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

DATE: Monday, November 8, 2010	CASE NUMBER: C15-2010-0120
Jeff Jack Michael Von Ohlen Nora Salinas Bryan King Leane Heldenfels, Chairman Clarke Hammond, Vice Chairman Heidi Goebel	
APPLICANT: Lawrence, McGuire	
OWNER: Leslie, Moore	
ADDRESS: 1501 1ST ST	
VARIANCE REQUESTED: The applicant has minimum off-street parking requirement of So spaces to 5 off-street parking spaces in orde an existing Restaurant use in a "CS-MU-V-CCUse – Vertical – Conditional Overlay – Neighbouldin Creek Neighborhood Plan)	ection 25-6 from 16 off-street parking r to remodel and erect an addition to)-NP", Commercial Services – Mixed
BOARD'S DECISION: POSTPONED to December	er 13, 2010 by applicant
FINDING:	
 The Zoning regulations applicable to the prop because: 	perty do not allow for a reasonable use
2. (a) The hardship for which the variance is req	quested is unique to the property in that:
(b) The hardship is not general to the area in	which the property is located because:
3. The variance will not alter the character of the impair the use of adjacent conforming proper the regulations of the zoning district in which	ty, and will not impair the purpose of
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APPLICATION TO BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT GENERAL VARIANCE/PARKING VARIANCE

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

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PLEASE: APPLICATION MUST BE TYPED WITH ALL	STREET ADDRESS: 1501 South 1st Street, Austin, Tx 78704
REQUESTED INFORMATION COMPLETED.	LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Subdivision –D.W. Bouldin Addition
	Lot(s) 1 Block 2 Outlot
behalf of myself/ourselves as	I/WeLawrence McGuireon authorized agent for
-	affirm that onSeptember_15th, 2010
hereby apply for a hearing bet	fore the Board of Adjustment for consideration to:
(check appropriate items belo	w)
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request a Parking Variance to of parking spots. We would	on is as a café. We would like to remodel the property and exempt the new tenant from providing the required number like to continue to operate in a similar or reduced volume urrent tenant, Bouldin Creek Coffee House
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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

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:

Bouldish Creek n.p. There are only 5 spots currently available on the property. The business is currently over 2000 sqf with outdoor dining areas and so 15 spots would be required to meet parking code. There is no room on the existing location to add parking and the business is located in a dense urban location. A reduction of the space would not provide the business enough revenue to survive given the current property values and competitive rents of the area.

HARDSHIP:

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

Much of the lot that could be used for a parking lot is in the flood plain. Therefore it is not possible to provide the required number of spots for any reasonably sized business. Also, there are no available lots within the required legal distance that could provide offsite parking. There is available street parking adjacent to the property, which is currently being used by the existing business.

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

Many of the other businesses along first street and in the bouldin creek neighborhood have parking that is not in the flood plain. Because the lot backs right up to Bouldin Creek much of the property is in th flood plane.

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:

We will continue to utilize the property in the same way and in a similiar or smaller volume than the existing café, Bouldin Creek Coffee House.

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:

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:



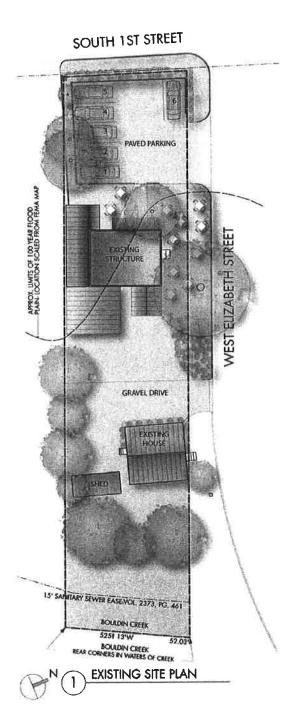
The property is located in a dense area very close to downtown and busy South Congress, and there is no way to provide the required number of parking spots on site nor in close proximity off site. The use of the property is intended to serve the neighborhood and will be pedestrian and bicycle friendly.

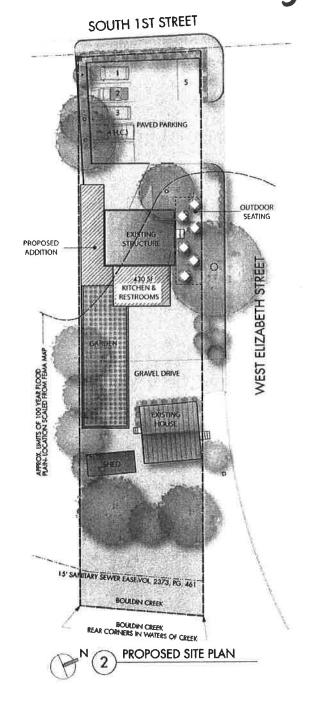
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2. The granting of this variate public streets in such a restreets because:	nce will not result in the parking or loading of vehicles on nanner as to interfere with the free flow of traffic of the
There is legal street parking in a small café and we do not pla	n close vicinity to the business. Our use of the space will be an on doing a high volume business.
The granting of this variation inconsistent with the object.	ance will not create a safety hazard or any other condition ctives of this Ordinance because:
We do not intend to change operation for over 12 years.	the use or size of the existing business which has been in
There is available legal street NOTE: The Board cannot grant a variance	parking surrounding the location. APPLICANT CERTIFICATE – I affirm that my statements contained in the complete application are true and correct
that would provide the applicant with a special privilege not enjoyed by others similarly situated or potentially similarly situated.	to the best of my knowledge and belief. Signed Address 1912 Eastside Drive City, Austin State TX & Zip 78704
	Printed Lawrence McGuire Phone 512.799.8243 Date 10.5.2010
OWNERS CERTIFICATE – are true and correct to the best of Signed Signed City, State & Zip Austin Tx 78	Mail Address 1003 South Second Street
Printed Leslie Moore	Phone 512.917.8734 Date 10.5.2010

Elizabeth St. Bakery & Noodle House

1501 South 1st Street. Austin, TX 78704





CHIOCO design

 Proposed Addition - 444 S.F.
Outdoor Seating - 400 S.F.
Existing Structure - 726 S.F.
Kitchen & Restrooms - 430 S.F.

Total

- 2000 S.F.

Required Parking

On Site	- 5
Off Site	- 11

Total - 16





BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

CASE#: C15-2010-0120 LOCATION: 1501 S 1ST ST

GRID: H 20

MANAGER: SUSAN WALKER



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DATE: November 1, 2010

RE: Comments Objecting to Variance

Case Number: C15-2010-0120

Address:

1501 S 1st Street

Contact:

Susan Walker

Public Hearing: Board of Adjustment, November 8th, 2010

FROM:

Amy Empson and Gregg Hansen 1500 Newton Street

We strongly object to the variance requesting a decrease in off-street parking for 1501 S 1st Street.

1. Parking is already an overall issue is this neighborhood.

Our residence is between S Congress and S 1st. As a neighborhood we are already struggling with businesses without adequate parking. Both traditional bricks and mortar businesses and more recently trailers, which are increasingly taking over the few parking lots we do have. Pushing more traffic into the neighborhood not only causes parking issues for residents and homeowners but also increases traffic, making it difficult for us to walk with our children around our own neighborhood (we do not have many sidewalks). While we welcome a dense, mixed-use neighborhood, the businesses need to respect the neighborhood and the families that live here and provide adequate parking for their patrons.

2. The current business at 1501 S 1st does not have adequate parking.

Parking for the current business at 1501 S 1st already lines up along Elizabeth Street. It's obvious that current parking for this address is not adequate, let alone increasing the size of the establishment and further reducing off-street parking. Patrons for the current business often use the empty lot across the street for some overflow parking; however, this lot is for sale or lease, so does not seem to be a longterm solution. Not to mention, this parking often blocks the sidewalks and makes it difficult to walk safely.

While we are not sure the current set-up actually has 16 off-street parking places, we definitely do not want to reduce what little they have further.

Thank you for your consideration.

10/31/2010

Sam Wooley 307 W. Elizabeth St. Austin, Texas 78704-3005 (512) 443-3114

Susan Walker P.O. Box 1088 Austin, Texas 78767-8810 (512) 974-2202

> RE: Case Number: C15-2010-0120 1501 South First Street

Austin, Texas

I object to the requested variance.

I have lived in my home since 1976, so I have seen a lot of changes in the use of this piece of property. In fact back in the 1980's I worked for a man who owned and developed the commercial structure. At that time he wanted to lease it to someone for a small restaurant, but was turned down by the City of Austin, because it did not have sufficient off-street parking. The building had four small rooms. There were no side or back porches and the seating area beneath the oak tree was out of the question (that is mostly right of way). At least it was back then.

I find it very hard to imagine how the existing business has been able operate under the current rules. Their customer and delivery vehicles cause traffic problems on our street constantly. The 16 off-street parking spaces your notice mentions do not exist and never have. There are always cars parked in front of our houses. It's a popular place, in fact sometimes it is so popular that we have real problems just getting in and out of our driveway.

I might also mention that the Texas School for the Deaf uses their service entrance, located on Elizabeth street, for most of the regular daily access to the campus. This includes the employees personal cars and the buses they use to transport the children from out lying locations and events.

I respectfully request that you not only deny the variance, but enforce the the standards now in place regarding the relationship of the number of tables and chairs and the off-street parking. I do appreciate the right of the owner of this property, Mr. Leslie Moore, to use his investment, as I am equally sure he would not want to disrupt my peaceful homestead, including being able to come and go as I please.

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Although applicants and/or their agent(s) are expected to attend a public hearing, you are not required to attend. However, if you do attend, you have the opportunity to speak FOR or AGAINST the proposed development or change. You may also contact a neighborhood or environmental organization that has expressed an interest in an application affecting your neighborhood.

During a public hearing, the board or commission may postpone or continue an application's hearing to a later date, or recommend approval or denial of the application. If the board or commission announces a specific date and time for a postponement or continuation that is not later than 60 days from the announcement, no further notice is required.

A board or commission's decision may be appealed by a person with standing to appeal, or an interested party that is identified as a person who can appeal the decision. The body holding a public hearing on an appeal will determine whether a person has standing to appeal the decision.

An interested party is defined as a person who is the applicant or record owner of the subject property, or who communicates an interest to a board or commission by:

- delivering a written statement to the board or commission before or during the public hearing that generally identifies the issues of concern (it may be delivered to the contact person listed on a notice); or
- appearing and speaking for the record at the public hearing;
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- occupies a primary residence that is within 500 feet of the subject property or proposed development;
 is the record owner of property within 500 feet of the subject property
- or proposed development; or is an officer of an environmental or neighborhood organization that has an interest in or whose declared boundaries are within 500 feet of

the subject property or proposed development.

A notice of appeal must be filed with the director of the responsible department no later than 10 days after the decision. An appeal form may be available from the responsible department.

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Austin, TX 78767-8810

Susan Walker P. O. Box 1088

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From:

Bradford [bradfordpatterson04@yahoo.com]

Sent:

Thursday, November 04, 2010 9:54 PM

To:

Walker, Susan

Subject: Fw: Parking For 1501 South First Austin, Texas C15-2010-0120

Ms. Walker,

Below is a copy of an email sent to the applicant Lawrence McGuire regarding the Bouldin Creek Neighborhood Association's opposition to the variance as currently requested in case C15-2010-0120 scheduled before the Board of Adjustment on Monday November 8th. Thank you for the city's and board's consideration.

-Brad Patterson

Chair, BCNA Zoning Committee

---- Forwarded Message ----

From: Bradford <bradfordpatterson04@yahoo.com> **To:** Lawrence McGuire <larry@lambertsaustin.com>

Sent: Thu, November 4, 2010 9:47:34 PM

Subject: Parking For 1501 South First Austin, Texas C15-2010-0120

Larry,

The Bouldin Creek Neighborhood Association Zoning Committee as well as the Steering Committee has discussed your variance application and situation. In addition we have been fielding inquiries from multiple residents that received the city's notification. We are aware that at least two property owners within the notification area have written to the city opposing the granting of the variance and there are indications that these owners will be present at the scheduled hearing.

We recommend that you consider postponing the variance application to the Board of Adjustment's next hearing, presumably December, to keep working with the neighborhood, and potentially those neighbors that have expressed opposition. This would also allow many of the specifics including leases, parking agreements, and site design to be resolved prior to an official hearing.

At this time, without a postponement, I have been directed by our elected officers to formally oppose the variance request as put forth in the application. I realize that given your recent emails, you may be intending to address some or all of the parking deficiencies with still to be approved off-site parking applications. We are concerned since the application, as requested and as posted by the city this evening, is for reducing the parking requirements to only the existing five spots, one of which will need to become an accessible space. We would be more comfortable if the posted request were revised to accurately reflect your request if it is going to be less than the 11 space reduction.

We recognize that there is a bit of a dilemma as well since you are still working on a lease agreement. At the same time your tentative off-site parking agreements are waiting for the lease, neighborhood position, and possibly variances to be resolved. You probably want to make sure you can successfully permit and handle parking before proceeding with the actual restaurant and site design or entering into a lease. The neighborhood is concerned about moving forward with so many elements in flux.

Obviously solving the parking with off-site spaces is within your rights and if the off-site parking is reasonable, legitimate, and able to be sustained in the future it could be a good solution for everyone. As you know if you are able to obtain off-site parking you would not require some or all of the parking space variance requested. Because the

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neighborhood is under significant pressure from commercial operations on both South Congress and South First, residential permit parking could become a reality in the not too distant future. In this case, having off-site parking might be necessary just from a practical standpoint. Based on our neighborhood's experiences with other facilities that rely very heavily on off-site parking agreements that exist in name only, with none of the required parking ever actually provided or agreements that end while the restaurant continues in operation makes us wary of future enforcement. We realize however that good faith off-site parking that is well marked, advertised, and within a reasonable distance can be a viable solution.

Our concerns at this point remain much as we have discussed. The current restaurant operation (unrelated to you or your partners) far exceeds the parking capacity of the site and arguably the street. I know from daily firsthand experience that West Elizabeth with its curve just before the intersection with South First, the exit from the subject property close to the intersection, significant pedestrian traffic, and cyclists utilizing the sidewalks rather than street is a dangerous intersection. This is especially true for vehicles turning onto West Elizabeth from South First in either direction where limited visibility and heavy traffic make turning tricky. I have many times turned onto West Elizabeth only to have to stop suddenly only a few feet in from the intersection when vehicles unexpectedly back out of your site's parking lot. It is also very common for pedestrians to jaywalk across Elizabeth between cars and just out of site of the intersection. We realize that you are not responsible for idiots and have limited options for addressing that but it is a real situation at that location. The pedestrian traffic patterns are made worse by the fact that there is no sidewalk on the south side of the street adjacent to the subject property, the outdoor seating impedes the public right of way as does the facility's dumpster.

In our discussions, the Zoning Committee continued to raise the question of whether or not there is a possible parking solution within the floodplain. We are unclear if it is legally impossible to undertake construction here or if it is just very problematic and possibly expensive. It seems to us that parking could be created so long as it was raised or terraced up out of the floodplain and presumably could be shown to not increase flooding issues within the plain or nearby creek bed.

I also want to stress that while we were working towards an agreement with the previous party interested in leasing the location that would have included some parking variances; they withdrew from the project before finalizing their plans. They had also been committed to relocating the dumpster out of the public right of way and trying to resolve the lack of off-street loading zone for deliveries. In addition they had planned to retain the gravel area in a manner that would not have precluded parking despite the fact that it could not be counted by the city. Obviously there are similarities with your proposal and we probably still can consider a situation where the amount of spaces in the variance is equal only to the addition/construction directly related to areas that do not increase the capacity of the restaurant such as replacing the kitchen and restrooms to meet current code.

While we would probably argue that this site is too small and poorly oriented to truly handle a full service restaurant without problems, we recognize that it is already an established food service location. We do want to see a successful business operating here in a manner that is an asset to the neighborhood along with aesthetic and functional improvements to the site and adjacent right of way. We would welcome the opportunity to continue working towards that goal. The association is not closing the door on parking variances but we don't believe that the details have been adequately worked out and we definitely oppose such a substantial reduction from 16 to 5 spaces per the application.

-Brad Patterson

Chair, Bouldin Creek Neighborhood Association Zoning Committee

Walker, Susan

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From:

Tim Jamail [tj@ultrainvestmentsinc.com]

Sent:

Tuesday, November 02, 2010 12:25 PM

To:

Walker, Susan

Subject:

Case Number: C15-2010-0120 \$

Attachments: 1501 S. 1st Street - Notice of Public Hearing.pdf

Hello Susan. I hope all is well with you. I received the attached notice in the mail yesterday. I am the managing partner of the entity that owns the property on the north east corner of S. 1st Street and Elizabeth, directly across the street from the subject property. I would like to register our opposition to the proposed parking variance for the following reasons:

1) The past patrons of the establishment located at this address, The Bouldin Street Cafe, have parked their vehicles illegally on the paved parking area of our property every since we have taken ownership of the property. This is an ongoing problem that I have not previously raised with the owners of the subject property, because our property has been vacant. However, we are in currently in negotiations with a prospective tenant and will not allow this situation to continue once our property is occupied.

2) There is already a significant amount of parking along the sides of Elizabeth Street towards the School for the Deaf and the adjoining neighborhood. This problem will only get worse once we lease our property if the variance is granted.

3) We have an approved site plan for our tract and were required to meet all City codes with respect to parking in connection with the approval thereof. The proposed parking variance would offer the applicant relief from the current City codes which were *not* extended to our property during the permitting process. The applicable City codes and enforcement thereof should be applied uniformly to all parties to ensure equity and safety for everyone.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this matter. Please feel free to call with any questions or comments you may have.

Respectfully Yours,

Tim Jamail Managing Partner First Bouldin Creek Lofts, Ltd.



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Case Number: C15-2010-0120 - 1501 S 1st Street Contact: Susan Walker, 512-974-2202 Public Hearing: Board of Adjustment, November 8th, 2010 ☐ I am in favor 408 W MONROE, AUS. TX

Your address(es) affected by this application Daytime Telephone: 5/2-47 If you use this form to comment, it may be returned to: City of Austin-Planning & Development Review Department/ 1st Floor Susan Walker P. O. Box 1088 Austin, TX 78767-8810