

Arlo Reeves

July 10, 2020

RE: MHRB # 2016-0018

REQUEST: DENY APPEAL

Dear Supervisors

I'm writing to request you deny the appeal to overturn the MHRB decision on application #2016-0018.

Over 4 years Maxwell has repeatedly returned to present the MHRB with his proposals for a structure which maximizes square footage on a small residential lot. He achieves this by claiming to restore an historic structure that would allow more than 25% of the lot to be developed, building right to the fence line by exploiting historic setbacks. However this is contingent on his being able to re-use 50% of the original construction materials, and even Maxwell's own architect conceded that wasn't possible to the MHRB. The 'historic building' is in fact an eclectic amalgam of mostly 20th century rooms, built as needed, that hasn't been maintained for decades and is now in a state of advanced decay.

The MHRB has been doing its best for almost 50 years to preserve the historic nature of Mendocino. Residents and visitors alike are indebted to board members past and present for largely succeeding. Few know the town better or care more about its preservation. Please support their decision.

Thank you,

Arlo Reeves