PLANNING COMMISSION VARIANCE REVIEW SHEET

CASE: GF-2013-0001(LUR)

PLANNING COMMISSION DATE: September 10, 2013

PROJECT NAME: 1211 Holly Street – Impervious Cover Variance

APPLICANT/OWNER: James Wilsford

ADDRESS OF SITE: 1211 Holly Street

AREA: 0.17 acre (7559 sq. ft.)

WATERSHED: Lady Bird Lake (Urban)

JURISDICTION: Full-purpose

EXISTING ZONING: SF-3-NP

NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AREA: East Cesar Chavez

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: The applicant proposes to add 242 square feet of impervious cover in the form of concrete drive strips to one of the two existing gravel driveways at his residence. The existing impervious cover on the property is 44.29%, which currently exceeds the allowable maximum of 40 percent, as per LDC Section 25-2-735 (*Festival Beach Subdistrict Regulations*). The addition of the proposed concrete drive strips will raise the amount of impervious cover on the site to 47.49%.

SURROUNDING CONDITIONS: North - Holly Street

South - 20-foot alley
East - SF-3-NP
West - SF-3-NP

DESCRIPTION OF PROCESS: As per LDC Section 25-2-713 (*Variances*), an applicant may request a variance from the Waterfront Planning Advisory Board, and may recommend approval of the variance after determining that:

- 1. The proposed project and variance are consistent with the goals and policies of the Town Lake Corridor Study, including environmental protection, aesthetic enhancement, and traffic; and
- 2. The variance is the minimum required by the peculiarities of the tract.

If the Board recommends approval of the variance, this recommendation will be forwarded to the Planning Commission, which will consider the variance at the next regularly-scheduled meeting for which notice can be provided.



If the Board recommends denial, the applicant may appeal the Board's recommendation to the City Council.

WATERFRONT PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD ACTION: The Waterfront Planning Advisory Board is scheduled to hear and consider this case in a public hearing on September 9, 2013. The Planning Commission will be updated regarding the WPAB recommendation by late backup prior to the PC meeting on September 10.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: To grant the requested variance to allow 47.49% impervious cover on the subject lot.

COMMUNITY REGISTRY:

East River City Citizens

Sentral Plus East Austin Koalition

Greater East Austin NA

Austin Independent School District

Beyond2ndNature

East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood Association

Guadalupe Neighborhood Development Corp.

Austin Heritage Tree Foundation

Sierra Club, Austin Regional Group

Del Valle Community Coalition

Save Town Lake.Org

Tejano Town

SEL Texas

Bike Austin

United East Austin Coalition

East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood Planning Team

Preservation Austin

PODER People Organized in Defense of Earth & Her Resources

Austin Parks Foundation

Austin Neighborhoods Council

Friendly Fiends of Haskell Street

East Town Lake Citizens Neighborhood Organizations

El Concilio, Coalition of Mexican-American neighborhood Assn.

East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood Planning Area

Waterfront Planning Advisory Board

The Real Estate Council of Austin, Inc.

Super Duper Neighborhood Objectors and Appealers Organization

Homeless Neighborhood Assn.

Austin Monorail Project

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To:

Waterfront Planning Advisory Board

From:

James Wilsford

Date:

September 9, 2013

Re:

1211 Holly Street Impervious Cover Variance

I am in the process of converting an auxiliary building into a residence on the property I have owned, in its current configuration, since 1985. The footprint of the existing auxiliary building will not change but I need to add a space to park adjoining the new residence. The current site impervious cover is 3348 sq. ft. of the 7559 sq. ft. lot which means the existing impervious cover is 44.29%. Therefore, I am requesting to add 242 square feet of paved parking strips off of the alley to service the new residence. This will raise the impervious cover to 47.49%. Attached to this memo are a recent survey done by Crow Surveying Company and a markup that shows where the parking is proposed to be added.

Please note that I originally offered to replace the existing gravel drive with parking strips also, resulting in a net of only 94 square feet of new impervious cover, but that was rejected by the City arborist since it would have impacted the root zone of a 27-inch pecan tree.



