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ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION

APPLICANT: Blair Simpson
FILE NO.: NSA-20-21
DESCRIPTION: Construct 999 sq. ft. and 1,500 sq. ft. accessory buildings. Install in-ground pool with fence. Expand gravel driveway.
LOCATION: 231 Newell Road, Underwood, identified as Skamania County parcel no. 03-10-15-0-0-1004-00.
LEGAL: See attached page 7.
ZONING: GMA – Small Woodland (F-3) 20
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. Grading activities shall be limited to the maximum extent practicable. All graded areas left bare shall be re-seeded with native vegetation promptly and prior to final inspection by the Community Development Department. Project applicants shall be responsible for the proper maintenance and survival of all newly planted vegetation.
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 shall 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. Development shall comply with the fire safety provisions for the Small Woodland (F-3) Zone listed in Skamania County Code Section 22.14.050(A), included as conditions of approval nos. 8-16. The administrator shall conduct a review of the development within one year to assure compliance with the fire safety provisions.

8. All buildings shall be surrounded by a maintained fuel break of fifty feet. Irrigated or fire-resistant vegetation may be planted within the fuel break, including green lawns and low shrubs (less than twenty-four inches in height). Trees should be placed greater than fifteen feet between the crowns and pruned to remove dead and low (less than eight feet) branches. Accumulated leaves, needles and other dead vegetation shall be removed from beneath trees. Hazardous fuels shall be removed within the fuel break area.
9. At least one standpipe shall be installed at a minimum of fifty feet from the structure(s).
10. A pond, stream, tank or sump with storage of not less than one thousand gallons, or a well or water system capable of delivering twenty gallons per minute shall be provided. If a well pump is located on-site, the electrical service shall be separate from the dwelling.
11. Access drives shall be constructed to a minimum of twelve feet in width and not exceed a grade of twelve percent. Turnouts shall be provided at a minimum of every five hundred feet. Access drives shall be maintained to a level that is passable to fire equipment.
12. Telephone and power supply shall be underground if possible.
13. Roofs of structures shall be made of fire-resistant materials, such as fiberglass shingle or tile.
14. Any chimney or stovepipe on any structure for use with a wood stove or fireplace should be screened with no coarser than one-fourth inch mesh metal screen that is noncombustible and corrosion resistant and should be equipped with a spark arrestor.
15. All structural projections such as balconies, decks and roof gables should be built with fire resistant materials equivalent to that specified in the Uniform Building Code.
16. Attic openings, soffit vents, foundation louvers or other ventilation openings on dwellings and accessory structures shall be screened with no coarser than one-fourth inch mesh metal screen that is noncombustible and corrosion resistant.
17. The accessory buildings shall not contain cooking areas or kitchen facilities and shall not be used to establish separate dwelling units. Building plans will be evaluated to ensure the accessory buildings are not provided with any provisions to accommodate a future kitchen facility (venting, range hood, etc.). Community Development Staff shall conduct an interior inspection of the accessory buildings prior to final approval to verify compliance with this condition.
18. The exterior of the proposed structures 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 and Trim - Cabot - Spanish Moss (appears dark brown). Garage doors, veneer - Cabot - Spanish Moss (appears dark brown). Roofing - unspecified weathering steel - (appears dark brown). Any proposed changes to these colors shall be submitted to the Community Development Department for review and approval prior to application.

19. Community Development staff shall inspect finished construction for sufficiently dark earth-toned finishes prior to final approval. Construction shall not pass final approval unless the exterior of structures are adequately dark-earth tones in color. The dark earth tones of all exterior surfaces shall be maintained.
20. 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 natural wood board and batten siding, natural wood trim, wood veneer garage doors and weathering steel roofing satisfies this condition. The use of painted metal siding or painted rusted metal equivalent roofing is prohibited. Any proposed changes to these materials shall be submitted to the Community Development Department for review and approval prior to construction.
21. 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.
22. Except as is necessary for construction of access roads, building pads, leach fields, etc., all existing tree cover shall be retained in the area shown on the approved site plan. Dead and dying screening trees shall be replaced in kind.
23. New fences in deer and elk winter range shall be allowed only when necessary to control livestock or pets or to exclude wildlife from specified areas, such as gardens. Fenced areas shall be the minimum necessary to meet the needs of the project applicant.
24. An Inadvertent Discovery Plan embodying the provisions of SCC 22.22.060 (Condition #25) and SCC 22.22.070 (Condition #26) shall be prepared and posted in a conspicuous place at the development site and shall remain posted until all project activities are concluded.
25. 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.

26. 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 4th day of May, 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 03-10-15-0-0-1004-00

Legal Description:

A parcel of land in the West half of the Southwest quarter of Section 15, Township 3 North, Range 10 East, Willamette Meridian, described as follows:

Commencing at the Point of Beginning which is on the North line of said West half of the Southwest quarter South 88°25'24" East a distance of 731.75 feet from a Lawson brass cap monumenting the West quarter corner of said Section 15; thence South 88°25'24" East along said North line, a distance of 629.85 feet to the Northeast corner of said West half of the Southwest quarter; thence South 01°50'11" West along the East line of said West half of the Southwest quarter, a distance of 666.13 feet to the centerline of Skamania County Love Road easement; thence South 34°33'49" West along said centerline, a distance of 210.01 feet to the beginning of a curve having a radius of 213.28 feet and a central angle of 31°30'46" and being subtended by a chord which bears South 51°40'46" West 115.83 feet; thence southwesterly along said curve, a distance of 117.30 feet to a point of cusp on a curve, from which the radius point bears South 31°56'25" East; thence southwesterly a distance of 97.20 feet along the arc of said curve having a radius of 216.69 feet and a central angle of 25°42'05" to the North line of a Tract ceded to the United States of America recorded in Book 64, Page 815, Skamania County Records; thence North 88°26'27" West along said tract boundary, a distance of 17.67 feet; thence South 54°48'03" West, a distance of 31.53 feet; thence South 54°48'03" West, a distance of 38.57 feet; thence South 55°08'03" West, a distance of 46.10 feet; thence South 40°04'23" West, a distance of 44.30 feet; thence South 00°24'07" East, a distance of 45.00 feet; thence South 15°30'07" East, a distance of 42.20 feet to a point in Skamania County Newell Road; thence continuing North 78°26'13" East along said tract boundary and within said Newell Road right of way 48.40 feet; thence South 82°16'02" East, a distance of 49.90 feet; thence South 58°43'17" East, a distance of 50.30 feet; thence South 31°43'22" East, a distance of 71.5 feet; thence South 07°54'07" East, a distance of 291.1 feet to the Southwest corner of said tract and the centerline of said Newell Road right of way; thence continuing South 07°22'21" East along said Newell road centerline 695.87 feet to the North line of Skamania County Cook-Underwood road; thence North 62°47'00" West along said North line, a distance of 374.01 feet to the beginning of a curve tangent to said line North line; thence northwesterly a distance of 235.26 feet along the curve having a radius of 1175.92 feet and a central angle of 12°26'15"; thence North 01°50'11" East, a distance of 702.99 feet to the centerline of said Newell Road right of way; thence continuing North 01°50'11" East, a distance of 1279.71 feet, more or less to the Point of Beginning. Containing 24.62 ACRES, more or less.