## PLANNING COMMISISON

 SITE PLAN - COMPATIBILITY VARIANCES ONLYCASE NUMBER: SP-2017-0206C PLANNING COMMISSION<br>HEARING DATE: August 14, 2018

## PROJECT NAME: 913 Duncan Multifamily

## ADDRESS:

913 Duncan Lane
APPLICANT:

AGENT:
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## NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN: Hancock NP Area

## PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:

The applicant is proposing to redevelop what is an existing single-family residential land use on a lot zoned MF-4-NP into a 12 -unit multi-family residential land use. There is one existing residential building on the site which will be demolished. The applicant is proposing to build two two-story residential buildings, each with 3,826 square feet of gross floor area, six dwelling units (four efficiency; two onebedroom), and six single-car garage bays. The site will have a single driveway accessing Duncan Lane and will be landscaped, will provide on-site bicycle parking, and will provide public sidewalk improvements on 0.256 acres ( 75 feet wide, by 149 feet deep). Three variances from compatibility setback requirements are being requested. [Update - Variance requests \#1 and \#3 were approved on consent on 7/24. Due to a posting typo, variance request \#2 was postponed to $8 / 14$. Only \#2 is being considered on 8/14.]

## DESCRIPTION OF VARIANCES:

1) From 25 feet to 15 feet for the front setback. [LDC § 25-2-1064] APPROVED ON CONSENT ON 7/24. ONLY VARIANCE REQUEST \#2 IS BEING CONSIDERED ON 8/14.
2) From 20 feet to $5^{*}$ feet for the side/rear setback. [LDC § 25-2-1062]
*CORRECTED FROM ORIGINAL VERSION STATING 10 FEET. IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN A
REQUEST FOR 5 FEET. APPLICANT REQUEST, PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE, AND NEIGHBOR SUPPORT LETTERS ALL STATE 5 FEET.
3) From 20 feet to 10 feet for the dumpster setback. [LDC § 25-2-1067(C)] APPROVED ON CONSENT ON 7/24. ONLY VARIANCE REQUEST \#2 IS BEING CONSIDERED ON 8/14.

## SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

While four of the five adjacent neighboring properties are developed with single-family residential land uses (the fifth being a multi-family residential land use to the southeast), the entire block (including the block across the street) is zoned to support multi-family residential land uses (MF-4-NP, with one lot on the same block zoned GO-MU-NP). Compatibility can be triggered by a zoning district or by a land use. For this site, compatibility is triggered by solely by land use. Even so, the surrounding neighbors - both individually and collectively viz a viz organizations/associations - have shown overwhelming support for the variances requested (letters of support are included in this backup packet).

The Hancock Neighborhood Planning Area Ordinance (Ord. 040826-59) places no restrictions or conditional overlays on the site beyond what the LDC requires, and the NPA's Future Land Use Map identifies this site for multi-family redevelopment. The use and form - being multi-building, two-story, gabled roof design thematically sensitive to the surrounding architecture - are also consistent with Imagine Austin's goals of creating complete communities with compact and connected development that, while preserving the character and history of its places, also creates economically mixed and diverse neighborhoods with a range of housing options.

Based on these findings and proposed design of the project, staff recommends approval of the three requested compatibility variances.

The site plan complies with all other compatibility standards, as well as all other development regulations.

## PROJECT INFORMATION

| TOTAL SITE AREA | 11,139 sq. ft. | 0.256 acres |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| EXISTING ZONING | MF-4-NP |  |  |
| WATERSHED | Waller Creek (Urban) |  |  |
| WATERSHED ORDINANCE | Comprehensive Watershed Ordinance |  |  |
| TRAFFIC IMPACT ANALYSIS | Not required |  |  |
| CAPITOL VIEW CORRIDOR | None |  |  |
| PROPOSED ACCESS | Duncan Lane |  |  |
|  | Allowed/Required | Existing | Proposed |
| FLOOR-AREA RATIO | .75:1 | . $22: 1 / 2,520 \mathrm{sf}$ | . $69: 1 / 7,652 \mathrm{sf}$ |
| BUILDING COVERAGE | 60\% | 2,520 sf / 23\% | 4,684 sf / 42\% |
| IMPERVIOUS COVERAGE | 70\% | 4,525 sf / 41\% | 7,627 sf / 68.5\% |
| PARKING | 14 |  | 12* |

*A $\mathbf{2 0 \%}$ parking reduction is permitted in the urban core and Subchapter E permits parking reductions.

## COMPATIBILITY

The subject site is bordered by single-family residential land uses, to the east, west, southwest, and south, but all adjacent properties are zoned MF-4-NP. The immediate dumpster area will be properly screened, and the applicants propose to provide dumpster screening along the western property boundary. The property across Duncan Lane to the north is a multi-family residential land use and is zoned MF-4-NP.

The site complies with all other compatibility standard requirements.

EXISTING ZONING AND LAND USES

|  | ZONING |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Site | MF-4-NP | Single-family residential |
| North | MF-4-NP | Duncan Lane, then Single-family residential |
| South | MF-4-NP | Single-family residential |
| Southeast | MF-4-NP | Multi-family residential |
| Southwest | MF-4-NP | Single-family residential |
| East | MF-4-NP | Single-family residential |
| West | MF-4-NP | Single-family residential |

## ABUTTING STREETS

| Street | Right-of-Way <br> Width | Pavement <br> Width | Classification |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Duncan Lane | 50 feet | 30 feet | Local City Street |

## NEIGHBORHOOD ORGNIZATIONS:

Austin Heritage Tree Foundation
Austin Independent School District
Austin Neighborhoods Council
Bike Austin
Black Improvement Association
CANPAC (Central Austin Neigh Plan Area Committee)
Central Austin Community Development Corporation
Concordia Neighborhood Association
Friends of Austin Neighborhoods
Hancock Neighborhood Assn.
Homeless Neighborhood Association
Preservation Austin
SelTexas
Sierra Club, Austin Regional Group

June 6, 2018

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RE: Compatibility Variance
913 Duncan Multifamily (W/R SP-2016-0243C)
SP-2017-0206C
913 Duncan Lane
Austin, Travis County, Texas
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Dear Mr. Johnson,

Please accept this letter as our formal request for variances per Land Development Code Chapter for the following items:

- 25-2-1062 (Side and Rear Setback) Allow for a building located on a tract adjoining property on which a use permitted in a SF-5 or more restrictive district is located (single family home) to have side and rear setbacks less than 20 feet ( $5^{\prime}$ ) from the property line
- 25-2-1064 (Front Setback). Allow for a building located on a tract adjoining property on which a use permitted in a SF-5 or more restrictive district is located (single family home) to have a front building line setback of less than 25 feet ( $15^{\prime}$ ) from a right-of-way.
- 25-2-1067(C)(2) Allow for a dumpster to be placed less than 20 feet ( $10^{\prime}$ ) from an adjacent property on which a use permitted in an SF-5 or more restrictive zoning district is located

The site is part of the Hancock Neighborhood Plan and along with all the lots on this block, it is zoned multifamily (COA Ordinance 040826-59). However, neighboring properties are used as student housing in single family dwellings and thus trigger compatibility on the subject property.

Per LDC 25-2-1062, the site is considered a small site and is subject to $20^{\prime}$ side and rear setbacks. A 25' front setback line (LDC 25-2-1064) applies to the front of the site. Per LDC $25-2-1067(C)(2)$, a waiver for the proximity of the dumpster is required. The dumpster has been placed as far away from the adjacent lot as feasible. Proper dumpster screening will be adhered to.

## Kevin Yang \& John Iltis

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Re: Compatibility Waiver Request for the Redevelopment of 913 Duncan Lane

Thank you for meeting with me to discuss your proposed waiver request of compatibility setbacks from $20^{\prime}$ ' to $5^{\prime}$ on the west side of 913 Duncan Lane, along my east property line. From what we discussed and the illustration of the City of Austin compatibility setbacks, we are in favor of the proposed waiver request of for the following compatibility setbacks.

- LDC 25-2-1062 Reduce Structure side and rear setbacks from 20' to 5’
- LDC 25-2-1064 Reduce Building front setback from 25' to $15^{\prime}$ and
- LDC 25-2-1067(C)(2) Reduce dumpster setback from adjacent property from 20' to $10^{\prime}$

Sincerely,

| Dacuid Kline <br> Owner's Signature | $\xlongequal{07 / 18 / 2018}$ | $\frac{911 \text { Duncan Ln }}{\text { Date }} \quad$ |
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7/23/2018

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Re: Compatibility Waiver Request for the Redevelopment of 913 Duncan Lane

Thank you for meeting with me to discuss your proposed waiver request of compatibility setbacks on the south side of 913 Duncan Lane, along my north property line. From what we discussed and the illustration of the City of Austin compatibility setbacks, we are in favor of the proposed waiver request of for the following compatibility setbacks.

LDC 25-2-1062 Reduce Structure side and rear setbacks from 20' to 5'

- LDC 25-2-1064 Reduce Building front setback from 25' to $15^{\prime}$ and
- LDC 25-2-1067(C)(2) Reduce dumpster setback from adjacent property from $20^{\prime}$ to $10^{\prime}$

Sincerely,


SAEGERT ONE LTD 512.533.9219

Owner's Printed Name
Owner's Phone Number

[^0]The owner has been has been in communication with the adjacent neighbors and no objection is expected.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me at (512) 394-1900. Thank you for your consideration and attention to this project.


Date 2/28/2016

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Re: Compatibility Waiver Request for the Redevelopment of 913 Duncan Lane

Thank you for meeting with Hancock Neighborhood Association and the HNA Zoning/Development Committee regarding your request for a compatibility waiver for your project at 913 Duncan Lane..

The Hancock Neighborhood Membership discussed your proposed waiver request of compatibility setbacks from $25^{\prime}$ to $5^{\prime}$ on the east, west and south sides of 913 Duncan Lane and voted to approve it on September 9,2015.

From what we discussed and the illustration of the City of Austin compatibility setbacks, HNA is in favor of the proposed waive request pf compatibility setback.

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[^0]:    This site and the encompassing block is zoned MF-4 (highest-density) to promote the development of multifamily and student housing. This is the first lot on the block to redevelop as multifamily. Because of the small size of these formerly single family lots, waivers for compatibility will be necessary until all of the lots have been redeveloped as multifamily, as the neighborhood plan proposes.

