



TOWN OF LOOMIS
WORKSHOP MINUTES
PLANNING COMMISSION
LOOMIS DEPOT
5775 HORSESHOE BAR ROAD
LOOMIS, CALIFORNIA

WEDNESDAY

JANUARY 18, 2012

7:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER 7:32pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL All Present
Chairperson Thew
Commissioner Bordelon
Commissioner Hogan
Commissioner Miller
Commissioner Wilson

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

WORKSHOP OBJECTIVE:

This workshop has been called by the Planning Commission for the purpose of discussing the proposed Regina Caeli Priory project and the circulated environmental document (Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration). The Planning Commission will hear from the applicant, who will be assisting staff in answering any questions or concerns the public and/or Planning Commission may have on the proposed project.

1. #10-11 REGINA CAELI PRIORY PROJECT; 5820 ROCKLIN ROAD, ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBERS 045-161-018, -020, -021; CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, DESIGN REVIEW, LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT, PARKING WAIVER, TREE REMOVAL PERMIT, ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION)

The Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist – Loomis, are proposing to construct a 134,000 sq.ft. mission-style monastery building on a 40-acre parcel located at the southwest corner of Rocklin Road and Barton Road. The project site is zoned Residential Agricultural (RA), which allows an “organizational facility” such as a monastery by Conditional Use Permit. The structure will include 115 individual cells (bedrooms), a chapel, community rooms, a library, an indoor gymnasium, an outdoor playing field, prayer walkways, gardens, and other features consistent with the Sisters’ community and religious lifestyle. The proposed project would include a 43-foot-high bell tower so the Sisters can continue the custom of ringing the bell at noon and 6 p.m. The driveway entrance to the monastery is proposed to be located off of Barton Road.

Note: THIS IS NOT AN ACTION ITEM BUT A WORKSHOP.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The following persons made comments in support of the Priory project:

- Sonja Cupler
- Dick Searn
- Lisa Buescher (on behalf of Senator LaMalfa)
- Father Matthew Spencer
- Vicky Morris
- Russ Kelley
- Tom Millward
- Renee Schmitt

The following persons made comments requesting the “strawberry patch” be saved:

- Roger Smith
- Miguel Ucovich
- Irene Smith

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ADJOURN: 9:36pm