



TOWN OF CORTE MADERA PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE OF AN INFORMATIONAL STUDY SESSION FOR MODIFICATIONS TO MARIN COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

TOWN AGENCY: CORTE MADERA PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING DATE: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2015
TIME AND PLACE: 7:30 P.M., TOWN HALL, 300 TAMALPAIS DRIVE
SUBJECT: STUDY SESSION REGARDING AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT, DESIGN REVIEW AND USE PERMIT FOR APPROXIMATELY 19,000 SQUARE FEET OF NEW CONSTRUCTION FOR CLASSROOMS, A PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES AT 5221 PARADISE DRIVE

On Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 7:30pm the Corte Madera Planning Commission will hold an informational study session to conduct a preliminary review of a proposal from Marin Country Day School (MCDS) to complete a creek restoration program and construct new facilities designed to accommodate the current student population with smaller class sizes and additional facilities.

The application for environmental assessment, design review and a use permit includes the construction of three new buildings plus an addition to an existing building. The total area added to the campus will be approximately 19,000 square feet. Temporarily classrooms are proposed in the parking lot off Paradise Drive. The new buildings and the addition will be used for classrooms, a performing arts center, and associated facilities. The project includes demolition of 7,979 square feet of existing classrooms and offices, resulting in a net increase of 11,187 gross square feet. The temporary classrooms in the parking lot will be removed at the end of construction, and the parking lot returned to its original function. The improvements will provide updated and more modern accommodations for MCDS students and more classrooms in order to reduce class sizes for more personalized instruction. No enrollment increases are proposed as part of this project.

MCDS has been operating a K-8 school at this location for over 50 years. In 2008, the Town granted a Use Permit to MCDS for a project that included restoring the creek that runs through the campus to the bay, and expanding the existing school facilities. MCDS has completed the first phase of the creek restoration, and has completed the 2008 building expansions. The school now plans to complete phase 2 of the creek restoration under a restoration plan that has been modified to accommodate the proposed new facilities. The goal of this voluntary creek restoration is to enhance the habitat and reduce erosion and flooding along a degraded drainage channel on the eastern edge of the campus. By removing some concrete features of this re-aligned channel, planting native wetland and riparian species, and removing some invasive species, MCDS will enhance the creek's natural and educational functions and values.

The other side of this notice shows the proposed site plan and area calculations.

The Planning Commission will not take any actions or make any decisions at this meeting. The meeting is intended to provide the Commission with the opportunity to conduct a preliminary review of the proposed project and provide comments and feedback to the project applicant. Then the applicant may make revisions prior to formal public hearings. Future public hearings for this project have not been scheduled at this time.

A complete set of plans is available for review at the Planning Department at 300 Tamalpais Drive, Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 1:00 p.m. to 3 p.m. The department is closed to be public on Fridays; however, staff is available via email, pboyle@tcmmail.org and phone, 415-927-5067

If you have any questions about the information contained in this notice, please contact the Planning Department at (415) 927-5064.

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