

# COUNTY OF NEVADA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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#### NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**Board Agenda Memo** 

**MEETING DATE:** June 28, 2016

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Steve Castleberry, Public Works Director

**SUBJECT:** Appeal to the decision of the Public Works Director regarding application

for encroachment permit on Floriston Avenue/Iceland Road

**RECOMMENDATION:** Deny the appeal

**<u>FUNDING</u>**: Not Applicable.

**BACKGROUND:** On April 5, 2016, Larry Andresen submitted an application for an encroachment permit to improve 440' of Floriston Avenue in the community of Hirschdale. The encroachment permit also requested the County relocate utilities and remove existing structures within the right-of-way.

The permit was denied for the following reasons:

- The proposed improvements do not serve the convenience of others in the Hirschdale community.
- The road is constrained in width on each end of the project and the improvements therefore don't provide significant benefit. The road was adequate for fire access prior to Mr. Andresen's fence construction.
- The project is not an improvement in roadway safety over the existing improvements as there is no crash history at this location.
- The proposed improvements require financial investment by and liability to the County.

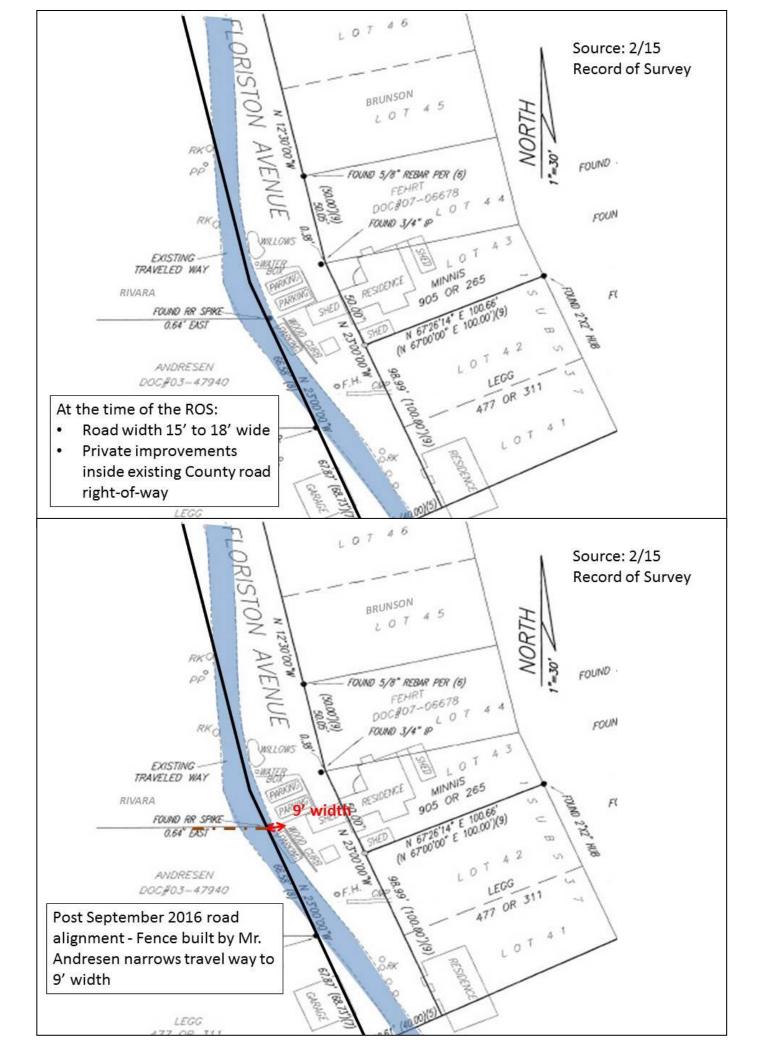
Sec. G-IV 4.A.15.1 of the Nevada County Development Code states encroachment permits may be denied if they <u>adversely affect the interest of the County or the convenience or safety of the public</u>. In this case, the County's interests are best served through reestablishment of the historic path of travel, and not through the proposed disruption of existing buildings and landscaping.

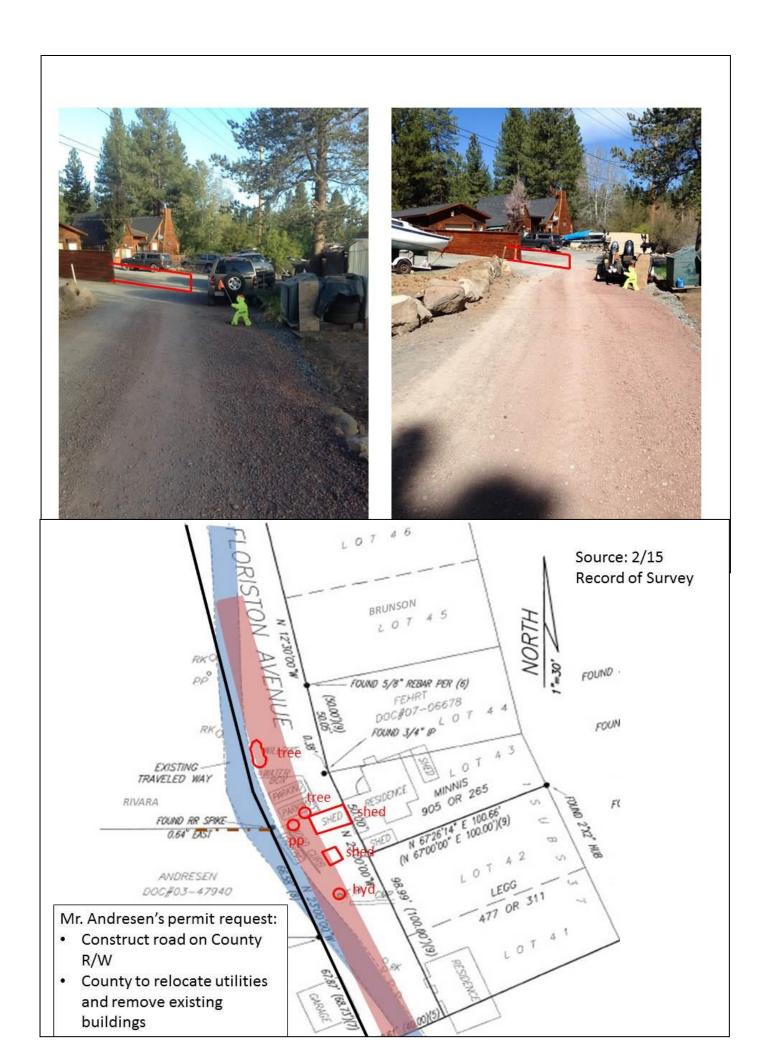
A resolution consistent with the recommendation to deny the appeal is provided. If you should have any questions, please contact me.

**Item and Approved by:** Steve Castleberry, Public Works Director

Submittal Date: June 15, 2016

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Floriston/Iceland Road after fence construction

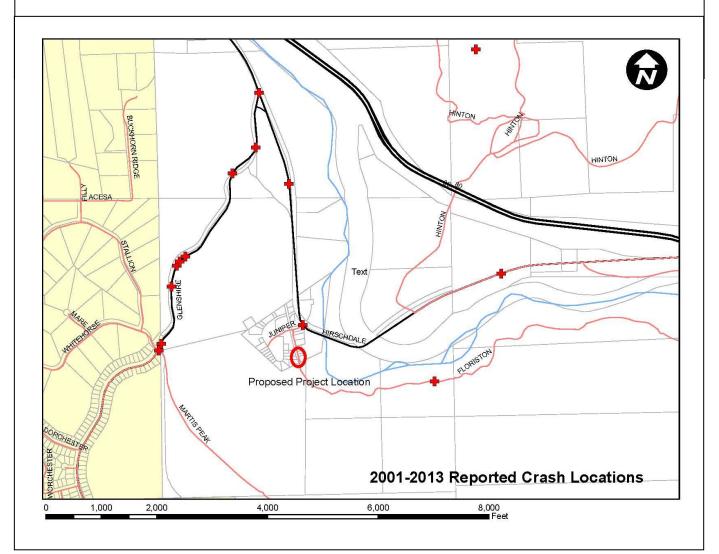


Floriston/Iceland Road after fence construction Approximate right-of-way line

### Reasons for permit denial

- · Does not serve the convenience of others in the Hirschdale community.
- The road is constrained in width on each end of the project and the improvements therefore don't provide significant benefit. The road was adequate for fire access prior to Mr. Andresen's fence construction.
- Not an improvement in roadway safety as there is no crash history at this location.
- Proposed improvements require financial investment by and liability to the County.

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#### A P P L I C A T I O N for ENCROACHMENT PERMIT

County of Nevada
Department of Transportation
950 Maidu Avenue
Nevada City, CA 95959-8600

Permit # Date 04/05/16 Applicant: LARRY & CHERYL ANDRESEN \$185.00 Receipt # 66-15705 [P BOX 34047 TRUCKEE, CA 96160 530)582-7965 Contractor: ANDRESEN CONSTRUCTION PO BOX 34047 TRUCKEE, CA 96160 530)587-7965 Assessor Parcel # Encroachment Type: Location of Encroachment: PORTION OF FLORISTON ROAD MISCELLANEOUS FLORISTON Application Comments: IMPROVE PORTION OF COUNTY ROAD AS PER SUBMITTED PLANS AND COUNTY DETAIL. NOTIFY COUNTY 48 HRS. PRIOR TO START OF WORK. Construction Plans Prepared by The permit is approved subject to payment of fees and Permittee's acceptance of conditions of approval. The start of any specified work shall constitute acceptance of all provisions. The permit shall become void if all contemplated work is not completed before the expiration date and is revocable at any time. Any voided or revoked permit shall become a violation which will be handled in accordance with applicable State and County regulations. The applicant acknowledges the general conditions listed on "Encroachment Permit General Provisions" and receipt of general encroachment permit information as follows: \_\_ Residential Driveway \_\_\_\_ Residential Road Residential Parking Pad Trench Details Other \_\_ Signed

NO WORK SHALL COMMENCE PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF PERMIT.



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#### **ENCROACHMENT PERMIT APPLICATION**

| APPLICANT TO COMPLETE ONLY THE APPLICABLE PORTIONS NOTED BY SHADED AREAS  |   |
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| Assessor's Parcel No.: NK   | Building Permit No.  Encroachment No. 954 Fee: \$185.00   |
| Use Permit No.:   | Receipt No.:  |
| Land Division No.   | Issue Date:   |
| Land Division NoN   | Expiration Date:  |
|   | Expiration Date.  |
| Permittee:  | Contractor:   |
| LARRY & CHERYL ANDRESEN   | ANDRESEN CONST  |
| PO BOX 24047  | PO Box 34047  |
| Transker, CALIF, 96160  | TRUCKER CA 96160  |
| Telephone Number: 530587-7965 Telephone Number: 530587-7965   |   |
| Location of Encroachment: A PORTION OF FLORISTON AVE  |   |
|   |   |
| ROAD CONNECTION:  |   |
| Standard Driveway Private Roa   |   |
| Aggregate Surface Asphalt Concrete Concrete Surface   |   |
| Dike Section Valley Swale No Drainage   |   |
| Culvert - Diameter inches length feet   |   |
| UTILITIES, if applicable:   |   |
| Power   |   |
| SPECIAL EVENTS:  Filming/Commercial Athletic Parade Road Closure Other  |   |
| Construction Plans Prepared by: DQA Dated:  |   |
| Construction Plans Prepared by: Dated   |   |
| DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS:   |   |
| Construct per plans approved on by the Director of Public Works   |   |
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| OTHER:  |   |
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| The start of any specified work shall constitute ac void if all contemplated work is not completed be   | and Permittee's acceptance of conditions of approval. ceptance of all provisions. The permit shall become fore the expiration date and is revocable at any time. iolation, which will be handled in accordance with |
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April 27, 2016

Mr. Larry Andresen P.O. Box 34047 Truckee, CA 96160

Re: Floriston Avenue/Iceland Road, Encroachment Permit9541

Dear Mr. Andresen:

I am writing in response to your request for an encroachment permit dated April 5, 2016 and the accompanying improvement plans which were previously submitted on January 25, 2016. Your application proposed to widen approximately 440 feet of Floriston Avenue, as well as remove existing landscaping and vegetation. In addition, your permit request required that, as a condition of your planned improvements, the County relocate the power pole and fire hydrant as well as direct removal of existing sheds owned by private parties. Finally, you requested the road be posted for no parking.

For decades, Floriston Avenue has not followed the County right-of-way but meandered out of the right-of-way onto property owned by you and your neighbors. This alignment is shown on Record of Survey Book 15 Page 185. Your proposal is intended to reroute the path of travel depicted on that Record of Survey. At the time of the survey, the road width was approximately 15' to 18' and was adequate for emergency vehicle access.

In September, you constructed a fence into the path of travel depicted in the Record of Survey, narrowing the road width to approximately 9'. As a result, the road does not currently meet the County's minimum width road standard as described in Public Resources Code 4290. From a practical perspective, the fence construction precludes large emergency vehicles from passing the fence location. Your proposed improvements mitigate a risk you created by construction of your fence.

Sec. G-IV 4.A.15.1 of the Nevada County Development Code guides that encroachment permits may be denied if they adversely affect the interest of the County or the convenience or safety of the public. By establishing a new alignment, your plan does not serve the convenience of your

neighbors in the Hirschdale community, nor is it a significant safety improvement over the old alignment, which adequately served the community for years. In this case, the County's interests are best served through reestablishment of the path of travel depicted on the Record of Survey, and not through your proposed disruption of existing buildings and landscaping.

We are therefore denying your request for an encroachment permit and requesting the roadway be restored to its previous width by removal of the fence and boulders from the path of travel. If you would like to modify the path of travel, we recommend you work with your neighbors along the road to formulate and present a proposal to the County.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

STEVE CASTLEBERRY

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

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