

Date: May 21, 2019
To: Coos County Planning Department
Re: AP-19-003

My husband and I have been neighbors of Mr. Mike Smith for 7.5 years, after purchasing our owner-occupied vacation home at 76125 Crannog Rd. As such, we recently received a notice from Coos County Planning Department of an appeal made by Beverly Segner (AP-19-003) to a Planning Director's decision to approve an extension (EXT-19-001) of an Administrative Conditional Use (ACU-14-32) application.

We owned our Crannog property at the time of the original Conditional Use application as well as at the time of the request for extension, and received due notice of those actions. It falls on our shoulders, therefore, not to have attended to the details of the two aforementioned actions. Upon receiving notice of Ms. Segner's appeal, however, I contacted Ms. Segner to learn the basis of her appeal. I have since found and read on the Planning Department website all the documentation of the original application, the extension request and the appeal.

Given the due notice mentioned above, I was surprised to learn that the original request was for a single-family dwelling. In recollecting my conversations with Mr. Smith about TL 100, he has indicated that his intent was to build a Quonset hut type club house that would allow South Coast Trail Riders a gathering place for recreating on the dunes. I do not recall that there was to be a place for even a caretaker to live. I did not get any indication that the building he was intending was to be a residence for anyone... simply a club house.

I support Ms. Segner's appeal: that the request for extension be reconsidered. I suggest that Mr. Smith be asked to submit a new application that more accurately represents his intention for the property. I also echo her concern that the Stuntzner report was based on a single family residence and does not take into account the use of the property and of the neighborhood roads by potentially 160 club members. Once an inviting clubhouse exists, it is possible that many of those 160 members will want to take advantage of it. In my opinion, our neighborhood cannot absorb much more traffic safely. Since the original ACU was requested, Saunders Lake has seen an increasing number of vacation rentals, adding considerably to the number of vehicles on our roads by people who do not have a vested interest in our neighborhood.

Thank you for this opportunity to respond.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Kenney