

ITEM FOR ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION AGENDA

COMMISSION MEETING DATE:	October 16, 2019
NAME & NUMBER OF PROJECT:	SP-2018-0567C Zully's B&B
NAME OF APPLICANT OR ORGANIZATION:	Phil Moncada – Moncada Enterprises Kerri Pena , PE– Green Civil Design (Civil Engineer)
LOCATION:	8104 Posten Lane
COUNCIL DISTRICT:	10
ENVIRONMENTAL Review staff:	Jonathan Garner Environmental Review Program Coordinator, DSD 512-974-1665 Jonathan.Garner@austintexas.gov
WATERSHED:	Carson Creek, Suburban, Desired Development Zone
R EQUEST:	Variance request is as follows: Request to vary from LDC 25-8-261 to allow development within a Critical Water Quality Zone
Staff Recommendation:	Staff does not recommend this variance, having determined that the findings of fact have not been met.

Staff Findings of Fact and Exhibits



Development Services Department Staff Recommendations Concerning Required Findings

Project Name:	SP-2018-0567C Zully's B&B
Ordinance Standard:	Watershed Protection Ordinance
Variance Request:	To allow development in a Critical Water Quality Zone

Include an explanation with each applicable finding of fact.

- A. Land Use Commission variance determinations from Chapter 25-8-41 of the City Code:
 - 1. The requirement will deprive the applicant of a privilege available to owners of similarly situated property with approximately contemporaneous development subject to similar code requirements.

No The site has a large portion of developable uplands that will allow for the proposed development. Additionally, the applicant was encouraged to follow guidance for the Redevelopment Exception in a Suburban Watershed (LDC 25-8-25), but elected to not propose development under those regulations.

- 2. The variance:
 - a) Is not necessitated by the scale, layout, construction method, or other design decision made by the applicant, unless the design decision provides greater overall environmental protection than is achievable without the variance;
 - No The site has a large portion of developable uplands that will allow for the proposed development without adverse impacts to the critical water quality zone, however, the design decision made by the applicant proposes development that is not allowed in a critical water quality zone.
 - b) Is the minimum deviation from the code requirement necessary to allow a reasonable use of the property;
 - No The proposed development within the critical water quality zone is not allowed, and as proposed, increases the developed area footprint within the critical water quality zone where there is no existing development.

- c) Does not create a significant probability of harmful environmental consequences.
 - No The proposed development within the critical water quality zone will increase the developed area footprint within the critical water quality zone where there is no existing development, thereby removing pervious area and existing vegetation of natural character associated with a critical water quality zone.
- 3. Development with the variance will result in water quality that is at least equal to the water quality achievable without the variance.
 - Yes The proposed development will achieve water quality at least equal to that achievable without the variance by utilizing existing, functioning on-site water quality facilities.
- B. The Land Use Commission may grant a variance from a requirement of Section 25-8-422 (Water Supply Suburban Water Quality Transition Zone), Section 25-8-452 (Water Supply Rural Water Quality Transition Zone), Section 25-8-482 (Barton Springs Zone Water Quality Transition Zone), Section 25-8-368 (Restrictions on Development Impacting Lake Austin, Lady Bird Lake, and Lake Walter E. Long), or Article 7, Division 1 (Critical Water Quality Zone Restrictions), after determining that::
 - 1. The criteria for granting a variance in Subsection (A) are met;
 - No The proposed development within the critical water quality zone is not allowed, and as proposed, increases the developed area footprint within the critical water quality zone where there is no existing development.
 - 2. The requirement for which a variance is requested prevents a reasonable, economic use of the entire property;
 - No The site has a large portion of developable uplands that will allow for the proposed development without adverse impacts to the critical water quality zone.
 - 3. The variance is the minimum deviation from the code requirement necessary to allow a reasonable, economic use of the entire property.
 - No The proposed development within the critical water quality zone is not allowed, and as proposed, increases the developed area footprint within the critical water quality zone where there is no existing development.

Staff Determination: Staff determines that the findings of fact have not been met.

Environmental Reviewer (DSD)

Jonathan Garner

Environmental Review Manager (DSD) Mike McDougal

Environmental Officer (WPD)

(print name)

Date: 10-01-2019

Date: 10-02-2019

Date: 10/03/2019

Applicant Form and Findings of Fact



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION VARIANCE APPLICATION FORM

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Applicant Contact Information

Name of Applicant	Phil Moncada
Street Address	1301 S IH 35 Ste 204
City State ZIP Code	Austin, TX 78741
Work Phone	512-627-8815
E-Mail Address	moncadataz@gmail.com
Variance Case Informa	ation
Case Name	Zully's Bed & Bath
Case Number	SP-2018-0567C
Address or Location	8104 Posten Lane
Environmental Reviewer Name	Jonathan Garner
Environmental Resource Management Reviewer Name	Staryn J. Wagner
Applicable Ordinance	25-8-261
Watershed Name	Carson Creek
Watershed Classification	Urban X Suburban Water Supply Suburban Water Supply Rural Barton Springs Zone

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Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone	 Barton Springs Segment Northern Edwards Segment X Not in Edwards Aquifer Zones 	
Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone	□ Yes X No	
Distance to Nearest Classified Waterway	300	
Water and Waste Water service to be provided by	COA	
Request	The variance request is as follows (Cite code references:	

Impervious cover	Existing	Proposed
square footage:	60	60
acreage:		.63
percentage:		
Provide general description of the property (slope range, elevation range, summary of vegetation / trees, summary of the geology, CWQZ, WQTZ, CEFs, floodplain, heritage trees, any other notable or outstanding characteristics of the property)	This site has been previously developed and warehouse and existing buildings on the site already installed the required water quality p fairly flat with an MSL of 101 to 107 elevation northern portion of the property. The sloped minimal tree coverage with no heritage tree are more than 300 linear feet from the classi Creek. There are no CEFs on the site but a we downstream of the culvert that provides acco poor condition and has not been maintained crossing that also includes a flood gauge. The decrease the impervious cover and the new approximately 8ft from the northern proper ae 1.86 ft from the northern property line.	Th previous development has bond for this site. The subject tract is ns that gently slope towards the d on this site are 0-15%. The site has s on or near the subject tract and we ified waterway known as Carson etland was located in the waterway ess to the site. The roadway is in d by the COA other than the drainage e re-development will slightly building will be elevated and moved

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FINDINGS OF FACT

As required in LDC Section 25-8-41, in order to grant a variance the Land Use Commission must make the following findings of fact:

Include an explanation with each applicable finding of fact.

Project: Zully' s Bed & Breakfast

Ordinance:

A. Land Use Commission variance determinations from Chapter 25-8-41 of the City Code:

 The requirement will deprive the applicant of a privilege available to owners of similarly situated property with approximately contemporaneous development subject to similar code requirements.

No [with the new building being located 8' from northern property line vs. existing 1.86' from nothern property line]

- 2. The variance:
 - a) Is not necessitated by the scale, layout, construction method, or other design decision made by the applicant, unless the design decision provides greater overall environmental protection than is achievable without the variance;

Yes/No [W.P.D is already in place and we will maintain some footprint for building . Foundation to utilize distance.] See Response#1

b) Is the minimum deviation from the code requirement necessary to allow a reasonable use of the property;

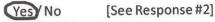
Yes No [See Response #1 and our buffer setback is being met. We are over 300 LF from waterway]

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 Does not create a significant probability of harmful environmental consequences.

Yes) No [setbacks are being met. Minimal disturbance since footprint of bldg is being moved further away]

3. Development with the variance will result in water quality that is at least equal to the water quality achievable without the variance.



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Additional Land Use Commission variance determinations for a requirement of Section 25-8-422 (Water Quality Transition Zone), Section 25-8-452 (Water Quality Transition Zone), Article 7, Division 1 (Critical Water Quality Zone Restrictions), or Section 25-8-368 (Restrictions on Development Impacting Lake Austin, Lady Bird Lake, and Lake Walter E. Long):

- 1. The criteria for granting a variance in Subsection (A) are met;
 - No [Project is removing old structures from site and elevation. New structure to meet code requirements as it relates to floodplain regulations that are currently being updated by COA]
- 2. The requirement for which a variance is requested prevents a reasonable, economic use of the entire property;

(res) No [without construction of these new buildings, we cannot develop project.moving further away from CWQZ with new building.]

3. The variance is the minimum deviation from the code requirement necessary to allow a reasonable, economic use of the entire property.

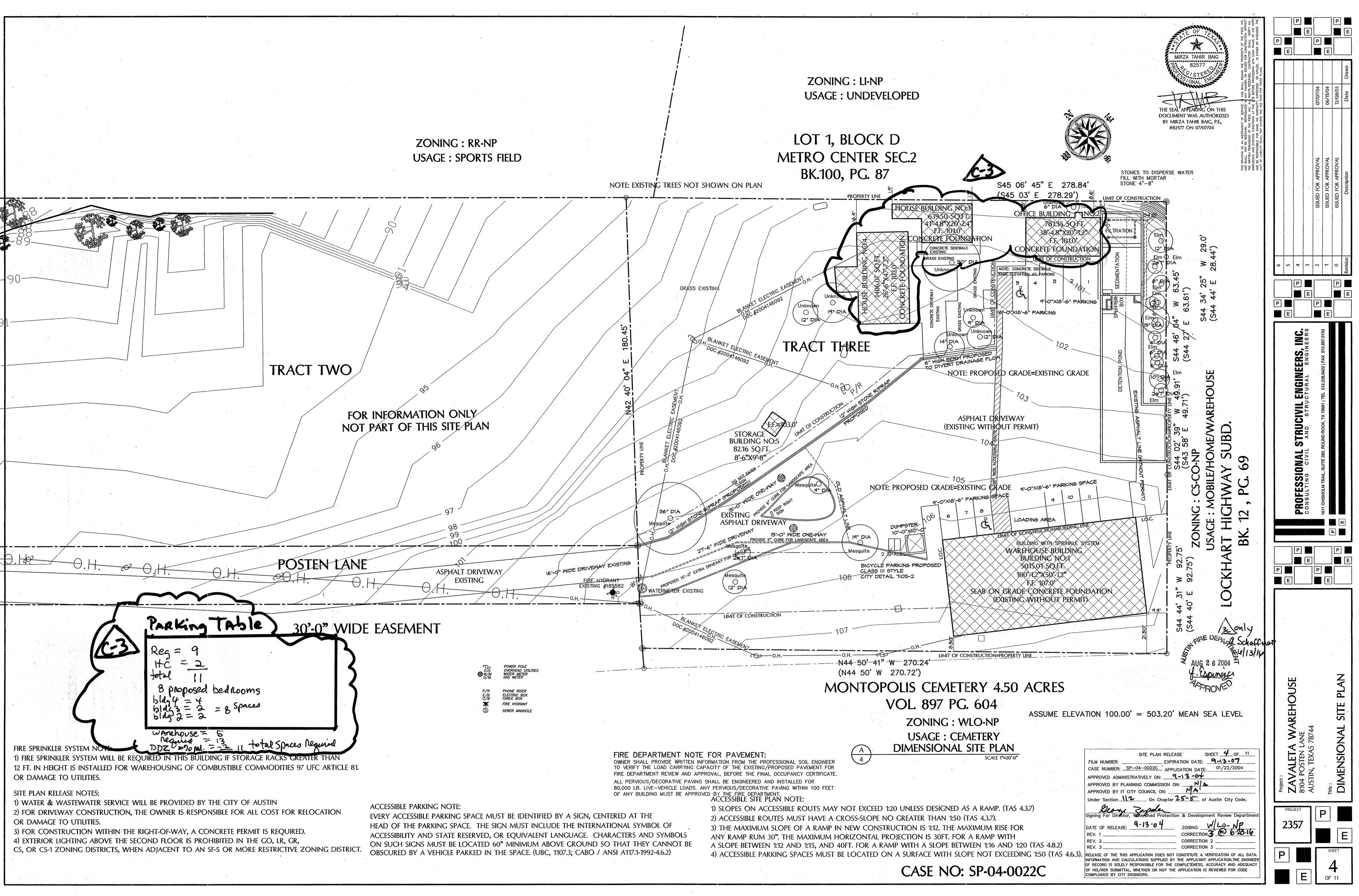


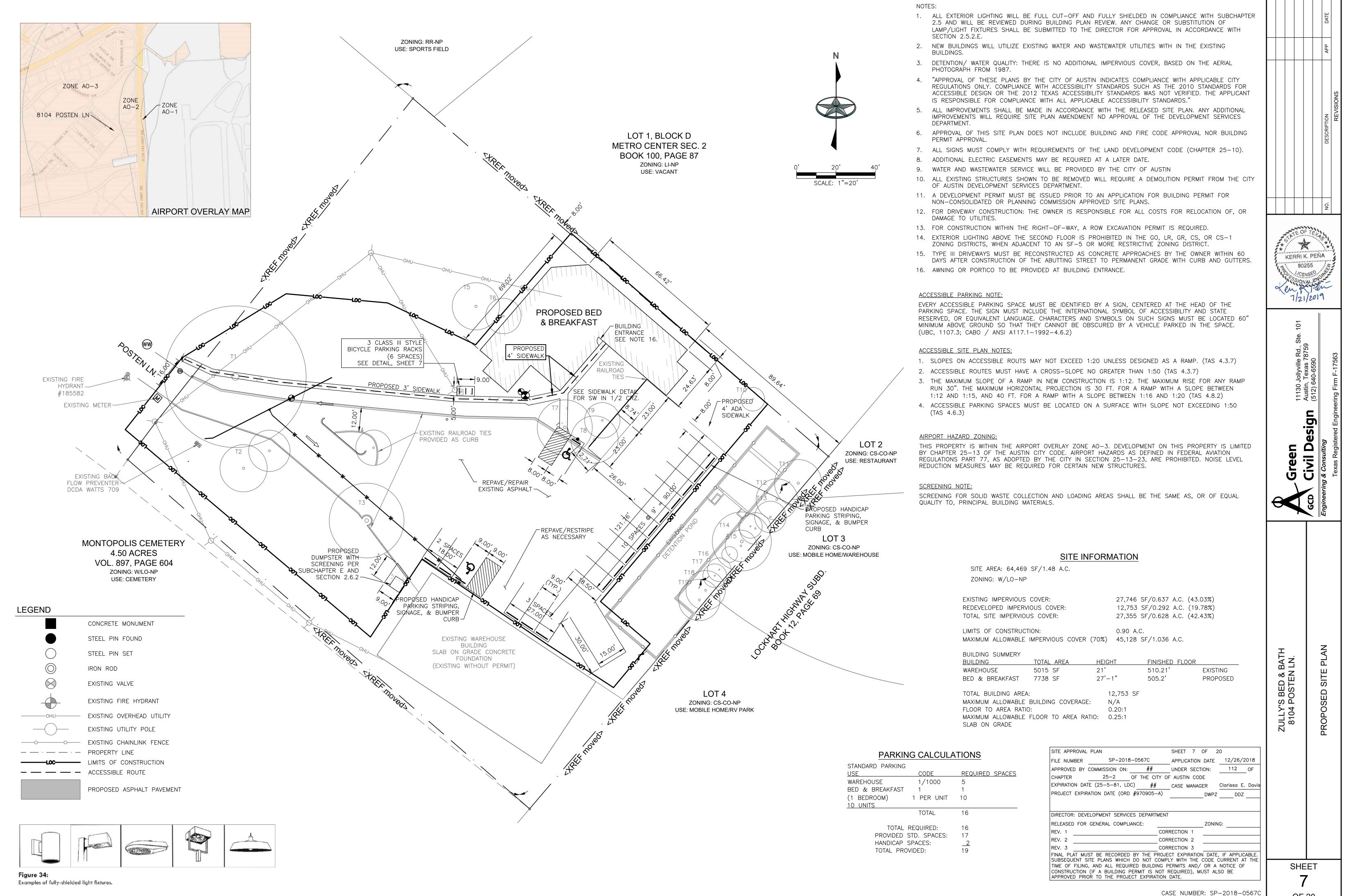
 [Redeveloping an existing site that has allowed these previous encroachments]

**Variance approval requires all above affirmative findings.

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Applicant Exhibits





CASE	NUMBER:	SP-2018-05670

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		Case No.: (City inscontry)
		Environmental Resource Inventory For the City of Austin Related to LDC 25-8-121, City Code 30-5-121, ECM 1.3.0 & 1.10.0
		ERI is required for projects that meet one or more of the criteria listed in LDC 25-8-121(A), City Code 30-5-121(A).
	1.	SITE/PROJECT NAME: ZAVALETA WAREHOUSE & BED & BREAKFAST
	2.	COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT PROPERTY ID (#'s):
	3.	ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PROJECT:
	4.	WATERSHED: CARSON
	5.	THIS SITE IS WITHIN THE (Check all that apply) Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone* (See note below) Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone* Edwards Aquifer 1500 ft Verification Zone* Barton Spring Zone* *(as defined by the City of Austin - LDC 25-8-2 or City Code 30-5-2)
×		Note: If the property is over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge zone, the Hydrogeologic Report and karst surveys must be completed and signed by a Professional Geoscientist Licensed in the State of Texas.
	6.	DOES THIS PROJECT PROPOSE FLOODPLAIN MODIFICATION?
		 (1) The floodplain modifications proposed are necessary to protect the public health and safety; (2) The floodplain modifications proposed would provide a significant, demonstrable environmental benefit, as determined by a functional assessment of floodplain health as prescribed by the Environmental Criteria Manual (ECM), or
		 (3) The floodplain modifications proposed are necessary for development allowed in the critical water quality zone under LDC 25-8-261 or 25-8-262, City Code 30-5-261 or 30-5-262. (4) The floodplain modifications proposed are outside of the Critical Water Quality Zone in an area determined to be in poor or fair condition by a functional assessment of floodplain health.
		** If yes, then a functional assessment must be completed and attached to the ERI (see ECM 1.7 and Appendix X for forms and guidance) unless conditions 1 or 3 above apply.
	7.	IF THE SITE IS WITHIN AN URBAN OR SUBURBAN WATERSHED, DOES THIS PROJECT PROPOSE A UTILITY LINE PARALLEL TO AND WITHIN THE CRITICAL WATER QUALITY ZONE?
		***If yes, then riparian restoration is required by LDC 25-8-261(E) or City Code 30-5-261(E) and a functional assessment must be completed and attached to the ERI (see ECM1.5 and Appendix X for forms and guidance).
	8.	There is a total of $\frac{0}{(\#s)}$ Critical Environmental Feature(s)(CEFs) on or within150 feet of the project site. If CEF(s) are present, attach a detailed DESCRIPTION of the CEF(s), color PHOTOGRAPHS , the CEF WORKSHEET and provide DESCRIPTIONS of the proposed CEF buffer(s) and/or wetland mitigation. Provide the number of each type of CEFs on or within 150 feet of the site (<i>Please provide the number of CEFs</i>):

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Description of Site Topography and Drainage (Attach additional sheets if needed):

Site was developed under SP-04-0022C. Site elevations range from 100 MSL to 107 MSL. Existing water Quality Pond. Drainage sheet flows from parking areas to pond.

List surface geologic units below:

Group	Formation	Member
midway	Navarro Taylor	Kgac

Brief description of site geology (Attach additional sheets if needed):

Terrace deposits are of pleistocene age. These consist of gravel, sand, silt, and clay. Sometimes cemented with calcium carbonate with the coarser materials concentrated at the base.

Wells - Identify all recorded and unrecorded wells on site (test holes, monitoring, water, oil, unplugged, capped and/or abandoned wells, etc.):

There are $\frac{0}{4}$ (#) wells present on the project site and the locations are shown and labeled

 $\frac{0}{0}$ (#'s)The wells are not in use and have been properly abandoned.

___(#s)The wells are not in use and will be properly abandoned.

(#s)The wells are in use and comply with 16 TAC Chapter 76.

There are $\frac{0}{4}$ (#'s) wells that are off-site and within 150 feet of this site.

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	ophytic plant species	Watland
Common Name	Scientific Name	Wetland Indicator Status

A tree survey of all trees with a diameter of at least eight inches measured four and onehalf feet above natural grade level has been completed on the site. YES INO (Check one).

12. WASTEWATER REPORT - Provide the information requested below.

Wastewater for the site will be treated by (Check of that Apply):

- On-site system(s)
- City of Austin Centralized sewage collection system
- Other Centralized collection system

Note: All sites that receive water or wastewater service from the Austin Water Utility must comply with City Code Chapter 15-12 and wells must be registered with the City of Austin

The site sewage collection system is designed and will be constructed to in accordance to all State, County and City standard specifications. YES INO (Check one).

Calculations of the size of the drainfield or wastewater irrigation area(s) are attached at the end of this report or shown on the site plan.

Wastewater lines are proposed within the Critical Water Quality Zone? ____YES ___NO (Check one). If yes, then provide justification below:

