

## Apartment project hopes to address housing woes

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Public Works Director; exterior lighting plans in compliance with outdoor lighting provisions; trash and recycle facilities to be provided; and short- and long-term bike parking.

The planning department set six conditions on the permit so the apartment development satisfies the applicable development standards and is compatible with the surrounding area. Those conditions include:

- The applicant must provide an engineered drainage plan that indicates how the existing and proposed drainage facilities will accommodate storm water runoff from the parking lots and roof drains.

- The applicant must provide detailed designs for street and sidewalk improvements associated with the development.

- The applicant must provide a detailed exterior light plan, documenting that all exterior lighting fixtures will be designed to limit glare.

- The applicant must install a site obscuring fence not less than 3 feet in height along the northern and eastern portion of the parking lot.

- Proposed development plans must incorporate handicapped parking, bike racks, garbage and recycling facilities appropriately scaled for the proposed use.

- Minor modifications to the applicant's proposed plan must be reviewed and approved by Cupples.

The property does not abut South Roosevelt Drive, the report states, but it is located within the highway overlay zone. An overlay zone request was submitted in conjunction with the conditional-use permit application.

Upon the suggestion of commissioner Tom Horning, the permit was approved with a condition for the developer to include within the outdoor landscaping a children's play area with an all-weather surface. Commission chair Ray Romine said he was not sure

what is the process for setting the size or specific measurements, but he agreed it was a good idea.

"That's a large number of people in a tight space, so that can be helpful," he said.

He also suggested it would be beneficial for the commission, in the future, to consider adopting general provisions to deal with lifestyle conditions for developments of this nature. Those provisions could provide consistency and a rational basis for decision-making in the future and also include an incentive process for developers to incorporate recreation areas into their plans.

For the proposed apartment complex, the group now will have to complete a full set of development plans that will address improvements on site and any infrastructure improvements that need to be addressed off site, Cupples said.

"After the plans have been reviewed and all the conditions satisfied, they will obtain development permits so they can start on the project," he said.

Prior to that, the department will prepare a notice of decision based on the commission's action and send it to previously notified property owners, giving them 15 days to appeal the decision. Applicants often do not submit plans until after the appeal deadline has expired, Cupples said.

Additionally at the meeting, the commission approved a Vacation Rental Dwelling Permit request from Booth Brothers LLC for a two-bedroom vacation unit at 221 N. Downing St. No. 300.

The vacation unit would have a maximum occupancy of no more than six people older than age 3 or more than 10 people regardless of age. The existing two-bedroom dwelling unit is in a triplex located on property zoned high-density residential. Currently, about 21 percent of the surrounding dwellings are licensed for use as vacation rental dwellings.

The next meeting of the Seaside Planning Commission takes place Tuesday, July 7.

## Goal!



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The Beach Soccer Tournament drew a wide array of competitors to Seaside on Saturday, June 20 and Sunday, June 21. Soccer on the beach has been a fixture in Seaside since 2010. Six divisions composed this year's tournament. For more information, visit [seasidebeachsoccer.com](http://seasidebeachsoccer.com).

## McKeowns purchase Firehouse Grill

### New owners maintain staff, menu with a few additions

By Katherine Lacaze  
Seaside Signal

The approximately 3-year-old Firehouse Grill, 841 Broadway, is under new ownership.

Nancy and Dennis McKeown, who own several other restaurants in Seaside's downtown area, purchased the business May 12.

Bob and Lori Breslaeur opened the Firehouse Grill in 2012, and they recently sold it to have more time with family, according to Nancy McKeown, who, along with her husband Dennis, owns McKeown's Restaurant & Bar, The Irish Pub and Nonni's Italian Bistro. The Breslaeurs will continue to provide catering services locally through their company, Northwest Celebrations Catering.

"At the Firehouse Grill," the McKeowns stated in a news release, "we fully intend to maintain, and to expand on, the food philoso-

phy they created at Firehouse using quality, fresh, housemade, organic and local, when available, products. We will also put our own signature on some new menu items while keeping the most popular current items."

Some of the new menu items include fresh seafood lunch offerings. The restaurant also has added a children's menu and will serve breakfast all day. The burgers are made with fresh-ground, organic beef from grass-fed cows.

They have obtained a full on-premise liquor license and "will specialize in our Bloody Marys, Mimosas and newest cocktails with fruit purees, such as our Blood Orange Mimosa or Screwdriver and our fresh Ruby Red Grapefruit and Basil Cooler made with Citrus Vodka," the release states.

The restaurant also provides draft craft local brews from Buoy Beer and Fort George and Pacific Northwest wines.

All the existing staff members, except one, stayed on after the trans-

action, and the McKeowns have added a few new faces, as well.

As was Bob Breslaeur, Dennis McKeown is the executive chef and he will be responsible for menu and recipe development, quality control and ordering, "including sourcing local and organic product," Nancy McKeown said. The rest of the cooking staff includes Chef Devin Snider, who started at Firehouse Grill about seven months ago, and Chef Brian Payne, who has an extensive cooking and management background. Joining the crew is Chef Rollie Sakura, from Hawaii, who also has an impressive cooking background and will be "lending his culinary techniques, fresh flavors and beautiful presentations to the food," Nancy McKeown said.

"We look forward to great things from this amazing team," she added.

They also are in the process of redecorating the restaurant, and expanding on its firehouse history. The building was the original home of the Seaside Volunteer Fire Department

when it was established in 1904. They started painting about two weeks ago, to add a splash of color to the previously all-white walls. The owners also are working with the fire department to get some pictures of past and present events and firefighting items and memorabilia to display, Nancy McKeown said.

"We wish to commemorate the history of our volunteers from then until now," the release states. "All past and present volunteers and EMTs will receive a 10 percent discount when dining with us at Firehouse Grill."

The hours will stay mostly the same for now, with a focus on breakfast and lunch. The restaurant is open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays through Monday, except Sundays, when the restaurant closes at 2 p.m. and closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The McKeowns plan for the Firehouse Grill to eventually serve dinner.

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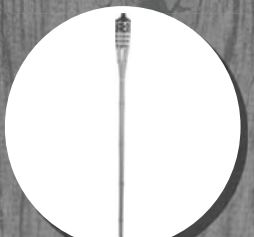
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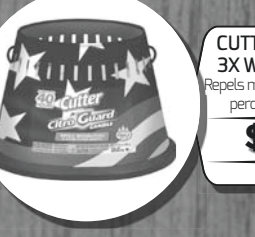
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