



Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Of the Santa Cruz County  
Board of Adjustment #3  
July 16, 2016

APPROVED  
8/18/16

Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Meeting Room # 120  
2150 N. Congress Drive, Nogales, AZ 85621

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dean Davis, Arturo Vazquez, Charlotte Stockton, and Jean Miller.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Donald Davidson

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mary Dahl and Angelika Ortiz

Mr. Davis called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Pledge of allegiance preceded roll call and it was noted for the record that a quorum was present.

Mr. Davis ordered a call to the public. After hearing no response, he moved to the next item on the agenda, Case No. VAR-16-3-11 Parcel No. 109-01-037: A request for a variance from Article 17, Section 1714 of the Santa Cruz County Zoning and Development Code to allow an off-site sign directing customers to Rancho Rossa Vineyards on a GR (General Rural) zoned property located at 121 Elgin Road in Elgin, Arizona.

Ms. Dahl reviewed the staff report and mentioned that off-sites signs are not permitted as per the Santa Cruz County Zoning and Development Code and that the applicant is asking for a variance from that section of the code in order to put a 32 square foot off-site sign to direct attention to the lane that provides access the Rancho Rossa Winery.

Ms. Dahl recommended approval of the request with the following conditions:

1. A sign permit will be obtained from the Building Department prior to any work being done,
2. The sign shall be situated in a manner that does not interfere with sight distances for intersections along Elgin Road
3. The applicants shall maintain the sign annually to include inspection for structural integrity and message board repainting as necessary
4. Other?"

Mrs. Miller asked if these type of variances have been allowed previously in this area and what is the maximum height allowed for a free standing sign.

Mrs. Dahl responded that she does not recall such a request in the past and that 10 feet is the maximum height allowed for a free standing sign.

Mrs. Breanna Hamilton gave a brief presentation of the request. She mentioned that they have been established since 1999 and the tasting room opened in 2006. She explained that even though they are the 4th winery that came to the area, most people do not know where they are located and that is why they are requesting permission for this off-site sign.

Mrs. Stockton asked if the sign would be in the north or south side of the road.

Mrs. Hamilton responded it will be on the south side of the road.

Mr. Davis opened the public hearing and after hearing no response, he moved to questions deliberation and action by the Board.

All the Board Members expressed their support for the request.

Mrs. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, to approve the variance request with the following conditions:

1. A sign permit will be obtained from the Building Department prior to any work being done,
2. The sign shall be situated in a manner that does not interfere with sight distances for intersections along Elgin Road
3. The applicants shall maintain the sign annually to include inspection for structural integrity and message board repainting as necessary

Mr. Davis moved to the approval of the June 16, 2016 minutes.

Mrs. Stockton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Vazquez to approve the June 16, 2016 minutes as presented.

Motion was approved unanimously.

Ms. Dahl mentioned that this will be her last meeting as a Planning and Zoning Director and Mr. Arturo Vazquez's last meeting as a Board of Adjustment Member.

The Board Members thanked them for their service.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.



Dean Davis - Chair