1482 Freedom

Eden Affordable Housing Project

Density Bonus Amendment & Design Review Modification

CITY COUNCIL | October 26, 2021

Overview

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RESOLUTION NO. 62-21 (CM)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING A DESIGN REVIEW PERMIT FOR APP #921, FILED BY ANDY MADEIRA, WITH EDEN HOUSING, APPLICANT, ON BEHALF OF EDEN FREEDOM INVESTORS LP, PROPERTY OWNER, TO CONSTRUCT A FIFTY-THREE UNIT AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT ON A 1.81± ACRE SITE LOCATED AT 1482 FREEDOM BOULEVARD, WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA (APN: 019-226-41)

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2020, Jane Barr with Eden Housing sent a letter informing the City of their request to process an affordable housing project located at 1482 Freedom Boulevard (APN: 019-226-41) in accordance with <u>Senate Bill 35 (SB35)</u>, which in 2018 established a streamlined, ministerial review and approval process for multi-family housing developments with at least 50 percent of the units dedicated as affordable units; and WHEREAS, Eden Housing is a non-profit that develops, owns and manages affordable housing. In the 50+ years since its founding, Eden Housing has worked in partnership with cities and local community partners to develop or acquire more than 10,600 homes in communities throughout California to serve approximately 22,000 lowincome residents from diverse cultures and backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has submitted information demonstrating that the project meets SB 35 eligibility requirements; and

WHEREAS, on December 2, 2020, Andy Madeira with Eden Housing, applicant, on behalf of Eden Freedom Investors LP, property owner, applied for a Density Bonus and Design Review Permit (APP #921) to construct fifty-three (53) affordable housing units on a 1.81± acre site located at 1482 Freedom Boulevard, Watsonville, California, (APN: 019-226-41); and

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Approved Project

Construct two, 3-story buildings



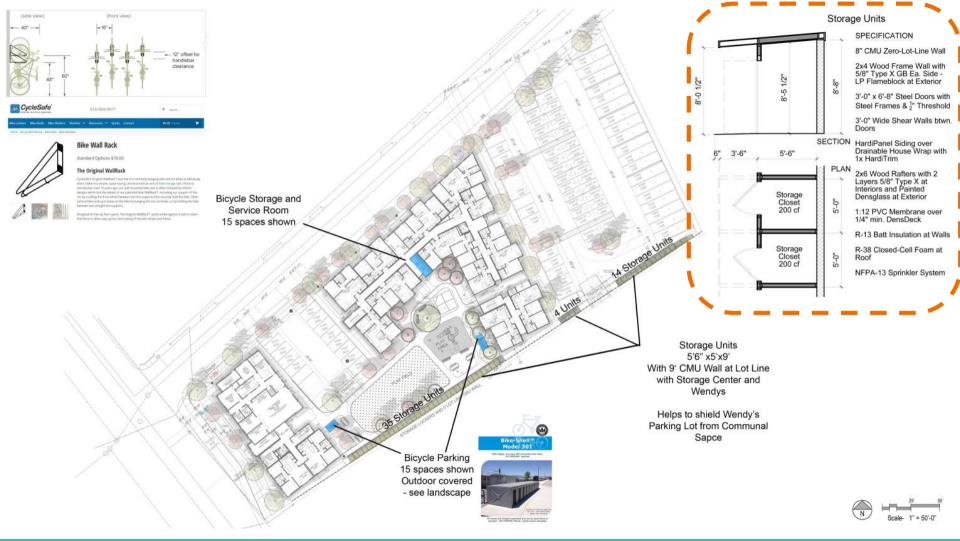
- **53** affordable units:
 - 11 one-bedroom
 - 26 two-bedroom
 - 14 three-bedroom

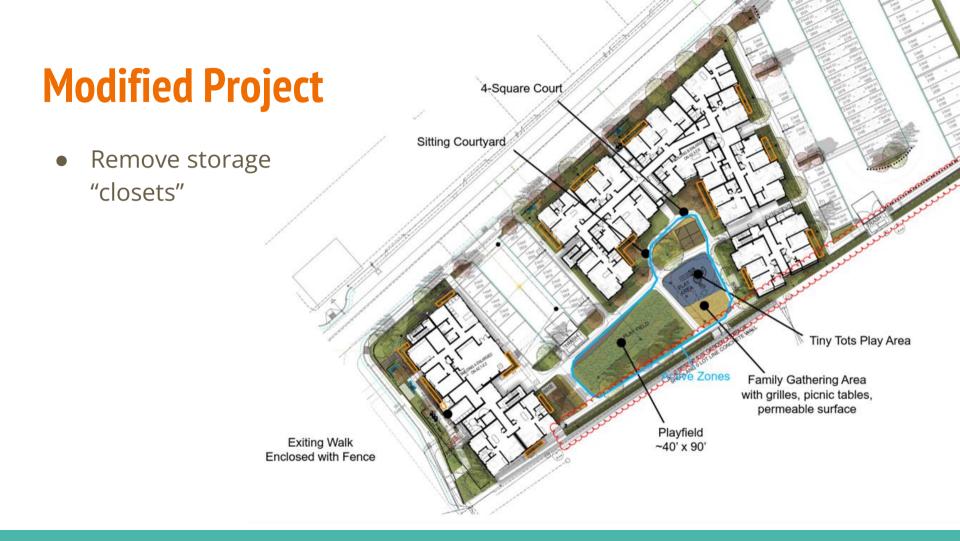
Approved Project

• Amenities:









Additional Requested Concession

• Modification:

- Provide 2 garden storage units
- In lieu of the 200 cubic yards per dwelling unit requirement

(x2) Garden Storage Units 5' x6'x7' With 7' Concrete Wall at Lot Line with Storage Center and Wendys

Helps to shield Wendy's Parking Lot from Communal Sapce



Project Consistency

- Conforms with RM-3 Zoning District development regulations
- Conforms with Residential Development Standards

• With approval of requested concession from and waivers of certain development standards

Concession cost reduction

Requested Relief	Details	Cost
Removal of patios & balconies (Construction Costs)	Removal of 39 balconies at \$13,000/unit. Removal of 14 patios at \$5,200/unit.	\$579,800
Min. patios or deck required (Operating Costs)	Reduction in \$150/unit/year in maintenance costs.	\$115,000
Walking Distance From Unit (Construction Costs)	Would require adding an additional story to reduce walking distance between parking spaces and elevator ground floor.	\$300,000
Min. yard storage (Construction costs)	Installation of two (2) yard storage units in lieu of 53 yard storage units built into the wall along the south property line would result in a cost savings of \$500,000.	\$500,000
TOTAL		\$1,494,800

Recommendation

That the City Council adopt a Resolution approving:

- 1. An Amendment to Density Bonus Request PP2021-2502
- 2. A Modification of the approved Design Review Permit PP2021-2502

To allow the construction of a 53-unit affordable housing project on a 1.8± acre site located at 1482 Freedom Boulevard (APN 019-226-41)