

To whom this may concern:

While walking the trail the other day I saw your notice of public hearing. As someone who uses this trail frequently, I do not agree with the construction of another storage facility. The existing facility is already an eyesore. Our city already has so many storage facilities. I don't think it is conducive to build another.

Thank you,

Anon

Dear Planning Commission & Design Review Board,

My name is Elise, and I am a resident of Calloway Drive. My home is one of the homes that will back up to the proposed project area at 4480 & 4465 Streamside drive. I am also in a unique position as I work for a planning department in another Sonoma County town and am an Archaeologist. I am currently getting my master's as well and am months away from becoming a Registered Professional Archaeologist.

That all being said, hopefully, I can convey how this project is quite disturbing on multiple levels. First, the most obvious of my arguments is that this project is literally in my backyard. While I was not living here for the initial build of the original storage facility, I can attest to what my neighbors have told me. They have indicated that the construction was a complete nuisance. After the building was completed, there was no time limit on when facility users could come by. Meaning patrons could go to the facility at all hours of the night and move their things. Since living here, I have noticed that the noise, and can hear everything the people are doing at the facility. The noise seems to echo off the building and become more amplified. I still find there are a few people who don't follow the nighttime rules and come late at night. I fear that with the facility right up against my fence and the other adjacent to us, the sound would be more pronounced and louder than what it currently is. Also, the construction process would completely disrupt our community. We have two ways to ingress and egress our community. Our second right of way be impaired for the time the construction takes place.

My second argument pertains to the proximity to the trail and creek. As an archaeologist, I have worked all across the United States. I have been working in California for three years. I also worked on the 2020 Glass fire clean-up, which produced numerous new archaeological sites. Sonoma County has a deep cultural history that stems back thousands of years. Three old indigenous village sites were located in the area of what we now call the City of Santa Rosa. Two of those old village sites were based along Santa Rosa Creek. Archaeologists know that cultural finds will always be near a water source such as a creek. The proposed storage facility to be built parallel or adjacent to the creek is likely to come up with archaeological finds. While a surface survey may have been done, any time you dig into the ground, especially near a creek, you are likely to find and have disturbed an archaeological site. Finding human remains would not be surprising. The variance this project is seeking would not only bring construction nearer to the creek and the archaeological resources but also the trail and the creek itself. I suspect biologists, would find that the construction of this particular facility would cause damage to the ecosystem of the area.

I would presume give its proposed proximity it would disturb the walking trail along the creek. The construction process would affect trail users.

Lastly, what Sonoma County lacks the most is affordable housing. I know that the current facility, was proposed or was supposed to be residential as well as storage, which is not the case today. Housing in Sonoma County is atrocious. I would be a little more understanding if this new project proposal been to create more affordable

housing. Does our community really need another storage facility? In this circumstance, ask why a storage facility should receive special privileges.

I hope that the Planning Commission and Design Review Board takes my arguments into consideration. If the commission or board needs further explanation or sources to back up my archaeological assessment and information, I would be happy to make myself available or provide reference material.

Sincerely,
Elise
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