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CITY OF BLOOMINGTON BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS (Hybrid Meeting)

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ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 24, 2022

PETITIONS CONTINUED TO: July 21, 2022

AA-17-22 Joe Kemp Construction, LLC & Blackwell Construction, Inc.

Summit Woods (Sudbury Farm Parcel O) W. Ezekiel Dr.

Request: Administrative Appeal of the Notice of Violation (NOV) issued

March 25, 2022.

Case Manager: Jackie Scanlan

PETITIONS:

V-14-22 Chris and Betsy Smith (Springpoint Architects)

600 W. Kirkwood Ave.

Request: Variance from front building setback standards, front parking setback standards, and a determinate sidewalk variance to allow for the construction of a new single-family residence in the Mixed-Use Medium Scale (MM) zoning district.

Case Manager: Eric Greulich

V-19-22 **Peoples State Bank**

202 W. 17th St.

Request: Variance from front parking setback standards. Also requested is a variance from drive access standards to allow construction of a 34,200 square foot commercial building in the Mixed-Use Corridor (MC) zoning district.

Case Manager: Gabriel Holbrow

^{**}Next Meeting: July 21, 2022

BLOOMINGTON BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS STAFF REPORT CASE #: V-14-22 DATE: June 23, 2022

Location: 600 W. Kirkwood Ave

PETITIONER: Chris and Betsey Smith

3702 E. Devonshire Ln, Bloomington

CONSULTANT: Dawn Gray (Springpoint Architects)

213 S. Rogers Street, Bloomington

REQUEST: Variance from front building setback standards, front parking setback standards, and a determinate sidewalk variance to allow for the construction of a new single-family residence in the Mixed-Use Neighborhood Scale (MN) zoning district.

REPORT: This 0.20 acre property is zoned Mixed-Use Neighborhood Scale (MN) and is located at the northwest corner of W. Kirkwood Ave. and N. Jackson Street. The site is also located in the Near West Side Conservation District. The properties to the north are zoned Residential Small Lot (R3), to the east are zoned Mixed-Use Medium Scale (MM), and to the south and west are zoned Mixed-Use Neighborhood Scale (MN). The site recently had a garage on it, but that has been removed and currently sits vacant.

The petitioner is proposing to construct a new single family residence on the lot. The residence would have a driveway off of the alley along the north side of the site that accesses an attached garage. The petitioner has also received a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA-22-32) from the Historic Preservation Commission for the proposed residence.

Within the Mixed-Use Neighborhood Scale (MN) zoning district, the Unified Development Ordinance has a 15' to 25' front build-to-range. The petitioner is requesting a variance from that standard to allow a 10' setback from the Kirkwood Avenue frontage and a 7' setback from the Jackson Street frontage. This is being requested to match the existing historic setback of the adjacent residences. This is also something supported within the Plan for West Kirkwood to maintain existing historic block faces.

The MN district also requires any areas used for parking to be located 20' behind the front building wall. The 20' setback requirement is designed for commercial uses to ensure parking is not between a building and a street and to promote pedestrian accessibility and those aspects are not applicable to a single family residence. The UDO does not have standards for single family residences specifically in the MN district to better match that use. The petitioner is requesting a variance from the 20' front parking setback standard to allow a 3' setback for the driveway to the attached garage. The driveway is proposed to be 20' wide and have a 15' setback from the alley and meets the standards for a typical driveway. The petitioner is also requesting a determinate sidewalk variance to not require a sidewalk to be constructed on the Jackson Street frontage.

CRITERIA AND FINDINGS FOR DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS VARIANCE

20.06.080(b)(3)(E) Standards for Granting Variances from Development Standards:

A variance from the development standards of the Unified Development Ordinance may be approved only upon determination in writing that each of the following criteria is met:

1) The approval will not be injurious to the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the community.

PROPOSED FINDING:

Front building setback: The granting of the variance to allow the building within the front building setback will not be injurious to the public health, safety, morals, or general welfare of the community as it will match the setback of the existing adjacent residences.

Front parking setback: The granting of the variance to allow the proposed driveway in the parking setback area will not be injurious to the public health, safety, morals, or general welfare of the community as the driveway will meet all of the standards for a typical single family driveway. The driveway will not be between the building and the street and is accessed from the alley.

2) The use and value of the area adjacent to the property included in the Development Standards Variance will not be affected in a substantially adverse manner.

PROPOSED FINDING:

Front building setback: No adverse impacts are found to the use and value of surrounding properties as a result of the building being located within the front build-to-range, conversely the granting of the variance would allow for the residence to match the existing historic setback of the adjacent buildings and create a uniform block face as encouraged by the Plan for West Kirkwood. In addition, a Certificate of Appropriateness was approved that specifically evaluated the overall design and location of the residence and found to be appropriate.

Front parking setback: No adverse impacts to the use and value of the area adjacent to the property are found as a result of allowing the driveway within the required front parking setback as it is not located between the residence and the street and is accessed directly from the alley. The driveway is designed as a typical single family driveway and meets the standards if this was zoned as a primarily single family district.

3) The strict application of the terms of the Unified Development Ordinance will result in practical difficulties in the use of the property; that the practical difficulties are peculiar to the property in question; that the Development Standards Variance will relieve the practical

difficulties.

PROPOSED FINDING:

Front building setback: The Department finds that the strict application of the terms of the Unified Development Ordinance will result in practical difficulties in the use of the property as they would not allow for the residence to be constructed at a location that is appropriate to the area. The practical difficulties are peculiar to the property in question because the location of adjacent residences and existing block face are closer to the street than what the build-to-range would allow. The petitioner has designed the site to be compatible with the adjacent residences, fit the historic pattern of the Conservation District, and fit within the design guidelines of the Plan for West Kirkwood. The granting of the variance allows for the residence to be constructed at a location that is appropriate for the neighborhood.

Front parking setback: The Department finds that the strict application of the terms of the Unified Development Ordinance will result in practical difficulties in the use of the property as they would not allow for a typical driveway to be constructed that is appropriate to the use. The practical difficulties are peculiar to the property in question because although the property is zoned for a range of commercial uses, because it is being developed with a single family residence, the standards do not match the proposed use. The proposed driveway has been designed as a typical residential driveway and meets the driveway standards for a single family use. The granting of the variance allows for a driveway to be installed that is typical to a single family residence and is appropriate for the neighborhood.

CRITERIA AND FINDINGS FOR DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS VARIANCE

20.06.080(b)(3)(E)(i)(1) Standards for Granting Variances from Development Standards: Pursuant to Indiana Code 36-7-4-918.5, the Board of Zoning Appeals or Hearing Officer may grant a variance from the development standards of this UDO if, after a public hearing, it makes findings of fact in writing, that:

- (1) The approval will not be injurious to the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the community; and
 - **PROPOSED FINDING:** A sidewalk connection on this site would certainly improve pedestrian safety by providing a defined, protected place for pedestrians and would connect to an existing sidewalk on Kirkwood.
- (2) The use and value of the area adjacent to the property included in the development standards variance will not be affected in a substantially adverse manner; and
 - **PROPOSED FINDING:** Adverse impacts to the use and value of the surrounding area associated with the proposed variance are found. The granting of the variance is expected to have off-site negative consequences, as it will continue the existing design that lacks a sidewalk connection to the network north of Kirkwood Avenue.

(3) The strict application of the terms of the Unified Development Ordinance will result in practical difficulties in the use of the property; that the practical difficulties are peculiar to the property in questions; that the development standards variance will relieve the practical difficulties; and

PROPOSED FINDING: No practical difficulties are found in the use of the property. A compliant sidewalk could be constructed on this site. The site will continued to be used as a single-family development even if the sidewalk is built. The petitioner has not supplied sufficient data or reasoning indicating that there are practical difficulties in the use of the site and that a variance is necessary for relief.

Determinate Sidewalk:

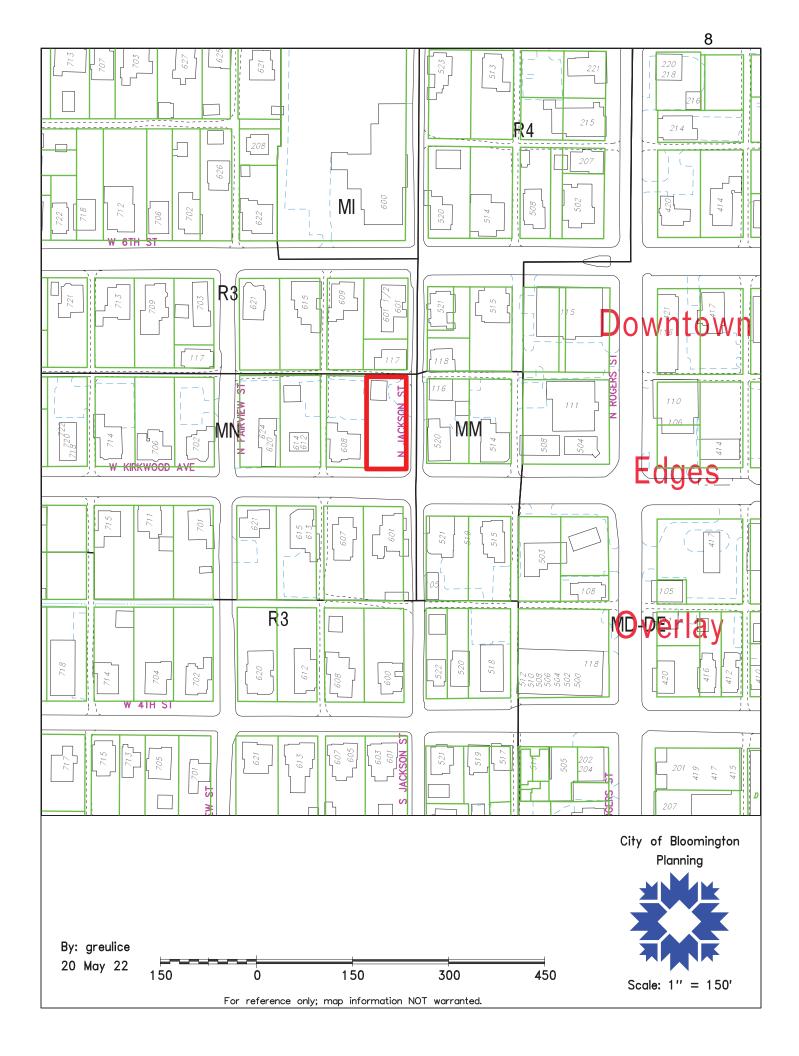
20.06.080(b)(3)(E)(i)(3): While not to be included as separate findings of fact, items to consider when determining the practical difficulties or peculiar conditions associated with a determinate sidewalk variance include, but are not limited to:

- [a] That the topography of the lot or tract together with the topography of the adjacent lots or tract and the nature of the street right-of-way make it impractical for construction of a sidewalk; or
- [b] That the pedestrian traffic reasonably to be anticipated over and along the street adjoining such lot or tract upon which new construction is to be erected is not and will not be such as to require sidewalks to be provided for the safety of pedestrians; or
- [C] The adjacent lot or tracts are at present developed without sidewalks and there is no reasonable expectation of additional sidewalk connections on the block in the near future; or
- [d] The location of the lot or tract is such that a complete pedestrian network is present on the other side of the street on the same block; or
- [e] Uniformity of development of the area would best be served by deferring sidewalk construction on the lot or tract until some future date.

Review of Determinate Sidewalk Criteria: The topography of the lot or tract does not make it impractical to construct a sidewalk. Although a sidewalk would improve pedestrian safety, Jackson Street is also a very low volume street with less than 500 ADT's. The Transportation Plan states that it can be appropriate for neighborhood residential streets with an existing or expected ADT of less than 500 vehicles a day and an expected operating speed of less than 20 mph or less to not have sidewalks. The adjacent lots to the north are presently developed without sidewalks and there is no reasonable expectation of additional sidewalk connection opportunities on the block in the near future. There is not a pedestrian network on the other side of Jackson Street. There does not seem to be a compelling reason to not require a sidewalk along the Jackson Street frontage at the time of development.

RECOMMENDATION: The Department recommends that the Board of Zoning Appeals adopt the proposed findings for V-14-22 and approve the variances for building setback and parking setback and deny the sidewalk variance with the following condition:

- 1. This variance is for the driveway location as submitted. Any new driveway design or placement will require a new variance.
- 2. A zoning commitment for the determinate sidewalk variance must be recorded and submitted prior to approval of a building permit.
- 3. A minimum 6' wide concrete sidewalk is required along the property frontage.





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City of Bloomington Planning



March 24, 2022

Eric Greulich Senior Zoning Planner City of Bloomington 401 N Morton St, Ste 130 Bloomington, IN 47404

RE: 600 W. Kirkwood, variance request

Dear Eric,

The owners of the property at 600 W. Kirkwood would like to respectfully request variances from the following two (2) development standards:

- 1. The front building setback standard along Jackson Street to allow a proposed setback of 7 feet.
- 2. The front parking setback standard along Jackson Street to allow proposed setback of 7 feet.

The proposed project is a two-story, single-family residence with a full basement and an attached garage situated on the northwest corner of W. Kirkwood and Jackson Street in the Near West Side Conservation District. The site-design the of the new home is intended to closely reflect the patterns of the historic neighborhood.

The practical difficulties of this site are due to the UDO standards for corner lots which require compliance with two (2) front yard setbacks. These front yard setback standards do not reflect the established neighborhood patterns. The UDO allows for the front yard setbacks to be adjusted along W. Kirkwood because the neighboring property to the west is a designated as an outstanding historic structure. However, no such concession is made for the setback on the Jackson Street side.

Historical Sanborn maps from 1898 show the original structure on the site created a defined edged along Jackson. Our proposed site design including the garage location aligns with this historic configuration. Our intention is to create a contextual project that integrates well with the Near West Side Conservation District.

Sincerely,

Dawn M Gray, AIA

SPRINGPOINT ARCHITECTS, pc





SITE PLAN

SCALE: 1"=20"



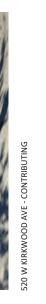
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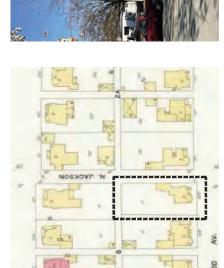


608 W KIRKWOOD - GRAVE MORRISON HOUSE, OUTSTANDING



600 W. KIRKWOOD - SUBJECT PROPERTY, STREET VIEW (TO NORTH)

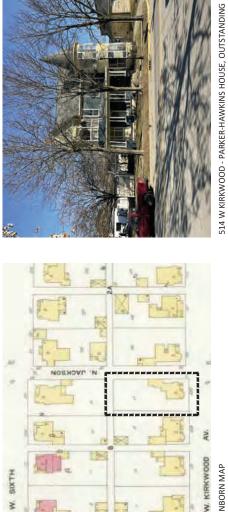




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117 N JACKSON - NON-CONTRIBUTING

BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA RESIDENCE SMITH



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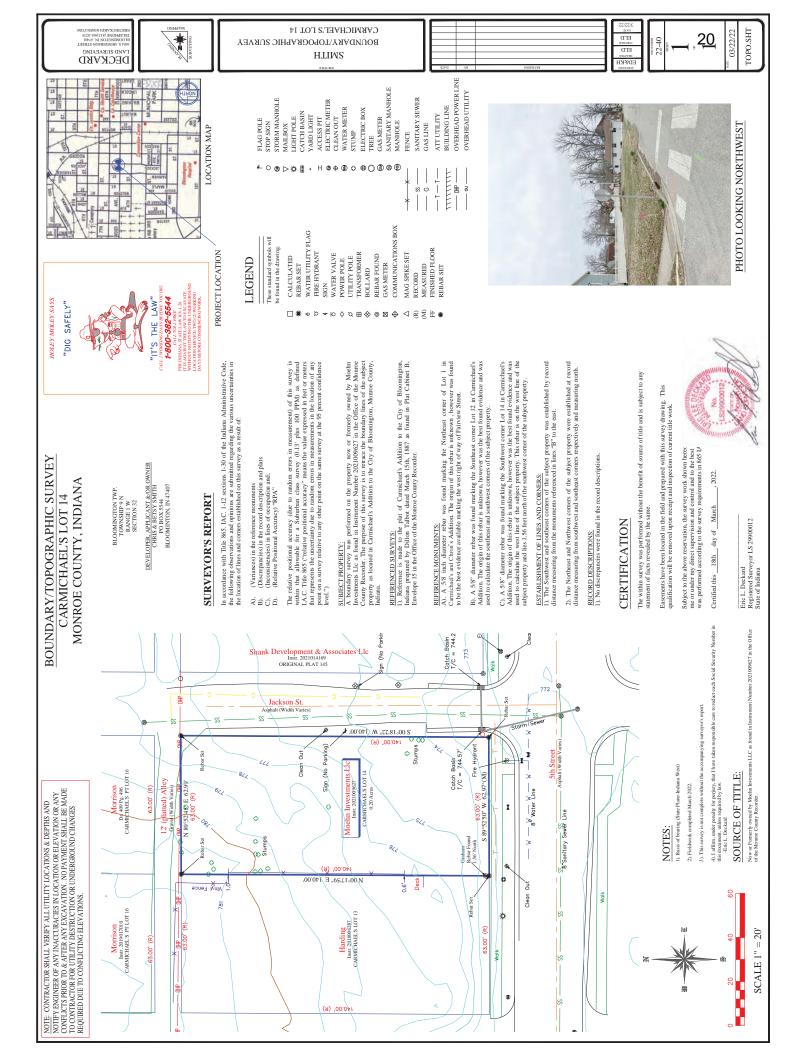
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SMITH RESIDENCE BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

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CASE #: V-19-22

DATE: June 23, 2022

BLOOMINGTON BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS STAFF REPORT

Location: 202 West 17th Street

PETITIONER: Peoples State Bank

601 East Temperance Street

Ellettsville, IN

CONSULTANT: Tim Cover, Studio 3 Design

8605 Allisonville Road, Suite 330

Indianapolis, IN

REQUEST: Variances from front parking setback standards, location and separation of drives standards, and driveway pavement width standards to allow construction of a 34,200 gross-square-foot commercial building in the Mixed-Use Corridor (MC) zoning district.

REPORT: The property is located on the north side of 17th Street, covering the entire block from College Avenue to Woodburn Avenue. The property is zoning Mixed-Use Corridor (MC). To the north, properties along the west side of College Avenue are also zoned Mixed-Use Corridor (MC), while properties to along the east side of Woodburn Avenue are zoned Mixed-Use Student Housing (MS). To the west, properties on the west side of Woodburn Street are zoned Residential Medium Lot (R2). To the south, properties on the south side of 17th Street are zoned Mixed-Use Medium Scale (MM). To the east is Miller Showers Park, which is zoned Parks and Open Space (PO). The site currently has a Peoples State Bank branch and a former Pepsi bottling plant. The City of Bloomington Engineering Department is in the final stages of design and planning for a new multi-use path along the north side of 17th Street adjacent to the property.

The petitioner is proposing to redevelop the site as a corporate office and local bank branch for Peoples State Bank. The proposal has one four-story building, approximately 34,200 gross square feet, located near the corner of 17th and College at the southeast of the site. The petition is subject to major site plan review by the Plan Commission, and has been placed on the schedule for the Plan Commission's public hearing on July 11, 2022.

The petitioner is requesting three variances. The first variance is to allow parking areas located between the building and Woodburn Avenue to the west. The Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) requires a minimum front parking setback in the MC district of 20 feet behind the primary structure's front building wall. Because this setback standard applies to all public streets, the UDO requires all parking to be at least 20 feet behind the building wall nearest each of the three adjacent streets, including Woodburn Avenue. One of the purposes of the front parking setback standard is to encourage site design that engages directly with the public realm of the street and to promote pedestrian accessibility, instead of the site uses being buffered from the street by parking lots. The petition locates the proposed building close to the corner of 17th and College, which supports these same goals of engaging directly with the public realm and promoting pedestrian accessibility. However, the location of the building on the site farther from Woodburn also has the effect of limiting the areas that can be used for parking due to the front parking setback standards, unless a variance is granted. As proposed, the development will provide 58 off-street parking spaces, including six spaces in the building and 52 spaces in the

surface parking area. This is well below the maximum of 136 parking spaces that could be allowed for 34,000 gross square feet of financial institution use.

The two further variance requests relate to driveway access for the site's parking areas and drive through. The UDO requires that for nonresidential uses located on corner lots, drive access must be located on the street assigned the lower functional classification. College Avenue is classified as a primary arterial, 17th Street is classified as a secondary arterial, and Woodburn Avenue is not classified, otherwise known as a local street. Because Woodburn Avenue is the lowest classified street, the UDO requires that all drive access be on Woodburn. The petitioner is requesting a variance to allow drive access on both Woodburn and 17th. The proposal shows a two-way driveway on Woodburn to the west and a second two-way driveway on 17th to the south. The driveway on 17th crosses the planned multi-use path along the north side of the street.

The third variance is specific to the design of the driveway on 17th and therefore is contingent on a variance to allow that driveway in the first place. The driveway as proposed runs north-south from 17th Street and intersects with both the drive-through exit coming from the east and the continuation of the two-way driveway running diagonally to/from the northwest. The petitioner has chosen to design the driveway such that this intersection starts forward of (south of) the front building setback line. This design creates two nonconformities with the UDO. First, the UDO limits driveway pavement width for nonresidential uses to a maximum of 24 feet (not 20 feet as stated in the petitioner's statement), measured at the front building setback line. As measured at the front building setback line, the driveway is approximately 39 feet 9 inches width, due to the curb radius to the east and the intersecting drive to the northwest. Second, the UDO prohibits drives that run less than 45 degrees from parallel anywhere in the area that is closer to the street than the front building wall. In this petition, the front building wall is at the front building setback. The driveway continuation that runs diagonally to/from the northwest includes a small triangle that is both less than 45 degrees from parallel to the street and is forward of (south of) the front building setback line. The petitioner is requesting a variance to allow the proposed driveway configuration on 17th Street.

CRITERIA AND FINDINGS FOR DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS VARIANCE

20.06.080(b)(3)(E)(i)(1) Standards for Granting Variances from Development Standards: Pursuant to Indiana Code 36-7-4-918.5, the Board of Zoning Appeals or Hearing Officer may grant a variance from the development standards of this UDO if, after a public hearing, it makes findings of fact in writing, that:

PROPOSED FINDINGS FOR THE FRONT PARKING SETBACK VARIANCE

(1) The approval will not be injurious to the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the community; and

PROPOSED FINDING: The granting of the variance to allow parking areas between the proposed building and Woodburn Avenue will not be injurious to the public health, safety, morals, or general welfare of the community. Given the configuration of the site with three street frontages, the location of the proposed building near the corner of 17th and College and the location of parking on the Woodburn side of the building maximizes the public realm-facing and pedestrian-accessibility aspects of the site design, compared to other possible locations on the site for a 34,200 gross-square-foot commercial building.

- (2) The use and value of the area adjacent to the property included in the development standards variance will not be affected in a substantially adverse manner; and
 - **PROPOSED FINDING:** Any potential adverse impact on the use and value of properties on Woodburn Avenue adjacent to the proposed parking area will not be substantial. The petitioner has proposed a landscaped area approximately nine feet wide from the edge of the proposed sidewalk along Woodburn to the edge of the parking lot surface. This width exceeds UDO requirements for parking lot perimeter landscaping by at least one foot. The landscaped area will be planted with trees and shrubs in accordance with the landscaping requirements of the UDO.
- (3) The strict application of the terms of the Unified Development Ordinance will result in practical difficulties in the use of the property; that the practical difficulties are peculiar to the property in questions; that the development standards variance will relieve the practical difficulties.

PROPOSED FINDING: The configuration of the site with three street frontages poses a particular practical difficulty that is not explicitly anticipated by the front parking setback standards in the UDO. Without a variance, the area available for parking would be severely limited and the amount of surface parking that could be provided would be significantly below the maximum amount allowed by the UDO and significantly below the amount necessary to support the proposed permitted use as a bank branch and corporate office.

PROPOSED FINDINGS FOR THE DRIVE LOCATION VARIANCE

- (1) The approval will not be injurious to the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the community; and
 - **PROPOSED FINDING:** The granting of the variance to allow two-way drive access on 17th Street will be injurious to public health and safety by allowing turning vehicles to interrupt the flow of pedestrian and bicycle traffic on the planned multi-use path as well as the flow of automobile traffic on 17th Street.
- (2) The use and value of the area adjacent to the property included in the development standards variance will not be affected in a substantially adverse manner; and
 - **PROPOSED FINDING:** By interfering with the flow of traffic on 17th Street and the planned multi-use path, two-way drive access on 17th Street may adversely impact the use and value of properties on 17th Street and in adjacent neighborhoods.
- (3) The strict application of the terms of the Unified Development Ordinance will result in practical difficulties in the use of the property; that the practical difficulties are peculiar to the property in questions; that the development standards variance will relieve the practical difficulties.
 - **PROPOSED FINDING:** The drive location standards in the UDO explicitly anticipate the case of corner lots, and require drive access to be provided on the lowest classified street. Adherence to this requirement does not pose a practical difficulty to the use of this property

because access can be adequately provided on Woodburn Avenue, as demonstrated by the proposed site plan which includes access on Woodburn Avenue. There are no peculiar difficulties on this site that require the relief of a variance.

PROPOSED FINDINGS FOR THE DRIVEWAY PAVEMENT WIDTH VARIANCE

(1) The approval will not be injurious to the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the community; and

PROPOSED FINDING: The granting of the variance to allow a drive on 17th Street with a driveway width greater than 24 feet will enable more vehicle-focused infrastructure in the street frontage area of the property than is necessary to provide access. Additionally, the two-way drive on 17th Street itself will be injurious to public health and safety by allowing turning vehicles to interrupt the flow of pedestrian and bicycle traffic on the planned multi-use path as well as the flow of automobile traffic on 17th Street.

(2) The use and value of the area adjacent to the property included in the development standards variance will not be affected in a substantially adverse manner; and

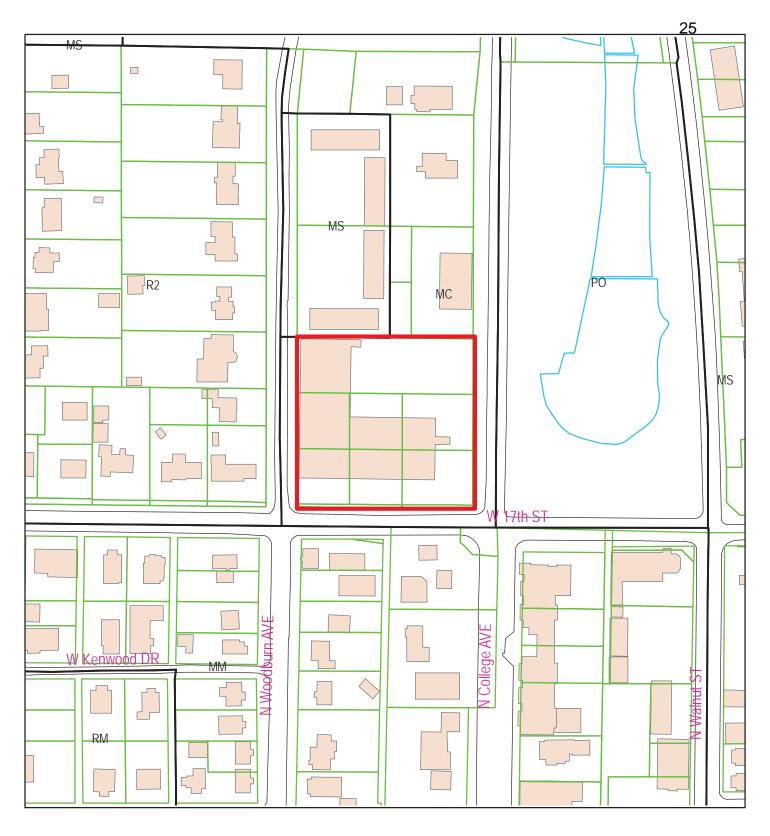
PROPOSED FINDING: By interfering with the flow of traffic on 17th Street and the planned multi-use path, two-way drive access on 17th Street may adversely impact the use and value of properties on 17th Street and in adjacent neighborhoods.

(3) The strict application of the terms of the Unified Development Ordinance will result in practical difficulties in the use of the property; that the practical difficulties are peculiar to the property in questions; that the development standards variance will relieve the practical difficulties.

PROPOSED FINDING: There is nothing peculiar to this property that creates a need for a wider driveway surface. The amount of asphalt designed between the building and 17th Street is in opposition to the goals of the UDO regulations related to improved interface between the site and the public pedestrian realm. There is no need for the excess asphalt. The driveway intersection could be relocated a few feet to the north so as to conform to the driveway width standards in the UDO and provide radiused (softened) curves.

RECOMMENDATION: Based upon the report and written findings of fact above, the Department recommends that the Board of Zoning Appeals adopts the proposed findings for V-19-22, denies the requested variances from drive location standards and driveway surface width standards to allow drive access on 17th Street, and approves the requested variance from front parking setback standards with the following condition:

1. The front parking setback variance is approved for the site plan, including building and parking lot design, as submitted with this petition.



202 West 17th Peoples State Bank

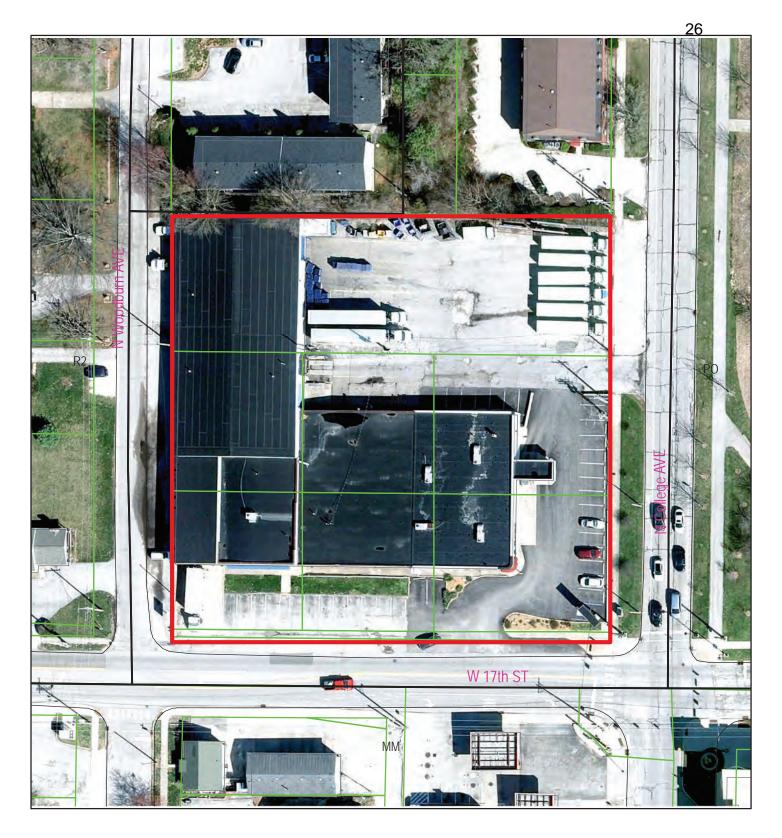
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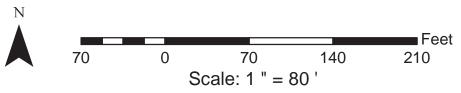
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202 West 17th Peoples State Bank



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June 9, 2022

City of Bloomington Planning Department P.O. Box 100 Bloomington, IN 47402

Attn: Mr. Gabriel Holbrow

RE: Peoples State Bank Corporate Office

PETITIONERS STATEMENT

Gabriel.

Studio 3 Design is pleased to submit the attached corporate office and local bank branch for the Peoples State Bank to be located at the intersection of 17th and College.

The following document outlines the project scope. Please take time to review and contact us with any additional questions.

The attached petition is based on the current UDO.

Project Location

The project is located at the NW corner of 17th and College Ave.

Project Owner

The Project is being developed and will be occupied by The Peoples State Bank upon completion. The Peoples State Bank is a long-term member of the Bloomington community and is an employer of local residents. The bank's current corporate headquarters have been located in Ellettsville, IN since 1904, and with this project, the bank would like to expand their retail location and add additional corporate offices which will bring additional jobs to Bloomington. This project will remove the vacant Pepsi Bottling building, enhance entrances on both College and 17th Street, convert 40% of the concrete and pavement area to landscape zones and revitalize a key commercial corner for The Peoples State Bank.

Project Description

The project will consist of a single building, built for a single tenant – The Peoples State Bank. The building will serve as additional corporate offices for The Peoples State Bank and will house their administrative and lending operations along with an enhanced retail branch to better serve the downtown Bloomington customers. The building will be 3 levels over a full lower level, approximately 34,200 GSF in size. The lower level will be fully exposed along College Avenue and underground on the other three sides. The building will have entry points at the corner of 17th and College at the lower level connecting to the sidewalks and new proposed city trail along 17th Street. The primary entrance from the parking lot will be accessed from level 1. The bank and a 3-lane drive-thru will be accessed at level 1, and this drive-thru is entirely under the building and replaces the current drive-thru that exist facing College Ave. Parking is located at level 1 and meets the requirements of the UDO. The site has been designed based on UDO requirements for a maximum of 60% impermeable surface. Site access has been designed in conjunction with engineering for the new city trail along 17th Street. Additional angled parking is proposed along Woodburn Avenue along with an additional access point into the site.

Project Site Access:

Currently, the site has ingress/egress drives along both College Ave. as well as 17th Street, has additional parking on Woodburn Avenue itself, and has private, direct pull-in parking along most of 17th Street.

The proposed plan limits site access to a single ingress/egress drive onto 17th Street, and a new access drive from Woodburn Avenue. The current entrance onto College Ave. has been eliminated and the pull in parking off of 17th Street has also been eliminated in conjunction with the proposed city trail. A new entrance off of Woodburn Avenue has been created and provides a direct access to the parking lot and bank drive-thru.

Additional parking has been proposed along Woodburn Avenue in the same location where parking has existed for years for the Pepsi Bottling Plant.

See attached Exhibits 1, 2 and 3 to understand the current site, the approved city-planned multiuse trail improvements that assumes the Pepsi building remains, and our proposed site improvements with a single entry access point on 17th Street as well as a second access point on Woodburn Avenue. (Exhibit 3).

Exhibits:

1. Existing conditions (Exhibit 1):

The current site is surrounded by streets on three sides, College to the East, 17th street to the South and Woodburn Street to the west. Should Peoples State Bank elect to not move forward with the revitalization of the site, it will remain as shown with the majority of it's College Ave frontage serving as a wide curb cut/ access for entry and exit. 17th street is also primarily a giant access drive for the length of the site allowing for back out parking onto 17th as well as ingress/ egress for the site. Woodburn is currently paved up to the building line of the Pepsi building and serves as a parking for vehicles. There are currently no pedestrian improvements along Woodburn.

2. City Engineering proposed Site modifications for new pedestrian trail (exhibit 2): The City is moving forward with a new pedestrian trail along 17th street. There are no

proposed changes to the College Ave. curb line(ref. Exhibit 1 for extent of drive opening on College) The 17th street curb line would be modified as shown on **Exhibit 2**. This approach maintains ingress and egress on both 17th street and College Ave. The City improvements for the pedestrian trail proposed by City Engineering would allow for multiple curb cuts and vehicular traffic to enter off of 17th street. This is the design that the City intended to move forward with prior to Peoples Bank proposing to redevelop the site.

3. Peoples State Bank- Proposed Site Plan (exhibit 3):

With the proposed site plan we are closing **all access** to the property off of College Ave and installing a 10' wide pedestrian walkway and landscape separation from the street. We are replacing multiple curb cuts for ingress/ egress from 17th street with a single ingress/ egress curb cut (20' wide). We are replacing the current 100% paved area with a new city walking trail and landscape buffer in conjunction with City engineering. Exhibit 3 also highlights the limited parking zone available due to building fronting on 3 streets and the triangle of drive entrance that is over 20 ' in width in order to create a smooth turning radius.

Variances:

Based on the new UDO, there are (3) variances that we are aware of that will be requested thru the BZA process.

1. Variance 1

Parking in-front of the building. Per the UDO parking must be held 20' behind the building line along any street frontage.

This site is unique in that there are (3) public streets surrounding the building. As such, parking on any side between the building and the street creates a situation where a variance is required. The building has been placed at the corner of 17th and College Ave. which is the logical placement for a commercial building.

Per the requirements of the UDO, the proposed parking has been held back from the two commercial streets of College and 17th street to be 20' behind the building line. The third street (Woodburn) is a residential street to the West of the property.

We are requesting a variance to allow parking between Woodburn and the building. See Exhibit 3 for extent of usable area for parking (if) a variance is not allowed.

a. Approval will not be injurious to public health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the Community

Approval of this variance will not be injurious to public health, safety or welfare. The parking created will allow patrons of the business to park on site and have safe clear paths to the building entrance.

- The use and value of the area adjacent to the property included in the development standards variance will not be affected in a substantially adverse manner:
 The neighboring properties will not be impacted in a negative way by allowing parking.
 The area will be cleaned up and site lines improved for vehicular and pedestrian traffic.
- c. The strict application of the terms of this UDO will result in practical difficulties in the use of the Property; that the practical difficulties are peculiar to the property in question; that the development standards variance will relieve the practical difficulties:

See **exhibit 3** for parking zone left available for a commercial property in event the variance is not approved.

The site is peculiar in that it is a corner lot that has (3) public streets surrounding it. Abnormal corner lot would have (2) public streets and potentially an alley. The fact that Woodburn exist as a public street creates a unique situation in that the ability to park on the site is restricted from 3 sides.

Allowing the variance will provide an opportunity to reasonably park the site for employees and patrons.

With-out the variance the building would be left with little commercial parking for a commercial bank and corporate office building housing upward of 70 to 80 employees on a lot that (by code) allows for up to 133 spaces per the UDO. We feel the variance should be supported based on the unique character of the site having three streets surrounding the property. The intent of the UDO is not to prevent a commercial property from being able to have parking.

2. Variance #2

Allowing for an Ingress/ Egress drive off of 17th street.

Based on the UDO, Access to a property must come from the lowest tier designated street. College would be tier 1, 17th street would be tier 2 and Woodburn would be tier 3.

a. <u>Approval will not be injurious to public health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the Community</u>

Approval of this variance will not be injurious to public health, safety or welfare. The curb cut created will be a limited 20' wide opening that is pulled back from the intersection of 17th and College. The entrance location allows for good visibility of anyone on the trail by both pedestrian and vehicular traffic and dramatically improves the current conditions (Exhibit 1), Improves on the proposed City improvements (Exhibit 2) by limiting the curb cuts and removing parking, and provides a safe, easily findable entrance for bank customers (Exhibit 3)..

b. The use and value of the area adjacent to the property included in the development standards variance will not be affected in a substantially adverse manner:

The neighboring properties will not be impacted in a negative way by allowing an entrance off of 17th street. The current parking and open curb line will be cleaned up and site lines improved for vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Having a second point of ingress/egress) will relieve pressure on Woodburn (neighborhood street) by giving patrons of the bank as well as employees access off of a commercial drive in lieu of a neighborhood street. In the DRC meetings it was also stated that Woodburn has a fair about of emergency vehicle activity responding to calls at the neighboring apartment complex. The proposed solution relieves the pressure of all vehicular access coming in on Woodburn and provides a second means of ingress/ egress to a commercial site in the event that Woodburn is blocked by emergency response vehicles. It also provides emergency vehicles trying to access the bank site a second route in in the event the other entrance is blocked.

c. The strict application of the terms of this UDO will result in practical difficulties in the use of the Property; that the practical difficulties are peculiar to the property in question; that the development standards variance will relieve the practical difficulties:

Practical difficulties:

The site is being developed as a 100% commercial site sitting at the corner of two prominent commercial streets. The site is a bank that provides for vehicular drive-thru banking. The site has existing for decades with full access from both College and 17th street without issue.

The lack of visible access to the bank property and (taking away) the access that has existing for decades off of both College Ave. and 17th street will harm the viability of the business. While access can and is being provided off of Woodburn Street, it is not practical or logical to remove all existing access from a commercial street for a commercial tenant.

Practical difficulties are peculiar to site:

The site is a commercial corner site that has the unique situation of being fronted on 3 sides by streets. Normally there would only be (2) streets and potentially an alley.

Forcing patrons of the bank to "find" the entrance off of the neighborhood street (Woodburn) is purely the by-product of a UDO requirement that does not take into

account a Commercial business existing on a corner site with the rare condition of a third city street fronting the property. (If) Woodburn did not exist (ie it was an ally) then there would be full support by the UDO to have entry and exit access off of 17th street – a commercial street for a commercial property. We feel that the current UDO does not take this rare corner condition into account, especially when considering the commercial use of the facility and the logical need for a commercial business to be accessed off of commercial street. We are requesting that this variance be approved.

Rejecting maintaining a single access point off of 17th street will likely harm the commercial nature of this site to the point that the bank will simply leave the current conditions and continue to function out of the existing branch as it exist today.

Variance will relieve practical difficulties associated with Site:

The variance will allow for (2) means of ingress/ egress to the site reducing the amount of traffic forced onto a neighborhood street.

The variance will provide clear, visible access to a commercial property off of a commercial street and

will allow vehicles leaving the drive-thru a clear route to leave the property without circling back through the site.

3. Variance 3:

No part of a drive may exceed 20' in width.

The access drives off of 17th street as shown has a radiused curb to allow for smooth flow into and out of the site. This forms a triangle of space that is technically exceeds the 20' width on the driveway (see exhibit 3). We can straighten this and not have a radius but the end result will be cars rubbing their rims and tires against a curb as they negotiate the turn. Having radiused entrances into a site is common practice and should continue to apply in this instance. The application of code to this is based more on the question of whether or not to allow an entrance off of 17th and less about the correct development of a drive lane and the resulting triangle of space that exceeds the 20' width requirement.

A. <u>Approval will not be injurious to public health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the Community</u>

Approval of this variance will not be injurious to public health, safety or welfare. The radiused curb is simply good design practice that will prevent vehicles from rubbing their tires and rims on a 90- degree curb corner.

B The use and value of the area adjacent to the property included in the development standards variance will not be affected in a substantially adverse manner:

Removing a sharp corner and providing a radiused curb will have absolutely no impact on the surrounding properties.

d. The strict application of the terms of this UDO will result in practical difficulties in the use of the Property; that the practical difficulties are peculiar to the property in question; that the development standards variance will relieve the practical difficulties:

Practical Difficulty:

The exit from the drive-thru and the route to and from the site create a "Y" intersection at the junction of the drives. The UDO simply puts a limit on drive width at 20' (which we meet in all cases. It does not address what happens when multiple drives come together. Leaving a 90-degree corner to avoid having a drive width expand beyond 20' in width at the "Y" intersection not only creates the potential for tire damage but is simply poor design. Providing a radiused curb at corners is common practice and exist at every new entrance developed by City engineering.

Practical Difficulties are Peculiar to this site

The strict adherence to the UDO creates this issue. The 20' width is to address the typical drive width. What is peculiar to this site is the fact that this is being presented as needing a variance.

Develop standards variance will relieve the practical difficulties:

The provision of a radiused (softened curve) at the "Y" intersection will make for a smoother more natural turn from the drive thru and the parking lot onto the ingress/ egress drive out to the street.

Respectfully submitted,

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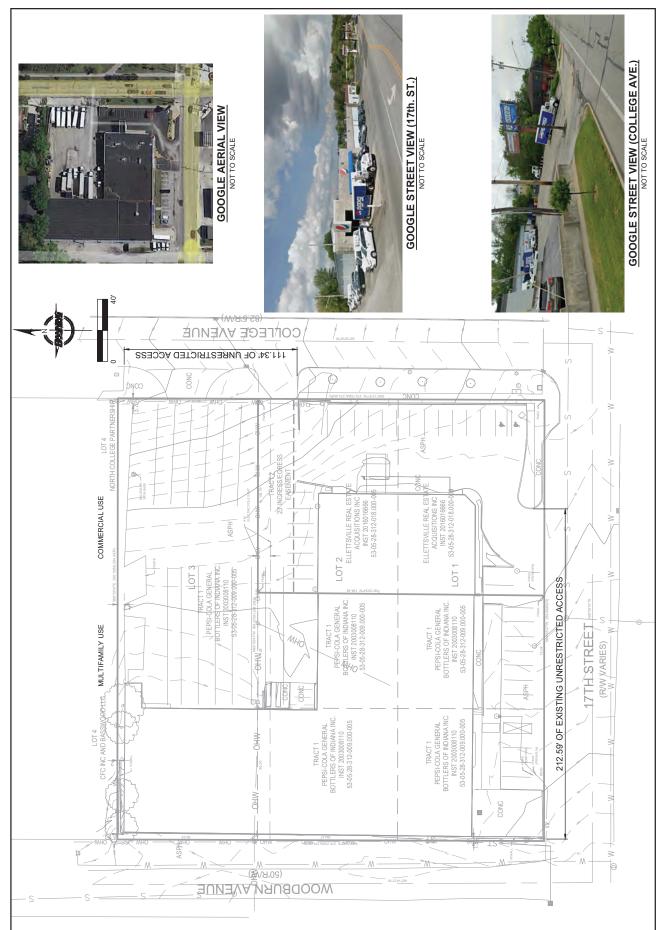
















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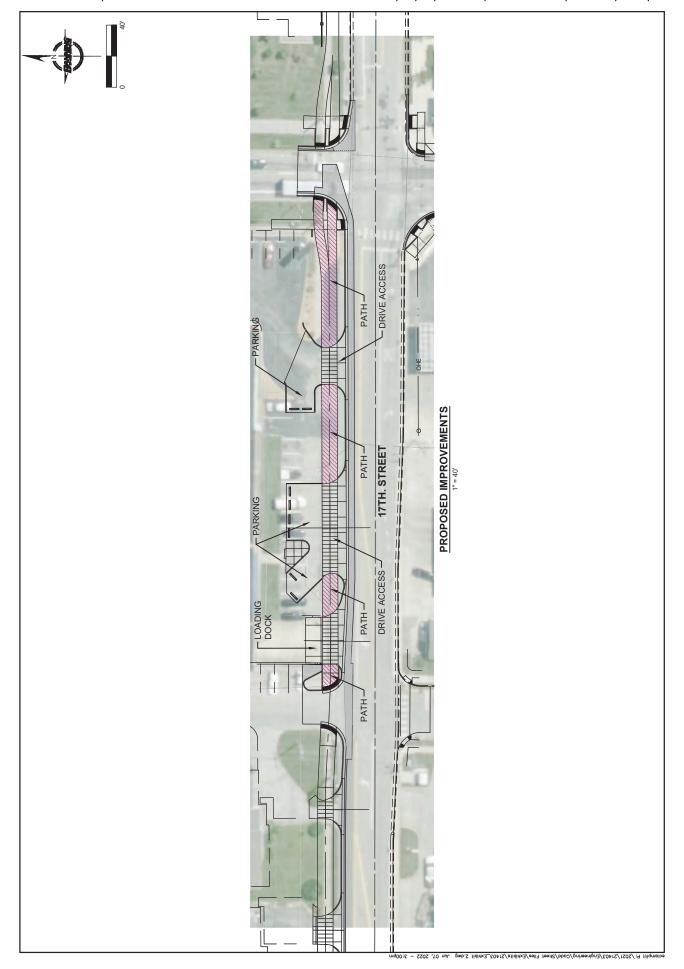
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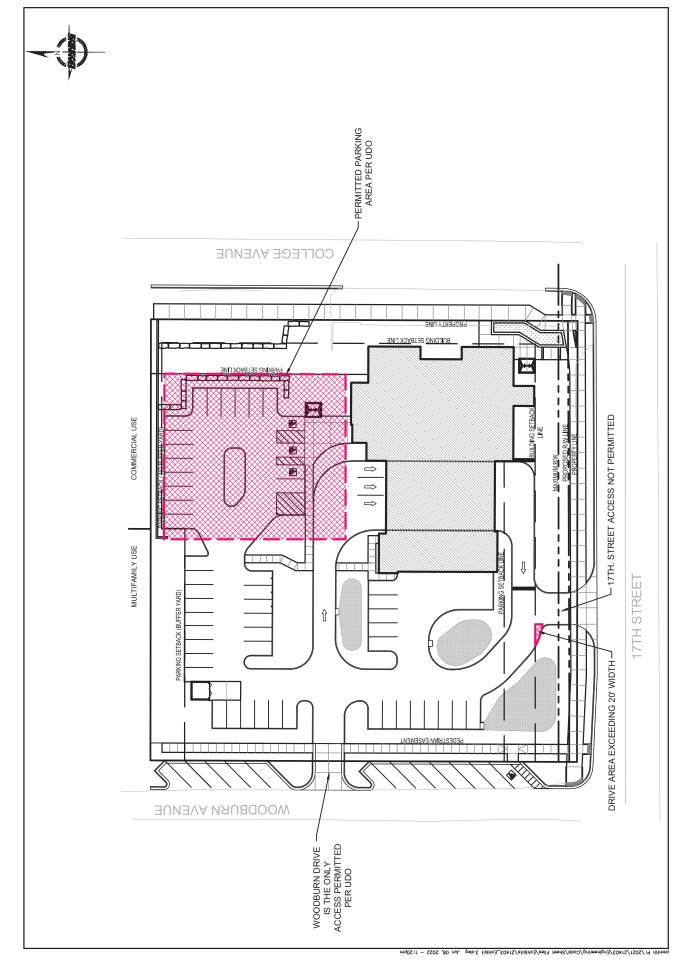


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MAY 20, 2022

Mayor John Hamilton 401 N. Morton St. Suite 210 Bloomington IN 47404

Dear Mayor Hamilton:

I would like to thank you for taking the time to speak to me on May 11th and listening to my concerns regarding a 17th Street entrance/exit that The Peoples State Bank desires for our new corporate office and branch rebuild on our property located at 17th Street and College Avenue.

As I have not yet heard back from you since that telephone call, I wanted to follow up with this letter to reiterate our bank's desire for this second entrance on 17th Street and its importance to us as a part of our redevelopment of this property. As of this writing, the City of Bloomington planning staff has indicated that they will not recommend the variance to the Board of Zoning Appeals to allow this entrance, and as the head of the City, I wanted to appeal to you again directly for your assistance in resolving this disagreement. If necessary, we will present our request to the BZA without the planning staff's recommendation, but I feel it is important that the City and our bank are in agreement together as to what is best for both us as a local community bank as well as for the City.

First, I would like to emphasize that I believe that the Unified Development Ordinance regarding driveway access does not properly address a property such as ours which will have three street frontages. In the most recent version of the UDO published online--on page 134 under Chapter 20.04 section (c)(2)(B), it states that "No property shall be permitted to have more than two driveway access points per street frontage." This by itself gives the impression that the intent of the UDO is that non-residential properties like ours could have multiple driveway access points on multiple street frontages. On the same page, in section 20.04 section (c)(2)(A)(ii), the UDO states "For nonresidential uses located on corner lots, drive access shall be located on the street assigned the lower functional classification according to the Transportation Plan." This certainly seems to



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conflict with the section above on the same page, and the reference to one corner rather than multiple corners in this section does not obviously contemplate a multi-corner property such as our bank's proposal contains. In essence, the UDO does not address a property on three street frontages. In a case where there is some ambiguity such as this in the UDO, supporting our bank's request would not be a violation of the intent of the UDO, as the intent is undefined.

Second, the bank's property currently has had access from both College Avenue and 17th Street for over 50 years. Taking away both access points restricts our business, as location and access are essential to a bank. Our bank had previously spoken with the planning staff and understood that the City would want to remove our access to College Ave., and therefore we developed our site plan based on removing that access. In doing so, we assumed that the City would be open to allowing continued access from 17th Street. In fact, including the former Pepsi property and its access to 17th Street, most of the 17th Street block between College and Woodburn currently has full access and parking right up against 17th Street. Our proposal reduces this access to a one standard size entrance and exit along 17th Street, which should be favored by the City in comparison to the existing configuration. By dismissing our concerns and taking away access on both 17th Street and College Avenue significantly hurts visibility and access, which I am sure is not what the City would want if by having the access does no harm otherwise. In defense of continuing the access we have now, the 17th Street driveway has not presented any significant issues that we are aware of in over 50 years that we have been at this location as a bank. Forcing all access to Woodburn is injurious to a longstanding business in the Bloomington community.

Third, when looking at the property and the three frontage roads where access is available, restricting the bank's entry/exit access to Woodburn Avenue can only be described as poor planning and design. Woodburn is a residential street in this area and narrow in comparison to 17th Street. Forcing all bank traffic onto this residential area essentially makes no traffic sense to us or our neighbors. Our residential neighbors certainly would not want the additional traffic this would create on their neighborhood road, as was eluded to already in the neighborhood meeting. Turning into and out of this more narrow road would likely also create additional issues for larger vehicles that may need to access our bank. Fire and police would have better access to the bank and surrounding residences if we had multiple entrances into the bank using Woodburn and 17th Street, and any closures of Woodburn or our entrance would cause our employees and customers to be unable to access or leave the bank. By allowing multiple access points, these problems are eliminated and traffic in and out of our bank will be divided between the two access points, which makes more sense for both our bank and for the City.



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Finally, The Peoples State Bank's project proposal is beneficial to the City as well as to us. As one of the few remaining local community banks based in the Bloomington area, we are attempting to redevelop the corner of 17th Street and College Avenue into an attractive and inviting business building that is along the core entrance into the downtown area. The current Pepsi property is dated and the warehouse allows for no visibility for the neighbors. The entire site is either asphalt or building. Our site plan will enhance the entire corner to become more attractive both to our neighbors and to people coming into our city. There will be native trees and shrubs, green space, and multiple rain gardens to add to the attractiveness of the site. We feel that the building will be a modern and attractive design, and different from the typical college apartment rental as it will house a significant workforce in the downtown area. Our plan is to utilize this property to bring new jobs into the city, allowing us to continue to grow our employee base over many decades to come. Some of our employees based outside of the city will be relocated to this new office. Our building plan includes amenities that are a part of our interior design which could host community and business events, further enhancing the value to our community. However, without the appropriate street access to 17th Street that we feel is necessary for a substantial design like this project, we will be force to find a different location likely outside of the City. In doing so, this corner will remain as it is for the foreseeable future, which includes multiple access points on both 17th Street and College Avenue, the older warehouse and building likely remaining indefinitely, and the site remaining fully impermeable surface.

I ask that the City please reconsider our request for access to be allowed from both 17th Street and Woodburn Avenue as proposed in our site plan. I would ask for a response as soon as possible. If you should wish to dialog further, please contact me at the phone number below.

Sincerely.

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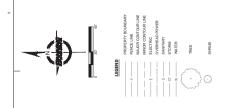
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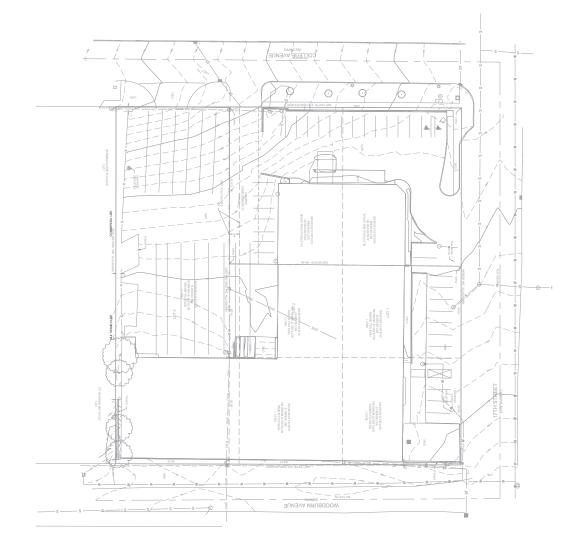
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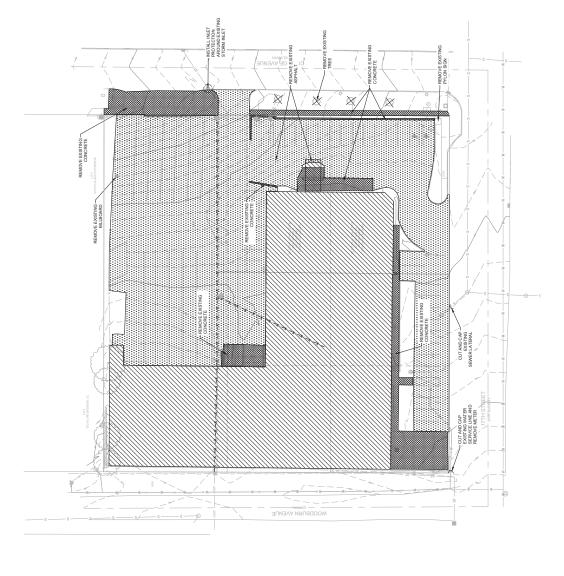
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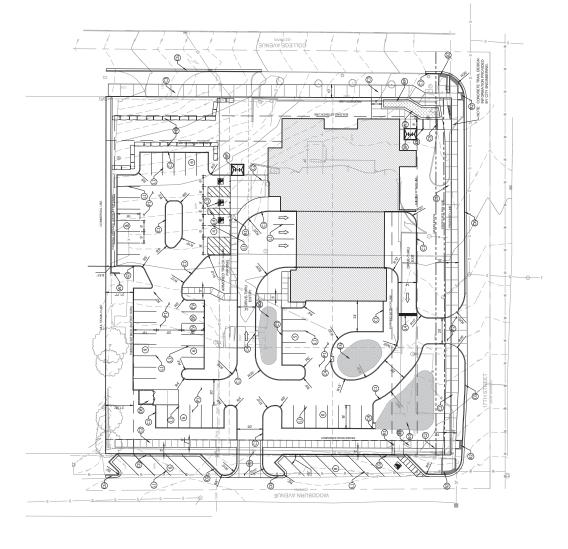
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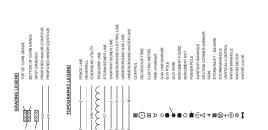


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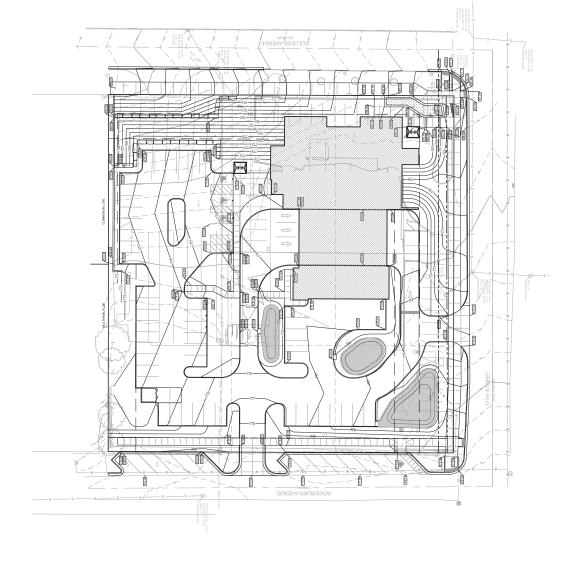
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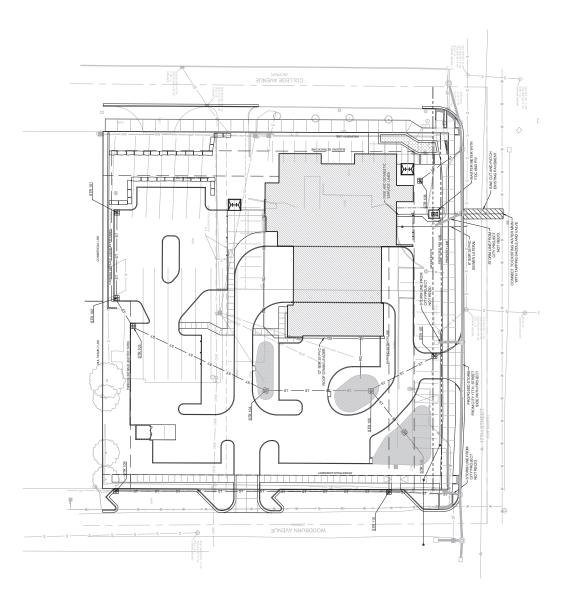
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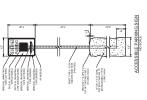


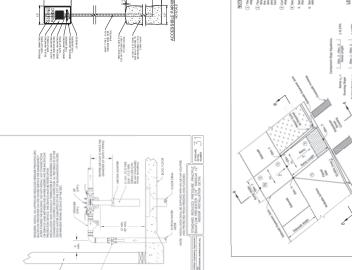


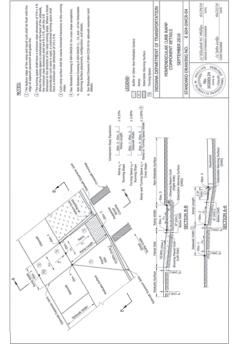
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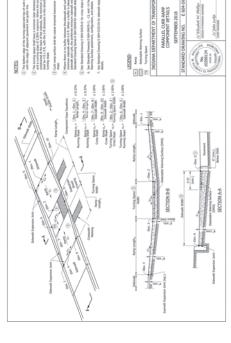
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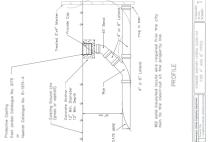
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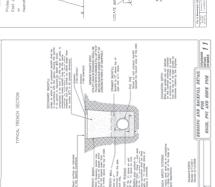


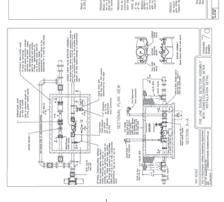


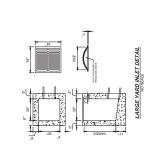




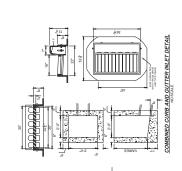
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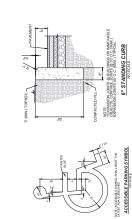






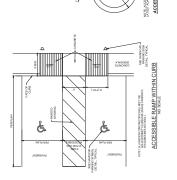
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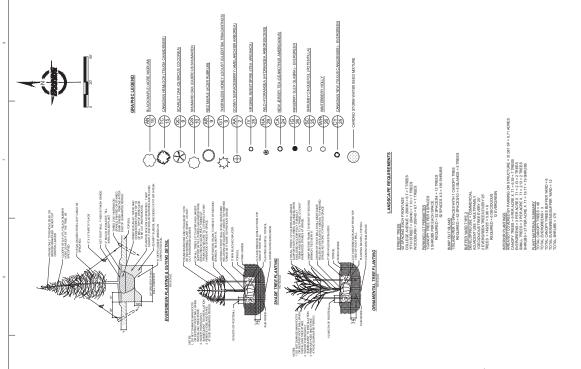
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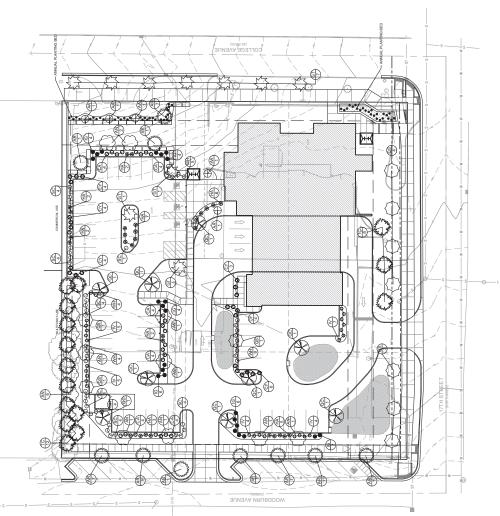
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