

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

On **Thursday, May 05, 2022**, 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 in the Board of Supervisors' Chamber, Humboldt County Courthouse, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, California, and virtually via Zoom to consider the matter listed below.

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/87544807065> Password: 200525
2. Call in via telephone at 346 248-7799, enter meeting id 875 4480 7065 Password: 200525
3. A live stream of the meeting can be found by using the following link: <https://humboldt.legistar.com> or by watching Access Humboldt on cable channel 11

PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS DURING THE MEETING:

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

1. **In Person:** Any person may appear and present testimony in regard to this matter at the hearing located in the Board of Supervisors' Chamber, Humboldt County Courthouse, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, California. The Planning Commission needs 15 COPIES of any materials submitted at the meeting.
2. **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.**
3. **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, press ***6 to unmute**.

PUBLIC COMMENT PRIOR TO THE MEETING:

Submit public comments via email to Planningclerk@co.humboldt.ca.us and provide the Project title, Record or Case number and date of the hearing. If you do not have access to email, contact the planning clerk at 707-268-3702. Comments received after the agenda is posted on **Friday, April 29, 2022**, can be found at the "Attachments" section of the "[Meeting Details](#)" link next to the posted Agenda at: <https://humboldt.legistar.com>, and will be included with the administrative record after the fact. Please note that each Zoom meeting has a unique meeting ID and password. Any item on this agenda that is continued to a future date will use the meeting ID and password applicable to the date the agenda item is to be heard again.

Humboldt County Fair Association, Ferndale area, Case Number PLN-2022-17561 (filed 12/29/2021); 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. Humboldt County Fair Association (HCFA) is seeking to modify a Conditional Use Permit which authorizes five (5) concerts and two (2) motorcycle racing events to be held each year at the Humboldt County Fairgrounds. The approved permit places limitations on event-related noise levels, including a 63-decibel limit on composite noise measured by averaging noise readings collected during a 24-hour period surrounding each event, as well as a 90-decibel instantaneous noise limit applied to all motorcycles participating in racing events. In their modification request, HCFA is seeking authorization to raise the 90-decibel motorcycle noise limit to 99 decibels to be consistent with common national testing standards for competition established by the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA). Analysis of the proposal's effect on composite noise levels has been performed by Whitchurch Engineering and has determined that composite noise will remain at or below the 63-decibel limit, even with the requested increase. To help reduce event-related noise, HCFA is now proposing: 1. creation of two (2) sound barriers during racing events, fashioned by temporarily placing tractor trailers or strawbales (or some combination thereof) adjacent to motorcycle acceleration zones; and 2. acoustic treatment of the internal wall of the grandstands using special materials designed to decrease reverberation. Under the approved permit, each "event" occurs within the course of a single day, and concerts cannot last longer than 2 consecutive days. An additional day of racing can be allowed if all the racing on that day is by electrical motorcycles, but in no case can the total amount of motorcycle racing exceed 4 days per year. Other types of motorsports events are prohibited, including (but not limited to): Tractor Pulls, 4x4 Trucks, Go Carts, and Monster Trucks.

As Lead Agency, the Humboldt County Planning and Building Department has prepared and circulated for public review a draft Supplemental 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 Supplemental Mitigated Negative Declaration from April 1, 2022, to May 1, 2022.** Comments may be submitted to the Humboldt County Planning and Building Department, 3015 H Street, Eureka, CA 95501 by **May 1, 2022**. The draft Supplemental Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study are available for review at the same location as well as through the State Clearinghouse online via <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/>

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, 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) 268-3702.

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
April 3, 2022