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May 10, 2023 @ 2:00 p.m. Kelley Conference Room #155 and Zoom

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PETITION MAP: https://arcg.is/bWi5H0

PETITIONS:

CU-02-23 **Steven Wilkos (Rita's Ice)** 430 East Kirkwood Ave Request: Conditional use approval a standardized business in the Mixed-Use Downtown zoning district within the University Village downtown character overlay (MD-UV) <u>Case Manager: Gabriel Holbrow</u>

CU-10-23 **Omega Properties (Springpoint Architects)** 505 N. Walnut Street, Bloomington, IN 47404 Request: Conditional use approval to allow a student housing or dormitory use in existing buildings in the Mixed-Use Downtown zoning district within the Downtown Core downtown character overlay (MD-DC). <u>Case Manager: Gabriel Holbrow</u>

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BLOOMINGTON HEARING OFFICER STAFF REPORT Location: 430 East Kirkwood Avenue

PETITIONER: Steven Wilkos 16520 Vintage Ct N Westfield, IN OWNER: Bryan Rental Inc 1440 South Liberty Drive Bloomington, IN

REQUEST: Conditional use approval to allow a standardized business in the Mixed-Use Downtown zoning district within the University Village downtown character overlay (MD-UV).

REPORT: The property, known as Dunnkirk Square, is located at the southwest corner of East Kirkwood Avenue and South Dunn Street in the University Village downtown character overlay of the Mixed-Use Downtown zoning district (MD-UV). All surrounding properties are also in the MD-UV district. The uses of the surrounding properties reflect the diversely mixed-use character of downtown Bloomington, including small retail, restaurant, park, and surface parking lot uses. The property of the petition contains an existing building with multiple tenant spaces that currently include restaurant uses.

The petitioner is proposing to use a ground-floor tenant space in the southeast corner of the existing building, units 4 and 5, as a Rita's Italian Ice location. The proposal involves an interior remodel and exterior modifications including new order and pick-up windows on the Dunn Street side of the tenant space. Rita's Italian Ice is a chain business, and the proposed Bloomington location will be a restaurant use. The proposed use meets the UDO definition of a standardized business, which is allowed by conditional use approval and is subject to specific standards. Because the property, Dunnkirk Square, is an existing multi-tenant center, establishment of the standardized business use does not trigger any compliance for other parts of the property.

The Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) standards for first floor facades in the Kirkwood Corridor of the University Village downtown character overlay district require large display windows or other frame open areas comprising a minimum of 60 percent of the facade. The existing ground-floor facade facing Dunn Street has approximately 56 square feet of window area, including two windows towards the right (north) end of the facade totaling 40.33 square feet and one glass door towards the left (south) end of the facade totaling approximately 16 square feet, for a total window coverage of less than 13 percent. The petitioner proposes to reduce the size of two existing windows by converting them into order and pick-up windows, but proposes new window areas equal to the reduced window area. Although the proposed facade is still not compliant with the window standards in the MD-UV, the proposal is not increasing the nonconformity and can therefore be recognized as lawful nonconforming.

The petitioner has proposed extensive signage which is compliant with all signage standards for this location.

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A proposed new pavement area in front of the proposed order and pick-up windows is located in the public right-of-way of Dunn Street. The petitioner has begun the process of obtaining an encroachment agreement with the City of Bloomington Board of Public Works for the new pavement in the public right-of-way.

STANDARDIZED BUSINESS STANDARDS: UDO 20.03.010(e)(2) lists the following use specific standards for standardized businesses.

In the MD-CS and MD-UV character areas a standardized business shall require conditional use permit review in accordance with Section 20.06.050(b) (Conditional Use Permit), and shall comply with the following standards:

- (A) The proposed standardized business shall be designed and constructed in a style that visually complements its surroundings, especially the existing buildings on both sides of the same block the business is to be located, as well as the character of the particular overlay district. Visual complementation shall include, but may not be limited to:
 - *i.* Architecture;
 - ii. Scale;
 - iii. Façade; and
 - iv. Signage.
- (B) If the use is proposed for a site that contains an existing building of special historical, cultural, or architectural significance, with or without official historic designation, the proposed use shall seek to preserve and reuse as much of the existing building as possible, particularly the building's façade.
- (C) Visual complementation may also include interior décor. Elements of interior décor such as displays of public art, photos or memorabilia of Bloomington or Indiana University, may be considered.

STAFF COMMENT: This petition meets the criteria for a standardized business, as detailed below in the proposed finding for 20.06.040(d)(6)(B) General Compliance Criteria.

CRITERIA AND FINDINGS FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

20.06.040(d)(6) Approval Criteria

(B) General Compliance Criteria: All petitions shall be subject to review and pursuant to the following criteria and shall only be approved if they comply with these criteria.

- *i. Compliance with this UDO*
- *ii. Compliance with other applicable regulations*
- *iii.* Compliance with Utility, Service, and Improvement Standards
- *iv. Compliance with prior approvals*

PROPOSED FINDING: The petition complies with the UDO, including the criteria for a standardized business. The proposed awnings, walk-up windows, and signage are consistent with other similar uses in the Kirkwood Corridor and adjacent blocks of Dunn Street. The existing lawful nonconforming percentage of window area on the Dunn Street facade is not being reduced. The existing building is not of special historic, cultural, or architectural significance. The proposal does not include any elements of interior décor. The petition is utilizing an existing building with existing utilities and services and will comply with utility, service, and improvement standards. The petitioner will comply with City of Bloomington Utilities (CBU)

regulations for this use. There are no prior approvals for this site that this petition must comply with.

(C) Additional Criteria Applicable to Conditional Uses

i. Consistency with Comprehensive Plan and Other Applicable Plans The proposed use and development shall be consistent with and shall not interfere with the achievement of the goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Plan and any other applicable adopted plans and policies.

PROPOSED FINDING: This proposal is in line with the goals of the Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan identifies this area as "Downtown." The Downtown district is meant to be a commercial hub that offers a variety of businesses and uses. The proposed retail store is located near other retail and commercial uses, in a building that has historically contained restaurants, retail stores, and customer-oriented office uses. The MD-UV district and standardized business criteria ensures that businesses in this district will maintain the character of the district while still allowing for new growth and development.

Provides Adequate Public Services and Facilities Adequate public service and facility capacity shall exist to accommodate uses permitted under the proposed development at the time the needs or demands arise, while maintaining adequate levels of service to existing development. Public services and facilities include, but are not limited to, streets, potable water, sewer, stormwater management structures, schools, public safety, fire protection, libraries, and vehicle/pedestrian connections and access within the site and to adjacent properties.

PROPOSED FINDING: Adequate public service capacity exists. Approval from CBU is required before issuance of a building permit for the proposed interior remodel work.

- *iii. Minimizes or Mitigate Adverse Impacts*
 - 1. The proposed use and development shall not result in the excessive destruction, loss or damage of any natural, scenic, or historic feature of significant importance.
 - 2. The proposed development shall not cause significant adverse impacts on surrounding properties nor create a nuisance by reason of noise, smoke, odors, vibrations, or objectionable lights.
 - 3. The hours of operation, outside lighting, and trash and waste collection shall not pose a hazard, hardship, or nuisance to the neighborhood.
 - 4. The petitioner shall make a good-faith effort to address concerns of the adjoining property owners in the immediate neighborhood as defined in the pre-submittal neighborhood meeting for the specific proposal, if such a meeting is required.

PROPOSED FINDING: Minor exterior changes are being proposed with this conditional use. Proposed lighting is compliant with UDO standards and is typical of a restaurant use in the downtown area. No nuisance regarding noise, smoke, odors, vibrations, lighting, or hours of operation is found. The proposed signage will be required to meet lighting requirements and sign regulations. No pre-submittal neighborhood meeting is required.

iv. Rational Phasing Plan

If the petition involves phases, each phase of the proposed development shall contain all of the required streets, utilities, landscaping, open space, and other improvements that are required to comply with the project's cumulative development to date and shall not depend upon subsequent phases for those improvements.

PROPOSED FINDING: There is no phasing plan for this proposal.

RECOMMENDATION: Based upon the report and written findings of fact above, the Department recommends that the Hearing Officer adopt the proposed findings and approve CU-02-23 / USE2023-02-0003 with the following conditions:

- 1. This conditional use approval is limited to the proposed design and use as a standardized business that also meets the definition of a restaurant use. No other facade design or use is approved. Minor changes to the facade design, such as refacing of signs or change of sign graphics within the allowed signage area, can be approved as consistent with this conditional use approval, subject to sign standards and other relevant regulations.
- 2. A sign permit is required, and the design of all exterior signage shall substantially conform to the designs shown in this approval.











Parcels



Mar 1, 2023

To whom it may concern,

I am seeking approval for a conditional use permit for 430 East Kirkwood Avenue, Units #4 and #5. This is commonly known as Dunkirk Square shopping center.

Currently, myself and family, operator Rita's Ice in Carmel Indiana and it is our desire to expand to Bloomington. We are looking to be a part of both the Bloomington community as well as Indiana University. This will continue to be a family owned and operated business, run by myself and my son, Steven, who is a full time resident and student at Indiana University, studying business.

The business will sell made fresh daily Italian Ice, award winning soft serve frozen custard, hot dogs, pretzels, soft drinks and other typical soft serve treats such as milkshakes, sundaes, concrete's, etc.

We are looking to create a fun environment, offering treats through streetside serve windows for the speed and safety of our guests. Other than adding serve windows and awning, we do not anticipate altering the physical building as it currently is. The look and feel of the business will align with the look of Indiana University through its use of like colors, specifically on the awning over our service windows.

Dunn street currently has multiple business' with an outward looking presentation of awnings and blade signing. Both of these concepts are consistent with our intended design and will offer consistency of facade appearance along the street.

Our facade will complement the existing designs of the other nearby business'. As examples, both Jimmy John's next door and Hartzel's up the block utilize exact signing and awning installations.

See examples attached.

We will also offer all delivery platforms as well as ordering through our Rita's app. This will encourage and facilitate the entire Bloomington community at large to try our treats.

Steve Wilkos Wilki Boyz Treats II, IIc Dba, Rita's Ice











Rita's #1517 430 E. Kirkwood Ave. Bloomington, IN 47408 March 21, 2023



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1 Rita's - 36" Illuminated Brand Mark D/F Flag Sign

Proposed DESIGN INTENT ONLY Engineering Required to Determine Actual Production & Installation Requirements





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2 Rita's - Illuminated Awnings

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3 Rita's - Illuminated Awning

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4 Rita's - 36" Illuminated Brand Mark / Channel





	General S	pecifications:
	Faces:	.177" White Acrylic w/ 1st Surface Vinyl Graphics w/ 1" Trim Cap
	Returns:	.040" Aluminum Attached to Back
Vinyl Specifications	Backs:	3mm ACM Backs - Pre-Finished White
Digital Printed	Illum:	White LEDs as required by manufacturer; Self Contained Power Supplies
Mătch PMS 349 C Digital Printed	Wall Type:	TBD
Match PMS 200 C	Install:	Sign Anchored as Required Per Wall Construction
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PETITIONER/OWNER:	Omega Properties 115 East 6th Street #1 Bloomington, IN
CONSULTANT:	Springpoint Architects 522 West 2nd Street Bloomington, IN

REQUEST: Conditional use approval to allow a student housing or dormitory use in existing buildings in the Mixed-Use Downtown zoning district within the Downtown Core downtown character overlay (MD-DC).

REPORT: This petition was heard by the Hearing Officer on April 26, 2023. During that hearing, the petition was continued to the next hearing date of May 10.

Background information that remains unchanged from April 26

The property is located on the west side of North Walnut Street in the Downtown Core downtown character overlay of the Mixed-Use Downtown zoning district (MD-DC). All surrounding properties are also zoned MD-DC and contain multifamily dwelling uses and office uses. The property contains an existing house which is rated as "notable" on the 2018 City of Bloomington Historic Sites and Structures Survey. The house appears to have been built as a single-family dwelling more than a hundred years ago, but has most recently been used as an office for several decades. The property also contains a second existing structure in the rear southwest corner of the site that has most recently been used as part of the office use.

The petitioner proposes to create two residential dwelling units on the property by converting the existing house into one dwelling unit with five bedrooms and converting the existing rear structure into another dwelling unit with one room in a studio or efficiency layout. Because the proposed dwelling unit in the existing house contains five bedrooms, the proposed use meets the UDO definition of the student housing or dormitory use, which is allowed in the MD zoning district by conditional use approval. Despite classification as the student housing or dormitory use, the dwelling units could be occupied by any class of resident and would not be limited to students.

As an establishment of a new use, the proposed project triggers limited compliance for the site and will require staff-level minor site plan approval. Because the existing house is rated as "notable" on the Historic Sites and Structures Survey, exterior modifications that meet the UDO definition of partial demolition would be subject to demolition delay and would require action by the City of Bloomington Historic Preservation Commission; however, the petitioner is not proposing an exterior modifications to the structure at this time. The petition must obtain a rental occupancy permit from the City of Bloomington Department of Housing and Neighborhood Development (HAND) before the dwelling units are occupied. Revised information and continued discussion, new for May 10

1. Status of the rear structure

In the previous staff report and during the public hearing on April 26, staff stated that the existing rear structure is currently an accessory structure. The issue was raised during the hearing whether the structure would require variances because using the structure as a dwelling unit would make it a primary structure, which would mean any building features that were compliant as an accessory structure but would not be compliant as a primary structure would not be allowed to continue except by variance. Providing time to address or resolve this issue was the primary reason why the petition was continued to the next hearing date.

During the public hearing on April 26 and afterward, information came to light that the rear structure has been used as office space specifically, rather than file storage or parking or other use that was accessory to the primary office use of the property. As such, the existing rear structure is already a primary structure. Any building features that are not in compliance with the UDO for a primary structure are lawful nonconforming and are allowed to continue, subject to the limited compliance standards for the change in use. No variances are required for the proposed change in use.

2. Possible residential uses of the site

The petitioner contends that the student housing or dormitory use is the best and most desirable use for the property. Staff agrees that the student housing or dormitory use according to the proposed site plan is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. Details on possible residential uses are as follows.

Single-family dwelling (detached): This is not an allowed use in the MD district. Because this use is not allowed, a single-family dwelling with an accessory dwelling unit (ADU) is also not allowed.

Single-family dwelling (attached): This is an allowed use in the MD district, but would require a subdivision because each attached dwelling must be on its own lot. Development of the property with attached single-family dwellings would require alterations to the existing house or full demolition and rebuilding of new structures.

Duplex dwelling: This is an allowed use in the MD district, but would require alterations to the existing house. Such alterations are not what the petitioner intends for this property. Staff agrees that preservation of the existing house without such alterations is more consistent with the goals of the Comprehensive Plan. An ADU is allowed to be accessory to a duplex dwelling, but because the duplex dwelling is not the petitioner's desired use, the petitioner has chosen not to develop the property as a duplex with or without an ADU.

Triplex dwelling or fourplex dwelling: These are allowed uses in the MD district, but as with duplex dwelling, they would require alterations to the existing house that are not desirable for the petitioner. An ADU is not allowed to be accessory to a triplex or fourplex.

Multifamily dwelling: This is an allowed use in the MD district. A multifamily dwelling use can consist of a property with more than four dwelling units in one building, or with dwelling

units in more than one primary building on the lot, or with more than one primary use (such a mixed-use property with dwelling units and retail space). In this case, one dwelling unit in the house and a second dwelling unit in the rear structure means that the property has dwelling units in more than one primary building. However, the multifamily dwelling use cannot have any dwelling units that contain four or more bedrooms because that meets the definition of the student housing or dormitory use. The petition proposes a five-bedroom unit in the existing house, which means the use as proposed is not the multifamily dwelling use. Although it may be possible to develop the existing house as a dwelling unit with three or fewer bedrooms, this would require enlarging and combining existing rooms in a way that the petitioner contends would be an inappropriate adaptation of the existing architecture of the house. In addition, the use-specific standards for the multifamily dwelling use in the MD district include that each dwelling unit located on the ground floor must be located at least 20 feet behind the building facade facing the public street. This would require the existing house to have some other use besides a dwelling unit in the first floor of the house, or seek a variance. Developing the existing house as a mixed-use building is not desirable for the petitioner and would be less consistent with the architectural character of the existing structure, and therefore less consistent with the goals of the Comprehensive Plan.

Student housing or dormitory: This use is allowed in the MD district by conditional use approval. Because the proposed use of the property includes dwelling units in more than one primary building and includes a dwelling unit with five bedrooms, the proposed use meets the UDO definition of the student housing or dormitory use. Of the possible residential uses that retain the existing house, staff recommends that the student housing or dormitory use is the most consistent with the Comprehensive Plans guidance that "[s]pecial attention must be given to the protection, restoration, and/or reuse of historic structures" (page 8) in the downtown area.

3. UDO compliance

The petitioner has not yet submitted a site plan that shows full UDO compliance. Relevant standards, the status of compliance with those standards, and recommended conditions to ensure compliance are detailed below.

UDO Standard	Required	Provided	Compliant?
Dimensional Standards, MD-DC zo			
Building setbacks and height standard		Compliant per limited compliance: Section 20.06.090(f)(2)(B)i. "Existing buildings shall not be subject to current setback or height standards and shall remain lawful nonconforming".	
Front parking setback behind the primary structure's front building wall	20 ft.	53 ft.	Compliant
Side parking setback to the north	5 ft.	0 ft.	Not compliant. Condition recommended.

UDO Standard	Required	Provided	Compliant?
Side parking setback to the west	5 ft.	0 ft.	Not compliant. Condition
1 0			recommended.
Impervious surface coverage	100%	90%	Compliant
(maximum)			1
Use-Specific Standards, Student He	ousing or Dor	mitory	1
Maximum building floor plate per	3,000 s.f.	House: 2,091	Compliant
building, without incentive, in the		s.f.	
MD district		Rear	
		structure: 490	
		s.f.	
Maximum building height in the	40 ft.	House: 24 ft.	Compliant
MD-DC district			-
		Rear	
		structure: 16	
		ft.	
Parking			
Maximum vehicle parking	4	8	Not compliant. Condition
allowance for student parking or			recommended.
dormitory: 0.75 parking spaces per			
bedroom \times 6 bedrooms (round			
down)			
Any substandard parking surfaces sha		No	Compliant
into compliance with Section 20.04.0	060(i)(7)	substandard	
(Surface Material)		parking	
		surfaces	
Minimum number of accessible	0	0	Compliant
spaces for the proposed residential			
use			
Minimum bicycle parking spaces	6	6	Compliant
Landscaping			
Street Trees			
Minimum one canopy tree per 40	2	1	Not compliant. Condition
ft. \times 62 ft. (round up)			recommended.
Parking Lot Landscaping			
Parking lot perimeter trees	1 large	0	Not compliant. Condition
(minimum): 1 tree per 4 parking	canopy tree		recommended.
spaces \times 4 spaces			
• Minimum 75 percent shall			
be large canopy trees			
Parking lot perimeter shrubs	10	12	Compliant, but will
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(minimum): three shrubs per one	12	12	require revisions due to
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(minimum): three shrubs per one	12	12	require revisions due to parking lot redesign to

UDO Standard	Required	Provided	Compliant?
MD District Interior Plantings			
Canopy trees (minimum): 1 per 500 s.f. of landscaped area × 811 s.f.	2	1	Compliant per limited compliance section 20.06.090(f)(2)(B)viii. "all yard areas must be landscaped to the maximum practicable density", but will require revisions due to parking lot redesign to reduce the number of spaces. Condition recommended.
Shrubs (minimum): 8 per 500 s.f. of landscaped area × 811 s.f. Pedestrian Facilities	8	10	Compliant per limited compliance section 20.06.090(f)(2)(B)viii. "all yard areas must be landscaped to the maximum practicable density", but will require revisions due to parking lot redesign to reduce the number of spaces. Condition recommended.
Standards for pedestrian facilities in	the public right	-of-way	Compliant per limited compliance section 20.06.090(f)(2)(B)viii. "new facilities shall not be required if existing facilities are in functional condition".
Dumpster Enclosure			
All outdoor waste collection facilitie brought into compliance with Section 20.04.080(m) (Screening)		No outdoor waste area shown	Not compliant. Condition recommended.
Lighting No exterior lighting proposed.			Compliant
Entrance and Drives			Compitant
Number of drives (maximum)	2	1	Compliant
Driveway pavement width (maximum)	24 ft.	21 ft.	Compliant
Surface material	Asphalt, concrete, or other material approved by the city	Asphalt	Compliant

4. Concerns about noise, trash, illegal parking, and illegal over-occupancy

During the public hearing on April 26, commenters raised concerns about potential nuisances related to the proposed use, including noise, trash, illegal parking, and illegal over-occupancy.

Staff recommends that all of these potential nuisances can be adequately mitigated by limiting the scale of the approval to what is proposed. A condition is recommended that limits the approval to a maximum of one five-bedroom dwelling unit in the existing house and one studio dwelling unit in the existing rear structure.

In addition, for trash specifically staff recommends that a refuse area compliant with screening requirements in the UDO be provided, to be shown on a limited compliance site plan.

For illegal parking on other properties, staff recommends that the existing rights of other property owners to allow or restrict who can park on their property is sufficient to address any potential issues with illegal parking. Inclusion of a minimum five-foot landscaped area along the parking lot perimeter of this site may help distinguish the parking area of this property from other parking areas and may help discourage illegal parking on other property.

For illegal over-occupancy, staff recommends that existing procedures for monitoring and enforcing dwelling unit occupancy, including the HAND's rental registry program, is sufficient to address any potential issues with over-occupancy. The UDO allows occupancy of each dwelling unit by one family, which in the MD zoning district can include up to five unrelated adults.

In the proposed findings below, the first proposed finding for the general compliance criteria and the fourth proposed finding for adverse impacts have been revised since the previous staff report. The other proposed findings are the same as the previous staff report. Additional recommended conditions have been added since the previous staff report.

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- iv. Compliance with prior approvals

PROPOSED FINDING: The petition with the conditions of approval will comply with the UDO. The proposal does not include any work that is subject to demolition delay. The petition is utilizing existing buildings with existing utilities and services and shall comply with utility, service, and improvement standards. There are no prior approvals for this site that this petition must comply with.

(C) Additional Criteria Applicable to Conditional Uses

i. Consistency with Comprehensive Plan and Other Applicable Plans The proposed use and development shall be consistent with and shall not interfere with the achievement of the goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Plan and any other applicable adopted plans and policies.

PROPOSED FINDING: This proposal is consistent with the goals of the Comprehensive Plan for the downtown area, particularly the recommendation to give special attention to the protection, restoration, and/or reuse of historic structures. Recognizing that classification as the student housing or dormitory use does not limit the possible tenants to students, the proposal does not unnecessarily unbalance the downtown housing market toward students but does allow the protection, restoration, and reuse of the historic residential structure on the property.

ii. Provides Adequate Public Services and Facilities Adequate public service and facility capacity shall exist to accommodate uses permitted under the proposed development at the time the needs or demands arise, while maintaining adequate levels of service to existing development. Public services and facilities include, but are not limited to, streets, potable water, sewer, stormwater management structures, schools, public safety, fire protection, libraries, and vehicle/pedestrian connections and access within the site and to adjacent properties.

PROPOSED FINDING: Adequate public service capacity exists. Approval from CBU is required before issuance of a building permit for any interior remodel work. The property is adjacent to Bloomington Transit bus route 6, is in close proximity to the 7-line bicycle route, and connects to the extensive sidewalk network in the downtown area. The existing public streets are adequate to manage the vehicle, bicycle, and pedestrian traffic associated with the proposed use.

- *iii. Minimizes or Mitigate Adverse Impacts*
 - 1. The proposed use and development shall not result in the excessive destruction, loss or damage of any natural, scenic, or historic feature of significant importance.
 - 2. The proposed development shall not cause significant adverse impacts on surrounding properties nor create a nuisance by reason of noise, smoke, odors, vibrations, or objectionable lights.
 - 3. The hours of operation, outside lighting, and trash and waste collection shall not pose a hazard, hardship, or nuisance to the neighborhood.
 - 4. The petitioner shall make a good-faith effort to address concerns of the adjoining property owners in the immediate neighborhood as defined in the pre-submittal neighborhood meeting for the specific proposal, if such a meeting is required.

PROPOSED FINDING: The proposed use does not result in any damage to natural, scenic, and historic feature and in fact preserves the existing historic house. The anticipated noise and waste generation from the proposed use is expected to be typical for two dwelling units and consistent with other residential dwelling units on surrounding properties and the downtown area generally. In the case that nuisance issues related to noise or waste do arise, the conditions of approval are adequate to address the potential issues. No pre-submittal neighborhood meeting is required.

iv. Rational Phasing Plan

If the petition involves phases, each phase of the proposed development shall contain all of the required streets, utilities, landscaping, open space, and other improvements that are required to comply with the project's cumulative development to date and shall not depend upon subsequent phases for those improvements.

PROPOSED FINDING: There is no phasing plan for this proposal.

RECOMMENDATION: Based upon the report and written findings of fact above, the Department recommends that the Hearing Officer adopt the proposed findings and approve CU-10-23 / USE2023-03-0008 with the following conditions:

- 1. This conditional use approval is limited to a maximum of one five-bedroom dwelling unit in the existing house and one studio dwelling unit in the existing rear structure, as proposed in the filing documents.
- 2. The Planning and Transportation Department shall issue a recommendation for final occupancy of both dwelling units at the same time, and shall not issue a recommendation for final occupancy for either dwelling unit before the other.
- 3. Prior to issuance of a building permit, the petition shall obtain minor site plan approval with a site plan that demonstrates compliance with the UDO per limited compliance including providing: a minimum five-foot landscaped parking lot perimeter on the north and west sides of the rear parking lot, or as wide a landscaped perimeter as is possible for a parking lot of four spaces per limited compliance; no more than four parking spaces, not including any required ADA accessible spaces; a minimum of two large street trees or planting to the maximum practicable density per limited compliance; a minimum of one large canopy tree and a minimum of 12 shrubs in the parking lot perimeter or planting to the maximum practicable density per limited compliance; and trees and shrubs that comply with MD interior landscaping standards or planting to the maximum practicable density per limited compliance.
- 4. The petitioner shall provide a refuse area that that compiles with screening standards in UDO section 20.04.080(m)(3), as shown on an approved site plan.





Context Aerial

CU-10-23 / USE2023-03-0008, 505 North Walnut Street





April 3, 2023

Gabriel Holbrow Zoning Planner City of Bloomington 401 N. Morton Street Bloomington, IN 47404

Re: Omega Properties 505 N Walnut Street – Conditional Use Approval

Dear Gabriel,

Our client, Omega Properties, has purchased 505 N. Walnut Street which contains a 2,794 square foot, Arts and Crafts style, single-family home, a 353 square foot garage dating from 1980 and a surface parking lot containing eight (8) parking spaces. The house and garage have been used as offices. This project proposes to use the house as a rental home and the garage as a studio apartment. The renovation work will not result in any changes to the exterior of the existing house or garage.

Due to the historic nature of the large house and in the interest of minimizing changes to the architecture, the owner is petitioning for a Conditional Use Approval to utilize the house as one 5-bedroom unit which falls under the use category of 'Student Housing.' The lot is zoned Mixed Use Downtown – Downtown Core Character Overlay (MD-DC) and 'Student Housing' is a conditional use in this district.

20.060.040 (B) General Compliance Criteria

The petition will comply with all applicable standards in the UDO and any other applicable regulations as well as utility, service, and improvement standards. There are no prior approvals of which we are aware that would require further compliance.

20.060.040 (C) Additional Criteria Applicable to Conditional Uses

i. Consistency with Comprehensive Plan and Other Applicable Plans

The Comprehensive Plan, Chapter 2: Culture & Identity, Goal 2.2 Preservation: 'Preserve the assets of historical, architectural, archaeological, or social significance,' speaks to the value of maintaining buildings of architectural significance. 505 N. Walnut is designated as a 'Notable Structure' on the SHAARD survey. Notable is defined as having above average importance and, with further research, could be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

ii. Provides Adequate Public Services and Facilities

The existing downtown property contains a house and garage that are adequately served by utilities and infrastructure. The change in use is not anticipated to create any issues with services or facilities.

iii. Minimizes or Mitigates Adverse Impacts

1. The proposed use and development shall not result in the excessive destruction, loss or damage of any natural, scenic, or historic feature of significant importance. The proposed use and development would minimize damage to the historic character of the house.



- 2. The proposed use and development shall not cause significant adverse impacts on surrounding properties nor create a nuisance by reason of noise, smoke, odors, vibrations, or objectionable lights. The proposed use and development of 2 units on the property would not create adverse impacts.
- 3. The hours of operation, outside lighting, trash and waste removal shall not pose a hazard, hardship or nuisance to the neighborhood. There are no hazards, hardships or nuisances to the neighborhood resulting from this use.
- 4. The petitioner shall make a good-faith effort to address concerns of the adjoining property owners in the immediate neighborhood as defined in the pre-submittal neighborhood meeting for the specific proposal, if such a meeting is required. No meeting was required.
- iv. Rational Phasing Plan. The petition does not involve phases.

Please don't hesitate to let us know if any further information is needed.

Thank you for your consideration,

Barri Klapp

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