

Staff Report Z-SP-4-23-4 September 7, 2023

Maryvale Village Planning Committee September 13, 2023

Meeting Date:

Planning Commission Hearing Date: October 5, 2023

Request From: C-2 (Intermediate Commercial) (2.12

acres)

Request To: C-2 SP (Intermediate Commercial,

Special Permit) (2.12 acres)

Proposal: Self-service storage warehouse and

underlying C-2 uses

Location: Approximately 225 feet south and 465

feet west of the southwest corner of 43rd Avenue and McDowell Road

Owner: 43rd Avenue Holdings, LLC

Applicant/Representative: Matthew Sargent, RKAA Architects, Inc.

Staff Recommendation: Approval, subject to stipulations

General Plan Conformity		
General Plan Land Use Map Designation	Commercial	
Street Map Classification	N/A	

CELEBRATE OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBORHOODS CORE VALUE; CLEAN NEIGHBORHOODS; Facilitate the acquisition of vacant, underutilized, and blighted parcels for appropriate redevelopment, compatible with the adjacent neighborhood character and adopted area plans.

The subject site is currently vacant and as stipulated, will provide a use that is compatible with the surrounding land uses which are commercial in nature.

CONNECT PEOPLE AND PLACES CORE VALUES; OPPORTUNITY SITES; LAND USE PRINCIPLE: Support reasonable levels of increased intensity, respectful of local conditions and surrounding neighborhoods.

The request will maintain a commercial designation on the site while allowing for an increased commercial intensity that is sensitive to the scale of local conditions.

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BUILD THE SUSTAINABLE DESERT CITY CORE VALUE; TREES AND SHADE; DESIGN PRINCIPLE: Integrate trees and shade into the design of new development and redevelopment projects throughout Phoenix.

The proposal, as stipulated, will provide shade along pedestrian pathways. This will mitigate the urban heat island effect by covering hard surfaces, thus cooling the micro-climate around the project vicinity.

Applicable Plans, Overlays, and Initiatives

<u>Transit Oriented Development Strategic Policy Framework</u> – See Background Item No. 7.

<u>Tree and Shade Master Plan</u> – See Background Item No. 8.

<u>Complete Streets Guiding Principles</u> – See Background Item No. 9.

Comprehensive Bicycle Master Plan - See Background Item No. 10.

<u>Transportation Electrification Action Plan</u> – See Background Item No. 11.

Phoenix Climate Action Plan – See Background Item No. 12.

Zero Waste PHX - See Background Item No. 13.

Surrounding Land Uses and Zoning			
	Land Use	Zoning	
On Site	Vacant	C-2	
North	Auto parts retail	C-2	
South	Extended stay hotel	C-2 HGT/WVR	
East	Vacant land, restaurant, grocery store	C-2	
West	Office/warehouse and training center	CP/GCP and A-1	

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C-2 (Intermediate Commercial)				
<u>Standards</u>	<u>Requirements</u>	Proposed		
Minimum Building Setbacks				
Not Adjacent to Streets: (North – Adjacent to C-2)	0 feet	Met – 54 feet		
Not Adjacent to Streets: (South – Adjacent to C-2 HGT/WVR)	0 feet	Met – 84 feet 6 inches		
Not Adjacent to Streets: (East – Adjacent to C-2)	0 feet	Met – 22 feet		
Not Adjacent to Streets: (West – Adjacent to CP/GCP and A-1)	0 feet	Met – 33 feet		
Minimum Landscape Setbacks				
Not Adjacent to Streets: (North – Adjacent to C-2)	None	Met – Not depicted		
Not Adjacent to Streets: (South – Adjacent to C-2 HGT/WVR)	None	Met – Not depicted		
Not Adjacent to Streets: (East – Adjacent to C-2)	None	Met – Not depicted		
Not Adjacent to Streets: (West – Adjacent to CP/GCP and A-1)	None	Met – Not depicted		
Maximum Lot Coverage	Maximum 50 percent	39 percent (Met)		
Maximum Building Height	2 stories (or 30 feet) (With Height Waiver: 4 stories (or 56 feet)	*Not Met – 3 stories/ up to 41 feet (Pending Height Waiver Z-36-23-4)		
Parking	23 spaces required	Met – 34 spaces provided		

^{*}Site plan revision or height waiver required

Background/Issues/Analysis

SUBJECT SITE

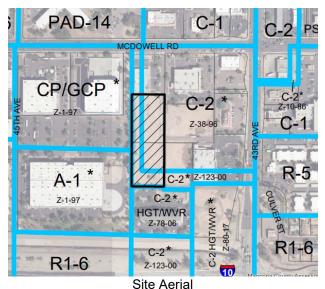
1. This request is to rezone 2.12 acres located approximately 225 feet south and 465 feet west of the southwest corner of 43rd Avenue and McDowell Road from C-2 (Intermediate Commercial) to C-2 SP (Intermediate Commercial, Special Permit) to allow for a self-service storage warehouse and underlying C-2 uses. Companion Rezoning Case No. Z-36-23-4 is a concurrent request for a height

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waiver to allow up to 41 feet for the proposed self-storage building.

SURROUNDING LAND USES AND ZONING

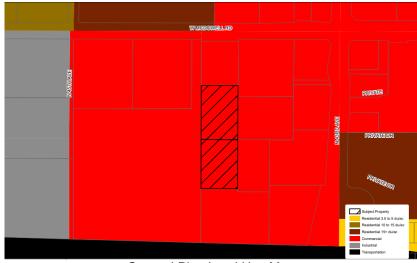
2. The requested zoning district is consistent and compatible with the surrounding land uses. Surrounding commercial land uses include a pharmacy and retail sales of auto parts to the north and vacant land, a restaurant, and grocery store to the east zoned C-2 (Intermediate Commercial). Furthermore, an extended stay hotel is located to the south of the subject site zoned C-2 HGT/WVR (Intermediate Commercial, Height Waiver). An office/warehouse and training center zoned CP/GCP (Commerce Park/General Commerce Park Option) and A-1 (Light Industrial) are located to the east of the site.



Source: City of Phoenix Planning and Development
Department

GENERAL PLAN LAND USE MAP DESIGNATION

3. The General Plan Land Use Map designation for the subject site and the surrounding area is Commercial. The proposal is consistent with the General Plan Land Use Map designation.



General Plan Land Use Map Source: City of Phoenix Planning and Development Department

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PROPOSAL

4. Site Plan

The site plan, attached as an exhibit, proposes a self-service storage warehouse with a height of three-stories and under 41 feet. The conceptual site plan indicates an approximate 108,984-square-foot building with internal drives and access from 43rd Avenue and McDowell Road. Parking is located along the north and south portions of the subject site. An additional drive aisle is proposed along the west portion of the site, connecting both parking areas. Staff recommends Stipulation No. 1 to ensure that the proposed development is in general conformance with the submitted site plan.

5. Elevations

The building elevations depict architectural features that include variations in window sizes and shapes, colors, materials, and building articulation. The proposed elevations depict enhanced pedestrian entrances with numerous windows and architectural features. The elevations provided only indicate the height from the top of the parapets, however, the Zoning Ordinance measures the maximum height from the top of the highest point of the roof surface. Staff recommends general conformance to the elevations (Stipulation No. 1) and Stipulation No. 4 to ensure adequate lighting is provided at building entrances, exits, and parking areas.



Proposed Elevations
Source: RKAA Architects Inc.

6. **Special Permit**

Self-service storage facilities are allowed in the C-2 district with a Special Permit (Section 647.A.2.i), subject to the following conditions:

- a) All outdoor storage shall be within a closed building. Outdoor storage areas shall not exceed 10 percent of the gross site area.
- b) No auctions, sales, services and repair activity shall be conducted on the site.

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- c) There shall be no storage or use of hazardous or dangerous materials on the premises.
- d) The site shall have direct access to an arterial street.
- e) Landscape areas adjacent to residential zones must be a minimum of ten feet.

The proposal meets the above conditions by proposing solely indoor storage on the site, and it does not propose to store any hazardous or dangerous materials on the premises. Access is provided via McDowell Road and 43rd Avenue, which are arterial streets.

STUDIES AND POLICIES

7. Transit Oriented Development Strategic Policy Framework

The Transit Oriented Development Strategic Policy Framework is part of the city's General Plan which identified planning typologies to describe urban environments. The subject site is in the I-10 West Extension TOD area and is within a mile of the 51st Ave / I-10 planned light rail station. The identified environment for the station is Suburban Commuter Center, which is a place type characterized by medium to low intensity with building heights typically two to four stories, with incentive heights up to seven stories. Land uses may include office employment, colleges and trade schools, hotels, commuter serving retail, and limited housing. The proposal is consistent with the intensity of the Suburban Commuter Center place type. Given the large distance to the proposed light rail stations and that the site is not adjacent to the street, staff is supportive of convential zoning on the site.



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The Tree and Shade Master Plan encourages treating the urban forest as infrastructure to ensure the trees are an integral part of the City's planning and development process. Sidewalks on the street frontages should be detached from the curbs to allow trees to be planted on both sides of the sidewalk to provide thermal comfort for pedestrians and to reduce the urban heat island effect for pedestrians and residents on site. As stipulated in Stipulation Nos. 3 and 7, the pedestrian paths, sidewalks, and bicycle parking will have additional shade to make a more comfortable pedestrian environment and microclimate.

9. Complete Streets Guidelines Principles

In 2014, the City of Phoenix City Council adopted the Complete Streets Guiding Principles. The principles are intended to promote improvements that provide an accessible, safe, connected transportation system to include all modes, such as bicycles, pedestrians, transit, and vehicles. To provide a safe pedestrian environment staff is recommending pedestrian pathways to be constructed or treated to visually contrast the drive aisles. This is addressed in Stipulation No. 2.

10. Comprehensive Bicycle Master Plan

The City of Phoenix adopted the Comprehensive Bicycle Master Plan in 2014 to guide the development of its Bikeway System and supportive infrastructure. The Comprehensive Bicycle Master Plan supports options for both short- and long-term bicycle parking as a means of promoting bicyclist traffic to a variety of destinations. As stipulated, the project will provide bicycle parking spaces through inverted U or artistic racks located near building entrances. Furthermore, all bicycle parking spaces shall be shaded by landscaping or a shade structure to achieve 75 percent coverage. Finally, a minimum of one bicycle parking space shall include an electric receptacle for electric bicycle charging capabilities. These are addressed in Stipulation Nos. 5 through 7.

11. Transportation Electrification Action Plan

In June 2022, the Phoenix City Council approved the Transportation Electrification Action Plan. The current market desire for the electrification of transportation is both a national and global phenomenon, fueled by a desire for better air quality, a reduction in carbon emissions, and a reduction in vehicle operating and maintenance costs. Businesses, governments and the public are signaling strong future demand for electric vehicles (EVs), and many automobile manufacturers have declared plans for a transition to fully electric offerings within the coming decade. This Plan contains policy initiatives to prepare the City for a future filled with more EVs, charging infrastructure and e-mobility equity, and outlines a roadmap for a five-step plan to prepare for the EV infrastructure needs of 280,000 EVs in Phoenix by 2030. One goal of the Plan to accelerate public adoption of electric vehicles through workplace, business, and multifamily charging infrastructure recommends a standard stipulation for rezoning cases to provide EV charging infrastructure. This is addressed in Stipulation No. 6 and 8.

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12. Phoenix Climate Action Plan

In October 2021, the Phoenix City Council approved the Climate Action Plan. The Climate Action Plan will serve as a long-term plan to achieve greenhouse gas emissions reductions and resiliency goals from local operations and community activities as well as prepare for the impacts of climate change. This plan contains policy and initiatives regarding stationary energy, transportation, waste management, air quality, local food systems, heat, and water. Goal W2 (Water), Action W2.4, pertains to the implementation of the <u>Greater Phoenix Metro Green Infrastructure (GI) and Low Impact Development Details for Alternative Stormwater Management</u> to benefit the environment, promote water conservation, reduce urban heat, improve the public health, and create additional green spaces. This goal is addressed in Stipulation No. 9, which requires a minimum of two GI techniques for stormwater management to be implemented in this development.

13. Zero Waste PHX:

The City of Phoenix is committed to its waste diversion efforts and has set a goal to become a zero-waste city, as part of the city's overall 2050 Environmental Sustainability Goals. One of the ways Phoenix can achieve this is to improve and expand its recycling and other waste diversion programs. Section 716 of the Phoenix Zoning Ordinance establishes standards to encourage the provision of recycling containers for multifamily, commercial and mixed-use developments meeting certain criteria. The provision of recycling containers was not addressed in the applicant's submittals.

COMMUNITY INPUT SUMMARY

14. As of the writing of this report, staff did not receive any correspondence from the public regarding this request.

INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMENTS

15. The City of Phoenix Water Services Department has noted the property has existing water and sewer mains that can potentially serve the proposed development, however, water capacity is a dynamic condition that can change over time due to a variety of factors.

OTHER

16. The site has not been identified as being archeologically sensitive. However, in the event archaeological materials are encountered during construction, all ground disturbing activities must cease within a 33-foot radius of the discovery and the City of Phoenix Archaeology Office must be notified immediately and allowed time to properly assess the materials. This is addressed in Stipulation

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- 17. Staff has not received a completed form for the Waiver of Claims for Diminution in Value of Property under Proposition 207 (A.R.S. 12-1131 et seq.), as required by the rezoning application process. Therefore, a stipulation has been added to require the form be completed and submitted prior to preliminary site plan approval. This is addressed in Stipulation No. 11.
- 18. Development and use of the site is subject to all applicable codes and ordinances. Zoning approval does not negate other ordinance requirements such as, but not limited to, zoning adjustments and abandonments, may be required.

Findings

- 1. The proposed zoning is consistent with the General Plan Use Map designation of Commercial.
- 2. The proposal will develop a vacant property and as stipulated, will be compatible with surrounding land uses.
- 3. The proposal will incorporate elements and improvements as part of City policies such as the Tree and Shade Master Plan, Complete Streets Guiding Principles, Comprehensive Bicycle Master Plan, Transportation Electrification Action Plan, and Phoenix Climate Action Plan.

Stipulations

- 1. The development shall be in general conformance with the site plan and elevations date stamped June 1, 2023, as modified by the following stipulations and approved by the Planning and Development Department.
- 2. Where pedestrian walkways cross a vehicular path, the pathway shall be constructed of decorative pavers, stamped or colored concrete, or other pavement treatments that visually contrasts parking and drive aisle surfaces, as approved by the Planning and Development Department.
- 3. All pedestrian pathways shall be shaded by a structure, landscaping at maturity, or a combination of the two to provide minimum 75% shade, as approved by the Planning and Development Department.
- 4. Site lighting shall be provided at building entrances/exits, and in public assembly and parking areas, as approved by the Planning and Development Department.
- 5. A minimum of 4 bicycle parking spaces shall be provided through Inverted U and/or artistic racks located near building entrances and installed per the

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requirements of Section 1307.H. of the Phoenix Zoning Ordinance, as approved by the Planning and Development Department. Artistic racks shall adhere to the City of Phoenix Preferred Designs in Appendix K of the Comprehensive Bicycle Master Plan.

- 6. A minimum of one of the required bicycle parking spaces shall include access to a standard electrical receptacle for electric bicycle charging capabilities.
- 7. Bicycle parking spaces shall be shaded by a structure, landscaping at maturity, or a combination of the two to provide minimum 75% shade, as approved by the Planning and Development Department.
- 8. A minimum of 5% of the required parking spaces shall be EV Ready.
- 9. A minimum of two green infrastructure (GI) techniques for stormwater management shall be implemented per the Greater Phoenix Metro Green Infrastructure and Low Impact Development Details for Alternative Stormwater Management, as approved or modified by the Planning and Development Department.
- 10. In the event archaeological materials are encountered during construction, the developer shall immediately cease all ground-disturbing activities within a 33-foot radius of the discovery, notify the City Archaeologist, and allow time for the Archaeology Office to properly assess the materials.
- 11. Prior to preliminary site plan approval, the landowner shall execute a Proposition 207 waiver of claims form. The waiver shall be recorded with the Maricopa County Recorder's Office and delivered to the City to be included in the rezoning application file for record.

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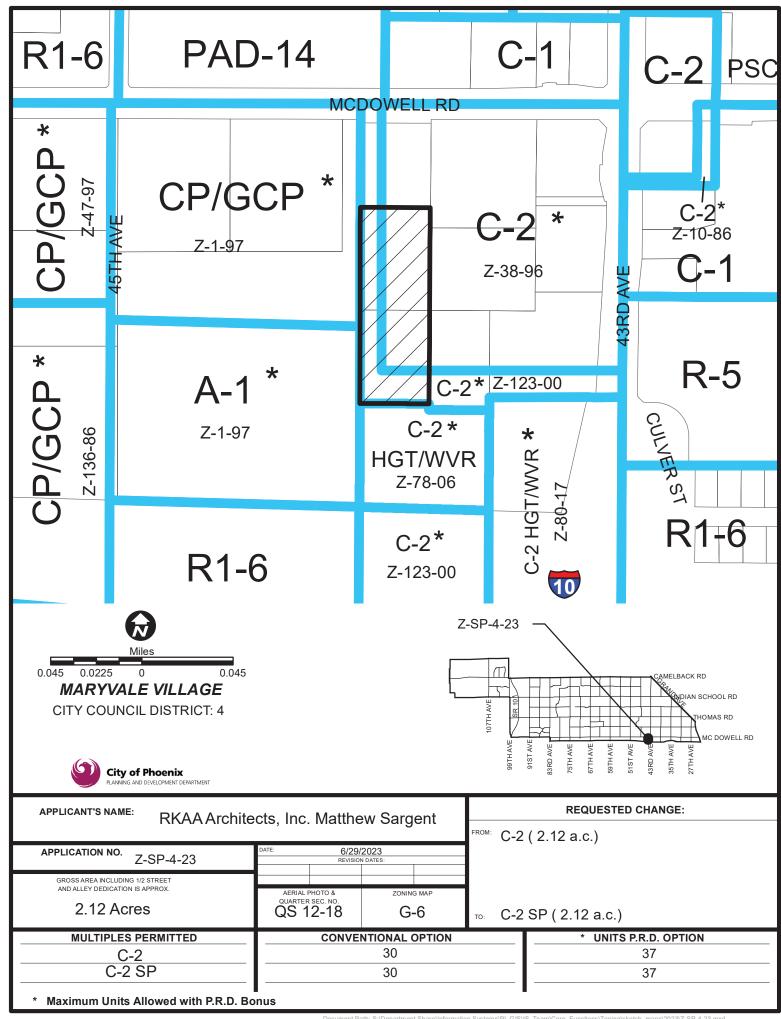
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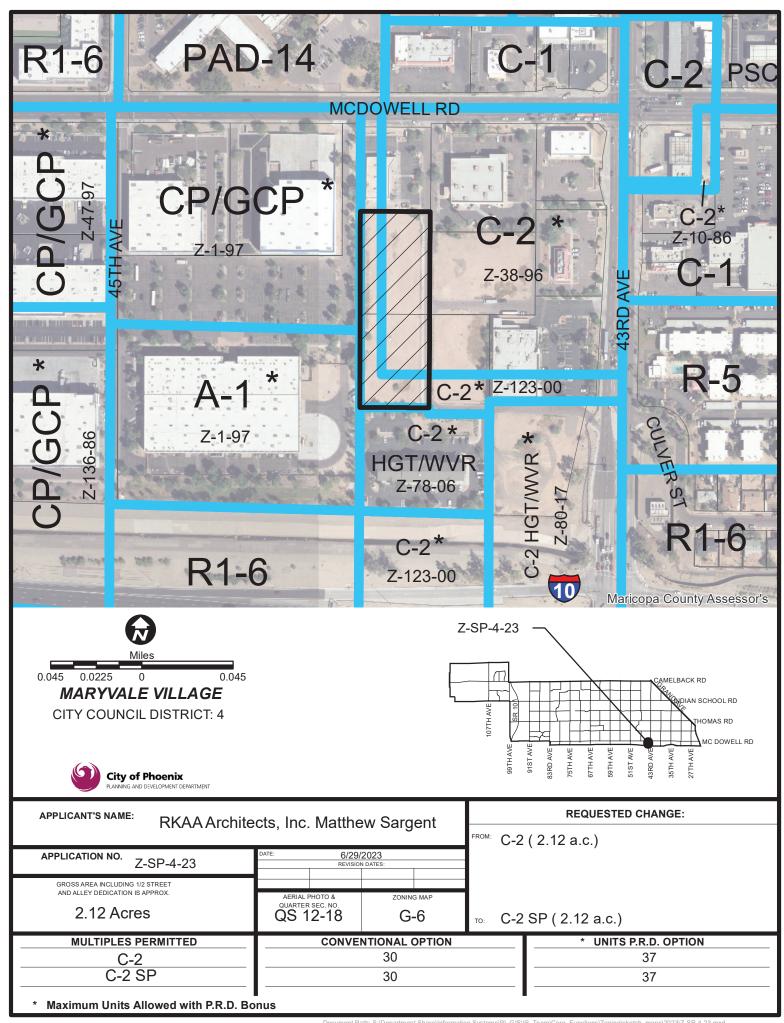
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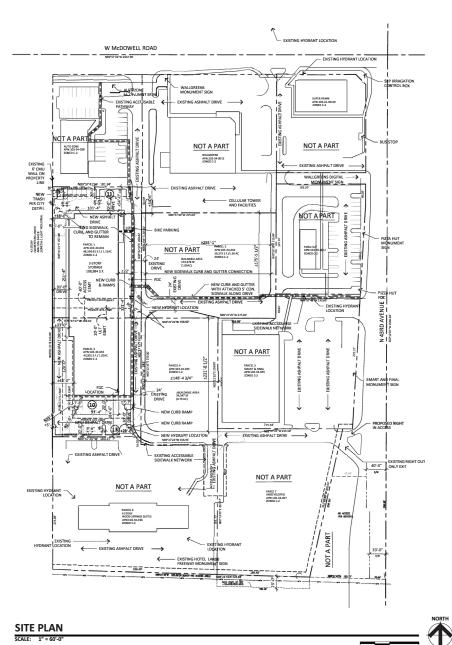
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Exhibits

Zoning sketch map Aerial sketch map Conceptual Site Plan date stamped June 1, 2023 Conceptual Elevations date stamped June 1, 2023







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LEGEND

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GENERAL NOTES

ZONING ANALYSIS

MUNICIPALITY: 1540 N 43RD AVE PHOENIX AZ, 85009/1470 N 43RD AVE PHOENIX AZ,

APN / AREA / ACRES: 103-34-033 /±43,902 SF / 1.01ACRES TOTAL SITE /±92,449 SF /2.12 ACRES

APN 103-34-031 = C-2-PCD - INTERMEDIATE COMMERCIAL-PLANNED COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT APN 103-34-033 = C-2-PCD - INTERMEDIATE COMMERCIAL-PLANNED COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

FOR STRUCTURES EXCEEDING TWO STORIES OR 30' - AVERAGE 30',

MINIMUM 20' PERMITTED FOR UP TO 50% OF STRUCTURE, INCLUDING PROJECTIONS 10' WHEN ADJACENT TO CP ZONING, 0' WHEN ADJACENT TO C-2 ZONING

BUILDING: BUILDING TYPE: III B SPRINKLED OCCUPANCY TYPE

HEIGHT LIMIT: TBD: PROPOSED BUILDING 41'-0"

MAX LOT COVERAGE:

PARKING REQUIREMENT

23 SPACES MINIMUM 790 UNITS @ 1 SPACE: 35 UNITS = 23 SPACES NO ON SITE APPARTMENT

34 SPACES PROVIDED

RIKE PARKING: 1/25 PROVIDED CAR PARKING= 2 SPACES REQUIRED 2 SPACES PROVIDED

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PAPP #2202886 KIVA #17-2356 A.A.# SDEV#1700480

CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN

SWC W. MCDOWELL RD. & N. 43RD AVE. PHOENIX. AZ DATE: 05-24-2023(PRELIMINARY)

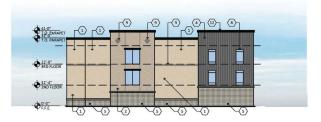
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RKAA# 21324.50



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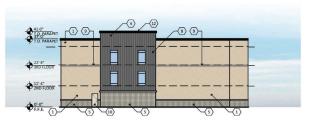


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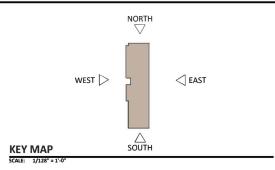
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11'-4" 2ND FLOOR

WEST ELEVATION



SOUTH ELEVATION



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MATERIALS

STUCCO SYSTEM COLOR: SW 6141 "SOFTER TAN" STUCCO SYSTEM COLOR: SW 7037 "BALANCED BEIGE"

DIRECTION: VERTICAL

VERTICAL SCORE BLOCK
SUPERLITE

SPEC: VERTICAL SCORE BLOCK
COLOR: TO MATCH CENTER

8" CERAMIC TILE ACCENT TO MATCH CENTER

METAL RATED DOOR PAINT TO MATCH BRICK ROLLUP METAL DOOR JANUS INTERNATIONAL COLOR: EXR WASABI AWNING/ METAL CAP FLASHI KAWNEER COLOR: FLAT BLACK

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PROPOSED ELEVATIONS

SWC W. MCDOWELL RD. & N. 43RD AVE. PHOENIX, AZ DATE: 03-01-2023 (PRELIMINARY)

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RKAA# 21324.50 DISCLOSED WITHOUT WRITING PERMISSION OF THE ARICHITECT.

