

# PLANNING COMMISISON SITE PLAN WAIVER REQUEST REVIEW SHEET

**CASE NUMBER:** 

SP-2012-0440C

**PLANNING COMMISSION** 

HEARING DATE: May 14th, 2013

**PROJECT NAME:** 

Austin Chinese Church New Sanctuary Building

**ADDRESS:** 

1415 W 51st Street

**NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN:** 

Winsor Hills

**APPLICANT:** 

Austin Chinese Church (Ka Leung Lee) - (512) 342-3303

11118 Dessau Rd Austin, TX 78754

AGENT:

Chan & Partners Engineering, LLC (Thuan Nguyen) - (512) 480-8155

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Austin, TX 78745

**CASE MANAGER:** 

Amanda Couch

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#### PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:

The site is currently occupied by the Austin Chinese Church with multiple buildings and improvements on the site. The proposed site improvements include a 16,000 sq. ft. religious services building, associated parking, drives and sidewalks, water quality ponds and expansion of an existing detention pond, water and waste water services, and landscaping.

# **DESCRIPTION OF WAIVERS:**

The applicant is requesting a waiver from § 25-2-1067(G)(2), which requires a parking area setback of 25 ft. from property zoned as SF-5 or more restrictive. The project is proposing a parking lot 13ft. from the west property line, therefore encroaching on the set back by 12ft. Adjacent to the West of the property is a lot zoned SF-2- NP occupied by an elementary school.

# SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the waiver requests. The applicant has the support of the public school which occupies the adjacent lot and has provided vegetative screening. The site plan complies with all other requirements of the Land Development Code. The proposed parking lot will not encroach into the set back any more than the existing, permitted parking lot.

#### PROJECT INFORMATION:

SITE AREA	436,471 square feet		10.02 acres
EXISTING ZONING	LO-CO-NP		
WATERSHED	Walnut Creek (suburban)		
WATERSHED ORDINANCE	Comprehensive Watershed Ordinance		
TRAFFIC IMPACT ANALYSIS	Not required		
CAPITOL VIEW CORRIDOR	None		
PROPOSED ACCESS	Wandering Way and Dessau Road		
	Allowed/Required	Existing	Proposed



FLOOR-AREA RATIO	.7:1	.09:1	.12:1
BUILDING COVERAGE	50%	6.2%	3.7 %
IMPERVIOUS COVERAGE	70%	30.4%	6.2%
PARKING	125	236	199

# SUMMARY COMMENTS ON SITE PLAN:

The lot is zoned LO-CO-NP – Limited Office – Conditional Overlay – Neighborhood Plan. This site is subject to and in compliance with the Windsor Hills Neighborhood Plan (C14-2010-0161).

The only outstanding comments to be addressed with this case are pending legal documents and the approval of the compatibility waiver. This project is in compliance with all other compatibility regulations, commercial design standards, and zoning codes.

The site is heavily vegetated including numerous heritage trees. The project was designed to both preserve as much of the vegetation as possible and to center the activity around it.

#### **COMPATIBILITY:**

The site is subject to Compatibility Standards due to the adjacent lot zoned SF-2-NP to the west. Per Section 25-2-1067(G)(2) of the Land Development Code — a parking area or driveway may not be constructed 25 feet or less from a lot that is in a SF-5 or more restrictive zoning district. The applicant is proposing to encroach in the 25 ft. compatibility set back by 12 ft.

All other compatibility setbacks and standards are met. There is adequate vegetative screening to the adjacent SF-2 lot to the west. The applicant has added notes to their site plan related to exterior lighting, noise levels, trash location, and highly reflective surfaces, as required per the Land Development Code.

# PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION:

N/A

#### **EXISTING ZONING AND LAND USES:**

	ZONING	LAND USES	
Site	LO-CO-NP	Religious Assembly	
North	E Braker, then SF-2 and NO	Residential, then Professional office	
South	Wandering way, then GO-NP	Retirement Housing	
East	Dessau Rd., then SF-3	Residential	
West	SF-2-NP	Public Primary Educational Facilities	

# **ABUTTING STREETS:**

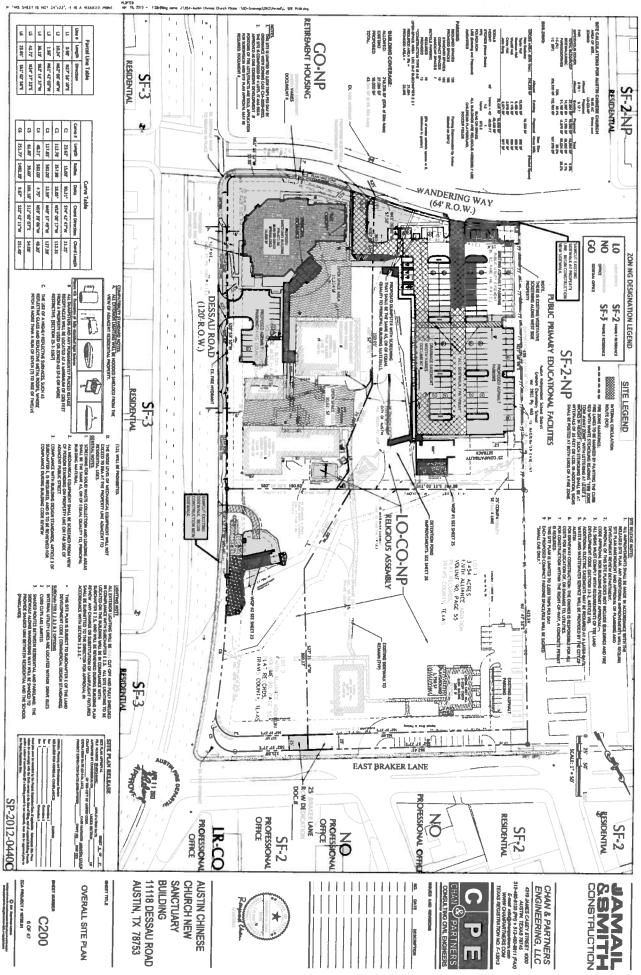
Street	Right-of-Way Width	Pavement Width	Classification
Wandering Way	64 ft.	50 ft.	Local Street
Dessau Road	120 ft.	100 ft.	Major Arterial
East Braker Lane	88 ft.	75 ft.	Major Arterial

#### **NEIGHBORHOOD ORGNIZATIONS:**

The Real Estate Council of Austin, INC. Homeless Neighborhood Assn. Austin Monorail Project Austin Heritage Tree Foundation



Heritage Hills/ Windsor Hills Combined COA
Super Duper Neighborhood Objectors and Appealers Organization
North Growth Corridor Alliance
Austin Neighborhoods Council
Woodcliff Neighborhood Association
Harris Branch Master Association, INC.
Manor ISD Population and Survey Analysts
Pioneer Crossing West Home Owners Association
Austin Independent School District
Northeast Walnut Creek Neighborhood Assn.
Sierra Club, Austin Regional Group
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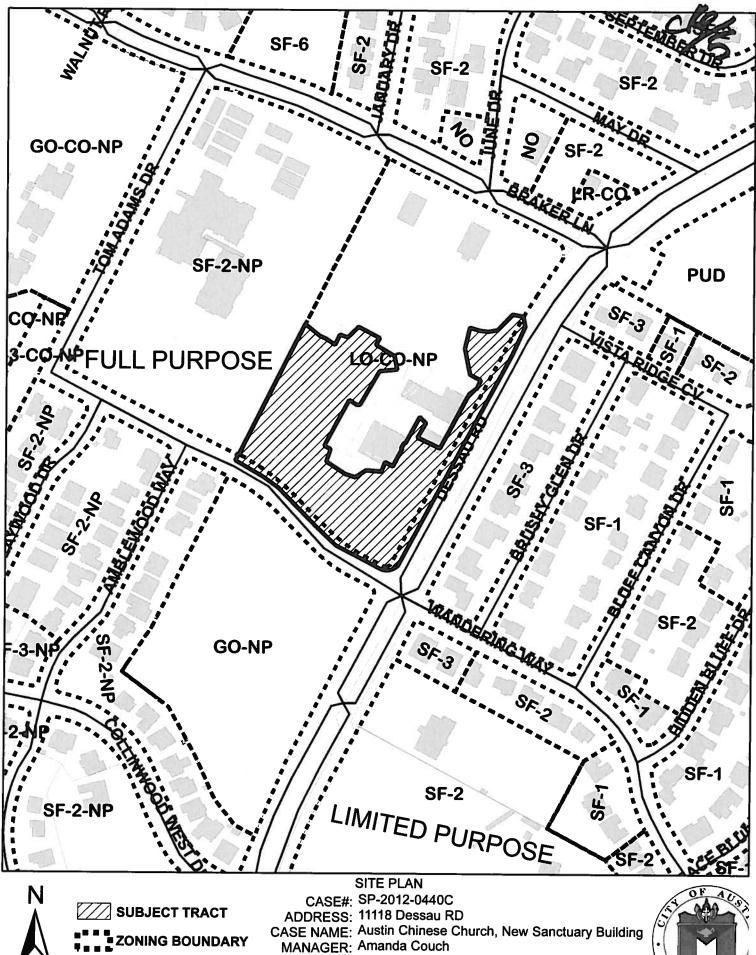
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January 22, 2013

Mr. Blaine Helwig Graham Elementary School 11211 Tom Adams Dr. Austin, TX 78753

RE: Austin Chinese Church New Sanctuary Building
11118 Dessau Road
Proposed Parking Improvements within Compatibility Setback

Dear Mr. Helwig:

As you may know, we are proposing a new sanctuary building along with some site improvements here at the Austin Chinese Church. Part of the site improvements includes adding some parking along our west property line adjacent to your school. There exists a parking lot over there already and we're proposing to add a parking lot of similar size north of the existing parking lot. However, because the school site is zoned SF-2 (Single Family), we need approval from the Planning Commission in order to build the parking lot within a 25-foot compatibility setback, which measures 25-foot wide along the property line that divides the church and the school.

One of the best ways to ensure Planning Commission approval is to obtain concurrence from the school to not object to the proposed parking lot being within the 25-foot setback. The proposed parking lot is to serve overflow purking during peak services hours on Sundays and would not be used during school hours. There is also adequate screening from brushes and vines along the fence. Furthermore, the school has no structures near the property line. We sincerely hope that you will not object to our proposed parking lot being within the 25-foot setback. We need the parking spaces to serve the church, and due to site topography and the number of existing trees, it's not practical to put the parking space elsewhere on the site.

If this is acceptable, please sign your concurrence below. Please call me at 512-339-8675 ext. 29 or email me at tsuci@austinchinesechurch.org if you have questions or comments. We appreciate your help on this project.

Sincerely,

Reverend Gaylord Tsuei
Austin Chinese Church

Concurrence: Beth Wilson

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