



BEFORE THE CITY OF CANNON BEACH

IN THE MATTER OF A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT)	
FOR REMEDIAL DUNE GRADING AT 1296,)	
S. PACIFIC ST, TAXLOT 51030DA03402)	
DENYING THE REQUEST AND ADOPTING)	FINDINGS OF FACT,
FINDINGS)	CONCLUSIONS, AND
		ORDER DP#24-11


ZONE: Residential Medium Density (R2)
Oceanfront Management Overlay (OM)
Flood Hazard Overlay (FHO)

APPLICANT: Bob McEwan Construction
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The above-named applicant applied to the City for review of a permit to perform remedial dune grading to manage sand encroachment at 1296 S. Pacific St. The City of Cannon Beach orders that the request for remedial dune grading is denied and adopts the findings of fact and conclusions contained in Exhibit A.

This decision may be appealed to the Planning Commission by an affected party by filing an appeal with the City within fourteen days of this date.

DATED: April 29, 2024



Robert St. Clair
Planner

EXHIBIT “A”
FINDINGS OF FACT
REMEDIAL DUNE GRADING – DP#24-11

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Taxlot# 51030DA03402
PROPERTY LOCATION: 1296 S. Pacific Dr.
APPLICANT: Bob McEwan Construction
PROPERTY OWNERS: Georgiana Hay
ACTION: Denied

BACKGROUND

The requested project is the remedial grading of sand adjacent to the western property line of the subject property for the purpose of managing sand encroachment.

APPLICABLE CRITERIA

The following sections of the Cannon Beach Municipal Code are applicable to this application:

- 17.42 – Oceanfront Management Overlay Zone

FINDINGS

- (1) Section 17.42.030(D)(3) allows remedial dune grading as a permissible activity subject to standards in the Oceanfront Management Overlay zone.

D. For lots or right-of-way that do not consist of a beach, active dunes, or other foredunes which are conditionally stable and that are subject to wave overtopping or ocean undercutting, or interdune areas that are subject to ocean flooding: in addition to the uses permitted in the underlying zone, the following uses and activities are permitted subject to provisions of Section 17.92.101, Development permits:

- 3. Remedial dune grading.*

- (2) Section 17.42.060(A)(4) defines specific standards for remedial dune grading in the Oceanfront Management Overlay zone. Based on observations of site conditions there is no accumulation of sand against the structure, retaining walls, or beach access stairs that would interfere with the function of the structure or block access from the property to the beach. These conditions are documents in the photographs included in this document. Additionally no sand accumulation has been observed at the same elevation above grade as the top sill of the foundation.

Remedial Dune Grading. “Remedial grading” is the clearing of sand necessary to maintain the function of a structure and includes the removal of sand that has built up against exterior walls, doors, or windows of a structure and that blocks access to a residential or commercial structure, or any public facility, utility or infrastructure. Permits for remedial grading may be approved subject to the following requirements:

- a. Rear yard sand may be removed to the level of the top sill of the foundation, as measured from within thirty-five feet of the habitable structure. From the ten-foot line, the graded area shall slope upward to the elevation of the fronting foredune. This slope shall not exceed fifty percent.*

- b. Side yard sand that is landward of the structure may be removed to the top of the sill of the foundations, provided grading in this area does not create a slope in excess of fifty percent with adjacent properties.
- c. Where the front yard is seaward of the structure, sand may be removed to the level of the top sill of the foundation, as measured from within thirty-five feet of the habitable structure. From the ten-foot line, the graded area shall slope upward of the elevation of the fronting foredune. This slope shall not exceed fifty percent.
- d. Grading shall not lower the front yard below the level of adjacent streets or roads, except to clear sidewalks or driveways.

Areas graded more than three feet in height shall be immediately replanted and fertilized. All graded sand must remain within the littoral cell. Graded sand should be used to fill adjacent low dune areas. Graded sand may also be used to nourish identified areas as needed. The height of the foredune shall not be lowered. Fire-resistant species are the preferred stabilizing vegetation within twenty-five feet of existing dwellings or structures. Fire-resistant vegetation shall only be planted when the foreslope and crest of the dune are adequately stabilized to prevent significant accumulation of windblown sand.

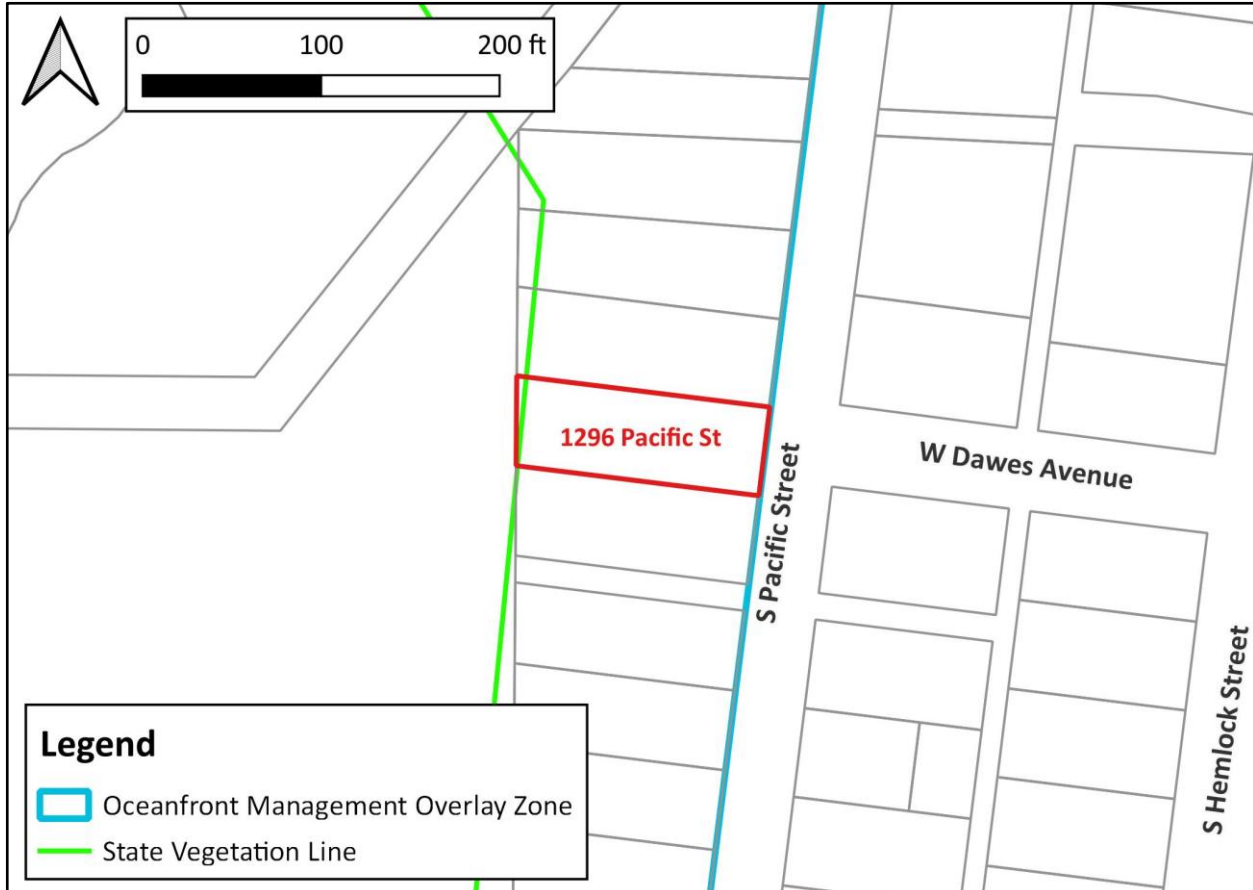
CONCLUSIONS

The Community Development Department has reviewed the application and determined that it does not meet the applicable criteria.

DECISION

The remedial dune grading application has been denied.

SITE MAP



SITE PHOTOGRAPH – APRIL 1, 2024



SITE PHOTOGRAPH – APRIL 29, 2024

