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PETITIONS:

CU-24-21 WS Property Group

110 E. Hillside Dr. Request: Conditional Use approval to construct one building consisting of five 3bedroom townhomes in an RM (Residential Multifamily) zoning district. *Case Manager: Keegan Gulick*

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PETITIONER:	WS Property Group 1507 S Piazza Drive, Bloomington, IN 47401
CONSULTANT:	Smith Design Group 2755 E Canada Drive, Bloomington, IN 47401

REQUEST: The petitioner is requesting Conditional Use approval to allow the use "Student Housing or Dormitory" in the Residential Multifamily (RM) zoning district to allow for one new building containing five, three-bedroom apartments.

REPORT: The property is located at 110 E. Hillside Drive and is currently zoned Residential Multifamily (RM). The properties to the south, east, and west are also zoned RM. The properties to the north are zoned Residential Urban (R4). The property is currently a vacant lot. The site is not within a historic district or any overlay districts.

The petitioner is proposing to construct a new three-story structure with ground floor parking spaces and five three-bedroom dwelling units. Since the proposed units will each contain 3 bedrooms, they are classified as student housing or dormitory use. Student housing is listed as a conditional use in the RM zoning district and the petitioner is therefore requesting conditional use approval to allow for this new construction. The petitioner previously received a variance under V-16-20 to allow for the front steps of the structure to encroach into the setback. The petitioner is also requesting a variance from the required front parking setback of 20' to allow for ground floor parking, which will be heard by the Board of Zoning Appeals on December 23, 2021.

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: There are use-specific standards that apply to student housing within the RM district. The UDO restricts the maximum floor plate for student housing uses in the RM district to 5,000 square feet per lot. The proposed building will be approximately 3,519 square feet and therefore meets the 5,000 square foot maximum floor plate allowance. This petition received a variance from front setback standards under V-16-20 and is currently requesting a variance from the required front parking setback which is pending. This petition complies with other applicable regulations, utility, service, and improvement standards as required by the general compliance criteria.

The UDO requires that student housing or dormitory uses outside of the Mixed-Use Student Housing (MS) zoning district be separated from other student housing or dormitory uses by at least 300 feet. Planning staff did not find any existing student housing or dormitory uses within 300 feet of this property.

(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 "Mixed Urban Residential." Infill development within this district is encouraged as part of creating a compact urban form. This petition provides additional housing units on a property that is currently vacant. The construction of five dwelling units on this site is not expected to have any negative impacts.

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: This site is well served by utility service and no problems with providing utility service to this site are expected. This site is near the 7 and 1 bus lines and intends to provide adequate parking for the residents.

iii. Minimizes or Mitigates Adverse Impacts

- 1. The proposed use and development will 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 must 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: There are no natural, scenic, or historic features that will be impacted... The creation of five dwelling units for student housing on this property is not expected to have any adverse impacts on surrounding properties. No additional lighting outside of what is typical of a residential unit is being proposed. No nuisance regarding noise, smoke, odors, vibrations, lighting, or hours of operation is found. No pre-submittal neighborhood meeting is required.

RECOMMENDATION: The Department recommends that the Hearing Officer adopts the proposed findings and recommends approval of CU-24-21 with the following conditions:

- 1. This conditional use is limited to a maximum of five units and a maximum of three bedrooms per unit as submitted, no other use is approved.
- 2. A grading permit is required before construction can begin.







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November 17, 2021

Keegan Gulick City of Bloomington Planning and Transportation Dept. 401 N. Morton Street Bloomington, IN. 47402

RE: 110 Hillside Drive – Student Housing

Dear Keegan,

WS Property Group is proposing to redevelop a vacant lot at 110 E Hillside Drive and are requesting a variance from 20.04.0?0(?) to allow 5 three-bedroom townhomes to be constructed.

The project anticipates the construction of a single building comprised of 5 townhomes. Each townhome is comprised of 3 levels; parking, main-living, and bedroom. We believe the scale and scope of the project fits with the surrounding uses and will not be injurious to the public, nor adversely affect the use and value of the adjacent properties.

Please find attached the required information to render your approval.

Respectfully, WSProperty Group

Timothy A. Hanson V.P. Development







WS PROPERTY GROUP 1507 S PIAZZA DRIVE BLOOMINGTON, IN 47401



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