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Hi Sonia,

Thanks for taking me call and not sending me to v-mail. To recap our chat:

- The Arbors Design Review application was treated like a new project. The Fire Department, Traffic Engineering, Engineering Development Services, Building Division and Planning all reviewed the materials and updated development standards were necessary. The project Improvement Plans have been approved and signed by the City Engineer, and the plans for building permits have been submitted. Both the Improvement Plan and building construction plans will be uploaded as attachments to the staff report late next week. The meeting is scheduled on 1/5/23.

- The project has been kept alive through a series of State-mandated and City-approved time extension outlined below:

On April 8, 2010, the Planning Commission approved The Arbors project including a Mitigated Negative Declaration, a Hillside Development Permit, a Conditional Use Permit, and a Tentative Map.

Through a series of State-mandated time extensions, Assembly Bills 208 and 116, the life of the project was extended to April 8, 2016.

On September 22, 2016, the Planning Commission approved a one-year time extension extending the expiration date to April 8, 2017.

On February 22, 2018, the Planning Commission approved two consecutive one-year time extensions, extending the expiration date to April 8, 2019.

The Council approved two 12-month automatic time extensions for active projects that involved tentative maps. The Arbors was eligible for both, extending the expiration date to April 8, 2021.

On September 28, 2020, the Assembly Bill 1561 was approved extending the life of residential projects for 18 months, extending the expiration for the project until October 8, 2023.

On December 4, 2020, the application for Design Review was submitted to Planning and Economic Development.

On January 8, 2021, the Improvement Plans for the project were signed by the City Engineer.

Thanks for the neighborhood watch. Community involvement is so necessary.

Take care, happy holidays, and I'll see you next year.

Susie

Please note that I will be on vacation from December 22nd to January 3rd.

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I know this is a terrible week to ask any questions, but I'm just curious about this project. DRB notification says that the entitlements were granted by the PC in 2010, and DRB is all that's left. Since those will be 13 +/- year old approvals by the time this is heard, I'm just curious what, if anything, has been done in the meantime to keep those approvals alive.

Has anyone reviewed the 2010 approvals with regard to current laws/regulations, and, in particular, with regard to the fire and evacuation dangers we're all so deeply aware of now?

Thanks for your time, and if calling is easier, feel free to call me!

Sonia

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