Beach area and many of them sit vacant and derelict. They are a breeding place for vermin and attract an unsavory element of individuals that hang out on 15th Street and 15th Court, doing drugs and creating graffiti. Since construction started on the hotel sight, the progress has been exceedingly slow and during most business days there is no construction going on. The schedule of construction that Mr. Chhabria has provided the city is vague and I do not believe he will complete any phase of the construction as promised. He will simply continue to drag out the project, creating an even larger eye-sore, not to mention lack of revenue to generate income for the city. In addition, the hotel construction sight has continually pushed out their fencing and scaffolding, encroaching into 15th Court. In summary, Mr. Chhabria should not be granted the extension as he has not been a good citizen of Hermosa Beach and has not shown the ability to complete this project. He should be required to remove all construction and be forced to sell the property to someone who will build on it legally and timely. Thank you for your consideration and time in reading this comment.

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