North Fair Oaks Community Council
San Mateo County Coordinated
Departmental Response

Date: October 15, 2014
NFOCC Meeting Date: October 23, 2014
Special Notice I Hearing: 10 days; within 300 feet Vote Required: Majority

To: Members, North Fair Oaks Community Council
From: Summer Burlison, Project Planner
Planning and Building Department
Subject: Consideration of a Use Permit Amendment and Lot Merger to combine the existing church lot located at 681 - 2nd Avenue with the adjacent vacant lot, 677-2nd Avenue, in order to construct a new 2,200 sq. ft. single-story duplex to be used as minister housing in association with the church located in the North Fair Oaks area of San Mateo County. Each one bedroom unit will include an attached single-car garage. The project includes the reconfiguration of on-site church parking, landscape and drainage improvements, and the removal of two (2) trees with a diameter greater than 12-inches.

County File Number: PLN 2000-00325 (Woodside Spanish Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses)

## RECOMMENDATION:

Provide a recommendation to the Zoning Hearing Officer regarding the subject project proposal.

## BACKGROUND:

Owner/Applicant: Woodside Spanish Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses
Location: 677-2nd Avenue, North Fair Oaks
APN: 060-031-480
Size: 32,000 sq. ft. after merger (approximate)
Zoning: R-1/S-73 (Single-Family Residential/5,000 sq. ft. lot minimum)
General Plan: Single-Family Residential

## Existing Land Use: Church and Congregation Hall Facility, vacant land

Setting: The project site is located within a built-out single-family residential neighborhood in the North Fair Oaks area of San Mateo County. The project site consists of a single-story church and congregation hall with on-site parking along the side and at the rear of the property. The adjacent vacant property which will accommodate a new single-story duplex for minister housing associated with the church will be merged with the church lot.

## DISCUSSION:

The applicant is requesting a Use Permit Amendment to construct a new 2,200 sq. ft. single-story duplex on a currently vacant parcel (approximately 9,200 sq. ft. in size) located at 677-2nd Avenue in the North Fair Oaks area. Each one-bedroom unit will be 800 sq. ft. in size and connected by two attached single-car garages ( $300 \mathrm{sq} . \mathrm{ft}$. each) to serve the units. The architectural style, exterior finish colors and materials will be compatible with the church building. The duplex will serve as minister housing in association with the existing church and congregation facility located next door at 681-2nd Avenue.

The project includes a Lot Merger to merge the church lot and adjacent vacant lot in order to accommodate the proposed duplex and to reconfigure on-site parking for the church. Currently, the church maintains 57 on-site parking spaces. The reconfigured parking lot proposes 54 parking spaces, not including the two single-car garage spaces associated with the duplex. The County's Parking Regulations requires one (1) on-site parking space be provided for each four seats in a church. Under the church's current Use Permit, the maximum number of seats allowed in the main hall is 224. The main hall currently contains a total of 221 seats; therefore, requiring 55 on-site parking spaces. Based on the proposed site layout and improvements, staff believes there is an opportunity for the applicant to provide up to two additional on-site parking spaces to meet the current (221) and maximum potential seating capacity (224). The applicant has agreed to provide the additional required on-site parking spaces in order to comply with the County's parking requirements.

The project also includes landscape and drainage improvements, and the removal of two trees with a diameter greater than 12-inches. The two trees proposed for removal include an oak tree (14" dbh) located in the left front side of the vacant lot, and a walnut tree ( 13 " dbh) located in the right front corner of the vacant lot. Both trees are proposed for removal in order to accommodate parking and circulation improvements.

## ATTACHMENTS:

A. Vicinity Map
B. Survey
C. Site Plan
D. Floor Plan
E. Elevations
F. Grading and Drainage Plan

## ATTACHMENT A



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## ATTACHMENT C



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