## CITY OF BLOOMINGTON

## PLAN COMMISSION

October 12, 2020 @ 5:30 p.m. Zoom Meeting:

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## ROLL CALL

MINUTES TO BE APPROVED: September 2020

## REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

RS-26-20 Resolution for Scott Robinson as Director
Hearing Officer Alternate Appointment
PETITIONS CONTINUED TO: November 9, 2020
PUD-17-20 McDoel Business Center, LLC
300 W. Hillside Drive
Request: Amendment to the preliminary plan and district ordinance for the Thomson PUD to allow 88 multi-family dwelling units and 21 single-family lots on Parcel E.
Case manager: Eric Greulich

## PETITIONS:

ZO-20-20 The Standard at Bloomington, LLC
301 E. Brownstone Drive
Request: Rezone 7.22 acres from Planned Unit Development (PUD) to mixed-use student housing (MS).
Case manager: Eric Greulich
ZO-21-20 Comcast
1600 Fountain Drive
Request: Rezone a seven-acre property from Residential Medium Lot (R2) to Employment (EM).
Case manager: Eric Greulich
SP-22-20 616 S. College Mall Rd., LLC
2670 E. $2^{\text {nd }}$ Street
Request: Site plan approval for a two-story addition to the commercial structure.
Case manager: Keegan Gulick

Petition Map: https://arcg.is/rDG1v1

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## CITY OF BLOOMINGTON <br> PLAN COMMISSION <br> RS-26-20

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Indiana, has established a Planning \& Transportation Department under Bloomington Municipal Code § 2.14.000; and,

WHEREAS, on September 28, 2020, Mayor John Hamilton appointed Scott Robinson as Director of the Planning \& Transportation Department of the City of Bloomington, Indiana; and,

WHEREAS, Indiana Code § 36-4-9-2(a)(4) states that appointment of the head of the Planning \& Transportation Department is subject to the approval of the City's Plan Commission; and,

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON

 PLAN COMMISSION, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:1. The City of Bloomington Plan Commission hereby confirms Mayor John Hamilton's appointment of Scott Robinson as Director of the Planning \& Transportation Department of the City of Bloomington, Indiana.
2. This Resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City of Bloomington Plan Commission, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this $12^{\text {th }}$ day of October, 2020.

Brad Wisler, President
Bloomington Plan Commission

PETITIONER: | The Standard at Bloomington, LLC |
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| 315 Oconee St, Athens, GA |

CONSULTANT: Smith Brehob \& Associates, Inc.
2755 E. Canada Drive, Bloomington
REQUEST: The petitioner is requesting to rezone 7.22 acres from Planned Unit Development (PUD) to Mixed-Use Student Housing (MS).

## BACKGROUND:

| Area: | 7.22 acres |
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| Current Zoning: | Planned Unit Development (PUD) |
| Comp Plan Designation: | Mixed Urban Residential |
| Existing Land Use: | Dwelling, Multifamily |
| Proposed Land Use: | Dwelling, Multifamily |
| Surrounding Uses: | North - Dwelling, Multifamily and Single family |
|  | South - Railroad/Single family residences |
|  | East - Duke electric substation/Single family residences |
|  | West - Dwelling, multifamily residences/Mixed-Use |

FIRST HEARING SUMMARY: At the first hearing in September, the Plan Commission expressed general support for this rezoning and believed that this could be an appropriate location. There was some discussion on the overall massing of the buildings, proposed architecture, pedestrian connectivity, and affordable housing component. There have not been any changes to the petition since the September hearing.

REPORT: This 7.22 acre property is located at $301 \mathrm{E} 14^{\text {th }}$ Street. The site is bounded by $14^{\text {th }}$ Street along the north property line, Indiana Rail Road tracks to the south, and Dunn Street to the east. Surrounding land uses include a railroad line to the south, single and multifamily (Terra Trace apartments) residences to the north, multifamily residences and mixed-use commercial buildings to the west, and a Duke substation to the east. This site is adjacent to the locally designated Garden Hill historic district just to the north. The property is currently developed with a multifamily residential development that was approved as a Planned Unit Development (PUD-73-83). There are no known sensitive environmental constraints on this property. The site has approximately 50 ' of elevation change from the east end of the site to the west end of the site.

The petitioner is requesting to rezone the property from Planned Unit Development (PUD) to Mixed-Use Student Housing (MS). If approved, the petitioner would remove all of the current structures and construct a new student oriented, multifamily development with 433 units and 1,072 bedrooms. The conceptual site plan shows six and five-story buildings that would feature a parking garage with 681 parking spaces. The project would also commit to providing a minimum of $15 \%$ of the bedrooms on site as workforce housing units, an agreement that was discussed before the passage of the new UDO. No site plan approval is being requested or given at this time, only the request to rezone the property.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: The Comprehensive Plan designates this site as 'Mixed Urban Residential' and acknowledges that within this district the majority of centrally located neighborhoods have been built out, so major changes will occur with redevelopment and property turnover. The Comprehensive Plan notes that this district includes both single-family residences and larger 2-4 story apartment buildings and that densities are higher in this district than the Neighborhood Residential areas. In regards to Land Use Development Approvals, the Comprehensive Plan states that a few locations may support increases in density and multifamily residential uses when adjacent to higher volume roads, or near major destinations, or located along neighborhood edges that may support small-scaled neighborhood mixed uses (see Urban Village Center). This site is located along the neighborhood edge and $14^{\text {th }}$ Street is a more heavily traveled corridor than parallel streets to the north. Although the site is adjacent to the locally designated Garden Hill historic district and predominant single family neighborhood to the north, there is a high density multifamily development (Terra Trace) immediately to the north of this site and the land uses south of $14^{\text {th }}$ Street are all multifamily. Additionally, the site is within walking distance of the IU campus. Other areas of guidance include-

- Historic designations are common within this district, and adjacent infill activities must respect the historic character of adjacent properties. Vacant lots should be redeveloped with compatible infill that reflects the prevailing character of the neighborhood.
- Allow context sensitive multifamily redevelopment along higher volume roads, along district edges, and near major destinations when appropriately integrated with adjacent uses andstyles.
- Support incentive programs that increase owner occupancy and affordability (including approaches promoting both permanent affordability and home ownership for all income levels).
- Promote neighborhood enhancements of public improvements such as sidewalks, streetlights, street trees and landscaping, and playgrounds and play areas.
- Preserve, repair, or upgrade the capacity of aging utilities and sidewalks within the district.
- The close proximity to the downtown, Indiana University, and area employers, along with good access to urban services, makes this district a priority area for affordable housing initiatives.

Additional areas of importance within the Comprehensive Plan that relate to the appropriate location of student housing within the community include-

- Policy 4.4.4: Until such time as a reasonable balance of different housing types is achieved in the Downtown and nearby areas, strongly discourage new student-oriented housing developments in these areas.
- Policy 5.2.1: Evaluate all new developments and redevelopments in light of their potential to positively or adversely impact the overall health and well-being of the people who live in the surrounding neighborhood.
- Policy 5.3.4: Redirect new student-oriented housing developments away from the Downtown and nearby areas, and toward more appropriate locations closely proximate to the IU campus that already contain a relatively high percentage of student-oriented housing units, are within easy walking distance to the campus, and have direct access to university-provided parking as well as the university transit system.

This location is also adjacent to the Gateway North district which is the complement to the Gateway South Focus Area. It provides an important transition and gateway into the Downtown from the SR45/46 Bypass to approximately 14th Street. Due to its close proximity to Indiana University, the character of this Focus Area can support the diversification of housing types, including, but not limited to, multifamily residential and commercial uses- such as student housing and service facilities.

### 20.06.070(b)(3)(E)(i)(1) ZONING MAP AMENDMENT PLAN COMMISSION REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION:

The following criteria are those that the Plan Commission must consider when reviewing a zoning map amendment request. The Department will provide specific proposed findings before the required second hearing, but preliminarily believes that the petition will meet these requirements.
[a] The recommendations of the Comprehensive Plan;
Proposed Finding: The Comprehensive Plan designates this property and surrounding area as 'Mixed Urban Residential.' The Comprehensive Plan encourages the diversification of student housing in areas of the community outside of the Downtown and specifically identifies the areas south of the Bypass to $14^{\text {th }}$ Street as locations that are appropriate for student housing.
[b] Current conditions and character of structures and uses in each zoning district;
Proposed Finding: The current use of this property is a high density multifamily development that is predominantly student oriented. The proposed use would match that of the Mixed-Use Student Housing District and the UDO has identified the purpose of the MS district as:

The MS district is intended to accommodate an adequate supply and mix of housing opportunities for students in areas adjacent or within easy walking distance to campus and along nearby commercial corridors and with easy access to campus-serving public transit and to university-provided parking, such as the area located directly west, southwest, and northwest of Memorial Stadium. The district is intended to have a high percentage of student-oriented housing units, including larger developments that might not be permitted in other districts, but not totally exclusive of other types of residential housing units. This district should not be located in close proximity to the MD district but may also provide MS related commercial and retailsupportive uses.
[c] The most desirable use for which the land in each zoning district is adapted;
Proposed Finding: The Comprehensive Plan identifies this area as a location that is ideal for student housing and this site has already been developed with a high density, student oriented housing development. In addition, there are high density, multi-family residential apartments immediately to the north that are also predominantly student oriented. The location of railroad tracks along the south property line provides an ideal buffer and transition area for this property and land use. This property is a desirable location for this proposed land use since it is close to campus, has existing Bloomington Transit service, good pedestrian access, and is adjacent to other high density student oriented development. In addition, this location has been reviewed
for inclusion on the proposed updates to the overall City zoning maps to rezone to MS for student housing.
[d] The conservation of sensitive environmental features;
Proposed Finding: There are no known sensitive environmental features on this site which makes this property ideal for redevelopment opportunities and for a high density project.
[e] The conservation of property values throughout the jurisdiction; and
Proposed Finding: This proposed rezoning is not expected to have any negative impacts on adjacent property values. The property to the south is occupied by the Rail Road Company and adequately buffers this property from residences to the south. The properties to the north are predominately student oriented, high density projects that should not be negatively impacted by this project.

## [f] Responsible development and growth

Proposed Finding: The diversification of locations for student housing within the community allows for responsible development and growth by placing this unique land use in close proximity to the campus and adjacent to other similar land uses. The Comprehensive Plan encourages the placement of student housing outside of the Downtown and identifies this area as an ideal location.

CONCLUSION: The Department believes that there are several areas of the Comprehensive Plan that support rezoning this property to the Mixed-Use Student Housing District (MS). The conceptual site plan would meet all of the standards of the zoning district and would match the intent of the MS district. While the project is large, the Department believes that this location is ideal for redevelopment and intensification because of its proximity to the IU campus and the characteristics of its surroundings.

RECOMMENDATION: The Department recommends forwarding this petition to the Common Council with a favorable recommendation and the following conditions:

1. The petitioner must coordinate with Bloomington Transit on the incorporation of a shuttle pick-up and shuttle service. No private shuttle service is allowed.

## MEMORANDUM

Date: $\quad$ October 12, 2020
To: Bloomington Plan Commission
From: Bloomington Environmental Commission
Subject: ZO-20-20: The Standard at Bloomington LLC, Brownstone Terrace Apartments 301 E. Brownstone Drive

The purpose of this memo is to convey the environmental concerns and recommendations for conditions of approval from the Environmental Commission (EC) with the hope that action will follow to enhance its environment-enriching attributes. The request is to rezone the property from Planned Unit Development to Mixed Use Student Housing.

The EC has no objection to the rezoning of this property. The Petitioner has been working with the Senior Environmental Planner on several issues that are not relevant at this rezone stage, but the EC is encouraged with the progress.

The EC encourages the Petitioner to use the National Green Building Standard, Emerald rating instead of only Silver, but is encouraged by the proposed green building features nevertheless.


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August 31, 2020
City of Bloomington Plan Commission
City of Bloomington Planning \& Transportation Department
Showers Building Suite 130
401 N Morton St
Bloomington, Indiana 47404
Dear Eric and Members of the Plan Commission,
For your consideration, The Standard at Bloomington, LLC is filing for an amendment to the zoning map for a property located at 301 E Brownstone Dr currently known as "Brownstone Terrace Apartments". The request is to rezone from the current designation of Planned Unit Development (PUD) to Mixed-Use Student Housing (MS).

Landmark Properties, the owner and developer for this project, is a vertically integrated real estate company that specializes in developing and managing Class A student housing projects under their flagship brand, "The Standard." Landmark was the most active student developer in the United States for two of the last three years, and they owe much of that success to their direct involvement in all phases of our projects, including:

- Providing our own cash to invest in projects
- Serving as developer through the entitlement and construction process
- Providing in-house general contractor services in certain markets
- Running marketing, lease-up, and operations with our in-house, management company

Their projects are tailored to the student community with amenities, finishes, and locations unrivaled by traditional student apartments and dormitories. We believe the Bloomington community can greatly benefit from strategically located, purpose-built student housing that encourages pedestrian traffic to and from campus. In other towns, their projects have been well received by members of the community because they:

- bring student renters out of local, single-family homes
- concentrate them in a way that actually improves relations with local residents
- provide a meaningful contribution to the tax base
- redevelop sites that are frequently blighted

The decision to rezone rather than amend the existing PUD was based on guidance from planning staff and the text of the new UDO which states that a "...proposed PUD could not be developed using conventional zoning districts or standards established in this UDO". The MS district was selected because the desired redevelopment of the site could meet all of the standards established in the new UDO for the MS district. The location of the site fits well with the description of the district as listed in the UDO:
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"The MS district is intended to accommodate an adequate supply and mix of housing opportunities for students in areas adjacent or within easy walking distance to campus and along nearby commercial corridors and with easy access to campus-serving public transit and to university-provided parking, such as the area located directly west, southwest, and northwest of Memorial Stadium. The district is intended to have a high percentage of student-oriented housing units, including larger developments that might not be permitted in other districts, but not totally exclusive of other types of residential housing units. This district should not be located in close proximity to the MD district but may also provide MS related commercial and retail-supportive uses."

The Comprehensive Plan identifies the site as Mixed Urban Residential. The plan states that "A few locations may support increases in density and multifamily residential uses when adjacent to higher volume roads, or near major destinations", "Allow context sensitive multifamily redevelopment along higher volume roads, along district edges, and near major destinations when appropriately integrated with adjacent uses and styles"; "The close proximity to the downtown, Indiana University, and area employers, along with good access to urban services, makes this district a priority area for affordable housing initiatives". This project's location near the Walnut St thoroughfare, directly adjacent to Indiana University, and along the edge of the Mixed Urban Residential district as well as the inclusion of an affordable housing component fits well with the direction given in the Comprehensive Plan.

If the Zoning Map Amendment request is approved, the developer's plan is to demolish the existing 121 unit / 232 bed multifamily residential development and construct a new 440 unit / 1,061 bed multifamily housing development consisting of three buildings and a parking garage.

## Commitments

- Affordable Housing - Due to the importance of affordable housing in this area, a Tier 1 affordable housing commitment has voluntarily been made with the City's Housing and Neighborhood Development department.
- Building Height - The MS Zone allows for a maximum of 6 stories (not to exceed 75 feet). With the Tier 1 affordable housing incentive, 7 stories (not to exceed 87 feet) is permitted. This project will commit to a maximum of 6 stories (not to exceed 75 feet).


## Location

The project is located on a 7.22 acre parcel that is currently known as the "Brownstone Terrace Apartments". The site is located within the Garden Hill neighborhood. Directly adjacent to the site to the south is the Indiana Rail Road, an active railway corridor. Beyond that is the largely single family residential Old Northeast neighborhood, zoned R3. Directly adjacent to the west is multifamily residential, zoned Mixed-Use Medium Scale (MM). North of the site is E $14^{\text {th }} \mathrm{St}$, and across the street is single family residential (zoned R3) as well as multifamily residential (zoned RH), all within the Garden Hill neighborhood. To the
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east is N Dunn St, and across the street is a Duke Energy electric power substation and vacant property owned by Indiana University, all zoned Mixed-Use Institutional (MI).

## Utilities

Preliminary coordination with the City of Bloomington Utilities has identified two off site improvements that will be necessary for the city to adequately serve the new project. The petitioner has committed to making these improvements as part of this project. A new water main in E $14^{\text {th }}$ St between N Walnut St and N Dunn St will replace the existing 6 " water main that was installed in 1937. A new sanitary sewer main in N Walnut St between approximately E $15^{\text {th }} \mathrm{St}$ and E 17 t St will upsize the existing sanitary sewer main. The existing storm sewer located near the northwest corner of the site in $14^{\text {th }}$ street will be extended east and all stormwater runoff from the project site will be properly managed on site with approval from the City of Bloomington Utilities Department in order to not overwhelm the city storm sewer.

## Fire Protection

Preliminary coordination with City of Bloomington Fire Department has identified necessary fire access drives that have been incorporated into the project. The upgraded water main along E $14^{\text {th }} \mathrm{St}$ will provide adequate hydrant coverage for fire suppression.

## Vehicle Parking

The proposed parking garage will have 679 parking spaces ( 0.64 spaces per bedroom). The UDO calls for a minimum of 0.50 spaces per bedroom and a maximum of 0.75 spaces per bedroom. The garage will also include electric vehicle charging stations as required by the UDO and solar panels to power the garage lighting.

## Bicycle \& Electric Scooter Parking

The project will provide the 212 required bicycle parking spaces including long term class I parking within the parking garage. Every entrance to the building will have both bicycle and electric scooter parking within 50 feet of the entrance to accommodate short term bicycle and electric scooter parking needs.

## Public Transportation

Bloomington Transit. The project is currently served by Bloomington Transit's \#1 bus route (which stops directly adjacent to the project site along E 14th St) and the \#6 route with runs along N College Ave and N Walnut St (about two and a half blocks from the project site). The \#6 route provides frequent service with buses running every 20 minutes. Bloomington Transit has confirmed that the \#1 route will be relocated to the N College Ave and N Walnut St corridor beginning in January 2021. The \#6 route will remain the same. These routes will both still be within easy walking distance of the project site when the Bloomington Transit route optimization takes effect in January 2021. We will coordinate possible upgrades to the nearby bus stops on N College Ave and N Walnut St as part of this project.

IU Bus. The IU Campus shuttle from the stadium takes riders directly to the Union or to 10th and 3rd Streets on a regular basis. The Standard residents could board those buses at the stadium or at Luddy Hall, each a little more than a 5-minute walk from The Standard. The shuttle is very heavily used by students in the 17 th Street area and by the park and ride at the stadium.

## Pedestrian Improvements and Connectivity

The City's Transportation Plan identifies E $14^{\text {th }}$ St as a Neighborhood Connector (NC) and N Dunn St as General Urban (GU). As identified in the Transportation Plan for these street typologies, the sidewalks adjacent to the project site will be improved. E $14^{\text {th }} \mathrm{St}$ will be improved to have a seven foot wide walk and N Dunn St will be improved to have a ten foot wide walk.

It is anticipated that a majority of the future residents at this project site will be affiliated with the Indiana University campus community and will make at least one if not several trips to the campus and downtown areas most days. Due to the lack of available parking on campus, it is anticipated most of these trips will be made via walking, cycling, scootering, or public transit. The existing Brownstone Terrace Apartments generates frequent pedestrian trips to and from the campus areas and it is expected that the number of these trips will increase with the completion of this proposed project. The primary pedestrian route from the site appears to be east along E $13^{\text {th }} \mathrm{St}$ and then south along N Indiana Ave with traffic dispersing to the east depending on destination. E $13^{\text {th }}$ St and N Indiana Ave appear to already have sidewalks on both sides of the streets to accommodate this pedestrian traffic. Nearly all classroom buildings are within $1 / 2$ to $3 / 4$ mile, a ten to fifteen minute walk from The Standard.

## Vehicular Traffic

This area within the community close to campus is favorable for student housing in large part because students here are close to campus within easy walking distance and are served by excellent transit. Vehicular trip generation from this project will be much less than from a similar project distant from campus and without efficient transit service.

Counts of the am and pm peak hours at Brownstone were made by Smith Brehob and Associates in 2016 as part of another nearby student housing project. Those counts are the basis for traffic projections for The Standard project (see attached spreadsheets). The Standard is expected to add about 800 daily trips to the about 3100 existing daily trips on $14^{\text {th }}$ Street. These trips are quickly distributed to the College/Walnut one way pair to the west and to Indiana/Dunn to the east. Area streets have adequate capacity for this nominal increase. Projections for the am and pm peak hour turning movements are included in the spreadsheet.

## Environmental Constraints

There are no known karst features, wetland areas, surface watercourses, floodways, or mature tree stands on site. The existing railway embankment (steep slope) will be not be
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disturbed as part of this project. The existing fence along the railway embankment will be kept (or replaced in place as required) and none of the vegetated slope areas beyond this point are anticipated to be disturbed. Stormwater quality measures as required by the City of Bloomington Utilities Department will be installed and maintained as part of this project. Proper erosion and sediment control measures will be implemented during construction as required by the UDO, state, and federal regulations.

## Neighborhood Meetings

Two neighborhood meetings have been held with various community members from both the Old Northeast neighborhood across the railroad tracks to the south and the Garden Hill neighborhood. Relevant design changes were made based off of the comments received at these meetings, including:

- Removal of amenity deck from roof of building
- Addition of enclosed courtyards
- Building broken up into three separate buildings
- Ground floor entrance units added
- Balconies facing Old Northeast neighborhood minimized
- Scooter parking and bike storage added
- Bus stops on E $14^{\text {th }}$ St will be improved
- National Green Building Standard Silver design standards will be used
- Recycling on site

Parking garage lights will be solar powered

- Affordable housing units will be spread throughout the property


## Tentative Development Schedule

Spring 2022 - Begin Construction
Summer 2024 - Construction Complete

## Development Review Committee

The project has received preliminary feedback from various city departments as part of the Development Review Committee review process. Below is a summary of changes made to address the feedback received:

- Added a 20 ft wide north/south pedestrian and bicycle access easement in line with N Grant St to allow for a future planned city bicycle corridor along N Grant St
- Added an east/west sidewalk along the south side of building 3 to allow for on site pedestrian flow from buildings 1 and 2 to $\mathrm{E} 13^{\text {th }} \mathrm{St}$
- Updated plans to show the required minimum of 5 ft wide tree plot along all street frontages
- Updated plans to ensure compliance with the required landscape and impervious surface area requirements
- Added a potential retail component to building 3 at the corner of N Dunn St and E 14h St
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- Added areas of proposed right of way along N Dunn St and E $14^{\text {th }}$ St in accordance with the city's Transportation Plan


## Attachments

1. Application
2. Legal Description
3. Architectural Character Narrative
4. Project Exhibits
5. Full Size Site and Utility Plans
6. ALTA Survey of Existing Property
7. Traffic Analysis Spreadsheet

Thank you for your careful consideration of this matter. We look forward to continue working with city officials and community members as we move through the review process.

## Regards,



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## Description of Architectural Character

## I. Context

The Standard at Bloomington project will consist of three inter-linked buildings located on a sloped site on off E. 14th St. between N. Dunn St and N. Walnut St in Bloomington, Indiana. The site is located approximately a quarter mile to the west of the Indiana University campus. The site is bounded by a mix of apartment buildings and single-family homes to the north and west, an electrical sub-station to the east and a railway to the south. The adjacent residential buildings range from one to three stories in height and consist of varied masonry and siding exterior materials.

## II. Architectural Content

The proposed project consists of three residential student housing buildings containing 440 units and 1,061 beds. Building heights vary between four stories at the high point of the site to six stories at the low point of the site. Internal circulation between the buildings occur through elevated sky bridges at select locations that link the buildings together while also allowing the overall buildings to appear independent. A six-level wrapped parking garage for approximately 679 spaces, with access from the site's internal drives, provides the parking and bicycle requirements. The garage and rooftop mechanical units will be screened by liner units along E. $14^{\text {th }}$ St. Limited exterior visitor parking will also be located on site. Pedestrian site circulation will be by way of an interconnected sidewalk system that links to the buildings as well as the adjacent pathways.

The exterior massing of the buildings step down E. $14^{\text {th }}$ St. to work with the existing topography of the site. Building entries are framed by projected canopies and exterior signage to provide appropriate wayfinding. Internal driveways are provided and are located to align with the existing street grids of N. Lincoln St. and N. Grant St., to produce a connectivity with the neighboring community. Each building works in context of the other to create an active streetscape that utilizes masonry piers, material variations and color changes to produce a contextual environment. The architectural use of walk-up stoops and entries at the ground floor level along E. $14^{\text {th }}$ St. also are used to give a sense of residential scale to the project. Enhanced landscaping of trees, shrubs and plantings occur along the sites boundary edge to provide a scenic buffer between the project and the neighboring community. A decorative screen wall and plantings are also used to screen the projects main exterior outdoor amenity space along the western edge of the site.

## III. Materials and Finishes

Exterior materials will consist of various types of masonry, fiber cement, EIFS, metal panels, glass and precast trim. The design intent is to utilize material types and colors that provide commonality between the buildings while also
providing the opportunity for some design differentiation. The use of a more traditional material color palette was selected to create a more compatible textural environment. Material changes between the lower, mid portion and top of the buildings are used to breakdown the mass and provide an architectural scale to the buildings that is more in relationship to the surrounding neighborhood.




Building Data






BLOOMINGTON TRANSIT ROUTE MAP


## N.T.S. <br> 

ROUTE MAP



THE STANDARD AT BLOOMINGTON - Current Bus Service (to be updated on or after January 2021)
$\stackrel{\text { LANDMARK }}{\overbrace{-}} \frac{\text { PROPERTIES }}{}$
IU CAMPUS BUS ROUTE MAP


THE STANDARD AT BLOOMINGTON - Zoning and Adjacent Uses Map
$*$ LANDMARK
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THE STANDARD AT BLOOMINGTON - Existing Brownstone Terrace Apartments Photos
$-{ }_{6}$ LAROPDMARK







Existing Brownstone Apartments, parking and traffic
count by SBA staff 4/27/2016

| Beds | 277 |
| :--- | ---: |
| Parking Spaces | 222 |
| Spaces/bed | 0.80 |


Approximation of Average Daily Traffic (ADT) based on 11\% peak hour; ..... 264

## The Standard at Bloomington

estimate future trips using the existing trip generation rates from Brownstone
beds 1072

| AM Peak Hour | $\underline{\text { In }}$ | $\underline{\text { Out }}$ | $\underline{\text { PM Peak Hour }}$ | $\underline{\text { In }}$ | $\underline{\text { Out }}$ | $\underline{\text { total }}$ |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $8-9 \mathrm{AM}$ | 15 | 46 | $4: 45$ to $5: 45 \mathrm{PM}$ | 62 | 50 | 112 |

Approximation of Average Daily Traffic (ADT) based on 11\% peak hour; 1020
New daily traffic
Trip distribution to the street towards Indiana/Dunn $25 \%$
towards Walnut/College 75\%
AM Peak Hour Outbound
Left out towards walnut/College 35
Right out towards Indiana/Dunn 12
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { PM Peak Hour Outbound } & \\ \text { Left out towards walnut/College } & 38 \\ \text { Right out towards Indiana/Dunn } & 13\end{array}$
PM Peak Hour Inbound
Left in from Indiana/Dunn

Right in from Walnut/College

Existing Area Traffic
These are City counts with year, then factored up at $1.5 \%$ annual increase to 2020

| Street | Date | Count | $\underline{2020}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| College Avenue SB between 14th and 15th | $3 / 7 / 2018$ | 12,314 | 12,683 |
| Dunn Street between 14th and 15th | 2014 | 2,956 | 3,222 |
| Indiana between 13th and 14th | 2010 | 4,066 | 4,676 |
| Walnut Street south of 14th | 2013 | 11,182 | 12,356 |
| 14th Street east of walnut | 1999 | 2,362 | 3,106 |

# BLOOMINGTON PLAN COMMISSION <br> STAFF REPORT <br> LOCATION: 1600 W. Fountain Drive 

CASE \#: ZO-21-20
DATE: October 12, 2020

PETITIONER: | Comcast |  |
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|  | 1 Comcast Center, Philadelphia, PA |

CONSULTANT: Smith Brehob \& Associates, Inc.
2755 E. Canada Drive, Bloomington
REQUEST: The petitioner is requesting to rezone 7 acres from Residential Medium Lot (R2) to Employment (EM).

## BACKGROUND:

| Area: | 7 acres |
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| Current Zoning: | Residential Medium Lot (R2) |
| Comp Plan Designation: | Employment/Neighborhood Residential |
| Existing Land Use: | Contractor's Yard / Communication Facility |
| Proposed Land Use: | Contractor's Yard / Communication Facility |
| Surrounding Uses: | North - Dwelling, Single family/Industrial/Church |
|  | South - Railroad/Industrial |
|  | East - Dwelling, Single family |
|  | West - Auto salvage yard/JB Salvage |

REPORT: This 7 acre property is located at 1600 W. Fountain Drive. The property is currently developed with several outbuildings and storage areas used by Comcast Communications for cable service technicians. The site has a sinkhole on the west area of the site and several areas of mature tree canopy coverage around the perimeter. Surrounding land uses include single family residences, an industrial building, and church to the north, single family residences to the east, a railroad line and industrial building to the south, and an auto salvage yard, JB's Salvage, to the west.

The petitioner filed a building permit application to construct a new building on the site to expand their equipment and to allow for an existing tower on the property to be removed. However, the property is zoned Residential Medium Lot (R2) and the use is classified as a Contractor's Yard/Communication Facility and is a lawful non-conforming use. There have been several use variances approved for this property to allow for various types of expansions over the past 20 years with the most recent approval being in 2010 when a use variance was approved to allow a new building. At that time, the use was characterized as a Building Trade Shop, which is now classified as a Contractor's Yard. The property was brought into full compliance at that time with street trees constructed along Fountain Drive and new landscaping installed on the site. Since there is not a use variance process in the current UDO, a rezoning is the only path to legitimize the use and allow for the new building. The site has a split designation in the Comprehensive Plan with the western $2 / 3$ of the site being designated as Employment and the eastern $1 / 3$ designated as Neighborhood Residential.

Since there are existing trees on the site and a sinkhole, the Department recommends that these areas should be set aside in the required preservation easements. This will also serve to buffer this use from some of the adjacent residential uses to the north and east. The City is also in the process
of installing a multi-use path along the north side of Fountain Drive, and the petitioner would be responsible for constructing the portion of the multi-use path along their frontage or working with the City on making a financial contribution equal to the cost of the multi-use path. More information on that aspect should be available by the second hearing.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: The Comprehensive Plan designates this site predominantly as 'Employment" with the eastern one-third as 'Neighborhood Residential'. The Employment Center district includes professional and business offices, light assembly plants, flex-tenant facilities, and research and development centers. The Employment Center district should contain a mix of office and light/high-tech manufacturing uses that provide quality employment opportunities for the Bloomington community. The proposed rezoning would allow for the zoning district to match the existing use on the site and allow for the new construction. The new construction would also allow for an existing tower array to be removed and placed inside of a building.

Since there are some areas of sensitive environmental features on the site and the Comprehensive Plan encourages appropriate land use development through the preservation of existing features, the Department recommends that the areas of existing tree canopy coverage be placed in a tree preservation easement and the area of the sinkhole placed in a karst conservation easement. The Department will continue to work with the petitioner to identify that exact preservation area before the second hearing.

### 20.06.070(b)(3)(E)(i)(1) ZONING MAP AMENDMENT PLAN COMMISSION REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION:

The following criteria are those that the Plan Commission must consider when reviewing a zoning map amendment request. The Department will provide specific proposed findings before the required second hearing, but preliminarily believes that the petition will meet these requirements.
[a] The recommendations of the Comprehensive Plan;
[b] Current conditions and character of structures and uses in each zoning district;
[c] The most desirable use for which the land in each zoning district is adapted;
[d] The conservation of sensitive environmental features;
[e] The conservation of property values throughout the jurisdiction; and
[f] Responsible development and growth
CONCLUSION: The Department believes that the rezoning of this site to Employment would match the Comprehensive Plan designation of the site as Employment. The unique existing environmental features on the site allow for the inclusion of the environmental protection easements that will maintain the existing buffer between potentially intense Employment uses and the residential neighborhood to the east. This area of Fountain Drive north of the railroad tracks has predominantly been developed with Industrial uses. The preservation of the existing trees around the perimeter will provide a natural buffer between this use or potential future uses and some of the single family residences to the north and the east.

RECOMMENDATION: The Department recommends forwarding this petition to the required
second hearing.

#  <br> City of Bloomington <br> Bloomington Environmental Commission MEMORANDUM 

Date: $\quad$ October 12, 2020
To: Bloomington Plan Commission
From: Bloomington Environmental Commission
Subject: ZO-21-20: Comcast Rezone
1600 Fountain Drive

The purpose of this memo is to convey the environmental concerns and recommendations for conditions of approval from the Environmental Commission (EC) with the hope that action will follow to enhance its environment-enriching attributes. The request is to rezone the property from R2 (Residential Medium Lot) to EM (Employment).

The EC has no objection to the rezoning of this property with the following conditions of approval.

## COMMENTS

## 1. LANDSCAPE PLAN

The Landscape Plan needs some revisions before a building permit can be issued.

## 2. CONSERVATION EASEMENTS

a. The area labeled "woods" on the plan sheet C-101 is a closed-canopy wooded area, and as such should be designated as Conservation Easement (CE) according to Bloomington Municipal Code (BMC) 20.04.030(i), Tree and Forest Preservation; 20.05.040, Easements; and 20.05 040(e), Standards for Specific Easement Types, (9) Conservancy Easement. The CE shall be developed using all of the Conservation Easement regulations.
b. Within the CE lie two other easement areas; Karst Conservation Easements. The sinkhole on the west side of the property is already labeled and protected, but needs to be recorded. There is a second sinkhole on the east side of the site that is shown by contour lines, but is not yet delineated as a Karst Conservation Easement (KCE). A KCE needs to be surveyed and recorded. These shall adhere to the BMC 20.04.030(g), Karst Geology; and 20.050.040, Easements; and 20.05.040(e) Standards for Specific Easement Types (97) Karst Conservancy Easement. The KCEs shall be developed using all of the Conservation Easement regulations.


#### Abstract

3. BUFFER YARD

With this change in zoning to an Employment (EM) zoning district, it will adjoin properties that are zoned single-family residential. This requires a Type 3 buffer yard. A Type 3 buffer yard is 20 feet wide for the length of the property. The EC realizes that much of this is already wooded, but believes the buffer yard still needs to be delineated on the plans.


## RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

1. Revise the Landscape Plan prior to receiving a building permit.
2. Adhere to BMC 20.04 and 20.05 for Conservation Easements.
3. Delineate a Type 3 buffer yard along the length of the eastern border of the property on the site plan associated with the requested building permit.



City of Bloomington
Planning \& Transportation

By: greulice
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September 4, 2020

Planning Commission
City of Bloomington
401 N. Morton Street
Bloomington, IN 47404

Dear Mr. Gruelich:

We respectfully submit our petition for the rezoning of the Comcast parcel located at 1600 Fountain Drive, Bloomington, IN. We are requesting that the parcel be rezoned from R2 (residential) to EM (employment).

The proposed project consists of constructing a new building to encapsulate the existing building. The existing building is approximately 1,640 square feet and consists of wood structural elements (combustible construction per FM Global) with aluminum siding and shingled roof. The new 2,728 square foot building will consist of 2 hour rated load bearing split face block walls and 2 hour rated precast concrete roof planks covered with EPDM roofing material. The existing site tower will be permanently removed as a result of this project once the new building is completed.

The current facility provides essential internet, emergency (911) \& telephony services and has reached its physical capacity. We provide media, entertainment and communication services for local businesses, state/local government, Indiana University, and thousands of southcentral Indiana homes. The new facility will allow for the expansion of such critical services to meet customer demands well into the future.

The construction of the new facility is essential for our ability to keep up with the increasing need for internet, emergency and telephony demands while safeguarding against potential building hazards. Our current facility footprint, low ceiling height \& HVAC restrictions prohibit us from meeting these
demands. The new facility will allow us to expand our equipment/device count, augment back up power, provide proper HVAC design and deliver a building design/construction that allows us to continue to meet FM Global standards into the future.

Due to the current facility building restrictions limiting our capability to meet internet, emergency and telephony demands in the future, we ask that you consider the rezoning of our site to allow for us to proceed with the new building construction which will result in the removal of the 240 foot tower currently located on the site.

Sincerely,

Eddy G. Rodriguez | Central Division • CI Engineering | 734-634-3396
1401 E. Miller Rd., Lansing, MI. 48911

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Sign specification submitted with plans: $\square$ Yes $\square \mathrm{No}$


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# COMCAST 1600 Fountain Drive Bloomington，IN 47404 HEADEND BUILDING 








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# BLOOMINGTON PLAN COMMISSION <br> STAFF REPORT <br> Location: 2670 E 2 ${ }^{\text {nd }}$ Street 

CASE \#: SP-22-20
DATE: October 12, 2020

PETITIONER: 616 S College Mall 409 Massachusetts Ave. Ste. 300, Indianapolis, IN 46204

CONSULTANTS: Matt Ellenwood 2021 E Wexley Road, Bloomington, IN

REQUEST: The petitioner is requesting a site plan review of a 2-story addition to the existing commercial structure.

## BACKGROUND:

| Area: | 0.99 acres |
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| Current Zoning: | Mixed-Use Corridor (MC) |
| Comp Plan Designation: | Regional Activity Center |
| Existing Land Use: | Commercial, Office |
| Proposed Land Use: | Commercial, Office |
| Surrounding Uses: | North - Retail, Commercial |
|  | South - Dwelling, Multifamily |
|  | East - Retail, Commercial |
|  | West - Dwelling, Multifamily |

REPORT: The property is located off of East $2^{\text {nd }}$ Street near the corner of E. $2^{\text {nd }}$ St. and S. College Mall Rd. This property is currently zoned Mixed-Use Corridor (MC) and developed with a 2-story commercial structure. Surrounding properties to the north and east are also zoned MC and include commercial uses (retail \& restaurants). The properties to the south and west are zoned Residential High Density (RH) and have been developed with multifamily dwellings (Woodcrest Court Condos \& Hunter Ridge Apts).

The petitioner is proposing a 2 -story addition and renovation to the existing structure. The additional two stories are $8,845 \mathrm{sq} \mathrm{ft}$ each making the total addition $17,690 \mathrm{sq} \mathrm{ft}$ that will be used for commercial space. The site will utilize the existing entrance along East $2^{\text {nd }}$ Street. A new sidewalk and tree plot will be installed along $2^{\text {nd }}$ street in accordance with UDO standards. Dimensional standards will be met by removing parking within the front parking setback. There is not a minimum parking requirement for this zoning district and the maximum allowances will depend on the uses. The maximum parking allowance for an office use is 3.3 spaces per 1000 sq ft of gross floor area. This would give them a maximum parking allowance of 116.75 spaces. The proposed site has 42 parking spaces.

MAJOR SITE PLAN REVIEW 20.06.050(a)(2)(C)(ii): Major site plan approval is required for developments that contain more than $15,000 \mathrm{sq} \mathrm{ft}$ of gross floor area. This addition contains 17,690 sq ft , for a total of roughly $35,380 \mathrm{sq} \mathrm{ft}$

## SITE PLAN ISSUES:

Dimensional Standards: The MC zoning district requires a minimum front parking setback of

20' behind the front building wall. The proposed site plan removes the parking located within the front parking setback.

Bicycle Parking/Alternative Transportation: Developments in the MC zoning district are required to provide bicycle parking. For commercial uses, at $5 \%$ of the provided vehicle parking, at least 2 bicycle parking spaces will be required. This development is proposing 10 bicycle parking spaces, meeting the minimum requirements.

A new sidewalk and tree plot will be required with this petition. The petitioner is proposing a $7^{\prime}$ sidewalk and 5' tree plot along East $2^{\text {nd }}$ Street. The Transportation Plan classifies $2^{\text {nd }}$ Street as a "general urban" street which calls for a 10' sidewalk and 5' tree plot. The Plan allows reduction in sidewalk width when deemed necessary by the Planning and Transportation Director.

Street Trees: Street trees will be required along E.2 ${ }^{\text {nd }}$ St. A minimum of one canopy tree shall be planted per 40 feet of property that abuts a public right-of-way. The proposed site plan meets this requirement. The City's Urban Forester will need to be consulted about the species of street trees which can be utilized with this development.

Landscaping: With this petition, there would be new landscaping required to be installed on the site. A landscape plan that meets all UDO requirements, including required street trees, must be submitted prior to approval of a grading permit. A condition of approval has been included for clarification.

A type 2 buffer yard is required for this development. The location of the existing parking lot would make the creation of a buffer yard impossible without removing the existing parking. The petitioner will request a variance from buffer yard standards from the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Neighbor Concerns: We have received several comments from adjacent property owners who have concerns about this project. Primarily property owners from the Woodcrest Condos to the west of $2670 \mathrm{E} 2^{\text {nd }}$ Street. The main concerns deal with the height and design of the proposed addition, increased traffic, and inadequate parking on site. This addition meets the development standards requirements for the zoning district, including for height, parking, and access. This use is permitted in this zoning district. The approval is not discretionary, but is required to be approved by Plan Commission because of the amount of commercial space being added.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: The Comprehensive Plan designates this property as a Regional Activity Center. This designation contains "higher intensity uses such as national retailers, offices, food services, lodging, and entertainment." Land use policies for this area state that:

- Redevelopment in the district should be encouraged to grow vertically, with the possibility of two or three-story buildings to accommodate denser office development, residential multifamily, structured parking, and improved multimodal connectivity.
- The goal for redevelopment is to create a few high-density (retail with office and residential) activity nodes.
- The mix of uses is predominantly retail with office and residential uses being secondary.

CONCLUSION: This petition meets all requirements of the UDO except for the required buffer yard for which the petitioner will request a development standards variance from the Board of Zoning Appeals. Other aspects of the site will be brought closer to compliance with the UDO and
will improve the pedestrian realm and landscaping. This petition is also in line with the goals of the Comprehensive Plan and in line with the intent of the Regional Activity Center district by providing higher intensity commercial use near other commercial and multifamily uses.

RECOMMENDATION: The Planning and Transportation Department recommends that the Plan Commission adopt the proposed findings and approve SP-22-20 with the following conditions:

1. The approval is contingent upon approval by the Board of Zoning Appeals of a development standards variance from buffer yard standards.
2. The petitioner will provide the additional required number of bicycle parking spaces for the commercial uses on the site plan prior to the issuance of a grading permit.
3. A landscape plan that meets all UDO requirements, including required street trees, must be submitted and approved prior to issuance of a grading permit.

## MEMORANDUM

Date: $\quad$ October 12, 2020<br>To: Bloomington Plan Commission<br>From: Bloomington Environmental Commission<br>Subject: SP-22-20: 616 S. College Mall Road LLC, Properties 2670 E. $2^{\text {nd }}$ Street

The purpose of this memo is to convey the environmental concerns and recommendations for conditions of approval from the Environmental Commission (EC) with the hope that action will be taken to enhance its environment-enriching attributes. The EC reviewed the petition and offers the following for your consideration.

## COMMENTS

## 1.) LANDSAPE PLAN

The Landscape Plan needs some revisions prior to the Petitioner receiving a Grading Permit.

## 2.) GREEN BUILDING

Using an existing building to add on to, is already a better green practice than demolishing it altogether. The EC recommends that the Petitioner continue on with that green attitude and employ other green building features. This would be a perfect building for Photo Voltaic Cells to provide the electricity.

## RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

1.) Revise the Landscape Plan prior to requesting a Grading Permit.
2.) Add some green building practices.



City of Bloomington
Planning \& Transportation

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## Petitioner's Statement

## 2670 E 2ND ${ }^{\text {NT }}$ EXPANSION

Attention: Development Review Committee

Petitioner: 616 S College Mall Road LLC, property owner

## Project Description

The petitioner is proposing a 2 story expansion of the existing 2 story commercial building at 2670 E $2^{\text {nd }}$ Street. The existing structure, originally built as a furniture store in the 1970s, consists of a concrete masonry (cmu) and metal composite panel exterior with a combination of cmu and steel structural system. The petitioner purchased the property in 2019 and would like to expand the building in order to enhance the property and attract more long-term commercial tenants. This will require substantial building upgrades including a new elevator, sprinkler system, extended stair exits, ADA accessibility, trash and recycling storage, bicycle parking, mechanical, electrical and plumbing upgrades, etc. not to mention fairly intrusive structural retrofitting for the additional structural loads. The proposed expansion seeks to balance the goals of the zoning guidelines as well as the petitioner's interest in further enhancing the property as well as the neighborhood.

Per the updated UDO the property is within the Mixed-Use Corridor (MC) district which "is intended to accommodate medium-scale developments with a mix of storefront retail, professional office, and/or residential dwelling units along arterial and collector corridors at a scale larger than the neighborhood-scale uses accommodated by the MN zoning district." The proposed expansion meets the intent of the zoning guidelines and the City's general development goals.

Because the existing site was developed well before the current development standards there are a number of issues that the petitioner is required to upgrade (parking setback, street sidewalk and tree plot, impervious surface, etc.). Most of these have been addressed, however, a variance will be required for the side yard buffer requirement as the existing parking is near the west property line and it would be a hardship to reduce/remove that parking. The petitioner will work with planning staff and the BZA to file a variance as required.

Thank you for your consideration of this petition.


Matt Ellenwood, AIA, LEED AP











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Mitchell Byler<br>2610 E. $2^{\text {nd }}$ St., Apt. E<br>Bloomington, $\mathbb{N} 47401$

September 20, 2020

City of Bloomington Plan Commission
Planning and Transportation Department
401 N. Morton Street, Suite \#130
Bloomington, Indiana 47404
Dear Members of the Plan Commission:
Thank you for the notice of public hearing regarding the major site plan approval for the property located at 2670 E. $2^{\text {nd }}$ Street. As an adjacent property owner - and as the President of the Woodcrest Court Homeowners Association Board of Directors, I would like to add my comments on the petition.

First, the proposed addition of two stories to the two-story building immediately to the east of Woodcrest Court condominiums will adversely affect the value of the properties owned by the members of the Woodcrest Court community. A four-story building, inappropriate for this area of Bloomington, will create additional traffic and noise. But it will also tower over the five buildings ( 30 units) that make up Woodcrest Court and will block views and sunlight.

I write not only as the representative of the Woodcrest Court owners, but as one of the owners who would be personally impacted by the proposed construction. Currently from my second story condominium I can see trees on the far (east) side of College Mall as well as sky. If this ill-advised project is permitted to proceed, I will see the third and fourth stories of an office building only. Persons in this new structure will be looking directly into my living room and my bedroom, so privacy will be an added concern.

None of the Woodcrest Court owners with whom I have spoken are in disagreement with any of these concerns. Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,


Mitchell Byler
Woodcrest Court

Home: (812) 369-4688

## Proposed construction at 2670 E 2nd St

## 2 messages

Herb Paul [herbpaul@comcast.net](mailto:herbpaul@comcast.net)
Fri, Sep 25, 2020 at 3:44 PM
To: keegan.gulick@bloomington.in.gov

I am a condo owner at the Woodcrest Court condo complex located at $2606 \mathrm{E} 2^{\text {nd }} \mathrm{St}$, apt C. Both my wife and I are 91 years of age and have physical problems that will prevent our attendance at the planned October 12 meeting to discuss the construction issues to the east of us at 2607. I appreciate the opportunity to thus submit my comments via this written method.

As you no doubt know, this condo complex consists of 30 units contained within 5 buildings in a unique setting contained within a serpentine wall. Thus we are somewhat secluded within our own "private" area. In addition, this complex is generally within a residential area of Bloomington. We have expensive houses south and west of our complex. The mall, which is located east of us, is distant enough that we experience little noise and disturbance from that exposure.

While the 2 story building at 2670 is currently commercial, it is located on lower ground (downhill) from the site of our complex and thus has little effect on our property. However, adding 2 additional stories to that structure will increase its height so that it would then be overbearing and severely block the view in our easterly direction. Such a structure built so close to our property would likely visually impact our property and decrease the value of our property significantly!

The available parking space at the current property at 2607 is limited and where future occupants and customers might find available parking is subject to many limitations. Such limitations may impact traffic in our area and also affect our property values!

Hopefully my comments will be included in the packet of material that the commissioners will receive and will be considered by them as they address this issue.

Herbert A. Paul

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Keegan Gulick [keegan.gulick@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:keegan.gulick@bloomington.in.gov)
Mon, Sep 28, 2020 at 1:01 PM
To: Herb Paul [herbpaul@comcast.net](mailto:herbpaul@comcast.net)
Hello Mr. Paul,
Thank you for your comment. I will add this to the packet that the Plan Commission will review for this case.
Regards,

Keegan Gulick
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| CITY OF | Keegan Gulick <br> he/himhis pronouns <br> Zoning \& Long Range Planner <br> Planning \& Transportation Department <br> City of Bloomington, IN <br> 812.349 .3531 <br> http://bloomington.in.gov/ |
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2608 East $2^{\text {nd }}$ Street, Condo C
Woodcrest Court Condominiums
Bloomington, IN 47401
812-822-1870
rmdysarczyk@gmail.com
September 26, 2020

City of Bloomington Plan Commission
Planning and Transportation Department
401 North Morton Street, Suite \#130
Bloomington, IN 47404
Dear Members of the Plan Commission:
We are writing to you concerning the petition of "Major Site Plan Approval" for the property located at 2670 East $2^{\text {nd }}$ Street. We received your Notice of Public Hearing on September $14^{\text {th }}$ and hope to attend the hearing via Zoom on October $12^{\text {th }}$. Your notice represents the first and only information that Woodcrest Court Condominium owners have received concerning this proposed construction.

We are property owners immediately adjacent (west) to the proposed two-story addition. This addition will result in a four-story building. We have several concerns with this proposal, as listed below:

1. Decrease in Woodcrest Court property values related to adjacent four-story building.
2. Structure would result in "Morning Eclipse" of the sun for much of our complex with possible deleterious effects on residents and vegetation.
3. Decreased eastern views.
4. Increased noise and traffic related to high density office building.
5. Privacy issues.
6. Significantly inadequate parking for new office complex.

## Page 2.

As a physician, I would like to emphasize the importance of early morning sunlight. Many articles exist touting the benefits of morning sunlight with proven increased production of vitamin $D$, serotonin and melatonin and increased release of endorphins. These effects can result in improvement in osteoporosis, cancer and diabetes protection, lower blood pressure, decrease in chronic inflammation, prevention and treatment of depression, and improved sleep. This is only a partial list. It appears that morning sunlight is more efficacious than sunlight at other times related to an increased combination of UV and infrared light.

As an engineer, I would like to further address the issue of parking at this new, possible medical office complex. A search of this address on the internet reveals several real estate listings for possible medical offices with artist renditions and floor plans of the new complex. These listings would seem premature, especially prior to the Plan Commission hearing. Total square footage based on these floor plans is 34947 sq. ft. Current Bloomington Standards for Parking and Loading require one space per 300 sq. ft. GFA. This would result in 116.49 necessary parking spots, not accounting for additional handicap parking, transient bus parking, loading/unloading area and drive lanes. We would estimate the current number of parking spots at approximately 50 with a solitary drive lane.

We have several questions that have become pertinent upon further research. How shall the discrepancy in necessary parking spaces be resolved? Parking garage? Parking at the owners' other address of 616 S. College Mall Rd.? Variance granted? Will Woodcrest Condos, Wendy's and Goodwill suffer from illegal parking in our facilities by these offices' patrons? Based on the artist's renditions, will this truly be a two-story addition or a near complete tear-down with a resultant new structure? A utility company and/or their subcontractor have dug two trenches in the east portion of our property at Woodcrest Court, presumably within an easement. We have been told this is for additional power supply necessary for the planned addition. Once again, this seems premature.

## Page 3.

Woodcrest Court Condominiums has been a landmark in Bloomington for 45 years. Several prominent and diverse Bloomingtonians have called this home and many of us wish to continue doing so without degradation of our property. We are also cognizant that the owner of the proposed addition, Mr. Tony Stronger, is a prominent businessperson in Bloomington having served or serving as chair/vice-chair of the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce, Hoosier Hills Estate Planning Council director, and president of Bloomington Rotary Club.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration our concerns. It would appear that many of the above issues are problematic when considering Mayor Hamilton's manifesto of "Climate Justice."


Renee M. Dysarczyk, BSEE


David B. Gudkese, MD
cc. The Honorable John Hamilton, Mayor of Bloomington

Keegan Gulick, Zoning and Long-Range Planner - City of Bloomington Woodcrest Court Homeowners Association INC - Board of Directors Jamar Property Management, LLC

## Keegan Gulick [keegan.gulick@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:keegan.gulick@bloomington.in.gov)

## Bloomington Indiana

## 1 message

Bev Essex [bewx37@gmail.com](mailto:bewx37@gmail.com)
Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 8:43 AM
To: keegan.gulick@bloomington.in.gov
To the Planning commission of Bloomington Indiana. In this era of national greed, surely Bloomington can think what is best for the residents-ie., quality of life each day in this city. That means air, sunlight, green spaces. traffic control, and peace in our homes. Squeezing a multi story building because the developers are, during the pandemic, making money is greed. With schools, existing apts., we have enough traffic. Please think of those of us who have purchased homes thinking we had a perfect quiet walking neighborhood. Beverly Essex 2602 east 2nd —Woodcrest.


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