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TO: AGOURA VILLAGE SPECIFIC PLAN CITIZENS ADVISORY GROUP

FROM: DENICE THOMAS, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: OBJECTIVE DESIGN STANDARDS

As you are aware we have been working toward curating a list of objective standards that may be considered by the Planning Commission and the City Council for adoption as an interim measure while the Agoura Village Specific Plan (AVSP) is being reviewed by your Citizens Advisory Group (CAG). As State Law requires us to evaluate projects based on objective criteria, we are endeavoring to amend our regulations to ensure community priorities are captured in an objective manner. The process is being done in three phases. Phase I, identifies the adopted standards that are objective and places them in a checklist that can be made into public information widely distributed to those wishing to develop residential or mixed use property within the City of Agoura Hills. Additionally, the checklist may be used by staff to expedite the review of projects requiring expedited review. Attachment A (Objective Standards Checklist for Residential Development) is a list of all of the objective standards currently adopted in the Agoura Village Specific Plan for residential and mixed-use development. These standards were adopted by the City Council on October 22, 2008. No amendments to this language or these standards is being proposed at this time. This list will be presented to the Planning Commission on November 18, 2021, as a receive and file item. This receive and file item is informational in nature and does not require deliberation or approval by the Planning Commission.

Phase II of the process is to identify the subjective standards within the AVSP, modify the language to make the standards objective, then amend the AVSP to include the new standards. We, the CAG, are working through that stage with the help of RRM Design Group. Attachment B (Objective Standards Matrix) contains the 17 objective standards the CAG came to consensus on at the August 17, 2021, meeting. The standards in Attachment B include: standards that are already adopted, standards found in the adopted General Plan, and standards adopted as part of the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program from the certified Final Environmental Impact Report. We have done quite a bit of work on Phase II and will continue our discussion of those standards on November 16, 2021.

Phase III of the process will be to revise the checklist of objective standards to reflect the objective standards adopted in the amended AVSP in 2022.

I look forward to our discussion on November 16th. Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or comments at dthomas@agourahillscity.org.

Attachments:

- A. Objective Standards Checklist for Residential Development
- B. Objective Standards Matrix