# **URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE**

The Urban Design Committee will hold a meeting on **Tuesday, February 7, 2023**, at **3:00 p.m.** in the County-City Building, 555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, Nebraska in **City Council Chambers** on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor. For more information, contact the Planning Department at 402-441-7491.

#### AGENDA

1. Approval of UDC meeting record of January 3, 2023.

#### **DISCUSS AND ADVISE**

- 2. N 48<sup>th</sup> and Madison Redevelopment Project *UDR23007*
- 3. Woodside Village (NW 48<sup>th</sup> and W Holdrege Multifamily Project) *UDR22137*

#### **STAFF REPORT & MISC.**

4. Staff report & miscellaneous

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#### **MEETING RECORD**

Advanced public notice of the Urban Design Committee meeting was posted on the County-City bulletin board and the Planning Department's website.

NAME OF GROUP:	URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE
DATE, TIME AND	Tuesday, January 3, 2023, 3:00 p.m., County-City Building, City
PLACE OF MEETING:	Council Chambers, 555 S. 10 <sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, NE.
MEMBERS IN	Mark Canney, Jill Grasso, Peter Hind, Tom Huston and Michelle
ATTENDANCE:	Penn; (Emily Deeker and Gill Peace absent).
OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:	Paul Barnes, Collin Christopher and Teresa McKinstry of the Planning Department; Derek Zimmerman and Justin Hernandez with REV Development; Kurt Suhr with Architecture One; Kevin Riley with Riley Designs; Aaron Burd; and other interested parties.

Chair Penn called the meeting to order and acknowledged the posting of the Open Meetings Act in the room.

Penn called for a motion approving the minutes of the regular meeting held December 6, 2022. Motion for approval made by Hind, seconded by Huston and carried 5-0: Canney, Grasso, Hind, Huston and Penn voting 'yes'; Deeker and Peace absent.

#### WOODSIDE VILLAGE, NW 48<sup>TH</sup> AND W. HOLDREGE MULTIFAMILY PROJECT: January 3, 2023

Members present: Canney, Grasso, Hind, Huston and Penn; Deeker and Peace absent.

Collin Christopher stated this is a multi-family project of almost 300 units. The property is zoned B-2. The applicant has a zoning agreement to allow them to build up to 48 feet in height. The project would consist of four buildings. Three are four stories with a flat roof, while the fourth is a three story with a pitched roof. There will also be an affordable housing component. The applicant is showing about 360 parking stalls. The design standard issues related to landscaping are noted in the staff report. This project falls outside of the Neighborhood Design Standards. The applicant is asking for a review and recommendations regarding the site and building architecture.

Derek Zimmerman appeared on behalf of REV development. He stated that this is located on the northeast corner of NW 48<sup>th</sup> Street and W Holdrege Street. This is a TIF (Tax Increment Financing) project. They clarified the number of affordable housing units being provided. The 50% identified in the staff report is from an old proposal before the City updated their TIF policy for affordable housing. The current plan is to have 20% of the units be affordable based on 60 percent AMI (area median income). They are still evaluating all the numbers. The project area was part of a PUD (Planned Unit Development) amendment. Some of the design elements that were incorporated were through discussions with the neighborhood. There are also some limitations on what can be done because of the proposed height since this is near the airport. Other neighborhood considerations were to push the buildings back as far as possible, specifically the mL shaped building. They have agreed to opaque fencing abutting the residential neighborhood, in addition to what the standards require. With respect to TIF, this is a little different since there is the affordable housing component. The standards in place in the area are also a factor. Their focus on the affordable units was to find a market rate experience with amenities and design finishes. They will be market rate size on the square footage. Other amenities being provided are a pool, elevators, balconies, a fitness area and a community room. They have worked on breaking up the exterior with other color palettes. Some issues discussed with the City were in regard to landscaping and signage along the primary frontage. They don't have a final landscape plan yet. They are still working with the City. They are trying to focus on evergreens in the rear by the neighborhood.

Huston asked if the affordable housing component is part of the TIF. The policy can be vague. He questioned if the intention is to apply for low income tax credits. Zimmerman stated this is not a tax credit project. That is why they are looking to the City policy. Huston wondered how the City will monitor compliance. In the tax credit world there is a huge compliance issue. Zimmerman has spoken to others who have done this. The area median income can change.

Canney noted this is a recommendation. Staff provided recommendations for parking lot screening. He would recommend consulting the electrician doing the parking lot lighting so it can coordinate with the landscaping of the islands. He pointed out that lighting can create conflicts with the landscaping.

Grasso wanted the applicant to speak to the exterior materials. Zimmerman stated it would be primarily vinyl with brick on the lower level. They have tried to focus on breaking it up with different color palettes. They are looking at the cost very closely. Hind asked where the brick will be located. Zimmerman noted it would be roughly on the lower four feet. Grasso sees brick and three different colors of vinyl siding.

Penn asked if all the buildings would have low income housing. Zimmerman answered yes, all the buildings will have low income units. He noted that this falls in an extreme blight area.

Canney wondered about overflow. He sees a series of detention areas. He was curious if there was some overflow protection on the property line on the abutting residential side. Zimmerman stated there is a decent grade change. The detention will be underground on-site detention. Behind the buildings will be a dog run. Canney noted that it looks like there is some significant grading. He encouraged the applicant to make sure there are other City review mechanisms in place to give feedback. Zimmerman noted they will have to do a short wall. There will be underground detention with an opportunity for green space for the residents. Huston asked if by stating underground the applicant meant a basin. Zimmerman replied yes.

Canney asked if the applicant anticipated turf or features that are more rain garden or meadow in nature. Zimmerman answered that as far as he knows, just grass is being proposed. Canney pointed out that is a good conversation to have so you know what the landscaping will be and the management of it. He knows these things aren't figured out until the end.

Hind asked if they are looking at exterior façade upgrade dollars in the TIF funds. Zimmerman noted it is fairly limited. Justin Hernandez stated they have evaluated that option. They are not looking at anything other than masonry at the base at this time. Hind wondered what is driving that. Hernandez stated they are investing in energy efficiency to keep costs lower for the residents. Hind asked what kind of upgrades for energy efficiency. Hernandez replied that Asset Management in Omaha has been working with them. They are looking towards energy efficiency in water, shower heads, toilets, many things. Hind believes that the pitched roof allows for extra floor area. Hernandez noted he was correct.

Hind stated that his personal feeling on TIF projects is that vinyl siding is not a long term material. He would recommend not to use vinyl siding. There are long term issues and costs associated with water intrusion, and the vinyl siding is prone to flying off in high winds. He would recommend not to approve this with vinyl siding. Everything else he thinks is great.

Penn is having a hard time with this one. She asked about the affordable housing element because when she looks at this, it doesn't feel as substantial as perhaps it should. The applicant is saying 80 percent non-affordable and rent is very high right now. She is surprised the applicant can't do a little more with the push and pull. She asked who the architect is. Hernandez stated it is Studio 951. Penn is a little surprised that there isn't any push and pull. In her mind, there is so much more that could be done with this. Obviously we need more housing, but this project could be so much more. There is more potential here. Since TIF money is involved, she would like more consideration for aesthetics.

Grasso would like to see more push and pull as well, especially on the corner of NW. 48<sup>th</sup> Street. The building looks very flat. There are no awnings and the windows are set flat. She believes it is being good stewards of what we are building. She works on a lot of multi-family. She knows what rent is being pulled from these buildings. This is a very flat building. You put on vinyl siding and the color choices are limited. She thinks it needs to be done more thoughtfully. It isn't just this project, there are others.

Huston has a different perspective. He views this as work force and affordable housing. There is a lot of industrial development occurring along NW 48<sup>th</sup> Street. The Affordable Housing Action Plan specifically says we need more. He doesn't believe this body should dictate what TIF funds should be used for. That being said, he does think the building could be improved.

Grasso believes that part of the role of this committee is to voice our opinion on the building aesthetic.

Paul Barnes stated that he agrees with Huston regarding the Affordable Action Housing Plan. He believes this body is specifically charged with reviewing the design as a whole when TIF dollars are being used. He noted that the committee's comments will be placed on record.

Huston believes all the comments are fair. They can be part of a qualification of any motion.

Hind believes it comes back to what the applicant needs done. He understands that redevelopment agreements have deadlines. He would vote no today given what he has seen so far. This could come back with a different design aesthetic for the exterior. For the record, his feeling on vinyl isn't the flatness or color, it is more the performance of the materials.

Zimmerman believes the committee wants to see a more defined landscaping plan as well. They wanted to appear before this board as soon as possible. They can go back to the drawing board and look at the design. He isn't making any commitments. He believes this is a great project for the City. They can come back in February for further discussion.

Hind commented if the applicant is going to do vinyl to save money, he thinks they need to be very specific on what other areas they are spending funds on such as energy efficiency. If the applicant is going to do vinyl, he would like to see the underlayment addressed, water membrane versus Tyvek wrap. He would like to hear about the energy efficiencies being addressed in the units. He would like to see the evidence. Huston doesn't disagree but knows that the Urban Development Department requires very specific details. Hind believes it needs to be defended by better water proofing.

Hernandez believes vinyl siding is energy efficient. Elevators are another part. That makes these units accessible. They were able to get more units on the site to make this work. That is a big investment. They are still delivering stainless steel appliances, stone tile and water efficiencies, amongst other items. They have tried to put the dollars where they can, with the rents that they have. Hind noted his point on the elevator was well taken. You are not required to have elevators.

Huston noted elevators aren't TIF eligible. Hernandez continued that they would like to have this amenity along with garages.

Hind currently knows the site has some slope to it. He wondered about the retaining wall. He would think there is a creative way to get rid of the wall and place those dollars into the buildings. He further wondered if there is a way to take some dollars from site development and place it into the building.

Hernandez agreed. The retaining wall along with detention came more as a last minute add to the design. He pointed out that the retaining wall is there due to a Windstream fiber optic line. There is a significant grade change there. They raised the entire site up about a foot and a half.

Penn asked how long one building is. Hernandez believes around 200 feet. Penn sees 200 feet with no façade change. She believes there's room for improvement.

Grasso just wants to see the applicant be thoughtful with the exterior. Hernandez noted it was not for lack of trying. Balconies are viewed as an amenity also. Grasso pointed out there is a lot of nice green space. You look at a lot of student housing, they become storage units. Hernandez stated that consideration would be given if the building on the west is looked at. Grasso would agree. She noted this is on a prominent corridor. Penn agreed.

There was a discussion of building elements with the applicant.

This application will be deferred until the regular meeting next month.

### N. 27<sup>TH</sup> AND STARR MULTIFAMILY PROJECT:

#### January 3, 2023

Members present: Canney, Grasso, Hind, Huston and Penn; Deeker and Peace absent.

Christopher stated that the project in front of the Committee is a 15-unit infill project on the northeast corner of 27<sup>th</sup> Street and Starr Street in the Clinton neighborhood. There would be a 12-plex building and a tri-plex with each unit on its own individual lot. The questions to consider today is if the tri-plex units serve as a proper transition to the neighborhood, and whether the 12-plex fits within the larger context of both the neighborhood and the N 27<sup>th</sup> Street business district. The City is requiring street trees along N. 27<sup>th</sup> Street and Starr Street. The Starr Street side was agreed on previously. The N 27<sup>th</sup> Street side is unique. There is a sliver of City-owned property between the right-of-way and the applicant's property that is anticipated to be used for a future turn lane. The applicant has agreed to plant trees in this space in the interim.

Kurt Suhr stated that Starr Street is one block south of Holdrege Street. They are proposing 12 three bedroom apartments in a three-story building. The adjacent two-story building will be

made up of three (3) four bedroom townhouses. The effort there is to step this down as it goes into the neighborhood. It would have a hip roof. The houses in the neighborhood are primarily single story bungalow houses. They are proposing Hardie siding with some stone at the entrance. The buildings would be a combination of lap siding, vertical board and batten, and cement siding. The roof would be asphalt shingle. Color wise, they did a project at 25<sup>th</sup> Street and 'Y' Street that was a monochromatic palette of grays. The representation in the agenda is fairly close. The site is pretty full. The building faces south for the main entrance. Parking is along the alley to the north. North of this is a grocery store. South across the street is a laundromat. He showed an image of Starr Street. They butt up against two small houses. He showed some images of houses in the area.

Canney inquired about the distance between the lot line and public right-of-way. Kevin Riley stated that from the sidewalk is a 17 foot piece of lane saved for the turn lane. From that sliver of land is an additional 10 foot side yard. From sidewalk is about 27 feet. The question is where do the trees get planted. Christopher believes that will be up to Parks and Recreation. Canney knows that Parks and Recreation will address the issue. It sounds like the applicant has this addressed in the next phase. Christopher asked if the Committee had a recommendation on particular tree. Canney would recommend something columnar. You could go smaller and not as controversial to be removed, or do columnar and plant it far enough back that you don't have to move it. He would recommend a tree that doesn't get more than 10 to 12 feet wide.

Hind understands that you can't drive between the buildings from the north. Riley noted that was correct. Over one year ago, the previous owners rezoned this. There are some increased sideyard setbacks. There is a 15 foot instead of the typical 10 foot sideyard. It is currently R-6 zoning. Regulations say you have to pave the alley. This was originally replatted for nine row houses. In discussions with Urban Development, Ernie Castillo and Dan Marvin liked the idea of transitioning from row houses to townhouses, to apartments. What you see here is allowed by code. Burd noted that from his research, vinyl siding is almost the same price as fiber cement Hardie board. Everything is pre-finished. The tri-plex and both buildings would be somewhat of the same color palette, to have it flow. They are looking at pre-finished lap siding. The belt line is proposed for real stone. The offset middle protrudes more. Each has its own porch.

Grasso asked if the windows will have trim. Riley answered there will be a picture frame trim.

Canney wondered what is happening on the east and west end of the apartment building. Riley stated the center is 72 inch wide by 42 inch tall bedroom windows. Suhr showed an image of a similar property to what is being proposed.

There was a discussion of different design elements for the building.

Grasso mentioned that she would like to see the door match a little more.

Huston believes the question is whether or not a tri-plex is sufficient buffer to the existing neighborhood. In his opinion, he thinks it is a nice blend and a good transition.

Penn thinks the design of the 12 plex is relatively flat, but efforts were made with the push and pull on the 12 plex. Riley noted the entry has an offset of 2 feet, a shed roof and stone columns.

Hind noted the windows facing 27<sup>th</sup> Street. Riley stated that building code says you can declare your front on one side or the other. The Planning Dept. told them that 27<sup>th</sup> Street is technically a side yard due to the upcoming turn lane dedication. Starr Street is the front. This is not a corner lot.

Canney thinks the goal is to keep the trees long term. Riley stated he had heard from the City that if ownership changes on the lot to the north, whoever obtains that property will have restrictions related to the turn lane. The sale of that property makes a turn lane more likely. Canney would recommend street trees and Parks and Recreation can show what they want and where they are placed.

Hind applauded the density and everything else. He thinks there is an opportunity with the interstitial space between the buildings. He would encourage a rethinking and use this as an opportunity. Perhaps a high window in the living space or something could be done. He thinks it needs a little more design than just grass. He thinks people will use this space. Suhr would have to look at the code to see what is allowed. Hind added that even a brick path with benches would be nice. Canney noted that the townhouses might not want a lot of traffic next to them.

Hind stated that in his experience, the end units are the same in design as the middle unit and you lose a lot of opportunity with daylight and landscaping.

### ACTION:

Huston moved approval as presented with consideration for suggestions made for street trees and exterior treatment of the tri-plex, windows on the corners, and east and west facades, seconded by Canney and carried 5-0: Canney, Grasso, Hind, Huston and Penn voting 'yes'; Deeker and Peace absent.

#### STAFF REPORT AND MISCELLANEOUS:

• Barnes stated that in regards to the Planning Department staff vacancy, the position will be advertised later this month. In the meantime, Collin Christopher is helping out. Christopher might stay with this Committee, but things are still undecided. He noted that Christopher also staffs the Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission. He doesn't want to

overwhelm any one staff person. Additions and revisions have been made to the staff reports to try to make them more useful to the Committee.

Huston stated that the materials in the staff report are very helpful with the vicinity map and other information.

Penn likes the recommendations and review comments. Huston agreed.

Barnes noted that application deadlines have been adjusted as well. This gives staff more time for discussion before an item comes before a board.

Hind asked if it is possible to direct people to bring in some materials samples. Huston noted it was easier sitting around a table in the past for this committee. Hind likes to see the actual materials. Huston agreed.

Canney asked if there if is anything holding an applicant to a specific material preferred by the Committee. Barnes stated that is a big question. This is advisory only. Design consideration is not a rule. The only time this Committee has final action is on an appeal. These are all advisory reviews and guidance. The applicant can continue on and get TIF financing.

There was a general discussion of design guidelines.

Christopher noted that anything related to façade materials and elevations that makes it into a Redevelopment Agreement is considered a requirement when City staff reviews building permit sets.

Barnes noted that it is not a requirement to bring in samples of materials, but staff can suggest it.

Grasso believes it feels like we aren't always getting the full truth on what will be used. Sometimes the applicant says they don't know what material or color will be used. She believes they should know if they have made it this far in the process. Staff needs to encourage the applicant to speak to materials.

Penn thinks we need to up the level of design for low-income housing. She feels that aesthetically, a better design job can be done with low income housing.

#### 2022 ANNUAL REPORT:

Members present: Canney, Grasso, Hind, Huston and Penn; Deeker and Peace absent.

Christopher noted a format change for this year's annual report. There were 23 unique projects that appeared before the Committee in 2022, including 14 TIF projects and a good variety of project types. A lot of great work came through this Committee in the last year, and Christopher thanked them for their work.

#### ACTION:

Hind moved approval, seconded by Canney and carried 5-0: Canney, Grasso, Hind, Huston and Penn voting 'yes'; Deeker and Peace absent.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

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# **URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE STAFF REPORT**

APPLICATION NUMBER	Urban Design Record #23007
APPLICATION TYPE	Advisory Review
ADDRESS/LOCATION	N 48th Street and Madison Avenue (2747 N 48th Street)
HEARING DATE	February 7, 2023
ADDITIONAL MEETINGS	N/A
APPLICANT	Adam Criswell, akcriswell@speedwayproperties.com
STAFF CONTACT	Collin Christopher, 402-441-6370, cchristopher@lincoln.ne.gov

#### **RECOMMENDATION: ADVICE ONLY**

#### Summary of Request

Developers are proposing a mixed use redevelopment project on the vacant lot at the southwest corner of N 48<sup>th</sup> Street and Madison Avenue. This site has been vacant since a 2003 fire destroyed the Green's building, and its redevelopment is expected to incude 54 apartment units and approximately 4,800 square feet of leasable groundfloor commercial space. It is staff's understanding that a portion of the residential units will be dedicated to affordable housing. More specific details regarding this component of the project will be provided by the applicant at the public hearing.

The proposed building is designed in an "L" shape with frontages on both N 48<sup>th</sup> Street and Madison Avenue, mostly shielding the 70-stall parking lot from pubic view on those streets. Landscape screening is provided abutting N 47<sup>th</sup> Street, where the parking lot becomes more visible from public view.

The three-story building has a maximum height of 40', and consists of a combination of brick veneer, architectural metal panels, concrete pilasters and caps, and aluminum canopies. The project also includes balconies for the second and third floor units and 1,000 square feet of commercial patio space. The overall architectural design is reminiscent of other projects the developer has completed in the Telegraph District and the Haymarket in recent years.

The University Place Business District along N 48<sup>th</sup> Street consists mostly of one- and two-story buildings with a variety of architectural influences and finishes. However, brick facades are quite prominent in the district and this project would continue that trend. It would sit directly across from the old Wesleyan Hospital building, which is one of the taller building along the corridor and helps to justify the increased building height at this corner. The proposed building also has a moderate transition in height from 40' to 37' as it moves south along N 48<sup>th</sup> Street, allowing it to better fit with the surrounding building heights.

It should also be noted that the City's LTU Department will be overseeing two street rehab projects in this area in 2023 that will improve the condition of both N 48<sup>th</sup> Street and Madison Avenue. Coordination of those projects with this one is ongoing.

UDC's advice is being sought because the applicant is requesting the use of Tax Increment Financing. Additional details can be found within the attachments.

#### **Compatibility with the Design Standards**

Because the project site has a B-3 zoning designation, it is not required to meet neighborhood design standards. That said, the use of TIF generally results in an expectation of a higher design standard than what would otherwise be required. In general, the building façade materials being proposed appear to meet that higher standard.

The project will also be required to follow the more typical design standards that apply city-wide, such as the parking, outdoor lighting, street tree and landscape design standards. In comparing those standards to the information provided by the applicant, staff noted the following deviations from the stree tree and landscape design standards:

### 7.1 Parking Lots, Parking Areas, and Driving Aisles

#### C. Interior Landscaping Location, Coverage, and Layout

1. For parking lots 6,000 square feet or greater, interior landscape islands shall be located at the end of every parking row, between the last parking space and an adjacent travel aisle or driveway (See Figure 4). The interior width of the island – measured from back-of-curb to back-of-curb – shall be no less than nine (9) feet. The minimum interior square footage for a single row island shall be 125 square feet, while the minimum square footage for a double row island shall be 250 square feet. Islands shall be planted with some combination of turf, trees, and understory landscaping such as shrubs, ornamental grasses and flowering perennials. In islands with trees, rock mulch may be allowed as an alternative groundcover to turf or understory landscaping.

**Compatibility per Staff Analysis:** The Site Plan (A1.01) appears to show a parking lot island that does not meet the typical size requirements, especially for an island that would have a tree placed in it. However, the renderings appear to show a full-sized island that would be acceptable.

#### 7.14 Street Trees

#### A. Screen Location, Coverage, and Layout

- 1. As a requirement of the commercial building permitting process for new construction, street trees shall be required per the standards set forth in CHAPTER 2.35 DESIGN STANDARDS FOR STREET TREES.
- 2. CHAPTER 2.35 DESIGN STANDARDS FOR STREET TREES | Section 1. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS provides direction on where street trees may be located within the City right-of-way. If the required street trees cannot be located in the right-of-way because of these requirements, or due to other unavoidable circumstances of the built environment, a portion or all of the required street trees may be exempted from being planted. This determination shall be made by the Parks and Recreation Department during the building permit review process.

**Compatibility per Staff Analysis:** Street trees would typically be required along N 47<sup>th</sup> Street, N 48<sup>th</sup> Street and Madison Avenue. However, there are complicating factors here, as there often are on infill and redevelopment sites. Along the N 48<sup>th</sup> Street side, the available right-of-way is quite narrow and street trees have typically not been required along this stretch in order to accommodate pedestrian pathways. On the N 47<sup>th</sup> Street side, parking lot trees are shown inside of the right-of-way, but street trees are not shown. There is an overhead powerline that runs along this side of N 47<sup>th</sup> Street that would prohibit street tree plantings here, so none will be required in this location. Finally, the applicant has shown three street tree plantings along the Madison Avenue side. While the required street tree spacing is always a bit of a negotiation based on site limitations, redevelopment of a full block face like this would typically result in a requirement of more like five street trees, spaced 45-50' apart. The

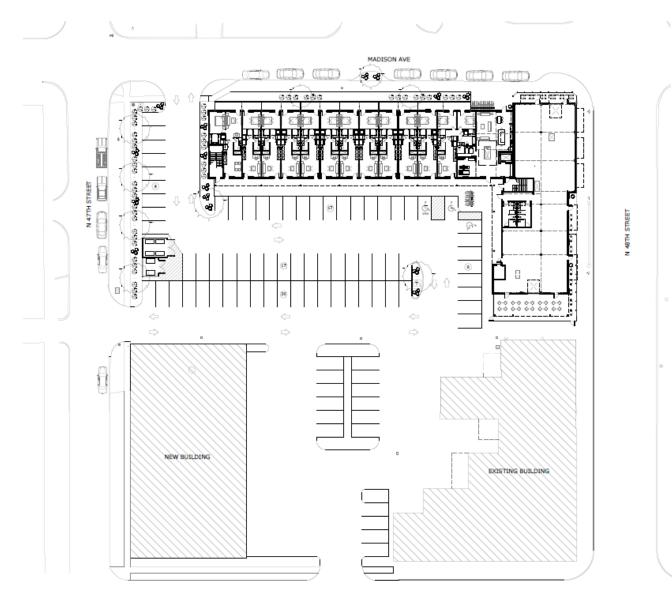
Committee should weigh in on the appropriate number of street trees to be planted along Madison Avenue.

#### Recommendation

While this item is advice only, the project's compatibility with relevant design standards and how it interacts with the existing University Place Business District and the surrounding residential neighborhood should be key considerations of the Committee.

# **ATTACHMENT A - Location Map**





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### **ATTACHMENT C - Renderings**



Site plan overview



View from the northeast



View of the east façade (N 48<sup>th</sup> Street side)



View of the north façade (Madison Avenue side)



View of the parking lot



View of the covered patio and passthrough space connecting the N 48<sup>th</sup> Street streetscape to the parking lot

#### The former Green Plumbing site Redevelopment Project 2747 N 48<sup>th</sup> Street Lincoln, Nebraska

#### **Program Statement**

The area at 48<sup>th</sup> and Madison has been vacant following the fire of the Greens building and purchase/trade by the City of Lincoln. Many paths have been explored for the lots. The goal of the project is to enhance the entrance from the North into the University Place neighborhood.

The Madison building is an exciting option for those in search of unique living space. Students and professionals are drawn to the buildings contemporary design, social opportunities and modern amenities. Residents may choose from one to three-bedroom open floor plans. The complex combines personal, attentive resident services with technology to provide day-to-day ease, streamline the rental process and improve connectivity to activities in the area.

- 1. 54 Units and 57 bedrooms
  - a. Fifty-one (51) One-bedroom Units
  - b. Three (3) Two-bedrooms units
- 2. Gathering space with kitchen and dining seating
- 3. Gaming area with a pool table and other fun activities
- 4. The fitness center offers a variety of equipment
- 5. The Commercial space will add several well-known businesses to the area

The face of a neighborhood's character is established at the nodes of entrance into its streetscape. The rhythm of principal street facade, massing of buildings and use similar materials engage the user group. The building design has clever shifts in materials within the facade, use of multiple porches, balconies and awnings, and combination of windows and entrances. The living units will be a consistence design theme with the use of materials and finishes. There will be no difference in units as we incorporate affordable housing living units within the complex. The design integrates a rhythm of elements to enhance the neighborhood charm.

The redevelopment site is designed with many amenities. There are site and streetscape improvements including the following:

- 1. Providing wider pedestrian ways in front of the shops and Improving accessibility
- 2. Providing space for outdoor seating, merchandise display and neighborhood art
- 3. Many bike storage options to encourage bike traffic to the site.
- 4. A parking configuration to improve vehicular traffic circulation with seventy (70) stalls on site
- 5. Trash enclosed with similar building materials used.
- 6. Site safety and the use of attractive exterior lighting

The redevelopment team has a successful portfolio of projects to show ability and intent. Using their proven track record in the City of Lincoln, evidence supports the constructability of the design. Performance of the site and building systems have been vetted to ensure sustainability using proper construction technique and material use. The Performa supports a long term arrangement for leasing success in the University Place community.

Thank you for the opportunity to share the vision of a distinctive redevelopment project that meets the needs of the residents of the University Place Neighborhood in Lincoln Nebraska.

















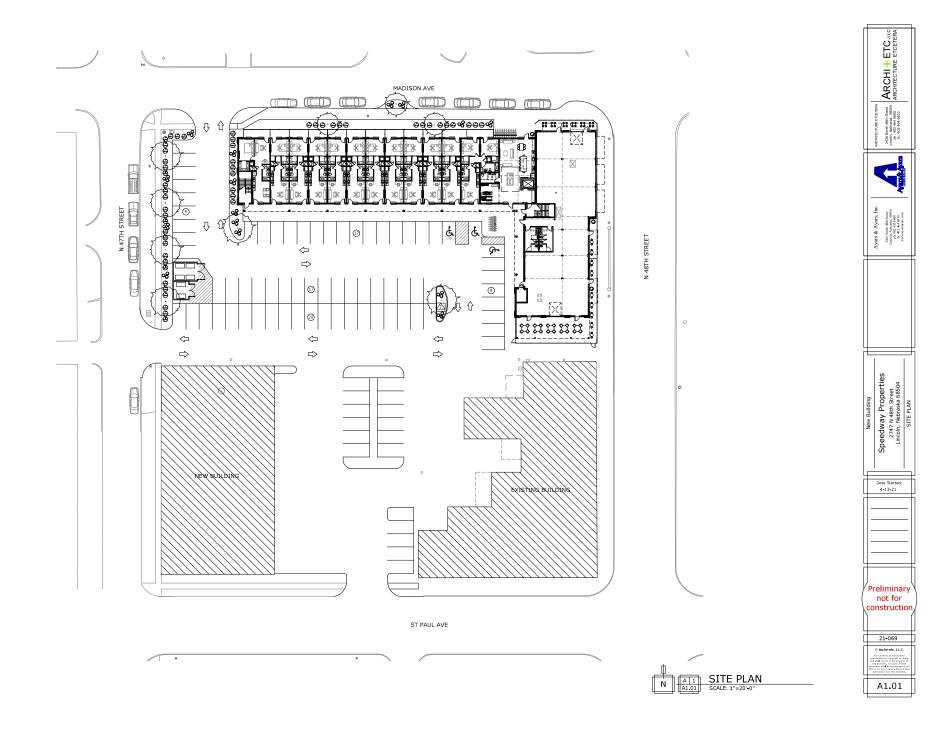






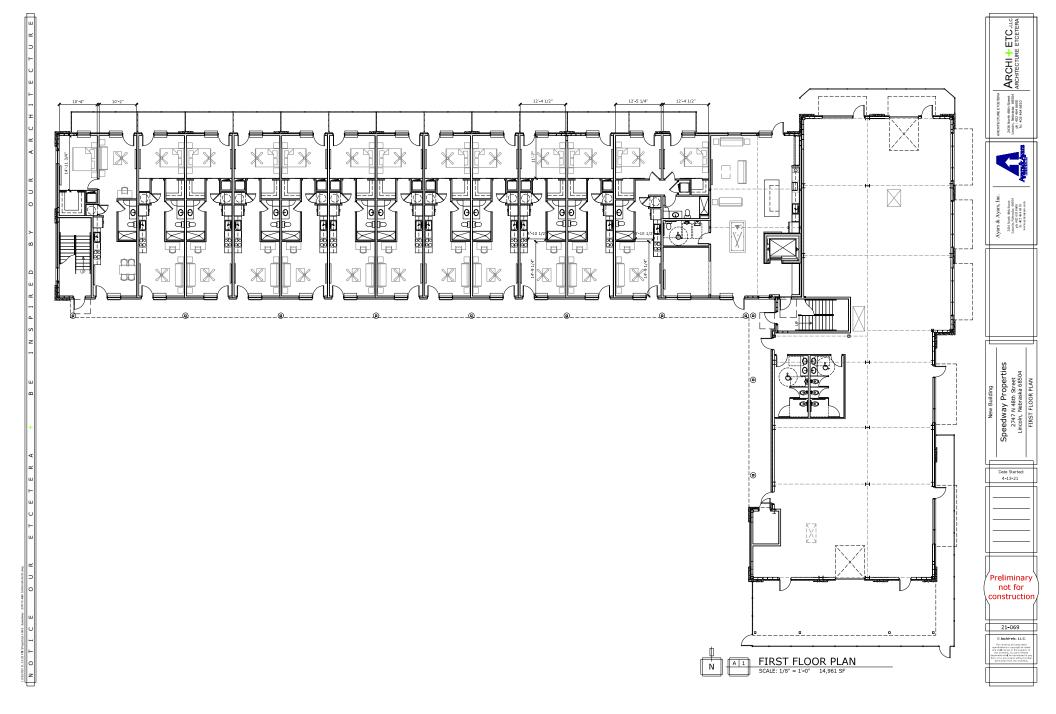


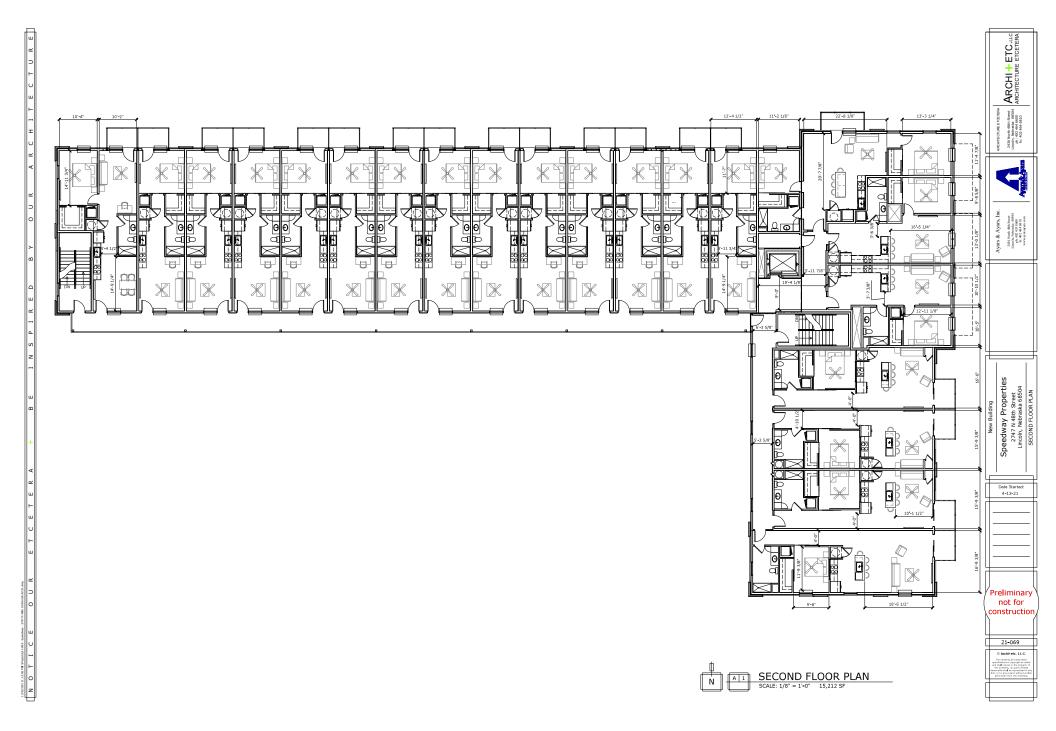


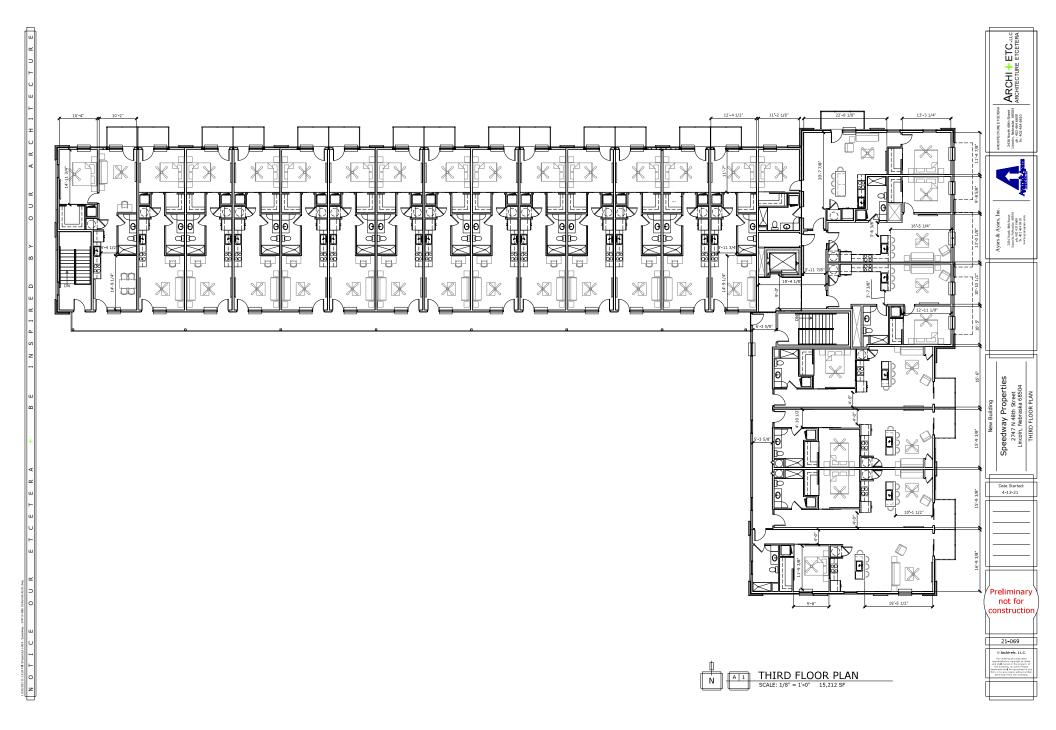




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1 Bedroom													
Suite A S	540	sq. ft.	588	sq. ft.	67	sq. ft.	10				10	(1 bed/ unit)	10
Suite A	536	sq. ft.	582	sq. ft.	44	sq. ft.		13	13		26	(1 bed/ unit)	26
Suite B	718	sq. ft.	772	sq. ft.	99	sq. ft.	1	1	1		3	(1 bed/ unit)	3
Suite C	823	sq. ft.	890	sq. ft.	44	sq. ft.		1	1		2	(1 bed/ unit)	2
Suite E 1	658	sq. ft.	711	sq. ft.	N/A	sq. ft.		1	1		2	(1 bed/ unit)	2
Suite E 2	630	sq. ft.	693	sq. ft.	N/A	sq. ft.		1	1		2	(1 bed/ unit)	2
Suite G	668	sq. ft.	710	sq. ft.	44	sq. ft.		3	3		6	(1 bed/ unit)	6
2 Bedroom													
Suite F	938	sq. ft.	1025	sq. ft.	55	sq. ft.		1	1		2	(2 beds/ unit)	4
Suite D	834	sq. ft.	887	sq. ft.	44	sq. ft.	1				1	(2 bed/ unit)	2
									Total Units:		54	Total Beds:	57

#### NOTES: 1.) Area

Area is calculated from interior finished face of suite demising walls, corridor walls, and exterior walls.

2.) Leasable Area

Leasable area is calculated from center line of suite demising wall, outside of finished face of corridor walls, and exterior finish face of exterior wall.

2747 North 48th Street - Madison: Gross Building Area					
Gro		Gross Area			
First Floor		14962 sq. ft.			
Second Floor		15137 sq. ft.			
Third Floor		15137 sq. ft.			
	Total:	45236 sq. ft.			

2747 North 48th Street - Madison: Commercial Tenant Area				
	Area	Leaseable Area		
Commercial Tenant 100	1710 sq. ft.	1824 sq. ft.		
Commercial Tenant 200	808 sq. ft.	868 sq. ft.		
Commercial Tenant 300	1949 sq. ft.	2088 sq. ft.		
Total C	4780 sq. ft.			
Commercial Tenant Patio Area	1,003 sq. ft.			

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# **URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE STAFF REPORT**

APPLICATION NUMBER	Urban Design Record #22137
APPLICATION TYPE	Advisory Review
ADDRESS/LOCATION	Northeast corner of NW 48th and W Holdrege Street
HEARING DATE	February 7, 2023
ADDITIONAL MEETINGS	UDC (01/03/23)
APPLICANT	Derek Zimmerman, <u>derek@revdev.com</u>
STAFF CONTACT	Collin Christopher, 402-441-6370, <u>cchristopher@lincoln.ne.gov</u>

#### **RECOMMENDATION: ADVICE ONLY**

**Staff Note:** This project was originally reviewed by the Urban Design Committee on January 3, 2023. The Committee asked the applicant to take a second look at the façade design of the apartment buildings. More specifically, the following direction was given to the applicant by the Committee at the January meeting:

- Be more thoughtful with the exterior. The building looks very flat (e.g., limited push and pull, no awnings, flat windows) and has a limited color palette consisting almost enirely of vinyl.
- If the applicant intends to stick with vinyl as a cost savings measure, be specific in detailing the energy efficiencies and other amenities that are being provided as a result. Show the evidence.
- Address water intrusion and underlayment issues that go along with vinyl siding.

For a more detailed summary of the Committee's feedback and direction, see the January meeting minutes attached to the February agenda packet. As of the posting of the February agenda, the applicant had not provided any new information to the Planning Department. However, it is expected that they will be presenting new information to Urban Design Committee on the 7<sup>th</sup>. For reference, what follows is the original staff report.

#### Summary of Request

Woodside Village, located at the northeast corner of NW 48<sup>th</sup> and W Holdrege, is a multifamily project consisting of one (1) three-story building and three (3) four-story buildings that will house approximately 289 total units. Those units will consist of three (3) studio units, two hundred seven (207) 1 bed/1 bath units, and seventy-nine (79) 2 bed/2 bath units. The project is located in a growing area of the City and is adjacent to the new Lincoln Northwest High School. It is anticipated at this time that 20% of the units will be deemed affordable.

Though the B-2 zoning that guides development of the property has a height limit of 40', a previously approved zoning agreement will allow them to build up to 48' in height. The four-story buildings will have a flat roof, while the three-story building closest to the adjacent neighborhood will have a hipped roof in order to provide a better transition to the the lower density neighborhood. The development site is also anticipated to include two garage buildings with hipped roofs, three hundred sixty-three (363) surface parking stalls, a dog park and a pool area.

The facades of the buildings would consist primarily of vinyl siding with a color palette of earth tones of white, grey, blue, and red serving to break up what is otherwise a mostly flat exterior. The facades also include balconies for many of the units.

It is staff's understanding that the northern perimeter of the site would be buffered from the adjacent singlefamily residential with a vinyl fence, in addition to the landscaped screen (consisting mostly of evergeen tree groupings) required for multi-family projects like this.

UDC's advice is being sought because the applicant is requesting the use of Tax Increment Financing. Additional details can be found within the attachments.

### **Compatibility with the Design Standards**

Given its location and zoning, this project is not beholden to some of the more restrictive design standards that this Committee is familiar with, such as the downtown and neighborhood design standards. It will be required to follow the more typical design standards that apply city-wide, such as the parking, outdoor lighting, street tree and landscape design standards. In analyzing the information submitted by the applicant, staff noted a couple of small revisions that will need to be made to comply with the parking and landscaping design standards. Those notes are listed below, though it can be assumed that these issues would be addressed during the building permitting process.

### 7.1 Parking Lots, Parking Areas, and Driving Aisles

- **Parking lot islands** Double rows of parking shall not exceed forty consecutive stalls (twenty per row) without an internal island break.
- **Parking lot interior landscaping** For parking lots that exceed 200 stalls, interior landscaping shall account for at least ten percent (10%) of the total parking lot square footage.
- **Parking lot trees** For parking lots 6,000 square feet or greater, there shall be planted within the paved area a minimum of one (1) shade tree, plus one (1) additional shade tree for every 6,000 square feet of parking lot paving. Each required internal landscape island for a double row of parking shall have at least one (1) shade tree. Those required shade trees not required to be planted within double row islands may be planted along the perimeter of the parking lot within eight feet (8') of the paved area. Each tree planted along the perimeter of the parking lot may be used for one-half (1/2) of the required total of shade trees required within the paved area.

**Compatibility per Staff Analysis:** The parking lot shown in the renderings does not appear to fully meet the above standards.

### Recommendation

While this item is advice only, staff has prepared the following summary of considerations:

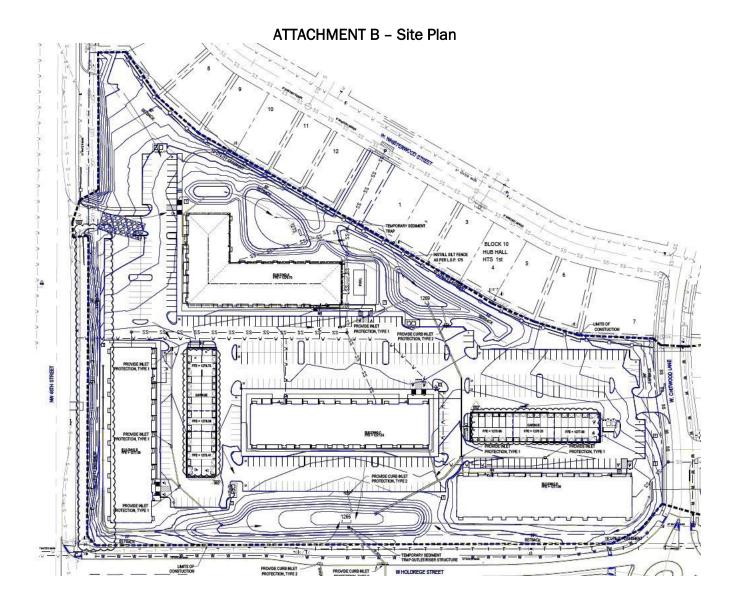
- The materiality and rhythm of the building facades don't meet the higher standards required of other projects that this Committee often reviews. However, those standards are not a requirement here. Further, the applicant would likely make the case that providing quality, affordable housing should be prioritized over aesthetics. The Committee should weigh those competing priorities and provide recommendations for ways to meet their expectations for the building facades.
- The parking lot landscape standards are not being fully met. While this is a common issue that typically gets adressed during the permitting process, the Committee should weigh in on any particular concerns about applying the standards to this project.

# **ATTACHMENT A - Location Map**



UDR22137 - Woodside Village (NW 48th St & W Holdrege St)

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## ATTACHMENT C – Exterior Site Renderings





# ATTACHMENT C – Interior Dollhouse Renderings







# ATTACHMENT D – Interior Pictures (Taken from Similar Projects)







STREET TREE LIST										
	LOCATION	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	SIZE & METHOD OF HANDLING	DESIGN HEIGHT & SPREAD	QUANTITY	STREET TYPE			
CO	W, CHITWOOD LANE	CELTIS OCCIDENTALIS	COMMON HACKBERRY	1" CAL, B & B	40' HEIGHT, 35' SPREAD	6	LOCAL COLLECTOR			
GT	HOLDREGE STREET	GLEDITSIA TRIACANTHOS	SHADEMASTER HONEYLOCUST	1" CAL, B & B	45' HEIGHT, 35' SPREAD	11	IMPROVED ARTERIAL			
TC	NW 48TH STREET	TILIA CORDATA	GREENSPIRE LINDEN	1" CAL, B & B	40' HEIGHT, 30' SPREAD	11	IMPROVED ARTERIAL			
GTS	W. WHISPERWOOD STREET	GYMNOCLADUS DIOICUS ESPRESSOUFS"	ESPRESSO KENTUCKY COFFEE TREE	1" CAL, B & B	50' HEIGHT, 35' SPREAD	1	LOCAL COLLECTOR			

#### PLANT LIST

	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	SIZE & METHOD	DESIGN
			OF HANDLING	HEIGHT & SPREAD
TREES				
GT	GLEDITSIA TRIACANTHOS	SHADEMASTER HONEYLOCUST	1" CAL, B & B	45' HEIGHT, 35' SPREAD
GTS	GYMNOCLAUDUS DICICUS 'ESPRESSO-JFS'	ESPRESSO KENTUCKY COFFEE TREE	2 1/2" CAL, B & B, 12" 14" HT MN	50" HEIGHT, 35" SPREAD
QB	QUERCUS BICOLOR	SWAMP WHITE OAK	2 1/2" CAL, B & B, 12" 14" HT MIN	45' HEIGHT, 45' SPREAD
UC	ULMUS JAPONICA X WILSONIANA MORTON	ACCOLADE ELM	2 1/2" CAL, B & B, 12-14" HT MIN	70" HEIGHT, 60" SPREAD
SHRUBS				
AAR	AMELANCHER ALNIFOLIA REGENT	ALDER-LEAVED SERVICEBERRY	#5 CONT/ 30" HT MIN W/ 4 CANES	5' HEIGHT, 5' SPREAD
AME	ARONIA MELANOGARPA ELATA	BLACK CHOKEBERRY	#5 CONT/ 35" HT MIN W/ 4 CANES	5' HEIGHT, 5' SPREAD
JPA	JUNPERUS X PRITZERIANA 'ARMSTRONGII'	ARMSTRONG JUNPER	#5 CONT/ 30" HT MIN W/ 3 CANES	4' HEIGHT, 4' SPREAD
RHH	ROSA 'HOPE FOR HUMANITY'	HOPE FOR HUMANITY ROSE	#3 CONT/ 24" HT MIN W/ 3 CANES	3' HEIGHT, 4' SPREAD
ERENNIALS				
NFW	NEPETA X FAASENII 'WALKER'S LOW'	WALKER'S LOW CATMINT	NO. 1 CONTAINER, 24" SPACING	24" HEIGHT, 24" SPREAD
LSF	LIRIOPE MUSCARI 'BIG BLUE'	BIG BLUE LILYTURF	NO. 1 CONTAINER, 18" SPACING	18" HEIGHT, 18" SPREAD
HHT	HOSTA 'EARTH ANGEL'	EARTH ANGEL HOSTA	NO. 1 CONTAINER, 48" SPACING	36" HEIGHT, 18" SPREAD
HPM	HOSTA KROSSA REGAL'	KROSSA REGAL HOSTA	NO. 1 CONTAINER, 30" SPACING	28" HEIGHT, 30" SPREAD



1. PROVIDE A CULTIVATED EDGE FOR ALL PLANTING BED EDGING AND WHERE BEDS ABUT BACK OF CURBS AND SIDEWALKS, REFERENCE DETAIL 2, TH'S SHEET. 2 CONTRACTOR SHALL MULCH ALL PLANTING BEDS AND TREE PITS. REFERENCE DETAILS 1 & 2, THS SHEET.

3. PROVIDE 6" OF TOPSOIL FOR TURF AREAS, 12" FOR PLANTING BEDS.

4. INSTALL PLANTS WHERE THEY ABUT CURBS TO ALLOW FOR A ONE FOOT SPACE BETWEEN BACK OF CURB AND ESTIMATED MATURE SPREAD.

5. SEED ALL AREAS DISTURBED BY CONSTRUCTION WHETHER NOTED ON DRAWINGS OR NOT



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PLANTING BED SOIL NOTES: 1) BREAK UP EXISTING SOIL TO A DEPTH OF 24" & REMOVE TOP 12" TREE PLANTING NOTES 1) DO NOT HEAVILY PRUME THE TREE AT PLANTING, PRUME ONLY CROSSOVER LIMBS, CO-DOMPANT LEADERS, & BROKEN OR DEAD BRANCHES. SOME INTERING SALTERAL BRANCHES MAY BE PRUMED, DO NOT REMOVE THE TERMINA, BUDS OF BRANCHES THAT EXTEND TO THE EDGE OF THE CROWN STAKING REQUIREMENTS: 1) STAKING SHALL BE W APPROVAL OF LANDSCAPE 2) PROVIDE 12" OF NEW TOPSOIL BLEND W/ EXISTING TO A DEPTH OF 2 1) STARING SHALL BE W APPROVAL OF LANDSCAPE ARCH IF TREE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SUPPORT ITSELF (DEPENDS ON SPECIES) 2) WIRE / CABLE SHALL BE GALV, 14-GALDE FOR TREES UNDER 21/27 GAL 12-GALDE FOR TREES OVER 3\* CAL 3) APPLY 3'TH BED OF MULCH ON PLANTING BED, DO NOT COVER PLANTS APPLY 1" OF COM AND BLEND COMPOST INTO TOP 3" OF PLANTING BED SOIL 2) MARK THE NORTH SIDE OF THE TREEIN THE NURSERY, AND ROTATE TREE TO FACE NORTH AT THE SITE WHENEVER POSSIBLE SHRUB PLANTING NOTES: 1) SET SHRUB AT SAME DEPTH AT WHICH IT GREW IN THE HELD OR CONTAINER FOR TREES OVER 9" CAL -3) TIGHTEN WIRE / CABLE ONLY ENOUGH TO KEEP FROM SUIPPING, ALLOW FOR SOME TRUNK MOVEMENT PLASTIC HOSE SHALL BE LONG ENOUGH TO ACCOM-MODATE 11/2" OF GROWTH 3) SET TOP OF ROOT BALL 1-2 INCHES HIGHER THAN SURROUNDING GRADE 2) PRUNE, THIN & SHAPE SHRUBS IN ACCORDANCE & STANDARD HORTICULTURAL PRACTICE APPLY 3'TH WOOD MULCH, DO NOT PLACE MULCH IN DIRECT CONTACT w/TREE TRUNK INTIAL WATERING: WHEN BACKFILLIS 2/0 COMPLETE, WATER THOROUGHLY UNTIL NO MORE IS ABSORBED WITREE TRUBK 5) APPLY TREE WRAP TO TRUBK FROM THE STM UPWARD, SECLRE WITAPE 6) EACH TREE MASTBE FANTED SUCH THE TRUBK FARE IS MÖSLE AT THE TOP OF THE ROOT BALL THESS WHERE THE FURP DO NOT COVER THE TOP OF THE ROOT BALL WSOL 4) STAKES SHALL BE 1 1/2'x 1 1/2' HARDWOOD OR EOLW 5) PROVIDE, MAINTAIN & FILI WATER BAGS THROUGH X, 17/6/ 7) REMOVE ALL TWINE, ROPE, W THE UPPER 1/3 OF ROOT BALL O REMOVE WIRE BASKETS & BURL AMENDED PLANTING BED 8) PLACE ALL ROOT BALLS ON UN EXCAVATED OR TAMPED SOL, TH 1 PLANTING INSTALLATION DETAILS NOTE: PROVIDE CULTIVATED EDGE WHER ALL PLANTING BEDS ABUT BACK O CURBS, SIDEWALK EDGES AND GRASS AREAS, TYP. MULCH LAYER, SEE DETAIL 1 THIS SHEET
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IRRIGATION LEGEND

### **IRRIGATION NOTES:**

- DESIGN AND INSTALL A COMPLETE IRRIGATION SYSTEM FOR THE ENTIRE SITE. REFE TO THE IRRIGATION LEGEND AND PLAN FOR TYPE OF IRRIGATION IN EACH AREA.
- 2. PROVIDE LOOPED IRRIGATION MAINLINE AND A MASTER VALVE FOR THE IRRIGATIO SYSTEM.
- PROVIDE QUICK COUPLERS AT A MAXIMUM INTERVAL OF 100' ALONG PARKING LOT AND ENTRY SIDEWALKS.
- 4. REFER TO PLAN FOR WATER CONNECTION LOCATION, FIELD VERI

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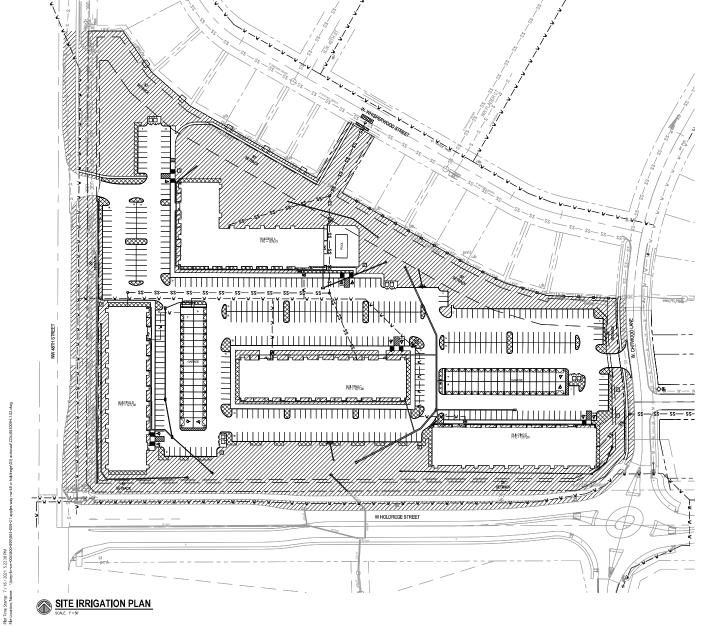
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