WEAVERVILLE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE
STAFF REPORT

PROJECT TITLE: Downtown Weaverville Trash Receptacles

APPLICANT: Weaverville Rotary Club

PROPERTY OWNER: Various

REPORT BY: Skylar Fisher, Associate Planner

LOCATION: Downtown/Main Street Weaverville

ZONING DISTRICT: Various

GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATION: Various

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Weaverville Rotary Club is requesting a Weaverville Architectural Review Committee (WARC) review of a trash receptacle design. The new design will replace the existing receptacles located in Downtown Weaverville. This design can be found as Attachment D and will incorporate the WARC approved bike rack design found in Attachment E. There are ten existing, wine barrel receptacles that are slated to be replaced.

SITE INFORMATION:

Downtown Weaverville, also referred to as the Weaverville Historic District, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as an area of significant commerce and social history. Downtown Weaverville is within the County Special Treatment (ST) District II for architectural review and preservation.

This area comprises of approximately 11 acres from Center Street to South Miner and Oregon Streets, including Main Street. There are roughly 25 buildings included within the district which include designs reminiscent of gold mining towns of the 19th Century. Other structures include wood residences, a wooden church, and brick buildings. The Weaverville Joss House is also located within the district.

Multiple parcels would be impacted by changing the trash receptacles. As shown in Attachment B, the southernmost receptacle is located in front of the Historical Society. The receptacles dot downtown Weaverville from the southern point to Up North and the Weaverville Bandstand.

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PROJECT EVALUATION:

Trinity County Zoning Code

The purpose of the Special Treatment (ST) zoning overlay is to encourage public knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of the county's past, promote the enjoyment and use of cultural resources appropriate for the education and recreation of the people of the county, protect and enhance the county's attraction to tourists and visitors (thereby stimulating business and industry), and

All uses allowed in the underlying zone of a parcel are allowed in the ST overlay with the review and approval by the appropriate Architectural Review Committee. WARC shall review proposals within ST District II to:

A. Tear down, demolish, construct, alter or remove any improvement,

B. Alter an exterior architectural element of any improvement,

C. Place, erect, alter or relocate any sign,

D. Remove trees (larger than three inches diameter at breast height), or

E. Locate, alter or remove any item affecting the general appearance of a historical district.

As the proposed project is to remove and replace existing trash receptacles, it falls under the purview of needing WARC review and approval. The criteria for review, outlined in Trinity County Zoning Code Section (§) 17.29C.070, is that WARC may approve the design if it determines “the proposed placement/exterior alteration conforms with the purposes of the historic district and specifically emphasizes the preservation of architectural styles existing in the county circa 1900 (i.e., 1890—1910), or emphasizes other distinct or noteworthy architectural styles of the area or site.”

Trinity County General Plan

The County Land Use Element (1988) finds the history of Trinity County to be a valuable community cultural asset to be preserved. A “Commercial use” policy of Weaverville is assuring “new commercial development is consistent with Weaverville’s historic character and adds to, rather than detracts from, the existing historic feeling.”

As the project is located off State Route 299, the County Circulation Element (2002) was evaluated to ensure that the proposed project does not conflict with established goals in this corridor. Objective 1.16 of the Circulation Element is to “Maintain the historical characteristics that make communities unique and allow residents and visitors experience a sense of the past.”
The proposed project and use of the WARC are consistent with the intent of the General Plan.

**Weaverville Community Plan**

The Weaverville Community Plan (1990) contains robust language encouraging the historic character of the area be maintained. While there are multiple references to the importance of keeping the historic character of the community, there aren't any identified policies which relate directly to this project. The community plan does call out the existing historic area and the potential for establish other historic areas in the future. This can be seen in Major Proposal #4 which recommends “Protecting the historical and cultural heritage of the Community by … Encouraging the development of a community wide historic district where individual structures can be listed.” Similarly, Goal #2 of the community plan is “To recognize the importance of, and provide for, the protection and enhancement of the community’s historic character.”

The proposed project and the use of WARC review is consistent with the Weaverville Community Plan.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Weaverville Architectural Review Committee:

A. Find the proposed trash receptacle design emphasizes the preservation of architectural styles existing in the county circa 1900 (i.e., 1890—1910); and

B. Approve the proposed design

**ATTACHMENTS:**

A. Application Cover Letter

B. Trash Receptacle Location Map

C. Existing Trash Receptacle Design

D. Proposed Trash Receptacle Design

E. Bike Racks Design

F. Weaverville Chamber of Commerce Letter of Support

G. Weaverville Historic District Map
Rotary Club of Weaverville
Downtown Weaverville Trash Receptacle Replacement Project
Request for Architectural Review Committee Review and Approval
December 2022

The Rotary Club of Weaverville placed trash receptacles made from wine barrels 30+ years ago. They served their purpose, but have been deteriorating and need to be replaced. The club took on the Replacement Project in early 2022, receiving a grant from the regional Rotary organization and from local donations.

Our search for a replacement receptacle included some key requirements:

- Sturdiness to last many years
- Incorporate recycling (there currently is no recycling on Main Street)
- A design that fits into the historic character of Downtown Weaverville
- If possible, tie the design to the new downtown bike racks (approved in 2019 by the Architectural Review Committee).

A member of the Club was visiting Grass Valley, a town with an historic, gold-rush Main Street and came upon the Urban-Renaissance receptacle manufactured by Forms+Surfaces (See Attachments). This design meets all of those needs, including the ability to cut the bike rack design into the receptacle side providing a unifying design theme for downtown. We are proposing to use the same historic district guidelines for the trash cans and we did for the bike racks.

We propose replacing the old, deteriorating barrels with 10 new, split-stream (trash + recycling) receptacles (see map of general locations) that will be powder coated black to match the bike racks. The new receptacles will be bolted in place (a Caltrans requirement) generally in the same locations as the existing receptacles.

The Club sees this as an important enhancement to downtown Weaverville. The existing barrels, which are falling apart and have unsightly red trash cans/lids (see attached photo) will be replaced and we will be adding a recycling component to downtown. The Club has presented this to the Weaverville Chamber and received their support (see attached letter). Our goal is to have the new receptacles installed by Spring 2023.

For Questions or to schedule the review please contact Pat Frost (pfrost@tds.net or 530-739-3160) or Colleen O’Sullivan (colleen.caos@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

Pat Frost
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Existing Trash Barrel
Product Overview

Urban Renaissance Litter & Recycling Receptacles meet the rigorous demands of modern spaces with classic urban design.

- Stainless steel construction with durable powdercoat finish
- Hinged side-access doors for easy servicing
- Top opening, dome lid, integrated recycle bin or split-stream models
- 36 or 45 gallon polyethylene liners; two smaller liners for split-stream models
- Three standard grillwork designs; custom designs optional
- Freestanding or surface mount
- High recycled content; fully recyclable
Bike Racks (design approved in 2019). Some of the same art work to be used on Trash Receptacles.
May 19, 2022

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RE: Support for Trash Receptacle Grant Application

Dear Pat,

The Weaverville Chamber of Commerce (Chamber) supports the Rotary Club’s grant application to Rotary District 5160 for the first phase of replacing old trash barrels. Members of the Chamber appreciate the help Rotary has provided with the existing trash barrels and we recognize that they need to be replaced as we are a community focused heavily on tourism. The new bike racks were a valuable project for Weaverville and new trash barrels would also be a fantastic asset. Thank you for the Rotary Club’s focus on improving Historic Downtown Weaverville.

Sincerely,

Teckla Johnson
President
Weaverville Chamber of Commerce