ZONING CHANGE REVIEW SHEET

CASE: C14-2010- 0207 - Robinson Foundation Offices

<u>P.C. DATE</u>: February 8, 2011 (Postponed by staff) February 22, 2011 (Indefinitely postponed by applicant) June 14, 2011 (Approved on consent; 7-0).

ADDRESS: 510 W 8th Street

OWNER/APPLICANT: Darnell Robinson Family, LLC (Michael Ginsberg)

AGENT: A.G. Consulting (Alice Glasco)

ZONING FROM: MF-4 TO: DMU

AREA: 0.1699 acres (7,400 ft²)

SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of DMU-CO (Downtown Mixed Use-Conditional Overlay) district zoning. The Conditional Overlay will make a bail bond services, cocktail lounge, and liquor sales a conditional use; prohibit pawn shop services use and limit vehicle trips to less than 2,000 per day.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: 6/14/11: The Planning Commission approved the staff recommendation of DMU-CO with the additional conditions as agreed to by the applicant and neighborhood (7-0; Kirk absent, 1 vacancy).

DEPARTMENT COMMENTS: This 0.1699 acre site is currently developed with a multifamily structure and zoned MF-4. The applicant seeks to rezone the property to Downtown Mixed Use for construction of an office building. The Downtown Mixed Use (DMU) district is the designation for a use located on the periphery of an area that has a Central Business District (CBD) designation. A DMU district designation may be applied to a development that includes any combination of office retail, commercial, and residential uses and that is compatible with the downtown area. A DMU district use with an intermediate density may be used as a transition between the downtown area and surrounding districts. A DMU district is suitable for an area to which the central business district may expand. The subject tract is located in and amongst various zoning districts, including DMU, GO, CS and LO. It should be noted that this property lies the Criminal Justice Overlay sub-district {§ 25-2-650}, in which a bail bond services, cocktail lounge, and liquor sales use are conditional uses and a pawn shop services use is prohibited. Also, the northeastern corner of the property lies within the Barton Creek Pedestrian Bridge Capital View Corridor.

Through negotiation with the Original Austin Neighborhood Association, the applicant has agreed to the following conditions:

- Maximum height of 90 feet.
- The following uses shall be prohibited: bail bond services, a stand alone cocktail lounge use, pawn shop and liquor sales.
- The following uses shall be conditional: food service and a cocktail lounge use as associated with an on-site club, hotel or bed and breakfast use.

• If the proposed structure exceeds 60 feet in height, a minimum of 50% of the net rentable conditioned space of any such building must be residential.

Based on the site location and limitations, staff recommends approval of DMU-CO district zoning. The rezoning will allow the applicant to achieve site development regulations that will allow for a reasonable office use on the downtown property.

	ZONING	LAND USES	
Site	MF-4	Multi-Family	
North	DMU-CO; GO; CS	Parking; Professional Office	-
South	MF-4; GO; GO-H	Professional Office; Club	
East	P; P-H	Library; History Center	
West	LO; GO; DMU-CO	Professional Office	

EXISTING ZONING AND LAND USES:

<u>**TIA</u>: Waived**</u>

WATERSHED: Shoal Creek

DESIRED DEVELOPMENT ZONE: Yes

CAPITOL VIEW CORRIDOR: No

HILL COUNTRY ROADWAY: No

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION:

- Downtown Austin Neighborhood Coalition
- Pecan Street Owner's Association
- Downtown Austin Alliance
- Austin Warehouse District Association
- Old Pecan Street Association

SCHOOLS:

Matthews Elementary School O' Henry Middle School Austin High School

- Sentral Plus East Austin Koalition
- Austin Neighborhood Council
- Downtown Austin Neighborhood Association
- Original Austin Neighborhood Association

CASE HISTORIES

NUMBER	REQUEST	COMMISSION	COUNCIL
C14-99-0138	MF-4 to DMU-CO	APVD STAFF REC OF	APVD PC'S REC OF
		DMU-CO BY CONSENT (8-	DMU-CO W/CONDS
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RELATED CASES

C14-2011-0036	GO to DMU	APVD STAFF	REC	Pending	
(807-811 Nueces)		OF DMU-CO (8-	0)		

BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION

1. Zoning should allow for reasonable use of the property.

Based on the site location and limitations, staff recommends approval of DMU-CO district zoning. The rezoning will allow the applicant to achieve site development regulations that will allow for a reasonable office use on the downtown property.

2. Zoning changes should promote a balance of intensities and densities.

The Granting of this rezoning request should result in an equal treatment of similarly situated properties, and is consistent with other similarly situated properties in the area that promote a combination of office, retail, commercial and residential uses that are compatible with the downtown area.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

Environmental

The site is not located over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone. The site is located in the Shoal Creek Watershed of the Colorado River Basin, which is classified as an Urban Watershed by Chapter 25-8 of the City's Land Development Code. It is in the Desired Development Zone.

Impervious cover is not limited in this watershed class; therefore the zoning district impervious cover limits will apply.

This site is required to provide on-site structural water quality controls (or payment in lieu of) for all development and/or redevelopment when 5,000 s.f. cumulative is exceeded, and detention for the two-year storm. At this time, no information has been provided as to whether this property has any pre-existing approvals which would preempt current water quality or Code requirements.

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According to flood plain maps, there is no flood plain within the project area.

Trees will likely be impacted with a proposed development associated with this rezoning case. Please be aware that an approved rezoning status does not eliminate a proposed development's requirements to meet the intent of the tree ordinances. If further explanation or specificity is needed, please contact the City Arborist at 974-1876. At this time, site specific information is unavailable regarding other vegetation, areas of steep slope, or other environmental features such as bluffs, springs, canyon rimrock, caves, sinkholes, and wetlands.

Standard landscaping and tree protection will be required in accordance with LDC 25-2 and 25-8 for all development and/or redevelopment.

Water and Wastewater

If the landowner intends to serve the site with City of Austin water and wastewater utilities, the landowner, at own expense will be responsible for providing the water and wastewater utility improvements, offsite main extensions, system upgrades, utility relocations and or abandonments required. The water and wastewater plan must be in accordance with the City of Austin utility design criteria. The water and wastewater utility plan must be reviewed and approved by the Austin Water Utility. All water and wastewater construction must be inspected by the City of Austin. The landowner must pay the City inspection fee with the utility construction. The landowner must pay the tap and impact fee once the landowner makes an application for a City of Austin water and wastewater utility tap permit.

Stormwater Detention

At the time a final subdivision plat, subdivision construction plans, or site plan is submitted, the developer must demonstrate that the proposed development will not result in additional identifiable flooding of other property. Any increase in stormwater runoff will be mitigated through on-site stormwater detention ponds, or participation in the City of Austin Regional Stormwater Management Program if available.

Transportation:

Name	ROW	Pavement	Classification	Daily Traffic
West 8 th Street	80'	40'	Collector	Not Available
Nueces Street	80'	40'	Collector	3362 (COA, 01/27/10)

No additional right-of-way is needed at this time.

A traffic impact analysis was waived for this case because the applicant agreed to limit the intensity and uses for this development. If the zoning is granted, development should be limited through a conditional overlay to less than 2,000 vehicle trips per day [LDC, 25-6-117].

There are existing sidewalks along Nueces Street and a segment of West 8th Street. The sidewalk along West 8th Street terminates in front of a rock wall on the adjoining property.

According to the Austin 2009 Bicycle Plan Update approved by Austin City Council in June, 2009, bicycle facilities are existing and/or recommended along the adjoining streets as follows:

Existing Street Characteristics:

Street Name	Existing Bicycle Facilities	Recommended Bicycle Facilities
West 8 th Street	None	None
Nueces Street	Shared Lane	Bike Boulevard (Super Route)

Capital Metro bus service (route no(s). 171, 461, 935, 982 - 984, 986 and 987) is available along Guadalupe Street at West 8th Street.

Site Plan:

Any new construction may require compliance with Subchapter E, Commercial Design Guidelines. Additional comments will be made during the site plan review.

CITY COUNCIL DATE: March 3, 2011 July 28, 2011

ACTION: Indefinitely Postponed by applicant

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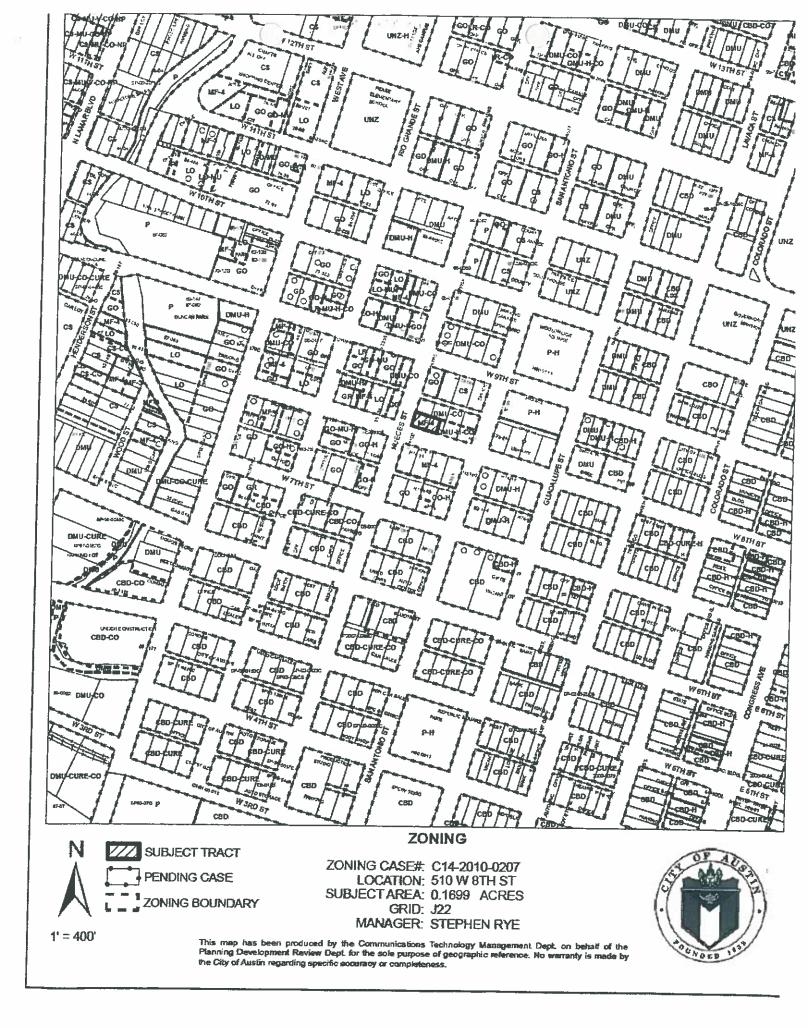
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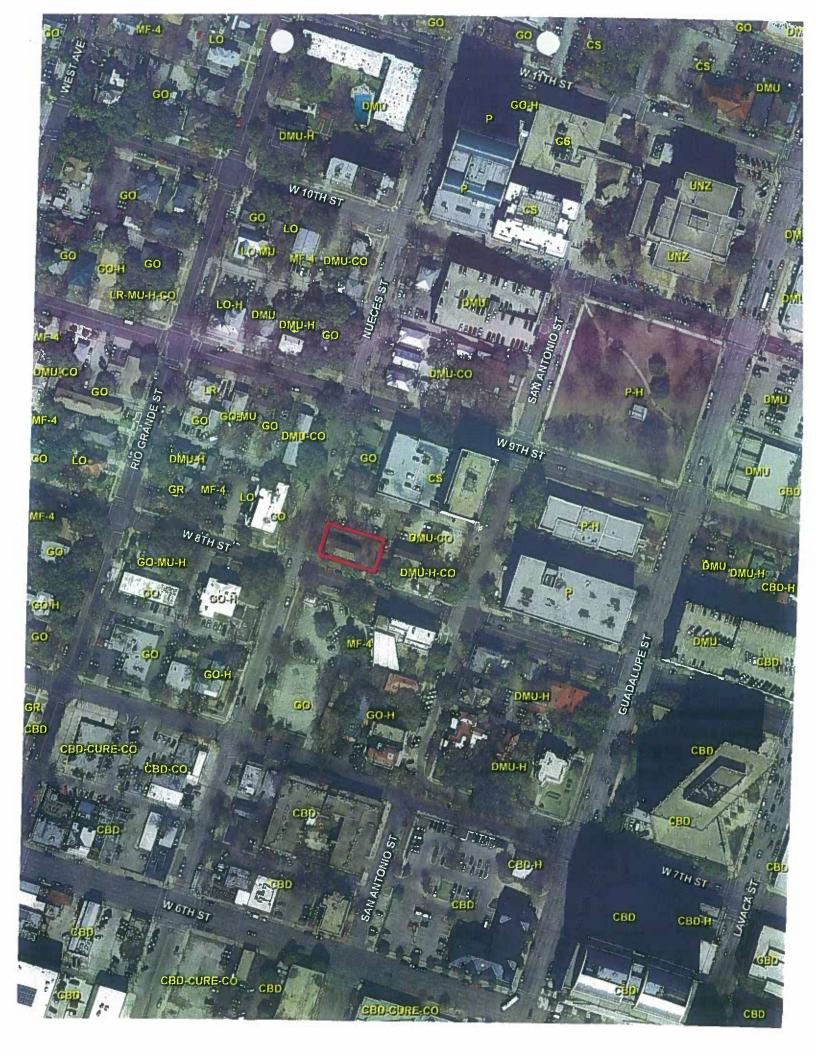
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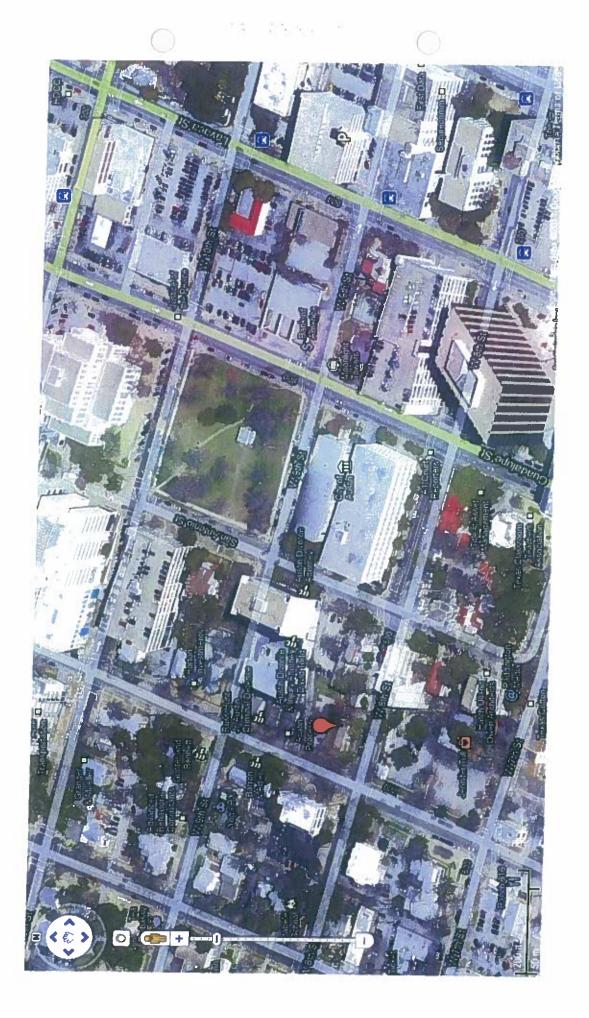
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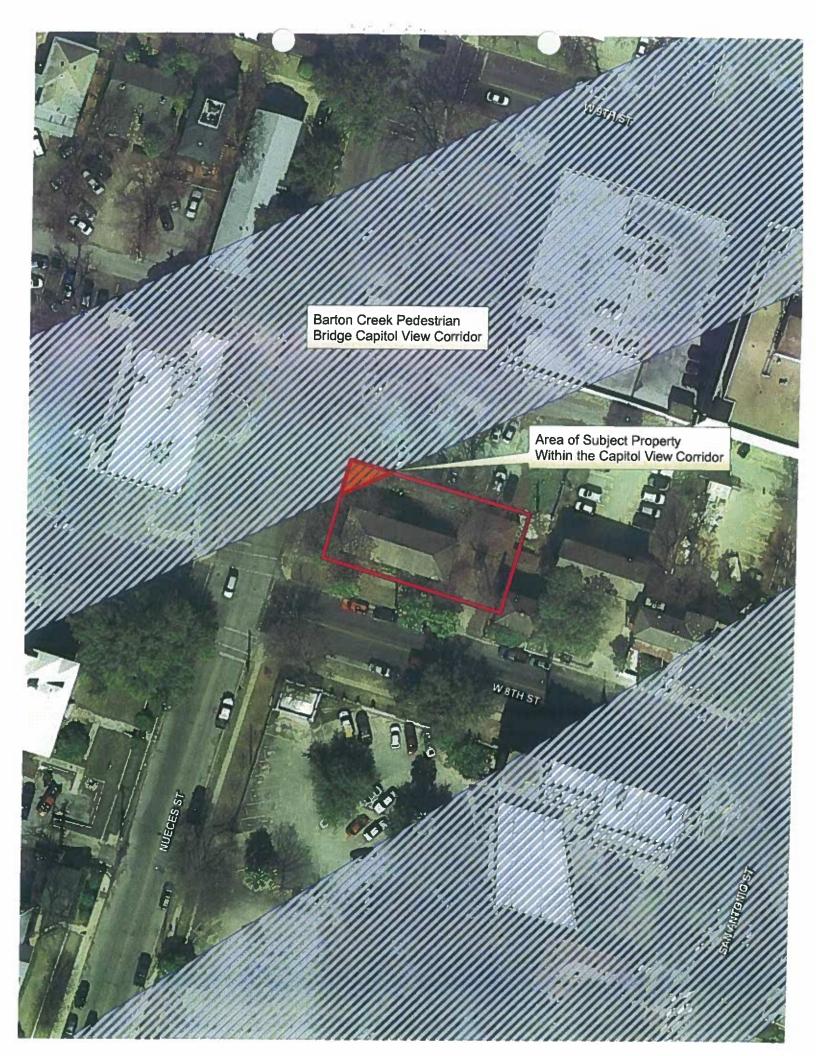
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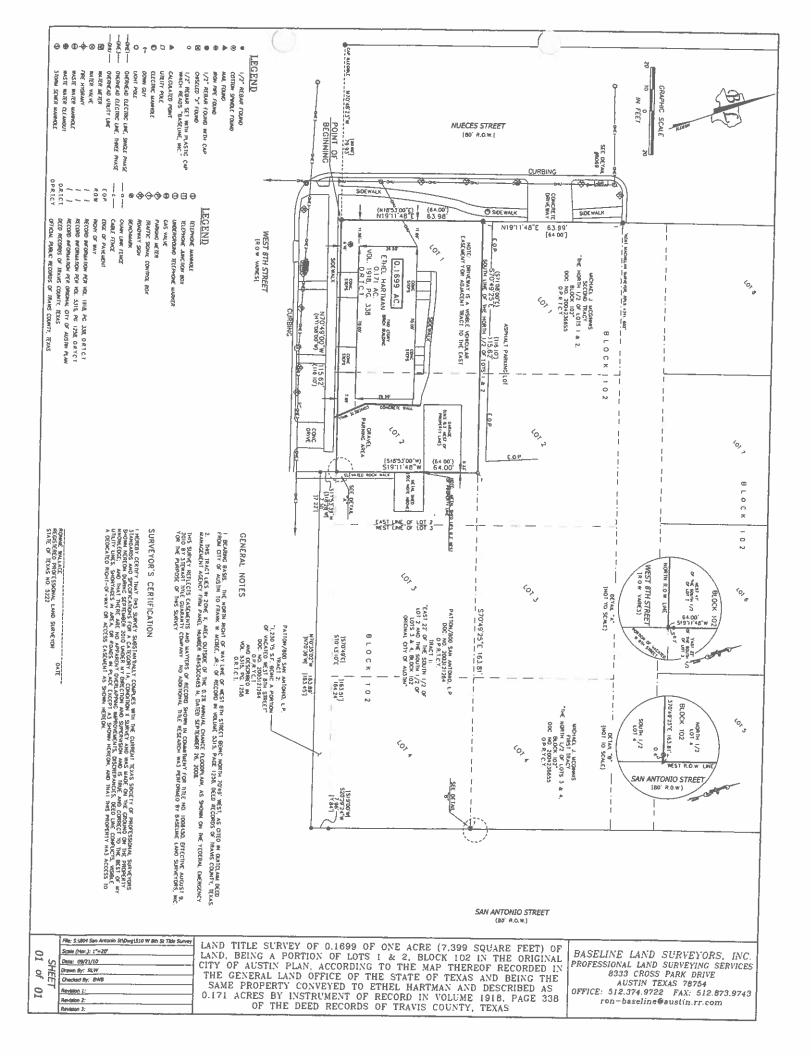
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West Downtown Alliance 1800 Nueces St. Austin, Tx. 78701

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Stephen Rye 505 Barton Springs Road, 5th floor (visit) P. O. Box 1088 (mail) Austin, Texas 78767

Dear Mr. Rye,

The board of directors of the West Downtown Alliance supports case #C14-2010-0207 by the Darnell Robinson Family LLC, Michael Ginsberg, for the rezoning of their property at 510 W. 8th St.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Regards,

Scott Sayers President, WDA

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Darnell Robinson Family, LLC Michael D. Ginsberg Manager 14755 Preston Road, Suite 600 Dallas, Texas 75254

April 26, 2011

Stephen Rye, Case Manager stephen.rye@ci.austin.tx.us City of Austin planning and zoning staff Case # C14-2010-0207 City of Austin Planning Commission

Dear Mr. Rye,

I would like to provide you with an update regarding the above referenced case. As a matter of background I would like to report that applicant's representative has met with and gained the support of the relevant neighborhood groups.

This case was postponed by the applicant in order to continue study of the property. The applicant would like to inform the Commission and all concerned that the property is no longer under consideration as a non-profit use. Alternatives including office, mixed use and/or multi-family residential are at the forefront of contemplated uses.

Applicant will continue to keep you informed and appreciates your assistance in this case.

Sincerely, Michael D. Ginsberg,

Manager of the Applicant



Neighborhood Association

Post Office Box 1282 Austin, TX 78767 www.orlginalaustin.com www.citicite.com/oana/ February 7, 2011

RE: C-14-2010-0207; 510 West 8th Street

Stephen Rye City of Austin Planning & Development Review Department P.O. Box 1088 Austin, TX 78767

Dear Mr. Rye:

The Board of Directors of the Original Austin Neighborhood Association (OANA), within whose defined borders the above referenced rezoning request lies, supports the requested rezoning from MF-4 to DMU-CO with the following conditions:

- 1) The maximum height of a building or structure is not more than 90 feet from ground level.
- 2) By agreement between OANA and the applicant, and recognizing that the referenced property lies within the Criminal Justice Overlay, the following Uses are accepted as Prohibited rather than Conditional: bail bond services, a stand alone cocktail lounge use, pawn shop use and liquor/package store. In addition, an outdoor entertainment/amplified music use of the site is prohibited. A food service use and a cocktail lounge use would be a permissible Conditional Use if associated with an onsite club, hotel or bed & breakfast establishment.
- By agreement between OANA and the applicant, if the proposed structure exceeds 60 feet in height then a minimum of 15% of the structure will be residential in use.
- 4) By agreement between the City of Austin and the applicant, vehicle trips per day are limited to less than 2,000.

The neighborhood association is very pleased to have worked with the applicant on this matter, and subject to the above mutually acceptable Conditions, we ask that the Planning Commission and the City Council accept applicant's request to rezone the property.

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Ted Siff President

Albert Stowell Treasurer & Planning & Zoning Chair

Board of Directors Ted Siff, President Mark Holzbach, Vice President Albert Stoweli, Treasurer Blake Toilett, Secretary Jocelyn Dabeau Rick Hardin John Horton Perry Lorenz Bill Schnell A. Who is the Darnell Robinson Foundation? What is the purpose of the foundation - basically, what they do?

The Darnell Robinson Family plans to form a foundation that is scheduled to be headquartered in Texas' capitol, Austin. The foundation would be entirely privately funded. Currently the family's efforts have been focused on issues involving disadvantaged youth and poverty, and hunger in Africa. The Nueces Street property would serve initially as offices for the foundation.

The foundation's vision is to create a nexus between the creative communities here and elsewhere in the United States (west coast) to focus public attention and raise funding for worthy projects like Worldvision in Senegal for example, and other African and third world countries. The Foundation's current focus in the communities of Sine and Tattaguine in western Senegal. Project activities include recruitment, training, and support for young celebrity athletes to act as role models and peer educators, organizing sports and enabling participants to communicate positive messages. This effort to include facilitating local meetings and workshops, and producing TV and radio ads with encouraging and educational messages at this Austin property. Another interest is in The Hunger Project. The Hunger Project (THP) is a global, non-profit, strategic organization committed to the sustainable end of world hunger. In Africa, South Asia and Latin America, THP seeks to end hunger and poverty by empowering people to lead lives of self-reliance, meet their own basic needs and build better futures for their children. Robinson LLC remains focused primarily on equatorial Africa.

B. Easements and height restrictions: Do they exist? With the private height restriction of 80 feet and other easement restrictions, why DMU-120?

Yes, they do exist and are subject to termination by the beneficiary.

The Robinson Family LLC simply wants to be treated fairly, and fit in with the surrounding area. Surrounding zoning and uses are largely DMU and have significant heights. The planned upcoming development next door adjacent to the north of us, intends to match the height of the existing 812 office building just across the alley to the north at well over 100 feet in height. The Austin Woman's Club atop a hill across 8th Street to the south towers above our property. Even two story buildings to the west are elevated in grade above our property. Bear in mind DMU is compatible and appropriate in this location.

C. Will the current residential uses be eliminated once the remodeling commences and upon its completion? They consider the 4 residential units as a positive contribution towards affordable housing in the area.

The badly needed remodeling will be extensive as there has been almost no maintenance or updating for many years. No continued residential occupancy is possible during the remodeling phase.

D. If they decide to support the request for DMU-120, would the Foundation agree to a 50% residential component in the development and prohibit the following uses:

1. Outdoor entertainment/ live amplified music --OK to prohibit.

2. Bail Bond Services-- OK to prohibit

3. Cocktail Lounge --OK to prohibit, unless associated with a restaurant, hotel, or B&B.

4. Liquor Sales— if this means a liquor store (Package Store) okay to prohibit.

5. Pawn Shops – OK to prohibit

6. Restaurant Use --There is a restaurant in the Woman's Club across the street so restaurant is permissible if associated with a club or hotel or B&B.

Residential Uses. If a new building were to be constructed upon the property that exceeded 60 feet in height, we would agree to have at least 15% of that building as residential.

Please understand, due to the extensive restrictions placed on the property by the Seller, and the planned construction next door, any redevelopment is likely years away.

From:Ted Siff [ted@legaldigest.com]Sent:Friday, June 10, 2011 2:18 PMTo:'Mike Mchone'; Astowell@aol.com; Rye, StephenSubject:RE: 510 W 8th Street (C14-2010-0207)

Mike,

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Your zoning change request given your acceptance of all the conditions will result in enhancements to the neighborhood. We hope that the Planning Commission approves it.

Thanks very much, Ted

Ted Siff, President Original Austin Neighborhood Association Direct: 512.657.5414 Fax: 512.495.9955 email. ted@legaldigest.com http://www.originalaustin.org

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From:	aliceglasco@mindspring.com	
Sent:	Monday, June 06, 2011 6:51 PM	
To:	Rye, Stephen	
Cc:	Michael Ginsberg	
Subject	: 510 W 8th Street - C14-2010-0207 - Response to PC Questions	A.

Stephen,

Below is a response to questions raised by the Planning Commission at its meeting of February 8, 2011:

1. **Question:** When was the existing building built (age)?

Response: The existing building, which has 3,640 square feet on a lot that is 7,400 square feet, was built in 1940 (71 years old).

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Response: The units (four), which are vacant, are approximately 910 square feet, each.

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Alice Glasco, President AG Consulting 5117 Valburn Court, Suite A Austin, Texas 78731 Email: <u>aliceglasco@mindspring.com</u> Work Phone: 512-231-8110 Fax: 512-857-0187 Cell: 512-626-4461

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From:Mike Mchone [mchone1234@sbcglobal.net]Sent:Friday, June 10, 2011 2:01 PMTo:'Ted Siff'; Astowell@aol.com; Rye, StephenCc:'Mike Mchone'Subject:FW: 510 W 8th Street (C14-2010-0207)

Greetings Mr. Siff,

It is imperative that this case be heard by the Planning Commission on June 14. I have been instructed to offer an additional condition to this rezoning request to satisfy some recent concerns that have been raised by board member(s) of the Original Austin Neighborhood Association. The applicant will agree to increasing the residential requirement to 50% of the square footage of the building that is constructed above 60ft in height. This email is our request for this provision to be added as a condition of the rezoning request and ask that City Staff make this as a modification to the original agreement. This will replace the 15% residential requirement with a 50% residential requirement for building square footage over 60 ft in height. All other conditions are to remain as originally agreed.

Respectfully,