



Community Development Department

Memo

DATE: October 14, 2025
TO: Planning Commission
FROM: Tatianna Marin, Assistant Planner
RE: Additional Documents, Items No. 2

Please accept this second Additional Documents as described below:

- **Attachment 1:** Updated Resolution (Page 2-4) and Staff Report (Page 2-7) to reflect Sunday hours of live entertainment
- **Attachment 2:** Updated floor plan and site plan, sheets AS1.1 and A1.1, to accurately reflect the proposed wall/fence heights
- **Attachment 3:** Additional Public Comments received by 12:00 p.m. on 10/14/2025

Attachment 1

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to reflect Sunday hours of live entertainment

- Live entertainment: Thursday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. and Sunday, 9:00 a.m. – ~~12:00 p.m.~~ 1:00 p.m.

The project proposes the following design and operation features to increase compatibility with the surrounding community:

- No exterior speakers/intercoms for live entertainment will be used.
- No customer or employee smoking outside the business.
- All exterior lighting is shielded to avoid spillover onto adjacent properties.

General Plan Consistency

The current General Plan land use designation of the site is Mixed-Use Core and is designated in the DTSP as Mixed-Use Core as well. Per the General Plan (2040), which was adopted in 2023, the Mixed-Use Core is intended to “...encourage a wide range of building types based on neighborhood characteristics that house a mix of functions, including commercial, entertainment, office, and housing.” The proposed project is consistent with the following policies and actions of the General Plan:

Policy P2.7: Strengthen and grow the City’s retail offerings.

Action A2.7a: Create a retail and restaurant destination by attracting specialty stores and unique food and beverage places...

Action A2.7b: Seek... independent businesses that can both meet the City’s retail needs and adhere to quality design standards to seamlessly fit into a walkable urban environment.

The proposed project supports the goals, policies, and actions of the General Plan by allowing a restaurant with ancillary beer, spirits, and wine consumption in addition to brewing on site. Giddy Ostrich is a new, independent small business within the City. They are a unique business as they offer unique dishes to accompany their locally crafted beers and a community space for residents to enjoy ambient live entertainment. In conjunction to the restaurant, Giddy Ostrich will serve as a microbrewery where members of the community can experience hand crafted beers on-site. Similar to other restaurant uses within the downtown, the proposed business offers specialty products while providing a communal space for community members. Located near the Metro A Line, Giddy Ostrich is situated within a transit-oriented corridor that encourages a walkable environment. The alcohol sales will not substantially affect the nature of the business, but will, however, complete the concept by allowing a full range of products. In this way, the business will provide a unique experience for the surrounding community that furthers the General Plan and DTSP policies and actions. Therefore, the request is consistent with the General Plan.

Zoning Code/DTSP Compliance

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- 3. The establishment, maintenance, or operation of the use would not, under the circumstances of the particular case, be detrimental to the health, safety, or general welfare of persons residing or working in the neighborhood of the proposed use.**

The proposed sale of beer, wine and spirits for on-site consumption and live entertainment are an ancillary uses to the restaurant operation; in addition, the on-site brewing is reasonable given the restaurant's location in a mixed-use zoned area and the character of the business as a handcraft brewery. As conditioned, the sale of beer, wine and spirits and live entertainment will be limited to hours of operation and all alcohol orders will be in conjunction with food orders. The restaurant's proposed hours of operation are from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. daily. The proposed hours for live entertainment are from Thursday to Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to ~~12 p.m.~~ 1 p.m. Conditions are imposed to ensure the proposed use is not detrimental to the health, safety, or general welfare of the general public. Those include prohibiting consumption of alcohol off-site, secure storage of alcohol to prevent theft of alcohol, and ensuring no advertising of alcohol are on display on the building windows/outside the building.

- 4. The use, as described and conditionally approved, would not be detrimental or injurious to property and improvements in the neighborhood or to the general welfare of the City.**

Approval of the Conditional Use Permit and Administrative Use Permit, as conditioned, would not be detrimental or injurious to the property and improvements in the neighborhood or to the general welfare of the City. Conditions of approval are included requiring no loitering on the property, and required training for employees who will serve alcohol. For the live entertainment, a condition of approval has been included to ensure that the applicant continues to adhere to the City's Noise Ordinance pursuant to Chapter 19A of the SPMC. Lastly, as stated above, the proposed alcohol sales and live entertainment have limited hours of operation. Therefore, the proposed use would not be detrimental or injurious to property and improvements in the neighborhood or the general welfare of the City.

- 5. The subject site is adequate in terms of size, shape, topography, and circumstances and has sufficient access to streets and highways which**

Attachment 2

Updated floor plan and site plan, sheets AS1.1 and A1.1, to accurately reflect the proposed wall/fence heights

PROJECT INFORMATION

APN: 915 MERIDIAN	5315-008-046
APN: 921 MERIDIAN	5315-020-006
LOT AREA TOTAL:	10,965 SQ. FT.
BUILDING AREA:	3,465 SQ. FT. (32%)
COVERED PATIO AREA:	2,200 SQ. FT.
FLAT WORK PATIO AREA:	3,000 SQ. FT. (27%)
LANDSCAPE AREA:	4,500 SQ. FT. (41%)

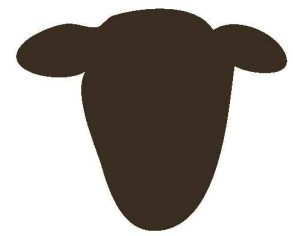
SITE PLAN NOTES

1. NEW CONCRETE FLATWORK TO HAVE #4'S AT 16" O.C. E.W. OVER 2" OF SAND.
2. REVIEW CONDITION OF EXISTING GUTTERS AND REPAIR OR REPLACE AS REQUIRED.
3. REVIEW CONDITION OF EXISTING LAWN, TREES, SHRUBS, PLANTING BEDS, LANDSCAPE TIES, FENCES, AND DECORATIVE WALLS AND IRRIGATIONS SYSTEMS AND REPAIR AS REQUIRED.
4. ACCESSIBILITY DETAILS ARE FOR COMPLIANCE PURPOSES. VERIFY ALL ITEMS AND IF NONE EXIST, PROVIDE. IF DAMAGED/UNREADABLE OR NON-COMPLIANT, REPLACE.
5. THE RUNNING SLOPE OF WALKING SURFACES SHALL NOT BE STEEPER THAN 1:20. THE CROSS SLOPE OF WALKING SURFACES SHALL NOT BE STEEPER THAN 1:48.
6. DETECTABLE WARNING PRODUCT APPROVAL - ONLY APPROVED DIVISION OF THE STATE ARCHITECT, ACCESS COMPLIANCE (DS/AC) APPROVED DETECTABLE WARNING PRODUCTS AND DIRECTIONAL SURFACES SHALL BE INSTALLED.



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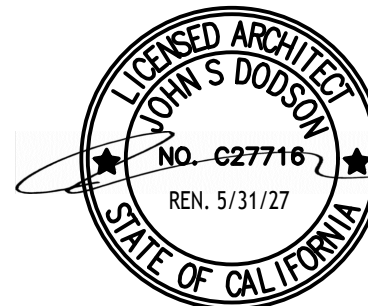
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OSTRICH

LOCATION

THE GIDDY OSTRICH
915-921 MERIDIAN AVE
SOUTH PASADENA, CA 91030

DATE

JOB NO.

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FILE NAME

SITE PLAN

AS1.1

SOUTH PASADENA MUSEUM
NOT IN SCOPE

METRO A LINE TRACKS AND STOP
NOT IN SCOPE

BARRISTERS NURSERY
NOT IN SCOPE

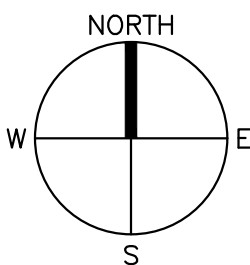
BISTRO DE LA GARE
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MERIDIAN AVE.

PROPOSED SITE PLAN

SCALE: 1/10" = 1'-0"

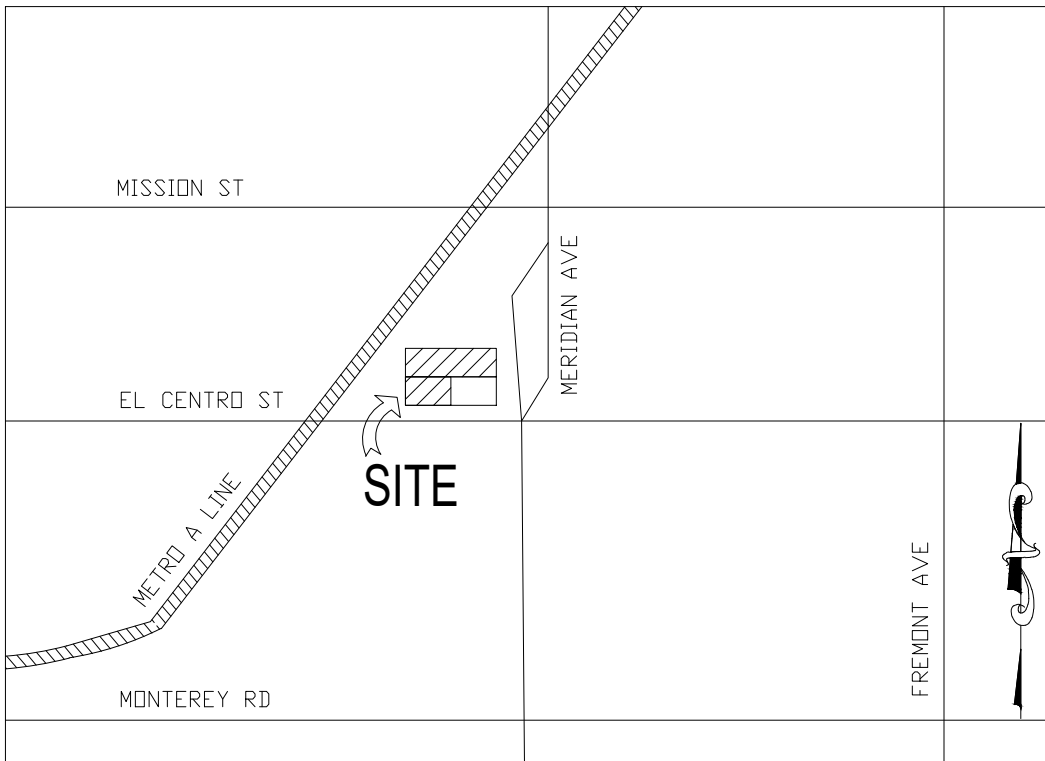


SETBACK	
PRIMARY STREET	0 TO 15 FEET MAX.
SIDE STREET (NOT APPLICABLE)	0 TO 15 FEET MAX.
SIDE YARD	0 FEET
REAR WITH ALLEY (NOT APPLICABLE)	5 FEET MIN.
REAR NO ALLEY (NOT APPLICABLE)	10 FEET MIN.

PARKING ANALYSIS

PURSUANT TO SECTION 21155 OF THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE, THERE SHALL BE NO MINIMUM PARKING REQUIREMENT FOR ANY RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL OR OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IF THE PROJECT IS LOCATED WITHIN ONE-HALF MILE OF A MAJOR TRANSIT STOP. THE METRO A LINE STATION QUALIFIES AS A MAJOR TRANSIT STOP.

VICINITY MAP



GENERAL NOTES

- A. EXTERIOR DIMENSIONS ARE FROM FACE OF SHEATHING U.N.O. INTERIOR DIMENSIONS ARE TO FACE OF STUD U.N.O.
- B. COORDINATE CURB CUTS AT DOORS WITH STOREFRONT MANUFACTURER PRODUCT DETAILS AND SHOP DRAWINGS.
- C. REFER TO FINISH PLAN AND INTERIOR ELEVATIONS FOR EXTENT OF INTERIOR FINISHES.
- D. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE SOLID WOOD BLOCKING FOR WALL MOUNTED ITEMS, EQUIPMENT, MILLWORK, ETC. COORDINATE LOCATIONS WITH OWNER'S CONSTRUCTION REPRESENTATIVE AS NECESSARY.
- E. REFER TO DOOR AND WINDOW SCHEDULE ON SHEET A6.3.
- F. AN OPTIONAL PANELIZED EXTERIOR WALL SYSTEM IS AVAILABLE THROUGH RED-BUILT- SEE SUPPLIER LIST FOR CONTACT INFORMATION. G.C. MUST COORDINATE WITH AOR, OWNER, AND RED-BUILT TO VERIFY CODE COMPLIANCE, PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS, AND INSTALLATION CRITERIA.

LEGEND

- EXISTING CONSTRUCTION
- 16 GA. STUDS FULL HEIGHT WALL
- NEW NON-BEARING WALL W/3-5/8" 20 GA. STUDS OR 6" STUDS @ 16" O.C.
- STRONG WALL
- WALK-IN COOLER WALLS

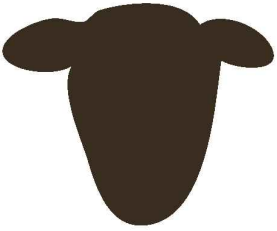
CODED NOTES:

- 1. WALK-IN FREEZER/COOLER MANUFACTURER TO PROVIDE REINFORCED FRAMED OPENING FOR DOOR AS SCHEDULED.
- 2. G.C. TO INSTALL STAINLESS STEEL CORNER GUARD, REFER TO FINISH PLAN SHEET FOR LOCATIONS AND TYPE OF CORNER GUARDS.
- 3. PREFABRICATED USED COOKING OIL MANAGEMENT ENCLOSURE. PROVIDE MIN. 6" THICK, 7'-4" X 3'-6" CONC. SLAB.
- 4. ROOF ACCESS LADDER RECEIVER & SAFETY GATE.
- 5. MOP SINK, REF. 1/A5.1.
- 6. EXHAUST HOOD, REF. MECHANICAL DRAWINGS.
- 7. STAINLESS STEEL PANELS BEHIND AND BESIDE FRYERS & GRILL. REFER TO INTERIOR ELEVATIONS & FINISH PLAN FOR EXTENTS.
- 8. AWNING / CANOPY - UNDER SEPARATE PERMIT.
- 9. SEMI-RECESSED FIRE EXTINGUISHER CABINET, SUPPLIED AND INSTALLED BY GC. REFER TO INTERIOR ELEVATIONS.
- 10. CLEAR FLOOR AREA TO BE MAINTAINED IN FRONT OF ELECTRICAL PANELS MIN 3'-0" AS REQUIRED BY NEC.
- 11. HOT WATER TANK
- 12. WALL MOUNTED FIRE EXTINGUISHERS, SUPPLIED AND INSTALLED BY GC. REF. INTERIOR ELEVATIONS.
- 13. SIGN OVER DOOR IS TO READ "THIS DOOR SHALL REMAIN UNLOCKED WHEN THIS



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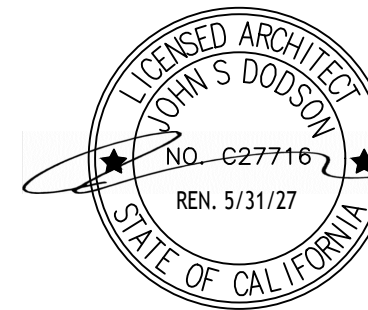
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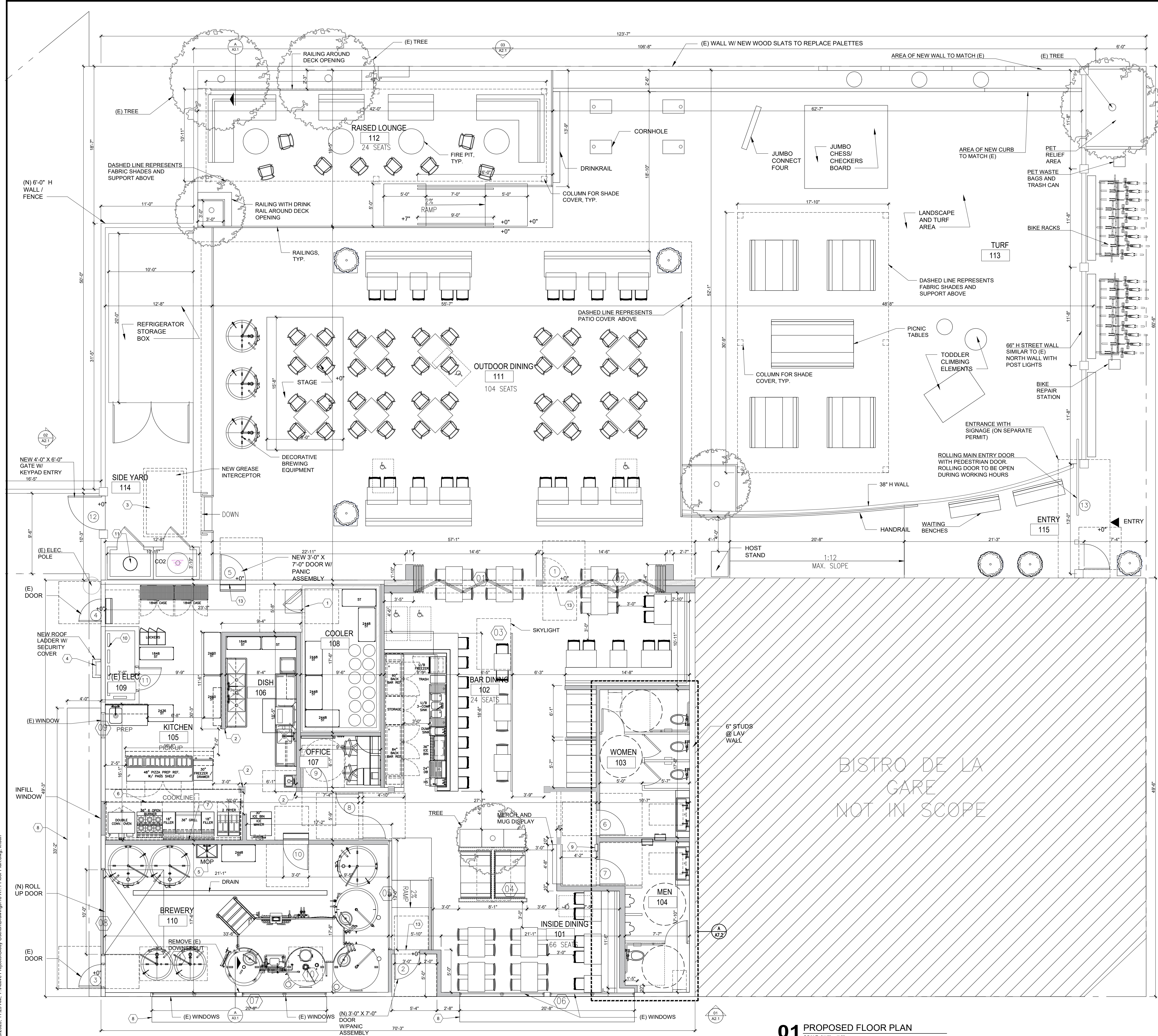
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FLOOR PLAN

A1.1



01 PROPOSED FLOOR PLAN

SCALE: 3/16" = 1'-0"

Attachment 3

Additional Public Comments received by 12:00 p.m. on
10/14/2025

Letter of Recommendation for The Giddy Ostrich

To the South Pasadena Planning Committee

October 9, 2025

South Pasadena Planning Committee

1414 Mission Street

South Pasadena, CA 91030

Dear Members of the South Pasadena Planning Committee,

I am writing to wholeheartedly recommend the new family-friendly establishment, The Giddy Ostrich, for your consideration and support in opening its doors in South Pasadena. As a resident who values our community's local culture and its commitment to enriching family life, I believe The Giddy Ostrich will be an incredible addition to our city.

My family is excited for the Giddy Ostrich to provide an environment for both families and individuals of all ages, for both dining and entertainment experiences, with a safe and inclusive atmosphere. Its focus on wholesome, high-quality food and engaging activities will offer much-needed gathering space for parents and children alike—a place where community members can connect, celebrate, and build lasting memories.

I am confident that The Giddy Ostrich will not only contribute positively to the local economy but also serve as a cornerstone for community engagement and family recreation. I strongly encourage the planning committee to extend its full support to this new venture, as it will greatly benefit so many people from South Pasadena.

Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions regarding our support of this restaurant.

Sincerely,

Megan Keller & Van Morgan

From: [Michael Siegel](#)
To: [PlanningComments](#)
Subject: Item 2 - Support Giddy Ostrich!
Date: Monday, October 13, 2025 4:36:47 PM

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Commissioners, Council and Staff,

I urge you to support the CUP and admin permits for the proposed microbrew and restaurant at 915 Meridian. I additionally urge you to find this project exempt from CEQA.

We as a city often talk about improvements needed to our Main Street and downtown core to attract both business development and outside visitors - something our city desperately needs. This project could not more perfectly fit - it falls into all the ideals of both the General Plan and Downtown Specific Plan. It will bring vitality to the metro stop, drawing in visitors from the A line. It will be one more significant piece that will make South Pasadena a great place to live, work and visit.

Mike
Avon Place.

From: [ScotDrake](#)
To: [PlanningComments](#)
Subject: Letter of Support – The Giddy Ostrich
Date: Thursday, October 9, 2025 6:04:43 PM

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Dear Members of the South Pasadena Planning Commission,

I'm excited to share my support for The Giddy Ostrich. As both a creative professional and South Pasadena resident, I've seen up close how much thought, design, and care have gone into making this a special place for our community.

The Giddy Ostrich feels like exactly what South Pasadena deserves—a welcoming and delicious spot that brings people together and highlights the creativity that makes this city so unique. I can't wait to enjoy it with my family, friends, coworkers, and neighbors.

Thank you for supporting projects that help our community continue to thrive.

Warm regards,

Scot and Summer Drake

South Pasadena Residents

From: [Basil Kim](#)
To: [PlanningComments](#)
Cc: [Min Iris Kim](#)
Subject: Letter of Support for The Giddy Ostrich!
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Dear South Pasadena Planning Commission,

It is with great enthusiasm that we submit this letter in strong support of The Giddy Ostrich project. As literal neighbors to James and Kristin, the creative pioneers behind this endeavor, we can personally attest to their deep love for South Pasadena, their passion for fostering genuine community, and their incredible talent within the hospitality and design industries.

Having had the privilege of discussing this project with James since its early stages, we know that the vision has always been conceived **for** South Pasadena and **by** South Pasadenans. James and Kristin have consistently demonstrated their dedication to our city by volunteering at events such as the Parent Party and participation in numerous other community activities. We are confident that The Giddy Ostrich will be a fantastic addition to our vibrant community.

As parents of a third and fifth grader at Marengo Elementary and Assistant Cubmaster for Pack 7 in South Pasadena, we are particularly excited for a place where our family, and many others, will be able to gather, celebrate, and create lasting memories. We believe there is no better way to mark life's milestones than by sharing a meal or raising a glass with loved ones, and the Giddy Ostrich will be an amazing venue to do so. It can't open soon enough!

Please feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions or comments.

With excitement and warm regards,
Min and Basil Kim
Maple Street, South Pasadena

From: [Ittai Shadmon](#)
To: [PlanningComments](#)
Subject: Letter of Support for The Giddy Ostrich
Date: Monday, October 13, 2025 2:39:54 PM

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Dear South Pasadena Planning Commission,

I am writing to express my strong support for The Giddy Ostrich.

As a 15-year resident of South Pasadena and current President of South Pasadena Dudes (Dads Uniting Dads in Education and Service), I see a real need for a fresh new take on a social gathering place for all ages that the team behind The Giddy Ostrich has dreamed up.

I have been actively involved in our community and local schools for the past 12 years, and during this time, my family and I have regularly explored South Pasadena restaurants and establishments. We have long felt that something was missing—a vibrant space that truly serves families and residents of all ages.

The City of South Pasadena could really use an injection of new energy for local residents and visitors alike, and I see The Giddy Ostrich as being a key part of that revitalization. This type of inclusive, community-focused venue would be a wonderful addition that benefits families like mine throughout our city.

I strongly support The Giddy Ostrich team's vision and would kindly ask that the city staff and leadership help move this project along. I look forward to seeing it come to life and I know it will be an incredible addition to our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ittai Shadmon

South Pasadena Resident

From: [Judy Huie](#)
To: [PlanningComments](#)
Subject: Support Letter for The Giddy Ostrich
Date: Tuesday, October 14, 2025 6:26:42 AM

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I support this project and believe a family restaurant and bar benefits a thriving community by fostering economic growth, creating a welcoming gathering space for residents, and strengthening the local culture and identity. The Giddy Ostrich will be a great option for team sports and community events. It will provide jobs, support local suppliers, and can become a destination for food tourism, while also offering a unique, community-focused dining experience.

Warmly

Judy Huie Mena

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Bobby Waite](#)
To: [PlanningComments](#)
Subject: Support Letter: The Giddy Ostrich
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Looking forward to the opening of the Giddy Ostrich in South Pasadena.
I'm a local resident in this city and totally support the independent businesses here in our city.
The uniqueness of the Giddy Ostrich to our community is special with dining and locally brewed beer.
This will be a great place to have gatherings of family and friends for all occasions.

Best Regards,

Robert Waite

From: [Abby Klitzner](#)
To: [PlanningComments](#)
Subject: The Giddy Ostrich - please approve this project!
Date: Friday, October 10, 2025 1:20:54 PM

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As a South Pas local who loves our community events and small businesses, I can already tell The Giddy is going to fit right in and quickly become a town favorite. The team behind it is incredible—they truly care about community, connection, and quality. You can just *feel* the heart behind this vision.

South Pas needs a place like this—somewhere that brings people together and adds even more character to our already amazing town and welcomes all from kids to adults. I have no doubt The Giddy will become a staple we're all proud of.

Let's make it happen and keep South Pas the best! Please approve this project!

From: [aarti m](#)
To: [PlanningComments](#)
Subject: The Giddy Ostrich
Date: Thursday, October 9, 2025 5:06:35 PM

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Hello, I hope this email finds you well.

I wanted to write to express my support for The Giddy Ostrich restaurant project. Since moving to South Pasadena in 2017, we've enjoyed the perfect balance of cultural and community vibrance with suburban serenity. With its quarterly art walks, Thursday Farmers Market, Fourth of July celebrations, and other family friendly festivals, it's proved to be an ideal place to live and raise a family. However, we've always felt that the area around the train station could use a family friendly gathering space where you can have a good meal and a sip. Nicole's used to be that solution for us. But now that it's gone, The Giddy Ostrich promises to fill that void.

Let's level up our downtown area! We want The Giddy Ostrich!

Enthusiastically,
Aarti Mankad

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actress/writer/director*
*not necessarily in that order
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