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ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION

APPLICANT: Ellen Jensen

FILE NO.: NSA-20-38

DESCRIPTION: Construct single-family residence with rock retaining wall, driveway, and associated site improvements on parcel -0900. Well and driveway improvements on parcel -0800.

LOCATION: Jackson Road Cooks, and identified as Skamania County parcel nos. #03-09-34-2-1-0800-00 and #02-09-34-2-1-0900-00.

LEGAL: See attached page 6.

ZONING: GMA - Residential 10 (R-10).

DECISION: Based upon the record and the Staff Report, the applicant's proposal, described above, is found to be consistent with SCC Title 22 and is hereby **APPROVED** subject to the conditions set forth below.

Although the proposed development is approved, it may not be buildable due to inadequate soils for septic and/or lack of potable water. These issues are under the jurisdiction of Skamania County's Building Division and the Skamania County Environmental Health Division.

Approval of this request does not exempt the applicant or successors in interest from compliance with all other applicable local, state, and federal laws.

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL:

The following conditions are required to ensure that the subject request is consistent with Skamania County Code Title 22. **THIS DOCUMENT, OUTLINING THE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL, MUST BE RECORDED BY THE APPLICANT IN THE DEED RECORDS OF THE SKAMANIA COUNTY AUDITOR** in order to ensure notice of the conditions of approval to successors in interest. SCC §22.06.120(C)(2).

1. As per SCC §22.06.120(C)(2), this Administrative Decision **SHALL BE RECORDED** by the applicant in the County deed records prior to commencement of the approved project.
2. All development shall be consistent with the approved site plan on file with Skamania County Community Development, unless modified by the following conditions of approval. If modified, the site plan shall be consistent with the conditions of approval.
3. The following are the minimum required setbacks for all structures except fences: FRONT YARD: fifty (50) feet from the centerline of the street or road or twenty (20) feet from the front property line, whichever is greater; SIDE YARD: twenty (20) feet, and REAR YARD: twenty (20) feet.
4. Only that grading which is necessary for site development (building pads, utilities, etc.) is permitted. All graded areas left bare shall be re-seeded with native vegetation promptly and prior to final inspection by the Community Development Department. A grading plan is required and shall be submitted with the building permit application.
5. The applicant shall meet all conditions of approval enacted to achieve visual subordination prior to final inspection by the Community Development Department. The applicant is to coordinate all inspections with the Building Division. A final inspection approval will not be issued until compliance with all conditions of approval; including visual subordination criteria have been verified.
6. The Community Development Department will conduct at least two site visits during construction, one siting inspection to verify the staked location of the structures prior to any ground disturbance taking place; and a second to be conducted after all foundation excavation has been completed including framing footers, but prior to pouring the foundation. A site visit for Final Inspection shall also be conducted. Each inspection may take up to four business days from the time of calling for the inspection. Inspections should be arranged by calling the Community Development inspection line at 509-427-3922 or by emailing permitcenter@co.skamania.wa.us.
7. The existing tree cover shall be retained and maintained in a healthy condition except as is necessary for site development. Dead and dying trees shall be replaced in kind.
8. Two rows of continuous screening trees, species native to the setting, shall be planted, staggered at 15-foot centers south and southwest of the proposed home site. At least two (2) shrubs within 10 feet of the south side and at least one (1) shrub each within 10 feet of

the east and west sides of the home are required. Areas where plantings are required are indicated on the approved site plan.

9. New screening vegetation shall be sized to provide sufficient screening to make the development visually subordinate within five years or less from the commencement of construction. All required vegetation shall be selected from the Scenic Resources Implementation Handbook's recommended plants list. Landscaping shall be installed as soon as practicable, and prior to project completion.
10. Applicants and successors in interest for the subject parcels are responsible for the proper maintenance and survival of planted vegetation, and replacement of such vegetation that does not survive.
11. Except as is necessary for construction of access roads, building pads, leach fields, etc., the existing tree cover screening the development from key viewing areas shall be retained. At least one half of any trees planted for screening purposes shall be native species and at least one half of planted screening trees shall be coniferous to provide winter screening. All screening trees and plantings are required to be maintained. Dead and dying screening trees shall be replaced in kind.
12. The exterior of the proposed dwelling shall be dark earth-tones in color. The exterior includes, but is not limited to, sides, doors, garage doors, decks, gutters, roofs and trim. The following colors submitted by the applicant are consistent with this condition and are hereby approved: Siding: Evergreen (appears dark green). Trim: Dark Grey (appears dark grey). Roofing: Black (appears black). Any proposed changes to these colors shall be submitted to the Community Development department for review and approval prior to their use.
13. The exterior of buildings on lands seen from key viewing areas shall be composed of nonreflective materials or materials with low reflectivity. The proposed list of engineered wood siding, asphalt composite lap shingles, vinyl casement windows and natural or engineered wood trim satisfies this condition, and are approved. Any proposed changes to the approved materials list shall be submitted to the Community Development department to review for consistency with the construction materials requirements and approval prior to their use.
14. All exterior lighting shall be hooded or shielded at a 90° angle. Hoods/shields should be made of a non-reflective, opaque material, which does not allow light to pass through.
15. An Inadvertent Discovery Plan embodying the provisions of SCC 22.22.060 (Condition #16) and SCC 22.22.070 (Condition #17) shall be prepared and posted in a conspicuous place at the development site and shall remain posted until all project activities are concluded.
16. The following procedures shall be effected when cultural resources are discovered during construction activities:
 - a. Halt Construction. All construction activities within 100 feet of the discovered cultural resource shall cease. The cultural resources shall remain as found; further disturbance is prohibited.

- b. Notification. The project applicant shall notify the Administrator and the Gorge Commission within twenty-four (24) hours of the discovery. If the cultural resources are prehistoric or otherwise associated with Native Americans, the project applicant shall also notify the Indian tribal governments within twenty-four (24) hours.
 - c. Survey and Evaluations. The Gorge Commission shall survey the cultural resources after obtaining written permission from the landowner and appropriate permits from the DAHP (See Revised Code of Washington 27.53). It shall gather enough information to evaluate the significance of the cultural resources. The survey and evaluation shall be documented in a report that generally follows the provisions in Section 22.22.030 of this Chapter. Based upon the survey and evaluation report and any written comments, the Administrator shall make a final decision on whether the resources are significant. Construction activities may recommence if the cultural resources are not significant.
 - d. Mitigation Plan. Mitigation plans shall be prepared according to the information, consultation and report provisions contained in Section 22.22.050 of this Chapter. Construction activities may recommence when conditions in the mitigation plan have been executed.
17. The following procedures shall be effected when human remains are discovered during a cultural resource survey or during construction. Human remains means articulated or disarticulated human skeletal remains, bones or teeth, with or without attendant burial artifacts.
- a. Halt of Activities. All survey, excavation and construction activities shall cease.
 - b. Notification. Local law enforcement officials, the Administrator, the Gorge Commission, and the Indian tribal governments shall be contacted immediately.
 - c. Inspection. The county coroner, or appropriate official, shall inspect the remains at the project site and determine if they are prehistoric/ historic or modern. Representatives of the Indian tribal governments shall be contacted immediately and have an opportunity to monitor the inspection.
 - d. Jurisdiction. If the remains are modern, the appropriate law enforcement official shall assume jurisdiction and the cultural resource protection process may conclude.
 - e. Treatment. The procedures set out in RCW 27.44 and 68.05 shall generally be implemented if the remains are prehistoric/ historic. If human remains will be reinterred or preserved in their original position, a mitigation plan shall be prepared in accordance with the consultation and report requirements set out in Section 22.22.050 of this Chapter. The mitigation plan shall accommodate the cultural and religious concerns of Native Americans. The cultural resource protection process may conclude when conditions set forth in Section 22.22.050(C) of this Chapter are met and the mitigation plan is executed.

Dated and signed this 3rd day of February, 2021, at Stevenson, Washington.

Mike Beck
Mike Beck
Planner

NOTE:

Any new development not included in the approved site plan on file with the Skamania County Community Development department will require a new application and review.

EXPIRATION:

As per SCC §22.06.150(A), this Administrative Decision approving a proposed development action shall become void in two years if the development is not commenced within that period, or once development has commenced the development action is discontinued for any reason for one continuous year or more.

If the development does not include a structure the permit shall expire two years after the date the land use approval was granted unless the use or development was established according to all specifications and conditions of approval in the approval. For land divisions, "established" means the final deed or plat has been recorded with the county auditor.

If the development includes a **structure** the permit shall expire when construction has not commenced within two (2) years of the date the land use approval was granted; or once the structure has been started and if the structure has not been completed within two (2) years of the date of commencement of construction the permit shall expire. Completion of the structure for this purpose means the completion of the exterior surface(s) of the structure; and compliance with all conditions of approval in the land use approval, including, but not limited to, painting of the exterior of the structure.

APPEALS:

The Director reserves the right to provide additional comment and findings of fact regarding this decision, if appealed.

This Administrative Decision shall be final unless reversed or modified on appeal. A written Notice of Appeal form must be filed by an interested person within 20 days from the date hereof. Appeals are to be made to the Skamania County Hearing Examiner, P.O. Box 1009, Stevenson, WA 98648. Notice of Appeal forms and mailing lists are available at the Community Development Department and must be accompanied by a \$2,450.00 nonrefundable-filing fee and a Certificate of Mailing.

The final determination of the Environmental Threshold Determination related to this underlying government action can be appealed to a court of competent jurisdiction, along with the underlying government action, only by the parties with standing to the Environmental Threshold Determination. If the underlying government action was exempt from SEPA review, this section does not apply.

A copy of this Decision, including the Staff Report, was sent to the following:

Persons submitting written comments in a timely manner
Yakama Indian Nation
Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation
Nez Perce Tribe
Cowlitz Tribe
Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
Columbia River Gorge Commission
U.S. Forest Service –NSA Office
Board of County Commissioners
State of Washington Department of Commerce – Paul Johnson
Department of Fish and Wildlife

Parcel #03-09-34-2-1-0800-00

Legal Description:

Lots 15,16,17, Block 2 of TOWNSITE OF COOKS, according to the recorded Plat thereof, recorded in Book "A" of Plats, Page 33, in the County of Skamania, Washington Together with that portion of vacated Parks Street and Third Street vacated by resolution 562-A, which attached by operation of law.

Parcel #02-09-34-2-1-0900-00

Legal Description:

Lots 9,10,11,12,13,14,18,19, and 20, Block 2 of TOWNSITE OF COOKS, according to the recorded Plat thereof, recorded in Book "A" of Plats, Page 33, in the County of Skamania, Washington Together with that portion of vacated Parks Street and Third Street vacated by resolution 562-A, which attached by operation of law.