

Planning Commission

Staff Report

March 29, 2018



Case No:	17ZONE1001
Project Name:	1312 E Washington Street
Location:	1312 E Washington Street
Owner(s):	Estate of Allen Gene Rosenstein
Applicant:	Estate of Allen Gene Rosenstein
Jurisdiction:	Louisville Metro
Council District:	4- Barbara Sexton Smith
Case Manager:	Julia Williams, RLA, AICP, Planning Supervisor

REQUEST(S)

- Change in zoning from R-6 to R-7
- District Development plan

CASE SUMMARY/BACKGROUND

The proposal involves the rezoning of a parcel with an existing building constructed prior to 1900 and its carriage house. The existing structure has 2 dwelling units and the existing carriage house has 1 dwelling unit. There is no new construction involved with the proposal. The site is surrounded on 3 sides with R-6 zoning and the Traditional Neighborhood Form. To the south and across Bowles Avenue is C-1 zoning in the Traditional Marketplace Corridor Form.

STAFF FINDING

The proposal and the use of the carriage house as a residential unit is in keeping with the existing historic neighborhood. No new construction is proposed. The unit is being renovated and a parking space is being provided in the garage below.

TECHNICAL REVIEW

Butchertown Neighborhood Plan (2008)

- The Butchertown Neighborhood Plan indicates that the subject property is located within the "Central Residential Core" where the site is identified as a two-family residence. Land use recommendation LU-1 indicates that existing R-6 zones should be evaluated and rezoned to UN based on appropriate conditions. This site has historically been a multi-family site with 3 residential units, 2 in the main house and 1 in the carriage house. The site would not qualify for UN in a re-zone since it is 3 units.

Transportation Planning and MSD have preliminarily approved the proposal.

INTERESTED PARTY COMMENTS

None received.

STANDARD OF REVIEW FOR REZONING

Criteria for granting the proposed form district change/rezoning: *KRS Chapter 100.213*

1. The proposed form district/rezoning change complies with the applicable guidelines and policies Cornerstone 2020; OR
2. The existing form district/zoning classification is inappropriate and the proposed classification is appropriate; OR
3. There have been major changes of an economic, physical, or social nature within the area involved which were not anticipated in Cornerstone 2020 which have substantially altered the basic character of the area.

STAFF ANALYSIS FOR CHANGE IN ZONING

Following is staff's analysis of the proposed rezoning against the Guidelines and Policies of Cornerstone 2020.

The site is located in the Traditional Neighborhood Form District

The Traditional Neighborhood Form District is characterized by predominantly residential uses, by a grid pattern of streets with sidewalks and often including alleys. Residential lots are predominantly narrow and often deep, but the neighborhood may contain sections of larger estate lots, and also sections of lots on which appropriately integrated higher density residential uses may be located. The higher density uses are encouraged to be located in centers or near parks and open spaces having sufficient carrying capacity. There is usually a significant range of housing opportunities, including multi-family dwellings.

Traditional neighborhoods often have and are encouraged to have a significant proportion of public open space such as parks or greenways, and may contain civic uses as well as appropriately located and integrated neighborhood centers with a mixture of mostly neighborhood-serving land uses such as offices, shops, restaurants and services. Although many existing traditional neighborhoods are fifty to one hundred twenty years old, it is hoped that the Traditional Neighborhood Form will be revitalized under the new Comprehensive Plan. Revitalization and reinforcement of the Traditional Neighborhood Form will require particular emphasis on (a) preservation and renovation of existing buildings in stable neighborhoods (if the building design is consistent with the predominant building design in those neighborhoods), (b) the preservation of the existing grid pattern of streets and alleys, (c) preservation of public open spaces.

The proposal will preserve the existing street pattern, sidewalks and alley. The existing lot pattern and the lots will not change with the proposal. The public realm is maintained. The proposal is for the preservation and renovation of existing historic structures on the site.

All other agency comments should be addressed to demonstrate compliance with the remaining Guidelines and Policies of Cornerstone 2020.

A checklist is attached to the end of this staff report with a more detailed analysis. The Louisville Metro Planning Commission is charged with making a recommendation to the Louisville Metro Council regarding the appropriateness of this zoning map amendment. The Louisville Metro Council has zoning authority over the property in question.

STANDARD OF REVIEW AND STAFF ANALYSIS FOR DDP

- a. The conservation of natural resources on the property proposed for development, including: trees and other living vegetation, steep slopes, water courses, flood plains, soils, air quality, scenic views, and historic sites;

STAFF: The development proposes to preserve the site and buildings as is with only renovation to the existing historic structures.

- b. The provisions for safe and efficient vehicular and pedestrian transportation both within the development and the community;

STAFF: Provisions for safe and efficient vehicular and pedestrian transportation within and around the development and the community has been provided, and Metro Public Works has approved the preliminary development plan.

- c. The provision of sufficient open space (scenic and recreational) to meet the needs of the proposed development;

STAFF: There are no open space requirements pertinent to the current proposal.

- d. The provision of adequate drainage facilities on the subject site in order to prevent drainage problems from occurring on the subject site or within the community;

STAFF: The Metropolitan Sewer District has approved the preliminary development plan and will ensure the provision of adequate drainage facilities on the subject site in order to prevent drainage problems from occurring on the subject site or within the community.

- e. The compatibility of the overall site design (location of buildings, parking lots, screening, landscaping) and land use or uses with the existing and projected future development of the area;

STAFF: The overall site design and land uses are compatible with the existing and future development of the area.

- f. Conformance of the development plan with the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code.

STAFF: The development plan conforms to applicable guidelines and policies of the Comprehensive Plan and to requirements of the Land Development Code.

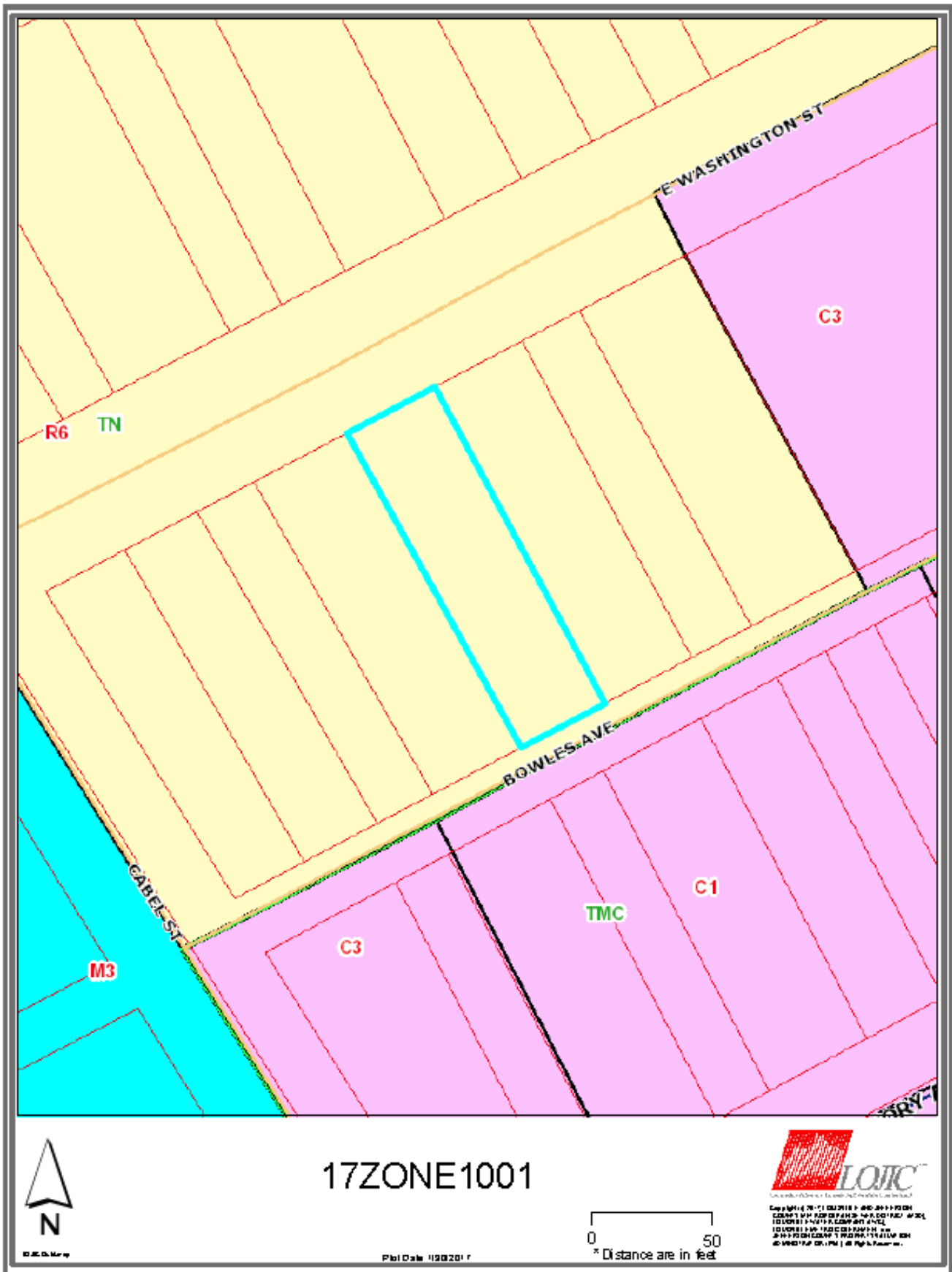
NOTIFICATION

Date	Purpose of Notice	Recipients
2/21/18	Hearing before LD&T	1 st and 2 nd tier adjoining property owners Subscribers of Council District 4 Notification of Development Proposals
3/14/18	Hearing before PC	1 st and 2 nd tier adjoining property owners Subscribers of Council District 4 Notification of Development Proposals
3/14/18	Hearing before PC	Sign Posting on property
	Hearing before PC	Legal Advertisement in the Courier-Journal

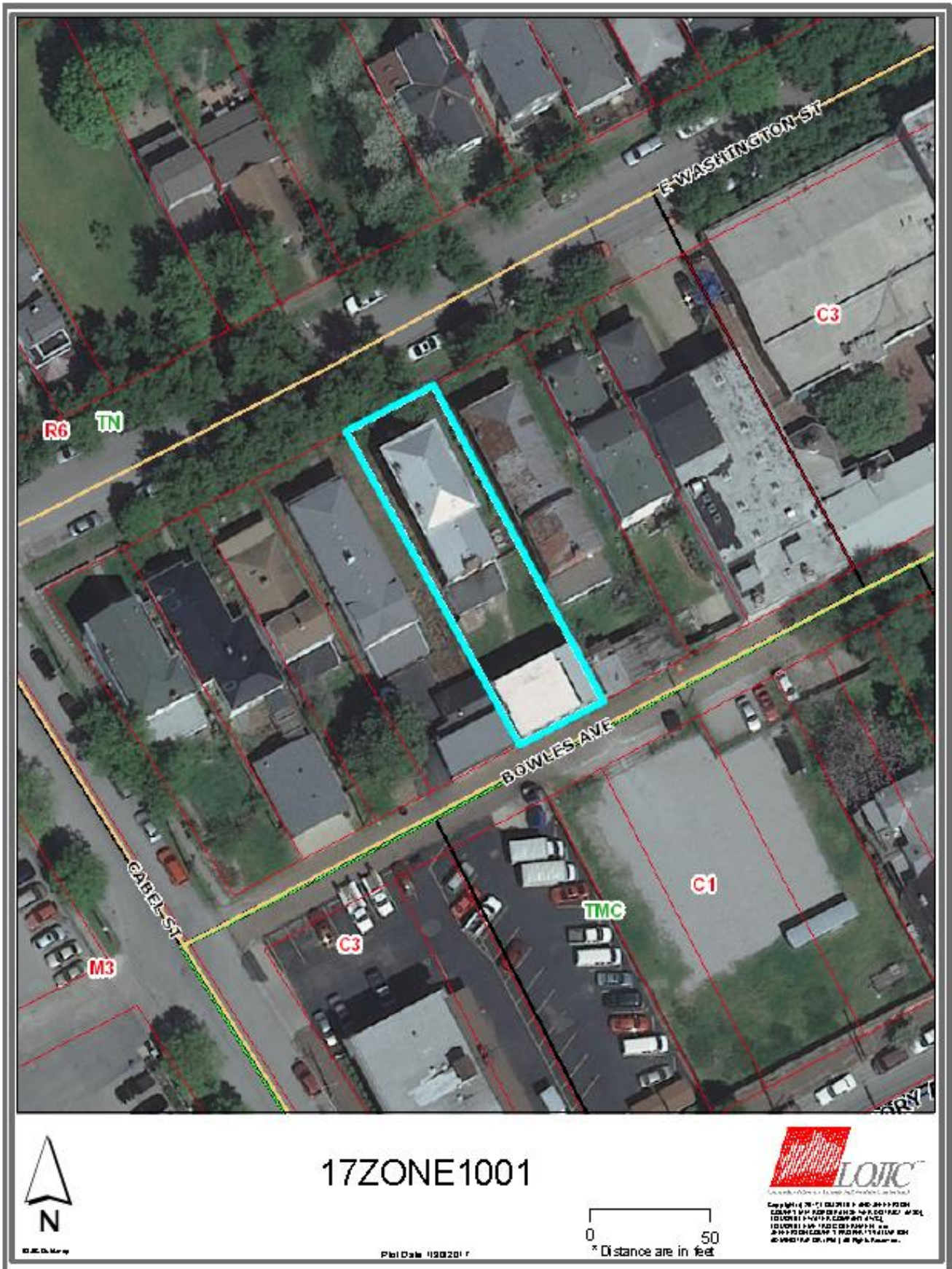
ATTACHMENTS

1. Zoning Map
2. Aerial Photograph
3. Cornerstone 2020 Staff Checklist
4. Proposed Binding Elements

1. **Zoning Map**



2. Aerial Photograph



3. Cornerstone 2020 Staff Checklist

- + Exceeds Guideline
- ✓ Meets Guideline
- Does Not Meet Guideline
- +/- More Information Needed
- NA Not Applicable

Traditional Neighborhood: Residential

#	Cornerstone 2020 Plan Element	Plan Element or Portion of Plan Element	Staff Finding	Staff Analysis
1	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 1: Community Form	B.2: The proposal preserves the existing grid pattern of streets, sidewalks and alleys.	✓	The proposal will preserve the existing street pattern, sidewalks and alley.
2	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 1: Community Form	B.2: The lotting pattern reflects the existing lotting pattern of the area, with predominately long and narrow lots, sections of larger estate lots, and appropriately-integrated higher density residential uses.	✓	The existing lot pattern and the lots will not change with the proposal.
3	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 1: Community Form	B.2: The proposal preserves public open spaces, and if the proposal is a higher density use, is located in close proximity to such open space, a center or other public areas.	✓	The public realm is maintained.
4	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 1: Community Form	B.2: The proposal preserves and renovates existing buildings if the building design of these structures is consistent with the predominate neighborhood building design.	✓	The proposal is for the preservation and renovation of existing historic structures on the site.
5	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.1. Locate activity centers within the Traditional Neighborhood Form District at street intersections with at least one of the intersecting streets classified as a collector or higher, AND one of the corners containing an established non-residential use.	NA	The proposal is not located in an activity center.
6	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.2: Develop non-residential and mixed uses only in designated activity centers except (a) where an existing center proposed to expand in a manner that is compatible with adjacent uses and in keeping with form district standards, (b) when a proposal is comparable in use, intensity, size and design to a designated center, (c) where a proposed use requires a particular location or does not fit well into a compact center, (d) where a commercial use mainly serves residents of a new planned or proposed development and is similar in character and intensity to the residential development, or (e) in older or redeveloping areas where the non-residential use is compatible with the surroundings and does not create a nuisance.	NA	The proposal is for residential.

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7	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.4: Encourage a more compact development pattern that results in an efficient use of land and cost-effective infrastructure.	✓	The proposal is not for new construction in an area where there is mixed residential.
8	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.5: Encourage a mix of compatible uses to reduce traffic by supporting combined trips, allow alternative modes of transportation and encourage vitality and sense of place.	✓	The proposal is for residential uses.
9	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.6: Encourage residential uses in centers above retail and other mixed-use multi-story retail buildings.	✓	The proposal is for residential uses on a residential site in a mixed residential area.
10	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.7: Encourage new developments and rehabilitation of buildings to provide residential uses alone or in combination with retail and office uses.	✓	The proposal is for one residential type use.
11	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.8/11: Allow centers in the Traditional Neighborhood Form District that serve the daily needs of residents and that are designed to minimize impact on residents through appropriate scale, placement and design.	NA	The proposal is not a center.
12	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.10: Encourage outlot development in underutilized parking lots provided location, scale, signs, lighting, parking and landscaping standards are met. Such outlot development should provide street-level retail with residential units above.	NA	The proposal is not for commercial.
13	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.12: Design large developments to be compact, multi-purpose centers organized around a central feature such as a public square, plaza or landscape element.	✓	The proposal is not a large development.
14	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.13: Encourage sharing of entrance and parking facilities to reduce curb cuts and surface parking.	✓	The proposal uses 1 onsite parking space and 2 on street spaces. On street parking is shared by the public.
15	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.14: Design and locate utility easements to provide access for maintenance and to provide services in common for adjacent developments.	✓	No new utility easements are necessary.
16	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.15: Encourage parking design and layout to balance safety, traffic, transit, pedestrian, environmental and aesthetic considerations.	✓	The proposal uses 1 onsite parking space and 2 on street spaces. On street parking is shared by the public.
17	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.16: Encourage centers to be designed for easy access by alternative forms of transportation.	✓	The site can be accessed by alternate forms of transportation.
18	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.1: The proposal is generally compatible within the scale and site design of nearby existing development and with the form district's pattern of development.	✓	The existing buildings are to remain and are historic and are compatible with the form district.

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19	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.2: The proposed building materials increase the new development's compatibility. (Only for a new development in a residential infill context, or if consideration of building materials used in the proposal is specifically required by the Land Development Code.)	✓	No new construction is proposed.
20	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.3: The proposal is compatible with adjacent residential areas, and if it introduces a new type of density, the proposal is designed to be compatible with surrounding land uses through the use of techniques to mitigate nuisances and provide appropriate transitions between land uses. Examples of appropriate mitigation include vegetative buffers, open spaces, landscaping and/or a transition of densities, site design, building heights, building design, materials and orientation that is compatible with those of nearby residences.	✓	The proposal is for a higher density than the adjacent R-6. However, utilizing a carriage house for a residential unit is consistent with the historic nature of the neighborhood.
21	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.6: The proposal mitigates any adverse impacts of its associated traffic on nearby existing communities.	✓	Transportation planning has determined no negative effects of the proposal on traffic.
22	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.8: The proposal mitigates adverse impacts of its lighting on nearby properties, and on the night sky.	✓	Lighting will meet LDC requirements.
23	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.10: The proposal includes a variety of housing types, including, but not limited to, single family detached, single family attached, multi-family, zero lot line, average lot, cluster and accessory residential structures, that reflect the form district pattern.	-	The proposal is for one housing type, apartments.
24	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.11: If the proposal is a higher density or intensity use, it is located along a transit corridor AND in or near an activity center.	✓	The proposal is for high density and is not located directly along a transit route but where transit is available nearby. Also nearby and across the alley is an existing commercial zoned activity corridor.
25	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.13: The proposal creates housing for the elderly or persons with disabilities, which is located close to shopping, transit routes, and medical facilities (if possible).	✓	A specific user of the property has not been identified.
26	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.14/15: The proposal creates appropriate/inclusive housing that is compatible with site and building design of nearby housing.	✓	No new construction is proposed.
27	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.21: The proposal provides appropriate transitions between uses that are substantially different in scale and intensity or density of development such as landscaped buffer yards, vegetative berms, compatible building design and materials, height restrictions, or setback requirements.	✓	No buffers are required between multi-family and other multi-family zoning districts.

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28	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.22: The proposal mitigates the impacts caused when incompatible developments unavoidably occur adjacent to one another by using buffers that are of varying designs such as landscaping, vegetative berms and/or walls, and that address those aspects of the development that have the potential to adversely impact existing area developments.	✓	No buffers are required between multi-family and other multi-family zoning districts.
29	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.23: Setbacks, lot dimensions and building heights are compatible with those of nearby developments that meet form district standards.	✓	No new construction is proposed.
30	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 4: Open Space	A.2/3/7: The proposal provides open space that helps meet the needs of the community as a component of the development and provides for the continued maintenance of that open space.	✓	Open space is not required.
31	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 4: Open Space	A.4: Open space design is consistent with the pattern of development in the Traditional Neighborhood Form District.	✓	Open space is not required.
32	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 4: Open Space	A.5: The proposal integrates natural features into the pattern of development.	✓	No new construction is proposed. Any natural features will remain.
33	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 5: Natural Areas and Scenic and Historic Resources	A.1: The proposal respects the natural features of the site through sensitive site design, avoids substantial changes to the topography and minimizes property damage and environmental degradation resulting from disturbance of natural systems.	✓	No new construction is proposed. Any natural features will remain.
34	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 5: Natural Areas and Scenic and Historic Resources	A.2/4: The proposal includes the preservation, use or adaptive reuse of buildings, sites, districts and landscapes that are recognized as having historical or architectural value, and, if located within the impact area of these resources, is compatible in height, bulk, scale, architecture and placement.	✓	The proposal preserves 2 historic structures in the existing historic neighborhood.
35	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 5: Natural Areas and Scenic and Historic Resources	A.6: Encourage development to avoid wet or highly permeable soils, severe, steep or unstable slopes with the potential for severe erosion.	✓	Soils are not an issue with the proposal.
36	Mobility/Transportation Guideline 7: Circulation	A.1/2: The proposal will contribute its proportional share of the cost of roadway improvements and other services and public facilities made necessary by the development through physical improvements to these facilities, contribution of money, or other means.	✓	ROW improvements are not necessary.

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37	Mobility/Transportation Guideline 7: Circulation	A.6: The proposal's transportation facilities are compatible with and support access to surrounding land uses, and contribute to the appropriate development of adjacent lands. The proposal includes at least one continuous roadway through the development, adequate street stubs, and relies on cul-de-sacs only as short side streets or where natural features limit development of "through" roads.	✓	No new roadways are proposed.
38	Mobility/Transportation Guideline 7: Circulation	A.9: The proposal includes the dedication of rights-of-way for street, transit corridors, bikeway and walkway facilities within or abutting the development.	✓	Additional dedication of ROW is not necessary.
39	Mobility/Transportation Guideline 8: Transportation Facility Design	A.8: Adequate stub streets are provided for future roadway connections that support and contribute to appropriate development of adjacent land.	✓	Stub streets are not required.
40	Mobility/Transportation Guideline 8: Transportation Facility Design	A.9: Avoid access to development through areas of significantly lower intensity or density if such access would create a significant nuisance.	✓	Access to the development is to and from public rights of way.
41	Mobility/Transportation Guideline 8: Transportation Facility Design	A.11: The development provides for an appropriate functional hierarchy of streets and appropriate linkages between activity areas in and adjacent to the development site.	NA	No new roadways are being proposed.
42	Mobility/Transportation Guideline 9: Bicycle, Pedestrian and Transit	A.1/2: The proposal provides, where appropriate, for the movement of pedestrians, bicyclists and transit users around and through the development, provides bicycle and pedestrian connections to adjacent developments and to transit stops, and is appropriately located for its density and intensity.	✓	The public rights of way provide for the movement of all transportation.
43	Livability/Environment Guideline 10: Flooding and Stormwater	The proposal's drainage plans have been approved by MSD, and the proposal mitigates negative impacts to the floodplain and minimizes impervious area. Solid blue-line streams are protected through a vegetative buffer, and drainage designs are capable of accommodating upstream runoff assuming a fully-developed watershed. If streambank restoration or preservation is necessary, the proposal uses best management practices.	✓	MSD has no issues with the proposal.
44	Livability/Environment Guideline 13: Landscape Character	A.3: The proposal includes additions and connections to a system of natural corridors that can provide habitat areas and allow for migration.	✓	No new construction is proposed. Any natural features will remain.
45	Community Facilities Guideline 14: Infrastructure	A.2: The proposal is located in an area served by existing utilities or planned for utilities.	✓	Existing utilities will serve the site.

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46	Community Facilities Guideline 14: Infrastructure	A.3: The proposal has access to an adequate supply of potable water and water for fire-fighting purposes.	✓	An adequate water supply is available to the site.
47	Community Facilities Guideline 14: Infrastructure	A.4: The proposal has adequate means of sewage treatment and disposal to protect public health and to protect water quality in lakes and streams.	✓	The health department has no issues with the proposal.

4. Proposed Binding Elements

1. The development shall be in accordance with the approved district development plan, all applicable sections of the Land Development Code (LDC) and agreed upon binding elements unless amended pursuant to the Land Development Code. Any changes/additions/alterations of any binding element(s) shall be submitted to the Planning Commission or the Planning Commission’s designee for review and approval; any changes/additions/alterations not so referred shall not be valid.

2. The applicant, developer, or property owner shall provide copies of these binding elements to tenants, purchasers, contractors, subcontractors and other parties engaged in development of this site and shall advise them of the content of these binding elements. These binding elements shall run with the land and the owner of the property and occupant of the property shall at all times be responsible for compliance with these binding elements. At all times during development of the site, the applicant and developer, their heirs, successors; and assignees, contractors, subcontractors, and other parties engaged in development of the site, shall be responsible for compliance with these binding elements.