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Napa County Planning Commission Board Agenda Letter

TO: Napa County Planning Commission
FROM: Brian Bordona for David Morrison - Director
Planning, Building and Environmental Services
REPORT BY: Laura Anderson, Deputy County Counsel - 259-8252
SUBJECT: Balloons Above the Valley Hot Air Balloon Launching Site Use Permit P19-00303

RECOMMENDATION

BOB BARBARICK / BALLOONS ABOVE THE VALLEY / USE PERMIT #P19-00303-UP

CEQA Status: Denial of a project is exempt. (CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(4))

Request: Consideration and possible adoption of a Resolution of Findings denying Use Permit Application P19-00303 requesting hot air balloon launching on a 2.03-acre parcel within the Agricultural Preserve zoning district, with a General Plan land use designation of Agricultural Resource (AR). The site address is 5360 Washington Street, Napa. APN: 036-130-029

Staff Recommendation: Continue the item to the November 4, 2020 Planning Commission Meeting.

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CONTINUED FROM THE SEPTEMBER 2, 2020 COMMISSION MEETING.

TO BE CONTINUED TO THE NOVEMBER 4, 2020 COMMISSION MEETING.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Proposed Action:

That the Planning Commission:

1. Continue the item to the Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday, November 4, 2020.

Discussion:

On September 2, 2020, the Planning Commission held a public hearing regarding Applicant's request for a Use Permit to allow daily launching of up to eight hot air balloons on the property located on a 2.03-acre parcel within the Agricultural Preserve zoning district and with a General Plan land use designation of Agricultural Resource. The property address is 5360 Washington Street, Napa, APN 036-130-029. A copy of the staff report may be found at <http://services.countyofnapa.org/AgendaNet/GranicusMeetingDocuments.aspx?id=5999>.

After considering all written and verbal testimony and evidence presented, the Planning Commission adopted a motion of intent to deny Use Permit Application No. P19-00303 and directed the Commission's Counsel to return on October 7, 2020, with formal findings of denial. At this time, County Counsel and Planning staff are requesting additional time to complete these denial findings. Therefore, staff is requesting a continuance to November 4, 2020. The applicant/permittee is amenable to this continuation date.

FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

County Strategic Plan pillar addressed:

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Denial of a project is exempt. (CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(4)).

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

Napa County Planning Commission: Approve

Reviewed By: Charlene Gallina