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May 1, 2017

Karl Burgess

Manager

Marsh and Shore Management Program

Georgia Department of Natural Resources

One Conservation Way

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RE: Hemlata N. Patel Sign Replacement Project

PIN : 4-0003-03-001

Tybee Island, Georgia 31328

Karl,

Please find included in this submittal project narratives as well as how we addressed the items on the permit application, application, plans, etc.

Project Summary

The purpose of this project and permit application is to replace a billboard sign which was destroyed by the storm that passed through the Tybee area several months ago. The sign is still laying in the marsh with the remaining posts as it fell due to the storm. This is a unique project and property in that it does not contain a true upland component. The entire property is contained within the marsh area.

The proposed sign is to consist of (4) – 8" x 8" PT wood posts spaced at 8' o.c. for a total of 24' wide. The sign itself will be approximately 8' to the bottom of the sign and be 12' tall x 24' wide. The sign materials will consist of treated 2 x 8's and 3/4" treated plywood.

Access point for the sign replacement is planned to be from the northwest side of the sign because it is the least intrusive access point and the safest without disrupting a busy DOT highway.

The proposed sign does not impact the actual nearby waterway. The nearest waterway is an unnamed tidal creek which crosses onto the project property to the south east of the project. The nearby water way does not contain a navigable channel. The distance from the project to the waterway centerline is approximately 65'. The depths of the waterway below MLW are approximately 2.5' nearest to our project. The total width of the waterway from MLW to MLW is approximately 400'. The distance to the northwest from the property to the nearest structure is 185.7' and from the project to the structure is 305'. The distance to the southeast from the property to the nearest structure is 261.4' and from the project to the structure is 320'.

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Project Drawings and Site Plan

The included project plans include the proposed project location, access points, dnr delineations, marshlands, etc.

The included vicinity map includes the location of the project, coordinates, north arrow and an unnamed tidal creek.

The project lies completely in the city limits of Tybee Island, Georgia.

The project footprint is 24' x 1' = 24 sf within the marsh area and over the vegetated marsh area.

A deed is attached to this submittal deeding to the present owner.

An adjoining land owner exhibit is attached in this submittal and application.

A letter from the zoning administrator is attached

Application fee is included

Alternative Analysis

An alternative analysis was not considered because of the nature of the project.

Landfill or Hazardous Waste Statement

Because of the nature, location and history of this area and land types, the owner has not made inquiries to see if a landfill or hazardous waste sites exist at the project location.

Water Quality Certification

There should be sufficient information contained in this application and submittal for the controlling agency to determine water quality.

All activities will be performed in a manner to minimize turbidity in the project area.

Oils and other pollutants will not be used or released in the project area due to the proposed project.

All activities will be performed in a manner as to not prevent any legitimate water uses.

Public Interest Statement

This project will not cause or be a harmful obstruction or alter the natural flow of navigable water in the area.

This project will not cause harmful or increased erosion, etc.

This project will not cause harm or be detrimental to fish, crabs, shrimp, oysters, clams or any other marine life.

Thank you for your assistance and should you require more information or more copies please feel free to contact us at 897-6932, fax to 897-2287 or email us at lahbos@bellsouth.net.

Sincerely,



Mark A. Boswell, P.E.

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Justification for construction of non water dependent structure:

The sole purpose of purchasing the property back in 1983 was to obtain the rights to a billboard constructed on the plot. The billboard helped increase awareness of the local businesses on Tybee. This was vital as Tybee business owners struggled to keep their doors open before Tybee truly was put on the map. We were one of those business owners (Sands Motel – Property prior to Ocean Plaza/Hotel Tybee). Even today we help communicate local businesses as the most recent media communicated was for Dunes Inn & Suites. As there is no new construction needed affecting any waterway/marsh, we kindly ask for permission to rebuild on the same pilings.

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Public Interest Statement:

The reconstruction of the billboard blown down by the hurricane will not:

- Unreasonably cause harmful obstruction or alter the natural flow of navigational water within the affected area as the piling for the board are still intact. All reconstruction will occur above the natural flow of water. The nearest waterway is an unnamed tidal creek which crossed onto the property to the south east of the project. Distance to the waterway is approximately 65'.
- Unreasonably cause erosion, shoaling of channels, or create stagnant areas of water. The project occurs above the marshland as pilings for the board are still intact. No additional changes to the marshland are required.
- Interfere with the conservation of fish, shrimp, oysters, crabs, clams, or other marine life, wildlife, or other resources, including but not limited to water and oxygen supply.

The best course of action is to rebuild on same pilings as this has no impact on marsh, water, life, or oxygen supply.

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September 20, 2017

Hemlata Patel
102 Companion Way
Savannah, GA 31419

Re: Billboard

Dear Ms. Patel,

The damaged billboard on parcel 4-0003-03-001 is considered an existing nonconforming structure. Because it was damaged by a hurricane it may be repaired as long as a permit is obtained within six months of the date of the damage. Hurricane Matthew occurred on October 13, 2016. It has been more than six months since the damage was done. If you wish to rebuild then you will have to petition City Council for an extension. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Shaw".

George Shaw
Community Development Director
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October 31, 2017

Hemlata Patel
102 Companion Way
Savannah, GA 31419

Re: Billboard on parcel 4-0003-03-001

Dear Ms. Patel:

On October 26, 2017 City Council in a four to two vote extended your right to get a building permit to replace the billboard on the parcel referenced above. The extension is for six months from the date of the vote.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me.

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