

**CITY OF AUSTIN
Board of Adjustment
Decision Sheet**

DATE: Wednesday February 5, 2020

CASE NUMBER: C15-2019-0061

- _____ Brooke Bailey OUT
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OWNER: PSW – Springdale, LLC

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APPLICANT NO SHOW; FEB 5, 2020 POSTPONED TO MARCH 9, 2020 BY APPLICANT

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Elaine Ramirez
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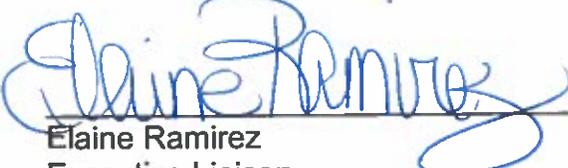
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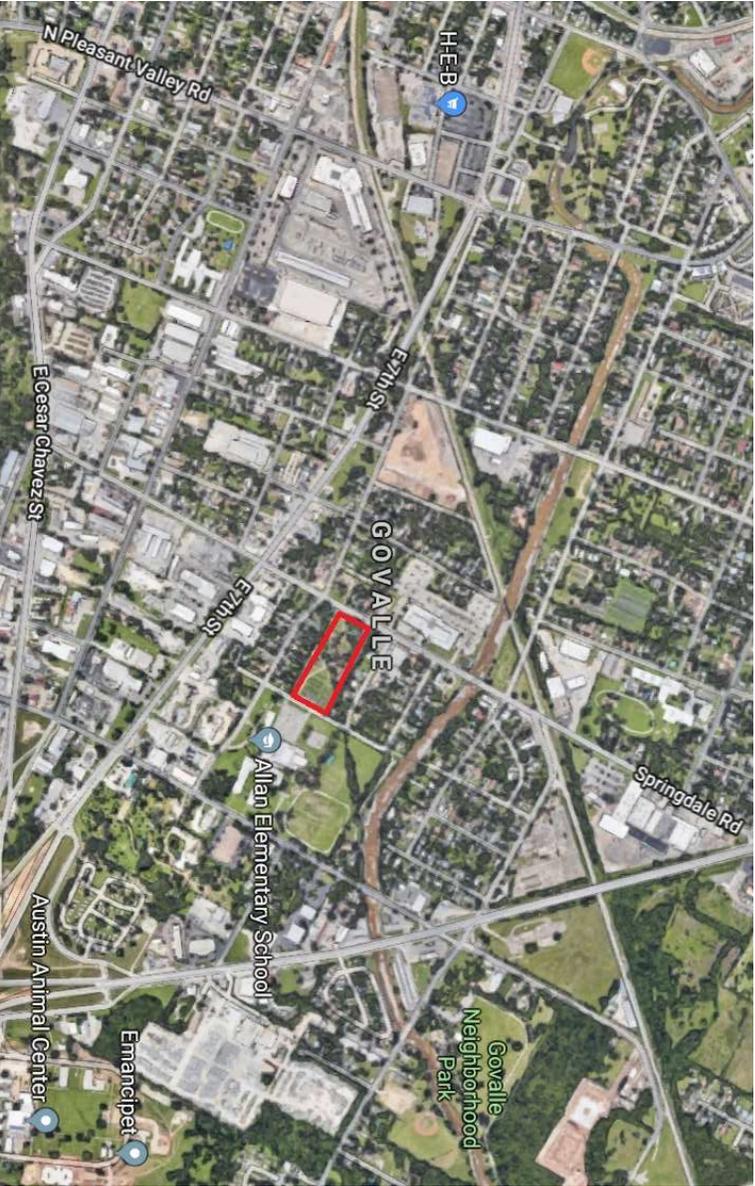
Springdale Farms

11/7/2019

Board of Adjustments

2/8 Site Location

- Area: 4.85 acres
- Zoning: CS-MU-CO-NP
- Along Imagine Austin Corridor
- 2 Blocks from Transit priority (in both directions)
- Activity Corridor



9/21 Neighborhood Outreach

- Held community meetings to:
 - Understand from our future neighbors what the Farm has meant to the community
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P-2/10 Community Feedback and Goals

Feedback from community meetings:

- Keep some level of farming and farm-stand operational
- Mixed use (residential and commercial)
- Open space
- Independent grocery
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What did we do with the Feedback..

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- Continued direct neighbor outreach during process to inform everyone of progress with the NPCT

P-2/12 Neighborhood Conclusions

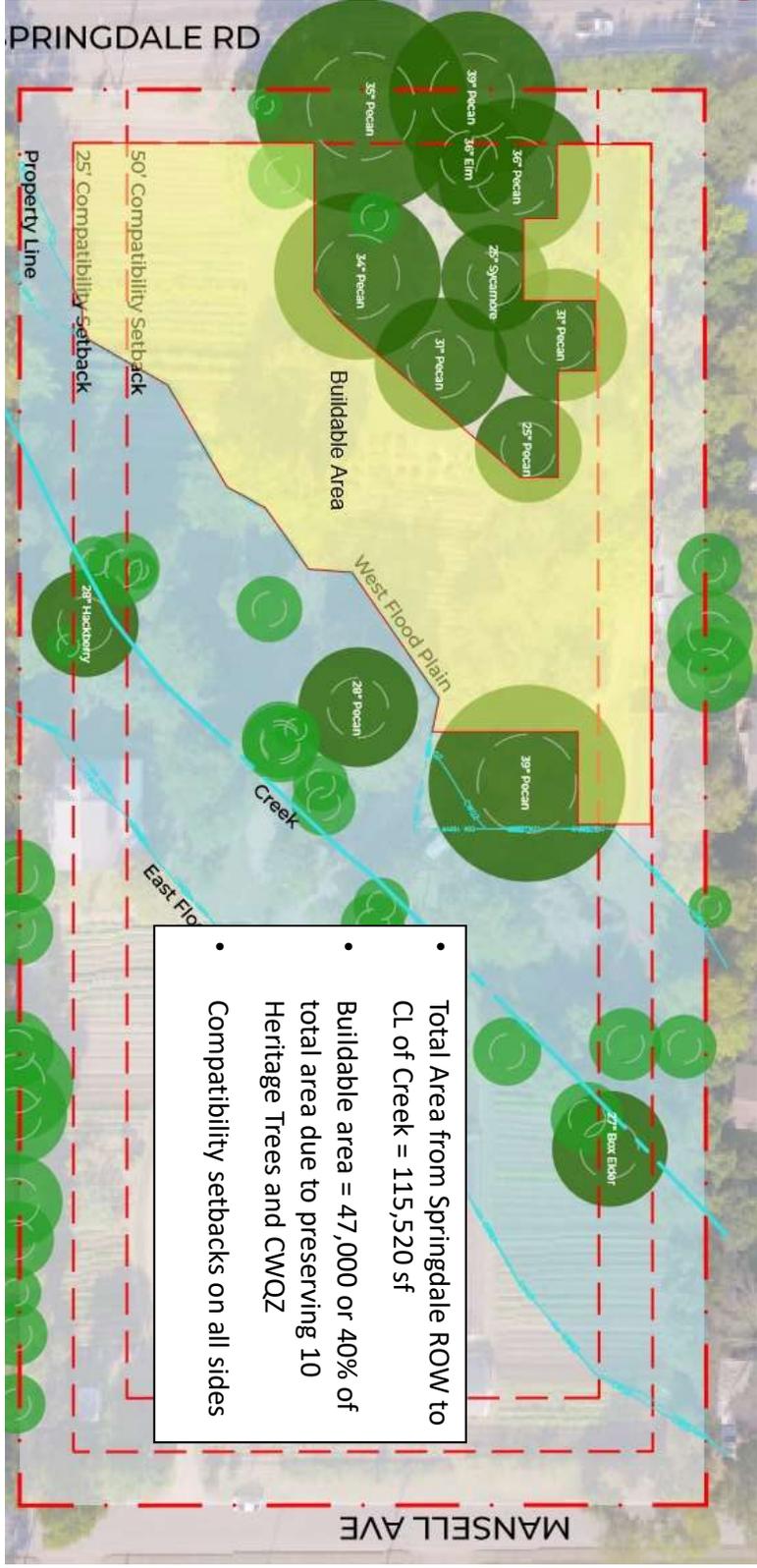
- Conditional Overlay Zoning change supported to allow for restaurant and general convenience/retail uses
- Support for 48-ft commercial building
- Executed LOI with the Guadalupe Neighborhood Development Corporation to formalize partnership for affordable units to be conveyed at 60% MFI. A Missing middle for the GNDC will be filled due to unit sizes being conveyed.
- Heritage Tree preservation
- Maintain Urban Farming component: worked with Eden East, who is currently managing the farm and onsite restaurant, to determine necessary requirements for future needs.

P-2-13 Site Plan

- Site Plan:**
- 88 For sale Units
 - +/- 50,000 sf of commercial
 - Open Space: 2.25 ac (includes 25k sf of Urban Farm
 - 50% Imp cover
 - FAR: 0.7:1
 - Tree Preservation
 - Residential units 30-ft from property line
 - Collaboration of StoryBuilt and the NPCT to accomplish the goals:
 - Mixed Use
 - Farming
 - Sub-grade parking
 - Pedestrian Oriented



Site Overview



- Total Area from Springdale ROW to CL of Creek = 115,520 sf
- Buildable area = 47,000 or 40% of total area due to preserving 10 Heritage Trees and CWQZ
- Compatibility setbacks on all sides

P-2/15 Triggering Properties

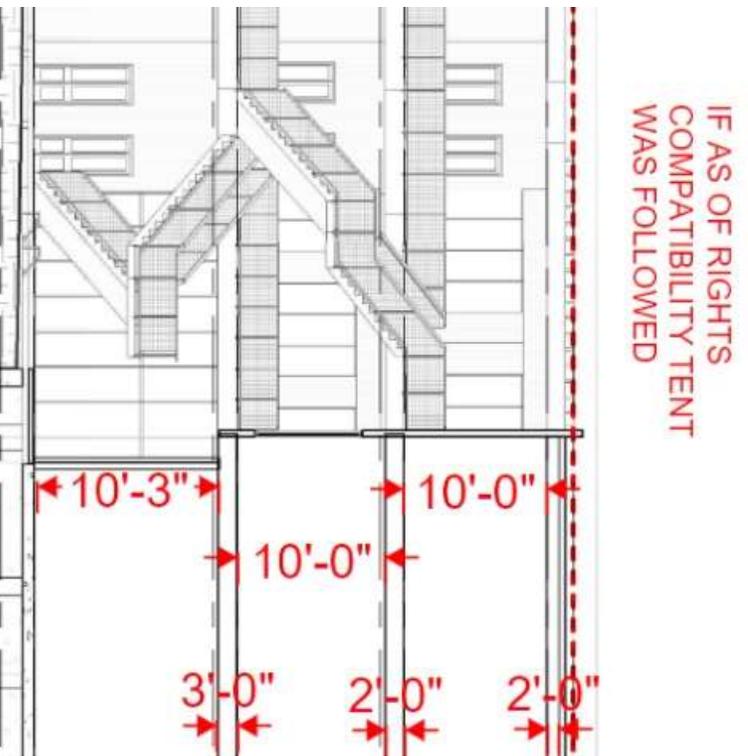
Single Family Zoning but commercial use

Limits of triggering properties



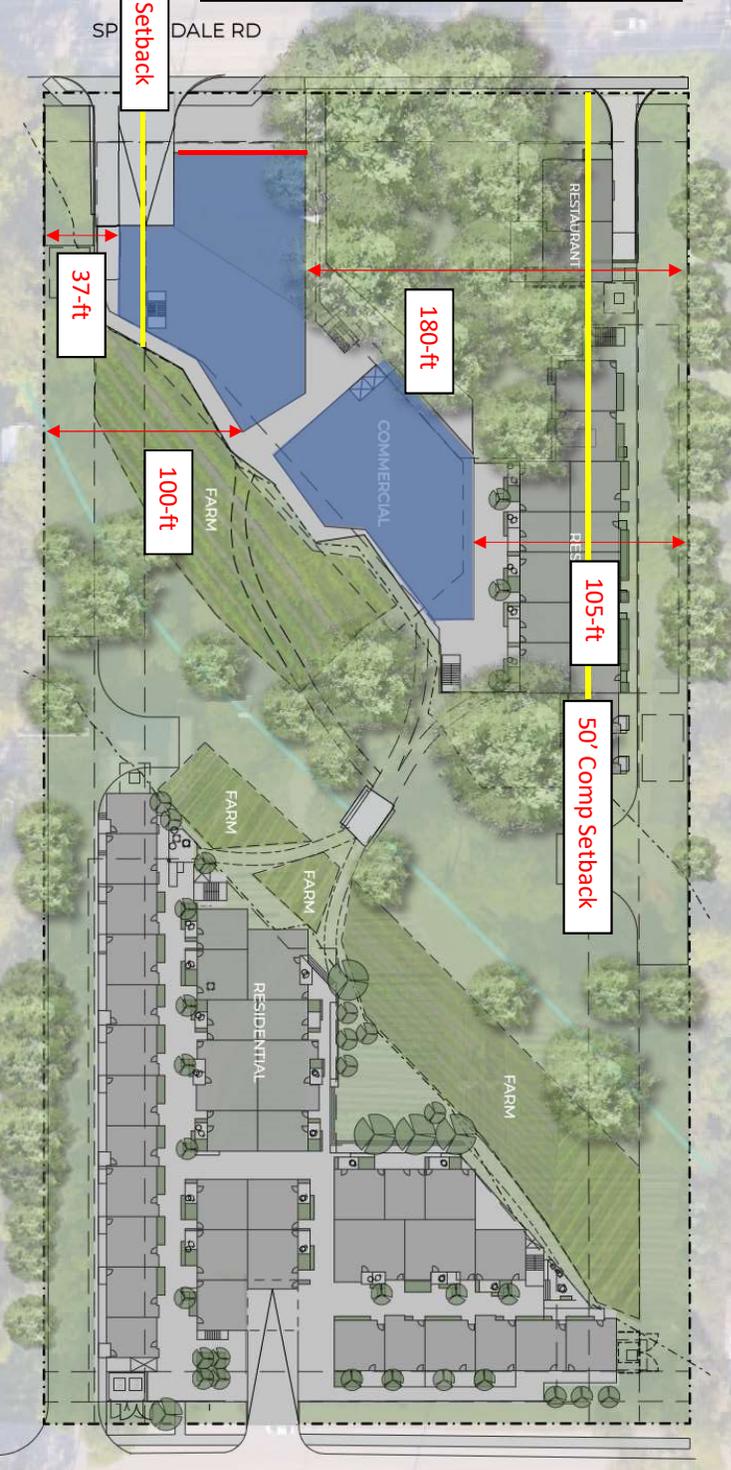
As of Rights – 40-foot

- Commercial Height:**
- 3 stories at 40-ft yields approx. 12
 - 13' floor to floor which yields an unmarketable and unviable commercial space
 - Floodplain requires FFE to be raised an additional 2-3ft above average grade further limiting height

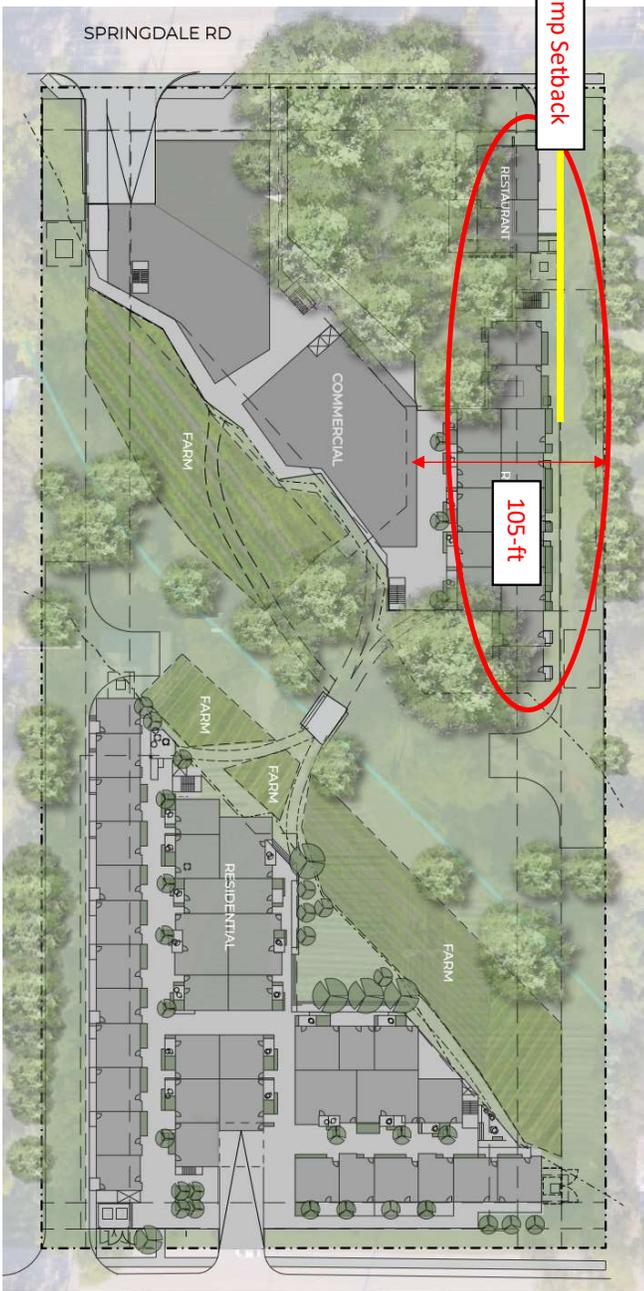
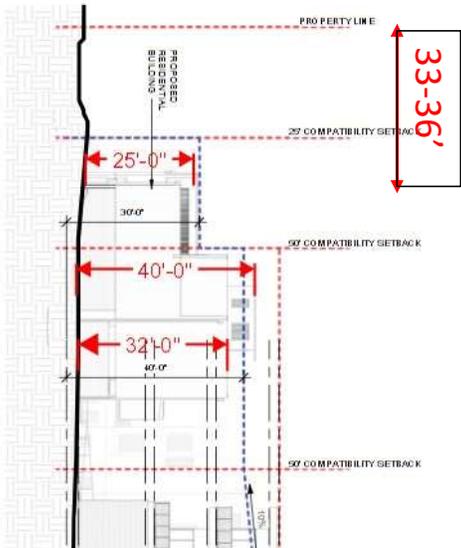
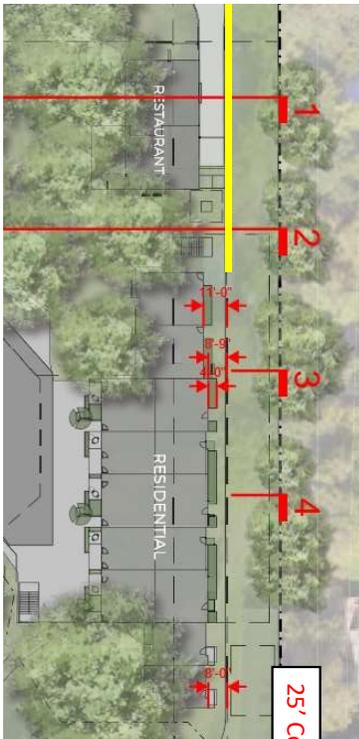


P-2/17 Proposed Height

- Commercial Height:**
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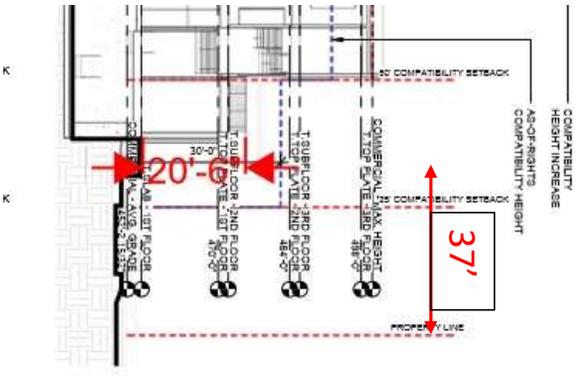


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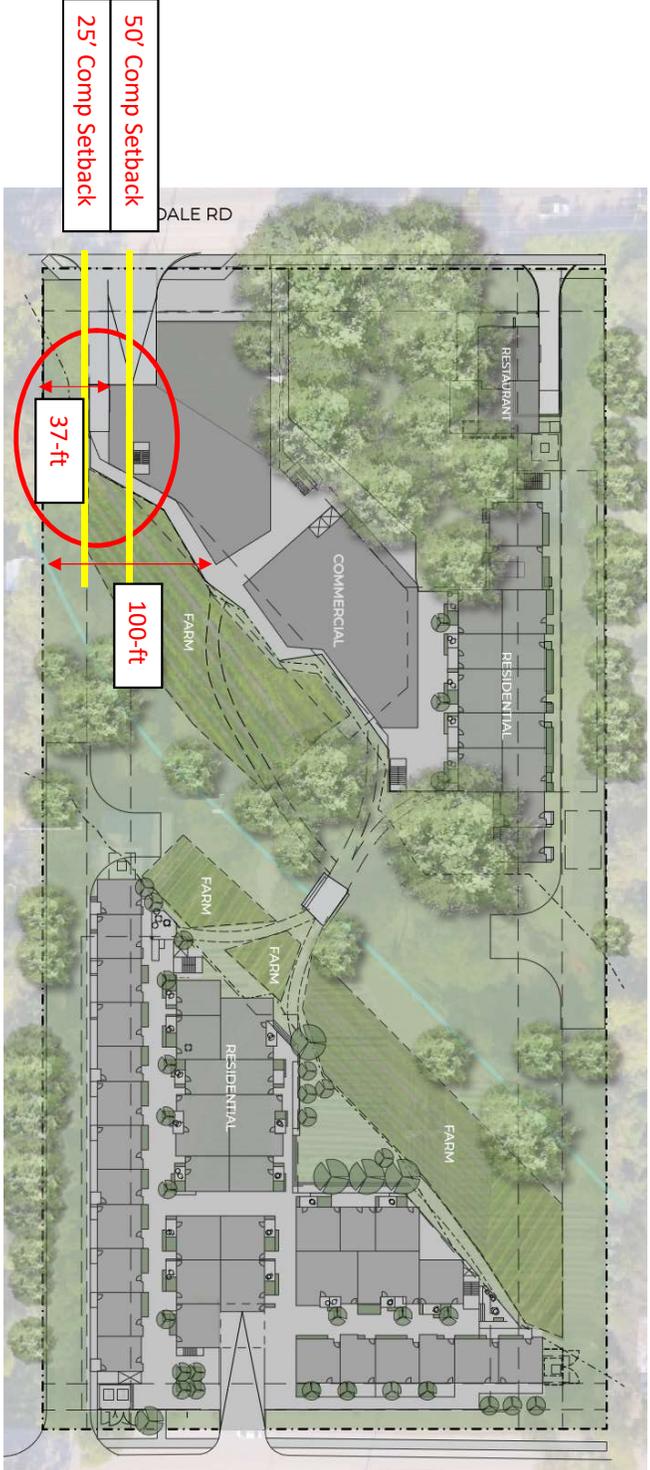


- Residential units approximately 8 – 11ft beyond 25ft comp setback
- Residential height at approx. 25-ft (5' below allowable)

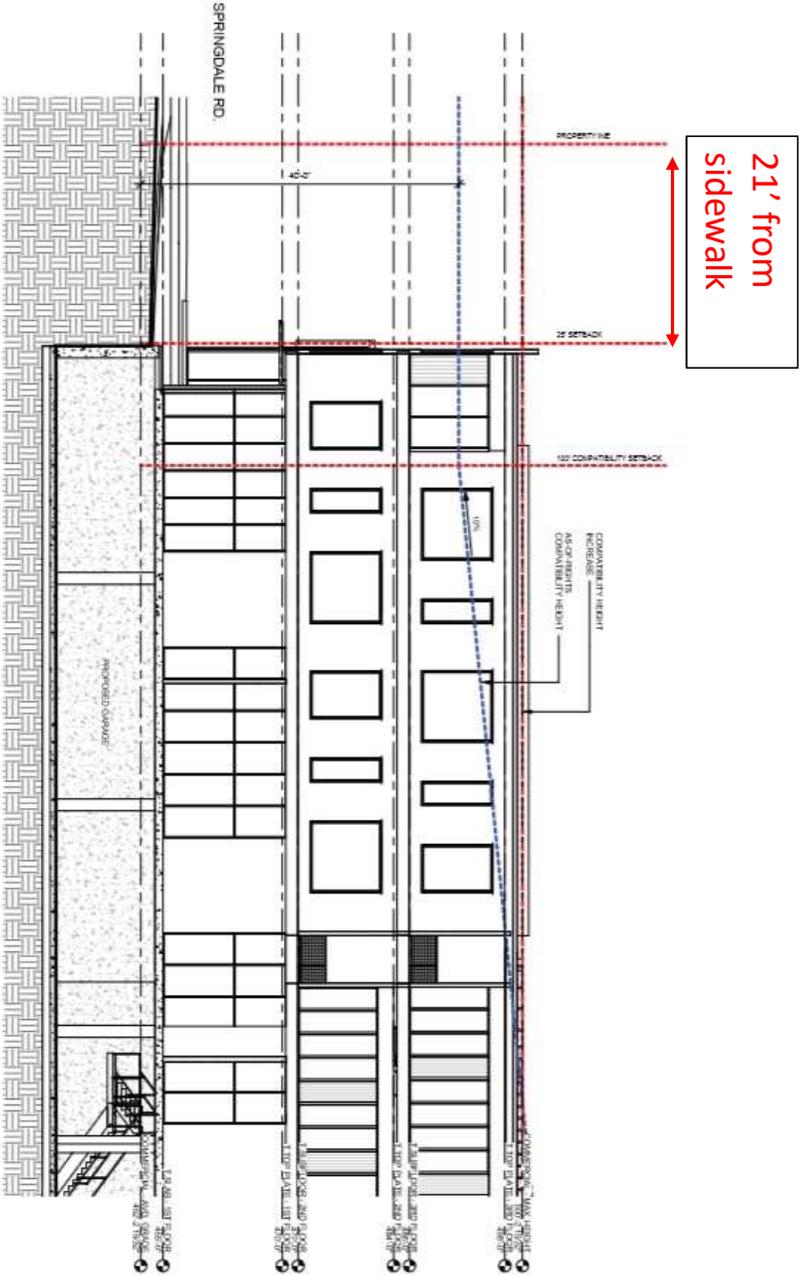
Southwest Section



- Commercial height approx 9'-6" below allowable height within 25 - 50ft comp setback
- No structure within 37' from PL



Commercial Building-Springdale Section



Govalle/Johnston Terrace Neighborhood Plan Contact Team
"Strength Through Unity"

To: Austin Planning Commission, City Council and Board of Adjustment
From: G/TNP Contact Team
RE: **NPA-2018-0016.04_Springdale Farms**

Commissioners and Council members,

Please accept this letter on behalf of the **Govalle/Johnston Terrace Neighborhood Plan Contact Team**. After approximately nine (9) months of talks and negotiations with the developer, we have come up with an agreement for:

Support for case # NPA-2018-0016.04_Springdale, **with the following conditions:**

- *Conditional Overlay – change to include restaurant, general retail sales (convenience) & artisan workshop uses
- *Keep PLUM SF3 (no change)
- *Limit of 20 unit per acre
- *Housing - 90 units, five affordable unit sold to (GNDU) @ 60% MFJ
- *Height – no more than 3 stories (48' on commercial, 40' on residential), 2 story on street with 3rd story stair-stepped back into the interior of the site at compatibility set-backs
- *Parking – on site and below ground parking
- *Removal of one heritage tree as outline in the project proposal

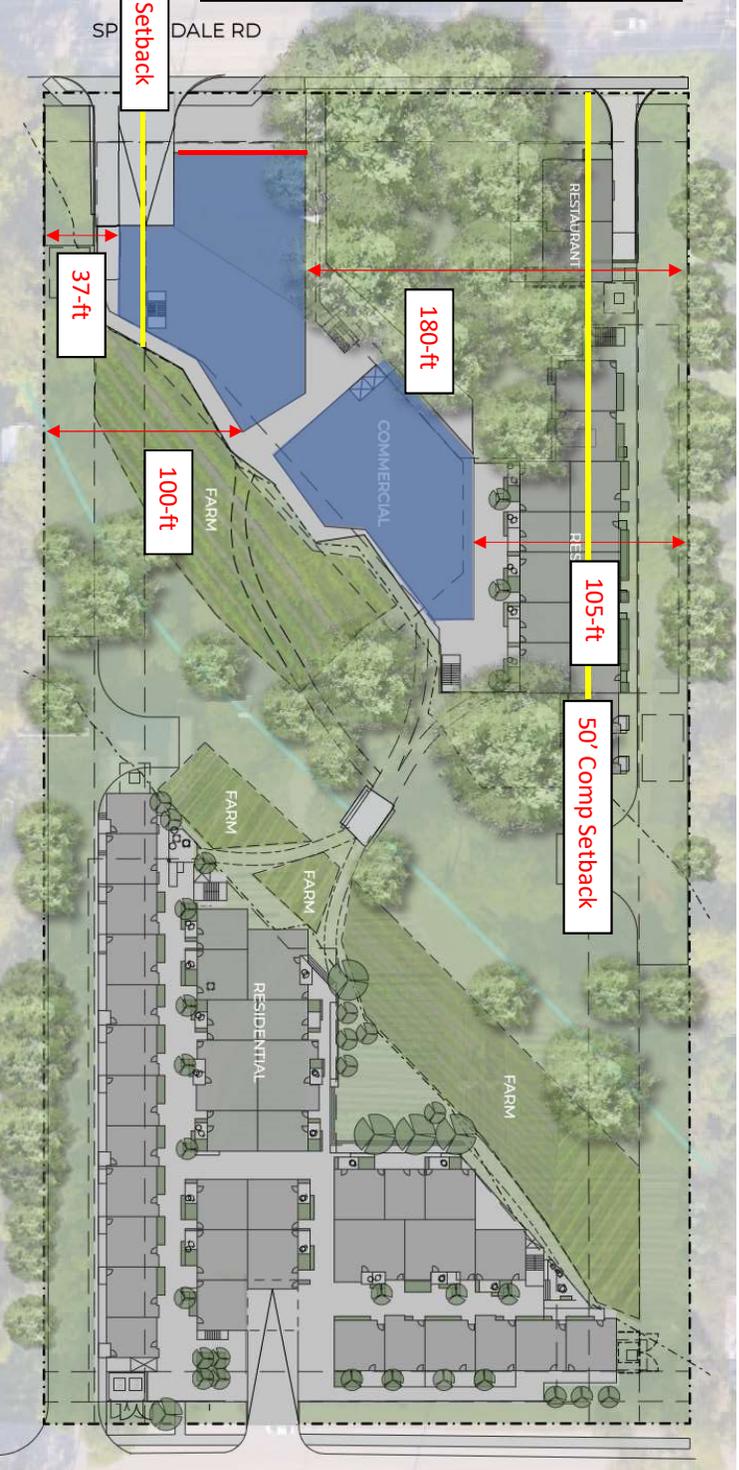
Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments you may have regarding this case.

Thank you,



P-2/22 Proposed Height

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BOA GENERAL REVIEW COVERSHEET

CASE: C15-2019-0061

BOA DATE: November 7, 2019

ADDRESS:

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3

OWNER: PSW-Springdale LLC

AGENT: Jarred Corbell

ZONING: CS-MU-CO-NP

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOT 6-8 OLT 29-30 DIV A LESS W 17.88 FT JONES J GODWIN SUBD (1-D-1)

VARIANCE REQUEST: a 48 ft. tall Commercial Office Building

SUMMARY: erect a commercial office building at 50 ft. from property line

ISSUES: critical water quality zone and floodplain

	ZONING	LAND USES
<i>Site</i>	CS-MU-CO-NP	General Commercial Services
<i>North</i>	SF-3-NP	Single-Family
<i>South</i>	SF-3-NP	Single-Family
<i>East</i>	P-NP	Public
<i>West</i>	GR-MU-CO-NP	Community Commercial

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS:

- Austin Independent School District
- Austin Lost and Found Pets
- Austin Neighborhoods Council
- Bike Austin
- Del Valle Community Coalition
- East Austin Conservancy
- El Concilio Mexican-American Neighborhoods
- Friends of Austin Neighborhoods
- Govalle Neighborhood Association
- Govalle/Johnston Terrace Neighborhood Plan Contact Team
- Guadalupe Neighborhood Development Corporation
- Homeless Neighborhood Association
- Neighborhood Empowerment Foundation
- Neighbors United for Progress
- Preservation Austin
- SEL Texas
- Sierra Club, Austin Regional Group



October 30, 2019

Jarred Corbell
735 Springdale Rd
Austin TX, 78702

Property Description: LOT 6-8 OLT 29-30 DIV A LESS W 17.88 FT JONES J GODWIN SUBD (1-D-1)

Re: C15-2019-0061

Dear Jarred,

Austin Energy (AE) has reviewed your application for the above referenced property, requesting that the Board of Adjustment consider a variance(s) from the following section(s) from the Land Development Code;

Article 10, Compatibility Standards, Division 2 –Development Standards, Section 25-2-1063 (C)(2) (*Height Limitations and Setbacks for Large Sites*) To increase the maximum allowable Compatibility Height requirements; **from 40 feet (maximum allowed) to 48 feet (requested)** ;

in order to erect a 48 ft. foot Commercial Office use in a "CS-MU-CO-NP", General Commercial Services – Mixed Use – Conditional Overlay –Neighborhood Plan zoning district. (Govalle Neighborhood Plan)

Austin Energy does not oppose the above request for a height variance, provided all proposed and existing improvements follow Austin Energy's clearance criteria requirements, the National Electric Safety Code and OSHA. Any existing electric facilities and easements that are affected by the proposed development, will need to be relocated, released or replaced at the expense of the owner/applicant.

I encourage you to contact Darren Vicknair, Austin Energy Design – South
Darren.Vicknair@austinenergy.com or (512) 505-7636, to discuss the any removal and relocation of existing facilities for the proposed electric design and electric service for this development.

Please use this link to be advised of our clearance and safety requirements which are additional conditions of the above review action:

https://library.municode.com/tx/austin/codes/utilities_criteria_manual?nodeId=S1AUENDECR_1.10.0CLSA RE

If you require further information or have any questions regarding the above comments, please contact our office. Thank you for contacting Austin Energy.

Eben Kellogg

Property Agent - Austin Energy
Public Involvement | Real Estate Services
2500 Montopolis Drive
Austin, TX 78741
(512) 322-6050



NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: C15-2019-0061
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-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY



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1" = 165'



CITY OF AUSTIN

Development Services Department

One Texas Center | Phone: 512.978.4000

505 Barton Springs Road, Austin, Texas 78704

**Board of Adjustment
General/Parking Variance Application**

WARNING: Filing of this appeal stops all affected construction activity.

This application is a fillable PDF that can be completed electronically. To ensure your information is saved, [click here to Save](#) the form to your computer, then open your copy and continue.

The Tab key may be used to navigate to each field; Shift + Tab moves to the previous field. The Enter key activates links, emails, and buttons. Use the Up & Down Arrow keys to scroll through drop-down lists and check boxes, and hit Enter to make a selection.

The application must be complete and accurate prior to submittal. ***If more space is required, please complete Section 6 as needed.*** All information is required (if applicable).

For Office Use Only

Case # _____ ROW # _____ Tax # _____

Section 1: Applicant Statement

Street Address: 735 SPRINGDALE RD. AUSTIN, TX 78702

Subdivision Legal Description:

LOT 6-8 OLT 29-30 DIV A LESS W 17.88 FT JONES J GODWIN SUBD

Lot(s): _____ Block(s): _____

Outlot: _____ Division: _____

Zoning District: CS-MU-CO-NP

I/We JARRED CORBELL on behalf of myself/ourselves as authorized agent for PSW - SPRINGDALE LLC affirm that on Month October, Day 8, Year 2019, hereby apply for a hearing before the Board of Adjustment for consideration to (select appropriate option below):

- Erect Attach Complete Remodel Maintain Other: _____

Type of Structure: 48-ft Commercial Office Building at 50-ft from property line

Portion of the City of Austin Land Development Code applicant is seeking a variance from:
LDC 25-2-1063 (C) (2) - three stories and 40-ft, if the structure is more than 50-ft and not more than 100-ft from property

Section 2: Variance Findings

The Board must determine the existence of, sufficiency of, and weight of evidence supporting the findings described below. Therefore, you must complete each of the applicable Findings Statements as part of your application. Failure to do so may result in your application being rejected as incomplete. Please attach any additional supporting documents.

NOTE: The Board cannot grant a variance that would provide the applicant with a special privilege not enjoyed by others similarly situated or potentially similarly situated.

I contend that my entitlement to the requested variance is based on the following findings:

Reasonable Use

The zoning regulations applicable to the property do not allow for a reasonable use because:
CS-MU Zoning allows for 60-ft height and per Compatibility standards of outdated LDC, the site only realizes a 40-ft height along a commercial corridor. We are requesting 48-ft tall building

Hardship

a) The hardship for which the variance is requested is unique to the property in that:

There are several environmental features that limit the property to be developed to the highest and best use. This site is bordered to the east by Critical Water Quality Zone and Floodplain, totaling approx. 0.88 acres. Due to desire for site preservation, there are 10 heritage trees to remain which equate to 0.25 ac of undevelopable. In total, of the 2.65 ac of land on which the commercial will be constructed, only 58% os developable.

b) The hardship is not general to the area in which the property is located because:

The property contains numerous environmental constraints.

Area Character

The variance will not alter the character of the area adjacent to the property, will not impair the use of adjacent conforming property, and will not impair the purpose of the regulations of the zoning district in which the property is located because:

The drainage channel that intersects the site creates a natural barrier to the properties to the south. The project is bordered by an active church to the north. The existing vegetation also creates a natural barrier. With existing zoning typically allowing 60-ft in height, our requested 48-ft will not alter the character.

Parking (additional criteria for parking variances only)

Request for a parking variance requires the Board to make additional findings. The Board may grant a variance to a regulation prescribed in the City of Austin Land Development Code Chapter 25-6, Appendix A with respect to the number of off-street parking spaces or loading facilities required if it makes findings of fact that the following additional circumstances also apply:

1. Neither present nor anticipated future traffic volumes generated by the use of the site or the uses of sites in the vicinity reasonably require strict or literal interpretation and enforcement of the specific regulation because:

2. The granting of this variance will not result in the parking or loading of vehicles on public streets in such a manner as to interfere with the free flow of traffic of the streets because:

3. The granting of this variance will not create a safety hazard or any other condition inconsistent with the objectives of this Ordinance because:

4. The variance will run with the use or uses to which it pertains and shall not run with the site because:

Section 3: Applicant Certificate

I affirm that my statements contained in the complete application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: 10/3/2019

Applicant Name (typed or printed): JARRED CORBELL

Applicant Mailing Address: 2003 S 1ST ST

City: AUSTIN State: TX Zip: 78704

Phone (will be public information): (318) 230-4084

Email (optional – will be public information): [REDACTED]

Section 4: Owner Certificate

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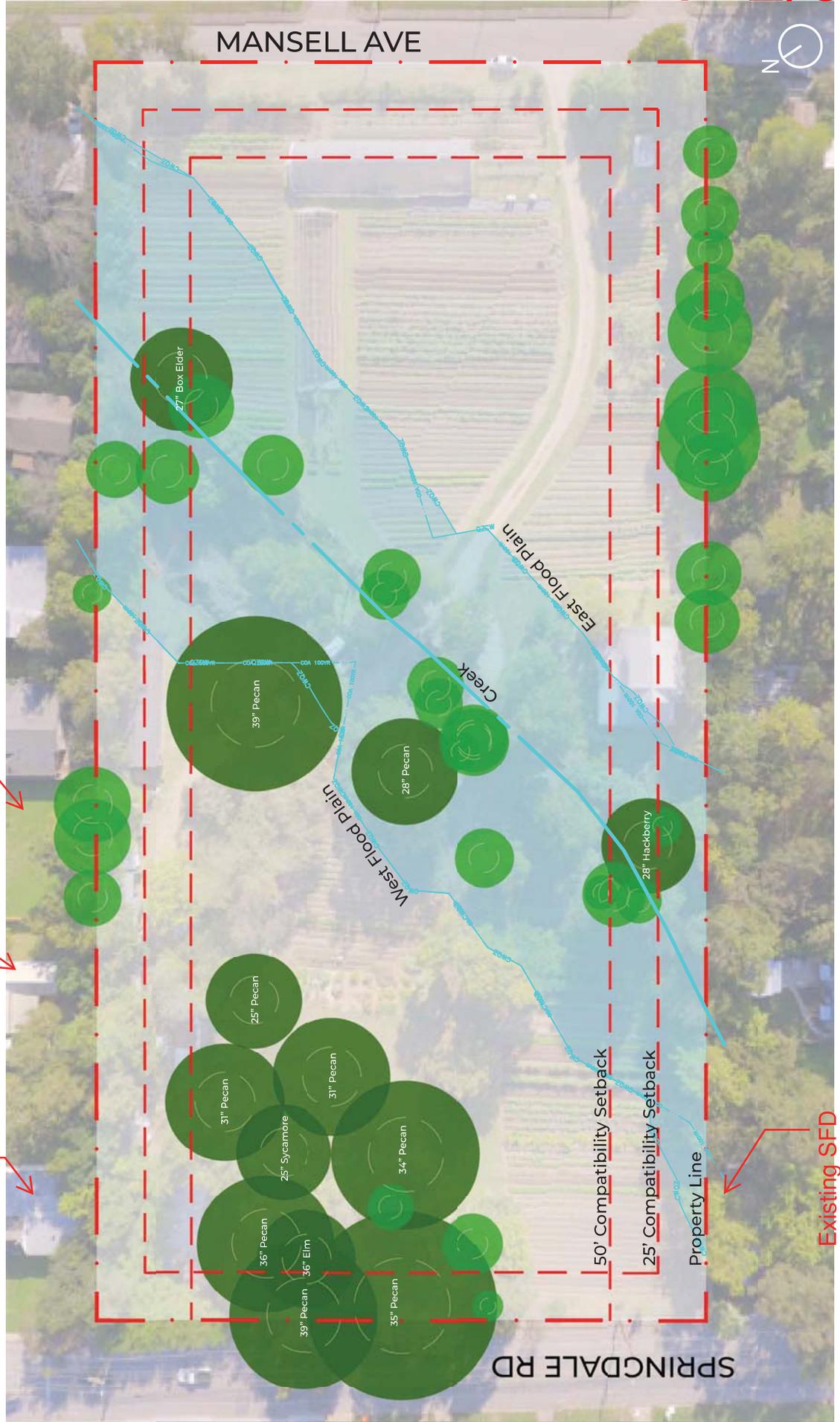
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SITE CONDITIONS
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Existing SFD
Vacant Lot



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11/7/2019

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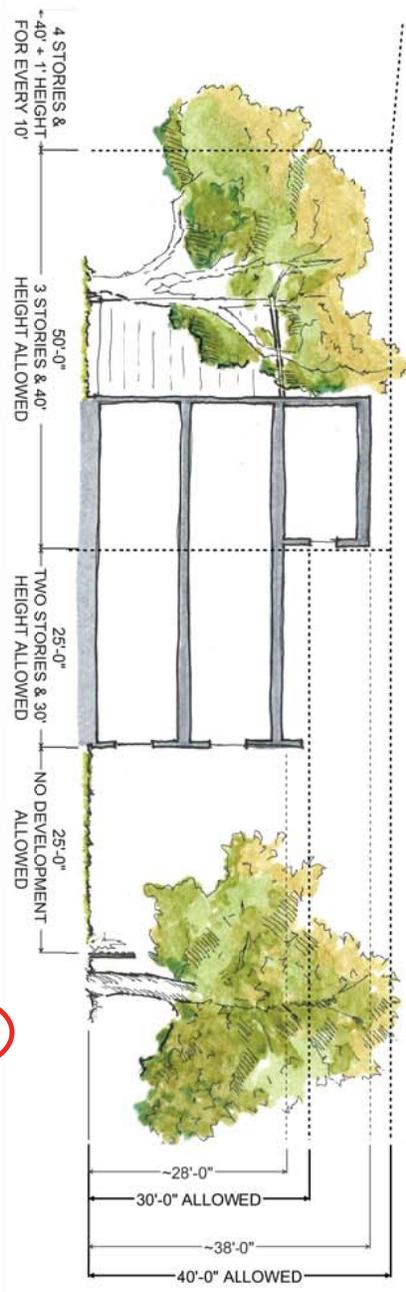
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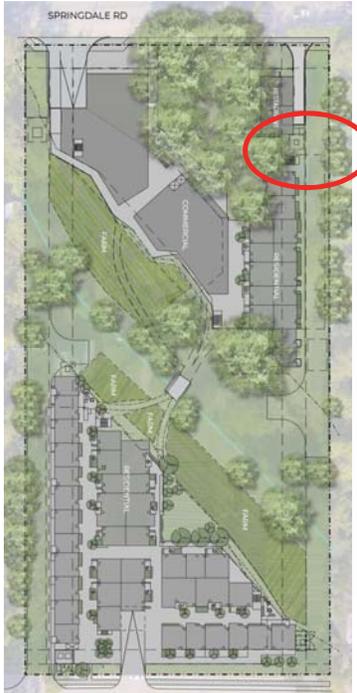
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- FAR: 0.7:1
- Tree Preservation
- For sale units 30-ft from property line



Northwest Section



section 1
not to scale



Commercial Height:

- Variance to allow for 48-ft structure at 50-ft from property line on both south and north property lines – Limit to 3 stories
- Variance to allow for 48-ft structure along Springdale – Limit to 3 stories
- Additional height allows for typical heights and more viable use of commercial space

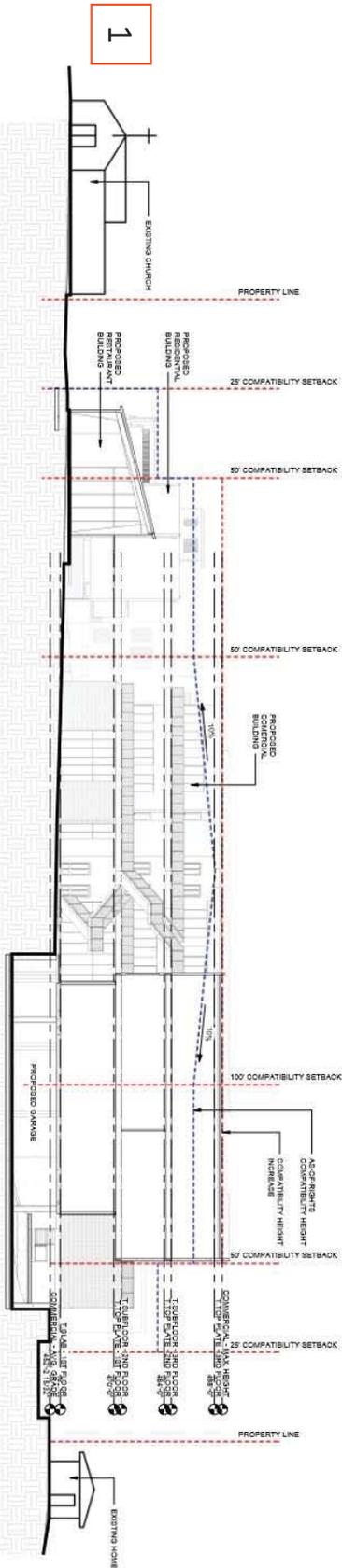
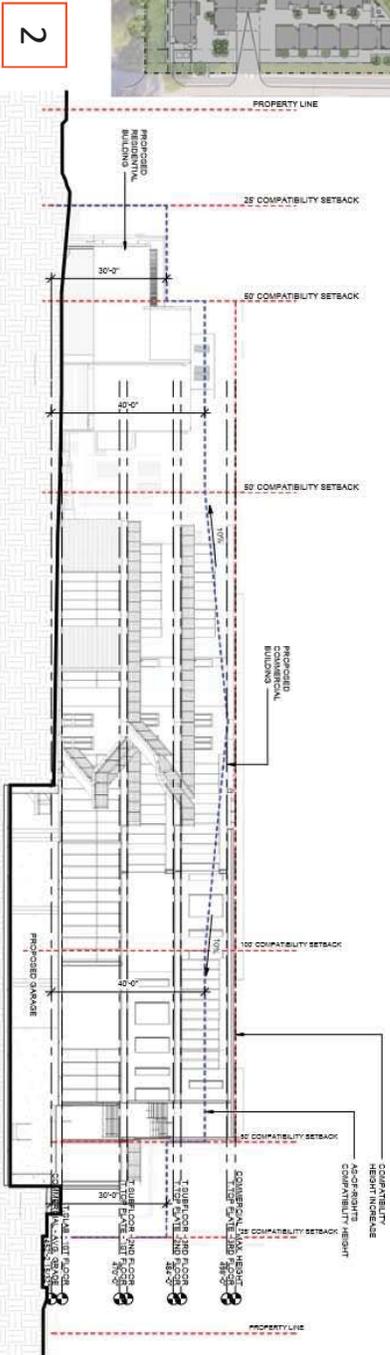
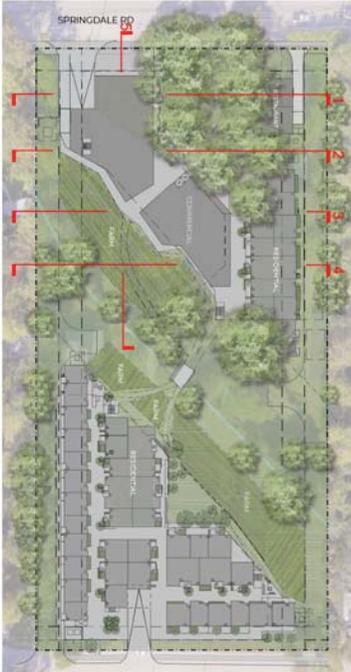


Commercial Building Tent

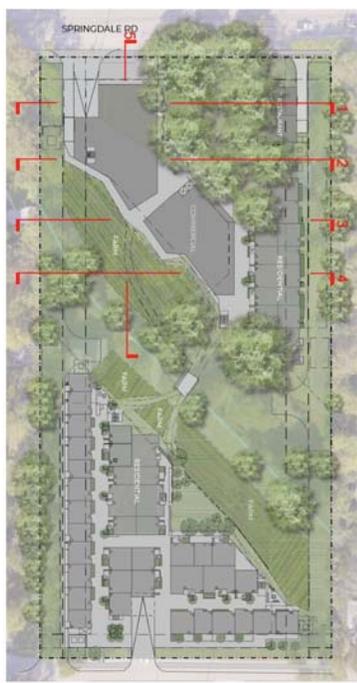
Note: Per new equivalent zoning for this existing base zoning, 60-ft height limit would be allowed at 50-ft from Property Line.



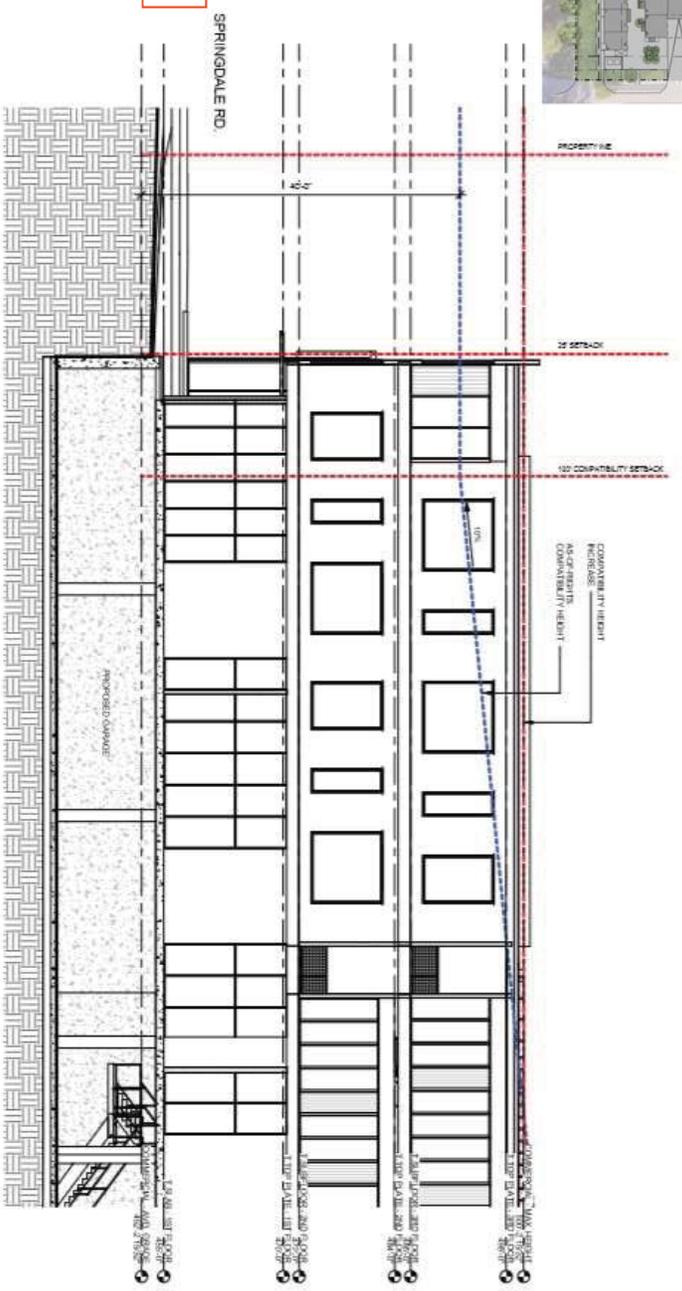
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Commercial Building-Springdale Section

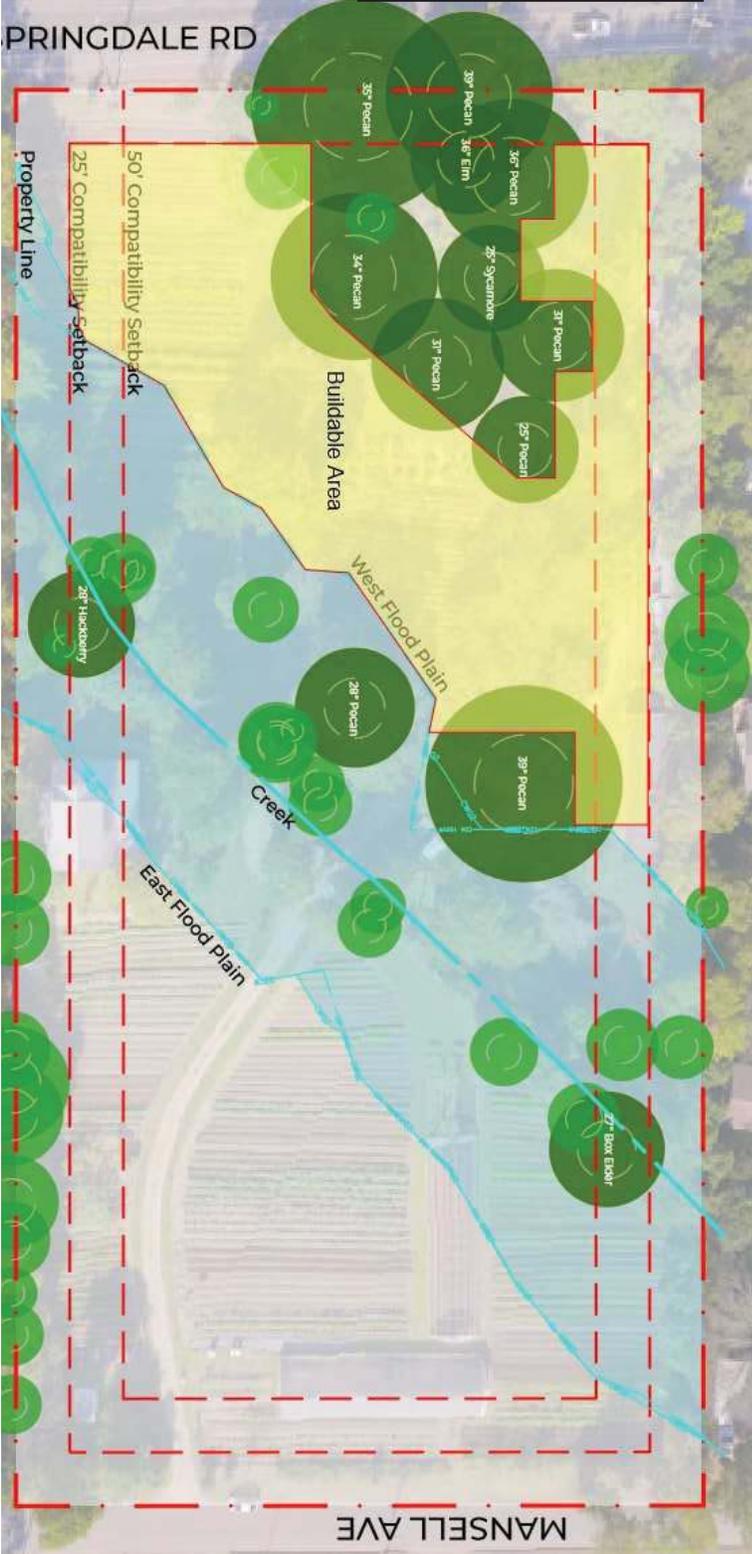


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Hardship

- Total Area from Springdale ROW to CL of Creek = 115,520 sf
- Buildable area = 47,000 or 40% of total area due to working around trees
- 9 Heritage trees to be preserved



Neighborhood Support

Govalle/Johnston Terrace Neighborhood Plan Contact Team
"Strength Through Unity"

To: Austin Planning Commission, City Council and Board of Adjustment
From: G/JTNP Contact Team
RE: **NPA-2018-0016.04_Springdale Farms**

Commissioners and Council members,

Please accept this letter on behalf of the **Govalle/Johnston Terrace Neighborhood Plan Contact Team**. After approximately nine (9) months of talks and negotiations with the developer, we have come up with and agreement for:

Support for case # NPA-2018-0016.04_Springdale, **with the following conditions:**

- *Conditional Overlay – change to include restaurant, general retail sales (convenience) & artisan workshop uses
- *Keep PLUM SF3 (no change)
- *Limit of 20 unit per acre
- *Housing - 90 units, five affordable unit sold to (GNDc) @ 60% MFJ
- *Height – no more than 3 stories (48' on commercial, 40' on residential) 2 story on street with 3rd story stair-stepped back into the interior of the site at compatibility set-backs
- *Parking – on site and below ground parking
- *Removal of one heritage tree as outline in the project proposal

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments you may have regarding this case.

Thank you,

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Ramirez, Elaine](#)
Subject: RE: Request for Postponement from 2/5 to March (C15-2019-0061)
Date: Tuesday, February 04, 2020 3:34:03 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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Please advise-

I have updated this request to March, not April. Besides the below being a factor, when the date of this hearing was changed to Wed, 2/5, in lieu of what the website listed, I do have available child care for tomorrow evening and am unable to attend.

Thank you

JARRED CORBELL
Austin/San Antonio Acquisitions and Entitlements Manager
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 2:24 PM
To: Ramirez, Elaine <Elaine.Ramirez@austintexas.gov>
Subject: Request for Postponement from 2/5 to April 13 (C15-2019-0061)

Hi Elaine-

Please allow this email to serve as our official request to postpone the above case to April 13. Due to the City of Austin having unforeseen comments to our site development plans, we need to further evaluate these comments and gain a better understanding of their impacts to our site layout, which could further enhance the hardships on site.

Please let me know if there are any questions.

I assume since this postponement does not exceed 60 days, a re-notification fee will not apply.

Thanks

JARRED CORBELL
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