

Planning Commission

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COLUSA COUNTY Planning Commission Agenda

March 2, 2022

Board Chambers
546 Jay Street, Suite 108
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Welcome to a meeting of the Colusa County Planning Commission. If you are scheduled to address the Commission, please state your full name for the record. Regularly numbered items may be considered at any time during the meeting. All items are listed in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act. We invite all members of the public to attend.

9:00 a.m. CALL TO ORDER

- Pledge of Allegiance

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes Approval
Planning Commission – Regular Meetings – February 2, 2022.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

III. PUBLIC HEARING (CONTINUED FROM FEBRUARY 2, 2022)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/GRIMES COMMUNITY CHURCH (MARTY DECKER)

1. Continue the Public Hearing and consideration of a Resolution approving a Categorical Exemption and a Use Permit (PD-21-34) to allow the expansion of an existing religious facility to the April 6, 2022 meeting.

IV. COUNTY COUNSEL

1. Presentation to the Commissioners on the Brown Act.

V. PLANNING DIRECTOR COMMENTS/REPORTS

VI. PLANNING COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS/REPORTS

ADJOURN

PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT: Any person may speak about any subject of concern, provided it is within the purview of the Planning Commission and is not already on today's agenda. The total amount of time allotted for receiving such public communication shall be limited to a total of **15 minutes per issue** and each individual or group will be limited to no more than **5 minutes each**. **Note:** No Commission action shall be taken on comments received.

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COLUSA COUNTY Planning Commission Minutes

February 2, 2022

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The Colusa County Planning Commission meets in Regular Session this 2nd day of February 2022 at the hour of 9:00 a.m. Present: Commissioners Elizabeth Yerxa, John Troughton, Jr., Kirk Pendleton, and Dave McCullough. Absent: Commissioner Heath Krug.

Pledge of Allegiance

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes Approval
 Planning Commission – Regular Meetings – January 5, 2022.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Troughton, Jr.
SECONDER:	McCullough
AYES:	Troughton, Jr., Pendleton, McCullough
ABSTAIN:	Yerxa
ABSENT:	Krug

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

III. PUBLIC HEARING

GRIMES COMMUNITY CHURCH (MARTY DECKER)

1. Public Hearing and adoption of a Resolution approving Categorical Exemption and a Use Permit (PD-21-34) to allow expansion of an existing religious facility.

Comments received by Mr. Plucker.

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Feb 2, 2022 9:00 AM (APPROVAL OF MINUTES)

9:04 a.m. Vice-Chair Pendleton opens the Public Hearing and calls for public comment.

RESULT:	CONTINUED TO MARCH 2, 2022 MEETING
MOVER:	McCullough
SECONDER:	Troughton, Jr.
AYES:	Troughton, Jr., Pendleton, McCullough, Yerxa
ABSENT:	Krug

IV. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

1. Update on the General Plan Annual Progress Report for 2021.

Comments received by Mr. Johanns and Mr. Plucker.

V. ADMINISTRATION

1. Approve the Colusa County Planning Commission meeting schedule for Calendar Year 2022.

Comments received by Ms. Nordyke and Mr. Johanns.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	McCullough
SECONDER:	Yerxa
AYES:	Yerxa, Troughton, Jr., Pendleton, McCullough
ABSENT:	Krug

Vice-Chair Pendleton makes time for the nominations and election of the 2022 Chair and turns the gavel over to the Clerk.

The Clerk calls for nominations of Chair.

Commissioner McCullough nominates Commissioner Pendleton for Chair.

The Clerk calls for any other nominations. Hearing none, the Clerk closes the nominations.

2. Elect Commissioner Pendleton as the 2022 Planning Commission Chair.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	McCullough
SECONDER:	Yerxa
AYES:	Yerxa, Troughton, Jr., Pendleton, McCullough
ABSENT:	Krug

The Clerk makes time for the nominations and election of the 2022 Vice-Chair.

The Clerk calls for nominations of Vice-Chair.

Commissioner McCullough nominates Commissioner Troughton for Vice-Chair.

The Clerk calls for any other nominations. Hearing none, the Clerk closes the nominations.

3. Elect Commissioner Troughton as 2022 Planning Commission Vice-Chair.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Yerxa
SECONDER:	McCullough
AYES:	Yerxa, Troughton, Jr., Pendleton, McCullough
ABSENT:	Krug

VI. PLANNING DIRECTOR COMMENTS/REPORTS

Mr. Plucker states he has asked Counsel to provide a Brown Act presentation since there are new Commissioners and it's a good refresher for the entire Commission.

VII. PLANNING COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS/REPORTS

None.

Vice-Chair Pendleton adjourned the meeting at 9:29 a.m. to reconvene in Regular Session on March 2, 2022 at the hour of 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Greg Plucker, Secretary to the
Planning Commission

Kirk Pendleton, Vice-Chair

By: _____
Melissa Kitts, Deputy Clerk



Planning Commission

546 Jay Street, Suite 108
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SCHEDULED

Meeting: 03/02/22 09:00 AM
Department: Community Development
Category: Public Hearing
Prepared By: Greg Plucker
Initiator: Greg Plucker
Sponsors:

PLANNING COMMISSION (ID # 8236)

DOC ID: 8236

Detail

Applicant: Grimes Community Church
Marty Decker)
General Plan: Urban Residential (UR)
File: PD-21-34 (Grimes Community Church (Marty Decker)
Zoning: Residential Single Family (R-1-8)

Formal Title / Summary

Resolution Approving a Use Permit (PD 21-34) for the Grimes Community Church (Marty Decker)

Action Requested

Continue the Public Hearing and consideration of a Resolution approving a Categorical Exemption and a Use Permit (PD-21-34) to allow the expansion of an existing religious facility to the April 6, 2022 meeting.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND OF REQUEST

The proposed use permit was initially heard at the Planning Commission's February 2, 2022 meeting. For background information, attached is the staff report from this meeting. Due to a number of concerns expressed by the general public, the item was continued to the March 2, 2022 Planning Commission meeting. Subsequently, staff encouraged project proponents to meet with the concerned public to discuss the issues in an attempt to address them. Staff also encourage the concerned public to submit the specific concerns in writing to staff so that those concerns could be evaluated.

A town meeting was held with the Church Board and the applicant on February 20, 2022. Staff received the minutes from this meeting on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 (attached). On Wednesday, February 23, 2022 staff received a signed petition opposing the proposed Use Permit along with a number of individual letters expressing additional comments (attached).

Given that this information was received a week before the March 2, 2022 continued hearing date, staff is unable to complete the necessary analysis to develop a recommendation on the project. As such, staff is recommending that the hearing be continued to April 6, 2022.



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SCHEDULED

PLANNING COMMISSION (ID # 8143)

Meeting: 02/02/22 09:00 AM

Department: Community Development Department

Category: Public Hearing

Prepared By: Kent Johanns

Initiator: Kent Johanns

Sponsors:

DOC ID: 8143

Detail

Applicant: Grimes Community Church
Marty Decker)

File: PD-21-34 (Grimes Community
Church (Marty Decker)

General Plan: Urban Residential (UR)

Zoning: Residential Single Family (R-1-8)

Formal Title / Summary

Resolution Approving a Use Permit (PD 21-34) for the Grimes Community Church (Marty Decker)

Action Requested

Public Hearing and adoption of a Resolution approving Categorical Exemption and a Use Permit (PD-21-34) to allow expansion of an existing religious facility.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND OF REQUEST

The project applicant has requested approval of a Use Permit (PD-21-34) to allow the expansion of an religious facility with addition of a 1,181 square foot fellowship hall to the existing Sunday School and Church Office Building (formerly a single family residence).

APNs:

019-053-005 & 019-053-006

LOCATION

The project site is located at 350 State Route 45 approximately 130 feet southeast of the intersection of State Route 45 and Fourth Street in the Community of Grimes.

PROJECT AND SITE DESCRIPTION:

The project consists of the approval of a Use Permit to allow expansion of an existing religious facility. The expansion consists of the construction of a 1,181 square foot fellowship hall addition to the existing 1,163 square foot former residence to better serve the existing church congregation of 20 to 30 members by creating an indoor gathering space. The former residence houses two offices, several storage areas, commercial kitchen and bathroom facilities. The project also includes ADA upgrades for the bathroom facilities. Sunday school classes are also held in the existing building for approximately 5 children with several teachers being present.

The church grounds consist of two parcels totaling .5± acres. The actual church (constructed in 1948) located on APN 019-53-006, which is 10,455 square feet in size. No construction is planned for this parcel. The Sunday school/office building is located on APN 019-053-005, which will be enlarged to include the fellowship hall. The addition will be located on the northwest side of the building. This parcel is 11,325 square feet in size. The project site is served by the Grimes water system and utilizes onsite septic for sewage disposal. The septic system is located to the southwest of the existing structure so it will not be impacted by construction. No increase in the number church members is anticipated so the existing system is considered to be adequate and full replacement area is available.

ANALYSIS:

General Plan and Zoning

The project site has a General Plan Designation of Urban Residential (UR) and is zoned Residential Single Family (R-1-8). The R-1-8 zone does not allow for religious facilities; however, similar uses such as care facilities and schools are allowed with approval a use permit. The existing properties have been in use as religious facilities since before 1960; with the church dating back to before the 1900's. The County adopted its first Zoning Code in 1966 and, as such, the use of the properties is considered a legal non-conforming use. Section 44-1.120.050 of the Zoning Code allows for the expansion of non-conforming uses with approval of a Use Permit by the Planning Commission. The use permit process allows the County to condition a project to ensure compatibility with surrounding land use and address any issues that may be identified. Staff did not identify any issues with the expansion of the facility that required any special conditions other than Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance. The facility provides a desired service to the public and is considered to be an asset to the community.

Processing of the Use Permit for the expansion of the facility, which includes new building square footage, triggers a review of the parking requirements. Staff analyzed the addition of the 1,181 square feet, which requires 4 additional spaces (1 for 300 feet of office space), the existing church can seat up to 70 people which would require 11 parking spaces (1 for every 6 seats). The existing building has approximately 300 square feet of office space which requires 1 parking space. These numbers are based on the requirements found in Section 4-3.20.020, On-Site Parking Requirements, of the Zoning Code. As a result the facility is required to have 16 parking spaces. As per the above referenced code section parking spaces are required to be 9 by 19 (171 square feet), the facility has approximately 2,800 square foot gravel area in the front an along State Route 45 and along the northeast side of the church. This area has the capacity to yield the required 16 parking spaces since the County is not requiring paving or stripping. However, the project parking was further analyzed for ADA compliance. Based upon Table 11B-208.2 of the California Building Code the project is required to have 1 ADA compliant parking space which is van accessible. A condition of approval has been developed to address this issue.

Surrounding Land Use and Compatibility

The project site is bordered by residential uses on all sides. The proposed expansion of the religious facility is considered compatible with surrounding land use with the implementation of the Zoning Code development standards and conditions of approval. The surrounding neighbors were sent public hearing notices and as of the writing of this staff report, staff had not received any public comments.

Issues and Concerns

ADA compliance was the only potential issue identified during processing and has been addressed in the conditions of approval.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA):

The project consists of approving a use permit to allow expansion of a religious facility, a legal non-conforming use, on a developed parcel. As such, the Use Permit is Categorically Exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15303(c) New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures because the commercial construction is less than 10,000 square feet, in an urbanized area and appropriately zoned with approval of the Use Permit.

SUMMARY

Staff believes that the proposed project will not negatively impact the community as conditioned. No significant impacts to the environment are anticipated. Based upon the totality of the record, staff is recommending the Planning Commission approve Use Permit (PD-21-34).

February 20, 2022, Special Board and Town Meeting

Moderator Bruce Rolen welcomed everyone present. Attending were 5 Board members, Bruce Rolen, Carol Arens, Charlette Lauppe, Ardith Miller, Marie Willoh and Pastor Marty Decker and 15 town members. He explained the meeting was to help clear up concerns about the Sunday School renovations. He led us in prayer and then turned over the meeting to Pastor Marty Decker.

Pastor Decker explained the building project. He explained the needs for the project. He explained his vision for the extra room. He used project maps and an over projector to show the changes. He told we needed to tear down the unpermitted back room and explained it had no foundation. The back room consists of 420 sq. ft. and new addition will add about 600 sq. ft. He stated no other walls will be changed. We are adding a kitchen and an area for fellowship. John Lauppe had a concern about Sprinklers. Pastor Decker said they were not required.

The Pastor stated we needed to remove 2 layers of old roofing to accommodate the heating and cooling system and the new roof. He explained he was able to acquire the commercial stove and dishwasher for less that would be required for new ones.

Treasurer Charlette Lauppe gave a record of donations. We raised \$176,000.00 and after some expenses have a working fund of 162,000.00. Carol Arens explained there was no running water in Sunday School bathrooms. Treasurer Charlette Lauppe talked about the need for room for potlucks. Ardith Miller explained there was no heat in the Church back room where adult bible classes were held. Bruce Rolen expressed the need for larger area for fellowship. Valerie Vandrey said a pantry was needed to store outreach supplies for food distribution. John Lauppe was concerned about County's further involvement. Pastor said when permit was issued they will let us proceed without involvement.

Moderator Bruce Rolen said there will be concerns to overcome. Ardith Miller said we have always been a giving Church, citing the Penny's from Heaven, movie night and other projects including the town.

Beth Esposito asked how the remodel would affect the historical part of the building. Pastor Marty said only the back would change. He is not changing any thing else. The question was raised about the need for 2 bathrooms. And Pastor Marty said it was required by law to be ADA approved, as was the handicap ramp.

Charlette Lauppe reported that we have 5 Sunday School classes. They are using rooms as is but really need extra space. Ann Krouse said she didn't see space for a nursery. Bruce Rolen replied that we would find a place for the babies when needed. Mike Andreotti said he thought it was a good positive move into the future. Pastor Marty said the country had said the septic tank was good as it is.

Valerie Vandrey said What Ifs always happen but faith is always there and Ardith Miller explained plans always change but God is always in control. There being no more questions Moderator Bruce Rolen thank everyone for coming.

Respectfully submitted Sec. Carol Arens



Treasurer, passed away and in 2021 Stuart Angerer, Board Chair, moved from Grimes. Those two position on the Board were filled in May 2021 by the appointment of Bruce Rolen, Board Chair, and Charlette Lauppe, Board Treasurer. The Sunday School Project has 100% Board approval. Pastor Marty explained that there has been misinformation given to the community and needs to be corrected:

First, rumor is that this project will double the size of the building that now exists. This is not correct. The project plans to remove 400 sq. feet of the back addition that was added in the 1950s. That portion does not have adequate foundation. That portion is used for one classroom and when you enter the room you feel the slope of the floor giving way to the west end of the room. From the outside you can see that the roof is added on to the original building. The foundation under the original building is in good condition and needs no repair. The roof is in need of repair and the plan includes removal of the existing roof and building trusses to correct two roof lines, in the attic, into one for the whole building. The roof line will remain the same with a gable roof on both sides of the back roof and a hip roof on the front roof of the building.

Second, rumor is that this project will cost \$800,000. This is not correct. The estimated cost of the project is \$150,000 to \$200,000. Some of the cost of the project is offset by professional who plan to donate their skills in lieu of cash donations. Bruce Rolen, Chair, asked for a report from Charlette Lauppe, Treasurer, on the donations funds that the church has received for this project. Ms. Lauppe explained that funds for the Sunday School Project were received in 2019, 2020, 2021, and January and February of 2022. Total funds to date are \$176,420 with expenses for plans and trusses of \$14,379.94. The total funds available at this time are \$162,260.06.

Pastor Marty added that the church is looking to the future with the Sunday School Project improvements.

Carol Arens added that there is no hot water in the building in the one bathroom.

Charlette Lauppe added that in the room now used at the church that there is no water. When the church has potluck, and other fellowship events they meet in the room behind the pulpit and have no running water at all.

Ardith Miller added that there is no heat in that room that we use for the adult Sunday school class so those attending must wear coats.

Rose Ann Decker added that there is not even water to fill the coffee pot used during fellowship in that room.

Third, rumor is that the church will be in competition with the Fire Department and the Scout Cabin if a kitchen and social meeting room is added to the existing building. Bruce Rolen, Chair explains that we do not plan to compete with those community buildings. We will not allow alcohol to be, and will not be rented out like the Scout Cabin is to the community for events. And, our social meeting room will be for our use and will not be large enough for our large events like our Church Anniversary when 100s of people come to celebrate with us.

Pastor Marty explained that the building will be used for Sunday school rooms.

Bruce Rolen explained that we plan to have other programs like men's prayer group and other family programs.

Valerie Vandrey added that there is room planned for a food storage closet, food distribution program, things that reach past our church to the community. We are preparing for the future with the project.

John Lauppe voiced concerns about plans that may change after the project begins. Right now it seems that we know what is expected of us, but what if the county changes decisions after we have begun this project?

Bruce Rolen added that we cannot know the unknown and we must rely on our faith.

Valerie adds that it is important how we face our trials. How God shows us to pass through the trials.

Ardith Miller adds that the church does not just have events for our church. We look beyond to the community with our Penny Sale, Food Give-away, and Family Movie Night when the public is invited to attend to see a movie and have pizza and popcorn refreshments.

Beth Esposito asks if the historical significance of the building will be changed.

Pastor Marty assures that there will be no changes and that the historical significance will be kept. Structural changes will be made to inside rooms. The Hip roof will be on the front of the building and will extend over the porch. The porch will need some fixing up but will look the same.

Question was asked do we really need two bathrooms. Pastor Marty said, yes. We also need to make them handicap access, too.

Charlette Lauppe explained that we are already using the building for Sunday school room. It is not ideal but we have a good program. COVID shut down many Sunday school classes at small churches but the Grimes Church had begun a program August 1, 2021 for children. There is a Preschool Class ages 2 to 4 years. A Young Elementary Class ages 5 to 8 years. An Older Elementary Class ages 9 to 12 years. A Teen Class ages 13 to 17 years. And, the Adult Class ages 18 years and up.

Ann Krouse asked if a nursery was in the plans. Pastor Marty said not at this time but that can be a future consideration and part of one of the rooms could be made to accommodate babies.

Mike Andreotti said that he was sure that once the project gets started it will be completed and be a great addition.

John Lauppe said that he once had a teacher named Park Sutton and when you used the word "IF" that he would always say that is a big if, SON.

Bruce Rolen said that we must take a leap of faith and trust in the Lord.

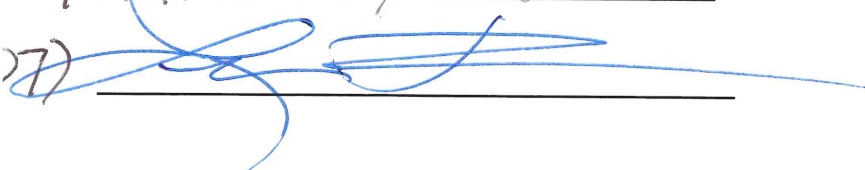
John Miller added we keep talking about if we do, well I want to say, what if we don't?

Ardith Miller said that in Sunday school the adults learned that, "Plans change but God is in control."

To Whom It May Concern:

We the undersigned, member of the Grimes community wish to express our opposition to the proposed expansion of the parsonage. It is not that we are against the church having its own fellowship hall, but rather that any addition to the parsonage will ruin its historical significance. It is our understanding that the roof line will have to be altered as well as the siding will either not match or have to be completely replaced. Either of these items would affect the historical integrity of the building, both of these would render it as just another building, not anything special which we feel it is. When we think of our community we think of the church, the parsonage, the scout cabin, and the grammar school. A community is defined more by what is there permanently than by the people as they come and go. Our little community does not have much so we ask you to please turn this expansion down and save one of our most historic buildings. Thank you for your time and your thoughtful consideration.

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36) Rebecca Goodman

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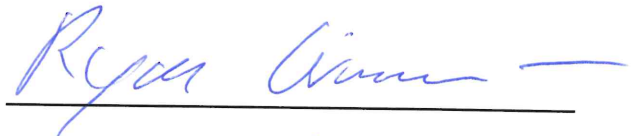
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February 22, 2022

Planning Commission
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I am writing to voice my opposition to a proposed extension (and modification) of the secondary building on the site of the Grimes Community Church in Grimes, California.

From what I've seen of the proposal, the planned extension is not in keeping with the existing building, and will diminish the site's historic value, and will be yet another commonplace eyesore in a town that's already struggling for survival.

I also have serious misgivings about anything Marty Decker has plans to do in our community, as he has proven himself again and again to have not even basic common decency or common courtesy for the people of this town as a whole.

He and his church routinely monopolize our community bulletin board at the post office, literally tacking their notices up over other notices, and always as large as can be and right in the center so as to not only obscure other notices but leave no room for other notices.

In addition, Marty Decker held church outside for a few weeks during Covid and blasted the whole town with his sermon on a loudspeaker system with no regard to what ANYONE else wanted to do on their weekends (enjoy our homes, homelife, and gardens, for instance), then he illegally reverted to indoor services when it was prohibited by our Governor (and of course, with his cavalier attitude, he caught Covid and brought it into our community, not only endangering himself, but everyone around him, and everyone here in our community).

Marty Decker does not trump common courtesy or the law, and yet he routinely does whatever he wants to — so far with impunity.

In addition, I'm told he's been the pastor here in Grimes for 20+ years, but what has he EVER done for our community or even the church's parishioners in all that time? There are any number of things he could have done to improve this community (even planting a privet hedge behind the church to hide the existing Cyclone fence and view of the trailer park trash that lives there). He could have helped the grandson of one of his parishioners who has an ongoing drug and alcohol problem and who has been terrorizing our community day and night for years now, but instead he's turned a blind eye to any real world issues (and solutions). How about a church community cleanup day once a month? Nope, never happened. How

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about organizing a tool sharing service so not everyone needs to buy a ladder, leaf blower, shovel, rake, etc.? Nope, never happened. How about house-by-house coming together to clean up yards and trash and get houses painted? Nope, never happened.

I've seen the plans for his proposed revisions, and he has multiple Sunday school rooms for people who simply don't exist here. Go look at the school bus unload now. Unlike in year's past, it's all Mexicans, who are Catholic and not interested in the Grimes Community Church. This appears to be more of a monument to Marty Decker serving no one but Marty Decker and his own ambitions (or possibly it's a feather he wants to line his cap and use as a stepping stone on a resume to something better FOR HIMSELF).

There are very few buildings in California left that merit preservation, but I think the Grimes Community Church is one of them. We have exactly TWO such buildings in Grimes: the church and the beautiful brick school. Why? Because "progress" destroyed all the others, even the beautiful bank that was here at one time — all gone.

If Marty Decker wants a hall and kitchen and so on, why doesn't he make an approach to buy the bar at the corner of Main and 2nd Street and contribute to the cleanup of this town as some of the rest of us have? That building was originally the town's butcher shop. In recent years there have been repeated attempts at times to reopen it as a bar. All have failed. Why not start cleaning up something that's here already (and that's in need of cleanup and modernization) instead of destroying the design and historic integrity of one of our only two shining lights in this town?

Don't let one man's personal ambition destroy and diminish what we have here (and what should be maintained for generations to come). (Marty Decker doesn't even live in Grimes!) The building should be on the National Register of Historic Places, not allowed to be *butchered* by a man who will build a monument to himself serving no one else but his ego, and who, again (from what I've seen) will not revise the building in keeping with what it is, but as cheaply and inauthentically as possible.

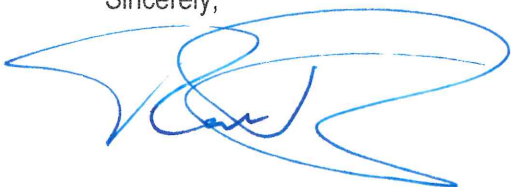
Marty Decker owes this town, County, and State, an apology for his lawless and uncaring anti-science (and frankly un-Christian) behavior during Covid. PLENTY of people were very uneasy about attending church during Covid, but most felt peer pressure and said nothing. They were uncomfortable and ill-considered. Marty will tell you he's here to serve the community. If you look at his actions, you'll realize he's here to serve Marty.

And for every letter you get like this, there are several people here who hem and haw and wring their hands but either don't want to get involved, or feel like there will be personal repercussions if they voice their honest opinion, so please keep that in mind when you make your decision.

Once that building is butchered and turned into a "Franken-building," there will be no getting it back. The historic value will be lost immediately and forever. And for what? We have TWO community kitchens literally right across the street (the Scout cabin and the fire department building).

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



February 18, 2022

To whom it may concern,

This letter is in regard to the new building to replace the Grimes Church parsonage/Sunday School. I am against the proposal as it requires destroying a historical part of the Church. I am in favor of repairing the foundation, roof and any other repairs deemed necessary. This would retain the historical parts of this building. Pastor Decker's plans are to demolish the Sunday School building and replace it with a Fellowship Hall, kitchen and expanded bathrooms. Currently Grimes has a Scout Cabin for a Community Hall and the Fire Station has a commercial kitchen. Both of these buildings are directly across the street from the Church property.

The Grimes Community Church has a small group of parishioners. A handful are from Grimes and the rest are from other areas of the County, and even some outside of the County.

Pastor Decker does not live in Grimes or even in the County of Colusa for that matter. He does not pay taxes in our county. He spends roughly 3 hours a week in Grimes for church services on Sunday mornings and that's the extent of it. I drive by this church several times a day most days of the week and he is never there. So why is he so adamant about this expansion? It makes more sense to me to repair what's existing and preserve the historical significance of the church grounds. After all, these buildings are over 150 years old.

I am not a member of the Grimes church, but I am a member of the Grimes community that appreciates the beauty and historical aspects of the church and Sunday school. I have a difficult time with a minister who can say "it's better to beg for forgiveness than ask for permission" with a chuckle. I have not trust in someone that thinks like this. I question his motive regarding this project.

It's as if Pastor Decker thinks the church belongs to him and he can do as he pleases. The church belongs to the community of Grimes. Mr. Decker is the non-resident Pastor. I hope you will consider the community voices and not automatically grant Pastor Decker his permit.

Thank you,

Mary Gross

Mary Gross
1582 Hwy 45
Grimes CA
95950

February 18, 2022

To whom it may concern,

As a lifelong resident (65 years) of Grimes I would like to express my opposition to the major expansion of the Grimes Community Church's parsonage/Sunday School classroom.

I understand there is some work needed on part of the existing foundation and roof and am in support of that. However, once again I oppose the expansion the Pastor and certain members of the congregation are pressing for as it's unnecessary and would change the complete look of our community's 158 year old historic building.

Thank you,

Tom Gross


1582 HIGHWAY 45
GRIMES

I LOVE THIS LITTLE "PIONEER" CHURCH TUCKED AWAY IN A SMALL LITTLE COMMUNITY CALLED GRIMES. THE WHOLE ESSENCE, CHARM, DESIGN, PERSONALITY, WARMTH AND WELCOMENESS MAKES IT BE SO LOVED BY THIS COMMUNITY - PAST AND -PRESENT! THE REASON FOR THIS IS THE PURPOSE IT SERVES FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY - NOT JUST A FEW. AT THIS POINT, IT DOES SERVE THE WHOLE COMMUNITY IN A WAY THAT IT IS ~~THE~~ SUPPOSE TO. THE "ADDITIONAL BUILDING" WILL ONLY SEPARATE/DIVIDE THE SERVICE TO THE "WHOLE" COMMUNITY, AS THE BUILDING WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR ANY EVENTS/FUNCTIONS EXCEPT CHURCH RELATED EVENTS/FUNCTIONS, NOT FOR PUBLIC PARTIES/CELEBRATIONS OF THE "WHOLE COMMUNITY".

THIS BEAUTIFUL, WARM AND WELCOMING LITTLE CHURCH IS ONE OF THE REASONS I LOOKED FORWARD TO "HAVING" HERE FOR ME WHEN I RETIRED AND MOVED TO GRIMES. IT MADE THIS OUTSIDER FEEL VERY WELCOMED, WANTED AND NEEDED!

~~CARE~~

THANK YOU,

DEBBIE SCOTT
180 POUNDSTONE ST.

To whom it may concern

Feb. 18, 2022

I would like to express my opposition to the rebuilding of the Grimes Community Church's parsonage.

Being a part of Ladies Aid, I am aware that repairs were to be made on the parsonage. Not that it was being remodeled.

It's 152 years old and this needs to be preserved.

Thank you

Beth Esposito
Beth Esposito

2/18/22

TO whom it may concern :

I have been a resident for almost 19 yrs now
I cant understand this at all. Why in the
world any one would want this when we
~~we~~ have Scout Cabin & Fire house, Community hall
24-30 steps at walking distance. WHY!
Please, Please Dont Permit This!

Natasha Schantz !

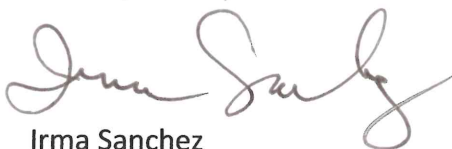
To Whom it May Concern,

I am expressing my opposition to the proposed extension to our community church's parsonage. I understood that only repairs were going to be made to items that have deteriorated with time. I see now that the plan is to extend the building to include a full kitchen, meeting hall and additional rooms. That is not the intent of this building. It originally was the home of the pastor of the church. This building along with the church is a 152-year-old historical landmark. It identifies and tells a story about our community. I believe that the community should have a say about what happens to this building as it is has been in this community much longer than any human who lives here.

The proposed changes would destroy the historical integrity of this beautiful landmark. I agree the parsonage needs repairs, and those repairs should be made so it can continue to serve the community. The parsonage does not need all the proposed additions and meeting rooms. There are two buildings across the street with full kitchens that can serve as meeting rooms and event venues.

I respectfully ask that the voices of the people of the community be heard to fight for the preservation of our town's history.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Irma Sanchez', written in a cursive style.

Irma Sanchez

February 13 2022

Board of Supervisors

I am against the adding to the house at Grimes Community Church. Which is used for Sunday school. This building is historic. To add to this building it would be to close to a beautiful Old Oak tree. The roof line would have to be changed, rafters would have to be taken out and changed.

Attendance at this church being maybe 30 can use the Scout Cabin across the street

Anna Max Keller

To whom it may concern:

Repairs are needed. But not rebuild the whole building as it is not needed. There are fewer people in town to support the church -

Carolyn Rankin

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing in opposition to the proposed building expansion Marty Decker and some of the members want to the back of our historic parsonage, now the Sunday school. I am a member of the Grimes church and a member of the Grimes community.

The community of Grimes has managed to preserve this building for 152 years. Now current members have decided that isn't good enough for them. An out of county pastor and out of town members, along with a small number of Grimes members have decided that it's perfectly fine to disrespect the wishes of the Grimes community, fulfill their wish list (these are not needs – they are wishes) and destroy an important piece of our history. Marty assures us that he will not affect the historical integrity of the building. He assures us that the front will remain the same. Well, changing the back of the building does change the appearance of the building. That in itself destroys the historical integrity of this building.

This is not a need as there are two community halls with full kitchens right across the street (literally 21 steps away). They are available all year long - at no cost - to the Grimes Church. This has sufficed very well for many, many years, even when the congregation and Sunday school were three times larger than now. Simply because Marty Decker does not wish to make use of these options does not change the fact that they are options. Simply wanting a new "fellowship hall" and kitchen doesn't justify ruining a charming, beautiful 152 year old structure.

The church and parsonage are an important, beautiful part of Grimes history. The community does not want to see that changed simply to accommodate the desires of an out of town preacher and a small number of members of the congregation, most of whom do not live in Grimes. They are here just a few hours on Sunday morning and once in a while for two hours on a Friday night. Then the community has the privilege of looking at our destroyed, beloved parsonage for the rest of the time. How can this possibly be justified? It can't. It's our town, our historical building.

I live right across the street and find the thought of watching Marty Decker and his son tear down part of this parsonage unbearable to me.

The parsonage needs repair to the foundation and repair to the roof. That is how this all started. Then Marty's dream continued to grow from there.

I am in favor of needed repairs and continued maintenance. That is reality for any building. However, this ridiculous expansion needs to be stopped.

To allow this permit in order to satisfy the desires of a small amount of people, while disrespecting the desires of our community is totally absurd. Most Sundays the

attendance runs between 15 – 18, sometimes 20, that is including the pastor. I know this because I set up the communion service. It holds 25 servings. I usually throw away at least 10 servings each Sunday. Once in a great while it is less.

As far as needing this for weddings – we have had less than 10 in the last 20 years.

Another concern is what is going to happen when they start tearing out part of this building. What kind of unforeseen issues and costs will arise? Also, if we start this and run out of money for materials – do we just get to live with a needlessly ruined building? A piece of our history ruined for no reason at all? That is a real possibility and there is no one who can promise that will not be the case.

I, and the Grimes community, are asking you to deny this permit. Leave our parsonage repaired but intact.

The disregard and the arrogance shown to our community has been reprehensible.

Please vote in support of the Grimes community in preserving this beautiful piece of our history and deny this permit.

Thank you.

Jacquie Weare
Jacquie Weare

421 Main Street

Grimes, CA 95950

530-701-6520



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2022



Feb. 19, 2022

I am in opposition to any expansion of our church. I do agree for the roof + foundation repair.

Suzie Kelm

2/20/22

I think that the repair of the foundation & roof is all that needs to be done. The church does not need any expansion (Pastorhouse)!

Tim Coker

Please deny this permit as the parsonage is just as much "history" as the church - We don't need a new house replacing it!

1st - is the work going to be done by a "Licensed" contractor?

Are there estimates of work & materials?

Why do we need a big kitchen for such a small church? There's 2 kitchens to use ~~in~~ across the street & a bigger one at the grammar school they can use at any time

This is more than fixing the parsonage with a roof & some paint!

Thank you for your time -
Billie J. Walker

I AM IN FAVOR OF ANY EXPERIENCE
FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF OUR CURRENT
HISTORICAL CHURCH AND PARSONAGE. BEYOND
THAT, I AM IN OPPOSITION.

W. C. YOUNG

To Whom it may concern,

I'm a member of the Grimes Community Church. I disagree to Repairs to Roof + foundation of the Church -- I oppose expansion... don't see a real need for it.

Thanks

Deborah J. Flanner

530-812-6847

Feb 22 2022

To Whom it may Concern:

The Historical Integrity is
being destroyed. It is
questionable ABOUT the Real
Reason Behind this.

Right across the street
there are facilities w/
the accommodation that
are AVAILABLE for the
Church for free with

To whom it may concern:

I am not in favor of expansion,
but in favor of maintaining the
Building as is. Please deny this
permit.

From,

Taylor Gross

Grimes, CA 95950



Planning Commission

546 Jay Street, Suite 108
Colusa, CA 95932

SCHEDULED

PLANNING COMMISSION (ID # 8229)

Meeting: 03/02/22 09:00 AM
Department: County Counsel
Category: Presentation
Prepared By: Jennifer K Sutton
Initiator: Jennifer K Sutton
Sponsors:

DOC ID: 8229

Detail

Applicant:

File:

General Plan:

Zoning:

Formal Title / Summary

Brown Act Presentation

Action Requested

Presentation to the commissioners on the Brown Act

This is a presentation to the Planning Commission that will provide an overview of the Brown Act

California's Sunshine Law: The Ralph M. Brown Act

The Brown Act

In the early 1950s, a reporter for the San Francisco Chronicle discovered that members of local public agencies were routinely barring reporters and citizens from what were supposed to be open meetings in the Bay Area, and he wrote a 10 part series entitled “Your Secret Government”, which caught the attention of Sacramento Assemblyman Ralph M. Brown and led to the creation of what is commonly known as The Brown Act.

San Francisco Chronicle
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA'S LARGEST NEWSPAPER

The Guiding Principle

It is the intent of the law that the actions and deliberations of public agencies be conducted in *public*, with opportunity for public participation



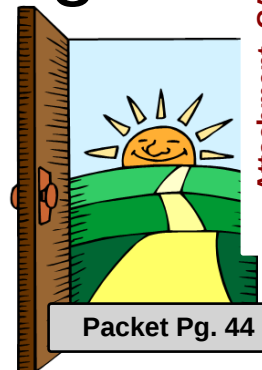
Who is Subject to the Brown Act?

- Any public commission, board or council that exists to aid in the conduct of the people's business
- Exception: ad hoc committees (other than standing committees) made up of less than a quorum of the body

The Open Meeting Rule

THE RULE is that meetings are OPEN to the public; exceptions to the rule are narrowly construed:

all meetings of the legislative body of a local agency shall be **open** and **public**, and all persons shall be permitted to attend any meeting of the legislative body of a local agency.



What is a “Meeting?”

A meeting occurs whenever a majority of the members of the Board or of a committee come together at the same time or place

- This means:
3 or more members of a 5 member committee



Meetings May Be:

- Formal or informal
- Involve only discussion or action, or both
- In person, or through technology



Meetings Can Include:

- Retreats
- Site visits
- Social gatherings or “networking” before or after a noticed meeting



Unlawful Meetings

- “Pre-meetings” and “Post-meetings” held without notice to the public
- Serial meetings



Types of Serial Meetings

- “Chain” meetings: Member A talks to member B, who talks to Member C...
- “Hub-and-Spoke” meetings: A talks to B, then C, then D...



How Serial Meetings Occur

- Through technology:
 - Text
 - Email
 - Phones, etc.
 - Social Media
- Through staff



Discussions With Staff

Staff ***answer questions*** or ***provide information*** to individual Board members ***so long as*** any views or positions expressed by the member are ***not communicated*** to other members of the Board

What ISN'T a Meeting?

- Attendance of majority at
 - regional/state/national conference
 - local meeting open to the public
 - social, recreational, ceremonial event not sponsored by or for the body
- OK as long as there is no collective discussion of County business

Meetings: Locations and Time

- Meetings must be held within Colusa County
- Meetings must occur at a time and location set by ordinance, resolution, or bylaws



Notice & Agenda Requirements

- Regular meeting agendas must be posted 72 hours in advance of the meeting
- Special meeting agendas require only 24 hours advance notice
- Agendas must describe each item to be considered in enough detail that a person of ordinary intelligence could determine whether the item is of interest

Why Does It Matter?

A body subject to the Brown Act *may not discuss* and *may not act* on items not on the agenda or that are beyond the reasonable scope of the agenda description



Very Limited Exceptions

- Public health/safety emergency
 - Immediate need to avoid serious injury to public interest
- Immediate action is needed on an item and the need for action came to the attention of the commission after posting of the agenda

These Don't Need to be On the Agenda

- Commendations
- Announcements
- Request to agendize future items
- Limited follow-up to general public comment, to provide information or direction to staff



Rights of the Public

ACCESS TO MEETINGS

- To have meetings open and public with limited exceptions
- To have access to all agendas of public meetings and documents distributed to the Legislative Body members
- To audio/video record the meetings and to inspect any recordings of the meetings made by the agency.
- To attend without any condition precedent (e.g., cannot mandate that attendees register)

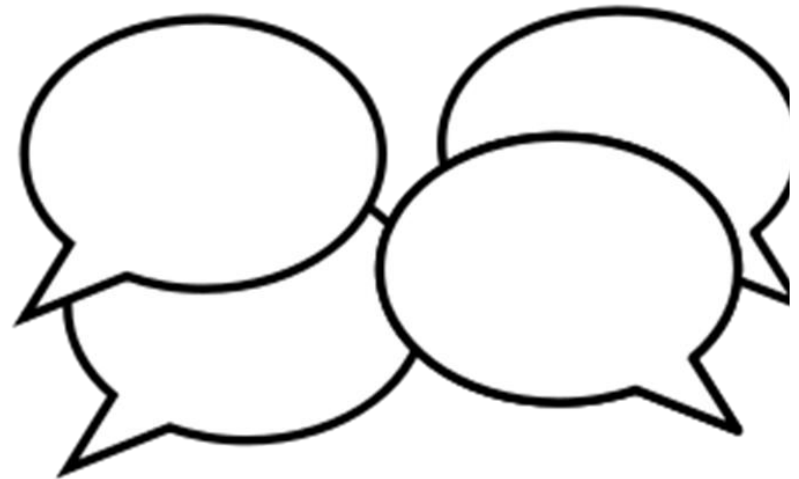
Rights of the Public

PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS

The public has the right to address the Board at any regular or special meeting on any item on the agenda, ***before conclusion of the discussion or the Board takes action***

Types of Public Comment

- Specific: Concerning an item on the agenda, at the time of consideration
- General: Any item within the Board's subject-jurisdiction



Specific Public Comment

- Any agenda item – discussion or action must occur before
 - conclusion of consideration of item (discussion item); or
 - action taken (action item)

General Public Comment

- May occur at any time in the meeting, at the discretion of the Chair/Board majority
- Is limited to matters within scope of Board's jurisdiction, even if not on the agenda
- Members may not discuss or respond substantively
- Not required at special meetings

Rights of the Speaker

- Right to equal time
- Right to criticize policy body, its members, and its staff



Limits on Public Comment

- “Up to” three minutes on an item
- Reasonable limit on total public comment time on an item
- No right to a response from policy body or its members



Controlling Unruly Speakers

- Board Chair can impose reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions on public participation
- Unruly speakers may be excluded from the forum if necessary to allow business to continue



Closed Session

Meetings must be open to the public *unless* the Brown Act specifically authorizes the Board to meet in “closed session”

It is VERY unlikely that the Planning Commission will have any closed session matters; any plans to hold a closed session can be discussed with staff and County Counsel prior to being placed on an agenda.

Example Topics:

- Personnel
- Litigation
- Labor Negotiations
- Real Estate Negotiations



Closed Sessions



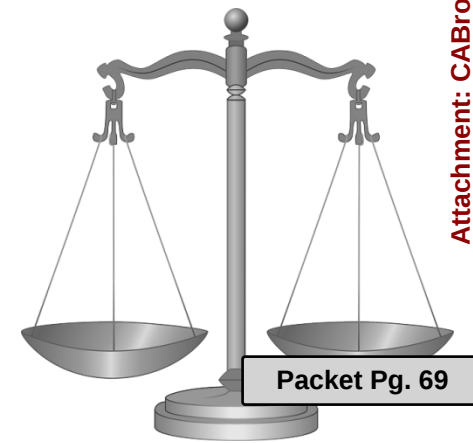
- Closed sessions are limited to a few specified circumstances and fact specific
- Standard is NOT whether the subject matter is sensitive, embarrassing, controversial or 'private'

Criminal Penalties

- Disclosure of confidential information obtained in closed session discussion
- Willful violation of Brown Act
 - Member intends to deprive the public of information to which the public is entitled

Additional Penalties

- Voiding of action taken in violation of Brown Act
- Injunction or declaratory relief to stop or prevent violations of Brown Act
- Prevailing plaintiff may get attorneys' fees and costs



QUESTIONS?

