

PUBLIC NOTICE

HUMBOLDT COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

On **Thursday, September 3, 2020** at **6:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, the Humboldt County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the matter listed below.

NOTE: In accordance with Executive Order N-29-20 the Planning Commission meeting will be held virtually.

HOW TO LISTEN OR WATCH THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:

Listen or Watch the live stream of the Planning Commission Meeting in three ways:

1. <https://zoom.us/j/94869062537> Password: 200525
2. Call in via telephone at 346 248-7799, enter meeting id 948 6906 2537 Password: 200525
3. Or while watching Access Humboldt on cable channel 10

PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS DURING THE MEETING:

Participate in the public comment period of the meeting in the following two ways:

1. **Via Computer as an attendee:** To raise your hand click the Raise Hand icon on the bottom of the Zoom window. When you click the Raise Hand icon, a hand icon will appear next to your name that will notify the host your hand is raised. You will also see the hand icon turn green. When you want to lower your hand, you can click the hand icon again and your hand will be lowered. When you are called upon to speak the Zoom platform will ask you for permission to unmute your mic. **If you encounter any issues, please use the call-in option below.**
2. **Via phone call using cellphone or landline:** When the Planning Commission meeting begins, call in to the conference line. When the Planning Commissioner starts to discuss the item you wish to comment on, **Press *9 to raise your hand.** When you are called upon to speak, you will be prompted to unmute your mic.

PUBLIC COMMENT PRIOR TO THE MEETING:

To submit public comment to the Planning Commission please email Planningclerk@co.humboldt.ca.us and provide your name, the agenda item number(s) on which you wish to speak. If you do not have access to email, a voicemail may be left at 707 445-7541 and will follow the same procedure as email public comments. All public comment submitted after the agenda has been published will be included with the administrative record after the fact.

A live stream of the meeting can be found by using the following link: <https://humboldt.legistar.com>

Humboldt County Fair Association, Ferndale area, Case Number PLN-2019-15519 (filed 4/08/2019); Assessor Parcel Numbers (APNs) 030-071-001, 030-011-003, 030-021-003, 030-112-017, 030-112-020, 030-081-006, and 100-181-003. A Conditional Use Permit to authorize use of the Humboldt County Fairgrounds for a maximum of ten (10) concerts and four (4) motorsports events. All events would be held at the oval racetrack and nearby grandstands located within the southern portion of the Fairgrounds. Events would be pre-scheduled and occur between March and October, excepting a six-week period (August 1st thru September 15th) associated with preparation, operation, and cleanup for the annual Humboldt County Fair. All events would end on or before 10 pm. Concerts would occur from a temporary stage placed directly in front of the grandstands and feature a range of different performance types from amplified music featuring a full band to smaller acoustic events. Motorsports activities include: Tractor Pulls, 4x4 Truck events, Go Carts, Monster Trucks, and Motorcycle Racing. Motorcycle racing events would occur on the dirt oval racetrack and involve up to 18 riders. The permit is being processed along with a request to amend the terms of the lease agreement between the County of Humboldt and the Humboldt County Fair Association (HCFA), a private non-profit organization responsible for management and operation of the Humboldt County Fair and County Fairgrounds.

Note: As Lead Agency, the Humboldt County Planning and Building Department has prepared and circulated for public review a draft Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project. **This notification is to advise you that the Humboldt County Planning and Building Department will receive public comments on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration from July 27, 2020, to August 27, 2020.** Comments may be submitted to the Humboldt County Planning and Building Department, 3015 H Street, Eureka, CA 95501 by

August 27, 2020. The draft Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study are available for review at the same location as well as online via the Department's website, located at <https://humboldt.gov/156/Planning-Building>

Project Location: The project site is located in the Ferndale area, on the east side of 5th street between Van Ness and Arlington Ave., on the property known as 1250 5th Street. The majority of the Fairgrounds is located within Ferndale city limits and outside of the Coastal Zone, including the dirt racetrack, grandstands, and primary parking areas used during events. Specific questions regarding this project can be directed to the assigned planner Steven Lazar at (707)268-3741 or via email at slazar@co.humboldt.ca.us

Consistent with the above instructions for public comment, any person may appear and present testimony regarding this matter during the hearing. If you challenge the nature of the proposed action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at or prior to the public hearing. The Planning Commission's decision will become effective if an appeal is not filed within the appropriate filing period. An appeal may be filed by any aggrieved person who has testified in person or in writing on the project and must be submitted in writing with the required fees to the Planning Division of the Humboldt County Planning and Building Department at 3015 H Street, Eureka, California 95501, post marked before the end of the appeal period. If appealed, the decision will not become effective until the appeal is resolved.

The staff report for this project will be posted on <https://humboldt.legistar.com> on the Friday before the Planning Commission meeting. General questions regarding the Planning Commission, the permit process, submission of materials and other information not specific to this project may be obtained from the Planning Division of the Humboldt County Planning and Building Department, 3015 H Street, Eureka, California 95501 or email planningclerk@co.humboldt.ca.us. Telephone (707) 445-7541.

The County of Humboldt is committed to providing equal access to all county programs, services and activities through the provision of accommodations for individuals with disabilities as required under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). With 72 hours prior notice, a request for reasonable accommodation or modification can be made. Please contact the Planning Commission clerk at 707-445-7541 or by email planningclerk@co.humboldt.ca.us or the ADA Coordinator at 844-365-0352 or by email at ada@co.humboldt.ca.us

Humboldt County Planning Commission
July 26, 2020