

New hotel in San Andreas clears a hurdle

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A proposal for a 79-room hotel and restaurant in San Andreas moved a step closer to reality last week.



A street view of what the proposed hotel and restaurant will look like in San Andreas.

The Calaveras County Planning Commission on Thursday adopted a pair of resolutions recommending the Board of Supervisors approve a zoning amendment and modified height variance for the project.

Planning staff in its report to the Planning Commission found “the proposed Zoning Amendment to R3 consistent with the General Plan, Title 17 (Zoning Ordinance), and compatible with surrounding land uses and zoning. The project, as proposed, will not have a significant effect on the environment and the adoption of the IS/MND and Mitigation and Monitoring Report Program. Additionally, staff recommends that the variance be granted in part, only allowing the stair overrun parapet and mechanical equipment and screening to encroach above the 45-foot minimum height limit. The lots meet the minimum requirements for C2 zoned parcels within public water and wastewater service areas. There is no substantial evidence that the project, as designed and mitigated, will have a significant effect on the environment.”

Saint Charles Hospitality LLC out of Los Gatos wants to construct the hotel and restaurant at 236 and 300 E. St. Charles St., adjacent to El Dorado Savings Bank.

The developer is seeking to rezone a vacant 2.96-acre parcel from Multiple-Family Residential to General Commercial so it can merge that parcel with an adjacent one already zoned General Commercial.

The applicant is also requesting a height variance to allow the hotel to encroach 8 feet, 1 inch into a 45-foot height limitation.

Plans call for the 45,220-square-foot hotel and separate 2,527-square-foot restaurant to be constructed on the combined 4.14-acre site.

The planning commissioner’s vote to adopt the resolutions was unanimous. No date was given as to when the proposal will go before the Board of Supervisors for consideration.

According to conceptual drawings submitted in the planning process, the hotel will be a Fairfield by Marriott. Fairfield is a franchised economy to mid-scale hotel brand of Marriott International.

The developer plans for the building's facades to be modified to fit within the historic context of San Andreas.

Fairfield targets guests willing to accept fewer amenities for lower prices. Cost-saving measures included standardized building architecture and bedding, and the absence of a full-time restaurant, but a complimentary hot breakfast.

Amenities at most properties include a pool, whirlpool, health club, same-day dry cleaning, vending machines, meeting rooms, free Wi-Fi, an ergonomic desk and chair, business center with printing capabilities, in-room television, mini-refrigerator and microwave.

There are approximately 1,200 Fairfield by Marriott hotels worldwide.