

PLANNING COMMISSION SITE PLAN CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT **REVIEW SHEET**

CASE NUMBER:

SPC-2010-0209A

PLANNING COMMISSION

HEARING DATE: October 12, 2010

PROJECT NAME:

Griffin School

ADDRESS:

600 E 50th Street

NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN:

Hyde Park

APPLICANT:

Southwest Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church

164000 Huebner Road San Antonio, TX 78248

AGENT:

The Griffin School 710 East 41st Street Austin, TX 78751

CASE MANAGER:

Sarah Graham

Phone: 974-2826

sarah.graham@ci.austin.tx.us

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:

The applicant is requesting a Conditional Use Permit for a Private Secondary Education Facility located at 600 E 50th Street within an existing 7,474 sq ft one-story structure, currently used by the existing church as Religious Assembly. Private Secondary Education Facilities use is the use of a site for a private or parochial school offering instruction at the junior and senior high school levels in the branches of learning and study required to be taught in the public schools of the state.

SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the Conditional Use Permit for the Private Secondary Education Facility. The site plan complies with all requirements of the Land Development Code including Compatibility Standards.

PROJECT INFORMATION

SITE AREA

23,419 square feet

0.54 acres

EXISTING ZONING SF-3-NCCD-NP

WATERSHED

Waller Creek (Urban)

WATERSHED

Comprehensive

ORDINANCE

Watershed Ordinance

(Urban)

TRAFFIC IMPACTNot required

ANALYSIS

CAPITOL

VIEW None

CORRIDOR

PROPOSED ACCESS Evans Ave and E 50th

Street



	Allowed/Required	Existing	Proposed
FLOOR-AREA RATIO	n/a	.319:1	.319:1
BUILDING COVERAGE	40%	32%	32%
IMPERVIOUS COVERAGE	45%	48%	48%
PARKING for 151 Cesar Chavez	9 E 34	33	34 (of which 2 are ADA spaces)

SUMMARY COMMENTS ON SITE PLAN:

The existing use of the site is Religious Services, operated by the Trinity United Methodist Church. The site consists of Lots 1-7 and the southern half of Lot 8, which has a total of 23,419 sq ft of area. The existing one-story structure is 7,474 sq ft and is currently used as Religious Assembly. The structure is just over 5 feet from the adjacent property line shared with a single family structure, which is the same configuration the site has been in prior to Compatibility Standards. The applicant is not proposing any construction at this time.

This site plan is in conjunction with the adjacent site plan - SPC-2010-0208A - Griffin School, which is also requesting a conditional use permit for a Private Secondary Education Facility located at 5000 Martin Ave (across an alleyway) within an existing one-story 1,221 sq ft single family structure, currently used by the existing church as Religious Assembly. The Griffin School will be purchasing both properties from the church this month. Two separate site plans were required due to the Right-of-Way (the alley) separating the adjacent properties. These are land use site plans only - no construction is proposed at this time.

The applicant is proposing a maximum number of 68 students to be located at the two adjacent sites. The limited number is based on a Board of Adjustment determination which granted a variance from Section 25-2-832 (1), which states that a site must be located on a street that has a paved width of at least 40 feet from the site to where it connects with another street that has a paved width of at least 40 feet create Parking calculations for both sites. The estimated width of Martin Ave is 28 of paving and 50 feet of Right of Way. The estimated width of 50th Street is 28 feet of paving and 50 feet of Right of Way. Please see the attached documents related to Board of Adjustment case # C15-2010-0076.

The applicant is proposing to have a maximum number of 13 teachers and 68 students (43 11th/12th graders and 25 9th/10th graders), which is allowed per their parking requirements. The applicant will be providing 34 spaces, as is required per parking requirements. Thirty-three parking spaces are existing on site; one parking space will be removed in order to create an ADA accessible sidewalk and two will be added to create ADA accessible parking. Both improvements must be permitted through a separate permit application but the improvements have been shown on the site plan to demonstrate compliance. No construction is proposed at this time.

The site is located within the North Hyde Park Neighborhood NCCD. The site is within compliance of the NCCD requirements.

From the school's website, the Griffin School is a college preparatory high school empowering a community of learners through a focus on the arts (www.griffinschool.org).

COMPATIBILITY

The site is directly adjacent to and across the street from single family structures. The applicant is

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proposing to locate a 6-foot wooden fence along their northern boundary line in order to provide privacy to the adjacent single family property owner. The existing structure and its associated parking was constructed prior to Compatibility Standards, therefore it is considered existing, non-conforming use per § 25-2-941. No construction is proposed at this time. All other compatibility standards are met.

EXISTING ZONING AND LAND USES

	ZONING	LAND USES
Site	SF-3-NCCD-NP	Religious Assembly
North	SF-3-NCCD-NP	Single Family Residential
South	SF-3-NCCD-NP	E. 50th St, then Single Family
East	SF-3-NCCD-NP	Alleyway, then Religious Assembly
West	SF-3-NCCD-NP	Evans Ave, then Single Family

ABUTTING STREETS

Street	Right-of-Way Width	Pavement Width	Classification
E. 50 th Street	50 ft	28 ft	Local
Evans Avenue	50 ft	28 ft	Local

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS:

- 34 Hyde Park Neighborhood Association
- 283 North Austin Neighborhood Alliance
- 511 Austin Neighborhoods Council
- 704 North Loop Neighborhood Plan COA Liaison
- 742 Austin Independent School District
- 786 Home Builders Association of Greater Austin
- 941 Northfield Neighborhood Association
- 1037 Homeless Neighborhood Assn.
- 1075 League of Bicycling Voters
- 1113 Austin Parks Foundation
- 1200 Super Duper Neighborhood Objectors and Appealers Organization
- 1224 Austin Monorail Project
- 1228 Sierra Club, Austin Regional Group
- 1236 The Real Estate Council of Austin, Inc
- 1254 Hyde Park Neighborhood Plan Contact Team
- 1271 Hyde Park Neighborhood Plan COA Liaison

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT REVIEW AND EVALUTATION CRITERA

The following evaluation is included to provide staff's position on each point of the conditional use permit criteria. Section 25-5-145 of the Land Development Code (EVALUATION OF CONDITIONAL USE SITE PLAN) states:

A. The Land Use Commission shall determine whether the proposed development or use of a conditional use site plan complies with the requirements of this section.

B. A conditional use site plan must:

Comply with the requirements of this title;

Staff Response: This site plan complies with all regulations and requirements of the Land Development Code.

Comply with the objectives and purposes of the zoning district;

Staff Response: The SF-3 zoning district is intended for single-family dwelling with exceptions to some civic uses such as a Private Secondary Education Facility, which is considered a Conditional Use. This site plan complies with all development regulations of the SF-3 zoning district, including height, impervious cover, and building coverage. The Conditional Use Permit is requested to allow a Private Secondary Education Facility, with a maximum of 68 students as was limited by the Board of Adjustment.

Have building height, bulk, scale, setback, open space, landscaping, drainage, access, traffic circulation, and use that is compatible with the use of an abutting site;

Staff Response: The existing structure and its associated parking were constructed prior to Compatibility Standards, therefore the site configuration is considered existing, non-conforming. The site received a variance from the Board of Adjustment concerning the street paved width in order to create a Private Secondary Education Facility. Please see attached documents related to Board of Adjustment case # C15-2010-0076. The site plan will comply with all requirements of the Land Development Code.

Provide adequate and convenient off-street parking and loading facilities; and

Staff Response: The site plan demonstrates adequate off-street parking and loading for the Private Secondary Education Facility.

Reasonably protect persons and property from erosion, flood, fire, noise, glare, and similar adverse effects.

Staff Response: The site plan will comply with all requirements of the Land Development Code including Compatibility Standards, and reasonably protects the health, safety, and welfare of persons and property.

C. In addition, a conditional use site plan may not:

More adversely affect an adjoining site than would a permitted use;

The proposed site plan complies with all development regulations of the SF-3 zoning district.

Adversely affect the safety or convenience of vehicular or pedestrian circulation, including reasonably anticipated traffic and uses in the area; or

Staff Response: The site plan does not adversely affect the safety and convenience of vehicular and pedestrian circulation any more so than the existing Religious Assembly use

has done so for decades.

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Adversely affect an adjacent property or traffic control through the location, lighting, or type of a sign. Staff Response: All signs and lighting will comply with the Land Development Code.

D. A site plan may not adversely affect the public health, safety, or welfare, or materially injure property. If the Land Use Commission determines that a site plan has an adverse effect or causes a material injury under this subsection, the Land Use Commission shall identify the adverse effect or material injury.

In addition, Sec. 25-5-146 (CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL) states:

- (A) To make a determination required for approval under Section 25-5-145 (Evaluation Of Conditional Use Site Plan), the Land Use Commission may require that a conditional use site plan comply with a condition of approval that includes a requirement for:
 - (1) a special yard, open space, buffer, fence, wall, or screen;
 - (2) landscaping or erosion;
 - (3) a street improvement or dedication, vehicular ingress & egress, or traffic circulation;
 - (4) signs;
 - (5) characteristics of operation, including hours;
 - (6) a development schedule; or
 - (7) other measures that the Land Use Commission determines are required for compatibility with surrounding uses or the preservation of public health, safety, or welfare.





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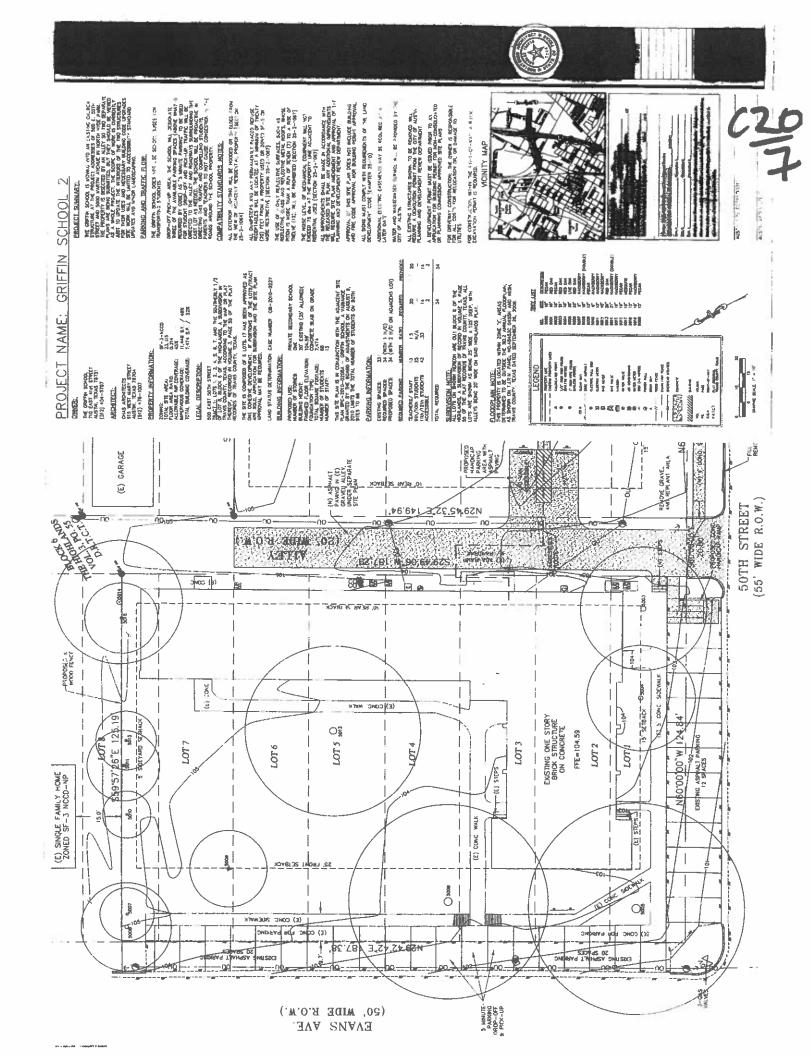
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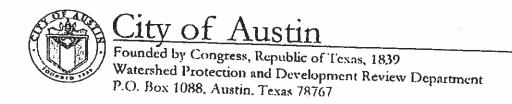
ZONING BOUNDARY

200 Feet

CASE#: SPA-2010-0209A ADDRESS: 600 E 50th St. CASE NAME: Griffin School 2 MANAGER: Sarah Graham









August 11, 2010

Jim Bennett 11505 Ridge Drive Austin, TX 78748

Subject: C15-2010-0076

600 50th Street

Dear: Mr. Bennett

Please be advised that on Monday, August 9, 2010, the Board of Adjustment granted a variance from the minimum street paved width requirement of Section 25-2-832 (1) in order to remodel an existing Religious Assembly Use to create a Private Secondary Educational Facility in an "SF-3-NCCD-NP", Family Residence — Neighborhood Conservation Combining District — Neighborhood Plan zoning district (Limited to 68 students or 38 parking spaces per site plan). (North Hyde Park Neighborhood NCCD) The Land Development Code states that a private secondary school must be located on a street that has a paved width of at least 40 feet from the site to where it connects with another street that has a paved width of at least 40 feet.

If you have any further questions, please contact me at 974-2241.

Sincerely,

Diana Ramirez

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Board of Adjustment/Sign Review Board Secretary

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CITY OF AUSTIN Board of Adjustment/Sign Review Board Decision Sheet

DATE: Monday, August 9, 2010	CASE NUMBER: C15-2010-0076
Y Jeff Jack Y Michael Von Ohlen Motion To GRAN Y Nora Salinas Y Bryan King Y Leane Heldenfels, Chairman Y Clarke Hammond, Vice Chairman Y Heidi Goebel	
ADDRESS: 600 50TH ST	
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Hyde Park Neighborhood Association P.O. Box 49427 • Austin, TX 78765 • www.austinhydepark.org

July 2, 2010

Dear Board of Adjustment Commission Members.

On June 30, 2010 the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association called a special meeting to consider the Griffin School's application for a variance from the City of Austin's Board of Adjustment Commission to operate a school at 600 E. 50th adjacent to streets which are 30 feet wide rather than the 40 foot wide required by city code. This is the current site of Trinity United Methodist Church which has a pending contract to sell its building to the Griffin School.

The Hyde Park Neighborhood Association voted to support the variance request contingent on the Griffin School being limited in enrollment to 125 students. All eligible voting members present were in favor of the variance request with the additional enrollment requirement.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

David P. Conner

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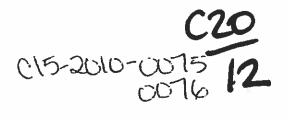
President, Hyde Park Neighborhood Association



We, the undersigned, support the Griffin School's purchase, occupancy, and use of 600 East 50th Street, the property currently owned and occupied by the Trinity United Methodist Church. Current Austin planning code requires that schools exist on roads that are no less than 40 feet wide, yet the roads surrounding the property above — Evans and Martin Avenues and East 50th Street — are 30 feet wide. We support the allowance of a variance to allow The Griffin School to operate a private secondary school on this property.

Signature

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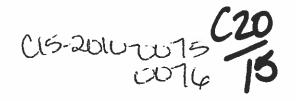
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CITY OF AUSTIN TO APPLICATION TO BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT GENERAL VARIANCE/PARKING VARIANCE

WARNING: Filing of this appeal stops all affected construction activity.

PLEASE: APPLICATION MUST BE TYPED WITH ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION COMPLETED.

The Austin Electric Utility Department (Austin Energy) enforces electric easements and the setback requirements sel forth in the Austin Utility Code, Electric Criteria Manual and National Electric Safety Code. The Board of Adjustment considers variance to the Land Development Code, and a variance granted by the Board of Adjustment does not waive the requirements enforced by Austin Energy. Please contact Christine Esparza with Austin Energy at 322-6112 before filing your application with the Board of Adjustment if your request is for a reduction in setbacks or height limits.

NOTE: The Board must determine the existence of, sufficiency of and weight of evidence supporting the findings described below. Therefore, you must complete each of the applicable Findings Statements as part of your application. Failure to do so may result in your application being rejected as incomplete. Please attach any additional support documents.

VARIANCE FINDINGS: I contend that my entitlement to the requested variance is based on the following findings (see page 5 of application for explanation of findings):



REASONABLE USE:

1. The zoning regulations applicable to the property do not allow for a reasonable use because:

The redevelopment of this existing civic use to create another civic use cannot occur without the variance. The ordinance when adopted did not considered a property with three street frontages.

HARDSHIP:

2. (a) The hardship for which the variance is requested is unique to the property in that:

the property has frontage on three streets and an alley, none of which has 40ft of paving width. Additional R.O.W. nor paving can be provided when someone else owns the property that would be required to provide the 40 ft. of paving width for the entire block.

(b) The hardship is not general to the area in which the property is located because:

Private secondary schools are required to meet this requirement while the nearby public school is not required to meet this requirement. This is the only private school in close proximity.

AREA CHARACTER:

3. The variance will not alter the character of the area adjacent to the property, will not impair the use of adjacent conforming property, and will not impair the purpose of the regulations of the zoning district in which the property is located because:

The site is developed with a church use and the change of use will not be a detriment to the neighborhood. It will not impair the purpose the regulations because ample frontage, access, and traffic is being distributed onto three streets.

PARKING: (Additional criteria for parking variances only.)

Request for a parking variance requires the Board to make additional findings. The Board may grant a variance to a regulation prescribed Section 479 of Chapter 25-6 with respect to the number of off-street parking spaces or loading facilities required if it makes findings of fact that the following additional circumstances also apply:

1. Neither present nor anticipated future traffic volumes generated by the use of the site or the uses of sites in the vicinity reasonable require strict or literal interpretation and enforcement of the specific regulation because:

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2. The granting of this variance will not result in the parking or loading of vehicles on public streets in such a manner as to interfere with the free flow of traffic of the streets because:
 The granting of this variance will not create a safety hazard or any other condition inconsistent with the objectives of this Ordinance because:
4. The variance will run with the use or uses to which it pertains and shall not run with the site because:
NOTE: The Board cannot grant a variance that would provide the applicant with a special privilege not enjoyed by others similarly situated or potentially similarly situated.
APPLICANT CERTIFICATE - I affirm that my statements contained in the complete application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Signed Mail Address 11505 Ridge Drive.
City, State & Zip Austin, Texas 78748
Printed Jim Bennett Phone (512)282-3079 Date
OWNERS CERTIFICATE – I affirm that my statements contained in the complete application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Signed Mail Address
City, State & Zip

Phone Date

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