

## Lindsay approves new low-income apartments

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The site plans for a new 50-unit multi-family apartment complex were approved during Tuesday's Lindsay City Council meeting.

The Lindsay Village Apartments project is proposed by Self-Help Enterprises (SHE) and will be located on the southeast corner of Westwood Avenue and Hermosa Street.

The projects consists of nine two-story apartment buildings for affordable housing. An additional single-story building will house the manager's office, a maintenance and storage room, a community room, a full kitchen and laundry facilities. Outdoor amenities will include two barbecue areas, two play areas and a community garden.

The apartments will have one-, two- and three-bedroom options with two different floor plans.

SHE has worked water conservation methods into the project including the use of gray water and low-flow plumbing and faucets.

Concern stem from SHE not getting approved for a grant to pay for the project, increased traffic in an already busy intersection, and no new water source or solid plans to get the current well online and working.

"I'm not happy to go forward without the grant or a new well," Council Member Pam Kimball said.

"We share your frustration in not receiving the funding," said Betsy McGovern-Garcia, program director-real estate development for SHE, who noted SHE will use its own funds for a crosswalk or other remedy at the intersection.

"We believe this project will use less water than it is currently [using] watering the orange trees that are out there," she said.

McGovern-Garcia said SHE is also looking at options to help get the well back online.

The decision had to be made Tuesday because SHE had to submit the grant request by Wednesday. The council approved the proposal with a 3-1 vote, with Kimball voting against and Council member Danny Salinas absent.

In other business, the council held a public hearing and approved the site plan for the new Subway Restaurant to be located of Highway 65.