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# PLANNING COMMISISON SITE PLAN WAIVER REQUEST REVIEW SHEET

CASE NUMBER: SP-2018-0186C PC HEARING DATE: Feb. 12, 2019

**PROJECT NAME:** Office at Oak Springs

**ADDRESS:** 3313 Oak Springs Drive

**COUNCIL DISTRICT #:** 3

OWNER/APPLICANT: 3133 Oak Springs, LLC (Chris Krager) (512) 374-0946

916 Springdale Road Bldg #5, Ste. 101

Austin, TX 78702

**ENGINEER:** Southwest Engineers, Inc. (512) 312-4336

205 Cimarron Park Loop, Ste B

Buda, TX 78610

CASE MANAGER: Rosemary Avila (512) 974-2784

Rosemary.avila@austintexas.gov

#### PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:

The applicant is proposing to construct four office buildings (each two-stories in height) with parking, sidewalks, utilities, a driveway, and other associated site improvements.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF WAIVERS:**

The applicant is requesting a waiver from § 25-2-1064 and § 25-2-1067(G). The site is subject to a 25' compatibility setback on the east property line and subject to a front setback of 25'. The proposed development is encroaching into the front setback for the building and side compatibility setback for the driveway. The proposed building is located 5' from the R.O.W. and the proposed driveway is located 5' from the eastern property line.

### **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.

#### § 25-2-1064 - 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:

- (1) adjoins property:
  - (a) in an urban family residence (SF-5) or more restrictive zoning district; or
  - (b) on which a use permitted in a SF-5 or more restrictive district is located; and
- (2) fronts on the same street as the adjoining property.

## § 25-2-1067 - DESIGN REGULATIONS.

- (G) Unless a parking area or driveway is on a site that is less than 125 feet wide, a parking area or driveway may not be constructed 25 feet or less from a lot that is:
  - (1) in an 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.

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#### **SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of the two waivers requested. The site has drainage constraints in the rear of the lot, which makes moving the building to the front of the lot a practical design decision. The LDC Compatibility Standards supersede the LDC Subchapter E: Design Standards. If this site wasn't located directly adjacent to a single family residence the applicant would have to build the site according to Urban Roadway standards (Subchapter E- 2.23) which requires the building to be built to up to the sidewalk. The site complies with all other compatibility standard requirements, such as lighting, screening, and building heights. All the exterior lighting will be hooded or shielded from the view of the adjacent single family property. The plans call out a vegetative buffer along the east property line for screening. The zoning allowance for the CS base district zoning is 60 feet. Due to this site being subject to compatibility standards the height allowance Office uses are considered an appropriate zone between the Airport Blvd corridor and the residential area.

## PROJECT INFORMATION:

TROUBET IN CRIMITION				
SITE AREA	48,308.04 square feet	1.109 acres		
EXISTING ZONING	CS-MU-NP			
WATERSHED	Boggy Creek			
WATERSHED ORDINANCE	Comprehensive Watershed Ordinance (Urban)			
TRAFFIC IMPACT ANALYSIS	Not required			
CAPITOL VIEW CORRIDOR	None			
PROPOSED ACCESS	Oak Springs Drive			
	Allowed	Proposed		
FLOOR-AREA RATIO	2:1	.48:1		
BUILDING COVERAGE	95%	26.8%		
IMPERVIOUS COVERAGE	95%	79.8%		
PARKING	45	46		

# **EXISTING SURROUNDING ZONING AND LAND USES:**

	ZONING	LAND USES
Site	CS-MU-NP	Admin & Business Offices
North	Oaks Springs Drive	R.O.W.
South	CS-MU-NP	Wells Fargo Bank
East	SF-3-NP	Single Family
	CS-MU-NP	Freedom Home Baptist Church
West	CS-MU-NP	Vacant
	CS-MU-NP	Convenience store

# **ABUTTING STREETS:**

Street	Right-of-Way Width	Pavement Width	Classification
Oaks Springs Drive	78'	42'	Minor Arterial

# **NEIGHBORHOOD ORGNIZATIONS:**

African American Cultural Heritage District Austin Independent School District Austin Innercity Alliance Austin Neighborhoods Council Bike Austin Black Improvement Association Claim Your Destiny Foundation Del Valle Community Coalition 3313 Oak Springs Drive

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Preservation Austin

Rosewood Neighborhood Plan Contact Team

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Springdale-Airport Neighborhood Association

**United East Austin Coalition** 

# Item C-12



August 9, 2018

To: Rosemary Avila

Fr: Chris Krager, AIA/KRDB

Re: SP-2018-0186C - Compatibility Setback Variance

Rosemary,

With regard to the above Site Plan application, we would like to apply for two variances to the compatibility setback requirements.

We are requesting two variances:

- 1. SP4 Reduction of the 25' setback to the east edge of the property to 5' in order to construct our entry drive in this location (25-2-1067).
- 2. SP10 Reduction of the required front yard setback per (25-2-1064) from 25' to 5'.

The primary challenge for this site has been figuring out a way to develop and engineer it in order to be able to have the COA release the existing drainage easement, which covers 75% of the lot. After two years, and probably 18 meetings with COA staff, we believe we have a solution that works. I would also like to point out that we are developing the site well under its development potential (about 25% of allowed).

The situation created by the severely undersized storm water drainage pipe that runs under our site, below Airport Blvd, and to the regional detention facility to the west requires that we convey a significant amount of water through our site. This will be accomplished through the construction of a very expensive sub-grade detention pond (estimated at \$300K). This pond only manages the conveyance. Our required detention to handle development impact will be contained in the parking lot to the south of the building.

The complexity of the drainage situation, and the existing infrastructure, leaves little option from a building layout/site plan perspective. We have worked very hard, for two years, to develop a design to accommodate the drainage requirements, as well as a building that will be an asset to the neighborhood.

The requested variance for the driveway to the east has little or no impact on the adjacent property, and will be mitigated by a fence and landscaping. The variance for the front yard setback we would argue is keeping the project in the spirit of the adopted neighborhood plan, and creating a pedestrian oriented streetscape, as well as being appropriate by its scale (only two stories) and location as a transition from a fairly heavy commercial/industrial zone to a lower density residential area.

Regards,

Chris Krager, AIA Principal, KRDB



