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PLANNING COMMISSION CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT SITE PLAN REVIEW SHEET

CASE NUMBER:

SPC-2016-0368A

PC DATE:

November 28, 2017

PROJECT NAME:

Didactia Preschool

ADDRESS:

1507 Hether Drive

WATERSHEDS:

West Bouldin Creek (Urban)

AREA:

2.25 acres

EXISTING ZONING:

SF-3-NP

OWNER:

Barton Hills Property

APPLICANT:

Dr. E. Logan Wagner

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DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:

The applicant is requesting approval of a conditional use permit for a daycare services (commercial) use in a SF-3 zoning district. Daycare services (commercial) use is the use of a site for the provision of daytime care for more than 20 persons. This use includes nursery schools, preschools, day care centers for children or adults, and similar uses, and excludes public and private primary or secondary educational facilities. The applicant is proposing to care for a maximum of 91 children (with 6 employees). The daycare currently exist, however the owner is adding 1 building which will increase the amount of children being cared for onsite therefore requiring a conditional use permit for the designation of daycare (commercial). The daycare site includes a play area, parking and sidewalks, on 2.25 acres.

The conditional use permit will allow the change of use from single family residence to day care commercial use.

No construction will occur with this permit.

STAFF RECOMMNEDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the conditional use site plan, it meets all code requirements. The proposed project is not requesting any waivers or variances. The daycare sits within an existing multi lot site, which includes the existing land uses, three restaurants, residences, indoor storage facilities, food sales, cocktail lounge and daycare.

SUMMARY COMMENTS ON SITE PLAN:

The daycare is proposing an expansion in to an existing building which would allow for more children, however this triggered a conditional use site plan because, the land use, daycare (commercial) is a conditional use within the SF-3 zoning district. The day care will consist of three, one story buildings, totaling 2,705 square feet.

This change of use, conditional use site plan does not affect any other existing land use on the property. Parking will be shared with the other uses on site. Although it's a multi lot site, its considered 1 lot because a land status determination was granted, making it 1 large tract of land.

An outdoor play area is provided at 50 feet from the nearest single family residence. This site meets all code requirements, including compatibility standard requirements.

No new construction is proposed with this site plan approval.

TRANSPORTATION COMMENTS:

Although no construction will occur with this site plan permit, changes to the site will be accomplished with a site plan exemption, which allows construction of 1000 square feet or less. Staff and the applicant agreed to remove the six head in parking spaces that are located along South Lamar. This would be in line with providing a more pedestrian friendly sidewalk, to connect to the signal at South Lamar and Hether. The parking will be removed and the sidewalk will be constructed to core transit corridor standards. The clear zone (sidewalk) will be 7 feet and planting zones will be 8 feet. The installation of trees in the planting zone will not be provided. The entrance at South Lamar will be signed noting one way in and one way out, to assist with traffic circulation in the property.

Parking will be provided on site, with drop off and pick up to occur on-site. All access to the site will be from South Lamar and Hether Street.

The daycare will require a total of 6 parking spaces, which is based on the amount of staff. A 20% parking reduction was granted because site is located in the urban core. A 10% reduction was obtained because the owner of the daycare agreed to provide shower and changing facilities for the employees.

A total of 75 parking spaces are being provided for the site, along with 5 bicycle spaces. All parking will be shared throughout the site.

NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN: Zilker Neighborhood Plan

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS:

Friends of Zilker
Friends of Austin Neighborhoods
Zilker Neighborhood Association
Austin Independent School District
Austin Neighborhoods Council
SEL Texas
Sierra Club, Austin Regional Group

Bike Austin Homeless Neighborhood Association South Central Coalition Preservation Austin

PROJECT INFORMATION

| GROSS SITE AREA | 2.25 acres | | |
|-------------------------|--|--------------|----------------|
| EXISTING ZONING | SF-3, CS, CS-1 | | |
| WATERSHED | West Bouldin Creek | | |
| WATERSHED ORDINANCE | Comprehensive Watershed Ordinance(Urban) | | |
| TRAFFIC IMPACT ANALYSIS | Not required | | |
| CAPITOL VIEW CORRIDOR | N/A | | |
| PROPOSED ACCESS | S. Lamar Blvd. and Hether Street | | |
| 1 | Allowed/Required | Existing | Proposed |
| BUILDING COVERAGE | | 2075 sq. ft. | 2075 sq. ft.** |
| (3 buildings) | | | |
| IMPERVIOUS COVERAGE | | 31% | 31%** |
| PARKING | 73 spaces w/reductions | | 75 spaces |
| 3 | | | |

^{**}data is only for the daycare (commercial) use; SF-3 zoning district

EXISTING ZONING AND LAND USES

| | ZONING | LAND USES | |
|-------|------------------|---|--|
| Site | SF-3, CS-1, CS | Restaurant, daycare, indoor storage, residences, food sales and cocktail lounge | |
| North | SF-3-NP | Single family residence | |
| South | CS-V, CS-MU-V-NP | Car sales, commercial | |
| East | CS | Under construction | |
| West | SF-3, CS | Single family residence, commercial | |

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT REVIEW AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

The following evaluation is included to provide staff position on each point of the conditional use permit criteria. Section 25-5-145 of the Land Development Code states: "The Commission shall determine whether the proposed development or use of a conditional use site plan complies with the requirements of this section.

A conditional use site plan must:

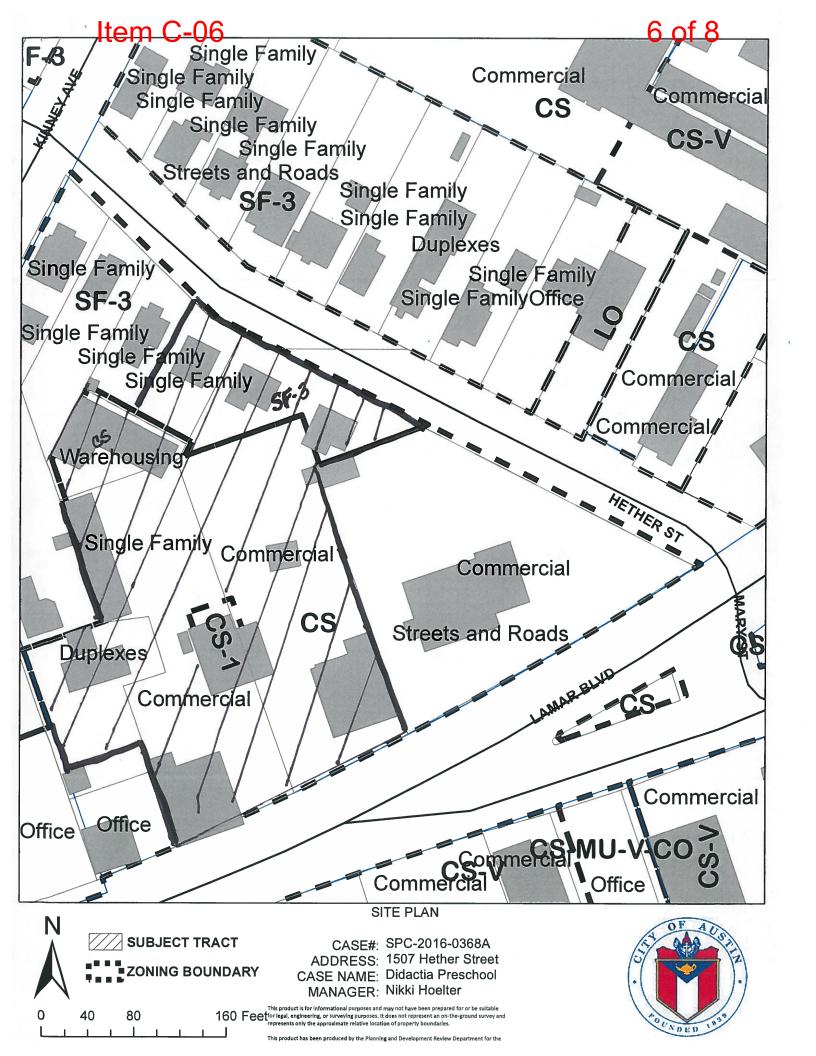
- 1. Comply with the requirements of this title; Staff response: This application complies with the requirements of this title.
- 2. Comply with the objectives and purposes of the zoning district; Staff response: This application complies with the objectives and purposes of the zoning district. The SF-3 zoning district is intended for moderate-density residential development and development densities compatible with residential development such as civic uses, including day cares.
- 3. Have building height, bulk, scale, setback, open space, landscaping, drainage, access, traffic circulation, and use that are compatible with the use of an abutting site; Staff response: This application is compatible with the abutting sites because the existing residential home will be used for the day care, and the layout of the property will not be changing in regards to setbacks, landscaping, or traffic circulation. This site plan complies with all development regulations of the SF-3, CS and CS-1 zoning districts, including height, impervious cover, and building coverage. The conditional use Permit is requested to allow a day care (commercial) use within the SF-3 zoning district. Agreed upon improvements along South Lamar, removing the head in, head out parking, reconstructing the drive and installing sidewalks.
- 4. Provide adequate and convenient off-street parking and loading facilities; Staff response: Parking for the employees will be provided on site. Since this is a daycare facility parents will only be dropping off and picking up children, and not parked for an extended amount of time on street or in a parking space.
- 5. Reasonably protect persons and property from erosion, flood, fire, noises, glare, and similar adverse effects; Staff response: The site plan will comply with all requirements of the Land Development Code and reasonably protects the health, safety, and welfare of persons and property.

A Conditional Use Site Plan May Not:

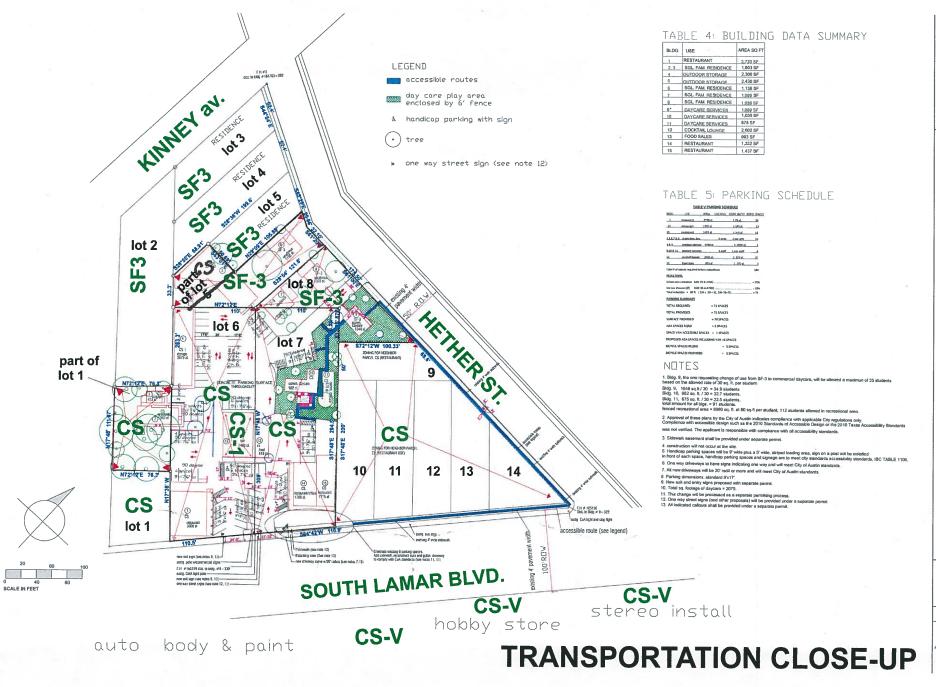
- 1. More adversely affect an adjoining site than would a permitted use; Staff response: The site plan will conform to all regulations and standards established by the Land Development Code. This proposed site plan does not more adversely affect an adjoining site.
- 2. Adversely affect the safety or convenience of vehicular or pedestrian circulation, including reasonably anticipated traffic and uses in the area; Staff response: A daycare use only requires parking be provided for employees on site, however parking will be shared for all the listed uses as shown on the plan and in this report.

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3. Adversely affects an adjacent property or traffic control through the location, lighting, or type of signs; Staff response: Any proposed signage will comply with the requirements of the Land Development Code sigh regulations.



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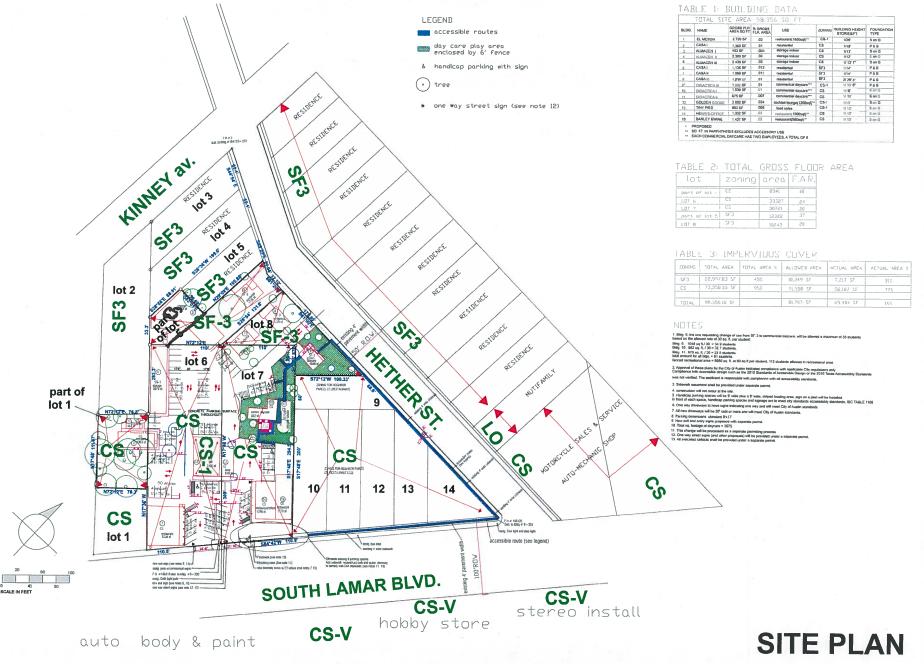
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