

Staff Report: Z-124-14-5

January 9, 2015

Alhambra Village Planning Committee Hearing Date	January 27, 2015
Planning Commission Hearing Date	February 10, 2015
Request From:	C-O (2.72 acres), R-3 (0.92 acres) & R-3 SP (0.80 acres)
Request To:	R-3A (4.44 acres)
Proposed Use	Multi-family Residential
Location	Approximately 200 feet east of the southeast corner of 23 rd Avenue and Northern Avenue
Owner	Brett Michael McFadden
Applicant's Representative	Zoning Strategies LLC Attn:Jenifer Corey
Staff Recommendation	Approval, subject to stipulations

General Plan Conformity					
General Plan Land Use Designation		Commercial			
Street Map Classification	Northern Avenue		Arterial	40-foot south half street	
HOUSING ELEMENT, GOAL 2: A DIVERSE CHOICE OF HOUSING SHOULD BE PROVIDED IN ALL VILLAGES OF THE CITY TO MEET THE NEEDS OF ALL HOUSEHOLDS.					

The proposed development will provide a new housing option for aging seniors.

LAND USE ELEMENT, GOAL 1, NEIGHBORHOOD POLICY 3: LOCATE HIGHER DENSITY HOUSING IN OR NEAR THE CORE, AND MEDIUM DENSITY HOUSING NEAR EMPLOYMENT, SHOPPING, AND TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES, TO SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE PEDESTRIAN, BICYCLE, AND TRANSIT TRIPS.

This proposal is located within 2000 feet of a future light rail station, providing residents with access to an alternative mode of transportation.

Surrounding Land Uses/Zoning		
	Land Use	Zoning
On Site	Office / Multi-family residential / Day Care	C-O / R-3 / R-3 SP

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North	Office / Fitness Club	C-O / C-2
South	Single Family Residential	R-3
East	Single Family Residential	R-O
West	Office	C-0

Background/Issues/Analysis

- 1. This is a request to rezone 4.44 acres from C-O (Commercial Office), R-3 (Multifamily Residential), and R-3 SP (Multi-family Residential Special Permit) to R-3A (Multi-family Residential) to allow for a multi-family residential development.
- 2. The property is currently split into five separate lots. The western lot is occupied by a small office. The lot to the east of the western lot is occupied by a small multi-family development. The two lots to the east of the multi-family development are occupied by another small office. Finally, the eastern lot is occupied by a day care.
- 3. The General Plan designation for the parcel is Commercial. Although the proposal is not consistent with the General Plan designation, an amendment is not required as the subject parcel is less than 10 acres.
- 4. The property owner is proposing two, three story L-shaped multi-family residential buildings for senior housing. One building will be constructed along the west and north sides of the property, and another along the north and east sides of the property. The buildings are designed with architectural details such as brick and pitched roofs to help blend in with the surrounding neighborhood. The proposed height of both buildings decreases to one story along the south property line to be sensitive to the adjacent single family neighborhood. Vehicle access to the site is provided through a driveway between the two buildings and in the middle of the north frontage on Northern Avenue. Parking is provided in the interior of the site, with landscaping providing a buffer around the perimeter of the property. A stipulation has been added regarding general conformance to the site plan and elevations.
- 5. Although the property to the south has a multi-family zoning designation, it is developed as single family residential. The applicant has agreed to match the stepback provision for a multi-family residential development adjacent to a single family zoning district for this portion of the property. A stipulation has been added to address this requirement.
- The City of Phoenix Floodplain Management division of the Street Transportation Department has determined that this parcel is not in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), but is located in a Shaded Zone X, on panel 1740 L of the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) dated October 16, 2013.

 Development and use of the site is subject to all applicable codes and ordinances. Zoning approval does not negate other ordinance requirements. Other formal actions such as, but not limited to, zoning adjustments and abandonment may be required.

<u>Findings</u>

- 1. As stipulated, the proposal would be appropriately buffered from the single family residential to the south.
- 2. The development would consolidate several smaller parcels along an arterial and close to light rail into a larger comprehensive redevelopment.
- 3. The increase in traffic to the property would not be excessive and diversity in housing types would be a benefit to the surrounding community.

Stipulations

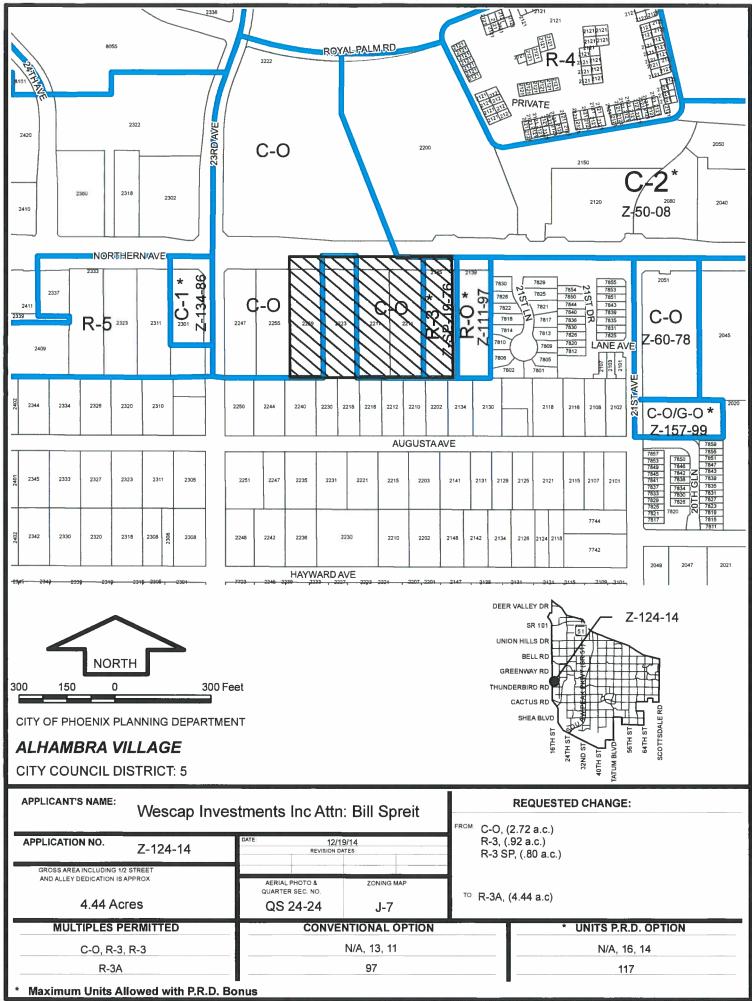
- 1. The development shall be in general conformance with the site plan and elevations date stamped January 5, 2015 except as modified by the following stipulation and approved by the Planning and Development Department.
- 2. There shall be a fifteen-foot maximum height within ten feet of the south property line, which height may be increased one foot for each additional one foot of building setback to the maximum permitted height.

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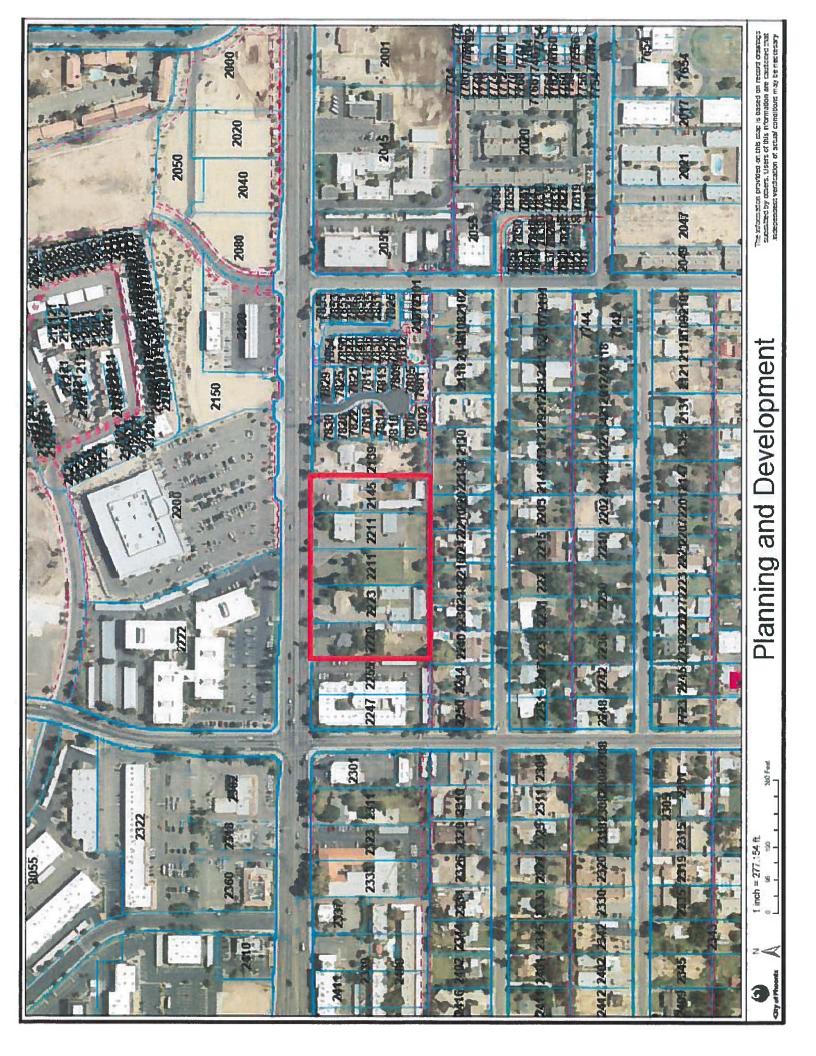
<u>Team Leader</u> Joshua Bednarek

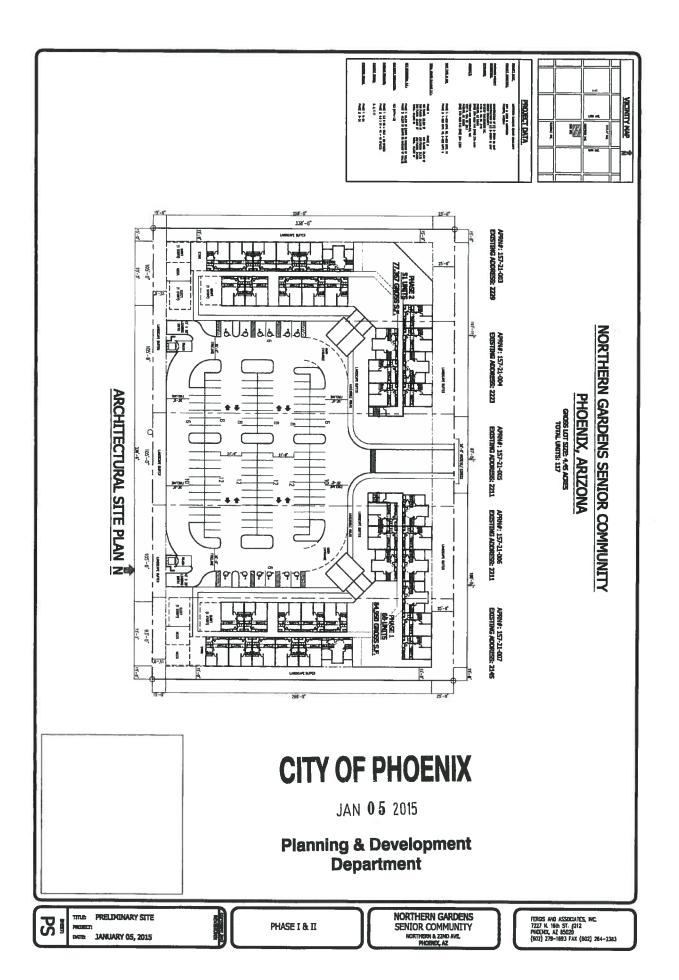
Attachments

Sketch Map Aerial Site Plan (date stamped January 5, 2015) Elevations (date stamped January 5, 2015)



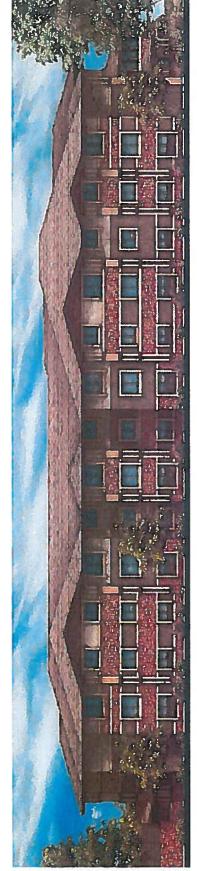
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NORTH ELEVATION



WEST ELEVATION

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