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PLANNING COMMISISON SITE PLAN CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT REVIEW SHEET

CASE NUMBER:	SPC-2018-0342CX	PC DATE: November 13, 2018		
PROJECT NAME:	T.A. Brown Elementary School			
ADDRESS:	7801 Guadalupe Street			
APPLICANT:	Austin Independent School District 1111 W. 6 th Street Austin, TX 78703			
AGENT:	Garza, EMC (Darren Huckert) 7708 Rialto Blvd., Suite 125 Austin, TX 78735			
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NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN: Highland Neighborhood Plan CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT: Greg Casar -4 AREA: 7.38 acres				
ANDA.	1.30 acres			

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:

EXISTING ZONING:

The applicant is proposing the construction of 1, two story 100,934 square foot building for a public primary education facility (elementary school), with a small portion being a second floor for a breezeway that will connect the main portion of the building to the smaller part of the building. The proposed improvements will include parking, and drives for bus and parent drop off and pick up, playground, outdoor learning areas, drainage and water quality pond and associated improvements.

P-NP, Public- neighborhood plan

Planning Commission approval is required because the site is zoned P, public and over one acre, LDC Section 25-2-625(D)(2), which states, "for a site of one acre or more, the site development regulations are established by the approval of a conditional use site plan."

SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the conditional use permit because the P, public zoning districts allows civic land uses, such as the proposed school. There was an existing elementary school on the site however it was demolished because of hazardous site issues. A public school is permitted in the majority of zoning districts, the approval is before the commission to obtain approval of the overall site and to establish the site development regulations.

The Austin Independent School District and the City of Austin are entered in an interlocal agreement which was approved in 1994 by the City Council the AISD Board of Trustees. The interlocal agreement allows the school district to have certainty of development regulations over a long period of time and also benefit from agreed upon Land Development Code requirements, such as impervious cover limits, review times, fees, TIA's are waived, no requirements for platting land and posting of fiscal is not required. The



agreement also requires a dedicated review team for all of their projects, which increases consistency with staff and review. The agreement does not waive code requirements in regard to drainage and water quality, transportation, landscape, health and safety or utility requirements. Instead it facilitates the processing of a site plan to move through the development review process with little to no confusion or need for management to get involved in interpretation.

Parking requirements are addressed in the agreement. Elementary schools are required to provide 1.5 spaces for each faculty and staff. The proposed school is required to provide 72 parking spaces, however the site will include 78 spaces. Transportation staff has diligently worked with Austin Transportation Department and Texas Department of Transportation the applicant to provide an acceptable access management plan. Although not required by the interlocal agreement the City saw a need to ensure vehicular traffic would not over burden either drive on Guadalupe or Anderson Lane which in turn would cause congestion on the street. The buses will have a route that is safe and convenient for morning and afternoon drop offs and pick up, that would not interfere with parent pick up and drop offs. The school district anticipates 522 students for the new school.

The site does not have any critical environmental features, nor is it located in the 100 year floodplain. A detention and water quality pond will be constructed to address storm water run-off. The school is adjacent to a 2.2 acre tract of parkland, owned by the City of Austin. The school uses the open area and granite track, which will continue with the new school. This entire parkland tract are not part of the site plan, and no construction will occur in this area.

Landscaping requirements are very similar to current code requirement with the exception of compliance with the heritage tree ordinance. Although it's not required, the AISD arborist works closely with the City's arborist to maintain any protected and heritage trees.

The site plan will comply with all code requirements and interlocal agreement requirements prior to site plan release.

PROJECT INFORMATION				
SITE AREA	7.38 acres			
EXISTING ZONING	P-NP, Public			
WATERSHED	Buttermilk Branch (Urban)			
WATERSHED ORDINANCE	Comprehensive Watershed Ordinance			
TRAFFIC IMPACT ANALYSIS	Not required per the Interlocal Agreement between the COA and			
	AISD			
PROPOSED ACCESS	Anderson Lane (Hwy 183) and Guadalupe Street			
	Allowed/Required	Proposed		
Gross floor area	N/A	100,932 sq. ft.		
Building Coverage	N/A	55059 sq. ft.		
		17.13%		
Impervious Cover	65% (per the ILA)	57%		
Parking	72*	78		

PROJECT INFORMATION

*Parking is based on the interlocal agreement with AISD

	ZONING	LAND USES
Site	P-NP	Vacant
North	Hwy 183	Right of way
South	P-NP, MF-3-NP	Single family residences
East	CS-CO-NP	Commercial building
West	CS-MU-NP	Office

EXISTING ZONING AND LAND USES

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGNIZATIONS

Austin Neighborhoods Council SEL Texas Austin Independent School District Home Builders Association of Greater Austin Homeless Neighborhood Association Bike Austin Friends of Austin Neighborhoods Sierra Club, Austin Regional Group Austin Inner City Alliance Austin Neighborhoods Council Neighborhood Empowerment Foundation

Neighbors United for Progress Preservation Austin SEL Texas

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT REVIEW AND EVALUTATION CRITERA

A. 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 Zoning and Platting 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:

B.

1. Comply with the requirements of this title;

Staff Response: This site plan complies with all regulations and requirements of the Land Development Code. The project is not requesting any variances.

2. Comply with the objectives and purposes of the zoning district;

Staff Response: The proposed construction of a school is compatible because a school was previously located on the same site. It was permitted prior, but remains a conditional use permit plan because the zoning is P, public, and over one acre in size. P zoning permits the public primary school.

- 3. Have building height, bulk, scale, setback, open space, landscaping, drainage, access, traffic circulation, and use that is compatible with the use of an abutting site; Staff Response: The project doesn't include any buildings which will require height limits. All parking and circulation will be on-site, based the agreed upon access management plan. There will be two access drives to access the school. The site complies with all compatibility standard requirements. The project will comply with all requirements of the Land Development Code prior to release.
- 4. Provide adequate and convenient off-street parking and loading facilities; and

Staff Response: All parking and loading areas will be provided on site.

5. Reasonably protect persons and property from erosion, flood, fire, noise, 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.

- 6. For conditional use located within the neighborhood plan, 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 located in the Highland neighborhood plan.
- C. In addition, a conditional use site plan may not:
- 7. More adversely affect an adjoining site than would a permitted use; The project will not adversely affect the surrounding area, since the land use was previously a school.
- 8. Adversely affect the safety or convenience of vehicular or pedestrian circulation, including reasonably anticipated traffic and uses in the area; or Staff Response: The site plan does not adversely affect the safety and convenience of vehicular and pedestrian circulation. Pedestrian and vehicular circulation will remain onsite.
- **9.** Adversely affect an adjacent property or traffic control through the location, lighting, or type of a sign. Staff Response: All signs are permitted separately and lighting will comply with the Land Development Code.

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