

RESTRICTIVE COVENANT TERMINATION REVIEW SHEET

CASE: C14-79-171(RCT) – 501 E. 53rd Street

P.C. DATE: August 11, 2015

ADDRESS: 501 – 503 E. 53rd Street

DISTRICT AREA: 9

OWNER/APPLICANT: 501 E 53rd Street, LLC (Janet Belz)

AGENT: Land Use Solutions, LLC (Michele Haussmann)

EXISTING ZONING: GR-CO-NP

AREA: .5085 acres

SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends termination of the Restrictive Covenant.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

August 11, 2015; *Approved termination of the Restrictive Covenant, as recommended by Staff, by consent [J. Stevens / J. Schissler – 2nd](11-0). J. Thompson - ABSENT*

DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:

The subject tract is approximately .5 acres located on the south east corner of East 53rd Street and Duval Street and is in the North Loop Neighborhood. Development on the tract includes a 4854.95 sq. ft., 1-story commercial structure with an attached 2024.43 sq. ft. warehouse. The remainder of the lot is developed with surface-level, paved parking that is accessible by a curb cut from 53rd Street as well as from the alley that runs along the eastern property line. There is one additional curb cut with a paved driveway from Duval Street. This driveway does not give access the parking spaces on the property and instead, once served as the location of the trash dumpster. The structure on the property is currently vacant and has been for several years.

Originally, the subject property was comprised of 8 lots out of Block 22 of The Highlands Subdivision. In January of 1974, the property was re-subdivided under case no. C8S-74-30 to its current configuration as Lot A of the Glynn Addition, a subdivision recorded in Travis County in plat book 68, page 43. In 1979, the property was rezoned from Local Retail (LR) district zoning to General Retail (GR) district zoning under case no. C14-79-171. The property was developed in the 1980's in accordance with the site plan that attached a public Restrictive Covenant as part of the C14-79-171 zoning case (see Exhibit C). The Restrictive Covenant restricted development of the property to the approved site plan. In addition, the Restrictive Covenant restricted the uses shown on the site plan, which are warehouse, retail and office uses on the property.

The Owner would like to repurpose the existing structure primarily for a restaurant use and will also have an office in the warehouse portion of the building that is associated with the business of the restaurant. Additionally, the Owner is considering a small scale grocery store or bakery in a portion of the building. The Restrictive Covenant does not allow for a restaurant use, grocery store use, bakery use and therefore, the request is to terminate the Restrictive Covenant.

The subject property is located within the North Loop Neighborhood Planning Area. As part of the neighborhood plan adoption process, the subject property was rezoned from General Retail (GR) to

General Retail-Conditional Overlay-Neighborhood Plan (GR-CO-NP) combined district zoning. The conditional overlay 1.) designates this tract as an appropriate location for a neighborhood mixed use building; 2.) make the following uses conditional: congregate living and drive in services as an accessory use to a commercial use; 3.) prohibits automotive retail, automotive services, funeral services, medial offices (greater than 5,000 sq. ft.), residential treatment, automotive repair, exterminating services, hospital services (general), pawn shop services, and service stations. Per the neighborhood plan document, the vision for the 53rd Street corridor is to have a diverse mix of uses with a concentration of retail uses and including restaurants on the ground floor of structures so as to increase street activity. The neighborhood plan document and Future Land Use Map support the termination of the restrictive covenant as does the Northfield Neighborhood Association (see exhibit D). With this, Staff recommends termination of the Restrictive Covenant.

ISSUES: None at this time.

EXISTING ZONING AND LAND USES:

	ZONING	LAND USES
<i>Site</i>	GR-CO-NP	Vacant
<i>North</i>	LO-CO-NP	Office
<i>South</i>	SF-3-NP	Single-family Residential
<i>East</i>	SF-3-NP	Single-family Residential
<i>West</i>	SF-3-NP	Single-family Residential

NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AREA: North Loop

TIA: Not required.

WATERSHED: Waller Creek (urban)

DESIRED DEVELOPMENT ZONE: Yes

CAPITOL VIEW CORRIDOR: No

HILL COUNTRY ROADWAY: No

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS:

<i>Community Registry Name</i>	<i>ID</i>
Northfield Neighborhood Assn.	941
Central Austin Community Development Corporation	1391
Preservation Austin	1424
Austin Independent School District	742
North Austin Neighborhood Alliance	283
Austin Neighborhoods Council	511
The Real Estate Council of Austin, Inc.	1236
Austin Heritage Tree Foundation	1340
Friends of Austin Neighborhoods	1530
Sierra Club, Austin Regional Group	1228
Friends of Emma Barrientos MACC	1447
SEL Texas	1363
Bike Austin	1528
North Loop IBIZ District	1328

Sustainable Neighborhoods

1396

SCHOOLS: Ridgetop Elementary, Lamar Middle, McCallum High

CITY COUNCIL DATE:

ACTION:

September 10, 2015;

ORDINANCE READINGS: 1st

2nd

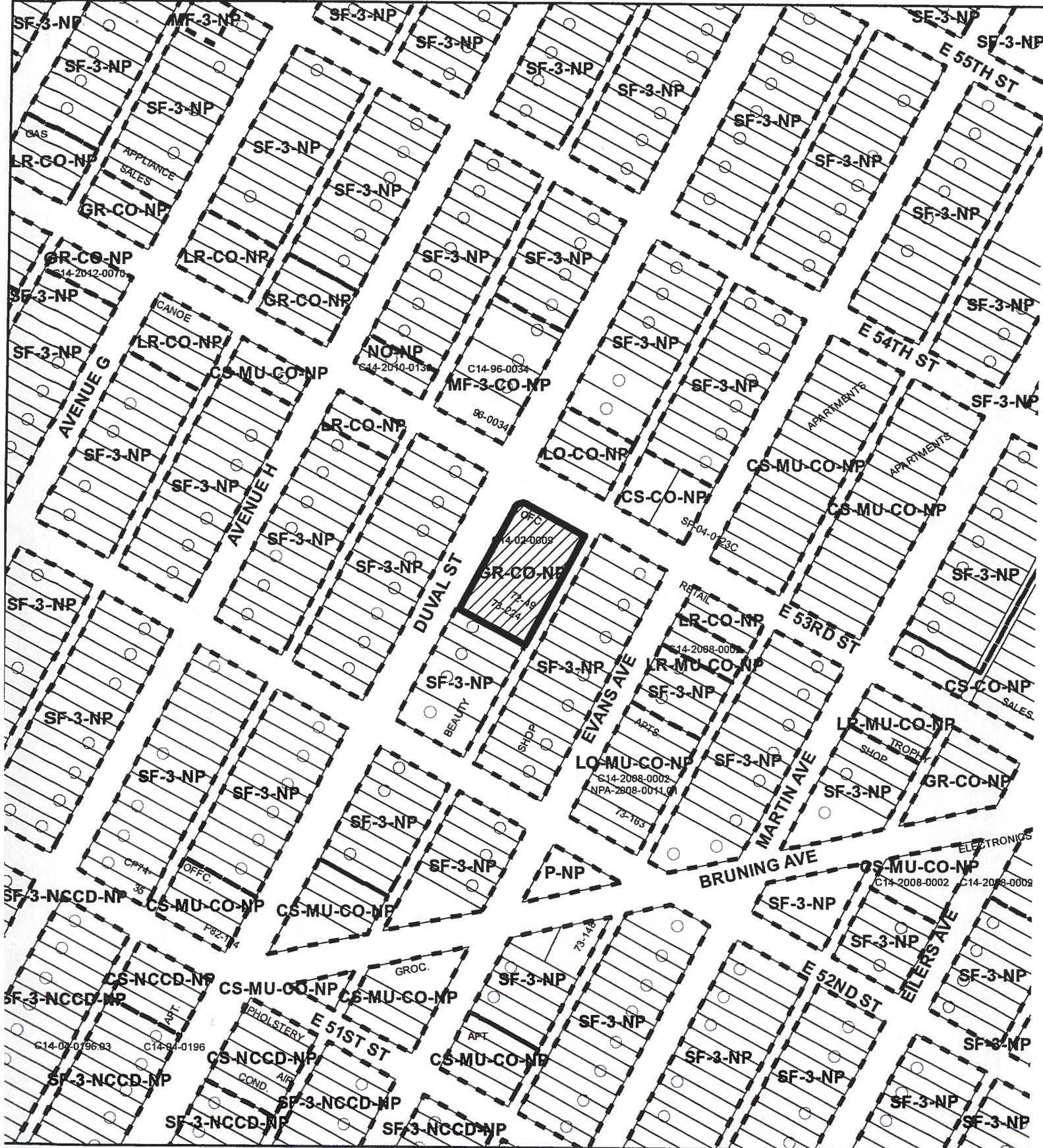
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ORDINANCE NUMBER:

CASE MANAGER: Tori Haase

PHONE: 512-974-7691

EMAIL: tori.haase@austintexas.gov



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-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

RESTRICTED COVENANT TERMINATION

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501 E 53rd Street

Exhibit A



1" = 200'

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1' = 400'



Subject Property

RESTRICTIVE COVENANT TERMINATION

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LOCATION: 501-503 E 53RD STREET

SUBJECT AREA: .5085 ACRES

MANAGER: TORI HAASE

Exhibit B



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RESTRICTIVE COVENANT

(C14-79-171)

Nov 5 79 RECHA-4271-2500

THE STATE OF TEXAS)
COUNTY OF TRAVIS)

2-15-4758

WHEREAS, WARREN C. BAIR of Travis County, Texas, is the owner of the following described property, to-wit:

Tract A, Glynn Addition, Lots 9-16, Block 22, The Highlands, Locally known as 5209-5213 Duval Street and 501-503 East 53rd Street; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin and Warren C. Bair have agreed that the above described property should be impressed with certain covenants and restrictions running with the land and desire to set forth such agreement in writing;

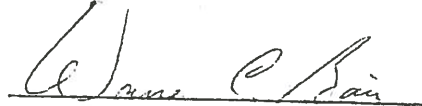
NOW, THEREFORE, WARREN C. BAIR for and in consideration of One and No/100 Dollars (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration in hand to the undersigned paid by the City of Austin, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, does hereby agree with respect to said property described above, such agreement to be deemed and considered as a covenant running with the land, and which shall be binding on him, his successors and assigns, as follows, to-wit:

1. No improvements shall be constructed on the above described property except those indicated on a site plan heretofore approved by the Austin City Council, a copy of which plan is attached hereto and made a part hereof, marked EXHIBIT A.
2. If any person, persons, corporation or entity of any other character shall violate or attempt to violate the foregoing agreement and covenant, it shall be lawful for the City of Austin, a municipal corporation, its successors and assigns, to prosecute proceedings at law, or in equity, against said person, or entity violating or attempting to violate such agreement or covenant and to prevent said person or entity from violating or attempting to violate such agreement or covenant.
3. If any part or provision of this agreement or covenant herein contained shall be declared invalid, by judgment or court order, the same shall in nowise affect any of the other provisions of this agreement, and such remaining portion of this agreement shall remain in full force and effect.
4. The failure at any time to enforce this agreement by the City of Austin, its successors and assigns, whether any violations hereof are known or not, shall not constitute a waiver or estoppel of the right to do so.

2-15-4759

5. This agreement may be modified, amended or terminated only by joint action of both (a) a majority of the members of the City Council of the City of Austin, and (b) by the owners, of the above described property at the time of such modification, amendment or termination.

EXECUTED, this the 15th day of October, 1979.



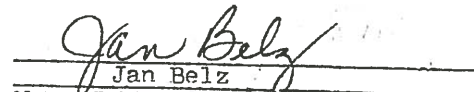
Warren C. Bair

THE STATE OF TEXAS)
)
COUNTY OF TRAVIS)

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, on this day personally appeared WARREN C. BAIR, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE, this the 15th day of October, 1979.

NOTARY SEAL



Jan Belz
Notary Public in and for Travis County,
Texas.
My commission expires: 10-10-80

2-15-1763



Exhibit C



Northfield Neighborhood Association

June 10, 2015

Mr. Jerry Rusthoven
City of Austin
Planning and Zoning Department
Via Electronic Mail Jerry.Rusthoven@austintexas.gov

Re: 501 E. 53rd Street – Home Slice Pizza

Dear Mr. Rusthoven:

Thank you for your time in considering the subject request for termination of a restrictive covenant. Home Slice Pizza and their representatives presented to us and we understand that the restrictive covenant placed on the property in 1979 prevents any uses other than office supply store/warehouse from making use of the property. As always, we encourage proactive communication with the community.

As the president of the Northfield Neighborhood Association (NNA), I'm able to inform you that the as a result of our meetings and deliberation, NNA voted unanimously to support the proposed termination of the restrictive covenant on the property located at 501 E. 53rd Street. The attendance at the two meetings at which we considered Home Slice's request was much higher than normal; and indicates that there was significant interest in the issue and that the vote was representative of the entire neighborhood's intent. Of particular note, all of the neighbors directly adjacent to the property that attended the meeting voted to support the request.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or comments. I will also be happy to serve as the contact for the association should others need additional information.

Warmest Regards,

Michael Wong, CPSM, LEED AP
President, Northfield Neighborhood Association
(512) 944-6370 (cel)

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Case Number: C14-79-171(RCT)

Contact: Tori Haase, 512-974-7691

Public Hearing: Aug 11, 2015, Planning Commission

Sep 10, 2015, City Council

Tosmida Dhalwa
Your Name (please print)

5310 Evans Ave

Your address(es) affected by this application

Dhalwa

Signature

Daytime Telephone: 949-278-1155

Date

7/26/15

☒ I am in favor
☐ I object

Comments:

I am in favor of this change. I believe having amenities in walking distance is a benefit for the community. Furthermore, having a restaurant is far more beneficial than just an office space.

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Tori Haase 8/11/15 public hearing

If you use this form to comment, it may be returned to:

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Planning & Zoning Department

Tori Haase

P. O. Box 1088

Austin, TX 78767-8810

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Kathleen Warren

Your Name (please print)

78751

5202 Duval St, Austin, TX

Your address(es) affected by this application

[Signature]

Signature

7/28/15

Date

Daytime Telephone: 512-952-0419

Comments: What will the hours of

the business be? Will there be

live music? What about parking

I see the online plot claims there

are 45 parking spaces - there

are not! More like 20, if

even that!

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LYDIA HASWOSZ DOTY

Your Name (please print)

5207 DUVAL STREET 78751

Your address(es) affected by this application

Lyn Hays Doty

Signature

Date

8-1-2015

Daytime Telephone: 512-925-9579

☐ I am in favor
☐ I object

Comments:

See attached.

THD

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Public Hearing: 8/11/2015 Planning Commission; 9/10/2015 City Council

RE: Notice of Public Hearing for a Restrictive Covenant Termination **501 E.53rd street**

COMMENTS:

In Favor

As the resident most directly impacted by this action because of the long property line that I share with the E. 53rd street property, I do not object to removing the restrictive covenant on it to allow for its transformation into a restaurant/grocery business. I welcome the termination if it can facilitate a responsible renovation of this decayed, vacant property in a fashion that will enhance the livability and vibrancy of the neighborhood.

However, my support is contingent upon the assurance that any re-development plans for this property conforms to the guidelines of the **North Loop Neighborhood Plan** that requires new commercial mixed uses to respect the residential uses of existing homes that share the area. Thus, I am relying on the prospective tenant Home Slices' pledge that its final site plan will situate its garbage dumpster in an alley location where it will not negatively impact the use and enjoyment of my home, harm existing trees or detract from the residential character of the neighborhood.

Thank You,

Lydia Hajnosz Doty
5207 Duval Street
Austin, TX 78751
8/1/2015

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Cindy Black

Your Name (please print)

5109 Evans Ave, Austin 78751

Your address(es) affected by this application

Cheryl Black

Signature

8-13-15

Date

Daytime Telephone: 512-600-4802

Comments: This restrictive site plan is outdated and for a use no longer optimal for our neighborhood. I am very excited about the potential change and that Home Slice Pizza has a very sensitive proposal for development. I think a small-scale, local restaurant at this site would be much appreciated and used by neighbors. Please allow them to develop their plans!

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Maylene T. Bird
Your Name (please print)

5307 Duval St

Your address(es) affected by this application

Maylene T. Bird

Signature

Date

Daytime Telephone: 512-914-4515

Comments: I called the owner to see what was being planned for the property. I wish a description of the building plans were always included on these forms. Thanks for including the phone number of the owner & the applicants.

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