## PLANNING COMMISSION SITE PLAN COMPATIBILITY WAIVER REQUEST REVIEW SHEET

CASE: SP-2012-0122C PLANNING COMMISSION DATE: October 9, 2012

PROJECT NAME: IBC Bank Mueller View

ADDRESS OF SITE: 1218 E 51st St.

APPLICANT: International Bank of Commerce (Robert B Barnes) (512) 397-4500

AGENT: Bury & Partners, Inc., (Jonathan Fleming) (512) 328-0011

AREA: 1.46 acres

WATERSHED: Tannehill Branch (Urban)

WATERSHED ORDINANCE: Comprehensive Watershed Ordinance (urban)

C.I.P. STATUS: N/A

**T.I.A.:** N/A

**CAPITOL VIEW: N/A** 

## PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:

The applicant is proposing to construct a 4,450 sq. ft. financial services building, with a 2-lane drive-through, parking, detention and water quality. The development is taking access to Lancaster Court and E 51<sup>st</sup> St.

## **EXISTING ZONING:**

The proposed financial services property is zoned GR-MU-V-CO-NP. Financial Services is a permitted use in the base zoning district, GR. The conditional overlays limit traffic to no more than 2,000 trips per day, and limit drive in service as financial services accessory use to two driving lanes. The site plan complies with the zoning ordinance.

## **DESCRIPTION OF WAIVER:**

Waiver request is as follows: LDC Section 25-2-1067(G):

Unless a parking area or driveway is on a site that is less than 125 feet wide, a parking area or driveway may not be constructed 25 feet or less from a lot that is (1) in an SF-5 or more restrictive zoning district; or (2) on which a use permitted in an SF-5 or more restrictive zoning district is located.

The applicant requests a waiver from a 25-foot to a 9.91-foot compatibility setback for a driveway. The site plan is adjacent to a single-family use in NO-MU-NP zoning district. The proposed driveway varies in setback from 20.68 feet to 9.91 feet at the rear corner of the NO-MU-NP zoned property.

## SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the waiver from LDC Section 25-2-1067(G) to reduce the Compatibility driveway setback requirement from 25 feet to 9.91 feet from adjacent NO-MU-NP zoned property used as single family. The adjacent single-family house is on the north side of its driveway. Therefore, the proposed driveway will be located next to the single-family driveway, with a 6-foot wooden fence in between the two driveways for additional buffering and screening.

CASE MANAGER: Donna Galati PHONE: 974-2733

Donna.Galati@austintexas.org

PROJECT INFORMATION: 1.46 acres EXIST. ZONING: GR-MU-V-CO-NP MAX BLDG COVERAGE: 75%

MAX. BLDG. COVERAGE: 75% PROP. BUILDING CVR: 5,370.75 sq. ft (8.5%) MAX. IMPERV. CVRG.: 90% PROP. IMP. CVRG.: 36,395.3 sq. ft. (57.28%)

ALLOWED F.A.R.: 1:1 PROPOSED F.A.R.: 0.07:1 HEIGHT: 60' PROP. HEIGHT: 18'8" (1 story) REQUIRED PARKING: 13 PROVIDED PARKING: 23 spaces

PROPOSED ACCESS: Driveway access to East 51st St. and Lancaster Court.

## SUMMARY COMMENTS ON SITE PLAN:

Land Use: The applicant is requesting a waiver from Compatibility standards to reduce the setback for a driveway from 25 feet to 9.91 feet in order to construct a financial services building with drive-through canopy. The site plan also proposes an open space/pedestrian amenity area along the sidewalk on E 51<sup>st</sup> St. equal to 15% of the site's gross site area. The site plan will comply with all applicable regulations upon site plan approval.

The conditional overlay in zoning ordinance C14-2011-0103 limits trip generation to no more than 2,000 trips per day, prohibits drive in service other than financial services and consumer convenience services uses, and limits financial services to a 2 lane drive-in, (1 lane for consumer convenience services). The zoning ordinance also establishes off-site accessory parking as a conditional use and prohibits the following uses: automotive repair services, automotive rentals, automotive sales, automotive washing (of any type) service station, funeral services, commercial off street parking, and bail bond services.

#### **Environmental:**

The site is located with the Tannehill Branch watershed, which is classified as an Urban Watershed. There are no critical environmental features. Heritage tree preservation is included in the open space/pedestrian amenity area.

#### Transportation:

Access to the proposed financial services will be from East 51<sup>st</sup> St. and Lancaster Court. The proposed development did not require a TIA.

This administrative site plan will comply with all applicable requirements of the Land Development Code prior to its release. Staff recommends approval of the waiver.

## PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION:

The zoning case IBC Mueller View, C14-2011-0103 was recommended by Planning Commission February 14, 2012, and approved by City Council April 2, 2012.

#### SURROUNDING CONDITIONS:

Zoning/ Land Use

North: MF-2-NP (Multi-Family) and NO-MU-NP (Single-Family)

South: E 51<sup>st</sup> St., then PUD (Hotel, under construction)

East: Lancaster Court, then GR-MU-V-CO-NP (Single-Family)

West: GR-MU-V-CO-NP (Multi-family)

STREET:	R.O.W.	SURFACING	CLASSIFICATION
Lancaster Court	50'	25'	Collector
E 51 <sup>st</sup> St.	78'	68'	Minor Arterial

## **NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS:**

Anberly Airport Association
Austin Heritage Tree Foundation

Austin Independent School District

Austin Monorail Project

Austin Neighborhoods Council

Del Valle Community Coalition

Home Builders Association of Greater Austin

Homeless Neighborhood Assn.

League of Bicycling Voters

Mueller Master Community Inc.

Mueller Neighborhood Assn

**Mueller Property Owners Association** 

**PODER** 

Responsible Growth for Windsor Park

**SELTEXAS** 

Sierra Club, Austin Regional Group

Super Duper Neighborhood Objectors and Appealers Organization

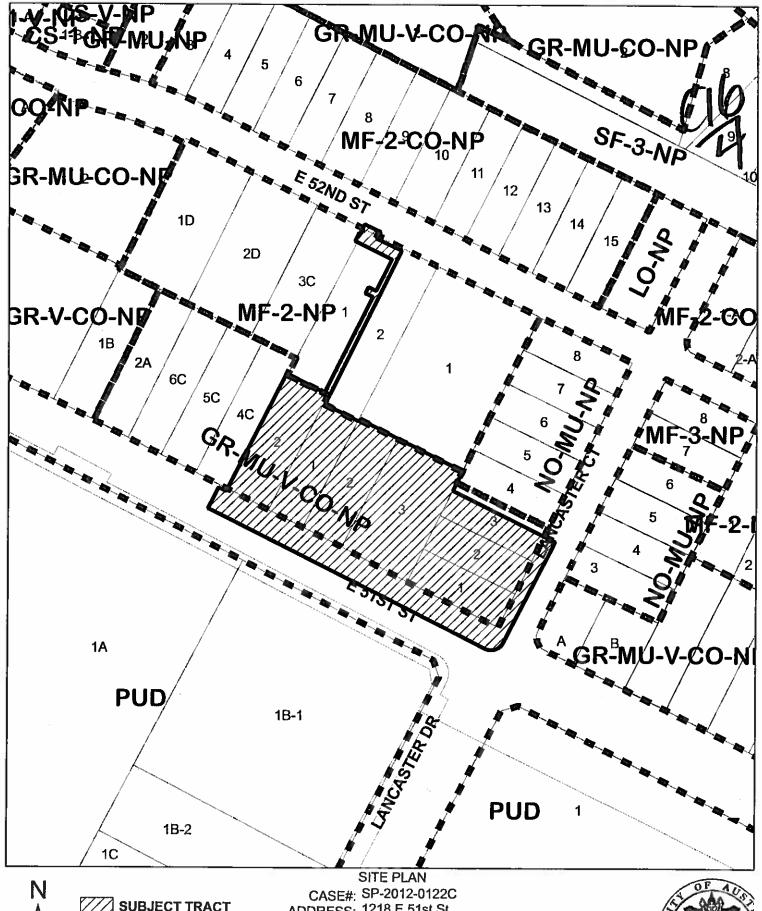
The Real estate Council of Austin, Inc.

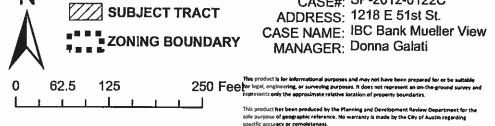
Windsor Park Neighborhood Assn.

Windsor Park Neighborhood Plan Contact Team

Windsor Park Pecan Springs Heritage Neighborhood Association









# **b** Bury+Partners



September 28, 2012

Ms. Donna Galati Planning and Development Review Department 505 Barton Springs Road, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Austin, Texas 78704

Re: IBC Bank - Mueller View - Variance Request

SP-2012-0122C 1218 East 51<sup>st</sup> Street Austin, Texas 78723

Dear Ms. Galati:

Please accept this letter as our request for a variance from the City of Austin Land Development Code Section 25-2-1069(G) which states that unless a parking area or driveway is on a site that is less than 125 feet wide, a parking area or driveway may not be constructed 25 feet or less from a lot that is in an SF-5 or more restrictive zoning district or on which a use permitted in an SF-5 or more restrictive zoning district is located. We understand that the goal of this guideline is to provide a buffer between single-family housing and commercial driveways. The variance is being requested due to the fact that the property is located next to a use permitted in an SF-5 or more restrictive zoning district.

The driveway in question is located on a site which is  $\pm 150$  feet wide and the majority of the driveway is separated  $\pm 20$  feet from the lot it is required to be separated from. The south west corner of the adjacent lot is separated  $\pm 9.9$  feet from the driveway. Since this adjacent lot is located in the NO-MU-NP (Neighborhood Office, Mixed-Use, Neighborhood Plan) zoning district, we are requesting that the provided separation be acceptable. Please note that there will be a six (6) foot privacy fence located along the north property line to assist with compatibility. We believe that this separation distance and the narrow site width provide adequate justification for this variance. Please review this request and should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Katie Hammen Engineer Associate

I:\100201\10001\Letters\2012\09.28.12 Galati.doc\ssc

BURY+PARTNERS 221 West Sixth Street, Suite 600 Austin, TX 78701

> 1R (512) 328-0011 FAC (512) 328-0325

