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PLANNING COMMISSION SITE PLAN CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT REVIEW SHEET

CASE NUMBER: SPC-2018-0286A **PC DATE**: 10/23/2018

PROJECT NAME: Cascade Merchant Company dba Boxcar Brew & Brew

ADDRESS OF APPLICATION: 10025 Burnet Road

AREA: 1,333 sf (footprint of enclosed cocktail lounge structure) / 1,064 sf (footprint of cocktail

lounge outdoor covered seating area contiguous to enclosed structure)

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PROPOSED USE: Restaurant (Limited) (existing to remain) & Cocktail Lounge (proposed)

EXISTING ZONING: NBG-NP

NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN: North Burnet / Gateway

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: The applicant is requesting a conditional use permit for a cocktail lounge in an existing 1,215 sf structure with a proposed 118 sf addition (to fill in the corners of the building) and a proposed 1,064 sf outdoor covered seating area (as a covered porch extension from the existing building), for a total of 2,397 sf. The hours of operation will be Monday – Saturday 7am to 12am and Sunday 7am to 10pm. No construction will occur with this permit but will be permitted as a correction to an existing site plan (Case No. 87-02-2686).

SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION: The site plan will comply with all requirements of the Land Development Code and North Burnet / Gateway Regulating Plan prior to release. Staff recommends approval of the CUP.

PROJECT INFORMATION

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| Gross Site Area | 2,397 sf (cocktail lounge) / 38,130 sf (gross site area) |
| Existing Zoning | NBG-NP |
| Watershed | Little Walnut Creek |
| Watershed Ordinance | Current Code |
| Traffic Impact Analysis | Not applicable |
| Capitol View Corridor | Not applicable |
| Proposed Access | Burnet Road (existing driveway) |
| Proposed Impervious Cover | 30,660 sf / 80% |
| Proposed Building Coverage | 3,225 sf / 8% |
| Height | 1 story, 13'-10" |
| Parking required: 21 car / 5 bike | Parking proposed: 30 car / 6 bike |

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| Site | NBG-NP | Restaurant (Limited) (existing) / Cocktail Lounge (proposed) |
| North | NBG-NP | Business Support Services |
| South | NBG-NP | Consumer Repair Services |
| East | NBG-NP | General Retail Sales (General) |
| West | Burnet Road then P | Research Facility (JJ Pickle Research Campus) |

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT REVIEW AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

The following evaluation is included to provide staff evaluation 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 Commercial Mixed Use subdistrict of the NBG-NP zoning district allows for high density residential, high rise office and entertainment complexes, destination retail, and large scale civic uses, with the Cocktail Lounge land use being a Conditional Use within the subdistrict.
- 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: Yes, there are no SF-5 or more restrictive zoning districts or permitted land uses abutting the site.
- **4. Provide adequate and convenient off-street parking and loading facilities;** Staff response: Adequate parking and loading facilities have been provided.
- 5. Reasonably protect persons and property from erosion, flood, fire, noises, glare, and similar adverse effects; Staff response: The proposed project does not contribute to any of the listed adverse effects.
- 6. For conditional use located within the East Austin Overlay district, comply with the goals and objectives of a neighborhood plan adopted by the City Council for the area in which the use is proposed. Staff response: The proposed project is not in the East Austin Overlay district. The site is located in the North Burnet / Gateway Neighborhood Plan Area and Transit Oriented District.

A Conditional Use Site Plan May Not:

1. More adversely affect an adjoining site than would a permitted use; Staff response: The proposed site plan does not appear to more adversely affect an adjoining site than would a permitted use.

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2. Adversely affect the safety or convenience of vehicular or pedestrian circulation, including reasonably anticipated traffic and uses in the area; Staff response: The cocktail lounge land use will be located on an already developed site (previously Restaurant (Limited) land use), and is not anticipated to affect pedestrian or vehicular circulation.

3. Adversely affects an adjacent property or traffic control through the location, lighting, or type of signs; Staff response: The site will comply with all applicable sign regulations in the Land Development Code and/or NBG Regulating Plan.

COMMISSION ACTION:

The Commission may either; approve, approve with conditions or deny the conditional use site plan permit.

To make a determination required for approval under <u>Section 25-5-145</u> (Evaluation Of Conditional Use Site Plan), the Land Use Commission may require that a conditional use site plan comply with a condition of approval that includes a requirement for:

- 1) a special yard, open space, buffer, fence, wall, or screen;
- 2) landscaping or erosion;
- 3) a street improvement or dedication, vehicular ingress and egress, or traffic circulation;
- 4) signs;
- 5) characteristics of operation, including hours;
- 6) a development schedule; or
- 7) other measures that the Land Use Commission determines are required for compatibility with surrounding uses or the preservation of public health, safety, or welfare.

SUMMARY COMMENTS ON SITE PLAN:

Land Use: The applicant is requesting a conditional use permit for a cocktail lounge within an existing building and proposed to make two additions to the building – one addition of 118 sf of enclosed space to fill in the corners of the building, and one addition of a 1,064 sf awning for covered outdoor seating (the original structural configuration included a larger awning). The previous land use of the building was Restaurant (Limited) (Sonic Drive-In).

The parking requirements for this use will not require that additional motor vehicle parking be provided beyond what already exists on the site. 6 bicycle parking spaces will be added through a correction to the existing site plan.

The site plan for the overall project was approved in 1987 (Case No. 87-02-2686), for a 1,215 sf Sonic Drive-In (with a 5,774 sf covered awning) and an 828 sf Fajita Junction (both Restaurant (Limited) land uses) development with a parking and associated improvements. The Fajita Junction structure is currently used as Gringa's Street Tacos (a Restaurant (Limited) land use). The Sonic Drive-In structure is currently unused.

Once approved, a correction will be done to the 1987 site plan to reference the conditional use site plan permit and associated improvements.

The site plan will comply with all requirements of the Land Development Code and NBG Regulating Plan prior to its release.

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NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS:

Austin Independent School District Austin Neighborhoods Council

Bike Austin

Friends of Austin Neighborhoods

Homeless Neighborhood Association

Neighborhood Empowerment Foundation

North Burnet / Gateway Neighborhood Association

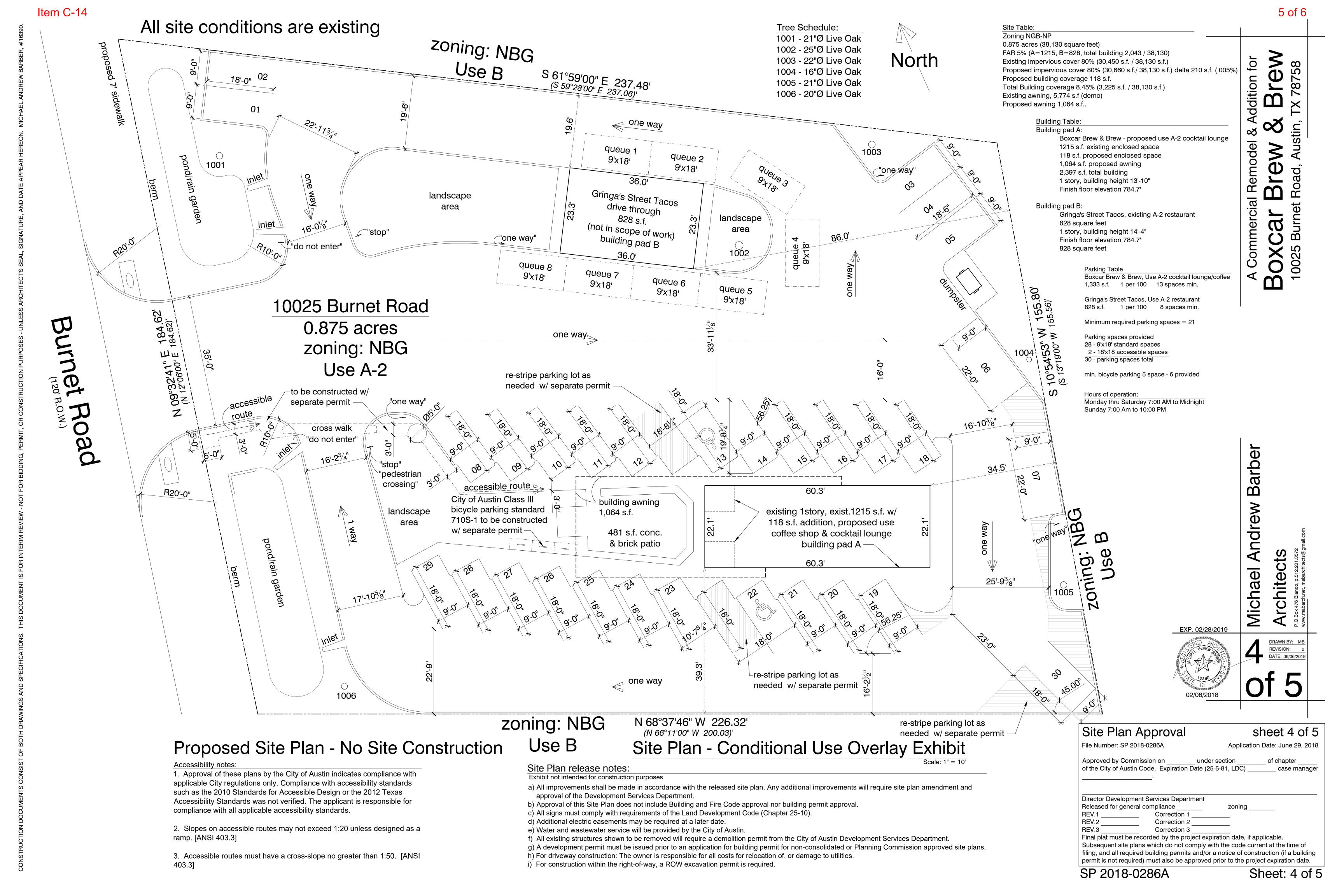
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North Growth Corridor Alliance

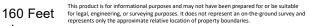
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