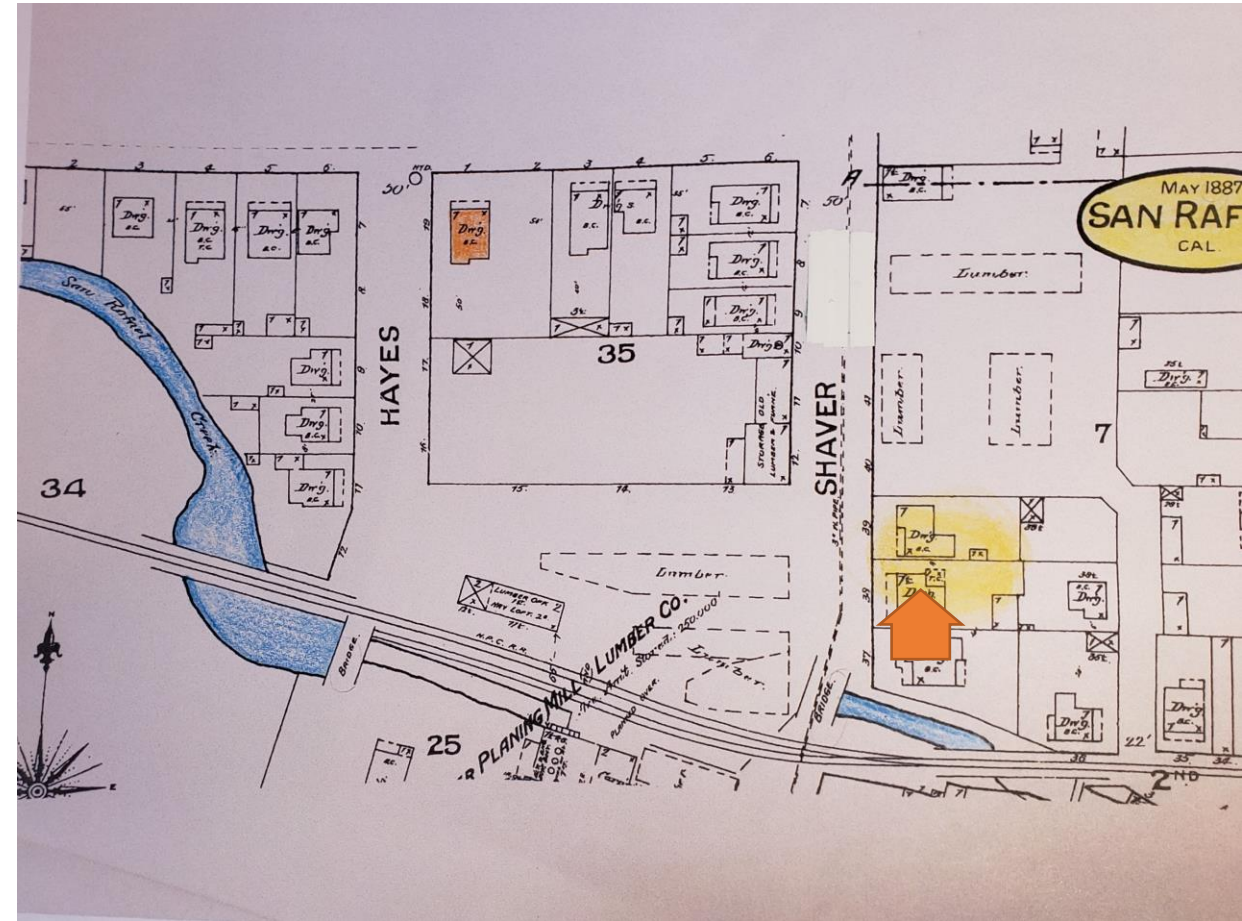


# Shaver Street, 1887



## San Rafael Creek

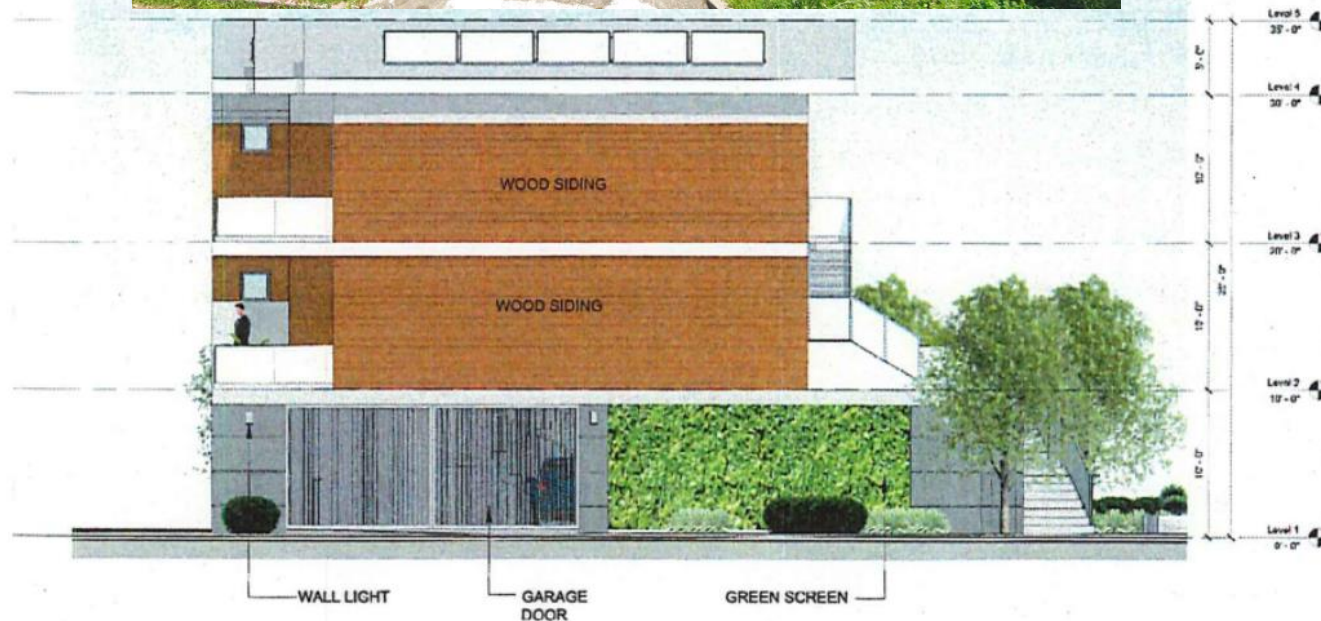
Originally flowed near current  
104 Shaver Street (orange shape)

Bird's Eye View





- Existing single family home at 104 Shaver Street**
- architecture consistent with neighborhood
  - two story
  - some visibility from Third Street

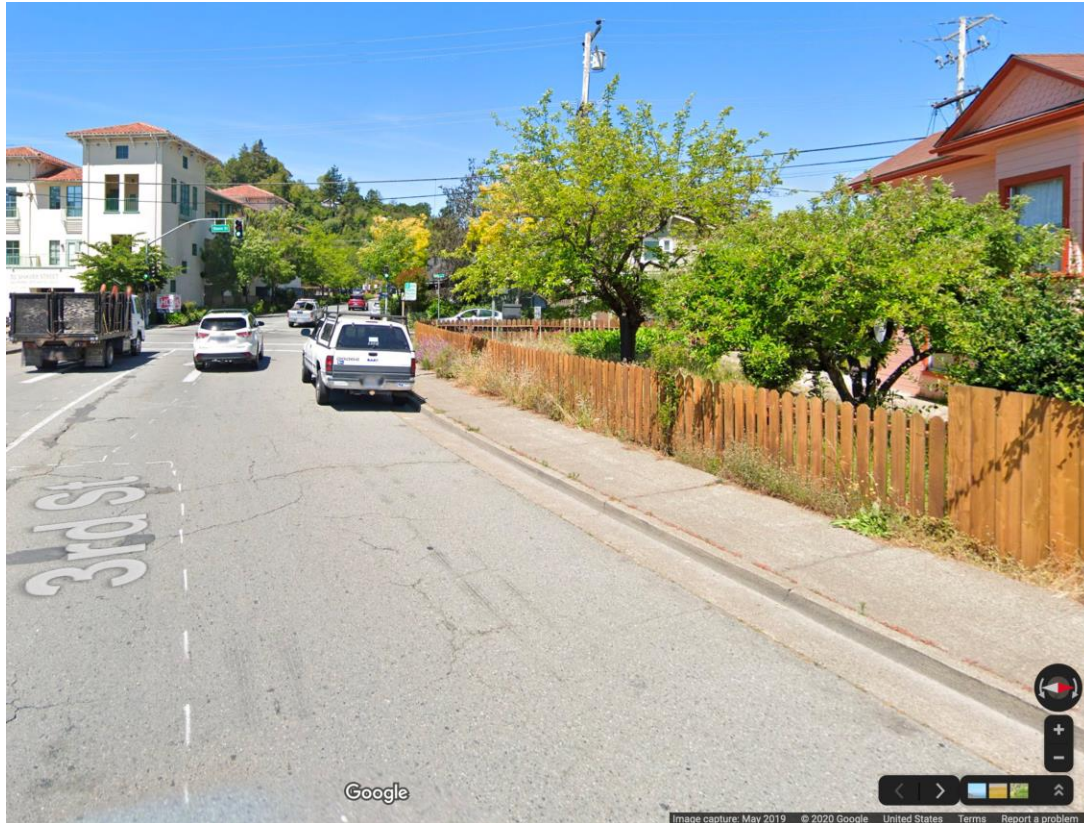


- Proposed 7-unit apartment complex**
- modern architecture
  - three story
  - note zero visibility to Third Street
  - note proximity of driveway to corner of Third Street

# Driver's View: Upper 3<sup>rd</sup> to Middle 3<sup>rd</sup>-Blind Corner at Shaver



# Driver's View: Lower Third Street







The Shaver intersection is only just becoming visible beyond the tree.

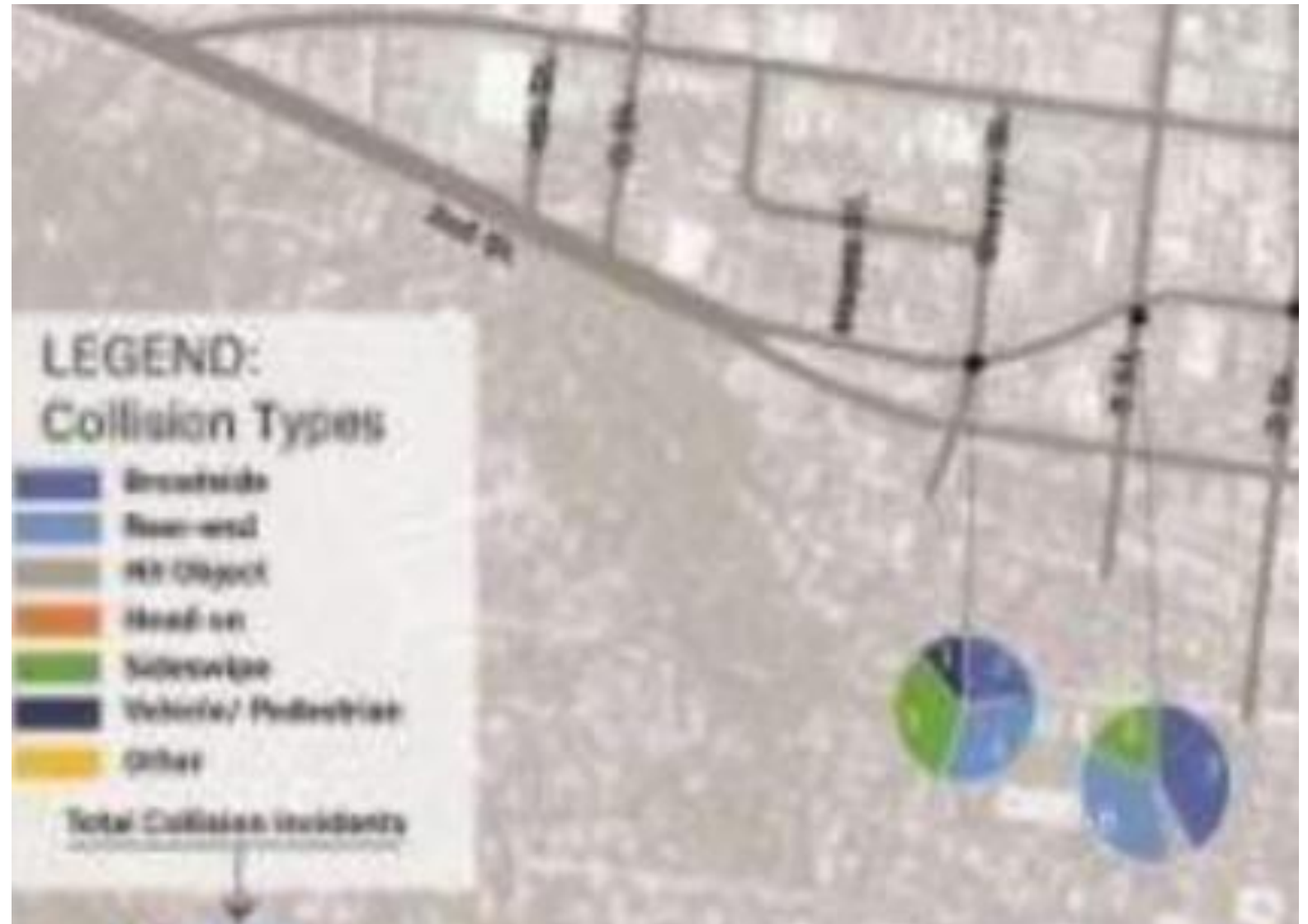
At the speed of traffic, it is approximately one second away.

The tree on the corner is located approximately where the staircase for the new project will end.

# City of San Rafael Collision map 2011-2016

## Collision Types

- Broadside 
- Rear end 
- Sideswipe 
- Vehicle-pedestrian 



# Shaver/3<sup>rd</sup> Intersection



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Map from saferoutestoschool.org

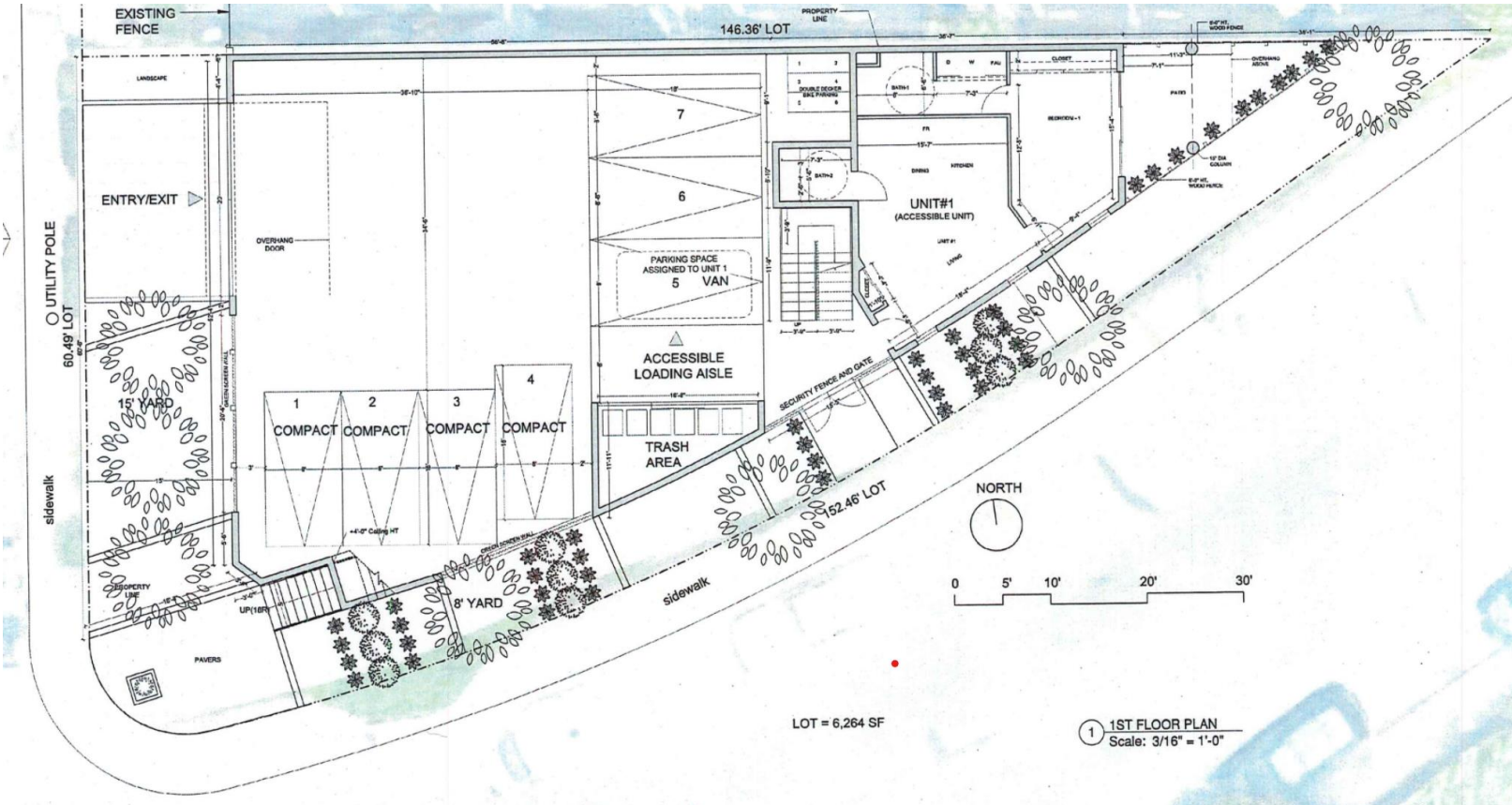


## Shaver/3<sup>rd</sup> Street Intersection Too Dangerous for Bicycles

Car swinging wide on turn onto Shaver, 6:30 am



# 104 Shaver Proposed Footprint due to reductions of Setbacks on all sides



## Obstructed View

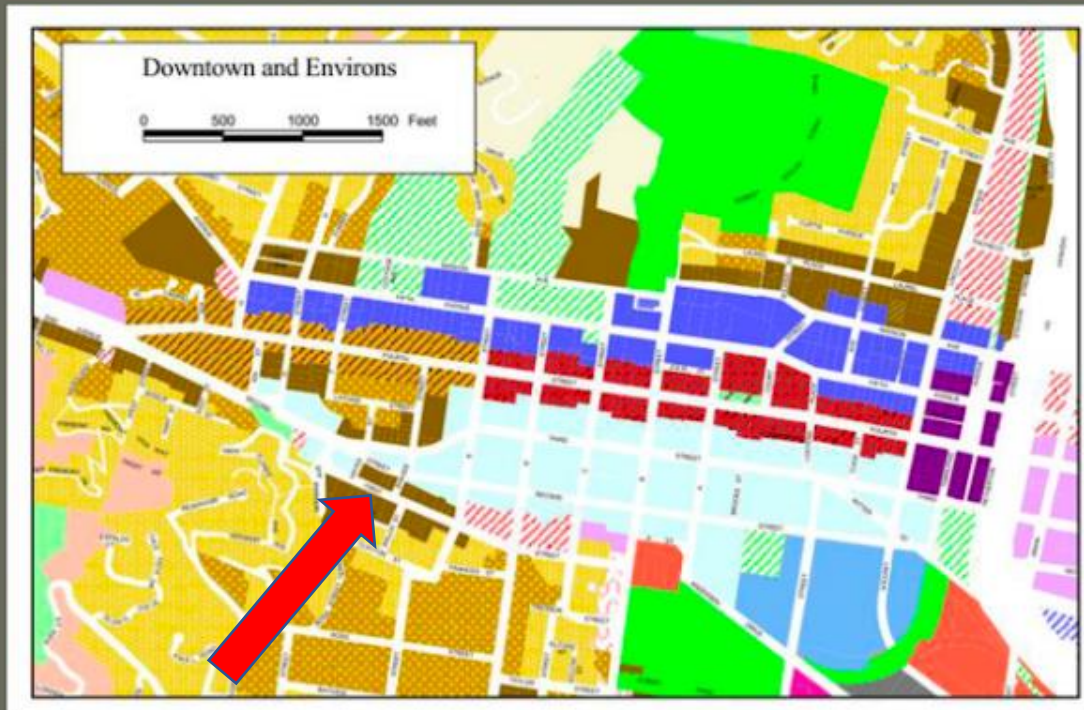
- Building extends well into the line of sight
- Trees lining 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and extending over the sidewalk block view
- Planter boxes and shrubs block view
- Trees in bioswale on Shaver Street further block view
- Cars exiting the driveway cannot see oncoming traffic from 3<sup>rd</sup> Street

As proposed, this project unacceptably makes an already dangerous intersection untenable.

# San Rafael General Plan 2020, Zoning as of 2017

## Existing Downtown Regulations

### DENSITY



The 9 land use categories in Downtown represent three density ranges

## Density Affects: Traffic, Safety, and Parking

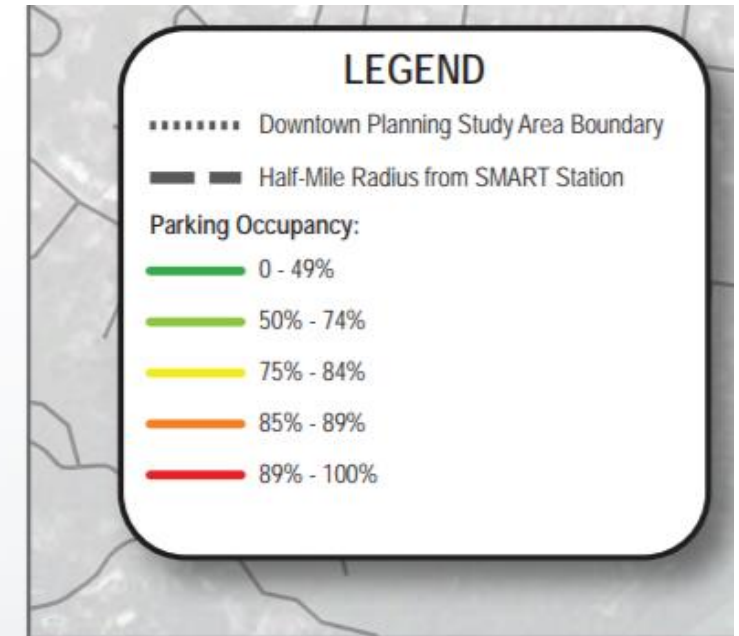
For approximately 20 years, 104 Shaver has been zoned for 15-32 housing units per acre.

At 0.13 acre, this parcel should have 1.95 to 4.16 housing units; 7 is asking too much of this lot.

Especially since they can not comply with minimal parking requirements for HD.

# Downtown Parking and Wayfinding Study of 2017

study conducted in 2015

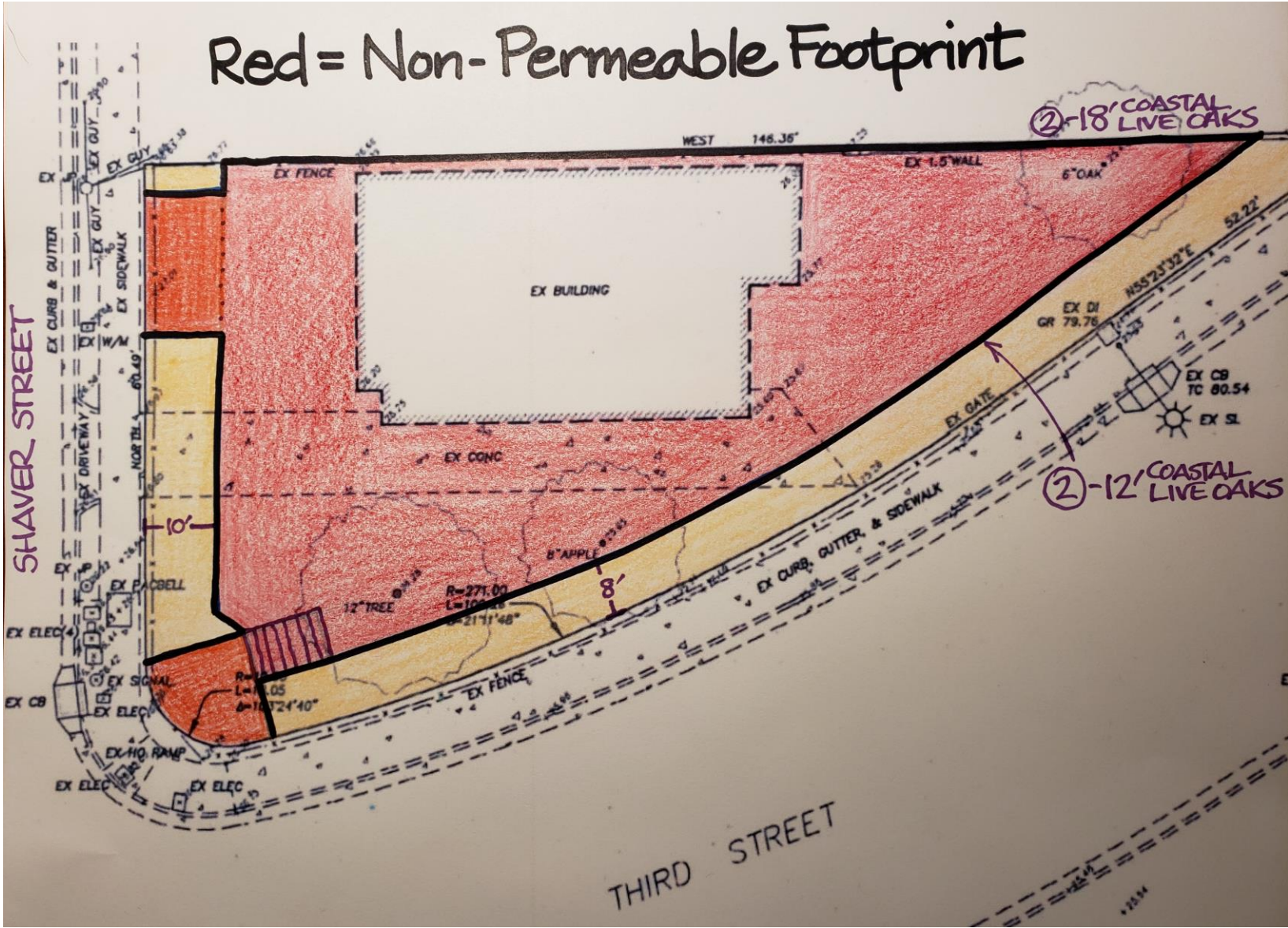


San Rafael Downtown Parking/Wayfinding Study  
Final Report - July 2017

“...an area determined to have ample street parking in the vicinity...”

June 1, 2020-San Rafael City Council Agenda Report

# Existing and Proposed Footprints



# With current COVID conditions

Has there been a  
Lack of Due Process?

Residents sense that this project is being  
Pushed Forward

**WITHOUT**

necessary Studies and Assessments:

**Parking and Traffic Impacts**

# Regarding the Developer:

- The Public Commentors were told after the DRB meeting 12/19 by the Developer that ATT had agreed to let them stage the construction in the ATT parking lot. This was not the truth.
- When I spoke with the Property Manager of ATT, he emphasized that there would be absolutely no access to the parking lot given to anyone. “Not on My watch.” was his quote.
- This developer does not live in Marin, and has made zero suggestions of ways to try and align with the neighborhood.
- For weeks, 4-5 Fontana vehicles were parked on Shaver and Latham making parking much worse than usual.
- As proposed, this project feels like a Neighborhood Bully.

# 1. Process has been flawed:

- A petition with 32 signatures was presented at DRB meeting 12/19. It was mentioned just once and slid aside.
- 6 members of the public attended to express concern.
- The petition was not included in the file as it passed from DRB to Planning Commissioners.
- There was no mention of the 6 people expressing their concerns in the Staff report to the Planning Commission
- Planning was told there had been 3 public comments.
- Public outcry was silenced.



## 2. The process has been flawed...

- Making public comment on YouTube is very cumbersome and several of my comments were not read at Planning mtg.
- The contact information to appeal was incorrect, both the email and the phone number and the deadline to appeal.
- Parking was described as ample and this purportedly came from Public Works and Community Development. When I asked Senior Planner exactly WHO had said that, he told me he had misspoken...that it was his phrase.
- **PARKING IS NOT AMPLE.**

# Current Public Comments

## **111** Signatures on Petition of Concern re. Safety, Traffic, Flooding

- **77** Public Comment Letters

- ATT : Sound concerns re. 24/7 use of 2 Industrial Air conditioners
  - Former Planning Commissioner
  - Lawyer that made first 3 public comments in 12/19
    - Baker at Pondsford Place
- 73 Concerned Neighbors, Visitors, Customers and Local Employees

## *Please RE-EVALUTE plans for 104 Shaver Street*

- After COVID, conduct Traffic Safety Assessment and Parking Study
- Reduce the number of units and the footprint of the project
- Meet the meager Parking requirements for High Density buildings
- Consider the Neighborhood character and find ways to align better with current difficult realities that already exist around Safety, Parking and Flooding.

What I Believe...

*THIS APPEAL AFFORDS AN OPPORTUNITY*

...to begin to rekindle Public Trust in  
City Leadership.