Site Plan Appeal

1106 Lambie Street (SP-2013-0484 C) Water Front Planning Advisory Board
June 10, 2014

1. Appellant: Mike McHone Real Estate (by Mike McHone)
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2. Applicant: MX3 Homes LLC. (Sal Martinez)
Prossner & Associates (Kurt Prossner)

3. Decision Appealed: Waterfront Planning Advisory Board
Site Plan Variance for Impervious Cover 1106 Lambie Street

4. Date of Decision: Regular meeting of May 12, 2014

5. Appellant: Mike McHone Real Estate is the agent for the owner MX3 Homes LLC

6. Reasons:
1106 Lambie Street is located in the Festival Beach Sub-district of the Waterfront Overlay District (25-2-735). The variance request was for a variance from requirement (D) which limits the impervious cover to 40%. The request was for 55.45% impervious cover.

This property is located in the northern edge of the District (in the last block north of Lady Bird Lake).

The base district zoning is CS-MU-CO-NP which typically has a 95% impervious cover allowance. The Site Plan which has been reviewed and approved pending the granting of the requested variances is for the construction of four townhome units each with a separate carport and rear uncovered wooden deck.

The units are two stories, 3 bedroom units of 1652 sq ft. These multifamily units are designed to be sold as condominiums to families to live in the neighborhood. (See attached site plan)

The planning staff assigned to the Waterfront Planning and Advisory Board supported the variance requested. The proposed development is consistent with the goal and policies of the Town Lake Corridor Study in that it is providing housing in the center of the city.
Additionally, the project helps to implement Imagine Austin’s Priority Program for a Compact Connected Austin by promoting a mix of housing types and encouraging infill redevelopment opportunities that place residential land uses in proximity to maximize walking, biking, and transit opportunities.

The major feature driving the increased impervious cover increase is the read uncovered decks. The developer wants to make these small urban homes attractive to families by adding this amenity.

These homes will be one block from Sanchez Elementary and with 3 bedrooms, ideal for young families.

Finally, the Water Front Planning Advisory Board approved a variance for 62% impervious cover for a similar project in December of 2013 located at 1013 Lambie Street. (See attached).

Sincerely,

Mike McHone
NO CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY MAY BE ISSUED FOR THE PROPERTY UNTIL SUCH CONSTRUCTION FEATURES ARE COMPLETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CODE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS AND ANY OTHER STATE OR FEDERAL REGULATIONS CONCERNING CONSTRUCTION.

FULLY SHIELDED AND FULL-CUTOFF LIGHT FIXTURES RECOMMENDED

The following outdoor lighting applications shall be illustrated by fixtures that are both fully-shielded and full-cutoff.

1. Public street and pedestrian lighting
2. Parking lots
3. Pathways
4. Recreational areas
5. Sidewalks
6. Product display area lighting ends
7. Building entrances and open spaces.

NOTE: ALL LANDSCAPED AREAS AND EDGES TO BE PROTECTED FROM EXCESSIVE LIGHT GROWTH DESTRUCTION OR OTHER
APPROPRIATE CONTROL AS PER CODE 2.2.

NOTE: EXTERIOR LIGHTING ABOVE THE SECOND FLOOR IS PROHIBITED IN THE RS, LA, OR CR,

BUILDINGS LOCATED LESS THAN 10 FT. APART WILL REQUIRE CONSTRUCTION FEATURES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PERMITS.

NOTE: SCREENS FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND LANDING AREAS SHALL BE THE SAME AS,

NOTE: EACH COMPACT PARKING SPACE/WALK WILL BE SIGNED SMALL CAR ONLY.
WATERFRONT PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD
STAFF REPORT

WPAB DATE: May 12, 2014
CASE: 1106 Lambie Street (SP-2013-0484C)
APPLICANT: Prossner & Associates (Kurt M. Prossner, P.E.)
ZONING: CS-MU-CO-NP
REQUEST: To exceed the maximum allowable impervious cover of 40% in the Festival Beach Subdistrict

STAFF COMMENTS: The applicant proposes to construct four (4) two-story detached residential condominiums on a 0.189-acre lot, and requests to exceed the 40 percent maximum allowed within the Festival Beach Subdistrict of the Waterfront Overlay Combining District (LDC 25-2-735, Festival Beach Subdistrict Regulations). According to site plans submitted on December 18, 2013, 4,576 sq. ft. (or 55.45%) of impervious cover is proposed for this development.

DESCRIPTION OF PROCESS: As per LDC Section 25-2-713 (Variances), an applicant may request a variance from the Waterfront Planning Advisory Board, and may recommend approval of the variance after determining that:

1. The proposed project and variance are consistent with the goals and policies of the Town Lake Corridor Study, including environmental protection, aesthetic enhancement, and traffic; and
2. The variance is the minimum required by the peculiarities of the tract.

If the Board recommends approval of the variance, this recommendation will be forwarded to the Planning Commission, which will consider the variance at the next regularly-scheduled meeting for which notice can be provided.

If the Board recommends denial, the applicant may appeal the Board’s recommendation to the City Council.

SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION: To recommend approval of the request to provide a maximum of 55.45% impervious cover within the proposed multi-family development.
PLANNING COMMISSION
SITE PLAN WATERFRONT OVERLAY AND COMPATIBILITY WAIVER REQUEST
REVIEW SHEET


PROJECT NAME: 1013 Lambie Street

ADDRESS OF SITE: 1013 Lambie Street

APPLICANT: BDB Ventures and Associates, Inc. (Shawn Breedlove) (512) 368-4000

AGENT: Prossner and Associates (Kurt Prossner, P.E.) (512) 918-3343

AREA: 7,501 sq. ft.

WATERSHED: Lady Bird Lake (Urban)

WATERSHED ORDINANCE: Comprehensive Watershed Ordinance (urban)

C.I.P. STATUS: N/A

T.I.A.: N/A

CAPITOL VIEW: N/A

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:
The applicant is proposing to construct three single-family condominium units (1,684 sq. ft. each) with parking and garages. The development is taking access to Lambie Street.

EXISTING ZONING:
The property is zoned GR-MU-CO-NP, which allows for Condominium Residential use. The site plan complies with all components of the zoning ordinance, including the conditional overlay which limits traffic to no more than 2,000 trips per day.

DESCRIPTION OF WAIVERS:
Waiver request is as follows: LDC Section 25-2-735(D) Festival Beach Subdistrict Regulations:
For an area not included in a primary setback area or a secondary setback area, the maximum impervious cover is 40%.

The project is not included in the 150 foot required setback, with the rear of the site being 1,509 feet from Lady Bird Lake. The applicant requests a waiver from 40% to 66.18% impervious cover in order to accommodate the construction of three condominium units with the required parking. The Waterfront Planning Advisory Board recommends the variance with the total site impervious cover not to exceed 62%.

Waiver request is as follows: LDC Section 25-2-1064 Front Setback:
A building must have a front building line setback of at least 25 feet from a right-of-way if the tract on which the building is constructed adjoins property in an SF-5 or more restrictive zoning district.

The applicant requests a waiver from the 25-foot front setback to a 7-foot setback. The building façade maintains a 12-foot setback. There is a 5-foot covered front porch which requires the 7-foot setback. (Please note: Section 25-2-513(G) allows a covered porch open on three sides to project five feet into a required yard for MF-3 or more restrictive. Because this property has a base zoning of GR, this section does not apply and the applicant must request a 7-foot setback, rather than 12-foot).
accommodating range of side and rear setbacks for small sites, all sites adjacent to single-family have a 25-foot front setback requirement, regardless of the site size. Finally, this site has a base zoning of GR, which, under Subchapter E requirements, would otherwise require the building to be pulled up to the sidewalk, in order to encourage engagement between the building and the streetscape.

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PROJECT INFORMATION: 7,501 sq. ft.
EXIST. ZONING: GR-MU-CO-NP
MAX. BLDG. COVERAGE : 75%
MAX. IMPERV. CVRG.: 40%*
ALLOWED F.A.R.: 1:1
HEIGHT: 60’
REQUIRED PARKING: 6
PROPOSED ACCESS: Lambie Street

* Festival Beach Subdistrict Waterfront Overlay impervious cover limit

SUMMARY COMMENTS ON SITE PLAN:
Land Use:
The applicant is requesting a waiver from Waterfront Overlay impervious cover limit from 40% to 66.18% and a waiver from the compatibility standards front setback of 25’ to 7’ in order to construct three single-family condominium units. Condominium residential is a permitted use in GR-MU base zoning district. The conditional overlay in zoning ordinance C14-00-2102 limits trip generation to no more than 2,000 trips per day.

Environmental:
The site is located with the Lady Bird Lake watershed, which is classified as an Urban Watershed. There are no critical environmental features.

Transportation:
Access to the proposed site will be from Lambie Street. The proposed development did not require a TIA.

This administrative site plan will comply with all applicable requirements of the Land Development Code prior to its release. Staff recommends approval of the waiver.

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SURROUNDING CONDITIONS:
Zoning/ Land Use
North: Lambie Street, then LO-MU-CO-NP (Office. This site is directly across from the driveway into the office parking lot)
South: GR-MU-V-CO-NP (Auto Sales)
East: SF-3-NP (Duplex)
West: GR-MU--CO-NP (Vacant)

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Lambie Street  47'  25'  Local

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS:
Austin Heritage Tree Foundation
Austin Independent School District
Austin Monorail Project
Austin Neighborhoods Council
Bike Austin
Del Valle Community Coalition
Downtown Austin Neighborhood Assn. (DANA)
Downtown Austin Neighborhood Coalition
East River City Citizens
East Town Lake Citizens Neighborhood Org.
Festival Beach Community Garden
Friendly Fiends of Haskell Street
Greater East Austin Neighborhood Association
Guadalupe Neighborhood Development
Homeless Neighborhood Assn.
PODER
Preservation Austin
Save Town Lake.Org
SELTExAS
Sentral Plus East Austin Koalition (SPEAK)
Sierra Club, Austin Regional Group
Super Duper Neighborhood Objectors and Appealers Organization
Tejano Town
The Real estate Council of Austin, Inc.
United East Austin Coalition
Waller Creek Conservancy