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PLANNING COMMISISON SITE PLAN – COMPATIBILITY VARIANCES ONLY

CASE NUMBER: SP-2021-0102C PC HEARING DATE: April 12th, 2022

PROJECT NAME: 1400 Cedar Ave

ADDRESS: 1400 Cedar Ave

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 1

OWNER/APPLICANT: Urban Gravity (512) 259-6877

5110 Lancaster Ct Austin, TX 78723

ENGINEER: Civilitude LLC (Alejandra Flores) (512) 761-6161

5110 Lancaster Ct Austin, TX 78723

CASE MANAGER: Zack Lofton (512) 978-1735

zack.lofton@austintexas.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 25' compatibility 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 on which a use 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	n)	
WATERSHED ORDINANCE	Comprehensive Wat	ershed 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%	
PARKING	11	6	11

^{*}A 20% parking reduction is permitted in the urban core and Subchapter E permits parking reductions.

EXISTING ZONING AND LAND USES

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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 ORGANIZATIONS:

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



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



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.

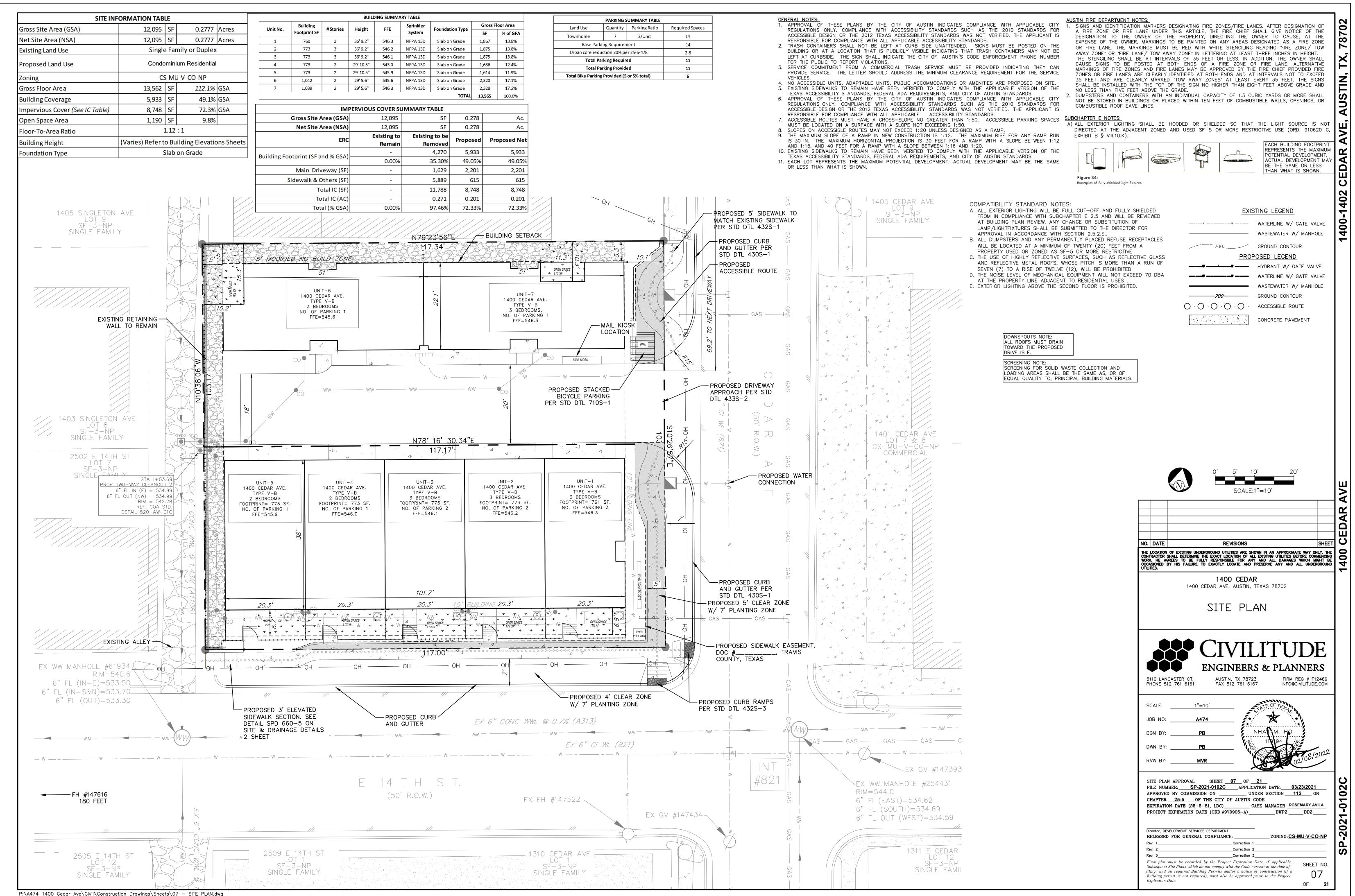
The site is currently developed with a single-family house on each lot. The site has frontage and an existing driveway on Cedar Avenue, which will not be modified. All parking requirements are met on site. Proposed building and improvements will be served by the existing City of Austin's Utility.

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

Sincerely,



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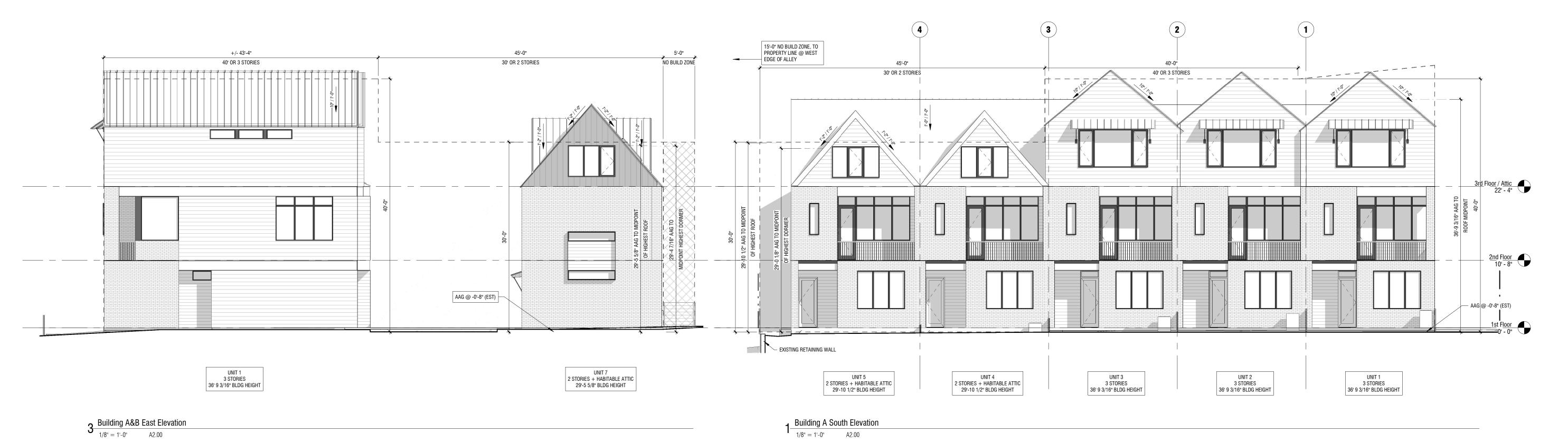
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1400 Cedar

Avenue
Urban Gravity LLC
1400/1402 Cedar Ave
Austin, Texas
78702



Site Development

No.	note	Date
	Site Dev R1	2/8/22
	Site Dev R2	2/8/22 2/28/22

Exterior Elevations

SITE PLAN APPROVAL

FILE NUMBER:

APPLICATION DATE:

APPROVED BY COMMISSION ON

CHAPTER

OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN CODE

EXPIRATION DATE (25-5-81, LDC)

CASE MANAGER

PROJECT EXPIRATION DATE (ORD.#970905-A)

DWPZ

DIrector, DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

RELEASED FOR GENERAL COMPLIANCE:

Rev. 1

Correction 1

Rev. 2

Correction 2

Rev. 3

Correction 3

Final plat must be recorded by the Project Expiration Date, if applicable. Subsequent Site Plans which do not comply with the Code current at the time of filling, and all required Building Permits and/or a notice of construction (if a Building permit is not required), must also be approved prior to the Project Expiration Date.

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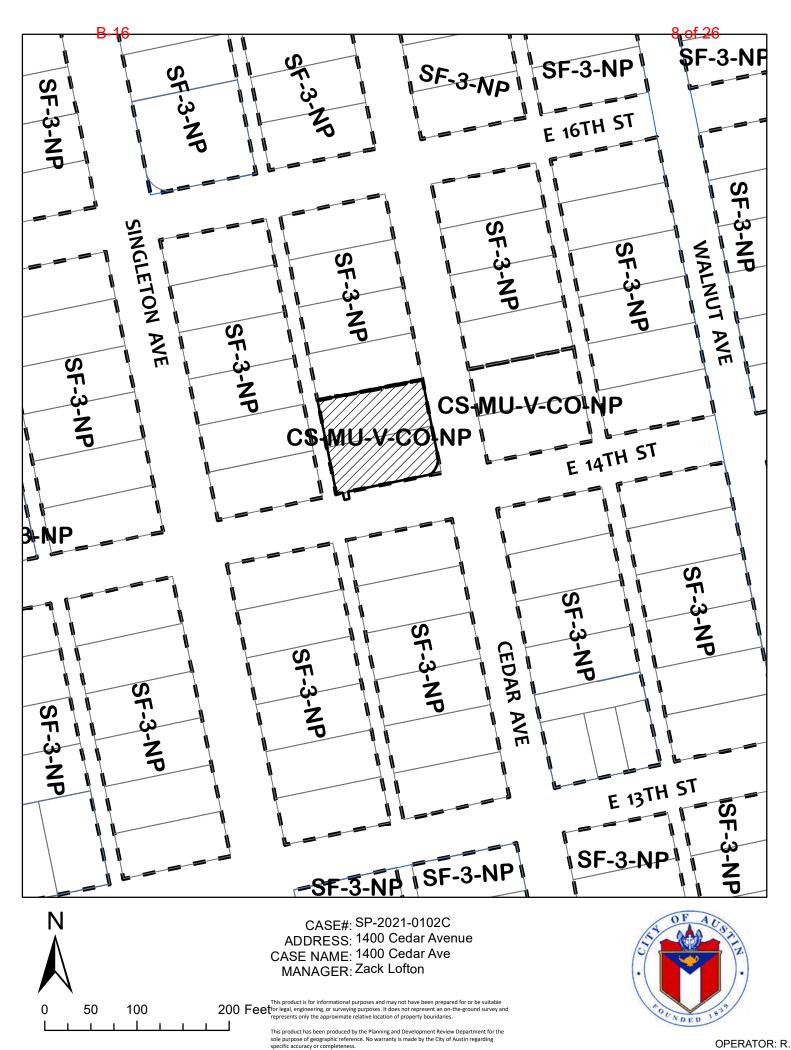
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Exterior Elevations



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March 25, 2022

City of Austin Planning Commission

Re: Compatibility Setback Waiver for 1400 Cedar Avenue

Dear Planning Commissioners,

This letter is to inform the Commission that the Chestnut Neighborhood Plan Contact Team does not support the requested compatibility waiver for 1400 Cedar Avenue to reduce the setback from 25 feet to 5 feet.

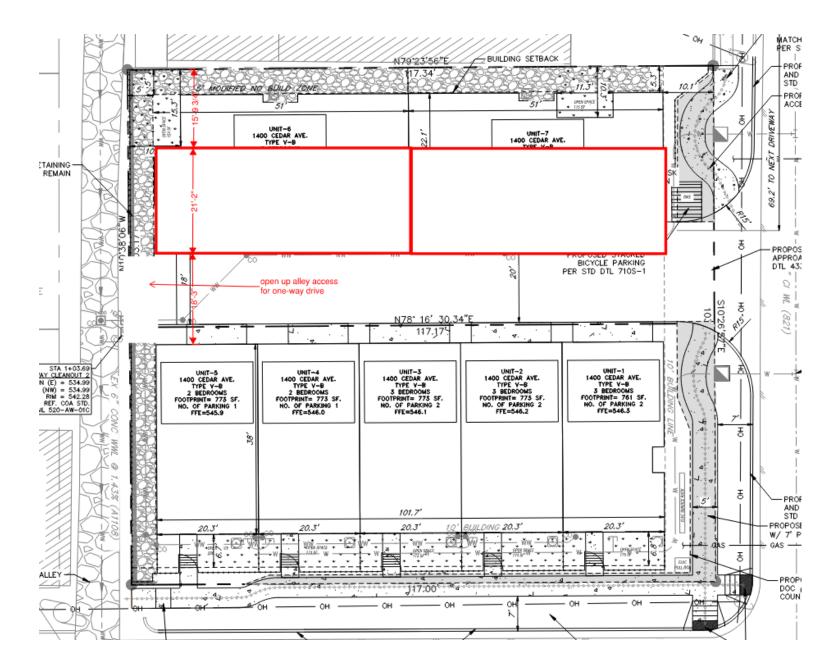
The Chestnut Neighborhood has a long history of supporting density in our neighborhood, as seen by our adoption of all the neighborhood infill tools as well as working with the city to create the MLK TOD. That said, we believe a 5-foot setback is inappropriate in this location and unnecessary for the success of this project. As seen in the attached exhibit, even with the current building footprint sizes, a 15-foot setback appears doable. With more thoughtful design, the 25-foot setback might be doable as well. Despite repeated requests by the neighborhood, the applicant did not meet with the Neighborhood Plan Contact Team to discuss this project. This is very unfortunate, as we believe there is a solution here that provides the desired density and better aligns with our neighborhood plan.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Chestnut Neighborhood Plan Contact Team

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Lofton, Zack

From: Lofton, Zack

Sent: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 4:49 PM

To: lan 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
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Office: 512-978-1735



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From: Ian Zurzolo

Sent: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 4:01 PM

To: Lofton, Zack <Zack.Lofton@austintexas.gov> **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 < Zack.Lofton@austintexas.gov > wrote:

Hi there, Ian:

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,

Zack Lofton, AICP, CNU-A

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From: Ian Zurzolo

Sent: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 3:07 PM

To: Lofton, Zack < Zack.Lofton@austintexas.gov > 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?

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• 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 < Cindy. Edmond@austintexas.gov > wrote:

Please email the case manager regarding your questions. thanks

From: Ian Zurzold

Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 5:48 PM

To: Edmond, Cindy < Cindy.Edmond@austintexas.gov>

Subject: Case Number: SP-2021-0102C

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Hi Cindy,

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

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Lofton, Zack

From: Lofton, Zack

Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 9:20 AM

To: Pati Fisher

Subject: RE: Case No: SP-2021-0102C

Attachments: FINAL Background Materials - Compatibility Waiver - 1400 Cedar Ave -

SP-2021-0102C.pdf

Good morning, Pati:

Yes, there are 7 units being proposed on these two lots. The background materials for the Planning Commission meeting are attached and show the site plan and elevations, in addition to a few other things. Please let me know I you have any more questions.

Sincerely,

Zack Lofton, AICP, CNU-A

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From: Pati Fisher

Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 8:54 AM

To: Lofton, Zack <Zack.Lofton@austintexas.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Case No: SP-2021-0102C

Hi Zack:

Please see the forwarded email below.

Thanks in advance.

Kind regards, Pati Fisher

Sent from my iPati

Begin forwarded message:

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From: "Edmond, Cindy" < Cindy. Edmond@austintexas.gov>

Date: March 3, 2022 at 7:30:50 AM CST

To: Pati Fisher

Subject: RE: Case No: SP-2021-0102C

Please email the case manager regarding your question. Thanks

----Original Message-----

From: Pati Fisher Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2022 5:49 PM

To: Edmond, Cindy < <u>Cindy.Edmond@austintexas.gov</u>>

Subject: Case No: SP-2021-0102C

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Hi Cindy:

Regarding the case number above for project 1400 Cedar Ave. Can you tell me how many units are proposed for this site? Also, do you have any elevations or renderings of the project available for my husband and I to see? We will be unable to attend the meeting next week.

Sincerely, Pati Fisher

Sent from my iPati

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Lofton, Zack

From: Lofton, Zack

Sent: Friday, March 4, 2022 8:30 AM

To: Anita

Subject: RE: Background Materials - 1400 Cedar Ave

Good morning, Anita:

If the Planning Commission does not approve the waiver, the applicant will not be able to build within 25 feet of the north and west property lines. If they intend to continue with the same development, they'd just need to reorient it so it doesn't go into the setbacks.

Sincerely,

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From: Anita

Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 4:43 PM

To: Lofton, Zack <Zack.Lofton@austintexas.gov> **Subject:** Re: Background Materials - 1400 Cedar Ave

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Hi Zack

Anita here. If the do not approve the wavier. What will happen?

Thanks Anita

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On Thursday, March 3, 2022, 1:53 PM, Lofton, Zack < <u>Zack.Lofton@austintexas.gov</u>> wrote:

Hi Anita:

Attached are the background materials that are available to the public. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

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Sincerely,

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Lofton, Zack

From: Lofton, Zack

Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 2:47 PM

To: David Carroll

Subject: RE: Item B24- 1400 Cedar

Hi David:

Yes, Alejandra is the contact. Her information is below. Have you tried contacting her?

Engineer:

Alejandra Flores

Civiltude LLC

Zack Lofton, AICP, CNU-A

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From: David Carroll

Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 2:44 PM

To: Lofton, Zack <Zack.Lofton@austintexas.gov>

Subject: Re: Item B24- 1400 Cedar

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Hi Zack- Are you talking about the civil engineer? I have reached out to them and am happy to do so again. I know them well.

From: Lofton, Zack < Zack.Lofton@austintexas.gov >

Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 10:59 AM

To: David Carroll <

Subject: RE: Item B24- 1400 Cedar

Good morning, David:

I've heard from the engineer that they still haven't hear from you. Can you share a phone they can reach you on? Thanks.

Zack Lofton, AICP, CNU-A

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Lofton, Zack

From: David Carroll

Sent: Friday, April 1, 2022 10:08 AM

To: Lofton, Zack

Subject: Re: Item B24- 1400 Cedar

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Hi Zack- Thanks for the follow up. Yes, we have touched base and the engineer and developer have agreed to meet with the contact team next week.

Thanks, David

From: Lofton, Zack <Zack.Lofton@austintexas.gov>

Sent: Friday, April 1, 2022 9:26 AM

To: David Carroll <

Subject: RE: Item B24- 1400 Cedar

Good morning David:

Hope your week is going well. Not sure if you've contacted the engineer yet but I'm happy to share your contact info with them if you like. If so, please let me know how they can contact you by phone since we don't share interested party email addresses.

Thanks, Zack

Zack Lofton, AICP, CNU-A

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From: David Carroll

Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 2:44 PM

To: Lofton, Zack <Zack.Lofton@austintexas.gov>

Subject: Re: Item B24- 1400 Cedar

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From: Lofton, Zack

Sent: Friday, March 25, 2022 3:53 PM

To: David Carroll

Subject: RE: Item B24- 1400 Cedar

Thanks for sending this over David. And yes, the only catch is that many times they are already in the process when they beginning asking to do more than what is permitted by right. But I understand what you're saying. Thanks.

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From: David Carroll

Sent: Friday, March 25, 2022 12:18 PM

To: Lofton, Zack < Zack.Lofton@austintexas.gov>

Subject: Re: Item B24- 1400 Cedar

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Thanks for the clarification, Zack. Please see attached letter from the contact team.

As an aside, it would help if developers met with contact teams early in the process. As it builds mistrust that is hard to undo. There is also a lot of bad information out there, since neighbors don't understand codes and ordinances. Maybe the city can encourage developers to do so?

Thanks again, David

From: Lofton, Zack < Zack.Lofton@austintexas.gov>

Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2022 1:52 PM

To: David Carrol

Subject: RE: Item B24- 1400 Cedar

Gosh, sorry it's 25-1-21 (49).

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From: Lofton, Zack

Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2022 1:52 PM

To: David Carroll <

Subject: RE: Item B24- 1400 Cedar

Hey David:

I was just talking with a colleague and she mentioned where we get our height measures. Before I told you it was Sub F but it's actually 25-1-121. It basically says the same things (it is the exact same for this particular case) but just wanted to let you know that's our authority not Sub F.

Zack

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From: Lofton, Zack

Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 9:02 AM

To: David Carroll

Subject: RE: Item B24- 1400 Cedar

No problem, David. Hope you had a great weekend.

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From: David Carroll

Sent: Friday, March 11, 2022 3:45 PM

To: Lofton, Zack <Zack.Lofton@austintexas.gov>

Subject: Re: Item B24- 1400 Cedar

Thanks Zack, I knew that was allowable for SubChapter F, but didn't realize you could penetrate the compatibility tent like that.

From: Lofton, Zack <Zack.Lofton@austintexas.gov>

Sent: Friday, March 11, 2022 3:38 PM

To: David Carroll

Subject: RE: Item B24- 1400 Cedar

No problem, David. Height is measured differently for different types of roofs. Since these are gabled, it's measured from the average of the highest and lowest points of the roof or the highest and lowest points of the dormer, whichever is higher. The part of code that outlines how height is measured is 25-2-SubF - Article 3.4.1. So even though the highest point of the roof may be higher than the regulation height, it can still comply as long as the average is below the regulation height. Let me know if you have any more questions.

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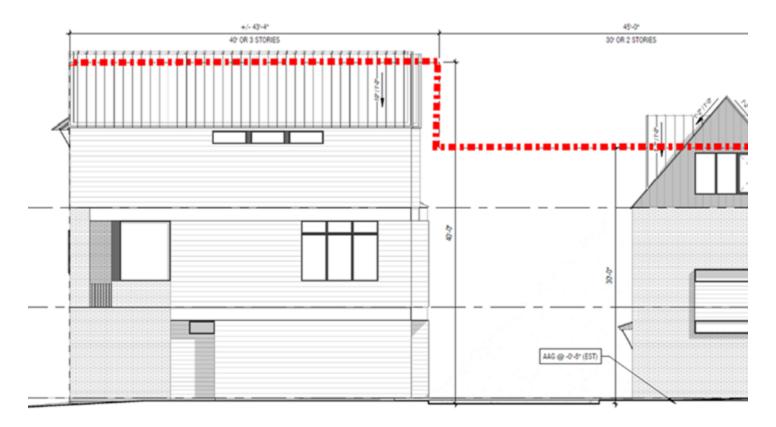
From: David Carroll

Sent: Friday, March 11, 2022 2:55 PM

To: Lofton, Zack < < < < < < < >Zack.Lofton@austintexas.gov >

Subject: Re: Item B24- 1400 Cedar

Hi Zack- Thanks for the explanation. As for the height, the exhibit seems to clearly show that they are exceeding the compatibility tent- see below. What am I missing? Thanks,



Thanks, David

From: Lofton, Zack <Zack.Lofton@austintexas.gov>

Sent: Friday, March 11, 2022 1:15 PM

To: David Carroll

Subject: RE: Item B24- 1400 Cedar

Hi there, David:

Staff is recommending this compatibility waiver to be approved because the site plan is proposing a "missing middle" housing product that contributes to the housing diversity the City needs and the implications of the waiver are reasonable. In addition, this site plan is in compliance with all other compatibility regulations and zoning regulations.

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You are correct that this waiver is only for compatibility setbacks. The proposed development complies with the compatibility height regulations - this is shown in the background materials. I do realize that it's fairly nitty-gritty so let me know if you'd like to have a call to discuss it in more detail.

Sincerely,

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From: David Carroll

Sent: Friday, March 11, 2022 10:23 AM

To: Lofton, Zack <Zack.Lofton@austintexas.gov>

Subject: Re: Item B24- 1400 Cedar

Zack - Looking at this closer, the waiver looks to be just for the compatibility setback, but this project is also violating the allowable compatibility height of 2 stories/30 feet high within 50 feet of triggering property as well as the 3 stories/40 feet within 100 feet of triggering property. How is this being addressed? Thanks.

David

From: David Carroll

Sent: Friday, March 11, 2022 10:09 AM

To: Lofton, Zack <Zack.Lofton@austintexas.gov>

Subject: Re: Item B24- 1400 Cedar

Hi Zack- Could you please explain staff's reasoning for supporting the compatibility waiver on this case? I know that will be a question from the Contact Team. Is there a hardship that we don't know about it? Thanks for your help,

David

From: Lofton, Zack <Zack.Lofton@austintexas.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 9:23 AM

Subject: FW: Item B24- 1400 Cedar

Good morning, Dave:

I am the case manager for the 1400 Cedar site plan and wanted to share the contact information for the applicant, both the engineer and the developer. They asked for your contact info, but instead I asked them to share theirs. They welcome you to contact them to discuss the project.

Engineer: Alejandra Flores Civiltude LLC

Developer: Zach Savage

Zach Savage Homes

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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From: Rivera, Andrew

Sent: Monday, March 7, 2022 1:06 PM

To: David Carroll

Subject: RE: Item B24- 1400 Cedar

Hello Mr. Carroll:

Thank you for your email. Please provide a desired postponement date:

- April 12, 2022
- April 26, 2022

In the scenario this is a postponement discussion case, please register using the link below.

March 8, 2022 Planning Commission Speaker Registration (office.com)

Thank you, Andrew

From: David Carroll

Sent: Monday, March 7, 2022 12:59 PM

To: Rivera, Andrew <Andrew.Rivera@austintexas.gov>; Shaw, Todd - BC <BC-Todd.Shaw@austintexas.gov>; Hempel,

Claire - BC <BC-Claire.Hempel@austintexas.gov>

Subject: Item B24- 1400 Cedar

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Dear Chair Shaw and Vice Chair Hempel,

The Chestnut Neighborhood Plan Contact Team respectfully requests that this item be postponed until April to allow the Contact Team to weigh in on this.

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We reached out the applicant months ago to ask about this project and he has ignored repeated requests to meet with us. Further, we just found out about the compatibility waiver request last week and have not been able to organize a quorum in time to discuss before your meeting tonight. With another month, we feel we could weigh in on this issue properly.

Thank you for your consideration,

David Carroll

Chair, Chesnut Neighborhood Plan Contact Team

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