# PLANNING COMMISISON SITE PLAN – COMPATIBILITY VARIANCES ONLY

CASE NUMBER: SP-2021-0102C PC HEARING DATE: May 10th, 2022

**PROJECT NAME:** 1400 Cedar Ave

**ADDRESS:** 1400 Cedar Ave

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 1

OWNER/APPLICANT: Urban Gravity (512) 259-6877

5110 Lancaster Ct Austin, TX 78723

**ENGINEER:** Civilitude LLC (Alejandra Flores) (512) 761-6161

5110 Lancaster Ct Austin, TX 78723

CASE MANAGER: Zack Lofton (512) 978-1735

zack.lofton@austintexas.gov

NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN: Chestnut Neighborhood Plan Area

#### PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:

The applicant is proposing to redevelop 2 lots with commercial land uses zoned CS-MU-V-CO-NP into a 5-unit Condominium Residential land use with parking, bike parking and public sidewalk improvements.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF WAIVER:**

This item was a discussion item at the April 12<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission meeting, and the applicant has made adjustments to their proposed site plan based on the Planning Commission and community feedback. The applicant is requesting a waiver from § 25-2-1063. This site is subject to a 25' compatibility setback and the proposed development is encroaching into the 25' setback on the north and west property lines. Additionally, a portion of the site is subject to compatibility height limitations that start at 30' (and 2 stories) and the two westernmost proposed units would exceed their 30' limit at 36' (and 3 stories). The west property line abuts an alley with an SF-3 property with a 5' rear setback on the opposite side of the alley and the north property line abuts an SF-3 property with a 5' interior side yard setback. After the previous meeting's discussion, the applicant is now proposing to reorient their site with 5 units (36' height and 3 stories) being setback 20' from the west property line and 29' from the north property line. The driveway approach is being proposed 5' from the northern property line. If approved, this waiver will not impact sightlines at the intersection of 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Cedar Avenue.

#### **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 on which a use permitted in a SF-5 or more restrictive zoning district is located.

§ 25-2-1063 - HEIGHT LIMITATIONS AND SETBACKS FOR LARGE SITES.

- (A) This section applies to a site that has:
  - (1) an area that exceeds 20,000 square feet; or
  - (2) a street frontage that exceeds 100 feet.
- (B) In this section, the term "structure" excludes a rain garden using no concrete that is designed in accordance with the Environmental Criteria Manual. A person may not construct a structure 25 feet or less from property:
  - (1) in an urban family residence (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

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

Staff does not recommend approval of the compatibility setback and height waiver request because the Planning Commission is not permitted to approve this waiver in this context. According to § 25-2-1081, the Planning Commission may approve a waiver of a height restriction imposed by § 25-2-1063 only if certain requirements are met, and the proposed site plan does not meet the listed requirements.

#### PROJECT INFORMATION

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TROJECT INFORMATION			
TOTAL SITE AREA	12,095 sq. ft.	0.2777 acres	
EXISTING ZONING	CS-MU-V-CO-NP		
WATERSHED	Boggy Creek (Urban	1)	
WATERSHED ORDINANCE	Comprehensive Wat	ershed Ordinance	
TRAFFIC IMPACT ANALYSIS	Not required		
CAPITOL VIEW CORRIDOR	None		
PROPOSED ACCESS	Cedar Avenue		
	Allowed/Required	Existing	Proposed
FLOOR-AREA RATIO	2:1	0.35:1	1.05:1
BUILDING COVERAGE	95%	4,270 sf / 35.3%	5,085 sf / 42.1%
IMPERVIOUS COVERAGE	80%	11,788 sf /	9,434 sf / 78%
		97.46%	
PARKING	9	6	10

<sup>\*</sup>A 20% parking reduction is permitted in the urban core and Subchapter E permits parking reductions.

#### **EXISTING ZONING AND LAND USES**

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	ZONING	LAND USES
Site	CS-MU-V-CO-NP	Commercial
North	SF-3-NP	Single-family residential
South	SF-3-NP	14 <sup>th</sup> Street then single-family residential with accessory dwelling unit
East	CS-MU-V-CO-NP	Cedar Avenue then Commercial
West	SF-3-NP	Alley then single-family residential with accessory dwelling unit

#### **ABUTTING STREETS**

Street	Right-of-Way Width	Pavement Width	Classification
Cedar Avenue	50 feet	30 feet	Local City Street
14 <sup>th</sup> Street	50 feet	30 feet	Local City Street

#### **NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS:**

Austin Independent School District Austin Lost and Found Pets Austin Neighborhoods Council 1400 Cedar Ave 1400 Cedar Ave SP-2021-0102C

Chestnut Addition Neighborhood Assn. (C.A.N.A.)
Chestnut Neighborhood Plan Contact Team
Chestnut Neighborhood Revitalization Corporation (CNRC)
Del Valle Community Coalition
East Austin Conservancy
Friends of Austin Neighborhoods
Homeless Neighborhood Association
Neighborhood Empowerment Foundation
Neighbors United for Progress
Preservation Austin
SELTexas
Sierra Club, Austin Regional Group

April 22, 2022

To: Zack Lofton

Development Services Department

Re: Compatibility Setback Waiver

**1400 Cedar Ave** (SP-2021-0102C) 1400 Cedar Ave, Austin, TX 78702

Dear Mr. Lofton,

On behalf of our client, Urban Gravity LLC, we are submitting a waiver request for the 1400 Cedar Ave project. We are requesting the following waiver to the Land Development Code to make the project feasible:

Request: Allow to reduce the 25' no build setback to 5'
Allow to increase height from 30' or 2 stories to 36' or 3 stories within the 50' setback [LDC 25.2.1063].

The site is composed of 2 tracts of land adding up to 0.28 acres zoned CS-MU-V-CO-NP, surrounded by SF-3-NP properties. If it were to comply with compatibility standards, this site would be forced to be developed within 0.16-acres. To achieve this density, the unit configuration would be forced to be denser in a more compact layout. Constructing townhomes within these standards is not feasible.

We would like to request that the compatibility standards are modified to reduce the no build zone from 25' to 5' and increase the height limitation from 30' or 2 stories height limitation to 36' or 3 stories from 5' to 50' from the properties triggering compatibility, and so forth. Attached to this letter is the proposed building elevations sheet.

We believe this request does not disrupt the neighborhood's feel and meets the intent of the code, such that no high density or commercial developments occur in a near proximity to a single-family lot. The proposed density is 5 homes for two commercial lots.

Please accept this letter as our official request. If you have any questions, please call us at 512-761-6161.

Sincerely,

Alejandra Flores Project Engineer



April 22, 2022

Denise Lucas City of Austin Permitting and Development Center 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Dr. Austin, TX 78752

Re: Engineer's Summary Letter
Site Plan Application
1400 Cedar Avenue, Austin, Texas 78702

Dear Ms. Lucas,

On behalf of our client, we are submitting an enclosed Site Plan Development Permit application package for 1400 Cedar Ave. The project proposes 5 single-family detached condominium units on a 0.2776-acre property located within the Full-Purpose jurisdiction of the City of Austin. No portion of the site is within the 100-year floodplain, and the site is outside Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone.

The site contains two legal lots (TCAD Parcels 0210111413 and 0210111412) and is platted under Vol. 2 Page 154. The property is located within the Boggy Creek Watershed, classified as Urban. The site is zoned CS-MU-V-CO-NP and is within the City of Austin's Chestnut Neighborhood Planning Area. An RSMP application is not required since the impervious cover onsite seems to be dated back in the 1950s-1960s. A request for fee in-lieu of water quality will be submitted with the formal submittal, since the site is less than 0.5 acres. Drainage pattern remains the same as existing conditions and runoff intensity will be reduced by the proposed development.

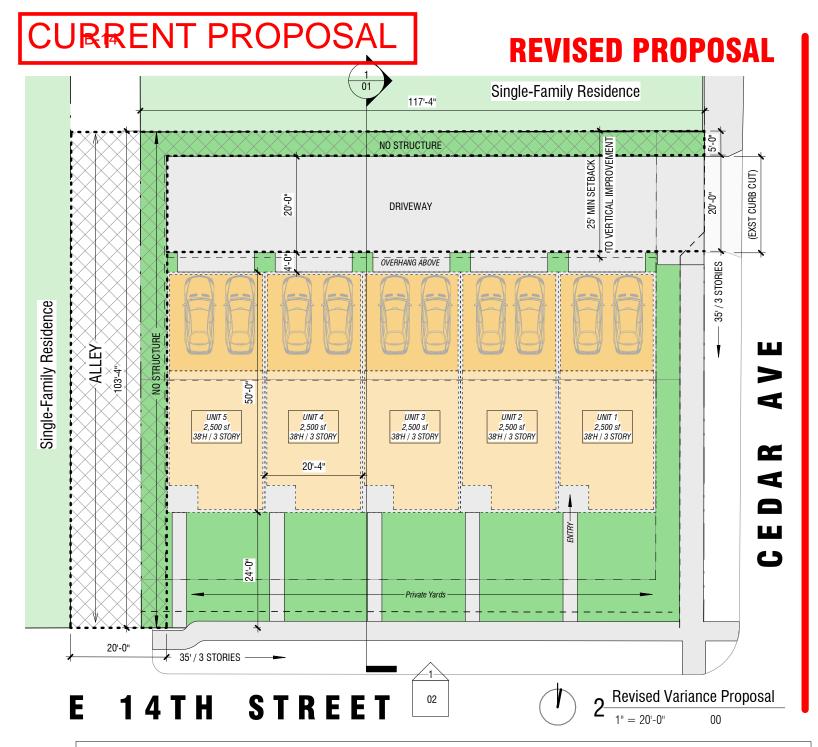
The site is currently developed with single-family homes on both lots. The site has frontage and existing driveways on Cedar Avenue and 14<sup>th</sup> St. All parking requirements are met on site. Proposed building and improvements will be served by the existing City of Austin's Utility.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 512-761-6161.

Sincerely,



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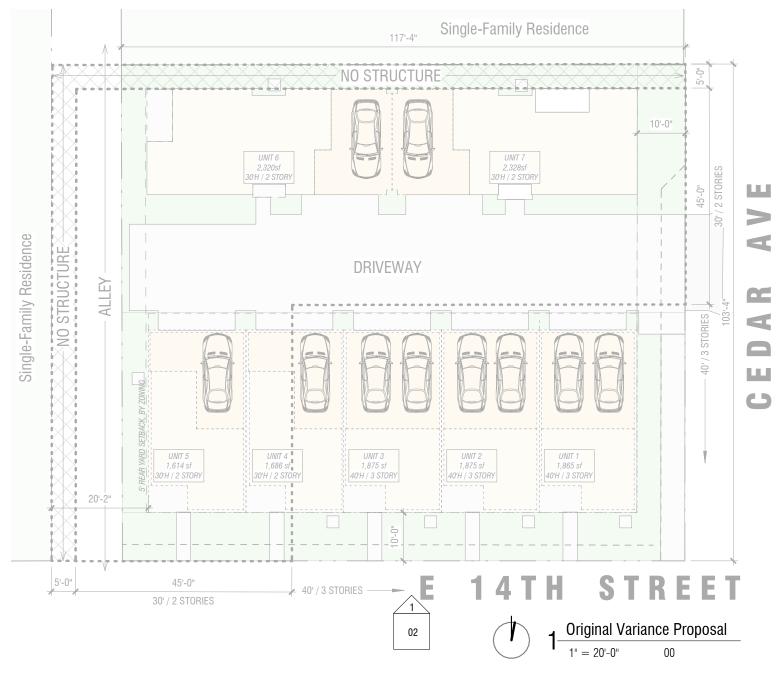
#### **SUMMARY**

- ELIMINATE 2 UNITS (5 INSTEAD OF 7): REDUCE DENSITY, IMPERVIOUS COVER, AND TRAFFIC IMPACT
   (EXISTING IMPERVIOUS @ 90-95%, 95% ALLOWED BY ZONING, 75%-80% ANTICIPATED)
- ADDED DISTANCE & IMPROVED SIGHTLINES FROM THE DRIVEWAY TO 14TH & CEDAR INTERSECTION
- INCREASED PARKING PER UNIT (2 EACH)
- 24' FRONT SETBACK WITH PRIVATE YARDS, IN KEEPING WITH NEIGHBORHOOD RESIDENTIAL CHARACTER
- NO VERTICAL STRUCTURE WITHIN 25' OF NORTH PROPERTY LINE (ON-GRADE IMPROVEMENT ONLY)
- 20' SETBACK FROM WEST NEIGHBOR ACROSS THE ALLEY
- 35' & 3 STORIES ALLOWED WITHIN THE BUILDABLE AREA



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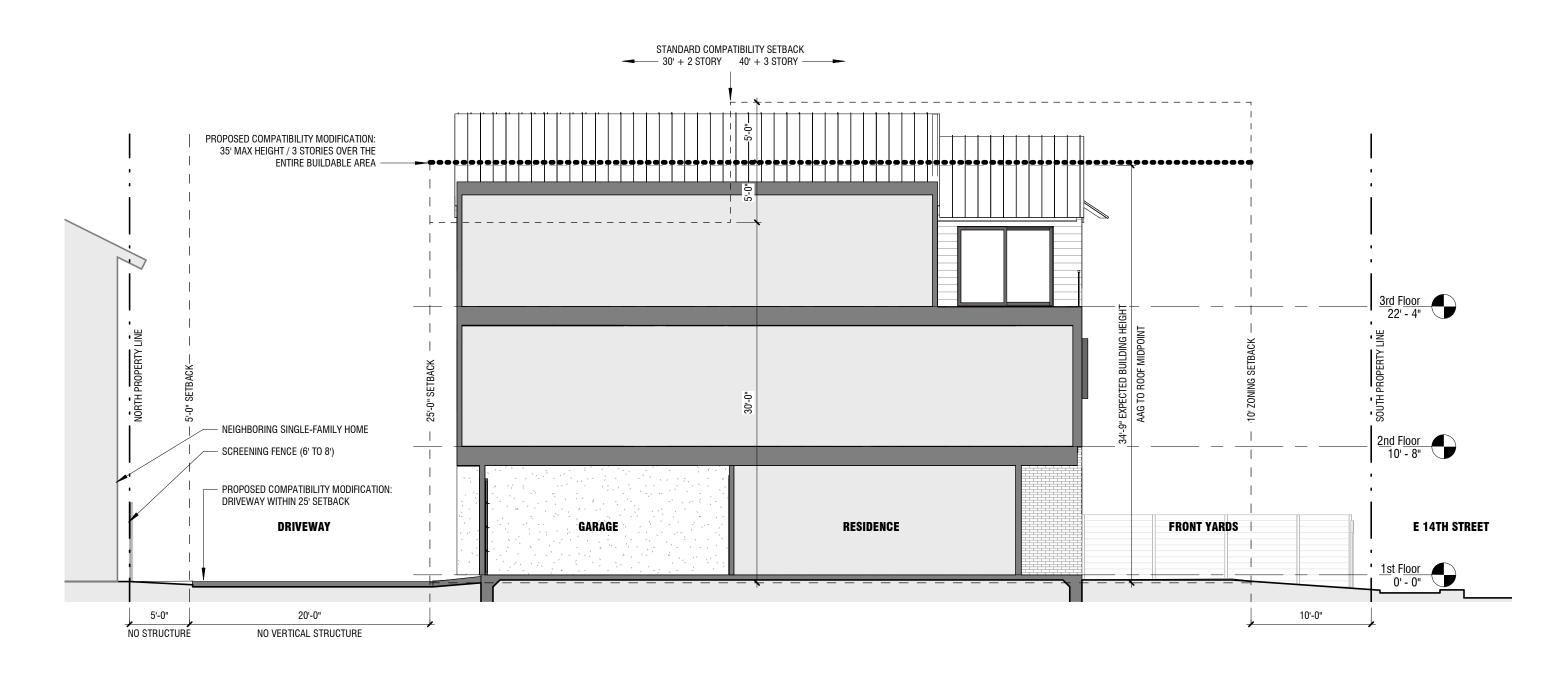
# **ORIGINAL**



Revision Summary

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# CURRENT PROPOSAL





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1400 Cedar Avenue

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1400 Cedar Avenue

South Elevation

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# **Property Profile**



# Legend

#### Zoning

Lake Austin, Rural Residence (LA;

Single Family (SF-1; SF-2; SF-3; SI

Mobile Home (MH)

Multi-family (MF-1; MF-2; MF-3; MF

Commercial (CH; CR; CS; CS-1; G

Office (GO; LO; NO)

Industrial (IP; LI; MI; R&D; W/LO)

CBD; Downtown Mixed Use (DMU)

ERC; NBG; TND; TOD

Planned Unit Development (PUD)

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Aviation, Public, Unzoned (AV; P; L

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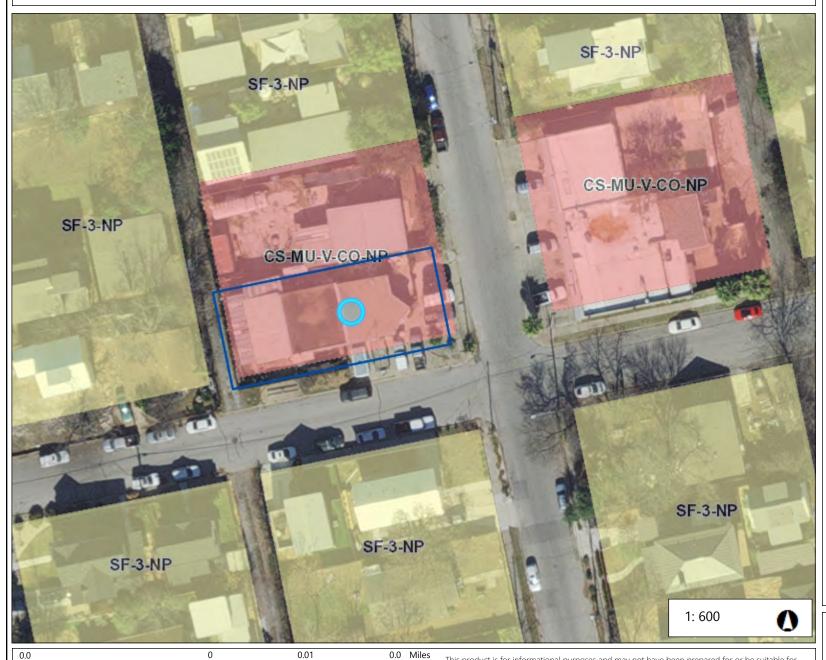
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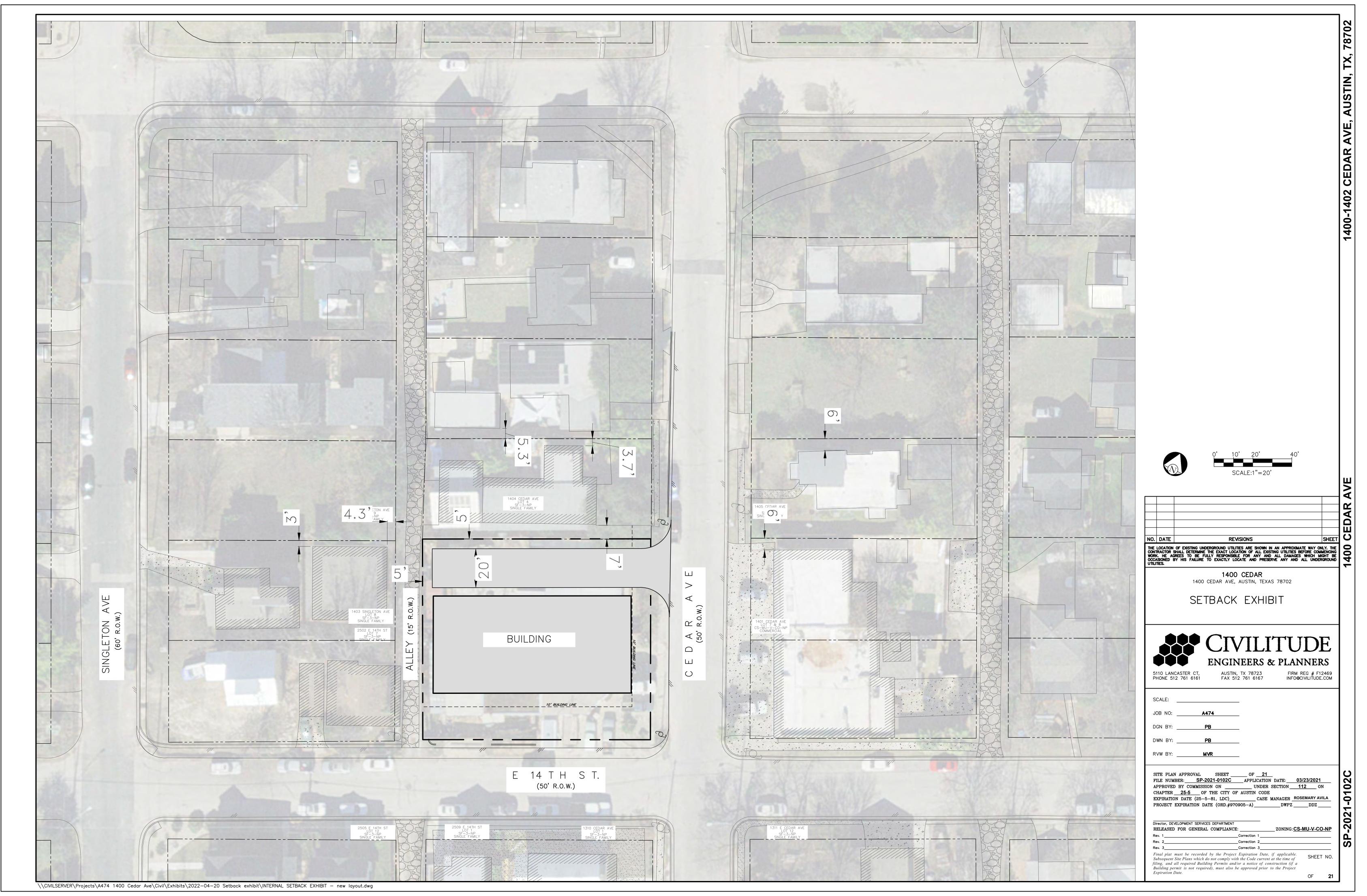
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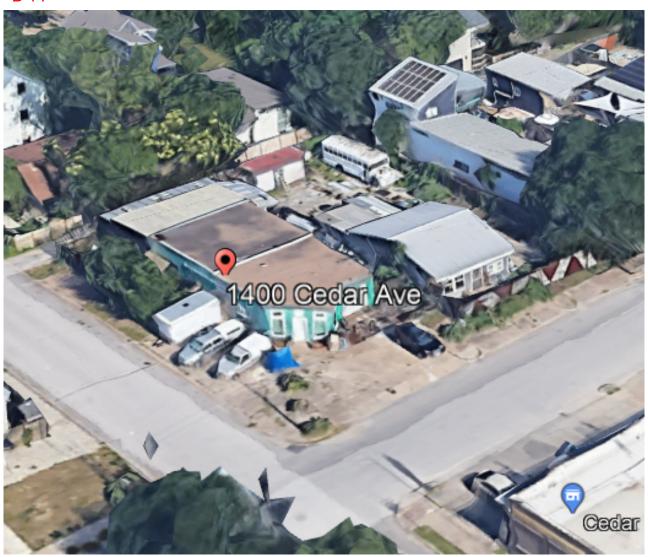
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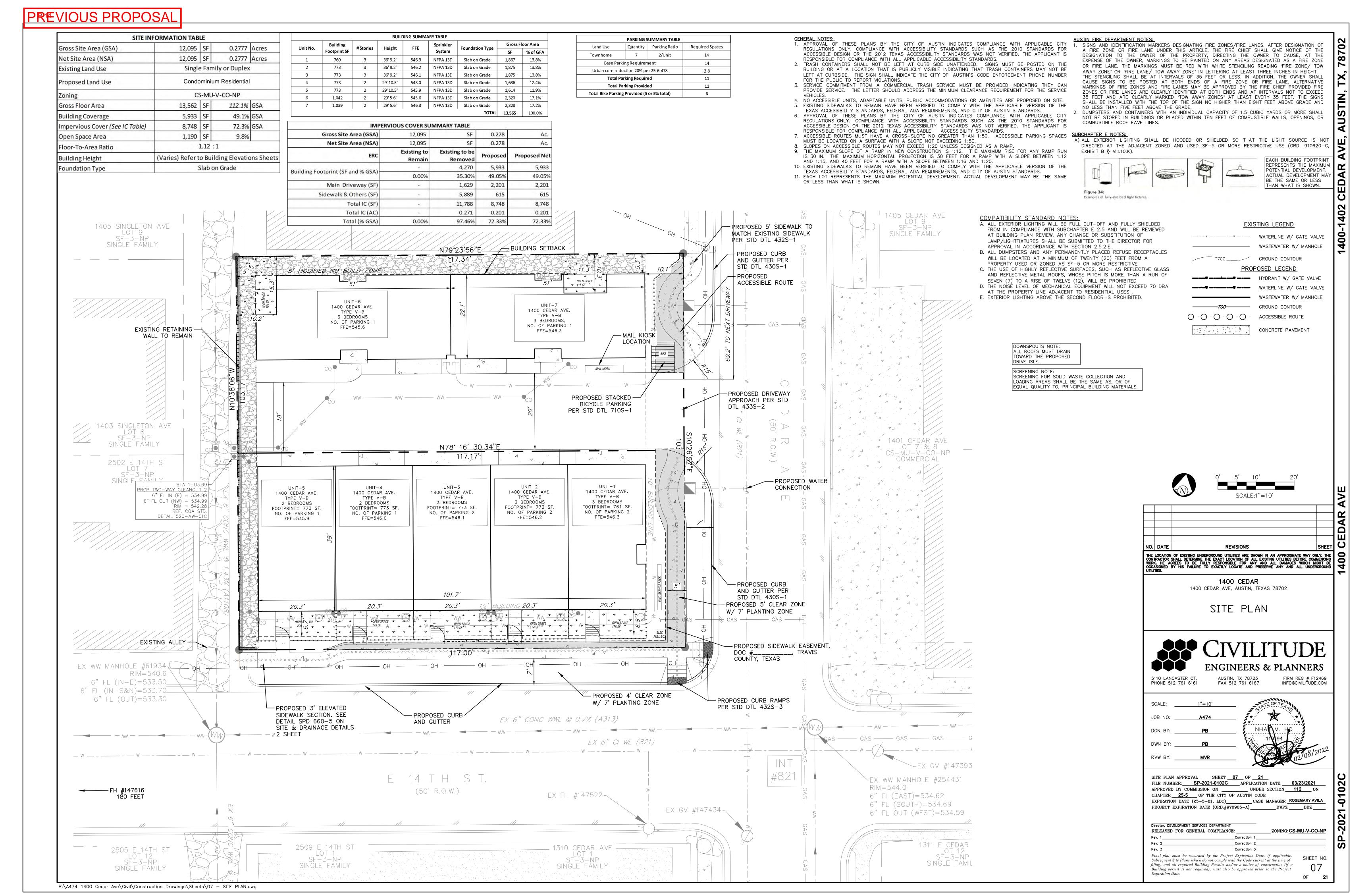
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**1400 Cedar** 

**Avenue** Urban Gravity LLC 1400/1402 Čedar Ave Austin, Texas 78702



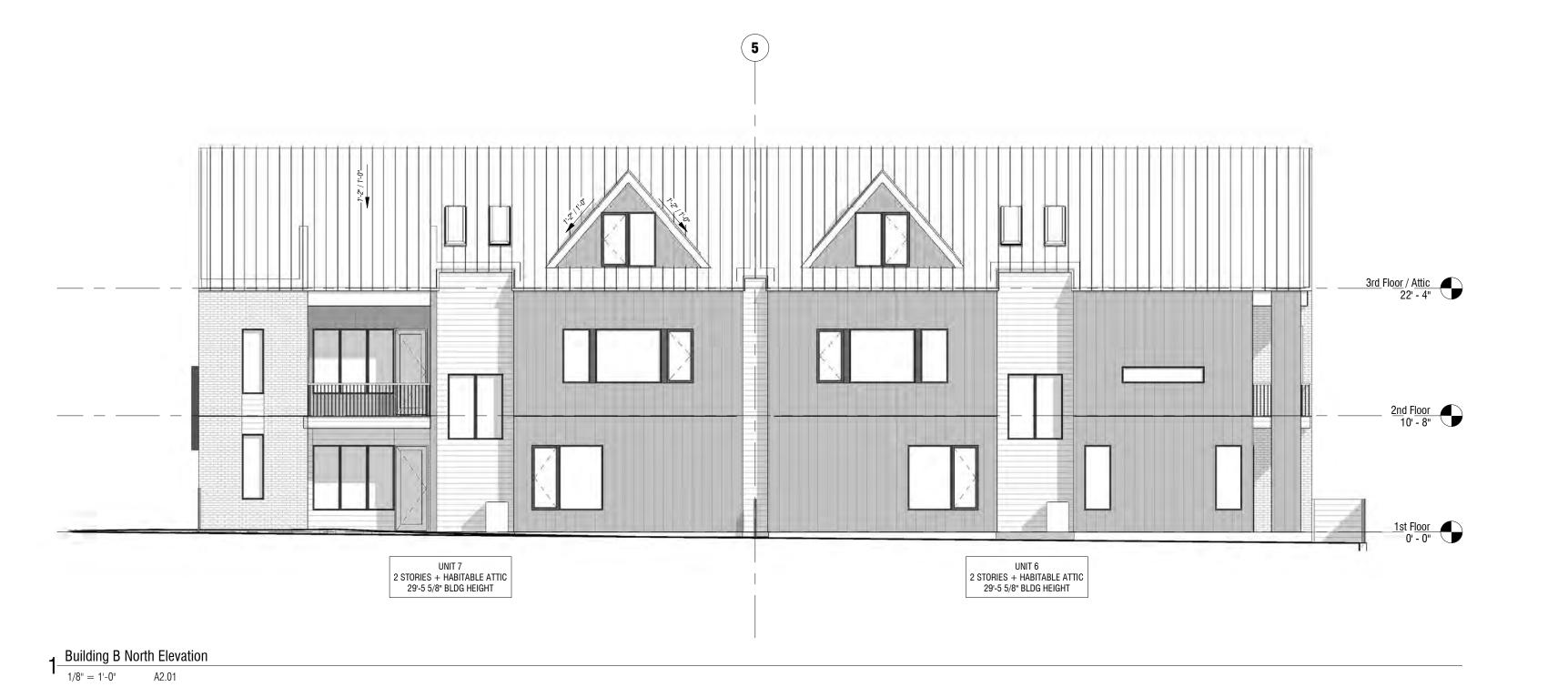
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**Site Development** 

No.	note	Date
	Site Dev R1	2/8/22
	Site Dev R2	2/8/22 2/28/22

**Exterior Elevations** 

SITE PLAN APPROVAL SHEET OF APPLICATION DATE: FILE NUMBER: APPROVED BY COMMISSION ON \_\_\_\_\_\_ UNDER SECTION\_\_\_\_\_ON CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN CODE EXPIRATION DATE (25-5-81, LDC) \_\_\_\_\_ CASE MANAGER \_ PROJECT EXPIRATION DATE (ORD.#970905-A) \_\_\_\_\_DWPZ \_\_\_DDZ \_\_\_ Director, DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT RELEASED FOR GENERAL COMPLIANCE: Correction 1 Rev. 2\_\_\_\_ Correction 2 Rev. 3\_\_\_\_Correction. 3\_\_\_ Final plat must be recorded by the Project Expiration Date, if applicable. Subsequent Site Plans which do not comply with the Code current at the lime of filing, and all required Building Permits and/or a notice of construction (if a Building permit is not required), must also be approved prior to the Project Expiration Date.



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# **1400 Cedar**

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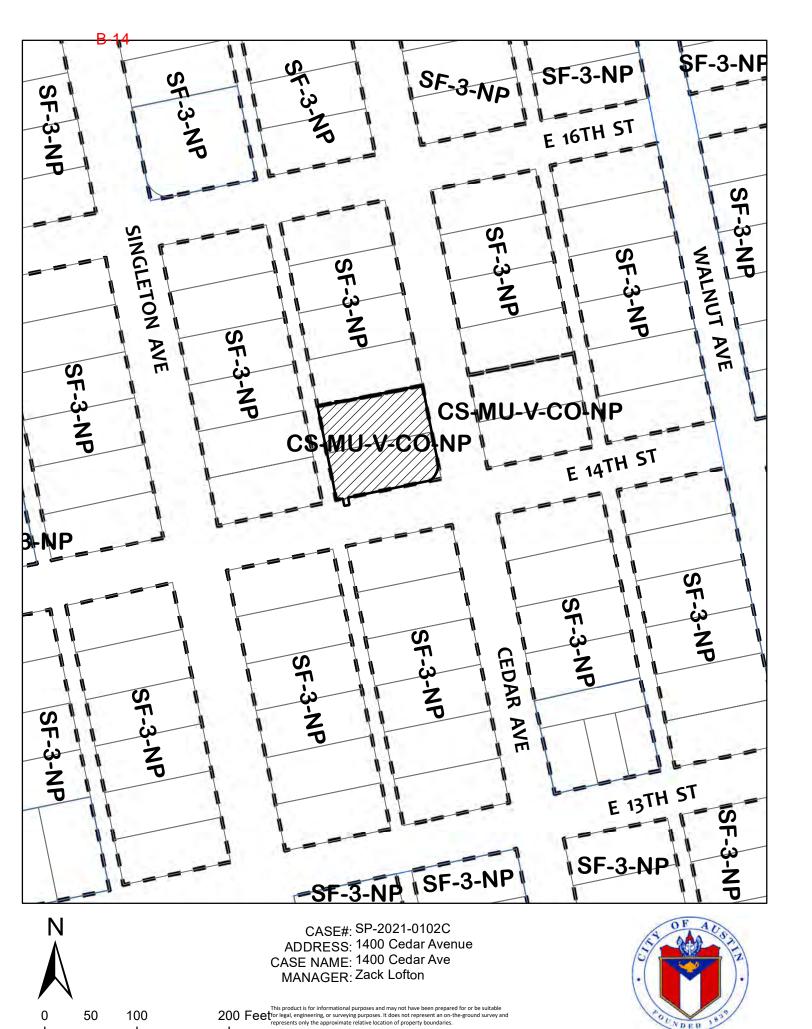
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March 25, 2022

City of Austin Planning Commission

Re: Compatibility Setback Waiver for 1400 Cedar Avenue

Dear Planning Commissioners,

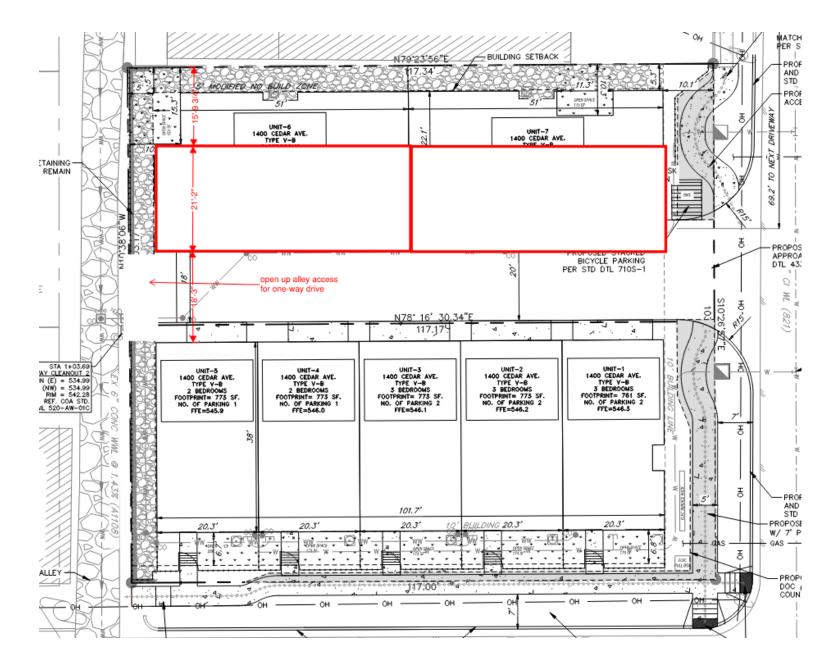
This letter is to inform the Commission that the Chestnut Neighborhood Plan Contact Team does not support the requested compatibility waiver for 1400 Cedar Avenue to reduce the setback from 25 feet to 5 feet.

The Chestnut Neighborhood has a long history of supporting density in our neighborhood, as seen by our adoption of all the neighborhood infill tools as well as working with the city to create the MLK TOD. That said, we believe a 5-foot setback is inappropriate in this location and unnecessary for the success of this project. As seen in the attached exhibit, even with the current building footprint sizes, a 15-foot setback appears doable. With more thoughtful design, the 25-foot setback might be doable as well. Despite repeated requests by the neighborhood, the applicant did not meet with the Neighborhood Plan Contact Team to discuss this project. This is very unfortunate, as we believe there is a solution here that provides the desired density and better aligns with our neighborhood plan.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Chestnut Neighborhood Plan Contact Team



#### Lofton, Zack

From: Lofton, Zack

Sent: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 4:49 PM

To: lan Zurzolo

**Subject:** RE: Case Number: SP-2021-0102C

Great. We don't necessarily have concerns about the project. The site plan actually proposes reducing impervious cover from about 97% to about 72%. The city has also recommended the site connect access to the alley but not required it.

#### Zack Lofton, AICP, CNU-A

Senior Planner, Land Use Review
City of Austin Development Services Department
PDC Bldg, 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Lane – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor 2109.20
Office: 512-978-1735



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From: Ian Zurzolo

Sent: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 4:01 PM

**To:** Lofton, Zack <Zack.Lofton@austintexas.gov> **Subject:** Re: Case Number: SP-2021-0102C

Thanks that was helpful.

Are there any remaining concerns that the city has about the proposed plan?

It seems like there could be a impermeable coverage issue as well as no entry/exit facing the alley.

On Tue, Mar 1, 2022 at 3:57 PM Lofton, Zack < Zack.Lofton@austintexas.gov > wrote:

Hi there, Ian:

Please see my comments below in red.

- Will there be sidewalks surrounding the property on both Cedar Ave and 14th street? Yes, they are proposing sidewalks on both streets.
- Will there be a minimum of 2 on-site parking spaces per unit? If not, is it allowed by the city to have less? There is not a minimum of 2 on-site parking spaces per unit and yes it is allowed that they have

less. They will have 11 spaces which meets the City's requirement without any waivers or variances. They will also have bike parking spaces as well.

- Is the height of any of the proposed units above city allowances? No, they are within all height limits.
- How long is the proposed construction timeline? I do not have an answer to that, since this is just the site plan stage and so early in the process. That would be a question for the contractor but likely can't be determined until the plans are finalized they know exactly what they are building.

Please let me know if you have any other questions.

Sincerely,

Zack Lofton, AICP, CNU-A

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From: Ian Zurzolo

Sent: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 3:07 PM

To: Lofton, Zack < <a href="mailto:Zack.Lofton@austintexas.gov">Zack.Lofton@austintexas.gov</a> > Subject: Re: Case Number: SP-2021-0102C

Hello Zack,

I am an interested party for the proposed development at 1400 Cedar Ave. I have a couple questions:

- Will there be sidewalks surrounding the property on both Cedar Ave and 14th street?
- Will there be a minimum of 2 on-site parking spaces per unit? If not, is it allowed by the city to have less?

- Is the height of any of the proposed units above city allowances?
- How long is the proposed construction timeline?

Thanks,

Ian Zurzolo

On Tue, Mar 1, 2022 at 7:03 AM Edmond, Cindy < Cindy. Edmond@austintexas.gov > wrote:

Please email the case manager regarding your questions. thanks

From: Ian Zurzold

Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 5:48 PM

To: Edmond, Cindy < <a href="mailto:Cindy.Edmond@austintexas.gov">Cindy.Edmond@austintexas.gov</a>>

Subject: Case Number: SP-2021-0102C

## \*\*\* External Email - Exercise Caution \*\*\*

Hi Cindy,

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- Is the height of any of the proposed units above city allowances?
- How long is the proposed construction timeline?

Thanks,

Ian Zurzolo

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### Lofton, Zack

From: Lofton, Zack

Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 9:20 AM

**To:** Pati Fisher

**Subject:** RE: Case No: SP-2021-0102C

**Attachments:** FINAL Background Materials - Compatibility Waiver - 1400 Cedar Ave -

SP-2021-0102C.pdf

#### Good morning, Pati:

Yes, there are 7 units being proposed on these two lots. The background materials for the Planning Commission meeting are attached and show the site plan and elevations, in addition to a few other things. Please let me know I you have any more questions.

Sincerely,

#### Zack Lofton, AICP, CNU-A

Senior Planner, Land Use Review
City of Austin Development Services Department
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From: Pati Fisher

Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 8:54 AM

To: Lofton, Zack <Zack.Lofton@austintexas.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Case No: SP-2021-0102C

Hi Zack:

Please see the forwarded email below.

Thanks in advance.

Kind regards, Pati Fisher

Sent from my iPati

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Edmond, Cindy" < <a href="mailto:Cindy.Edmond@austintexas.gov">Cindy.Edmond@austintexas.gov</a>>

Date: March 3, 2022 at 7:30:50 AM CST

To: Pati Fisher

Subject: RE: Case No: SP-2021-0102C

Please email the case manager regarding your question. Thanks

----Original Message-----

From: Pati Fisher Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2022 5:49 PM

To: Edmond, Cindy < <a href="mailto:Cindy.Edmond@austintexas.gov">Cindy.Edmond@austintexas.gov</a>>

Subject: Case No: SP-2021-0102C

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#### Hi Cindy:

Regarding the case number above for project 1400 Cedar Ave. Can you tell me how many units are proposed for this site? Also, do you have any elevations or renderings of the project available for my husband and I to see? We will be unable to attend the meeting next week.

Sincerely, Pati Fisher

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#### Lofton, Zack

From: Lofton, Zack

**Sent:** Friday, March 4, 2022 8:30 AM

To: Anita

**Subject:** RE: Background Materials - 1400 Cedar Ave

#### Good morning, Anita:

If the Planning Commission does not approve the waiver, the applicant will not be able to build within 25 feet of the north and west property lines. If they intend to continue with the same development, they'd just need to reorient it so it doesn't go into the setbacks.

Sincerely,

#### Zack Lofton, AICP, CNU-A

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From: Anita

Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 4:43 PM

**To:** Lofton, Zack <Zack.Lofton@austintexas.gov> **Subject:** Re: Background Materials - 1400 Cedar Ave

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Hi Zack

Anita here. If the do not approve the wavier. What will happen?

Thanks Anita

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On Thursday, March 3, 2022, 1:53 PM, Lofton, Zack < <u>Zack.Lofton@austintexas.gov</u>> wrote:

Hi Anita:

Attached are the background materials that are available to the public. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

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#### Lofton, Zack

From: Lofton, Zack

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2022 2:47 PM

To: David Carroll

**Subject:** RE: Item B24- 1400 Cedar

Hi David:

Yes, Alejandra is the contact. Her information is below. Have you tried contacting her?

Engineer:

Alejandra Flores

Civiltude LLC

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From: David Carroll

Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 2:44 PM

To: Lofton, Zack <Zack.Lofton@austintexas.gov>

Subject: Re: Item B24- 1400 Cedar

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From: Lofton, Zack <Zack.Lofton@austintexas.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 10:59 AM

To: David Carroll <

Subject: RE: Item B24- 1400 Cedar

Good morning, David:

I've heard from the engineer that they still haven't hear from you. Can you share a phone they can reach you on? Thanks.

Zack Lofton, AICP, CNU-A

#### Lofton, Zack

From: David Carroll

**Sent:** Friday, April 1, 2022 10:08 AM

**To:** Lofton, Zack

**Subject:** Re: Item B24- 1400 Cedar

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Hi Zack- Thanks for the follow up. Yes, we have touched base and the engineer and developer have agreed to meet with the contact team next week.

Thanks, David

From: Lofton, Zack <Zack.Lofton@austintexas.gov>

Sent: Friday, April 1, 2022 9:26 AM

To: David Carroll <

Subject: RE: Item B24- 1400 Cedar

Good morning David:

Hope your week is going well. Not sure if you've contacted the engineer yet but I'm happy to share your contact info with them if you like. If so, please let me know how they can contact you by phone since we don't share interested party email addresses.

Thanks, Zack

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From: Lofton, Zack

**Sent:** Friday, March 25, 2022 3:53 PM

To: David Carroll

Subject: RE: Item B24- 1400 Cedar

Thanks for sending this over David. And yes, the only catch is that many times they are already in the process when they beginning asking to do more than what is permitted by right. But I understand what you're saying. Thanks.

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From: David Carroll

Sent: Friday, March 25, 2022 12:18 PM

To: Lofton, Zack <Zack.Lofton@austintexas.gov>

Subject: Re: Item B24- 1400 Cedar

Thanks for the clarification, Zack. Please see attached letter from the contact team.

As an aside, it would help if developers met with contact teams early in the process. As it builds mistrust that is hard to undo. There is also a lot of bad information out there, since neighbors don't understand codes and ordinances. Maybe the city can encourage developers to do so?

Thanks again, David

From: Lofton, Zack < <a href="mailto:Zack.Lofton@austintexas.gov">Zack.Lofton@austintexas.gov</a>>

Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2022 1:52 PM

To: David Carrol

Subject: RE: Item B24- 1400 Cedar

Gosh, sorry it's 25-1-21 (49).

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From: Lofton, Zack

Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2022 1:52 PM

To: David Carroll <

Subject: RE: Item B24- 1400 Cedar

Hey David:

I was just talking with a colleague and she mentioned where we get our height measures. Before I told you it was Sub F but it's actually 25-1-121. It basically says the same things (it is the exact same for this particular case) but just wanted to let you know that's our authority not Sub F.

Zack

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From: Lofton, Zack

Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 9:02 AM

To: David Carrol

Subject: RE: Item B24- 1400 Cedar

No problem, David. Hope you had a great weekend.

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From: David Carroll

Sent: Friday, March 11, 2022 3:45 PM

To: Lofton, Zack <Zack.Lofton@austintexas.gov>

Subject: Re: Item B24- 1400 Cedar

Thanks Zack, I knew that was allowable for SubChapter F, but didn't realize you could penetrate the compatibility tent like that.

From: Lofton, Zack <Zack.Lofton@austintexas.gov>

Sent: Friday, March 11, 2022 3:38 PM

To: David Carroll

Subject: RE: Item B24- 1400 Cedar

No problem, David. Height is measured differently for different types of roofs. Since these are gabled, it's measured from the average of the highest and lowest points of the roof or the highest and lowest points of the dormer, whichever is higher. The part of code that outlines how height is measured is 25-2-SubF - Article 3.4.1. So even though the highest point of the roof may be higher than the regulation height, it can still comply as long as the average is below the regulation height. Let me know if you have any more questions.

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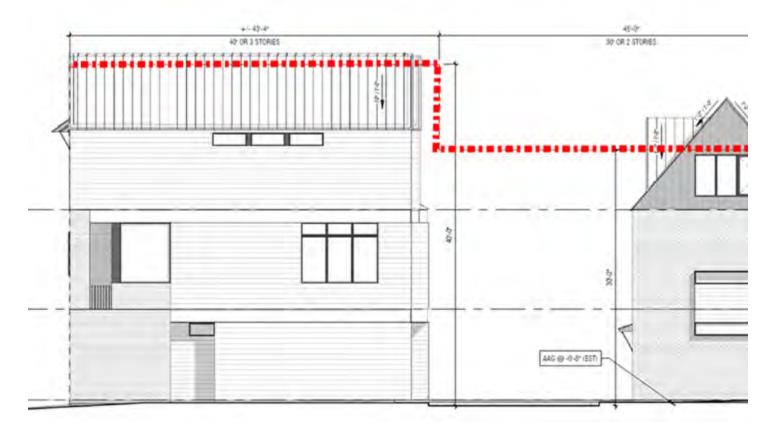
From: David Carroll

Sent: Friday, March 11, 2022 2:55 PM

To: Lofton, Zack < < < < < < < >Zack.Lofton@austintexas.gov >

Subject: Re: Item B24- 1400 Cedar

Hi Zack- Thanks for the explanation. As for the height, the exhibit seems to clearly show that they are exceeding the compatibility tent- see below. What am I missing? Thanks,



Thanks, David

From: Lofton, Zack <Zack.Lofton@austintexas.gov>

Sent: Friday, March 11, 2022 1:15 PM

To: David Carroll

Subject: RE: Item B24- 1400 Cedar

Hi there, David:

Staff is recommending this compatibility waiver to be approved because the site plan is proposing a "missing middle" housing product that contributes to the housing diversity the City needs and the implications of the waiver are reasonable. In addition, this site plan is in compliance with all other compatibility regulations and zoning regulations.

You are correct that this waiver is only for compatibility setbacks. The proposed development complies with the compatibility height regulations - this is shown in the background materials. I do realize that it's fairly nitty-gritty so let me know if you'd like to have a call to discuss it in more detail.

Sincerely,

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From: David Carroll

Sent: Friday, March 11, 2022 10:23 AM

To: Lofton, Zack <Zack.Lofton@austintexas.gov>

Subject: Re: Item B24- 1400 Cedar

Zack - Looking at this closer, the waiver looks to be just for the compatibility setback, but this project is also violating the allowable compatibility height of 2 stories/30 feet high within 50 feet of triggering property as well as the 3 stories/40 feet within 100 feet of triggering property. How is this being addressed?

Thanks, David

From: David Carroll

Sent: Friday, March 11, 2022 10:09 AM

To: Lofton, Zack <Zack.Lofton@austintexas.gov>

Subject: Re: Item B24- 1400 Cedar

Hi Zack- Could you please explain staff's reasoning for supporting the compatibility waiver on this case? I know that will be a question from the Contact Team. Is there a hardship that we don't know about it? Thanks for your help,

David

From: Lofton, Zack < Zack.Lofton@austintexas.gov >

Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 9:23 AM

Subject: FW: Item B24- 1400 Cedar

Good morning, Dave:

I am the case manager for the 1400 Cedar site plan and wanted to share the contact information for the applicant, both the engineer and the developer. They asked for your contact info, but instead I asked them to share theirs. They welcome you to contact them to discuss the project.

Engineer: Alejandra Flores

Civiltude LLC

Developer: Zach Savage

Zach Savage Homes

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Sincerely,

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From: Rivera, Andrew

Sent: Monday, March 7, 2022 1:06 PM

To: David Carroll

Subject: RE: Item B24- 1400 Cedar

Hello Mr. Carroll:

Thank you for your email. Please provide a desired postponement date:

- April 12, 2022
- April 26, 2022

In the scenario this is a postponement discussion case, please register using the link below.

March 8, 2022 Planning Commission Speaker Registration (office.com)

Thank you, Andrew

From: David Carroll

Sent: Monday, March 7, 2022 12:59 PM

To: Rivera, Andrew <Andrew.Rivera@austintexas.gov>; Shaw, Todd - BC <BC-Todd.Shaw@austintexas.gov>; Hempel,

Claire - BC <BC-Claire.Hempel@austintexas.gov>

Subject: Item B24- 1400 Cedar

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Dear Chair Shaw and Vice Chair Hempel,

The Chestnut Neighborhood Plan Contact Team respectfully requests that this item be postponed until April to allow the Contact Team to weigh in on this.

We reached out the applicant months ago to ask about this project and he has ignored repeated requests to meet with us. Further, we just found out about the compatibility waiver request last week and have not been able to organize a quorum in time to discuss before your meeting tonight. With another month, we feel we could weigh in on this issue properly.

Thank you for your consideration,

David Carroll

Chair, Chesnut Neighborhood Plan Contact Team

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# Lofton, Zack

From: Rivera, Andrew

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 12, 2022 5:02 PM

**To:** Lofton, Zack

**Subject:** FW: April 12, 2022 Planning Commission Meeting Information

Hi Zack,

Please see email below.

Thank you, Andrew

From: Ian Zurzolo

Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2022 4:34 PM

To: Rivera, Andrew < Andrew. Rivera@austintexas.gov>

Subject: Re: April 12, 2022 Planning Commission Meeting Information

### \*\*\* External Email - Exercise Caution \*\*\*

Hi Andrew,

Is there a way to add this signed opposition petition to the official documents related to the 1400 Cedar Ave case?

To: The City of Austin

From: Community stakeholders at Cedar Avenue and 14th Street

March 2, 2022

Regarding: SP-2021-0102C Compatibility Variances

We are responding to the proposed development on 1400 Cedar Avenue, a seven-unit condominium structure. We understand that the hearing on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 is regarding a waiver to move the building to 5' instead of the 25' setback requirement on the North and West sides of the property, leaving the building entrance on Cedar Avenue.

As residents in this immediate area, some for two decades, we strongly disagree with the developers that this waiver would not disrupt the neighborhood's feel and that it meets the intent of the Land Ordinance Code.

First, in terms of the neighborhood's feel:

 The majority of the nearby residential properties have significant setbacks—many beyond 25 feet—so this proposed waiver would absolutely change the feel of the neighborhood. Beyond the subjective feel, this is true from a logistic standpoint as well. This relates to the second issue, elaborated below, regarding how it violates the intent of the code.

# Second, in terms of the intent of the code:

- Because the development does not include an alley entrance/exit on the West side of the
  property, dramatically increasing the use of Cedar Avenue this will only magnify the
  problem of congestion associated with the increased motor vehicle traffic and reduced
  visibility it will bring. This both impacts the neighborhood's feel and violates the intent
  of the code.
- The proposed waiver to allow a decreased setback would significantly obscure visibility
  from the street, creating a danger to residents. It would effectively make an increasingly
  congested street, which would only increase as visitors to the condominium utilize street
  parking, narrower.
- This decreased visibility and congestion would also make it more difficult for emergency vehicles to navigate the area and access residents. The proposed development is encroaching into the compatibility 25' setback on the north and west property lines. Decreased setbacks make for tighter corners that large vehicles cannot manage. Additionally, because emergency medical services (EMS) drivers are constrained by time, they need to make quick judgments about access. We experienced this last summe after the resident who shares alley access directly behind the proposed development constructed a fence on the edge of their property, making it impossible for EMS to reacl another resident through the south entrance to the alley. The EMS drivers had to quick judge access and so they assumed that the north entrance would also be too narrow, and

ended up parking the EMS vehicle on 16<sup>th</sup> Street, and personnel walked through the alley to the house. This delayed critical care in a life-threatening situation. Any further decrease in the setback creates a problem that will only compound over time, reducing residents' safety in the process.

For all of these reasons, we are asking that you deny this proposed waiver.

Thank you.

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Thank you for taking the time to participate in the meeting this evening. If you are communication or the first discussion case, you will not have to remain in chamber meeting). An e-mail will be sent when the commission is about 15 minutes away from the commission is about 15 minutes.	rs (or call in at the beginning of the
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B-02 C14-2022-0008.SH - 2011 & 2015 E. M. Franklin; District 1	Neighborhood Postponement, Apr. 26th
B-03 NPA-2021-0010.01 - 2400 E. Cesar Chavez Parking Expansion; District 3	Applicant Indef. Postponement
B-04 C14-2021-0121 - 2400 E. Cesar Chavez Parking; District 3	Applicant Indef. Postponement
B-05 NPA-2021-0015.02 - 3101 Hibbetts Road; District 1	Consent
B-06 C14-2021-0134 - 3101 Hibbetts Road; District 1	Consent
B-07 NPA-2021-0015.01 - Austin Sports Facility; District 3	Withdrawn by Applicant
B-08 C14-2021-0125 - Austin Sports Facility; District 3	Withdrawn by Applicant
B-09 NPA-2021-0016.05.SH - Live Make Apartments; District 3	Consent
B-10 C14-2021-0172 - Live Make Apartments; District 3	Consent
B-11 C14-85-244, Part 7 (RCA #3) - 10001 N. Capital of Texas Highway RCA; District	
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<u>B-12 C14-2021-0183 - 4303 and 4307 Speedway; District 9</u>	Applicant Indef. Postponement
<u>B-13 C814-2021-0175 - 614 S. 1st Street PUD; District 9</u>	Staff Indef. Postponement
B-14 C814-97-0001.15 - Leander Rehabilitation PUD Amendment #16; District 6	Staff Indef. Postponement

On Tue, Apr 12, 2022 at 3:46 PM Rivera, Andrew < <a href="mailto:Andrew.Rivera@austintexas.gov">Andrew.Rivera@austintexas.gov</a>> wrote:

Consent

Discussion

B-15 C14-2022-0003 - Clayton Lane Residences, District 4

B-16 SP-2021-0102C - 1400 Cedar Ave; District 1

B-17 C8J-2009-0142.05.1A - Estancia West	Consent
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I will be available via email during the meeting. Please feel free you reach out to me if I can be of assistance.

Thank you,



Andrew

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## Lofton, Zack

From: Lofton, Zack

**Sent:** Monday, April 25, 2022 5:14 PM

To: lan Zurzolo Cc: Rivera, Andrew

**Subject:** RE: PC April 26th Agenda

#### Hey lan:

The applicant would need to be approved for the waiver before they could get a site plan permit but I don't have any details about when that could be scheduled. The applicant will have to decide if that's the route they will take and then proceed. You can see when the upcoming meetings are though on their website below. <a href="https://www.austintexas.gov/content/board-adjustment">https://www.austintexas.gov/content/board-adjustment</a>

#### Zack

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From: Ian Zurzolo

Sent: Monday, April 25, 2022 12:54 PM

**To:** Lofton, Zack <Zack.Lofton@austintexas.gov> **Cc:** Rivera, Andrew <Andrew.Rivera@austintexas.gov>

Subject: Re: PC April 26th Agenda

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Thanks. Can you please share details on the Board of Zoning Adjustment process and timelines?

On Mon, Apr 25, 2022 at 11:05 AM Lofton, Zack < Zack. Lofton@austintexas.gov > wrote:

Good morning lan:

No problem. There's no precedence other than the other properties that've been upzoned to more intense uses. Related to if there is a precedent, I can't say for sure because each waiver is reviewed independently and takes into consideration the specific context. It's worth mentioning that the Planning Commission will not be able to approve a height waiver for this case as it stands – it would need to go to the Board of Zoning Adjustment, which is a whole other process.

Hope this helps.

Zack

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From: Ian Zurzolo

Sent: Friday, April 22, 2022 6:35 PM

**To:** Lofton, Zack < <u>Zack.Lofton@austintexas.gov</u>> **Cc:** Rivera, Andrew < <u>Andrew.Rivera@austintexas.gov</u>>

Subject: Re: PC April 26th Agenda

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Thanks for the reply.

The developer has David's phone number and email because they spoke with us once in March (after months of ignoring us). But you can share mine too:

# B-14 De: Ian Zurzolo

Enviado: Friday, April 22, 2022 4:42:48 PM  Para: Lofton, Zack < <u>Zack.Lofton@austintexas.gov</u> >; Rivera, Andrew < <u>Andrew.Rivera@austintexas.gov</u> >
Asunto: Re: FW: PC April 26th Agenda
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Hi,
Is there an update on if the applicant has changed their setback waiver request or altered their proposed design plan in any way? On the last call there was discussion of having a larger setback that the commission was interested in seeing.
Also, I would like to state for the record that the applicant/developer has not responded to the neighborhood since the last call despite their claims of listening to local neighbor feedback. It seems that they are trying to find loopholes in the zoning code to take advantage of maximum square footage and number of units, and don't care for respecting the neighborhood.
Thanks for your response,
Ian
On Fri, Apr 22, 2022 at 4:36 PM Ian Zurzolo
Sign up to speak this Tuesday ASAP
From: Lofton, Zack < Zack. Lofton@austintexas.gov > Date: Fri, Apr 22, 2022 at 11:22 AM Subject: FW: PC April 26th Agenda To: Ian Zurzolo
Hi lan:
If you'd like to speak on Tuesday at the Planning Commission meeting, you can sign up at the speaker registration link

below. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincara	l.,
Sincere	ıγ,

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From: Rivera, Andrew

**Sent:** Friday, April 22, 2022 10:15 AM

To: Meredith, Maureen < Maureen. Meredith@austintexas.gov>; Rhoades, Wendy

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Subject: PC April 26th Agenda

All:

Please forward the attached agenda and speaker registration link below to applicants and interested parties.

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For staff participating via videoconference, link will be sent Tuesday afternoon (same link as for commissioners).

Thank you,
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## Lofton, Zack

From: Lofton, Zack

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 26, 2022 10:52 AM

To: Dawna I Ballard

**Subject:** RE: 1400 Cedar Avenue Project

Good morning Dawna:

Thanks for sending this in. I will include it in the background materials.

Zack

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From: Dawna I Ballard

Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2022 8:42 AM

To: Lofton, Zack <Zack.Lofton@austintexas.gov>

Subject: 1400 Cedar Avenue Project

## \*\*\* External Email - Exercise Caution \*\*\*

## Hi Zack:

I'm attaching a letter about the project at 1400 Cedar Avenue. Please include it in the file for discussion tonight.

many thanks,

Dawna

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Dawna I. Ballard, Ph.D., Associate Professor Department of Communication Studies Moody College of Communication University of Texas at Austin

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Slower: <u>dballard@austin.utexas.edu</u>

"Time isn't the main thing. It's the only thing." --Miles Davis

To: City of Austin Planning Commissioners

From: Stakeholders of 1400 Cedar Avenue Project Regarding: SP-2021-0102C Compatibility Variances

April 22, 2022

We are responding to the proposed development on 1400 Cedar Avenue, a seven-unit three-story condominium structure between 1600-2000 square feet per unit on 0.277 acres of property (amounting to 19 bedrooms plus 7 habitable lofts).

We were pleased to see the changes to the structure made to address our safety concerns. The revised plans to increase the setbacks and decrease the number of units help to reduce the overall flow of traffic on the street, and we appreciate these changes.

We would like the builders to also consider another related point that we raised—i.e., alley access to and from the structure. There is currently only one entrance and exit (on Cedar Avenue) for all units.

Here are a few reasons we think an alley egress and Cedar Avenue ingress will make this a safer and more successful (including a more sought-after) development. Directing some traffic away from Cedar will help manage the following safety concerns:

- The proposed building is a high-density structure on the corner of a street that has no four-way stops, and visibility is often decreased by the number of cars already parked on the street by existing residents.
- Cedar Avenue serves as a primary artery east of Pleasant Valley so visitors are prone to drive over the residential speed limit
- One corner away from 1400 Cedar Avenue (at Cedar Avenue and 16<sup>th</sup> Street) is a school bus stop for Kealing Junior High School and McCallum High School so children walk to and from school in close proximity of the only proposed entrance of the structure. Additionally, children who attend Campbell Elementary as well as those who are bused to Ann Richards School (picked up at Campbell) also walk past 1400 Cedar Avenue twice a day on their way to and from school. All of this would occur while residents of 1400 Cedar Avenue are likely to be travelling to work. Therefore, anything that we can do to reduce traffic on the Cedar Avenue side of the structure is ideal.
- Finally, in the case of an emergency such as fire, how will all of these residents exit safely? At the same time, there will be no access for emergency vehicles except via Cedar Avenue.