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April 10, 2025

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RE: Notice of Application Completeness

Anthem New Church and Associated Improvements
Case Numbers: 24-0002-SUB, 24-0004-CUP, 24-0010-DP,
24-0009-DP, 24-0005-CUP, and 24-0030-DRB
Located at 6595 Covington Way (APN 077-160-022)

Dear Mr. Welton:

Thank you for resubmitting the above-mentioned project on March 14, 2025. Staff have reviewed the materials submitted and determined the above referenced application to be complete pending payment of insufficient funds. For continued case processing, please respond to the invoice sent to the applicant via email on April 7, 2025, and submit the funds at your earliest convenience.

Our review is based on the applicant's submitted project description:

The proposed project includes the following:

- Subdivide the existing 3.423-acre lot into two (2) parcels.

Proposed Lot 1

- Parcel 1 is proposed to be 0.881 acres and contain the existing Crist Lutheran Church facilities including the sanctuary, parking lot and accessory structures.
- The permit types consist of an amendment to the Conditional Use Permit (65-CP-52) to revise the boundary of the initially approved permit, review by the design review board, and issuance of a zoning clearance, if the project is approved.
- The applicant is requesting the following adjustments:
 - Request to provide less than a combination of 50% shading for the Heat Island Effect.
 - Request relief for long-term and short-term electric bicycle charging stations.
 - Request to extend 5 feet into the rear setback to keep the modular in existing location.

- Request fewer than 1 tree/4 parking spaces.
- Relief from the requirement for a separate loading space,
- Reduction in the number of parking spaces.

Proposed Lot 2

- Parcel 2 is proposed to 2.542 acres (gross) and supports the Anthem Church facilities, as further described below:
 - Construct a new 2-story 22,038 SF church with classrooms and daycare.
 - Construct exterior patios, play yards, and passive recreation areas.
 - Construct a 125-space parking lot including 7 ADA and 6 EV parking spaces and 25 EV ready spaces.
 - Short and long-term bicycle parking and charging.
 - Propose a reduction in ESHA buffer from 100 feet to 50 feet
 - Construct new 6 foot high walls and fences to delineate exterior boundaries and create a waste storage area.
 - Modify the existing driveway and construct a new driveway on Los Carneros Road.
 - Construct a sanctuary with seating for up to 500 people, offices and facilities for a pre-school, day care, and youth groups that would serve the congregation and surrounding neighborhood.
- The permit types consist of a Development Plan for the new sanctuary, a CUP to allow assembly use in a residential zoning district, review by the design review board, and issuance of a zoning clearance, if the project is approved. Additionally, the applicant is proposing one adjustment to allow a portion of the proposed sanctuary to exceed the 25-foot height limit.

Please review this description carefully. If you believe the project description is incorrect or lacking any part of what you intend to include as part of the project, please contact us immediately. We reserve the right to request additional information to clarify the project description and to continue project/environmental review analysis during the remainder of our processing.

Please be aware that the City does not agree that the letter from the contractor qualifies as substantial evidence of infeasibility to supply the required EV charging stations, consistent with Ordinance 24-04. The City would like to discuss that matter in more detail. This matter will need to be solved before the initiation of environmental review.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions. I can be reached at (805) 961-7572 or at dmimick@cityofgoleta.org.

Sincerely,

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