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Applicant

Friends of the Dunes, Inc.
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Owner

Same as applicant

Agent

N/A

Notice of Appeal Period Completion

Date October 5, 2022

Assessor Parcel Number: 400-011-075, 400-011-075, 400-011-077, 506-111-024,
506-111-021, 506-111-025 and 506-111-004

Record Number PLN-9175-CDP

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Description

The applicant (Humboldt County Nature Center Friends of the Dunes [FOD]), is requesting a modification to the previously issued Coastal Development Permit (CDP) and Conditional Use Permit (CUP) dating from 2007 and as amended to include additional properties acquired by FOD in 2008 and 2009. In 2015, the FOD applied for modification to CDP-06-49MMXM/CUP-06-49MMXM to continue dune restoration and trail work on an additional 3.6 acres known as the "Barr" property acquired by FOD (Assessor's Parcel Number [APN] 400-011-075). The proposed FOD Trail and Habitat Restoration Project (project) would manage public access, remove nonnative invasive plant species to restore sensitive dune mat plant communities, and install a fence along the eastern property line of the former "Barr" property. The amended permits would allow the continued implementation of a Restoration and Management Plan (Attachment 2) for restoration activities on FOD properties, including the most recently acquired former Barr parcel.

Work for property improvements other than on-going restoration on the Barr parcel would take place over a 3-year period. Specific activities would include establishment of a trailhead and a "No Parking" sign. Public access would allow pedestrians, dog walking, and horseback riding on designated trails during daylight hours only. Trail improvements include installation of signage to direct public access and distinguish equestrian from pedestrian trails. On these two trails, the applicant is proposing to apply the FOD Public Access Trails Policies, and to incorporate these two trails into the existing FOD trail system on APNs 506-111-024 and 506-111-024, which are also owned and managed by the applicant. An existing "private property" sign and metal gate at the proposed trailhead would be removed and replaced with a new fence designed to allow pedestrian and horse access while blocking access to motorized vehicles. These improvements are intended to minimize impacts on sensitive habitat while allowing continued access by hikers, equestrians, and dog walkers. In addition, nonnative iceplant and invasive annual grasses near the proposed trailhead on Lupin Avenue will be targeted for removal to allow restoration of native dune mat habitat on the former Barr parcel. A CDP/CUP is required for all development within the Coastal Zone.

Decision

The project was approved by the Planning Commission on September 1, 2022.