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FINAL FINDINGS AND DECISION BY THE DESIGN COMMISSION RENDERED ON December 19, 2019

CASE FILE NUMBER: LU 19-204560 DZM AD
PC # 19-157911
Dairy Apartments

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The Design Commission has **approved** a proposal in your neighborhood. This document is only a summary of the decision. The reasons for the decision, including the written response to the approval criteria and to public comments received on this application, are included in the version located on the BDS website <http://www.portlandonline.com/bds/index.cfm?c=46429>. Click on the District Coalition then scroll to the relevant Neighborhood, and case number. If you disagree with the decision, you can appeal. Information on how to do so is included at the end of this decision.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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Owner: NBP Sunshine LLC
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Site Address: 801 NE 21ST AVE

Legal Description: BLOCK 34 LOT 1-8 LAND & IMPS SEE R646167 (R806102451) & R657804 (R806102452) FOR MACH & EQUIP, SULLIVANS ADD

Tax Account No.: R806102450

State ID No.: 1N1E35AD 02400

Quarter Section: 2932

Neighborhood: Kerns, contact Jesse Lopez at kernslanduse@gmail.com

Business District: None

District Coalition: Southeast Uplift, contact Leah Fisher at 503-232-0010 x313.

Plan District: None

Other Designations: None

Zoning: CM3d – Commercial Mixed-use 3 with a Design overlay

Case Type: DZM AD – Design Review with Modifications and an Adjustment

Procedure: Type III, with a public hearing before the Design Commission. The decision of the Design Commission can be appealed to City Council.

Proposal:

The applicant is seeking Design Review approval for a 7-story, 271-unit residential structure on the full block site occupied by the former Sunshine Dairy building. A single full-block parking level is proposed underground, with access from NE Oregon St to the south. Two Type B loading spaces will be provided at the parking garage level. The applicant requests an Adjustment to reduce the total vehicular parking required from 240 to 90. Modifications are requested to increase height, reduce ground floor window area, increase façade articulation, and reduce the spacing of long-term bike racks on site and to allow planting area between the sidewalk and the street.

Design Review is required for non-exempt development in the Design Overlay zones.

Modification reviews are required when the design proposes an alternative to a prescriptive zoning code standard.

Modification requests [PZC 33.825.040]:

1. Height (33.130.210). Increase the height limit 5' above the 75' height limit, to allow an overall maximum building height of 80';
2. Ground Floor Windows (33.130.230.B). Reduce the ground floor window requirement from 40% to 0% at the West façade, and from 25% to 0% at the East façade for the above grade wall area of the underground parking level;
3. Façade Articulation (33.130.222.C). Reduce the required percentage of offset façade area from 25% to 10% on the north and south elevations;
4. Bicycle Parking (33.266.220.C.3.b.). Decrease the width of bicycle rack spacing from 24" to 18" width with a vertical stagger;
5. Improvements within transit street maximum building setbacks (33.130.215.D.2). Along 20th Avenue, reduce the required hardscape area within the setback at the sidewalk level from 50% to 28%.

Adjustment request [PZC 33.805]:

Minimum Required Parking Spaces [PZC 33.266.110]: Requires 240 vehicle parking spaces. The applicant proposes 90 vehicle parking spaces, plus 70 additional bike parking spaces; 9 motorcycle parking spaces; 2 car-sharing parking spaces; 1 bike sharing dock with additional bikes provided.

Relevant Approval Criteria:

In order to be approved, this proposal must comply with the approval criteria of Title 33, Portland's Zoning Code. The relevant approval criteria are:

- 33.825.040 - *Modifications that Better Meet Design Review Requirements*
- Community Design Guidelines

ANALYSIS

Site and Vicinity: The site falls within the Kerns Neighborhood Plan Boundary, a planning document adopted in 1997, and just beyond the mapped Kerns Neighborhood Center adopted in the Urban Design Framework. The area was one of the first developments on Portland's east side due to its immediate adjacency to NE Sandy, which was an early thoroughfare for settlers and commuters from the East. Grocers, vendors, and general trade developed along Sandy and spurred supporting warehousing, and worker housing in the growing commercial and light industrial district.

The site is located at the intersection of a break and shift of the urban grid caused by Sullivan's Gulch. The gulch was created over millennia by the same monumental Lake Missoula floods and receding water which formed the Columbia River Gorge. This landform has impeded traditional development and the settlers, residents, and the City have creatively used the gulch

in numerous ways over time in the evolution of the neighborhood. Now, it is used for the I-84 freeway, private rail, the MAX line, and is planned to hold a future multi-use pedestrian and bicycle path (Sullivan's Gulch Trail).

The full block site is bounded by NE 20th Avenue to the West, NE Oregon Street to the South, NE 21st Avenue to the East, and NE Pacific Street to the North. NE 20th Avenue is classified as a Neighborhood Collector Street, Transit Access Street, Major City Bikeway, and City Walkway. All other adjacent rights-of-way are designated as local service streets in each TSP category.

The Fire-Alarm Telegraph Building sits monumentally on the triangular site immediately north of the property, facing south-bound traffic on the 21st Ave Bridge. Here, 20th and 21st merge, and the street grid shifts slightly west. Automotive, pedestrian, bicycle, and future mass-transit traffic all converge and shift around the site. Traffic is diverted around the Telegraph building onto 20th, and cyclists and pedestrians are diverted to 21st. This diversion of traffic has made the Telegraph Building an iconic marker within the city, and effectively a gateway to the Kerns Neighborhood.

While NE 20th is a City Bikeway, it is not currently marked with lanes and is primarily automotive. Additionally, the Trimet North/Central Service Enhancement Plan (2016) proposes a new bus line (Line 'Y') be added to run on NE 20th immediately adjacent to the site. From the Telegraph site south, NE 21st is marked with bicycle lanes, and has become a quieter and safer street for bicycle and pedestrian traffic.

Zoning: The Commercial/Mixed Use 3 (CM3) zone is a large-scale zone intended for sites in high-capacity transit station areas, in town centers, along streetcar alignments, along civic corridors, and in locations close to the Central City. It is intended to be an intensely urban zone and is not appropriate for sites where adjacent properties have single-dwelling residential zoning. The zone allows a wide range and mix of commercial and residential uses, as well as employment uses that have limited off-site impacts. Buildings in this zone will generally be up to six stories tall unless height and floor area bonuses are used, or plan district provisions specify other height limits. Development is intended to be pedestrian-oriented, with buildings that contribute to an urban environment with a strong street edge of buildings. The scale of development is intended to be larger than what is allowed in lower intensity commercial/mixed use and residential zones. Design review is typically required in this zone.

The "d" overlay promotes the conservation and enhancement of areas of the City with special historic, architectural or cultural value. New development and exterior modifications to existing development are subject to design review. This is achieved through the creation of design districts and applying the Design Overlay Zone as part of community planning projects, development of design guidelines for each district, and by requiring design review. In addition, design review ensures that certain types of infill development will be compatible with the neighborhood and enhance the area.

Land Use History: City records indicate there are no relevant land use reviews for this site.

Agency Review: A "Notice of proposal in Your Neighborhood" was mailed **October 23, 2019**. The following Bureaus have responded with no issue or concerns:

- Water Bureau (exhibit E.1)
- Fire Bureau (exhibit E.2)
- Site Development Section of BDS (exhibit E.3)
- Bureau of Environmental Services (exhibit E.4)
- Life Safety (exhibit E.6)

The Bureau of Transportation Engineering responded with the following comment: Numerous

other reviews are required related to the driveway grade, utility vault and access control mechanism. Until these elements are reviewed and approved by PBOT, the applicant proceeds at their own risk. PBOT has approved the requested Adjustment to reduce minimum parking. Please see Exhibit E.5 for additional details.

Neighborhood Review: A Notice of Proposal in Your Neighborhood was mailed on **October 23, 2019**.

A total of seven written responses have been received from either the Neighborhood Association or notified property owners in response to the proposal.

- Chiapuzio, Kurt. October 31, 2019 – Does not support an Adjustment to reduce parking or reduced lighting standards.
- Heffernan, DJ / Sullivan’s Gulch Neighborhood Association. October 25, 2019. The neighborhood association supports the inclusion of affordable housing. It supports the Adjustment to reduce parking.
- Shea, Samuel. November 5, 2019 – Concerns about development city-wide; does not support an Adjustment to minimum parking.
- Valladeros, Tomas. August 14, 2019 - Does not support an Adjustment to reduce parking.
- Willard, Angelique. October 31, 2019 – Does not support an Adjustment to reduce parking.
- Winters, Jodi. October 29, 2019 – Does not support an Adjustment to reduce parking.
- Winters, Ryan. October 31, 2019 – Does not support an Adjustment to reduce parking or reduced lighting standards.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

This proposal elected to have a voluntary Design Advice Request (DAR) on June 27, 2019. At the DAR, the Commission agreed that the height and massing were supportable and contextually appropriate, and that the primary cladding material was high-quality and attractive. Commissioners agreed that the ground floor should be 2 ½ - 3 feet above adjacent sidewalk grade, and that ground floor heights of 4 – 5 feet above adjacent sidewalks were not supportable.

The Land Use application was submitted on August 5, 2019 and deemed complete on October 1, 2019. A hearing was scheduled for November 21, 2019 – 51 days after being deemed complete.

At the first hearing, Staff recommended denial due to half the ground floor porch heights ranging from 4.5-6’ above adjacent sidewalk, and a lack of canopy coverage. At the second hearing, the applicant proposed to split the level one slab, to ensure that all porch heights are a maximum of 4.5’ above adjacent sidewalk grade. The Design Commission supported this proposal due to the extensive, layered landscape treatment between the sidewalk and the porches, with added Condition of Approval that landscape planters on the north frontage must be a minimum of 4’ deep (front to back) to support lush plantings with minimal direct sunlight.

ZONING CODE APPROVAL CRITERIA

Chapter 33.825 Design Review

Section 33.825.010 Purpose of Design Review

Design review ensures that development conserves and enhances the recognized special design values of a site or area. Design review is used to ensure the conservation, enhancement, and continued vitality of the identified scenic, architectural, and cultural values of each design district or area. Design review ensures that certain types of infill development will be

compatible with the neighborhood and enhance the area. Design review is also used in certain cases to review public and private projects to ensure that they are of a high design quality.

Section 33.825.055 Design Review Approval Criteria

A design review application will be approved if the review body finds the applicant to have shown that the proposal complies with the design guidelines for the area.

Findings: The site is designated with design overlay zoning (d), therefore the proposal requires Design Review approval. Because of the site's location, the applicable design guidelines are the Community Design Guidelines.

Community Design Guidelines

The Community Design Guidelines consist of a set of guidelines for design and historic design cases in community planning areas outside of the Central City. These guidelines address the unique and special characteristics of the community plan area and the historic and conservation districts. The Community Design Guidelines focus on three general categories: **(P) Portland Personality**, which establishes Portland's urban design framework; **(E) Pedestrian Emphasis**, which states that Portland is a city for people as well as cars and other movement systems; and **(D) Project Design**, which assures that each development is sensitive to both Portland's urban design framework and the users of the city.

Staff has considered all guidelines and has addressed only those guidelines considered applicable to this project. Responses to the Design Guidelines are addressed by "Three Tenets of Design Review": Context, Public Realm, and Quality and Permanence.

Context

P1. Plan Area Character. Enhance the sense of place and identity by incorporating site and building design features that respond to the area's desired characteristics and traditions.
D7. Blending into the Neighborhood. Reduce the impact of new development on established neighborhoods by incorporating elements of nearby, quality buildings such as building details, massing, proportions, and materials.

Findings for P1 and D7: The site falls within the Kerns Neighborhood Plan Boundary, a planning document adopted in 1997, and just beyond the mapped Kerns Neighborhood Center adopted in the Urban Design Framework. The area was one of the first developments on Portland's east side due to its immediate adjacency to NE Sandy, which was an early thoroughfare for settlers and commuters from the East. Grocers, vendors, and general trade developed along Sandy and spurred supporting warehousing, and worker housing in the growing commercial and light industrial district.

The site is also notably located at the intersection of a break and shift of the urban grid caused by Sullivan's Gulch. The gulch was created over millennia by the Lake Missoula floods and receding water which formed the Columbia River Gorge. This landform has impeded traditional development and the settlers, residents, and the City have creatively used the gulch in over time in the evolution of the neighborhood. Now, it is used for the I-84 freeway, private rail, the MAX line, and is planned to hold a future multi-use pedestrian and bicycle path (Sullivan's Gulch Trail).

Massing

The building has a strong, unified composition that is legible at all scales. Its clearly defined massing utilizes a few simple gestures to create forms that respond to site conditions at multiple scales while simultaneously breaking from the standard

rectilinear modules. The result is eye catching but not attention seeking. The color and form are a deferential backdrop to the small Telegraph Building.

The proposal responds to the area's cultural and physical characteristics at numerous scales. The overall massing is split into 2 slab-form towers, oriented north to south to reinforce 20th and 21st Avenues as primary street frontages, and to frame the entry to the Kerns neighborhood from the North. These upper volumes rest on a full-block podium, which holds the street edge at all sides and relates to lower scale light industrial buildings. The massing splits above this datum to break the monumental scale and inflects along NE 20th and NE 21st Avenue to minimize the impact of shadow created by the height of the structure. A 52'-11" wide space between the towers is skewed and biased off-center to effectively frame the Telegraph building and acknowledge the offset block structure on either side of the bridge. The central courtyard references the pattern of nearby garden apartments and the green space typical of blocks ringed by low density residential structures. A regular rhythm of windows reinforces larger massing moves and echoes a regularized structural rhythm of contextual industrial and office buildings.

The shape, orientation, and massing of the building are designed to reflect the existing built typology, while reinforcing the prominence of the site as a gateway into the Kerns neighborhood. The new building responds to the history and architectural character of the area through a contemporary expression of the streamline modern style.

The consistency of material application and the simplicity and clarity of the massing result in a quality, cohesive proposal. *These guidelines are met.*

P3. Gateways. Develop or strengthen the transitional role of gateways identified in adopted community and neighborhood plans

Findings for P3: The site is not a designated gateway identified in any adopted community or plan or code. However, it does mark an entry to a distinct neighborhood. The Fire-Alarm Telegraph Building sits monumentally on the triangular site immediately north of the property, facing south-bound traffic on the 21st Avenue Bridge. In front of the Telegraph Building, NE 20th and NE 21st Avenues merge, and the street grid shifts slightly west. Automotive, pedestrian, bicycle, and future public transit traffic all converge and shift around the site. Traffic is diverted around the Telegraph building onto NE 20th, and cyclists and pedestrians are diverted to NE 21st. This diversion of traffic has made the Telegraph Building an iconic marker within the city, and effectively a gateway to the Kerns Neighborhood. Due to the low scale of the Telegraph Building, the proposal will be highly visible, and has the opportunity to reinforce the edges of this gateway. The overall massing of 2 towers frames the Telegraph Building and entry to the Kerns neighborhood from the North, with the lobby entrance at the northwest corner of the building anchoring a presence on NE 20th.

The shape, orientation, and massing of the building are designed to reinforce the prominence of the site as a gateway into the Kerns neighborhood. This is a neighborhood location appropriate for an iconic building that enhances the identity of the place with notable and unique architecture. *This guideline is met.*

Public Realm

E1. The Pedestrian Network. Create an efficient, pleasant, and safe network of sidewalks and paths for pedestrians that link destination points and nearby residential areas while visually and physically buffering pedestrians from vehicle areas.

E2. Stopping Places. New large-scale projects should provide comfortable places along pedestrian circulation routes where people may stop, visit, meet, and rest.

E3. The Sidewalk Level of Buildings. Create a sense of enclosure and visual interest to buildings along sidewalks and pedestrian areas by incorporating small scale building design features, creating effective gathering places, and differentiating street level facades.

D5. Crime Prevention. Use site design and building orientation to reduce the likelihood of crime through the design and placement of windows, entries, active ground level uses, and outdoor areas.

Findings for E1, E2, E3 and D5: The proposal is almost exclusively residential at the ground floor. The desired privacy of ground floor units, combined with three feet of grade change across the site, result in recessed porches fronting the sidewalk that range from 2'-6" to 4'-6" above the sidewalk. To mitigate the impacts of the raised floor heights on the pedestrian realm, the slab will be split, lowering the northern half of the level one floor heights by approximately 16". The raised porches are buffered from the sidewalk realm with tiered, attractive plantings that are thoughtfully chosen to thrive in their unique lighting and planting conditions. The diverse, layered landscaping is critical to providing a buffer for both residents and pedestrians, so each feels they have some space and a sense of privacy.

At the first hearing, the Commission indicated support for lowering the floor level to ensure that no porches exceed 4'-6" above sidewalk grade. The current proposal has twelve (of the twenty-eight level one units) at or above 4' elevation above the sidewalk. This complies with the direction from the Design Commission at the first hearing. When combined with the layered landscape buffer, the separated entry paths and the highly articulated ground level, the proposal successfully threads the needle between maintaining a comfortable, high-quality pedestrian realm and ensuring privacy and dignity for level one residents.

Crime Prevention

The primary and secondary entrances to the building are appropriately sited at its most significant corners. The primary entrance at the northwest corner is designed to include a co-working space, with opportunity for micro retail such a coffee kiosk adjacent to the lobby entrance. The secondary lobby entrance at the southeast corner capitalizes on the visibility of northbound traffic and is closest to the frequent transit on Sandy Boulevard.

Stopping Places

In consideration of the qualities of each of these street frontages, the publicly accessible commercial spaces provided on site, and the goal of maintaining tenant privacy, Staff and the applicant agree that benches may not be an appropriate element to locate outside of private units. However, to meet this guideline without providing physical resting spaces, it reinforces the need for sufficient canopy coverage that the pedestrians and residents can conveniently access cover while they make a call, wait for a ride or visit. Since the applicant has indicated that residents will be using transit options as a justification for the Adjustment request, it is important that the proposal provide pedestrian coverage to encourage and support non-auto travel. Condition of Approval C states that canopy coverage shall be added to all bays at the south east corner to match the canopy detail proposed for the northwest work lounge canopies.

Landscape Buffer

Section Detail 3, on Exhibit C-35 (below) demonstrates that the landscape buffer provided between the sidewalk and the front wall of the raised porch varies in depth from 39" to 52". The landscape palette proposed includes evergreen plantings with year-

round interest. Winter flowering, fragrant and hardy plants are chosen with consideration for the lighting condition of each frontage.

At the second hearing, the Commission noted that in order to achieve lush, diverse plantings on the north façade, where natural light is limited, that a minimum planter depth of four feet (front to back) is necessary to support vibrant landscaping.

With Condition of Approval C that canopy coverage shall be added to all non-residential bays on the south and east facades (at the southeast corner) to match the canopy detail proposed for the northwest work lounge canopies, and Condition of Approval D that Planter depth shall be increased to a minimum of four feet in front of all residential stoops on the north elevation, these guidelines are met.

E4. Corners that Build Active Intersections. Create intersections that are active, unified, and have a clear identity through careful scaling detail and location of buildings, outdoor areas, and entrances.

D2. Main Entrances. Make the main entrances to houses and buildings prominent, interesting, pedestrian accessible, and transit-oriented.

Findings for E4 and D2: The intersection of NE 21st and Pacific create a highly visible corner for people crossing Sullivan’s Gulch into this neighborhood. The proposal celebrates this corner with softly curving angles to mimic the dynamic movement of cars and bikes past the site. At the street level, the northwest corner is the lowest point of the site and is occupied by a public-access Work Lounge amenity space activated by a ‘pop-up’ retail tenant. The north lobby has two entrances – one facing NE Pacific Street and a second facing the future transit street at NE 20th Avenue. A high percentage of glazing facilitates visibility of the activity within. Unlike the north units, the floor height of the commercial space is even with the adjacent sidewalk, resulting in high ceilings and enhancing the prominence of this corner. A secondary lobby entry, lounge, and leasing offices reinforce the quieter pedestrian and bikeway at the southeast corner. *These guidelines are met.*

E5. Light, Wind, and Rain. Enhance the comfort of pedestrians by locating and designing buildings and outdoor areas to control the adverse effects of sun, shadow, glare, reflection, wind, and rain.

Findings for E5: Canopies are proposed at the main entrances at the north and south facades, as well as within the storefront bays of the work lounge at the northwest corner, and at a single egress door on the south frontage. Due to the recessed residential units at level one, opportunities for canopy coverage are limited.

With Condition of Approval C, additional canopy coverage at the southeast corner, within the storefront bays adjacent to the residential amenity spaces and leasing office can match those proposed at the northwest work lounge. Adding canopies at this location ensures that there is some canopy coverage on all four frontages of a large full-block development, so pedestrians and transit-users seeking shelter from the weather can see canopies no matter what street they are on. *With Condition of Approval C that canopy coverage shall be added to all non-residential bays on the south and east facades (at the southeast corner) to match the canopy detail proposed for the northwest work lounge canopies, this guideline is met.*

D1. Outdoor Areas. When sites are not fully built on, place buildings to create sizable, usable outdoor areas. Design these areas to be accessible, pleasant, and safe. Connect outdoor areas to the circulation system used by pedestrians;

D3. Landscape Features. Enhance site and building design through appropriate placement, scale, and variety of landscape features.

Findings for D1 and D3: The site is proposed to be fully built upon. A residential amenity courtyard at the center of the building is located on the roof of the parking level, where the massing is broken in response to the street grid. The shared courtyard and landscaped areas are activated by shared building amenity spaces on either side.

At the public level, a planting area is located in front of all private first floor porches and the public sidewalk. The planting area ranges from 39-52" deep, depending on the frontage, which is sufficient to allow layered plantings of evergreen shrubs and grasses. The plant palette chosen for each frontage will enhance the pedestrian realm with year-round interest and is responsive to the varying solar exposure of each façade.

Low concrete retaining walls in front of the planting area provide additional layered buffers on some frontages. The exposed vertical wall of the parking garage below the front porches is proposed to be skim coated and painted black to create a discrete backdrop for the diverse plantings. Finally, lighting in the recessed porches and entries both accentuates the architecture of the ground level and contributes some ambient lighting to the pedestrian environment. *Therefore, these guidelines are met.*

D4. Parking Areas and Garages. Integrate parking in a manner that is attractive and complementary to the site and its surroundings. Locate parking in a manner that minimizes negative impacts on the community and its pedestrians. Design parking garage exteriors to visually respect and integrate with adjacent buildings and environment.

Findings for D4: All parking is accommodated in a single level of underground parking. Two (2) Type B Loading spaces are accommodated in the level of below grade parking. The location of loading spaces below grade facilitates resident moving without impacting the on-street parking or resulting in a second vehicular access point into the building. Access to the garage is taken from the south along NE Oregon Street, a local service street, to prevent potential conflicts between bikes and pedestrians. A Driveway Design Exception has been approved by the Portland Bureau of Transportation to locate the vehicle access door close to the property line to create a continuous street edge. As a zero-lot-line project, the building's street edge orientation and formalized massing adequately convey a sense of urban enclosure. The parking garage gate is a vertical lift gate, clad in the perforated, weathering steel panels used at the residential porch gates. The use of a matching material enhances the coherency of the building and reduces the impact of the inactive vehicle entry on the pedestrian experience. *This guideline is met.*

Quality and Permanence

D8. Interest, Quality, and Composition. All parts of a building should be interesting to view, of long-lasting quality, and designed to form a cohesive composition.

Findings for D8: The folded and perforated interlocking 20-gauge weathering steel is of sufficient thickness to prevent denting or warping due to weather conditions. The applicant has tested and documented the material's ability to be repaired after scratches and graffiti. Exposed concrete beneath first floor porches is proposed to be skim coated and painted black. This is a common finish material throughout the surrounding historic warehouse and light industrial area. Similarly, the vertically aligned, stacked windows on the upper stories have deep punches which are accentuated by the depth and texture of the primary metal cladding material. The regular, punched windows are typical of this area, where warehouses and manufacturing facilities were often designed to maximize natural lighting.

The material is consistent with the concept diagram for the building, which is derived from the carving and flowing of the Missoula Floods that formed Sullivan's Gulch. The irregular folded pattern of the metal siding is intended to represent the eroded and carved basalt cliffs formed by the Missoula Floods. The sculpted, weathering material evolves over time in response to natural conditions and age and is intended to evoke the light industrial uses from which this neighborhood evolved. *This guideline is met.*

33.825.040 Modifications That Will Better Meet Design Review Requirements:

The review body may consider modification of site-related development standards, including the sign standards of Chapters 32.32 and 32.34 of the Sign Code, as part of the design review process. These modifications are done as part of design review and are not required to go through the adjustment process. Adjustments to use-related development standards (such as floor area ratios, intensity of use, size of the use, number of units, or concentration of uses) are required to go through the adjustment process. Modifications that are denied through design review may be requested as an adjustment through the adjustment process. The review body will approve requested modifications if it finds that the applicant has shown that the following approval criteria are met:

- A. **Better meets design guidelines.** The resulting development will better meet the applicable design guidelines; and
- B. **Purpose of the standard.** On balance, the proposal will be consistent with the purpose of the standard for which a modification is requested.

Staff has considered grouped the first two Modifications. While two different code standards are proposed to be Modified, the findings are common to both.

MODIFICATION 1 - Height (33.130.210). Increase the height limit 5' above the 75' height limit, to allow an overall maximum building height of 80'.

Purpose Statement for Height (33.130.210): The height limits are intended to control the overall scale of buildings. The height limits in the CR and CM1 zones allow buildings that are in scale with low rise residential areas. The height limits in the CM2 and CE zones allow for a greater building height at a scale that can accommodate the growth intended for centers and corridors, while relating to the low- to mid-rise scale of neighborhood residential areas. The CM3 zone allows the tallest buildings outside the Central City and Gateway plan districts, consistent with its intended role in accommodating higher-density development in areas well served by transit and other services. The CX zone allows the tallest buildings in the commercial/mixed use zones, consistent with its intended role in accommodating high density development in the Central City and the Gateway plan districts.

In some situations, step downs in maximum height provide a transition in scale to adjacent lower-scale residential areas, and preserve opportunities for light, air and privacy. Exceptions to height limit standards accommodate minor projections that do not significantly increase the visual scale of buildings; provide flexibility in the height of parapets and railings to facilitate rooftop outdoor spaces and equipment screening; and accommodate ground-floor spaces with high ceilings to encourage ground-floor commercial uses, mechanical parking, and other uses that benefit from high ceilings.

Standard for Height (33.130.210): The base height standards for all structures, except detached accessory structures, are stated in Table 130-2. The base height limits can be increased through options described in Section 33.130.212. The maximum height with bonus in the CM3 zone is 75'.

A. Better meets design guidelines. *The resulting development will better meet the applicable design guidelines; and*

Findings: The proposal to increase the height of the building facilitates a tall ground floor with significant glazing on all four frontages. Due to the slope of the adjacent sidewalk, limiting the building to the code required height would have resulted in a compressed ground floor ceiling height. The taller ground floor height is more proportional, and better relates to the datums of nearby light-industrial buildings. It also creates more viable, appealing conditions for the residential amenity space at the highly visible southeast corner. As the high point on the site, this space would have been most impacted by low, compressed ceiling heights if overall building height was limited to 75'. *This Modification better meets guidelines E3 – Sidewalk Level of Buildings.*

B. Purpose of the standard. *On balance, the proposal will be consistent with the purpose of the standard for which a modification is requested.*

Findings: The proposal is located in the CM3 zone, which is intended to allow the tallest buildings in areas that are well-served by transit. The proposal steps down significantly in deference to the historic Telegraph Building to its north. The purpose statement explicitly notes that exceptions to the height limit standards may be utilized to accommodate ground-floor spaces with high ceilings to encourage ground floor commercial uses. In this case, both the commercial work lounge at the northwest corner, and the residential amenity space for the tenants of the building's 271 units will benefit from the increased ceiling height at level one. *This Modification is consistent with the purpose of the standard.*

Therefore, this Modification merits approval.

MODIFICATION 2: Ground Floor Windows (33.130.230.B). Reduce the ground floor window requirement from 40% to 0% at the West façade, and from 25% to 0% at the East façade for the above grade wall area of the underground parking level.

Because the vertical wall between the sidewalk and the raised porches is not the wall of the residential unit and is therefore subject to the ground floor window standard for walls adjacent to non-residential spaces.

Purpose Statement for Ground Floor Windows (33.130.230.B) : In the commercial/mixed use zones, blank walls on the ground level of buildings are limited in order to:

- Provide a pleasant, rich, and diverse pedestrian experience by connecting activities occurring within a structure to adjacent sidewalk areas, or allowing public art at the ground level;
- Encourage continuity of retail and service uses;
- Encourage surveillance opportunities by restricting fortress-like facades at street level; and
- Avoid a monotonous pedestrian environment.

Standard for Ground Floor Windows (33.130.230.B): Windows must cover at least 40 percent of the ground floor wall area of street-facing facades that are 20 feet or closer to a street lot line or a publicly-accessible plaza. For the purposes of this standard, ground floor wall areas include all exterior wall areas from 2 feet to 10 feet above the finished grade and include openings in the walls of structured parking.

A. Better meets design guidelines. *The resulting development will better meet the applicable design guidelines; and*

Findings: The purpose of ground floor window requirements are to provide a pleasant, diverse pedestrian experience. The proposed planting, in lieu of windows looking into the below-grade parking area or low level one floor heights, is a better pedestrian environment. The tiered landscaping combined with elevated level one floor heights allows limited views into the level one units but maintains sufficient privacy for those residents that curtains will not all be left closed at all times. The proposed landscaping is diverse and lush, thoughtfully chosen to respond to the unique space, lighting and water conditions of each of the frontages. It is appropriate for this site because the geographic location, between NE Sandy Boulevard and I-84, and the light-industrial nature of the surrounding context are not commercial corridors and are unlikely to support significant retail uses. *This Modification better meets guidelines D8- Interest, Quality and Composition and D4- Parking Areas and Garages.*

- B. Purpose of the standard.** *On balance, the proposal will be consistent with the purpose of the standard for which a modification is requested.*

Findings: The ground floor window standards are intended to ensure pedestrian views into active interior spaces. They prevent a monotonous pedestrian experience or fortress-like buildings. Ground floor window requirements are greater for portions of the wall adjacent to non-residential spaces, versus the exterior walls of ground floor residential units. This is intended to facilitate large windows into active publicly-accessible commercial spaces. However, since the below-grade parking area is a non-residential space, this code standard is triggered by exposed vertical wall planes beneath the level one porches.

To meet the code standard, either all level one residential units would have to be lowered to less than two feet above the sidewalk, or windows would be required looking down into the inactive below-grade parking area. The proposed tiered planters, with units raised a minimum of 30" above the sidewalk, create an improved condition to screen the parking and transition from public sidewalk to private residential units.

The proposed porch heights are all 2'-6" to 4'-6" above sidewalk elevation, which facilitates pedestrian views into visually interesting, dynamic spaces while facilitating a comfortable buffer between public and private realms. *This Modification is consistent with the purpose of the standard.*

Therefore, this Modification merits approval.

MODIFICATION 3 – Façade Articulation (33.130.222.C). Reduce the required percentage of offset façade area from 25% to 10% on the north and south elevations.

Purpose Statement: *These standards, along with the height and setback standards, limit the bulk of buildings close to the street. These standards help ensure that large buildings will be divided into smaller components that relate to the scale and patterns of Portland's commercial/mixed-use areas and add visual interest and variety to the street environment.*

Standard: *At least 25 percent of the facade within 20 feet of a street lot line must be divided into facade planes that are off-set by at least 2 feet in depth from the rest of the facade. Facade area used to meet the facade articulation standard may be recessed behind or project out from the primary facade plane, but projections into street right-of-way do not count toward meeting this standard.*

- A. Better meets design guidelines.** *The resulting development will better meet the applicable design guidelines; and*

Findings: The shape, orientation, and massing of the building are designed to reinforce the prominence of the site as a gateway into the Kerns neighborhood. This is a neighborhood location appropriate for an iconic building that enhances the identity of the place with notable and unique architecture. The overall massing is split into 2 linear towers, oriented north to south to reinforce 20th and 21st as primary active streets, framing the entry to the Kerns neighborhood from the North. This is a substantial massing move that breaks down the bulk of the building along the street. The towers are oriented north to south to reinforce 20th and 21st avenues as the primary active streets, and to effectively create a visual gateway to pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers approaching from the north. The linear forms bend in, further articulating the form into half-block scale facades, enriching the play of light and shadow in the gateway.

The primary facade material is a vertically oriented, bent, weathered metal, presenting an urban, contemporary façade palette. The metal panel features shallow corrugations which result in a stable panel, resistant to deformation, that exude the stability of a permanent object. The façade is broken into vertical modules, unifying the overall building in a color and material palette that is cohesive and subdued. This material articulation works to cohesively integrate all components into the overall composition. The design draws on the quality of nearby buildings with the reflection of their simple, articulated massing, and better meets *Guideline D8. Interest, Quality and Composition*.

- B. Purpose of the standard.** *On balance, the proposal will be consistent with the purpose of the standard for which a modification is requested.*

Findings: The standard is intended to ensure large buildings are divided into smaller components that relate to the scale and patterns of Portland’s commercial/mixed-use areas and add visual interest and variety to the street environment. The proposal achieves the desired articulation without the regular push and pull patterning typical of many comparable projects. The result is a more unified, coherent massing derived from a strong concept and responsive to surrounding complex.

Therefore, this Modification merits approval.

MODIFICATION 4 – Bicycle Parking (33.266.220.C.3.b.). Decrease the width of bicycle rack spacing from 24” to 18” width with a vertical stagger.

Purpose Statement: These standards ensure that required bicycle parking is designed so that bicycles may be securely locked without undue inconvenience and will be reasonably safeguarded from intentional or accidental damage.

Standard: A space 2 feet by 6 feet must be provided for each required bicycle parking space, so that a bicycle six feet long can be securely held with its frame supported so that the bicycle cannot be pushed or fall in a manner that will damage the wheels or components.

- A. Better meets design guidelines.** *The resulting development will better meet the applicable design guidelines; and*

Findings: The purpose of the bicycle parking standard is to provide safe and convenient places to park vehicles (33.266.200) and to avoid undue damage to stored bicycles. The proposed reduction in width of required spaces from 24” to 18” with a vertical stagger, allows more bicycles to be stored within a certain area. The proposed reduction has been shown through numerous approved developments as sufficient for ensuring protection of stored bicycles. The proposed modification better meets Design Review

guidelines related to neighborhood character and pedestrian realm as the decreased spacing enables more bicycles to be stored on site, in turn promoting greater bicycle activity in the area. Facilitating the efficient use of bicycle storage spaces better meets guidelines *E1 – The Pedestrian Network*.

B. Purpose of the standard. *On balance, the proposal will be consistent with the purpose of the standard for which a modification is requested.*

Findings: The encouragement of active transportation options increases bicycle and pedestrian travel over the use of private vehicles. Encouraging increased cycling is conducive to making it a primary means of transportation which in turn contributes to a safer and more vibrant pedestrian environment. In addition, consolidating the bicycle parking into this space helps avoid the need to introduce additional bicycle parking in ground floor street-facing spaces of the building which are currently designated for more active and visually interesting uses. Preserving active spaces at the ground level contributes to a more vibrant streetscape, meeting the purpose of the standard.

Therefore, this Modification merits approval.

MODIFICATION 5 – Improvements within transit street maximum building setbacks (33.130.215.D.2). Along 20th Avenue, reduce the required hardscape area within the setback at the sidewalk level from 50% to 28%.

Purpose Statement: The required building setbacks promote streetscapes that are consistent with the desired character of the different commercial/mixed use zones. The setbacks promote buildings close to the sidewalk to reinforce a pedestrian orientation and built-up streetscape. The setback requirements for areas that abut residential zones promote commercial/mixed use development that will maintain light, air, and the potential for privacy for adjacent residential zones.

The front setback requirements for Civic Corridors in Eastern and Western pattern areas provide opportunities for additional pedestrian space and separation from the vehicle traffic along these major streets to create an environment for building users and pedestrians that is less impacted by close proximity to traffic and provide opportunities for front landscaping reflective of the vegetated characteristics of these neighborhood pattern areas.

The minimum building setbacks along local service streets adjacent to residential zones work together with requirements for step downs in building height (33.130.210.B.2.b.) to ensure that there is a transition in street frontage characteristics to lower scale residential zones. In these situations, the building setback regulations promote street frontages with landscaping and residential uses to provide a transition and a cohesive street environment with similar street frontage characteristics on both sides of the street and limit exterior display and storage to minimize impacts to nearby residentially-zoned areas.

Standard: Along transit streets, at least 50 percent of the setback area between the street lot line and the portion of the building that complies with the maximum building setback must be hard surfaced for use by pedestrians. Buildings entirely in a residential use are exempt from this standard.

A. Better meets design guidelines. *The resulting development will better meet the applicable design guidelines; and*

Findings: The privacy requirements of residential uses result in unique and complex challenges when located at the ground level. In this situation, the proposal strives to utilize landscaping in the form of raised planters and layered landscaping, as a

mitigation for the privacy constraints of its ground floor program. To enhance the sidewalk realm, and to screen the opaque front porch walls, landscape treatment is proposed between the sidewalk and all residential porches, including in the right of way frontage zone and in the recessed areas between vertical piers.

Without the landscaping, the proposal would have exposed vertical concrete walls below the porches, varying in height from 30-72" above the sidewalk. The landscaping is a critical mitigation for this condition and better meets guideline *E3. The Sidewalk Level of Buildings* by creating visual interest along the sidewalk.

B. Purpose of the standard. *On balance, the proposal will be consistent with the purpose of the standard for which a modification is requested.*

Findings: The building setback standards promote streetscapes that are consistent with the desired character of the commercial/mixed use zones. The CM3 zone allows a wide range and mix of commercial, residential uses, and employment uses. The associated setbacks encourage new development to be built close to the sidewalk to reinforce a pedestrian oriented streetscape. The ground level design creates a desirable residential street frontage while cultivating a street environment that is inviting to pedestrians, meeting the purpose of the standard.

Therefore, this Modification merits approval.

33.805.010 Adjustments

The regulations of the zoning code are designed to implement the goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan. These regulations apply citywide, but because of the city's diversity, some sites are difficult to develop in compliance with the regulations. The adjustment review process provides a mechanism by which the regulations in the zoning code may be modified if the proposed development continues to meet the intended purpose of those regulations. Adjustments may also be used when strict application of the zoning code's regulations would preclude all use of a site. Adjustment reviews provide flexibility for unusual situations and allow for alternative ways to meet the purposes of the code, while allowing the zoning code to continue to provide certainty and rapid processing for land use applications.

The following adjustment is requested:

Minimum Required Parking Spaces [PZC 33.266.110]: Requires 240 vehicle parking spaces. The applicant proposes 90 vehicle parking spaces, plus 70 additional bike parking spaces; 9 motorcycle parking spaces; 2 car-sharing parking spaces; 1 bike sharing dock with additional bikes provided.

33.805.040 Approval Criteria

Adjustment requests will be approved if the review body finds that the applicant has shown that approval criteria A through F have been met:

- A.** Granting the adjustment will equally or better meet the purpose of the regulation to be modified.

Findings: The purpose of required parking spaces is to provide enough on-site parking to accommodate the majority of traffic generated by the range of uses which might locate at the site over time. Sites that are located in close proximity to transit, have good street connectivity, and good pedestrian facilities may need little or no off-street parking. Parking requirements should be balanced with an active pedestrian network to minimize pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle conflicts as much as possible. Transit-supportive plazas and bicycle parking may be substituted for some required parking on

a site to encourage transit use and bicycling by employees and visitors to the site. The required parking numbers correspond to broad use categories, not specific uses, in response to this long-term emphasis. Provision of carpool parking, and locating it close to the building entrance, will encourage carpool use.

The zoning code (PCC Title 33) has different parking standards for sites which are “close to transit” than for sites which are “far from transit.” The zoning code defines a site as “close to transit” if it is within 1,500 feet of a transit station or 500 feet or less from a transit street with 20-minute peak hour transit service. Sites which do not meet the definition of “close to transit” are “far from transit.” The subject site does not meet the zoning code definition of “close to transit” and is therefore “far from transit” for the purposes of determining required parking. The zoning code requires 1 vehicle parking space per dwelling unit when “far from transit.” For buildings which are “close to transit” as defined in the zoning code and are meeting the on-site or off-site affordable dwelling unit requirements of 33.245, no on-site vehicle parking is required (33.266.110.D) The subject proposal includes meeting the on-site affordable dwelling unit requirements of 33.245 but is approximately 1 block further from transit than the zoning code allows in order to be fully exempt from vehicle parking. For buildings which are “close to transit” and are paying into the inclusionary housing fund instead of meeting the on-site or off-site affordable dwelling unit requirements of 33.245, parking is required at the rate of 0.33 spaces per unit for sites with 51 or more dwelling units. The applicant proposes applying the 0.33 spaces per unit ratio to the residential units, which would require 90 vehicle parking spaces for the proposed 271 dwelling units. As submitted, the design review plans show 92 vehicle parking spaces, which accounts for the small retail space on the ground floor in addition to the residential units.

The subject site is approximately 800 feet (3 blocks) north of NE Sandy Blvd. which is a transit street with transit service at intervals of 20-minutes or less 7-days a week from 5:00 am to 1:00 am. Transit typically comes at 15-minute intervals on NE Sandy Blvd. The subject site is also approximately 800 feet (3 blocks) south of NE Multnomah St, which is a transit street with peak hour transit service at intervals of 20-minutes or less. NE 20th Ave. is designated as a transit street, but bus service is not yet available on this segment of NE 20th Ave. Tri-Met does have a planned route “Y” which will provide service on NE 20th Ave. as shown in the TriMet North Central Service Enhancement Plan: Final Map. Staff can find no record of Line Y having received funding to date. As such, staff analysis will rely on existing transit service only.

The applicant submitted a transportation study prepared by Kittelson & Associates, Inc, a professional traffic consulting firm. The study was prepared by Julia Kuhn, who is a registered professional traffic engineer. This study was reviewed and accepted by PBOT’s development review traffic engineer. The applicant’s parking analysis is available as exhibit A.3, and the associated PBOT comments are exhibit E.2.

For these stated reasons, the approval criterion is met.

- B.** If in a residential, CI1, or IR zone, the proposal will not significantly detract from the livability or appearance of the residential area, or if in an OS, C, E, I, or CI2 zone, the proposal will be consistent with the classifications of the adjacent streets and the desired character of the area.

Findings: *This criterion does not apply.*

- C.** If more than one adjustment is being requested, the cumulative effect of the adjustments results in a project which is still consistent with the overall purpose of the zone.

Findings: *One adjustment is requested; therefore, this criterion does not apply.*

D. City-designated scenic resources and historic resources are preserved.

Findings: *This criterion does not apply.*

E. Any impacts resulting from the adjustment are mitigated to the extent practical; and

Findings: PBOT staff is charged with implementing the adopted Transportation System Plan (TSP) and has looked to the TSP for guidance regarding the subject adjustment request. Staff recognizes the request will have a substantial impact on the on-street parking supply in the study area, even if the parking generation is lower than 1 space per unit as suggested by the *Parking Generation Manual 5th Edition*. However, the TSP appears to support the requested adjustment with a variety of adopted policies.

First, the TSP establishes multiple policies that are intended to prioritize transportation modes other than passenger vehicles. The most directly stated policy is on page 19, where the TSP establishes a transportation strategy for people movement in Policy 9.6. This policy reads as follows:

Implement a prioritization of modes for people movement by making transportation system decisions according to the following ordered list:

- Walking
- Bicycling
- Transit
- Fleets of electric, fully automated, multiple passenger vehicles
- Other shared vehicles
- Low or no occupancy vehicles, fossil-fueled non-transit vehicles

This ordered list firmly places passenger vehicles, especially the low occupancy vehicles typical of daily commutes, at the bottom of the priority list. It is possible to prioritize modes other than autos in this location due to the area characteristics. As noted above, the site is in an area with a dense grid of fully interconnected paved roadways with complete sidewalks. The TSP transit classification descriptions repeatedly use ¼ mile as the recommended spacing for bus stops on multiple level of transit classifications. This is equivalent to 1,320 feet. Reliable transit service with 15 to 20-minute intervals is available within a reasonable 800-foot walk both north and south of the site. The area contains a mix of commercial development interspersed with residential. These are the types of environments which generally encourage modes of travel other than just auto travel.

The TSP addresses desired mode splits and states that by 2035, the City's goal is to increase the mode share of daily non-drive alone trips to 70% in the inner neighborhoods (Policy 9.49). The subject site is in an inner neighborhood. Reducing accommodations for private vehicles is one pathway to spur movement toward these mode split goals. If it is difficult to find accommodation for your private vehicle, it is less likely private vehicles will be used.

The TSP also gives clear direction regarding vehicle parking beginning on Page 33. Multiple parking policies state the City should be striving to reduce parking demand and increase the mode share of other modes. Policy 9.58 is most directly relevant to the subject adjustment request and reads as follows:

Off-street parking: Limit the development of new parking spaces to achieve land use, transportation, and environmental goals, especially in locations with frequent transit

service. Regulate off-street parking to achieve mode share objectives, promote compact and walkable urban form, encourage lower rates of car ownership, and promote the vitality of commercial and employment areas. Use transportation demand management and pricing of parking in areas with high parking demand. Strive to provide adequate but not excessive off-street parking where needed, consistent with the preceding practices. (Policy 9.58)

The proposed adjustment is very closely aligned with Policy 9.58 and with the purpose statement of 33.266.110. The site is in an area with frequent transit service within an 800 foot walk south of the site. Transit service with 20-minute intervals is also available approximately 800 feet north of the site. The terrain in the area is relatively flat and the roadway and sidewalk networks are complete making walking and bicycling viable options. The applicants are proposing the use of the City's Pre-Approved Multimodal incentives for Residential and Mixed-Use Development (17.107) as mitigation for the proposed adjustment. As documented in the transportation study outlined above, the applicant is striving to provide adequate parking to serve their anticipated demand. The zoning code requirement to provide a vehicle parking space for each dwelling unit would likely provide more on-site parking than would be needed or used, which the TSP discourages. Exactly how much on-site parking is "adequate" is very difficult to determine.

There are no definitive resources which predict exactly how much parking a future use of a site will require. The applicant is requesting an adjustment to provide 0.33 spaces per dwelling, which is less than the *Parking Generation Manual 5th Edition* predicts will be generated. It is equivalent to the what the applicant states is likely to be successfully rented to tenants.

The City code Staff could identify which has addressed this topic is the minimum parking requirement in zoning code section 33.266.110- Minimum Required Parking Spaces. As noted above, the site does not meet the zoning code definition of "close to transit" but is well served by transit within a reasonable walk. Based on the regulations of 33.266.110, if the site was 300 feet south or 300 feet north, the project would require zero off street parking spaces. Allowing an adjustment to the parking requirements to allow zero off street parking spaces seems difficult to justify in light of the TSP policy stating we should, "strive to provide adequate but not excessive off-street parking where needed." The zoning code does provide a parking ratio between zero spaces per unit and 1 space per unit. This is the parking ratio applied to sites close to transit which are not providing on-site or off-site affordable housing units. The parking ratio the zoning code requires in those instances is 0.33 spaces per dwelling unit for a building with 51 or more units. Staff concurs this is a reasonable parking rate to apply to the project based on the analysis above.

City Council made a clear statement regarding vehicle parking by passing zoning regulations which do not require off-street parking for most of the sites in this area. The site falls into a small pocket which does not meet the zoning code definition of "close to transit" but is still a reasonable walk to transit which operates 20 hours a day, 7 days a week. The recently adopted Transportation System Plan (TSP) includes a transportation strategy which firmly de-emphasizes the role of automobiles in moving people. Additionally, the TSP establishes the City's mode split goal of increasing the mode share of daily non-drive alone trips to 70% in the inner neighborhoods by 2035. Furthermore, the TSP off-street parking policy states, "Limit the development of new parking spaces to achieve land use, transportation, and environmental goals, especially in locations with frequent transit service." (Policy 9.58)

Together, these adopted city policies de-emphasize accommodations for vehicles and establish a position of tolerance for on-street parking impacts that result from infill development. Like many of the higher density portions of the City, on-street parking is constrained in this area at certain times of day. Zoning which encourages infill development and increases in density is expected to create added impacts to on street parking. In this case, the applicants have demonstrated adequate on-street supply exists in the study area to absorb the demand from their project, even at the zoning code required 1 space per unit standard which is unlikely to be the actual parking rate. The true impact to on -street parking is anticipated to be less than the study suggests. The project will have a positive effect by returning an estimated 15 parking spaces to the on-street supply through the removal of existing ruck loading zones. Although there will be an impact to the on-street parking supply from the project, based on the above policy analysis, the impacts are determined to be acceptable and PBOT supports the requested adjustment.

For these stated reasons, the approval criterion is met.

- F.** If in an environmental zone, the proposal has a few significant detrimental environmental impacts on the resource and resource values as is practicable;

Findings: *This criterion does not apply.*

The relevant Adjustment criteria are met, and therefore the Adjustment merits approval.

DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

Unless specifically required in the approval criteria listed above, this proposal does not have to meet the development standards in order to be approved during this review process. The plans submitted for a building or zoning permit must demonstrate that all development standards of Title 33 can be met or have received an Adjustment or Modification via a land use review prior to the approval of a building or zoning permit.

CONCLUSIONS

The design review process exists to promote the conservation, enhancement, and continued vitality of areas of the City with special scenic, architectural, or cultural value. Walkable, positive pedestrian environments are critical to the vitality of the City. The level one residential is carefully designed to provide vertical and horizontal buffers, with layered landscaping and significant detail to provide visual interest to the public realm. The massing concept is elegant, simple and responsive to neighborhood context. The materials are high-quality, durable and well detailed. The proposal meets the applicable design guidelines, modification criteria for multiple modifications and adjustment criterion, and therefore warrants approval.

DESIGN COMMISSION DECISION

It is the decision of the Design Commission to approve Design Review for a 7-story, 271-unit residential structure with a single full-block underground parking level accessed from NE Oregon Street.

Approval for the following Modification requests:

1. Height (33.130.210). Increase the height limit 5' above the 75' height limit, to allow an overall maximum building height of 80';

2. Ground Floor Windows (33.130.230.B). Reduce the ground floor window requirement from 40% to 0% at the West façade, and from 25% to 0% at the East façade for the above grade wall area of the underground parking level;
3. Façade Articulation (33.130.222.C). Reduce the required percentage of offset façade area from 25% to 10% on the north and south elevations;
4. Bicycle Parking (33.266.220.C.3.b.). Decrease the width of bicycle rack spacing from 24" to 18" width with a vertical stagger;
5. Improvements within transit street maximum building setbacks (33.130.215.D.2). Along 20th Avenue, reduce the required hardscape area within the setback at the sidewalk level from 50% to 28%.

Approval of the Adjustment request to reduce the number of required vehicle parking spaces from 240 to 90 (PZC 33.266.110).

Approvals per exhibits C.1-C.48, signed, stamped and dated January 2, 2020, subject to the following conditions:

- A. As part of the building permit application submittal, the following development-related conditions (B through E) must be noted on each of the 4 required site plans or included as a sheet in the numbered set of plans. The sheet on which this information appears must be labeled "ZONING COMPLIANCE PAGE - Case File LU 19-204560 DZM AD". All requirements must be graphically represented on the site plan, landscape, or other required plan and must be labeled "REQUIRED."
- B. At the time of building permit submittal, a signed Certificate of Compliance form (<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bds/article/623658>) must be submitted to ensure the permit plans comply with the Design/Historic Resource Review decision and approved exhibits.
- C. Canopy coverage shall be added to all non-residential bays on the south and east facades (at the south east corner) to match the canopy detail proposed for the northwest canopies at non-residential bays.
- D. Planter depth shall be increased to a minimum of four feet in front of all residential stoops on the north elevation.
- E. No field changes allowed.

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 By: 
 Julie Livingston, Design Commission Chair

Application Filed: August 5, 2019
 Decision Filed: December 20, 2019

Decision Rendered: December 19, 2019
 Decision Mailed: January 6, 2020

About this Decision. This land use decision is **not a permit** for development. Permits may be required prior to any work. Contact the Development Services Center at 503-823-7310 for information about permits.

Procedural Information. The application for this land use review was submitted on August 5, 2019 and was determined to be complete on October 1, 2019.

Zoning Code Section 33.700.080 states that Land Use Review applications are reviewed under the regulations in effect at the time the application was submitted, provided that the application is complete at the time of submittal, or complete within 180 days. Therefore, this application was reviewed against the Zoning Code in effect on August 5, 2019.

ORS 227.178 states the City must issue a final decision on Land Use Review applications within 120-days of the application being deemed complete. The 120-day review period may be waived or extended at the request of the applicant. In this case, the applicant waived the 120-day review period, as stated with Exhibit A.2. **The 120 days expire on: September 30, 2020.**

Some of the information contained in this report was provided by the applicant.

As required by Section 33.800.060 of the Portland Zoning Code, the burden of proof is on the applicant to show that the approval criteria are met. This report is the final decision of the Design Commission with input from other City and public agencies.

Conditions of Approval. This approval may be subject to a number of specific conditions, listed above. Compliance with the applicable conditions of approval must be documented in all related permit applications. Plans and drawings submitted during the permitting process must illustrate how applicable conditions of approval are met. Any project elements that are specifically required by conditions of approval must be shown on the plans and labeled as such.

These conditions of approval run with the land, unless modified by future land use reviews. As used in the conditions, the term “applicant” includes the applicant for this land use review, any person undertaking development pursuant to this land use review, the proprietor of the use or development approved by this land use review, and the current owner and future owners of the property subject to this land use review.

Appeal of this decision. This decision is final unless appealed to City Council, who will hold a public hearing. Appeals must be filed by 4:30 pm on January 17, 2020 at 1900 SW Fourth Ave. Appeals can be filed at the 5th floor reception desk of 1900 SW 4th Avenue Monday through Friday between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm. Information and assistance in filing an appeal is available from the Bureau of Development Services in the Development Services Center or the staff planner on this case. You may review the file on this case by appointment at, 1900 SW Fourth Avenue, Suite 5000, Portland, Oregon 97201. Please call the file review line at 503-823-7617 for an appointment.

If this decision is appealed, a hearing will be scheduled, and you will be notified of the date and time of the hearing. The decision of City Council is final; any further appeal is to the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA).

Upon submission of their application, the applicant for this land use review chose to waive the 120-day time frame in which the City must render a decision. This additional time allows for any appeal of this proposal to be held as an evidentiary hearing, one in which new evidence can be submitted to City Council.

Who can appeal: You may appeal the decision only if you have written a letter which was received before the close of the record at the hearing or if you testified at the hearing, or if you are the property owner or applicant. Appeals must be filed within 14 days of the decision. **An appeal fee of \$5000.00 will be charged.**

Neighborhood associations may qualify for a waiver of the appeal fee. Additional information on how to file and the deadline for filing an appeal will be included with the decision. Assistance in filing the appeal and information on fee waivers are available from the Bureau of Development Services in the Development Services Center, 1900 SW Fourth Ave., First Floor.

Fee waivers for neighborhood associations require a vote of the authorized body of your association. Please see appeal form for additional information.

Recording the final decision.

If this Land Use Review is approved the final decision will be recorded with the Multnomah County Recorder.

- *Unless appealed*, the final decision will be recorded after January 21, 2020 by the Bureau of Development Services.

The applicant, builder, or a representative does not need to record the final decision with the Multnomah County Recorder.

For further information on your recording documents please call the Bureau of Development Services Land Use Services Division at 503-823-0625.

Expiration of this approval. An approval expires three years from the date the final decision is rendered unless a building permit has been issued, or the approved activity has begun.

Where a site has received approval for multiple developments, and a building permit is not issued for all of the approved development within three years of the date of the final decision, a new land use review will be required before a permit will be issued for the remaining development, subject to the Zoning Code in effect at that time.

Zone Change and Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment approvals do not expire.

Applying for your permits. A building permit, occupancy permit, or development permit must be obtained before carrying out this project. At the time they apply for a permit, permittees must demonstrate compliance with:

- All conditions imposed here.
- All applicable development standards, unless specifically exempted as part of this land use review.
- All requirements of the building code.
- All provisions of the Municipal Code of the City of Portland, and all other applicable ordinances, provisions and regulations of the City.

Hannah Bryant
January 2, 2020

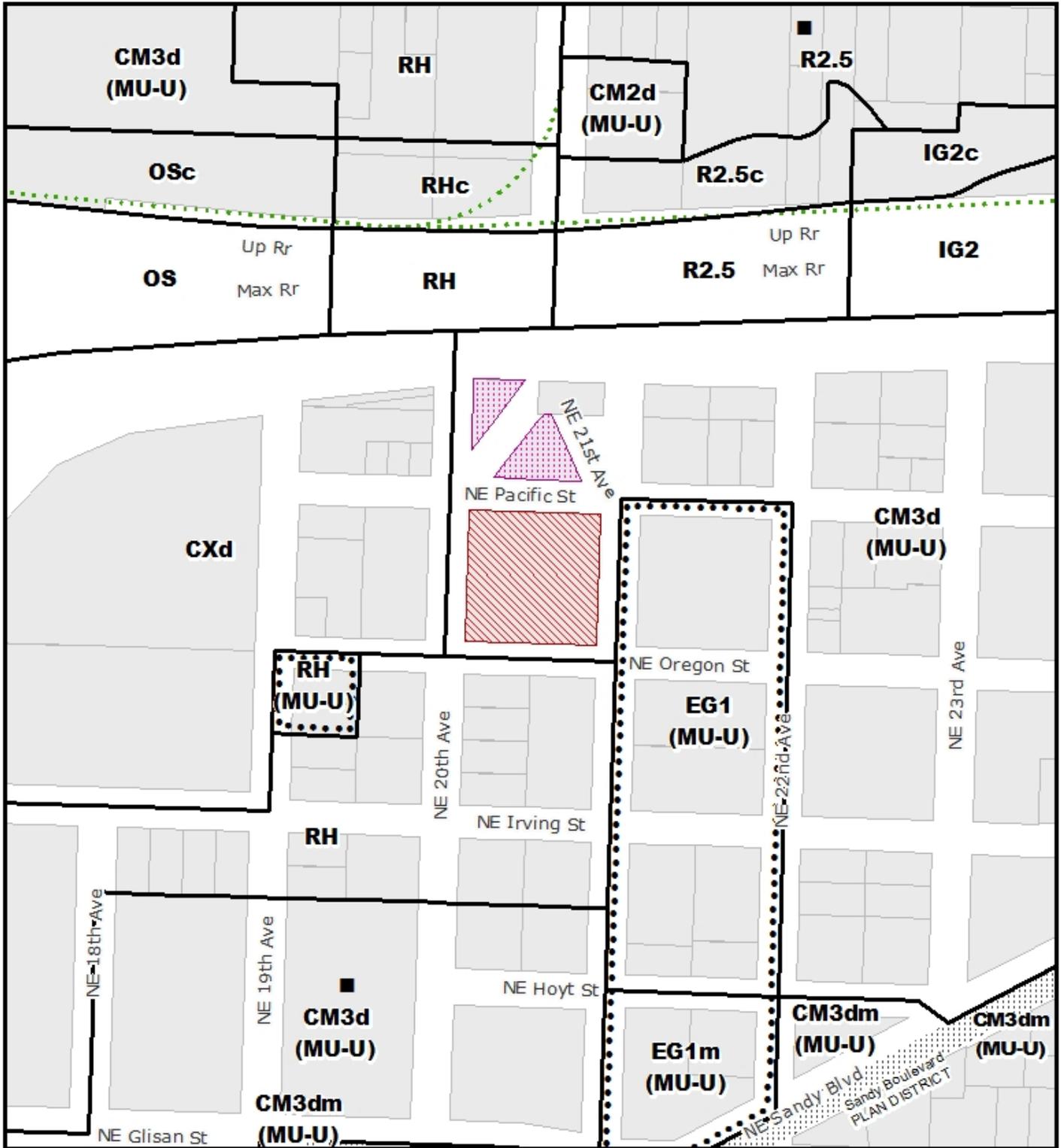
The Bureau of Development Services is committed to providing equal access to information and hearings. Please notify us no less than five business days prior to the event if you need special accommodations. Call 503-823-7300 (TTY 503-823-6868).

EXHIBITS – NOT ATTACHED UNLESS INDICATED

- A. Applicant's Statement
 1. Original Submittal
 2. Extension Request
 3. Revised Submittals, dated September 27, 2019 and November 1, 2019
 4. Revised Submittal for second hearing, dated December 2, 2019
 5. Traffic Analysis Data
- B. Zoning Map (attached)
- C. Plan & Drawings
 1. Site Plan (attached)
 2. Utility Plan
 3. Landscape Plan

4. Landscape Materials
5. Courtyard Planting Plan
6. Plant Palette
7. Rooftop Planting Plan
8. Level 1 Floor Plan
9. Exterior Lighting Plan
10. Level 2 Floor Plan
11. Level 3 Floor Plan
12. Levels 4-7 Floor Plan
13. Roof Plan
14. Level P1 Plan
15. North Elevation
16. West Elevation
17. South Elevation
18. East Elevation
19. West Courtyard Elevation
20. East Courtyard Elevation
21. Building Section AA
22. Building Section BB
23. Residential Stoop Sections
24. Stoop Height Plan Diagram
25. Ground Level Stoops at 21st
26. Ground Level Stoops at 20th
27. Ground Level Stoops at Pacific
28. Northwest Corner Retail
29. South Residential Lobby Entry
30. Parking Garage Entry
31. Building Details
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34. Building Details
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36. Building Details
37. Parking Garage Door Cutsheet
38. Window Cutsheet
39. FAR Diagrams
40. Landscaped Area Diagrams
41. Outdoor Area Diagrams
42. Ground Floor Window Diagrams
43. Façade Articulation Diagrams
44. Bicycle Parking
45. Vehicle Parking
46. Development Summary
47. Exterior Material Palette
48. Weathering Steel
- D. Notification information:
 1. Request for response
 2. Posting letter sent to applicant
 3. Notice to be posted
 4. Applicant's statement certifying posting
 5. Mailed notice
 6. Mailing list
- E. Agency Responses:
 1. Water Bureau
 2. Fire Bureau

3. Site Development Review Section of BDS
 4. Bureau of Environmental Services
 5. Bureau of Transportation Engineering and Development Review
 6. Life Safety
- F. Public Testimony
1. Agosta, Heather. November 18, 2019 – Does not support parking Adjustment.
 2. Bishop, Jennifer. November 13, 2019. Does not support parking Adjustment.
 3. Boyda, Jamie. November 18, 2019 - Does not support parking Adjustment.
 4. Capriotti, Franco. November 11, 2019 - Does not support parking Adjustment.
 5. Chiapuzio, Kurt. October 31, 2019 – Does not support an Adjustment to reduce parking or reduced lighting standards.
 6. Collins, Paul. November 19, 2019. Does not support parking Adjustment.
 7. Durand, Aaron. November 19, 2019 - Does not support parking Adjustment.
 8. Eckelman, Scott. November 12, 2019 and November 15, 2019. Does not support parking Adjustment.
 9. Golden, Genna. September 15, 2019. Does not support parking Adjustment.
 10. Heffernan, DJ / Sullivan’s Gulch Neighborhood Association. October 25, 2019. The neighborhood association supports the inclusion of affordable housing. It supports the Adjustment to reduce parking.
 11. Huff, Robert. November 19, 2019. Does not support parking Adjustment.
 12. King, Brighid. November 20, 2019. Does not support parking Adjustment.
 13. Mazzocco, Lindsay. November 18, 2019 - Does not support parking Adjustment.
 14. Overstreet, Angelina. November 13, 2019. Does not support parking Adjustment.
 15. Overstreet, William. November 13, 2019. Does not support parking Adjustment.
 16. Peters, Amanda. November 2019. Does not support parking Adjustment.
 17. Rheingold, Sonya. November 13, 2019. Does not support parking Adjustment.
 18. Shea, Samuel. November 5, 2019 – Concerns about development city-wide; does not support an Adjustment to minimum parking.
 19. Tsang, Joyce. November 20, 2019. Does not support parking Adjustment.
 20. Unga, Christina. November 13, 2019. Does not support parking Adjustment.
 21. Valladares, Tomas. August 14, 2019 - Does not support an Adjustment to reduce parking.
 22. Walters, Larry. November 15, 2019. Does not support parking Adjustment.
 23. Ward, Jeff. November, 2019. Does not support parking Adjustment.
 24. Willard, Angelique. October 31, 2019 – Does not support an Adjustment to reduce parking.
 25. Winters, Jodi. October 29, 2019 – Does not support an Adjustment to reduce parking.
 26. Winters, Ryan. October 31, 2019 – Does not support an Adjustment to reduce parking or reduced lighting standards.
 27. Pham, Kent. November 18, 2019. Does not support parking Adjustment.
- G. Other
1. Original LUR Application
 2. DAR Summary Notes
 3. Incomplete Letter
- H. First Hearing
1. Staff Report, November 21, 2019
 2. Staff Memo to Commission, November 12, 2019
 3. Staff Presentation
 4. Applicant Presentation
 5. Testimony Sign Up Sheet
- I. Second Hearing
1. Staff Report, December 19, 2019
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ZONING



-  Site
-  Also Owned Parcels
-  Historic Landmark
-  Recreational Trails

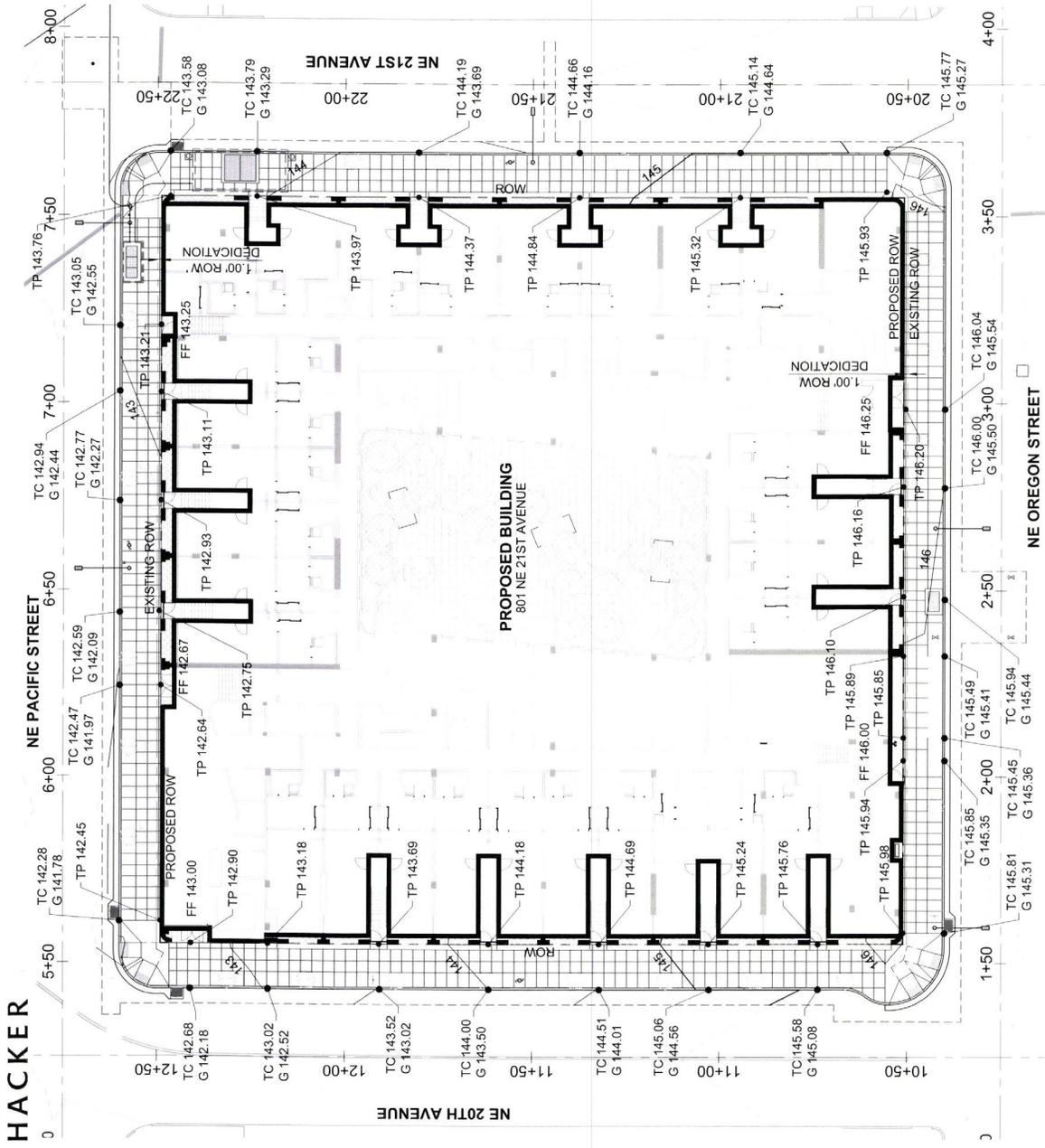
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SHEET LEGEND

- FF XXX.XX FINISHED FLOOR ELEVATION
- G XXX.XX GRADE AT GUTTER
- TC XXX.XX TOP OF CURB
- TP XXX.XX TOP OF PAVEMENT

Approved: _____
 Planner: _____
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