PLANNING COMMISISON SITE PLAN – COMPATIBILITY VARIANCES ONLY

CASE NUMBER:	SP-2021-0102C	PC HEARING DATE: March 8th, 2022
PROJECT NAME:	1400 Cedar Ave	
ADDRESS:	1400 Cedar Ave	
COUNCIL DISTRICT:	1	
OWNER/APPLICANT:	Urban Gravity 5110 Lancaster Ct Austin, TX 78723	(512) 259-6877
ENGINEER:	Civilitude LLC (Alejandr 5110 Lancaster Ct Austin, TX 78723	ra Flores) (512) 761-6161
CASE MANAGER:	Zack Lofton zack.lofton@austintexas.	(512) 978-1735 gov

NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN: Chestnut Neighborhood Plan Area

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:

The applicant is proposing to redevelop 2 lots with commercial land uses zoned CS-MU-V-CO-NP into a 7-unit Condominium Residential land use with parking, bike parking and public sidewalk improvements.

DESCRIPTION OF WAIVER:

The applicant is requesting a waiver from § 25-2-1063. The site is subject to a 25' compatibility setback. The proposed development is encroaching into the compatibility 25' setback on the north and west property lines for the residential units. The units are at least 5' from the property line but within the 25'.

COMPATIBILITY:

Section 25-2-1051 states that Article 10 Compatibility Standards apply if a use in a SF-6 or less restrictive zoning district is located on a property across the street from or adjoining a property on which is zoned SF-5 or more restrictive or a use is permitted in a SF-5 or more restrictive zoning district is located.

§ 25-2-1063 - HEIGHT LIMITATIONS AND SETBACKS FOR LARGE SITES.

(A) This section applies to a site that has:

(1) an area that exceeds 20,000 square feet; or

(2) a street frontage that exceeds 100 feet.

(B) In this section, the term "structure" excludes a rain garden using no concrete that is designed in accordance with the Environmental Criteria Manual. A person may not construct a structure 25 feet or less from property:

(1) in an urban family residence (SF-5) or more restrictive zoning district; or

(2) on which a use permitted in an SF-5 or more restrictive zoning district is located

SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the compatibility setback waiver request. The site complies with all other compatibility standard requirements, such as lighting, screening, and building heights.

PROJECT INFORMATION

TOTAL SITE AREA	12,095 sq. ft.	0.2777 acres	
EXISTING ZONING	CS-MU-V-CO-NP		
WATERSHED	Boggy Creek (Urban)		
WATERSHED ORDINANCE	Comprehensive Watershed Ordinance		
TRAFFIC IMPACT ANALYSIS	Not required		
CAPITOL VIEW CORRIDOR	None		
PROPOSED ACCESS	Cedar Avenue		
	Allowed/Required	Existing	Proposed
FLOOR-AREA RATIO	2:1	0.35:1	1.12:1
BUILDING COVERAGE	95%	4,270 sf / 35.3%	5,933 sf / 49.1%
IMPERVIOUS COVERAGE	80%	11,788 sf /	8,748 sf / 72.3%
		97.46%	
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*A 20% parking reduction is permitted in the urban core and Subchapter E permits parking reductions.

EXISTING ZONING AND LAND USES

	ZONING	LAND USES
Site	CS-MU-V-CO-NP	Commercial
North	SF-3-NP	Single-family residential
South	SF-3-NP	14 th Street then single-family residential with accessory dwelling unit
East	CS-MU-V-CO-NP	Cedar Avenue then Commercial
West	SF-3-NP	Alley then single-family residential with accessory dwelling unit

ABUTTING STREETS

Street	Right-of-Way Width	Pavement Width	Classification
Cedar Avenue	50 feet	30 feet	Local City Street
14 th Street	50 feet	30 feet	Local City Street

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGNIZATIONS:

Austin Independent School District Austin Lost and Found Pets Austin Neighborhoods Council Chestnut Addition Neighborhood Assn. (C.A.N.A.) Chestnut Neighborhood Plan Contact Team Chestnut Neighborhood Revitalization Corporation (CNRC) Del Valle Community Coalition East Austin Conservancy Friends of Austin Neighborhoods Homeless Neighborhood Association Neighborhood Empowerment Foundation Neighbors United for Progress Preservation Austin SELTexas Sierra Club, Austin Regional Group



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February 16, 2022

To: Zack Lofton Development Services Department

Re: Compatibility Setback Waiver 1400 Cedar Ave (SP-2021-0102C) 1400 Cedar Ave, Austin, TX 78702

Dear Mr. Lofton,

On behalf of our client, Urban Gravity LLC, we are submitting a waiver request for the 1400 Cedar Ave project. We are requesting the following waiver to the Land Development Code to make the project feasible:

Request: Allow to reduce the 25' no build setback to 5' [LDC 25.2.1063].

The site is composed of 2 tracts of land adding up to 0.28 acres zoned CS-MU-V-CO-NP, surrounded by SF-3-NP properties. If it were to comply with compatibility standards, this site would be forced to be developed within 0.16-acres. To achieve this density, the unit configuration would be forced to be denser in a more compact layout. Constructing townhomes within these standards is not feasible.

We would like to request that the compatibility standards are modified to reduce the no build zone from 25' to 5' and keeping the 30' or 2 stories height limitation from 5' to 50' from the properties triggering compatibility, and so forth. Attached to this letter is the proposed building elevations sheet.

We believe this request does not disrupt the neighborhood's feel and meets the intent of the code, such that no high density or commercial developments occur in a near proximity to a single family lot.

Please accept this letter as our official request. If you have any questions, please call us at 512-761-6161. Sincerely,

Alejandra Flores Project Engineer



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March 19, 2021

Denise Lucas City of Austin Permitting and Development Center 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Dr. Austin, TX 78752

Re: Engineer's Summary Letter Site Plan Application 1400 Cedar Avenue Austin, Texas 78702

Dear Mr. Gonzales,

On behalf of our client, we are submitting an enclosed Site Plan Development Permit application package for 1400 Cedar Ave. The project proposes 7 single-family detached condominium units on a 0.2776-acre property located within the Full-Purpose jurisdiction of the City of Austin. No portion of the site is within the 100-year floodplain, and the site is outside Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone.

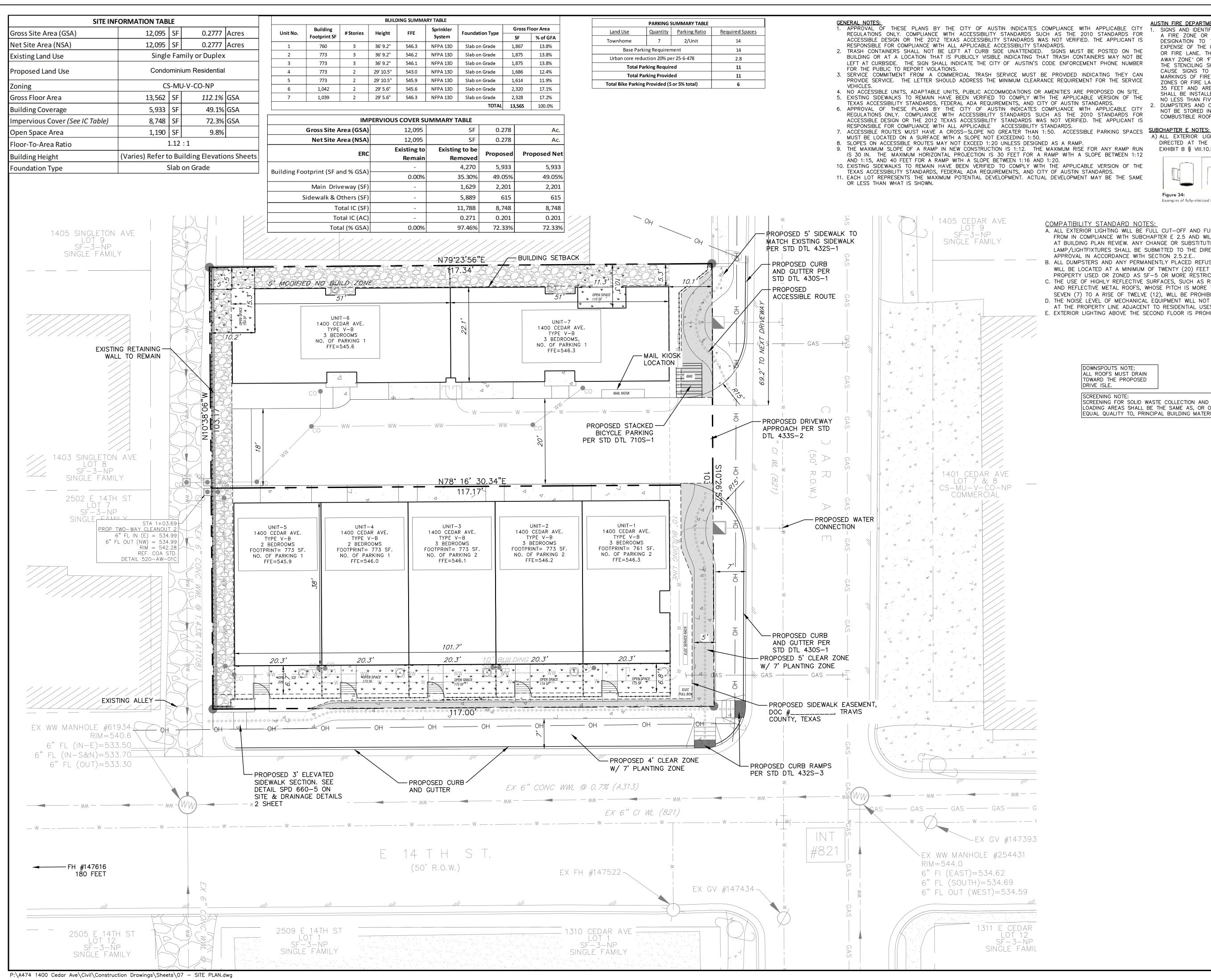
The site contains two legal lots (TCAD Parcels 0210111413 and 0210111412) and is platted under Vol. 2 Page 154. The property is located in Boggy Creek Watershed, classified as Urban. The site is zoned CS-MU-V-CO-NP and is within the City of Austin's Chestnut Neighborhood Planning Area. The maximum allowable impervious cover is 95% and the net proposed IC is within this limit at 75.3%, reduced from the existing impervious cover of 97.46%. An RSMP application is not required since the impervious cover onsite seems to be dated back in the 1950s-1960s. A request for fee in-lieu of water quality will be submitted with the formal submittal, since the site is less than 0.5 acres. Drainage pattern remains the same as existing conditions and runoff intensity will be reduced by the proposed development.

The site is currently developed with a single-family house on each lot. The site has frontage and an existing driveway on Cedar Avenue, which will not be modified. All parking requirements are met on site. Proposed building and improvements will be served by the existing City of Austin's Utility.

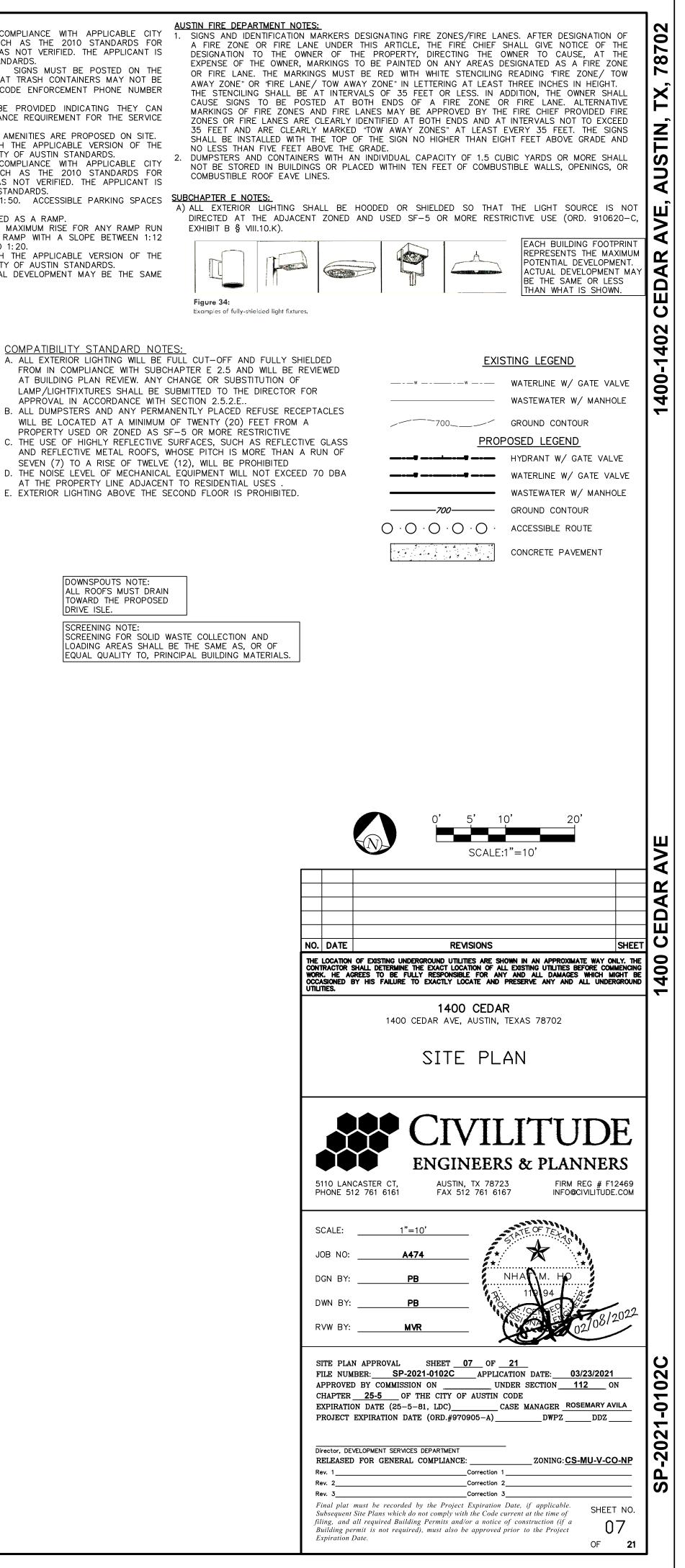
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us and inquire at 512-761-6161.

Sincerely,





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COMPATIBILITY STANDARD NOTES

- FROM IN COMPLIANCE WITH SUBCHAPTER E 2.5 AND WILL BE REVIEWED AT BUILDING PLAN REVIEW. ANY CHANGE OR SUBSTITUTION OF LAMP/LIGHTFIXTURES SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE DIRECTOR FOR APPROVAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2.5.2.E..
- B. ALL DUMPSTERS AND ANY PERMANENTLY PLACED REFUSE RECEPTACLES WILL BE LOCATED AT A MINIMUM OF TWENTY (20) FEET FROM A PROPERTY USED OR ZONED AS SF-5 OR MORE RESTRICTIVE C. THE USE OF HIGHLY REFLECTIVE SURFACES, SUCH AS REFLECTIVE GLASS
- AND REFLECTIVE METAL ROOFS, WHOSE PITCH IS MORE THAN A RUN OF SEVEN (7) TO A RISE OF TWELVE (12), WILL BE PROHIBITED D. THE NOISÉ LEVEL OF MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT WILL NOT EXCEED 70 DBA
- AT THE PROPERTY LINE ADJACENT TO RESIDENTIAL USES E. EXTERIOR LIGHTING ABOVE THE SECOND FLOOR IS PROHIBITED.

DOWNSPOUTS NOTE:



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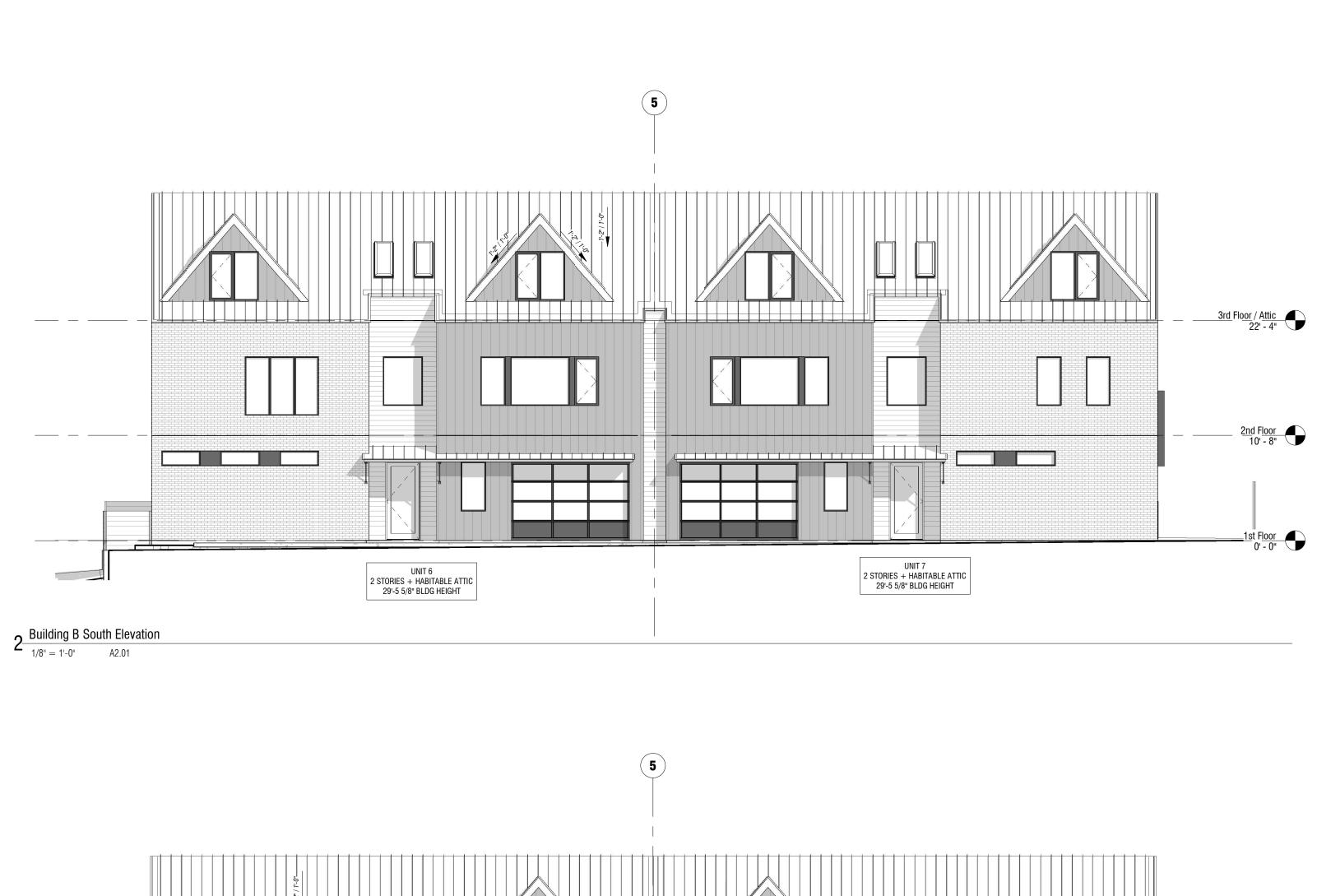
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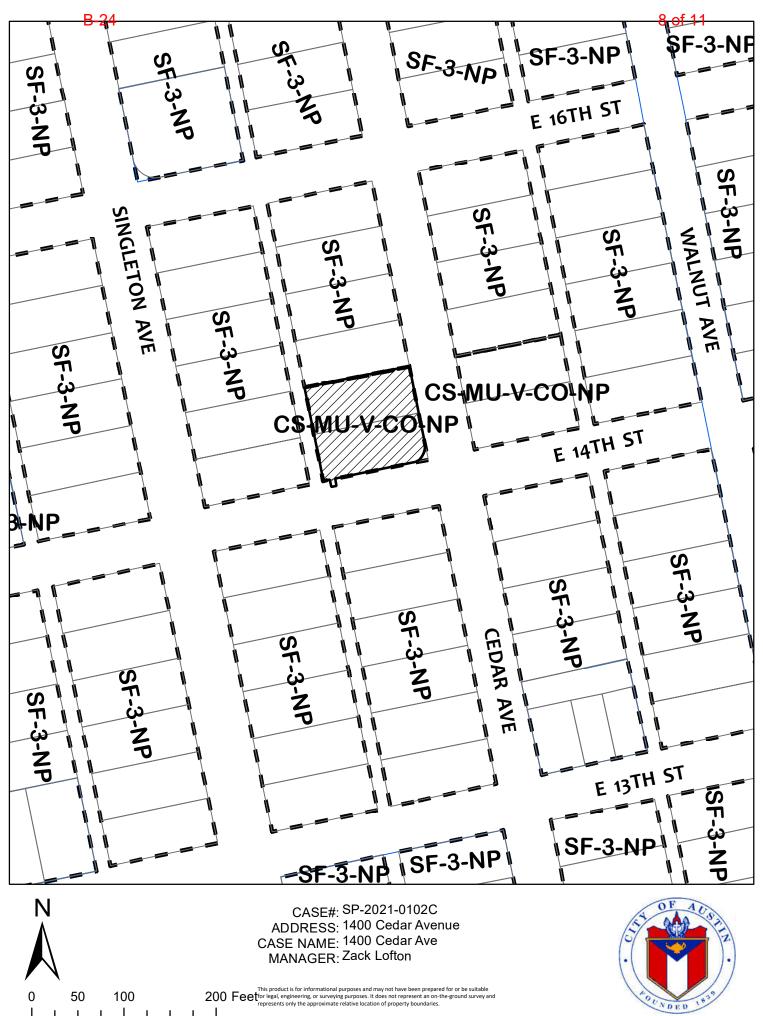
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Lofton, Zack

From:	Lofton, Zack
Sent:	Tuesday, March 1, 2022 4:49 PM
То:	Ian Zurzolo
Subject:	RE: Case Number: SP-2021-0102C

Great. We don't necessarily have concerns about the project. The site plan actually proposes reducing impervious cover from about 97% to about 72%. The city has also recommended the site connect access to the alley but not required it.

Zack Lofton, AICP, CNU-A

Senior Planner, Land Use Review City of Austin Development Services Department PDC Bldg, 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Lane – 2nd Floor 2109.20 **Office:** 512-978-1735



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From: Ian Zurzolo [Sent: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 4:01 PM To: Lofton, Zack < Subject: Re: Case Number: SP-2021-0102C

Thanks that was helpful.

Are there any remaining concerns that the city has about the proposed plan?

It seems like there could be a impermeable coverage issue as well as no entry/exit facing the alley.

On Tue, Mar 1, 2022 at 3:57 PM Lofton, Zack <

Hi there, lan:

Please see my comments below in red.

- Will there be sidewalks surrounding the property on both Cedar Ave and 14th street? Yes, they are proposing sidewalks on both streets.
- Will there be a minimum of 2 on-site parking spaces per unit? If not, is it allowed by the city to have less? There is not a minimum of 2 on-site parking spaces per unit and yes it is allowed that they have

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less. They will have 11 spaces which meets the City's requirement without any waivers or variances. They will also have bike parking spaces as well.

- Is the height of any of the proposed units above city allowances? No, they are within all height limits.
- How long is the proposed construction timeline? I do not have an answer to that, since this is just the site plan stage and so early in the process. That would be a question for the contractor but likely can't be determined until the plans are finalized they know exactly what they are building.

Please let me know if you have any other questions.

Sincerely,

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From: Ian Zurzolo Sent: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 3:07 PM To: Lofton, Zack Subject: Re: Case Number: SP-2021-0102C

Hello Zack,

I am an interested party for the proposed development at 1400 Cedar Ave. I have a couple questions:

- Will there be sidewalks surrounding the property on both Cedar Ave and 14th street?
- Will there be a minimum of 2 on-site parking spaces per unit? If not, is it allowed by the city to have less?

- Is the height of any of the proposed units above city allowances?
- How long is the proposed construction timeline?

Thanks,

Ian Zurzolo

On Tue, Mar 1, 2022 at 7:03 AM Edmond, Cindy

> wrote:

Please email the case manager regarding your questions. thanks

From: Ian Zurzolo Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 5:48 PM To: Edmond, Cindy Subject: Case Number: SP-2021-0102C

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I am an interested party for the proposed development at 1400 Cedar Ave. I have a couple questions:

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Thanks,

Ian Zurzolo

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