

RESOLUTION NO. 28816

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING A REVISED MASTER PLAN FOR THE REUNIFICATION OF COURTHOUSE SQUARE

WHEREAS, on October 9, 2007, the Council adopted Resolution 26949 certifying the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Downtown Station Area Specific Plan and General Plan Amendment (State Clearinghouse Number 2006072104); and

WHEREAS, on October 9, 2007, the Council approved the Downtown Station Area Specific Plan General Plan Amendments and adopted a Statement of Overriding Considerations for significant, unavoidable air quality and transportation and circulation impacts that could not be mitigated to reduce the environmental effects to less than significant, finding that the benefits which would be realized and achieved from the implementation of the Downtown Station Area Specific Plan outweigh the environmental risks of the unavoidable significant environmental effects of such implementation and that such significant effects are acceptable; and

WHEREAS, on February 25, 2014, the City Council by Resolution No. 28437 certified the Final Tiered Environmental Impact Report (FTEIR) for the Courthouse Square Reunification Project (Project), finding that the FTEIR adequately identifies and analyzes the environmental effects of the Project and the alternatives, that the FTEIR was completed in compliance with the requirements of CEQA, State CEQA Guidelines and the Santa Rosa City Code, and that the FTEIR represents the independent judgment and analysis of the Council; and

WHEREAS, on October 14, 2014, the Council by Resolution 28568 approved the preferred alternative which includes two peripheral streets and which may include other architectural features and found that the potential significant effects of the Project identified in the FTEIR can be mitigated to less than significant with implementation of the mitigation measures identified in the Mitigation Monitoring Program included within the EIR dated February 2014 and therefore, found that the Project will not have a significant effect on the environment. The Council approved and adopted the mitigation measures set forth in the Mitigation Monitoring Program; and

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2015, the Council authorized staff to proceed with the Courthouse Square Reunification Project; and

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2015, the Council approved basic design guidelines and directed staff to prepare a revised Master Plan, with community input, and initiated a concurrent public outreach process for the Courthouse Square Reunification Project; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the basic design guidelines and in response to community input, two proposed master plan options were presented for Council consideration and approval; and

WHEREAS, an addendum to the FTEIR was prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15164 for both master plan options, which determined that the changes to the

Courthouse Square Project as set forth in either of the proposed master plans are minor and that none of the conditions described in CEQA Section 15162 requiring any further environmental review have occurred; and

WHEREAS, on January 26, 2016, the Council by Resolution No. 28736 approved a master plan for the reunification of Courthouse Square in reliance on the environmental analysis in the FTEIR and the Addendum; and

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2016, the Council by Resolution No. 28772 approved a Revised Master Plan for the Courthouse Square Reunification Project incorporating interior design improvements and minor revisions; and

WHEREAS, additional design of minor project features has proceeded since the Revised Master Plan was approved by Council, including the relocation of an accessible parking space, the relocation of historic plaques, the identification of attractive barricades for events and the new design concept for the Asawa Fountain.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa approves the new Revised Master Plan for the Courthouse Square Reunification Project, attached hereto as Exhibit A and made a part hereof.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 12th day of July, 2016.

AYES: (6) Mayor Sawyer, Vice Mayor Schwedhelm, Council Members Carlstrom, Coursey, Olivares, Wysocky

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Council Member Combs

ABSTAIN: (0)

ATTEST: _____
Interim City Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Interim City Attorney

Exhibit A – Revised Master Plan for the Courthouse Square Reunification Project dated July 12, 2016