



RE: SOS Conditional Use Permit meeting

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Hanna,

See below responses. I am still waiting on specs from Lighthouse Electric on parking lot lighting.

10-34-3-6

There are two existing parking islands indicated as A and B as shown in the illustration. Is a combined 1,316 sq ft. Area "A" has two Myrtle woods and two flowering trees, three Rhododendrons. Area B has 4 pine trees and multiple junipers. The southeast part of the parking area is surrounded by 17 pine tree, 8 Rhododendrons and 6' tall hedges surround much of the property. It is not in view of the Nopal Street and not in view of adjoining private residents to the south. The current vegetation also keeps the parking area from being in full view of the neighboring Elks lodge and current SOS offices. We would ask for a variance on installing a vegetation island in the middle of the southeast section of the parking lot because current islands meet the code requirements and the cost of "ripping up" the parking lot to install to plant trees and put in an irrigation system. We ask that we put resources toward helping community members in crisis ahead of ascetics that are not visible from the street or adjoin properties.

10-34-3-7

In regards to 5' vegetation area on the south side of the building on either side of the main entrance.... We would ask that there be an exception in this case. Due to the current existing parking lot, to add such an area would put pedestrians accessing the building at risk. If such a vegetation area was installed, pedestrians coming off of Nopal Street would have to walk directly in front of exiting traffic. We propose a walk way protected by yellow painted handrails to be installed as shown in the supplied illustrations. This will also protect the building as well. This area is also not in full direct view of Nopal Street due to landscaping along Nopal Street. This is an existing building since 1960 and not a new construction. To make these changes would require reconfiguration of the existing parking lot, removal of existing vegetation island and several parking spaces in order to create a new exit.

10-3-8

Retaining walls of 12" to 48", 17 pine tree, 8 Rhododendrons and 6' tall hedges surround much of the property. Wheel Stops will be in every parking space around the perimeter of the parking lot as shown is supplied illustration.

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