## ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, PANEL A TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2017 AGENDA

BRIEFING	ROOM 5ES 1500 MARILLA STREET DALLAS CITY HALL	11:00 A.M.					
PUBLIC HEARING	COUNCIL CHAMBERS 1500 MARILLA STREET DALLAS CITY HALL	1:00 P.M.					
	Donna Moorman, Chief Planner Steve Long, Board Administrator Jennifer Munoz, Senior Planner						
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## **EXECUTIVE SESSION NOTICE**

The Commission/Board may hold a closed executive session regarding any item on this agenda when:

- 1. seeking the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, or any matter in which the duty of the attorney to the Commission/Board under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.071]
- 2. deliberating the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the city in negotiations with a third person. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.072]
- 3. deliberating a negotiated contract for a prospective gift or donation to the city if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the city in negotiations with a third person. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.073]
- 4. deliberating the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a compliant or charge against an officer or employee unless the officer or employee who is the subject of the deliberation or hearing requests a public hearing. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.074]
- 5. deliberating the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices.. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.076]
- 6. discussing or deliberating commercial or financial information that the city has received from a business prospect that the city seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the city and with which the city is conducting economic development negotiations; or deliberating the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.086]

(Rev. 6-24-02)

**FILE NUMBER**: BDA162-82(JM)

BUILDING OFFICIAL'S REPORT: Application of John A. Moore, represented by Pov Chin, for a special exception to the landscape regulations and a special exception to the off-street parking regulations at 13729 N. Central Expressway. This property is more fully described as Lot 1.1, Block B/7763, and is zoned MU-3, which requires mandatory landscaping and requires off-street parking to be provided. The applicant proposes to construct and/or maintain a structure and provide an alternate landscape plan, which will require a special exception to the landscape regulations, and to construct and/or maintain a structure for a general merchandise or food store 3500 square feet or less use, and a motor vehicle fueling station use, and provide 6 of the 8 required parking spaces which will require a 2 space special exception to the off-street parking regulations.

**LOCATION**: 13729 N. Central Expressway

**APPLICANT:** John A. Moore

Represented by Pov Chin

## REQUEST:

The following requests have been made on a site that is developed with a commercial structure including a motor vehicle fueling station:

- 1. A request for a special exception to the landscape regulations to construct and maintain a structure and provide an alternate landscape plan, not fully meeting the landscape regulations.
- 2. A request for a special exception to the off-street parking regulations of 2 spaces is made to construct a 1,200 square foot building for a general merchandise or food store 3,500 square feet or less and a motor vehicle fueling station on a site that is currently developed with a motor vehicle fueling station use, and provide 6 of the required 8 off-street parking spaces.

## STANDARD FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO THE LANDSCAPE REQUIREMENTS:

The board may grant a special exception to the requirements of this article upon making a special finding from the evidence presented that:

- 1. Strict compliance with the requirements of this article will unreasonably burden the use of the property;
- 2. The special exception will not adversely affect neighboring property; and
- 3. The requirements are not imposed by a site-specific landscape plan approved by the city plan commission or city council.

In determining whether to grant a special exception under Subsection (a), the board shall consider the following factors:

- 1. The extent to which there is residential adjacency.
- 2. The topography of the site.
- 3. The extent to which landscaping exists for which no credit is given under this article.
- 4. The extent to which other existing or proposed amenities will compensate for the reduction of landscaping.

# STANDARD FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO THE OFF-STREET PARKING REGULATIONS:

- 1) The Board of Adjustment may grant a special exception to authorize a reduction in the number of off-street parking spaces required under this article if the board finds, after a public hearing, that the parking demand generated by the use does not warrant the number of off-street parking spaces required, and the special exception would not create a traffic hazard or increase traffic congestion on adjacent and nearby streets. The maximum reduction authorized by this section is 25 percent or one space, whichever is greater, minus the number of parking spaces currently not provided due to delta credits, as defined in Section 51A-4.704(b)(A). For the commercial amusement (inside) use and the industrial (inside) use, the maximum reduction authorized by this section is 75 percent or one space, whichever is greater, minus the number of parking spaces currently not provided due to delta credits, as defined in Section 51A-4.704(b)(4)(A). For the office use, the maximum reduction authorized by this section is 35 percent or one space, whichever is greater, minus the number of parking spaces currently not provided due to delta credits, as defined in Section 51A-4.704(b)(4)(A). Applicants may seek a special exception to the parking requirements under this section and an administrative parking reduction under Section 51A-4.313. The greater reduction will apply, but the reduction may not be combined.
- 2) In determining whether to grant a special exception, the board shall consider the following factors:
  - (A) The extent to which the parking spaces provided will be remote, shared, or packed parking.
  - (B) The parking demand and trip generation characteristics of all uses for which the special exception is requested.
  - (C) Whether or not the subject property or any property in the general area is part of a modified delta overlay district.
  - (D) The current and probable future capacities of adjacent and nearby streets based on the city's thoroughfare plan.
  - (E) The availability of public transit and the likelihood of its use.
  - (F) The feasibility of parking mitigation measures and the likelihood of their effectiveness.
- 3) In granting a special exception, the board shall specify the uses to which the special exception applies. A special exception granted by the board for a particular use

automatically and immediately terminates if and when that use is changed or discontinued.

- 4) In granting a special exception, the board may:
  - (A) Establish a termination date for the special exception or; otherwise provide for the reassessment of conditions after a specified period of time;
  - (B) Impose restrictions on access to or from the subject property; or
  - (C) Impose any other reasonable conditions that would have the effect of improving traffic safety or lessening congestion on the streets.
- 5) The board shall not grant a special exception to reduce the number of off-street parking spaces required in an ordinance granting or amending a specific use permit.
- 6) The board shall not grant a special exception to reduce the number of off-street parking spaces expressly required in the text or development plan of an ordinance establishing or amending regulations governing a specific planned development district. This prohibition does not apply when:
  - (A) the ordinance does not expressly specify a minimum number of spaces, but instead simply makes references to the existing off-street parking regulations in Chapter 51 or this chapter; or
  - (B) the regulations governing that specific district expressly authorize the board to grant the special exception.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION (special exception to the landscape regulations):

Approval, subject to the following condition:

• Compliance with the submitted revised alternate landscape plan is required.

## Rationale for approval:

 Staff concurs with the Chief Arborist and recommends approval of this request with the condition imposed above because strict compliance with this article will unreasonably burden the use of this property and this special exception will not adversely affect neighboring property.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION (special exception to the off-street parking regulations):

Approval, subject to the following condition:

 The special exception of 2 spaces shall automatically and immediately terminate if and when the general merchandise or food store 3,500 square feet or less and motor vehicle fueling station uses are changed or discontinued.

## Rationale:

• The Sustainable Development and Construction Department Project Engineer indicated that he has no objections to the applicant's request.

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

## Zoning:

Site: MU-3 Mixed Use District

North: MU-3 Mixed Use District; SUP No. 1818

<u>East</u>: IR Industrial Research District <u>South</u>: IR Industrial Research District

West: MU-3 Mixed Use District

## Land Use:

The subject site is currently a motor vehicle fueling station. To the immediate north is a general merchandise or food store 100,000 square feet or more use. North Central Expressway lies to the east and south with an office use across the expressway. A restaurant without drive-in or drive-through service exists to the west.

## **Zoning/BDA History**:

There has not been any recent related board or zoning cases recorded either on or in the immediate vicinity of the subject site.

# GENERAL FACTS/ STAFF ANALYSIS (special exception to the landscape regulations):

- This request focuses on the new construction of a proposed commercial project on a
  lot currently developed with a motor vehicle fueling station use, and not fully
  providing required landscaping. More specifically, according to the City of Dallas
  Chief Arborist, the features shown on the submitted alternate landscape plan would
  not conform to Article X landscape regulation standards related to design standards.
- The new construction of a proposed commercial project triggers compliance with Article X landscape regulations. The applicant plans to tear down the existing structure. In order to build a new structure, they must comply with current codes, including landscaping (Article X).
- The proposed revised alternate landscape plan is deficient in the following:
  - a. Design standards Sec 51A-10.126 One design standard is provided where two are required. Screening of parking is provided.
- The City of Dallas Chief Arborist states in a memo (see Attachment B) that the request in this case is triggered by the new construction of a commercial project.
- The Chief Arborist listed one factor for consideration:
  - a. The plan calls for the removal of one protected tree adjacent to Mid Park Road.

- The chief arborist recommends approval of this revised alternate landscape plan because the special exception would not adversely affect neighboring property.
- The applicant has the burden of proof in establishing the following:
  - The special exception complies with Section 51(A) 10.110.
- If the board were to grant this request and impose the submitted alternate landscape plan as a condition, the site would be granted exception from full compliance to the landscape regulations.

# GENERAL FACTS/STAFF ANALYSIS (special exception to the off-street parking regulations):

- This request focuses on constructing and maintaining a 1,200 square foot structure for a proposed general merchandise or food store 3,500 square feet or less and motor vehicle fueling station uses on a site that is developed with a motor vehicle fueling station use, and providing 6 of the required 8 off-street parking spaces.
- The Dallas Development Code requires the following off-street parking requirements:
  - General merchandise or food store 3,500 square feet or less use: 1 space per 200 square feet.
  - Motor vehicle fueling station use: 2 spaces
- The Sustainable Development Department Project Engineer has indicated that he has no objections to the request (Attachment A).
- The applicant has the burden of proof in establishing the following:
  - The parking demand expected to be generated by the "general merchandise or food store 3,500 square feet or less and motor vehicle fueling station" uses on the site does not warrant the number of off-street parking spaces required, and
  - The special exception of 2 spaces (or a 25 percent reduction of the required offstreet parking) would not create a traffic hazard or increase traffic congestion on adjacent and nearby streets.
- If the Board were to grant this request, and impose the condition that the special exception of 2 spaces shall automatically and immediately terminate if and when the general merchandise or food store 3,500 square feet or less and motor vehicle fueling station uses are changed or discontinued; the applicant would be allowed to construct and maintain the structure on the site with this specific use ("general merchandise or food store 3,500 square feet or less and motor vehicle fueling station") with the specified square footage, and provide 6 of the 8 code required off-street parking spaces.

## TIMELINE:

April 17, 2017: The ap

The applicant submitted an "Application/Appeal to the Board of Adjustment" and related documents which have been included as part of this case report.

July 11, 2017:

The Board of Adjustment Secretary assigned this case to Board of Adjustment Panel A. This assignment was made in order to comply with Section 9 (k) of the Board of Adjustment Working Rule of Procedure that states, "If a subsequent case is filed concerning the same request, that case must be returned to the panel hearing the previously filed case".

July 14, 2017:

The Senior Planner emailed the applicant the following information:

- a copy of the application materials including the Building Official's report on the application;
- an attachment that provided the public hearing date and panel that will consider the application; the July 26<sup>th</sup> deadline to submit additional evidence for staff to factor into their analysis; and the August 4<sup>th</sup> deadline to submit additional evidence to be incorporated into the Board's docket materials;
- the criteria/standard that the board will use in their decision to approve or deny the request; and
- the Board of Adjustment Working Rules of Procedure pertaining to "documentary evidence."

August 1, 2017:

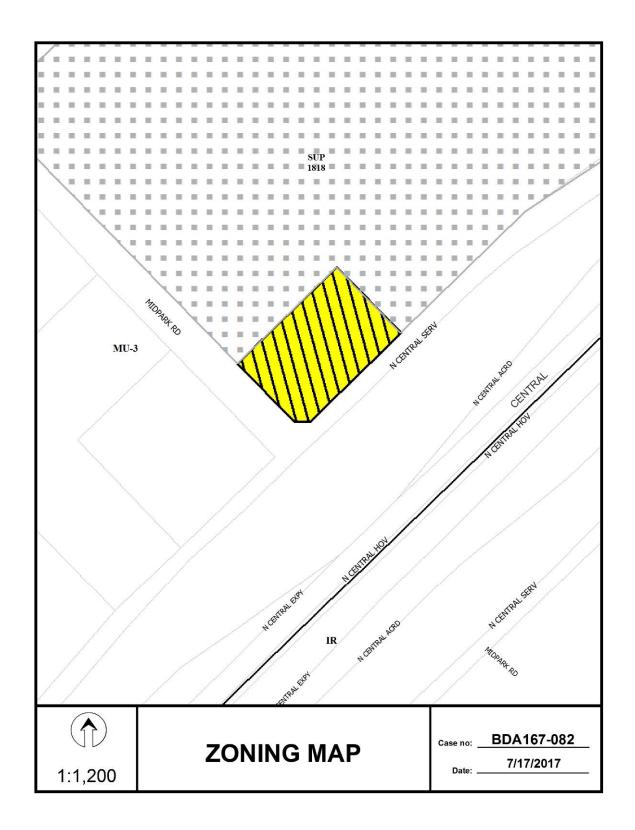
The Board of Adjustment staff review team meeting was held regarding this request and the others scheduled for August public hearings. Review team members in attendance included: the Sustainable Development and Construction Assistant Director of Engineering, the Board of Adjustment Chief Planner, the Sustainable Development and Construction Interim Assistant Building Official, the Board Administrator, the Building Inspection Senior Plans Examiner/Development Code Specialist, the Chief Arborist, the Sustainable Development and Construction Department Senior Planner, and the Assistant City Attorney to the Board.

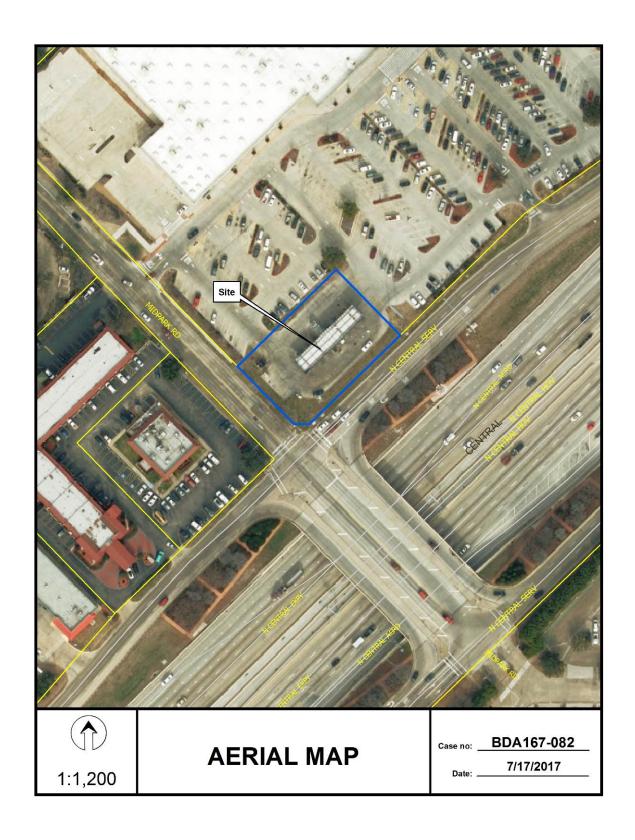
August 2, 2017:

The Sustainable Development and Construction Department Project Engineer submitted a review comment sheet marked "Has no objections," (see Attachment A).

August 3, 2017:

The City of Dallas Chief Arborist submitted a memo regarding the request for a special exception to the front yard setback regulations of up to 19' 3.5" for tree preservation (see Attachment B).





BDA 167-082

## BDA167-082 Attachment A

## REVIEW COMMENT SHEET BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT HEARING OF AUGUST 15, 2017 (A)

Has no objections		BDA 167-082(JM)
Has no objections if certain conditions are met (see comments below or attached)		BDA 167-086(SL)
Recommends that this be denied		BDA 167-087(JM)
(see comments below or attached)  No comments		BDA 167-092(SL)
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Please respond to each case and provide comments that justify or elaborate on your response. Dockets distributed to the Board will indicate those who have attended the review team meeting and who have responded in writing with comments.

\*Holdover case

## Memorandum



Date August 3, 2017

To Jennifer Munoz, Senior Planner

Steve Long, Board Administrator

Subject BDA #167-082 arborist report – <u>13729 N Central Expressway</u>

## Request

The applicant is requesting a special exception to the landscape regulations of Article X.

## **Provision**

The applicant is creating new floor area for a fueling facility. The plan provides the required number of street trees, site trees, parking lot trees, and <u>one</u> of two required design standards, which includes screening of off-street parking. The plan is a revision of a revised alternate landscape plan approved in November of 2016.

## **Deficiency**

The proposed plan does not provide a second design standard. The applicant has stated enhanced pavements (hardscapes) are not an option because of clear concrete surface preferences.

The plan allows for a wide street buffer along the highway frontage but is reduced to a narrow 3' width along Mid Park Road. Therefore, the street buffer option is not applicable.

Six street trees are shown for the property, including three trees which are in the parkway along Mid Park. However, three new landscape trees are measured at 2.5 inches caliper which does not attain the 3-inch Article X standard. It is not indicated if the off-site parkway trees will need to be removed for sidewalk installation.

### **Factors**

The plan calls for the removal of one protected tree adjacent to Mid Park Road.

## Recommendation

The chief arborist recommends approval of the revised alternate landscape plan because the special exception would not adversely affect neighboring property.

Philip Erwin Chief Arborist Building Inspection



## APPLICATION/APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

		Case No.: BDA 167-082						
Data Relative to S	ubject Property:	Date: 4-17-17						
Location address: _	13729 North Central Expressway	Zoning District: MU-3						
Lot No.: 1.1 Block No.: B/7763 Acreage: 0.537 ac. Census Tract: 192,13								
Street Frontage (in Feet): 1) 173 FT 2) 110 FT 3) 4) 5)								
	Board of Adjustment :							
Owner of Property	(per Warranty Deed): Murphy Oil USA, Inc.							
Applicant: John A	A. Moore, Murphy Oil USA, Inc.	Telephone: <u>870-875-7517</u>						
Mailing Address: _2	200 Peach St., El Dorado, AR	Zip Code: 71730						
E-mail Address:	John.Moore@murphyusa.com							
Represented by: P	ov Chin, GreenbergFarrow	Telephone: 404-601-3673						
Mailing Address: 6	520 Stage Road, Suite 108, Memphis, TN	Zip Code: 38134						
E-mail Address: po	chin@greenbergfarrow.com							
to allow 1 design re	al has been made for a Variance $\underline{\hspace{0.2cm}}$ , or Special Exceptuirement of the 2 required and $\overline{(B)}$ to allow 6 of the site is a Convenience store will food and fuel sales	8 parking spaces required.						
Development Code, A)Due to the size of to proposed by the late of a landscapenhanced pavement of activities from eather to Applicant:	to the Board of Adjustment, in accordance with the to grant the described appeal for the following rease the site and limited area, only the parking lot screening and scape plan. The other design options are not able to be buffer along all street frontages, and Murphy design.  It. (B) Due to the limited size and layout of the site to the other, only 6 parking spaces can be provided instant of the appeal requested in this application is grantled for within 180 days of the date of the final action of the period.  Affidavit	on:  ng requirement can be satisfied, as to be fulfilled because Murphy there is not tres a concrete driving surface instead of to provide proper traffic circulation and separation tead of 8 parking spaces as required by code. the by the Board of Adjustment, a						
Before me the unde	ersigned on this day personally appearedJohn A	a. Moore						
who on (his/her)	oath certifies that the above statements are at he/she is the owner/or principal/or authorize	ffiant/Applicant's name printed) true and correct to his/her best						
	Respectfully submitted:	Affiant/Applicant's signature)						
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(Rev. 08-01-11)  TAMMY TAYLOR UNION COUNTY NOTARY PUBLIC - ARKANSAS My Commission Expires September 07, 2024  Commission No. 14000344								
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BDA 167-082

## **Building Official's Report**

I hereby certify that

John A. Moore

represented by

Pov Chin

did submit a request

for a special exception to the landscaping regulations, and for a special

exception to the parking regulations

at

13729 N. Central Expressway

BDA167-082. Application of John A. Moore represented by Pov Chin for a special exception to the landscaping regulations and a special exception to the parking regulation at 13729 N. Central Expressway. This property is more fully described as Lot 1.1, Block B/7763, and is zoned MU-3, which requires mandatory landscaping and requires parking the provided. The applicant proposes to construct a nonresidential structure and provide at alternate landscape plan, which will require a special exception to the landscape regulation and to construct a nonresidential structure for a general merchandise or food store 3500 square feet or less use, and a motor vehicle fueling station use, and provide 6 of tthe 8 required parking spaces which will require a 2 space special exception (25% reduction) to the parking regulation.

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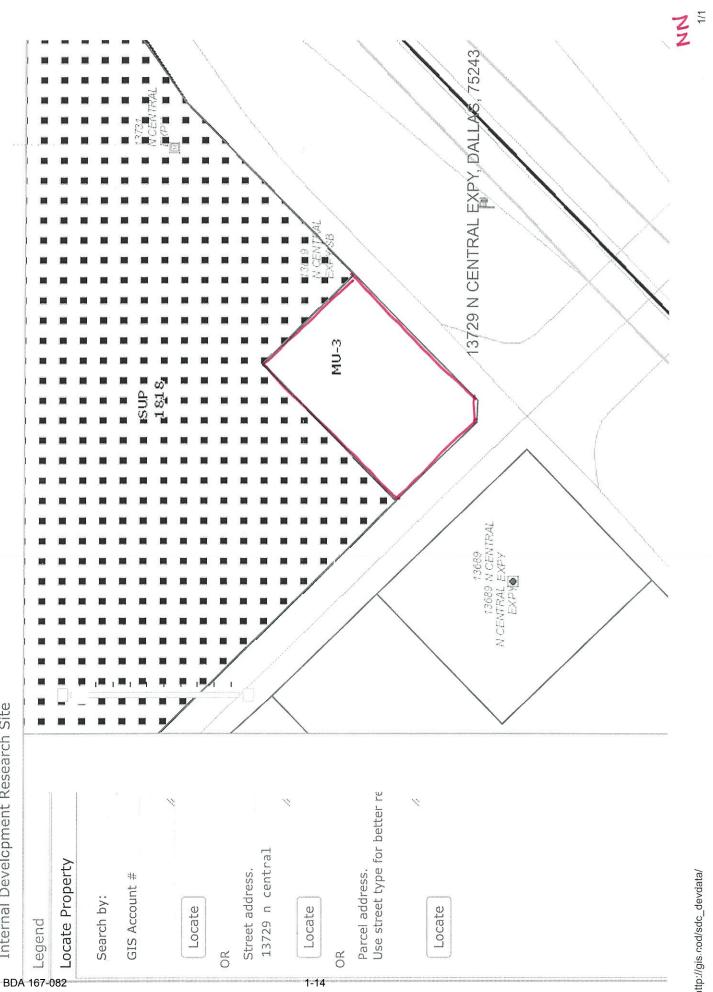
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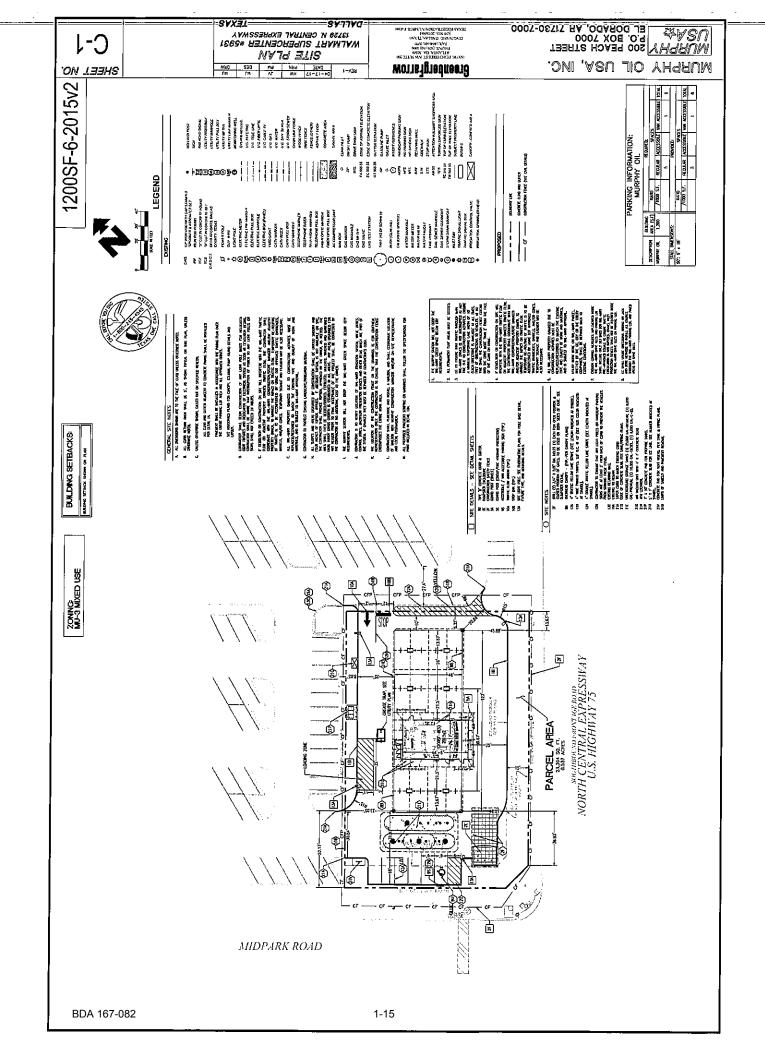
Philip Sikes, Building Official

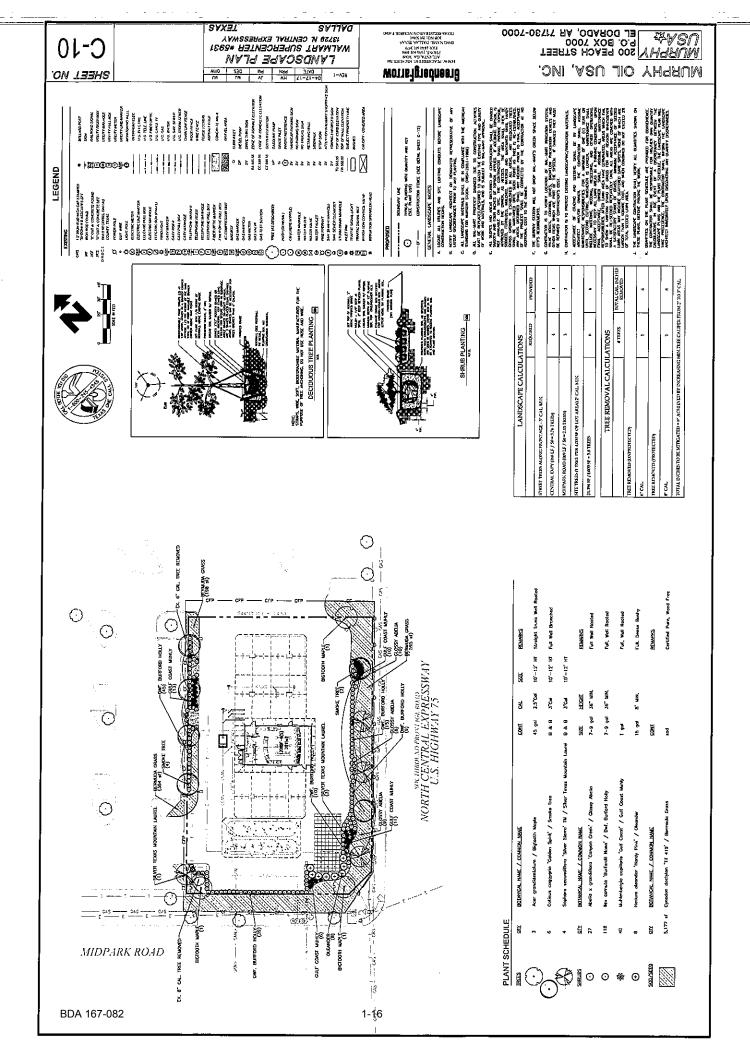
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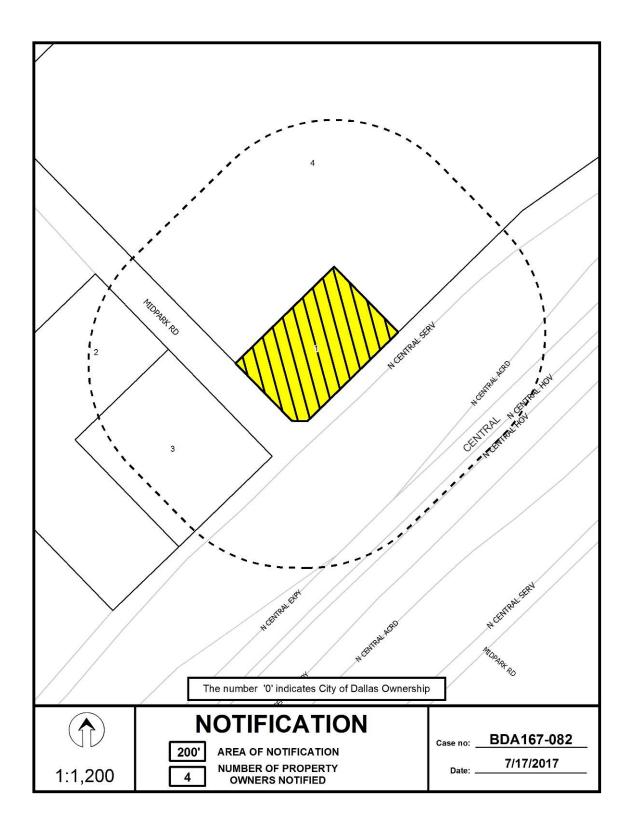
# City of Dallas

Internal Development Research Site









# Notification List of Property Owners BDA167-082

## 4 Property Owners Notified

Label #	Address		Owner
1	13739	N CENTRAL EXPY	MURPHY OIL USA INC
2	13685	N CENTRAL EXPY	MPH GROUP LLC
3	13689	N CENTRAL EXPY	DMS DENNYS CENTRAL MIDPARK LLC
4	13739	N CENTRAL EXPY	WAL MART REAL ESTATE BUSINESS TRUST

**FILE NUMBER**: BDA167-087(JM)

BUILDING OFFICIAL'S REPORT: Application of James A. Enderby for special exceptions to the fence standards at 7504 Westbend Drive. This property is more fully described as Lot 20, Block D/8140, and is zoned R-7.5(A), which limits the height of a fence in the front yard to 4 feet and requires a fence panel with a surface area that is less than 50 percent open may not be located less than 5 feet from the front lot line. The applicant proposes to construct and/or maintain an 8 foot 2 inch high fence in a required front yard, which will require a 4 foot 2 inch special exception to the fence standards, and to construct and/or maintain fence in a required front yard with a fence panel having less than 50 percent open surface area located less than 5 feet from the front lot line, which will require a special exception to the fence standards.

**LOCATION**: 7504 Westbend Drive

**APPLICANT:** James A. Enderby

## REQUEST:

The following requests for special exceptions to the fence standards have been made on a site that is developed with a single family home:

- 1) A special exception related to fence height of 4' 2" is made to complete and maintain a fence higher than 4' in height in the front yard setback (a fence with a 2' retaining wall base and 6' 2" solid horizontal wooden slats—total height of 8' 2");); and
- 2) A special exception related to fence materials is made to complete and maintain a fence with panels with surface areas that are less than 50 percent open (the aforementioned fence type) located as close as on the front lot line (or less than 5' from this front lot line).

## STANDARD FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO FENCE STANDARDS:

Section 51A-4.602 of the Dallas Development Code states that the board may grant a special exception to the fence standards when, in the opinion of the board, the special exception will not adversely affect neighboring property.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

No staff recommendation is made on this or any request for a special exception to the fence standards since the basis for this type of appeal is when in the opinion of the board, the special exception will not adversely affect neighboring property.

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

## **Zoning:**

<u>Site:</u> R-7.5(A) (Single family district 7,500 square feet)
 <u>North:</u> R-7.5(A) (Single family district 7,500 square feet)
 <u>South:</u> R-7.5(A) (Single family district 7,500 square feet)
 <u>East:</u> R-7.5(A) (Single family district 7,500 square feet)
 <u>West:</u> R-7.5(A) (Single family district 7,500 square feet)

## Land Use:

The subject site is developed with a single family home. The areas to the north, east, south, and west are developed with single family uses.

## **Zoning/BDA History**:

There has not been any recent related board or zoning cases recorded either on or in the immediate vicinity of the subject site.

## **GENERAL FACTS/STAFF ANALYSIS:**

- The requests for special exceptions to the fence standards focus on completing and maintaining: 1) a fence higher than 4' in height in the front yard setback (a fence with a 2' retaining wall base and 6' 2" solid horizontal wooden slats—total height of 8' 2"); and, 2) a fence with panels with surface areas that are less than 50 percent open (the aforementioned fence type) located as close as on the front lot line (or less than 5' from this front lot line).
- The subject site is zoned R-7.5(A).
- Note the following with regard to the request for special exceptions to the fence standards pertaining to the **height** of the proposed fence in the front yard setback:
  - The Dallas Development Code states that in all residential districts except multifamily districts, a fence may not exceed 4' above grade when located in the required front yard.
  - The applicant has submitted a site plan and elevation of the proposal in the front yard setback with notations indicating that the proposal reaches a maximum height of 8' 2".
  - o The following additional information was gleaned from the submitted site plan:

- The proposal over 4' in height is represented as being approximately 15' to the west, parallel to Westbend Drive; 75' at the south, parallel to Fairglen Drive; 23' at the southeast corner of the alley and Fairglen Drive; and, parallel to the alleyway for 10'—all within the front yard setback.
- Note the following with regard to the request for special exception to the fence standards pertaining to the **location and materials** of the proposed fence:
  - The Dallas Development Code states that in single family districts, a fence panel with a surface area that is less than 50 percent open may not be located less than five feet from the front lot line.
  - With regard to the special exception to the fence standards pertaining to the location and materials of the proposed fence, the applicant has submitted a site plan and elevation of the fence with fence panels with surface areas that are less than 50 percent open (a fence with a 2' retaining wall base and 6' 2" solid horizontal wooden slats—total height of 8' 2") located as close as on the front lot line (or less than 5' from this front lot line).
- The Board Senior Planner conducted a field visit of the site and surrounding area
  within the same block facing Westbend Drive, Fairlgen Drive, Mapleglen Drive, and
  Arborgate Street and noted <u>no other fences</u> that appeared to be above 4' in height
  and located in a front yard setback.
- As of August 4, 2017, no letters have been submitted in support of or in opposition to the request.
- The applicant has the burden of proof in establishing that the special exceptions to the fence standards related to height over 4' in the front yard setback and materials/height/location of the proposed fence will not adversely affect neighboring property.
- Granting these special exceptions with a condition imposed that the applicant complies with the submitted site plan and elevation would require the proposal exceeding 4' in height in the front yard setback and with fence panels with surface areas less than 50 percent open located less than 5' from the front lot line to be constructed and maintained in the location and of the heights and materials as shown on these documents.

## Timeline:

June 6, 2017: The applicant submitted an "Application/Appeal to the Board of

Adjustment" and related documents which have been included as

part of this case report.

July 11, 2017: The Board of Adjustment Secretary randomly assigned this case to

Board of Adjustment Panel A.

July 14, 2017: The Board Administrator emailed the following information to the

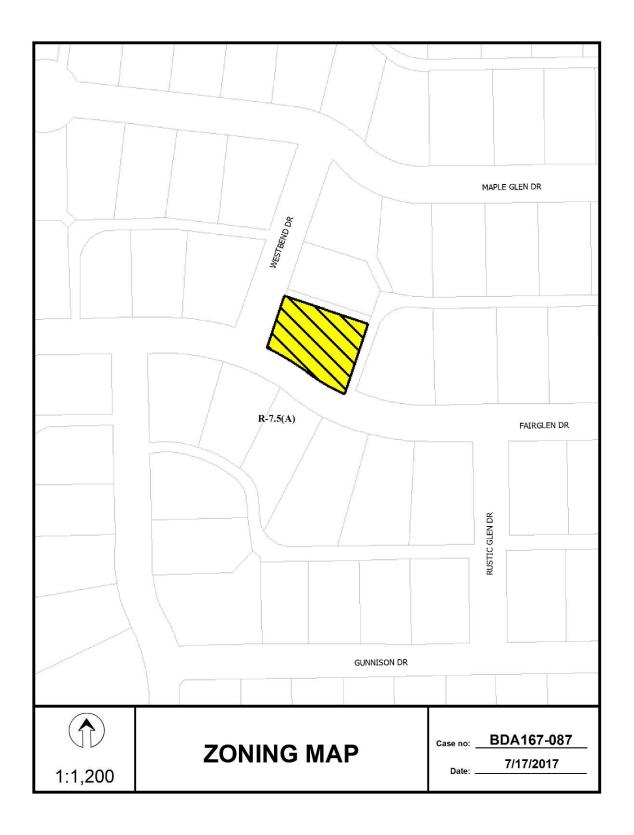
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- the Board of Adjustment Working Rules of Procedure pertaining to "documentary evidence."

## August 1, 2017:

The Board of Adjustment staff review team meeting was held regarding this request and the others scheduled for August public hearings. Review team members in attendance included: the Sustainable Development and Construction Assistant Director of Engineering, the Board of Adjustment Chief Planner, the Sustainable Development and Construction Interim Assistant Building Official, the Board Administrator, the Building Inspection Senior Plans Examiner/Development Code Specialist, the Chief Arborist, the Sustainable Development and Construction Department Senior Planner, and the Assistant City Attorney to the Board.

No review comment sheets were submitted in conjunction with this application.







## APPLICATION/APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

	Case No.: BDA 167-687				
Data Relative to Subject Property:	Date: 6-6-17				
Location address:7504 Westbend Dr	Zoning District: R-7.5(A)				
Lot No.: 20 Block No.: D/8140 Acreage:	Census Tract:				
Street Frontage (in Feet): 1) 74' 2) 120' 3)	4) 5)				
To the Honorable Board of Adjustment:					
Owner of Property (per Warranty Deed): _James A. Enderby and Lin	ndsey S. Enderby				
Applicant: James A. Enderby	Telephone: (214) 803-6163				
Mailing Address: _7504 Westbend Dr., Dallas, TX	Zip Code: 75231				
E-mail Address: jenderby@gmail.com					
Represented by:	Telephone:				
Mailing Address:	Zip Code:				
E-mail Address:					
Affirm that an appeal has been made for a Variance, or Special Exception X, of 4'2"  to a fence in a front yard, and fence panel within 5' of lot line 1255 than 5070 open panel surface area.					
Application is made to the Board of Adjustment, in accordance with the Development Code, to grant the described appeal for the following reason Our side yard currently is considered a front yard, but serves as a side yard side of our property would have no adverse effect within our neighborhood their side yard fenced in. Furthermore, we have visited with several neighborhood being built. Last, this would be a very nice fence and help improve posten neighborhood.  Note to Applicant: If the appeal requested in this application is grant permit must be applied for within 180 days of the date of the final act specifically grants a longer period.  Affidavit	Building a fence down the south as several other corner lots have nors who have no objection to a roperty value which is beneficial to led by the Board of Adjustment, a				
Before me the undersigned on this day personally appeared Jaw	es A Enderby				
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Respectfully submitted:  (A  Subscribed and sworn to before me this  (A  Notary Public Notary Public Notary ID # 130160038	fflant/Applicant's) signature) , 2017  ic in and for Dallas County, Texas				

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I hereby certify that James Enderby

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exception to the fence regulations

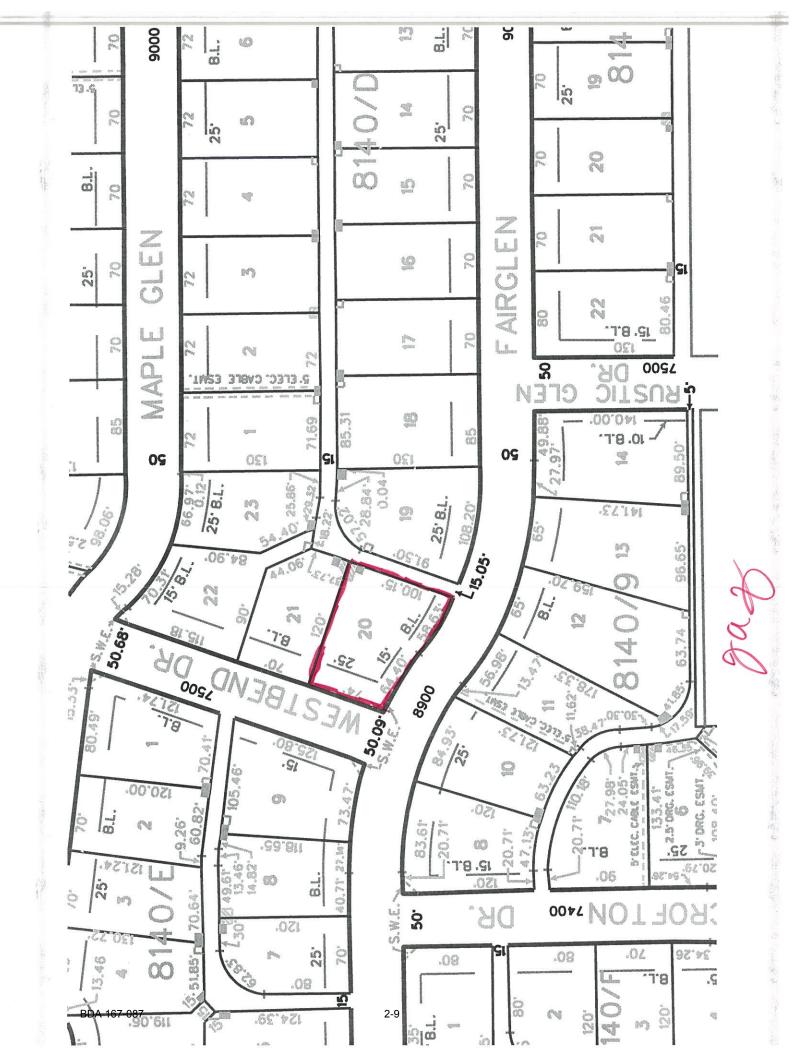
at 7504 Westbend Drive

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Sincerely,

Philip Sikes, Building Official

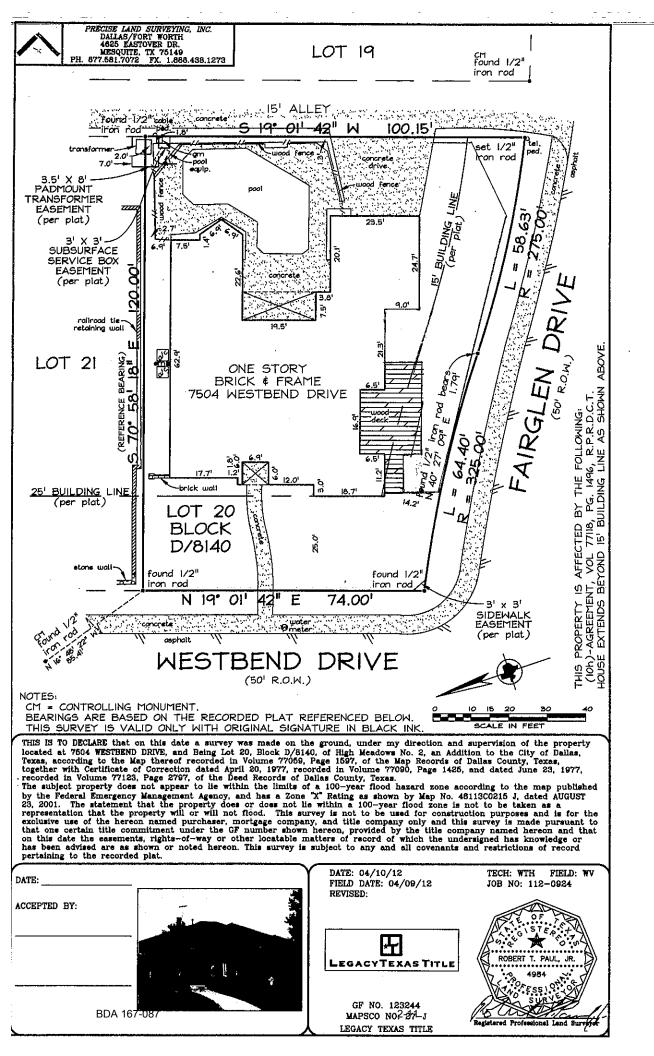
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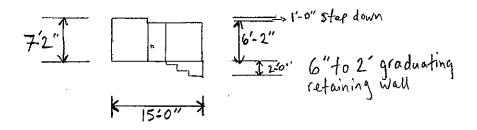
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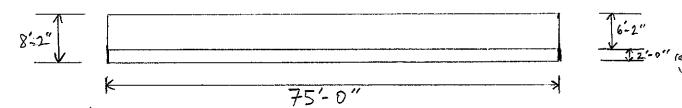
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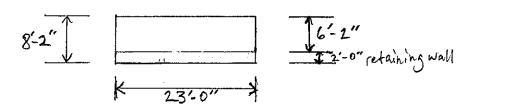
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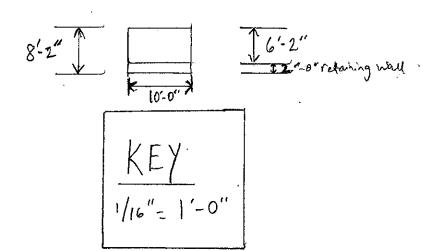
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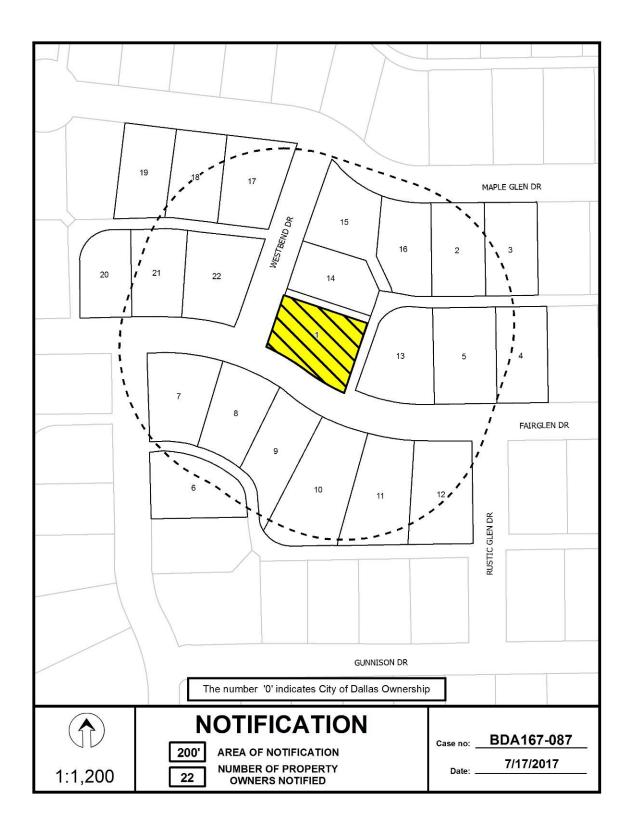


# Southeast Elevation (side to back)



# Back Elevation (alley)





# Notification List of Property Owners BDA167-087

## 22 Property Owners Notified

Label #	Address		Owner
1	7504	WESTBEND DR	ENDERBY JAMES A & LINDSEY S FAMILY TRUST
2	9026	MAPLE GLEN DR	LUCZYCKI DENNIS J &
3	9030	MAPLE GLEN DR	LAINSON THOMAS E &
4	9029	FAIRGLEN DR	BLETTNER DOUGLAS A &
5	9025	FAIRGLEN DR	PORTER JAMES H
6	7428	CROFTON DR	AVERYT JERRY W &
7	8924	FAIRGLEN DR	WOMACK JAMES R & SARAH W
8	8926	FAIRGLEN DR	RUFFNER MATTHEW E & SARAH C
9	8928	FAIRGLEN DR	HENNEBERGER DWIGHT &
10	9006	FAIRGLEN DR	AMAN MATTHEW T & KRISTA HOLYFIELD
11	9010	FAIRGLEN DR	ODDY DEBORAH
12	9014	FAIRGLEN DR	BEZUCHA ROBERT H &
13	9021	FAIRGLEN DR	MILLER W CRAIG
14	7510	WESTBEND DR	TAYLOR BRYAN & JENNIFER
15	7514	WESTBEND DR	HOWELL DOUGLAS A
16	9020	MAPLE GLEN DR	BATTLE WILLIAM D &
17	8922	MAPLE GLEN DR	MCCONNELL ADAM & LAURA
18	8916	MAPLE GLEN DR	STAFFORD JOHN T
19	8912	MAPLE GLEN DR	MARSHALL PEGGY
20	8909	FAIRGLEN DR	SAMUEL JAMES H &
21	8915	FAIRGLEN DR	HERSEY CAROLYN M
22	8919	FAIRGLEN DR	UTTER JAMES DAVID

**FILE NUMBER**: BDA167-092(SL)

BUILDING OFFICIAL'S REPORT: Application of Robert Baldwin of Baldwin and Associates for a special exception to the off-street parking regulations at 5445 La Sierra Drive. This property is more fully described as Lot 3A, Block A/5461, and is zoned GO(A), which requires off-street parking to be provided. The applicant proposes to construct and/or maintain a structure for an office use and a medical clinic or ambulatory surgical center use, and provide 175 of the required 221 off-street parking spaces, which will require a 46 space special exception to the off-street parking regulations.

**LOCATION**: 5445 La Sierra Drive

**APPLICANT:** Robert Baldwin of Baldwin and Associates

## REQUEST:

A request for a special exception to the off-street parking regulations of 46 spaces is made to occupy and lease an existing multi-story structure on the subject site (some of which is vacant) with office and medical clinic or ambulatory surgical center uses, and provide 175 (or 79 percent) of the 221 required off-street parking spaces.

# STANDARD FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO THE OFF-STREET PARKING REGULATIONS:

1) The Board of Adjustment may grant a special exception to authorize a reduction in the number of off-street parking spaces required under this article if the board finds. after a public hearing, that the parking demand generated by the use does not warrant the number of off-street parking spaces required, and the special exception would not create a traffic hazard or increase traffic congestion on adjacent and nearby streets. The maximum reduction authorized by this section is 25 percent or one space, whichever is greater, minus the number of parking spaces currently not provided due to delta credits, as defined in Section 51A-4.704(b)(A). For the commercial amusement (inside) use and the industrial (inside) use, the maximum reduction authorized by this section is 75 percent or one space, whichever is greater, minus the number of parking spaces currently not provided due to delta credits, as defined in Section 51A-4.704(b)(4)(A). For the office use, the maximum reduction authorized by this section is 35 percent or one space, whichever is greater, minus the number of parking spaces currently not provided due to delta credits, as defined in Section 51A-4.704(b)(4)(A). Applicants may seek a special exception to the parking requirements under this section and an administrative parking reduction under Section 51A-4.313. The greater reduction will apply, but the reduction may not be combined.

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- 2) In determining whether to grant a special exception, the board shall consider the following factors:
  - (A) The extent to which the parking spaces provided will be remote, shared, or packed parking.
  - (B) The parking demand and trip generation characteristics of all uses for which the special exception is requested.
  - (C) Whether or not the subject property or any property in the general area is part of a modified delta overlay district.
  - (D) The current and probable future capacities of adjacent and nearby streets based on the city's thoroughfare plan.
  - (E) The availability of public transit and the likelihood of its use.
  - (F) The feasibility of parking mitigation measures and the likelihood of their effectiveness.
- 3) In granting a special exception, the board shall specify the uses to which the special exception applies. A special exception granted by the board for a particular use automatically and immediately terminates if and when that use is changed or discontinued.
- 4) In granting a special exception, the board may:
  - (A) Establish a termination date for the special exception or; otherwise provide for the reassessment of conditions after a specified period of time;
  - (B) Impose restrictions on access to or from the subject property; or
  - (C) Impose any other reasonable conditions that would have the effect of improving traffic safety or lessening congestion on the streets.
- 5) The board shall not grant a special exception to reduce the number of off-street parking spaces required in an ordinance granting or amending a specific use permit.
- 6) The board shall not grant a special exception to reduce the number of off-street parking spaces expressly required in the text or development plan of an ordinance establishing or amending regulations governing a specific planned development district. This prohibition does not apply when:
  - (A) the ordinance does not expressly specify a minimum number of spaces, but instead simply makes references to the existing off-street parking regulations in Chapter 51 or this chapter; or
  - (B) the regulations governing that specific district expressly authorize the board to grant the special exception.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**:

Approval, subject to the following condition:

 The special exception of 46 spaces shall automatically and immediately terminate if and when the office and medical clinic or ambulatory surgical center uses are changed or discontinued.

#### Rationale:

• The Sustainable Development Department Assistant Director of Engineering indicated that he has no objections to the applicant's request.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

#### **Zoning:**

Site: GO(A) (General office)
North: GO(A) (General office)

South: NO(A) (Neighborhood office)

<u>East</u>: MF-4(A) (Multifamily) West: GO(A) (General office)

#### Land Use:

The subject site is developed with an existing approximately 58,500 square foot multistory structure. The areas to the north, south, and west are developed with office use; and the area to the east is developed with a multifamily use.

#### **Zoning/BDA History**:

BDA123-096, Property at 5444
 La Sierra Drive (the property south of the subject site)

On October 22, 2013, the Board of Adjustment Panel A granted a request for a special exception to the off-street parking regulations of 7 spaces and imposed the following condition: That the fence on the site is of open metal/iron material; and 2) That visibility triangles remain open on the sit The special exception of 7 off street parking spaces automatically and immediately terminates if and when the medical clinic or ambulatory surgical center use is changed or discontinued.

The case report stated that the request was made in conjunction with leasing and maintaining an existing approximately 6,800 square foot vacant structure with medical clinic or ambulatory surgical center use and providing 27 (or 79 percent) of the 34 required off-street parking spaces).

#### **GENERAL FACTS/STAFF ANALYSIS:**

 This request for a special exception to the off-street parking regulations of 46 spaces focuses on occupying and leasing an existing multi-story structure on the subject site (some of which is vacant) with office and medical clinic or ambulatory surgical center uses, and providing 175 (or 79 percent) of the 221 required off-street parking spaces.

- The Dallas Development Code requires the following off-street parking requirement:
  - Medical clinic or ambulatory surgical center use: 1 space per 200 square feet of floor area.
  - Office use: 1 space per 333 square feet of floor area.
- The applicant has submitted a study that states among other things that the existing building on the subject site is currently 43 percent vacant, and that the projected peak parking demand based upon industry-published parking demand rates at project peak conditions at full occupancy is 175 spaces.
- The Sustainable Development Department Assistant Director of Engineering has submitted a review comment sheet marked "Has no objections."
- The applicant has the burden of proof in establishing the following:
  - The parking demand generated by the "office" and "medical clinic or ambulatory surgical center" use on the site does not warrant the number of off-street parking spaces required, and
  - The special exception of 46 spaces (or a 21 percent reduction of the required offstreet parking) would not create a traffic hazard or increase traffic congestion on adjacent and nearby streets.
- If the Board were to grant this request, and impose the condition that the special exception of 46 spaces shall automatically and immediately terminate if and when the office and medical clinic uses are changed or discontinued, the applicant could occupy and lease the existing multi-story structure on the subject site with office and medical clinic or ambulatory surgical center uses, and provide 175 (or 79 percent) of the 221 required off-street parking spaces.

#### Timeline:

June 15, 2017: The applicant submitted an "Application/Appeal to the Board of

Adjustment" and related documents which have been included as

part of this case report.

July 11, 2017: The Board of Adjustment Secretary randomly assigned this case to

Board of Adjustment Panel A.

July 11, 2017: The Board Administrator emailed the applicant the following information:

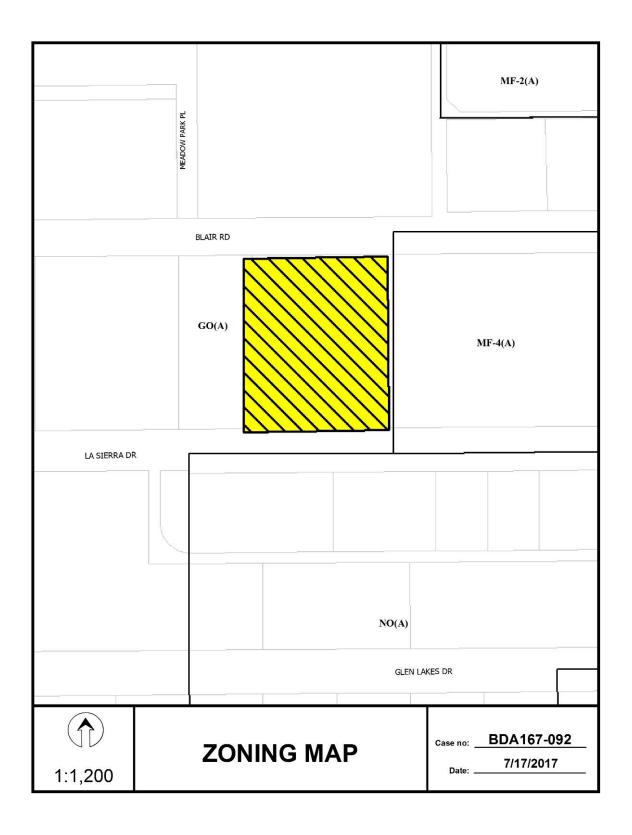
- an attachment that provided the public hearing date and panel that will consider the application; the July 26<sup>th</sup> deadline to submit additional evidence for staff to factor into their analysis; and the August 4<sup>th</sup> deadline to submit additional evidence to be incorporated into the Board's docket materials;
- the criteria/standard that the board will use in their decision to approve or deny the request; and
- the Board of Adjustment Working Rules of Procedure pertaining to "documentary evidence."

August 1, 2017:

The Board of Adjustment staff review team meeting was held regarding this request and the others scheduled for August public hearings. Review team members in attendance included: the Sustainable Development and Construction Assistant Director of Engineering, the Board of Adjustment Chief Planner, the Sustainable Development and Construction Interim Assistant Building Official, the Board Administrator, the Building Inspection Senior Plans Examiner/Development Code Specialist, the Chief Arborist, the Sustainable Development and Construction Department Senior Planner, and the Assistant City Attorney to the Board.

August 2, 2017:

The Sustainable Development and Construction Department Project Engineer submitted a review comment sheet marked "Has no objections."





BDA 167-092



#### APPLICATION/APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Case No.: BDA 167-092 **Data Relative to Subject Property:** Date: June 15 2017 Location address: 5445 La Sierra Drive Zoning District: GO(A) Lot No.: 3A Block No.: A/5461 Acreage: 1.045 acres Census Tract: 78.22 Street Frontage (in Feet): 1) 192 ft 2) 192 ft 3) 4) 5) To the Honorable Board of Adjustment: Owner of Property (per Warranty Deed): Dallas La Sierra Group, LLC Applicant: Rob Baldwin, Baldwin Associates Telephone: 214-824-7949 Mailing Address: 3904 Elm Street Suite B Dallas TX Zip Code: 75226 E-mail Address: rob@baldwinplanning.com Represented by: Rob Baldwin, Baldwin Associates Telephone: 214-824-7949 Mailing Address: 3904 Elm Street Suite B Dallas TX Zip Code: 75226 E-mail Address: rob@baldwinplanning.com Affirm that an appeal has been made for a Variance  $\underline{\hspace{0.2cm}}$ , or Special Exception  $\underline{X}$ , of 46 spaces (20.8% reduction) to the off-street parking regulations for office and medical office uses the 221 spos regid. Application is made to the Board of Adjustment, in accordance with the provisions of the Dallas Development Code, to grant the described appeal for the following reason: The proposed mix of office and medical office uses does not warrant the full number of off-street parking spaces required. The property has vacant suites and intends to add additional medical office uses. The property has frontage on two local streets with on-street parking available and within 1,200 feet walking distance to the Walnut Hill DART rail station, but the existing sidewalks are not the minimum 6 ft width to qualify for an administrative parking reduction. Note to Applicant: If the appeal requested in this application is granted by the Board of Adjustment, a permit must be applied for within 180 days of the date of the final action of the Board, unless the Board specifically grants a longer period. **Affidavit** Before me the undersigned on this day personally appeared Robert Baldwin (Affiant/Applicant's name printed) who on (his/her) oath certifies that the above statements are true and correct to his/her best knowledge and that he/she is the owner/or principal/or authorized representative of the subject property. Respectfully submitted: (Affiant/Applicant's signature) Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15day of June ,201 Notary Public in and for Dallas County, Texas MICHELE ELIZABETH STOY Notary Public, State of Texas Comm. Expires 07-20-2020

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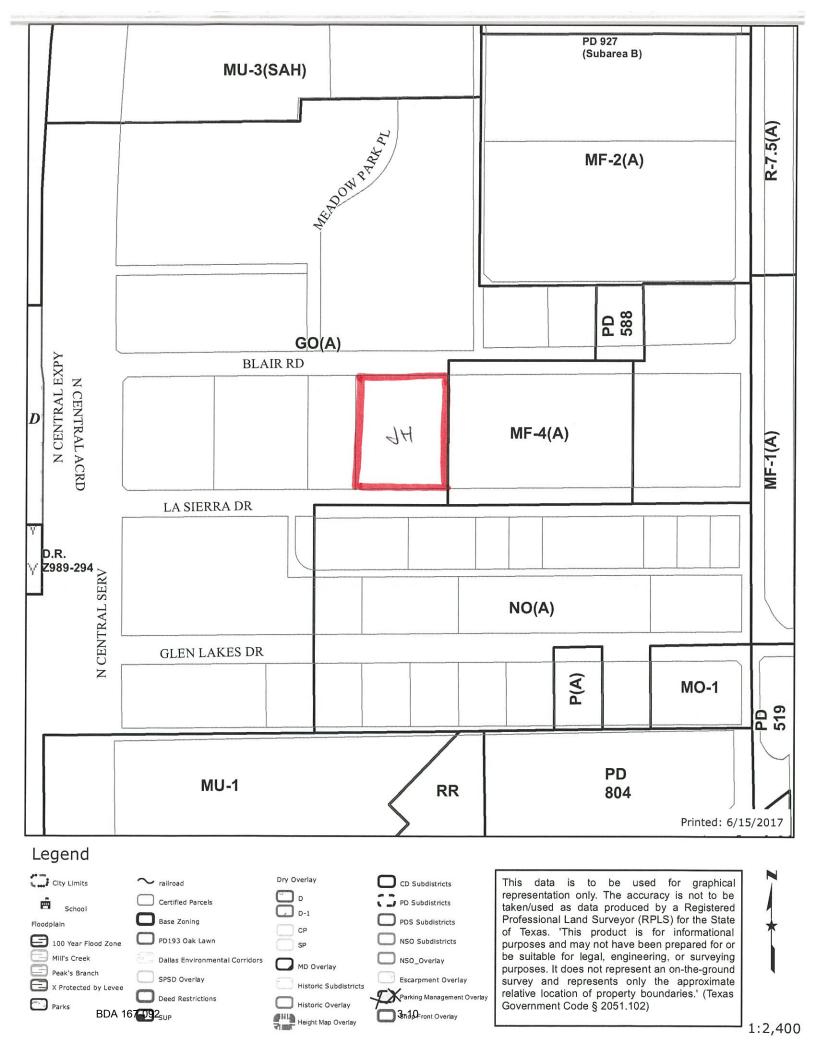
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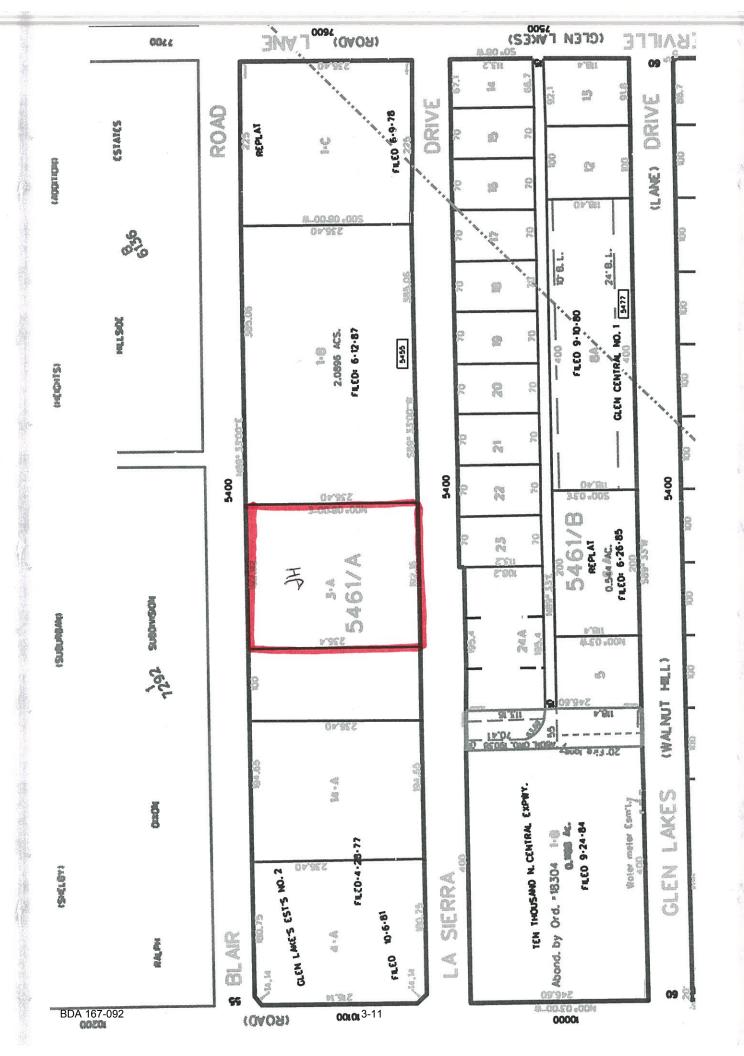
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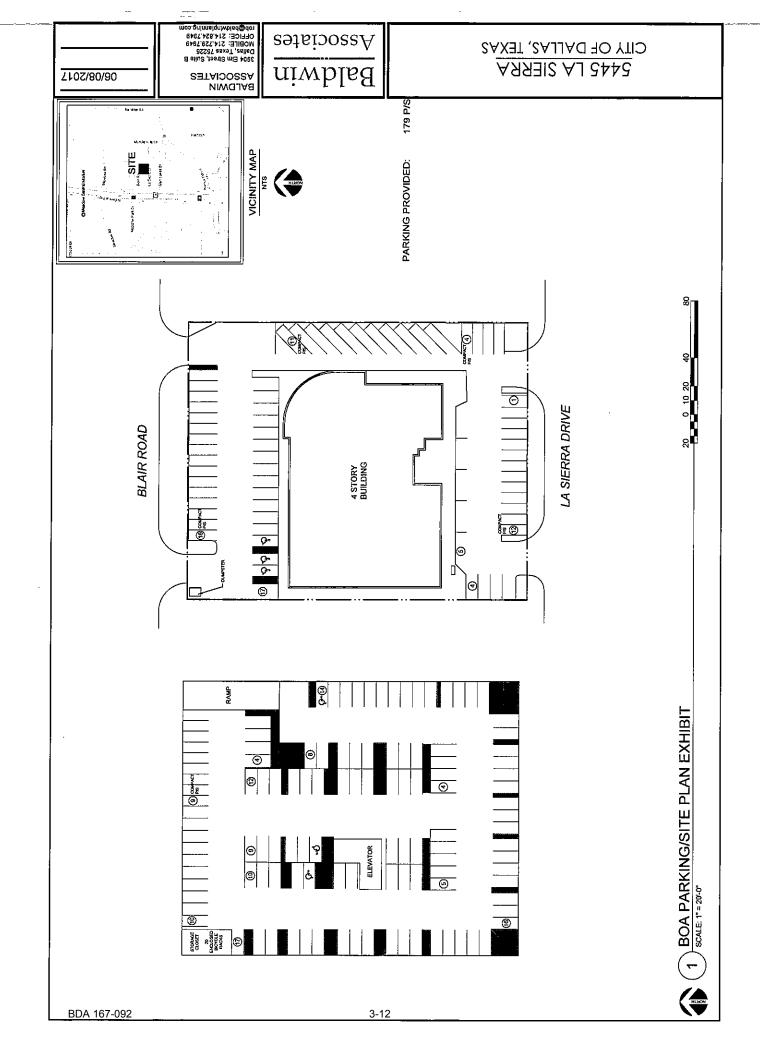
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Sincerely, Sikes, Building Officia







# PARKING DEMAND ANALYSIS

Project:

5445 La Sierra Drive

In Dallas, Texas

Prepared for:

City of Dallas

On behalf of:

Dallas La Sierra Group, LLC

Prepared by:

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# PARKING DEMAND ANALYSIS 5445 La Sierra Drive

Dallas, Texas

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### INTRODUCTION

The services of **Pacheco Koch** (PK) were retained by **Dallas La Sierra Group**, **LLC** to conduct a Parking Demand Analysis (PDA) for the existing office development located at 5445 La Sierra Drive in Dallas, Texas. A site location map (**Exhibit 1**) and a site parking plan provided by **Baldwin Associates** (**Exhibit 2**) are provided at the end of this report.

**Dallas La Sierra Group, LLC** is seeking to convert all currently-vacant leasable space from general office use to medical office use. Since the parking requirement for medical office use is higher than that for traditional office use, the property's code parking requirement would increase. Based upon existing utilization of the on-site parking supply, the Owner is seeking a reduction in the parking requirement via a Special Exception to the standard parking requirement. Special Exceptions require approval by the City of Dallas Board of Adjustments.

Submittal of a PDA, prepared by a skilled professional is one of the requirements of the City's process. This PDA was prepared in accordance with industry and local standards by registered professional engineers employed by Pacheco Koch. Pacheco Koch is a licensed engineering firm based in Dallas, Texas, that provides professional services in traffic engineering, transportation planning, parking analysis, and related fields.

#### **Purpose**

A PDA is an investigation of actual and/or published parking demand characteristics for a specific site with specific land use(s). The analysis is designed to take into consideration any site-specific factors that may affect parking demand. Therefore, the results presented in this analysis may not apply to other examples of the same land use.

Parking demand is theoretically represented by local zoning ordinances. However, in many cases, these ordinances are overly-simplified and/or over-generalized and do not sufficiently reflect actual parking needs. The purpose of this PDA is to compare the actual parking needs with the corresponding code requirements to illustrate the differences and provide justification for a potential reduction in the code parking requirement for the property.

# **Project Description**

Based upon development program data provided by Owner representatives, the existing building contains approximately 52,837 square feet of leasable area. (The gross building area is assumed to be 58,493 square feet based upon data from the Dallas Central Appraisal District website). **Table 1** provides a summary of the existing and proposed building occupancy by land use.



Table 1. Development Program Summary

USE	CURRENT OCCUPANCY	PROPOSED OCCUPANCY 27,483 SF*		
Office, General	27,483 SF*			
Medical Office	2,687 SF*	25,354 SF*		
Vacancy	22,667 SF*	O SF		
Common Area	5,656 SF	5,656 SF		
TOTAL	58,493 SF**	58,493 SF**		

NOTE: The development program provided above is based upon the most current and complete information available at the time of this study publication.

Based upon the parking plan provided by **Baldwin Associates**, shown in **Exhibit 2**, the site has an available parking supply of 179 on-site parking spaces (including 70 on-grade and 109 underground). Twenty (20), proposed, Class II bicycle parking spaces are also proposed. Pursuant to Section 51A-4.314 of the Dallas Development Code, the code parking requirement may be reduced by one space for each four Class II bicycle spaces (with a minimum of 20 Class II bicycle spaces).

# **PARKING CODE REVIEW**

The study site is currently zoned GO(A) for general office uses. Parking requirements for Office Uses are outlined in Section 51 A-4.207 of the Dallas Development Code. Specifically:

- General Office uses require 1 parking space per 333 square feet of floor area, and
- Medical Clinic or Ambulatory Surgical Center uses (includes medical office) require 1 parking space per 200 square feet of floor area.

A summary of the resulting net parking requirements for existing and proposed scenarios are summarized in **Table 2**.

<sup>\*</sup> Obtained from Owner representatives.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Obtained from Dallas County Central Appraisal District data.



Table 2.	Base	Code	Parking	Requirement

	EXISTING CO	ONDITIONS	PROPOSED CONDITIONS		
LAND USE	Amount and Ratio	Spaces Required	Amount and Ratio	Spaces Required	
Office, General	55,806 SF* @ 1 per 333 SF	167.6	33,139 SF* @ 1 per 333 SF	99.5	
Medical Office	2,687 SF @ 1 per 200 SF	13.4	25,354 SF @ 1 per 200 SF	126.8	
SUBTOTAL PARKING SPACES REQUIRED		181.0		226.3	
BICYCLE PARKING REDUCTION		-	-	-5	
TOTAL PARKING SPACES REQUIRED		_	-	221	

<sup>\*</sup> Includes common area and all vacancies.

The Client is seeking a Parking Special Exception based upon a parking supply of 175 spaces. For this scenario, the site will have a code deficiency of forty-six (46) parking spaces. Therefore, the Special Exception request would be for 46 parking spaces, or 20.8% of the required spaces.

NOTE: Pursuant to Section 51A-4.313 of the Dallas Development Code, 'Office Uses' and certain other uses that are within 1,200 feet of a rail station platform, are eligible for an 'Administrative Parking Reduction' of up to 20% if those properties are connected by a six-foot-minimum sidewalk and are not within 600 feet of a single-family or duplex residential district. While the subject site is within the prescribed distance of the DART Walnut Hill Light Rail Station, portions of the existing sidewalk between the site and the rail platform are less than six feet. Hence, the site is not eligible for the Administrative Parking Reduction.

# PARKING DEMAND ANALYSIS

Submittal of a Parking Demand Analysis is required as part of the review process for the Parking Special Exception. The Staff review of the analysis are provided to the Board of Adjustment for consideration.

# Approach

To validate the requested parking reduction, parking demand for the subject site was evaluated based upon published parking demand data from industry sources. The resulting data point was then compared to the base code parking requirement to provide the basis for the proposed Parking Special Exception.



# PARKING SPECIAL EXCEPTION CONSIDERATIONS

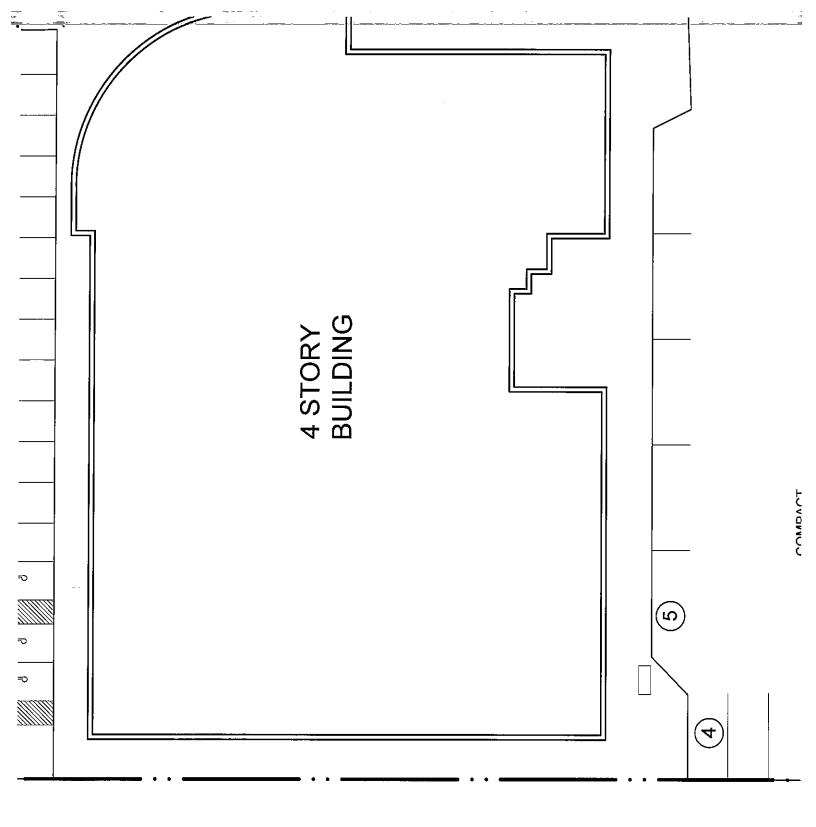
A Special Exception to the code parking requirement for the property located at 5445 La Sierra Drive is requested from the City of Dallas Board of Adjustments. Based upon the findings of this analysis, the proposed parking supply of 190 spaces will be sufficient to serve the peak parking needs of the subject site at full occupancy under the proposed conditions, and the reduction of 31 required parking spaces is warranted.

Pursuant to Section 51A-4.311(a)(2) of the Dallas Development Code, the Board of Adjustment shall consider the following factors in determining whether to grant a Special Exception for parking demand:

- (A) The extent to which the parking spaces provided will be remote, shared, or packed. The proposed condition does not rely on remote, shared, or packed parking.
- (B) The parking demand and trip generation characteristics of all uses for which the special exception is requested.
  - Based upon the parking demand analysis provided herein, the parking characteristics of the proposed uses will be satisfied by the proposed, on-site parking supply. Trip generation of all proposed uses are consistent with the land uses allowed under the current zoning classification.
- (C) Whether or not the subject property or any property in the general area is part of a modified delta overlay district.
  - The subject property and surrounding properties are not part of a modified delta overlay district.
- (D) The current and probably future capacities of adjacent and nearby streets based upon the city's thoroughfare plan.
  - All designated thoroughfares in the vicinity of the subject site, including Walnut Hill Lane, Meadow Road, and Greenville Avenue, are constructed to their respective, ultimate cross-section and operate below capacity.
- (E) The availability of public transit and the likelihood of its use.
  - The site is located within 900 feet (approximately 1,200 feet walking distance) of the DART Walnut Hill Light Rail Station, and within 750 feet of two DART Bus Routes (502 and 506). It is likely that some portion of site generated trips will be conducted via transit, which would commensurately reduce parking demand.
- (F) The feasibility of parking mitigation measures and the likelihood of their effectiveness.
  - The property provides dedicated parking for building tenants and visitors. In the unlikely event that parking mitigation is needed, on-site property management is available to manage, enforce, and/or create parking policies as needed. On-street public parking is also available on the adjacent streets immediately north and south of the building on La Sierra Drive and Blair Road.

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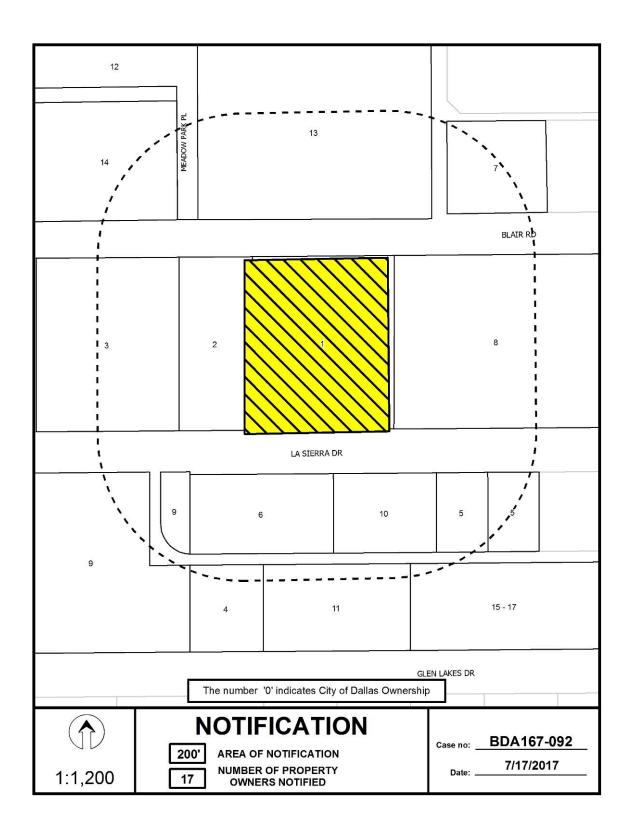
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Actual, observed parking utilization counts are considered to be the best representation of site-specific parking demand characteristics. Factors affecting parking demand such as travel mode, tenant occupancy, etc. can be accounted for in this approach. For this reason, Pacheco Koch conducted on-site parking accumulation counts at various times on Thursday May 4, 2017. A summary of those parking occupancy data is summarized in **Table A.** 

Table A: Existing On-Site Parking Accumulation Data

DATA POINT	VEHIC	-SITE PARI LES AT CU CCUPANO	UTILIZATION OF PARKING SUPPLY		
(May 4, 2017)	On- grade	Below- grade	Total	(175-space Supply	
9:15 AM	25	27	52	29.7%	
11:00 AM	35	34	69	39.4%	
1:30 PM	24	35	59	33.7%	
3:30 PM	31	37	68	38.9%	



# Notification List of Property Owners BDA167-092

### 17 Property Owners Notified

Label #	Address		Owner
1	5445	LA SIERRA DR	DALLAS LA SIERRA GROUP LLC
2	5433	LA SIERRA DR	LASIERRA 5433 LLC
3	5421	LA SIERRA DR	EYECARE REAL PPTIES LLC
4	5439	GLEN LAKES DR	NOLAM LP
5	5468	LA SIERRA DR	5468 LA SIERRA PARTNERS LLC
6	5442	LA SIERRA DR	MED SPACE INC
7	5465	BLAIR RD	WILSON THOMAS G JR
8	5455	LA SIERRA DR	SNH IL PROPERTIES TRUST
9	10000	N CENTRAL EXPY	WESTDALE 10000 NCX LP
10	5454	LA SIERRA DR	5454 LA SIERRA
11	5447	GLEN LAKES DR	NEARBURG PRODUCING CO
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15	5477	GLEN LAKES DR	FIRST 5477 LTD
16	5477	GLEN LAKES DR	DALLAS FORT WORTH IVF REALTY LP
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FILE NUMBER: BDA167-049(SL)

BUILDING OFFICIAL'S REPORT: Application of Juan G Trejo for special exceptions to the fence standards and visual obstruction regulations at 8907 Sorrento Street. This property is more fully described as Lot 16, Block 1/7379, and is zoned R-7.5(A), which limits the height of a fence in the front yard to 4 feet and requires a 20 foot visibility triangle at driveway approaches. The applicant proposes to construct and/or maintain a 6 foot 6 inch high fence in a required front yard, which will require a 2 foot 6 inch special exception to the fence standards, and to locate and maintain items in required visibility triangles, which will require special exceptions to the visual obstruction regulations.

**LOCATION**: 8907 Sorrento Street

**APPLICANT:** Juan G Trejo

#### **REQUESTS**:

The following requests have been made on a site that is developed with a single family home:

- 1. A request for a special exception to the fence standards related to height of 2' 6" is made to maintain a fence (a 6' 6" high solid cedar board-on-board fence and sliding gate) higher than 4' in height in one of the site's two required front yards (Gross Road); and
- 2. Requests for special exceptions to the visual obstruction regulations are made to maintain portions of the aforementioned 6' 6" high solid board-on-board fence/sliding gate in two 20' visibility triangles at the driveway into the site on Gross Road.

#### STANDARD FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO FENCE STANDARDS:

Section 51A-4.602 of the Dallas Development Code states that the board may grant a special exception to the fence standards when, in the opinion of the board, the special exception will not adversely affect neighboring property.

# STANDARD FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO THE VISUAL OBSTRUCTION REGULATIONS:

The Board shall grant a special exception to the requirements of the visual obstruction regulations when, in the opinion of the Board, the item will not constitute a traffic hazard.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION (fence standards)**:

No staff recommendation is made on this or any request for a special exception to the fence standards since the basis for this type of appeal is when in the opinion of the board, the special exception will not adversely affect neighboring property.

#### ORIGINAL STAFF RECOMMENDATION (visual obstruction special exceptions):

#### Denial

#### Rationale:

- Staff concurred with the Sustainable Development Department Assistant Director of Engineering who recommends that these requests be denied.
- Staff concluded that requests for special exceptions to the visual obstruction regulations should be denied because the applicant had not substantiated how the 6' 6" high solid board-on-board fence/sliding gate in two 20' visibility triangles at the driveway into the site on Gross Road do not constitute a traffic hazard.

#### **UPDATED STAFF RECOMMENDATION (visual obstruction special exceptions)**:

#### Denial

#### Rationale:

- The Sustainable Development Department Assistant Director of Engineering recommends that these requests be denied commenting "Mirrors are not reliable. Visibility is especially important at this location due to proximity to school children."
- Staff concluded that requests for special exceptions to the visual obstruction regulations should be denied because the applicant had not substantiated how the 6' 6" high solid board-on-board fence/sliding gate in two 20' visibility triangles at the driveway into the site on Gross Road do not constitute a traffic hazard.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

#### Zoning:

Site: R-7.5(A) (Single family district 7,500 square feet)
North: R-7.5(A) (Single family district 7,500 square feet)
South: R-7.5(A) (Single family district 7,500 square feet)
East: R-7.5(A) (Single family district 7,500 square feet)
West: R-7.5(A) (Single family district 7,500 square feet)

#### Land Use:

The subject site is developed with a single family home. The areas to the north, south, east are developed with single family uses; and the area to the west is a school (George W. Truett Elementary School).

#### **Zoning/BDA History**:

There has not been any recent related board or zoning cases recorded either on or in the immediate vicinity of the subject site.

#### **GENERAL FACTS/STAFF ANALYSIS (fence standards)**:

- The request for a special exception to the fence standards related to height of 2' 6" focuses on maintaining a 6' 6" high solid cedar board-on-board fence and sliding gate in one of the site's two required front yards (Gross Road) on a site developed with a single family home.
- The subject site is zoned R-7.5(A) which requires a 25' front yard setback.
- The Dallas Development Code states that in all residential districts except multifamily districts, a fence may not exceed 4' above grade when located in the required front yard.
- The site is located at the northwest corner of Sorrento Street and Gross Road.
- Given the single family zoning and location of the corner lot subject site, it has two required front yards. The site has a 30' required front yard caused by a platted building line along Sorrento Street (the shorter of the two frontages of the subject site which is always a front yard in this case) and a 20' required front yard caused by a 20' platted building line along Gross Road, (the longer of the two frontages which is typically considered a side yard where on this R-7.5(A) zoned property a 9' high fence could be erected by right). However the site has a required front yard along Gross Road in order to maintain continuity of the established front yard setback along this street frontage where a lot to the west of the subject site (developed with an elementary school) "fronts" on Gross Road.
- The applicant has submitted a site plan and an elevation of the proposal/existing fence in the Gross Road required front yard indicating that the proposal reaches a maximum height of 6' 6". (The submitted site plan only denotes a fence higher than 4' in the Gross Road required front yard).
- The following additional information was gleaned from the submitted site plan:
  - The proposal is represented as being approximately 70' in length parallel to Gross Road and approximately 15' perpendicular to Gross Road on the east and west sides of the site in this front yard setback.
  - The proposal is represented as being located approximately 5' 7' from Gross Street front property line or approximately 13' - 15' from the pavement line.
- Two single family lots front the existing fence, neither with fences in the front yard setbacks.
- The Board Administrator conducted a field visit of the site and surrounding area approximately 300 feet east and west of the site and noted no other fences that appeared to be above 4' in height and located in a front yard setback.
- As of April 7, 2017, no letters had been submitted in support of the request, and one letter has been submitted in opposition. But as of August 4, 2017, two letters had been submitted in support of the request, and one letter had been submitted in opposition.
- The applicant has the burden of proof in establishing that the special exception to the fence standards of 2' 6" will not adversely affect neighboring property.

 Granting this special exception of 2' 6" with a condition imposed that the applicant complies with the submitted site plan and elevation would require the proposal/existing fence exceeding 4' in height in the Gross Street required front yard to be maintained in the location and of the heights and materials as shown on these documents.

#### **GENERAL FACTS/STAFF ANALYSIS (visual obstruction special exceptions):**

- The requests for special exceptions to the visual obstruction regulations focus on maintaining portions of a 6' 6" high solid board-on-board fence/sliding gate in two 20' visibility triangles at the driveway into the site on Gross Road.
- The Dallas Development Code states the following: A person shall not erect, place, or maintain a structure, berm, plant life or any other item on a lot if the item is:
  - in a visibility triangle as defined in the Code (45-foot visibility triangles at street intersections, and 20 foot visibility triangles at drive approaches and at alleys on properties zoned single family); and
  - between two and a half and eight feet in height measured from the top of the adjacent street curb (or the grade of the portion on the street adjacent to the visibility triangle).
- The applicant submitted a site plan and an elevation representing a 6' 6" high solid board-on-board fence in two, 20' visibility triangles at the driveway into the site on Gross Road.
- On April 7, 2017, the Sustainable Development Department Assistant Director of Engineering submitted a review comment sheet marked "Recommends that this be denied" with the following additional comment: "Visibility is especially important at this location due to the proximity of school children".
- On July 2, 2017, the applicant submitted additional information to staff (see Attachment A). The additional information included photos the applicant had taken on the property showing the installation of mirrors atop the fence along Gross Road on either side of the driveway.
- On August 2, 2017, the Sustainable Development Department Assistant Director of Engineering submitted a review comment sheet marked "Recommends that this be denied" with the following additional comment: "Mirrors are not reliable. Visibility is especially important at this location due to proximity to school children."
- The applicant has the burden of proof in establishing how granting the requests for special exceptions to the visual obstruction regulations to maintain portions of a 6' 6" high solid board-on-board fence/sliding gate in two 20' visibility triangles at the driveway into the site on Gross Road do not constitute a traffic hazard.
- Granting these requests with the condition that the applicant complies with the submitted site plan and elevation would require the items in the visibility triangles to be limited to and maintained in the locations, height and materials as shown on these documents.

#### Timeline:

February 21, 2017: The applicant submitted an "Application/Appeal to the Board of Adjustment" and related documents which have been included as part of this case report.

March 15, 2017: The Board of Adjustment Secretary randomly assigned this case to Board of Adjustment Panel A.

March 15, 2017: The Board Administrator emailed the applicant the following information:

- an attachment that provided the public hearing date and panel that will consider the application; the March 29th deadline to submit additional evidence for staff to factor into their analysis; and the April 7th deadline to submit additional evidence to be incorporated into the Board's docket materials;
- the criteria/standards that the board will use in their decision to approve or deny the requests; and
- the Board of Adjustment Working Rules of Procedure pertaining to documentary evidence.

April 4, 2017: The Board of Adjustment staff review team meeting was held regarding this request and the others scheduled for the April public hearings. Review team members in attendance included: the Sustainable Development and Construction Assistant Director Engineering, the Board of Adjustment Chief Planner, the Building Inspection Chief Planner, the Board Administrator, the Building Inspection Senior Plans Examiner/Development Code Specialist, the Chief Arborist, the Sustainable Development and Construction Department Senior Planner, and the Assistant City Attorney to the Board.

> The Sustainable Development Department Assistant Director of Engineering submitted a review comment sheet marked "Recommends that this be denied" with the following additional comment: "Visibility is especially important at this location due to the proximity of school children."

The Board of Adjustment Panel A conducted a public hearing on this application. The Board delayed action on this application until their public hearing to be held on August 15, 2017.

The Board Administrator wrote the applicant a letter of the board's action; the July 26th deadline to submit additional evidence for staff to factor into their analysis; and the August 4th deadline to submit additional evidence to be incorporated into the Board's docket materials.

April 7, 2017:

April 18, 2017:

April 25, 2017:

July 2, 2017:

The applicant submitted additional documentation on this application to the Board Administrator beyond what was submitted with the original application and at the April 18th public hearing (see Attachment A).

August 1, 2017:

The Board of Adjustment staff review team meeting was held regarding this request and the others scheduled for August public hearings. Review team members in attendance included: the Sustainable Development and Construction Assistant Director of Engineering, the Board of Adjustment Chief Planner, the Sustainable Development and Construction Interim Assistant Building Official, the Board Administrator, the Building Inspection Senior Plans Examiner/Development Code Specialist, the Chief Development and Construction the Sustainable Department Senior Planner, and the Assistant City Attorney to the

Board.

August 2, 2017:

The Sustainable Development Department Assistant Director of Engineering submitted a review comment sheet marked "Recommends that this be denied" with the following additional comment: "Mirrors are not reliable. Visibility is especially important at this location due to the proximity of school children."

#### **BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT ACTION: APRIL 18, 2017**

APPEARING IN FAVOR: Juan Trejo, 8907 Sorrento St., Dallas, TX

APPEARING IN OPPOSITION: No one

MOTION: Agnich

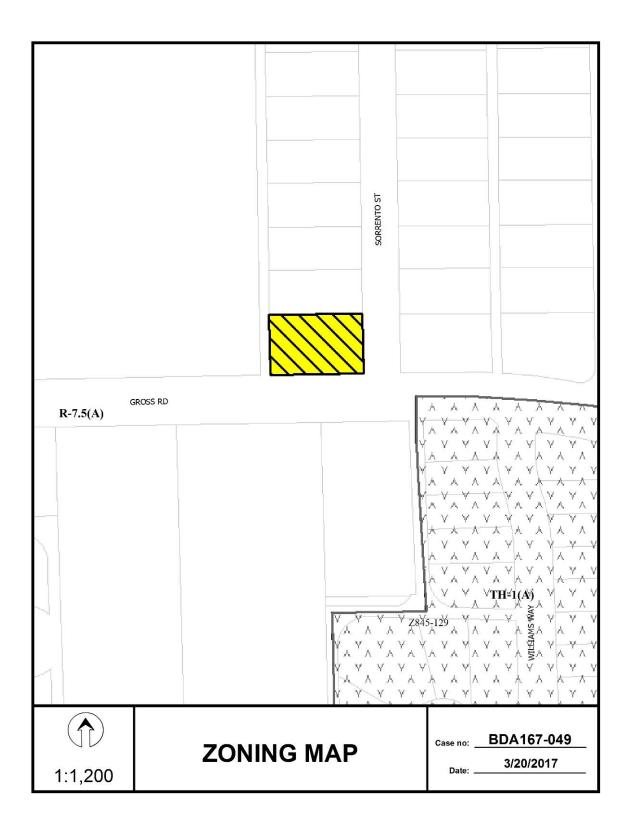
I move that the Board of Adjustment in Appeal No. **BDA 167-049**, hold this matter under advisement until August 15, 2017.

SECONDED: Schulte

AYES: 5 - Schulte, Nelson, Dutia, Bartos, Agnich

NAYS: 0 -

MOTION PASSED: 5 – 0 (unanimously)





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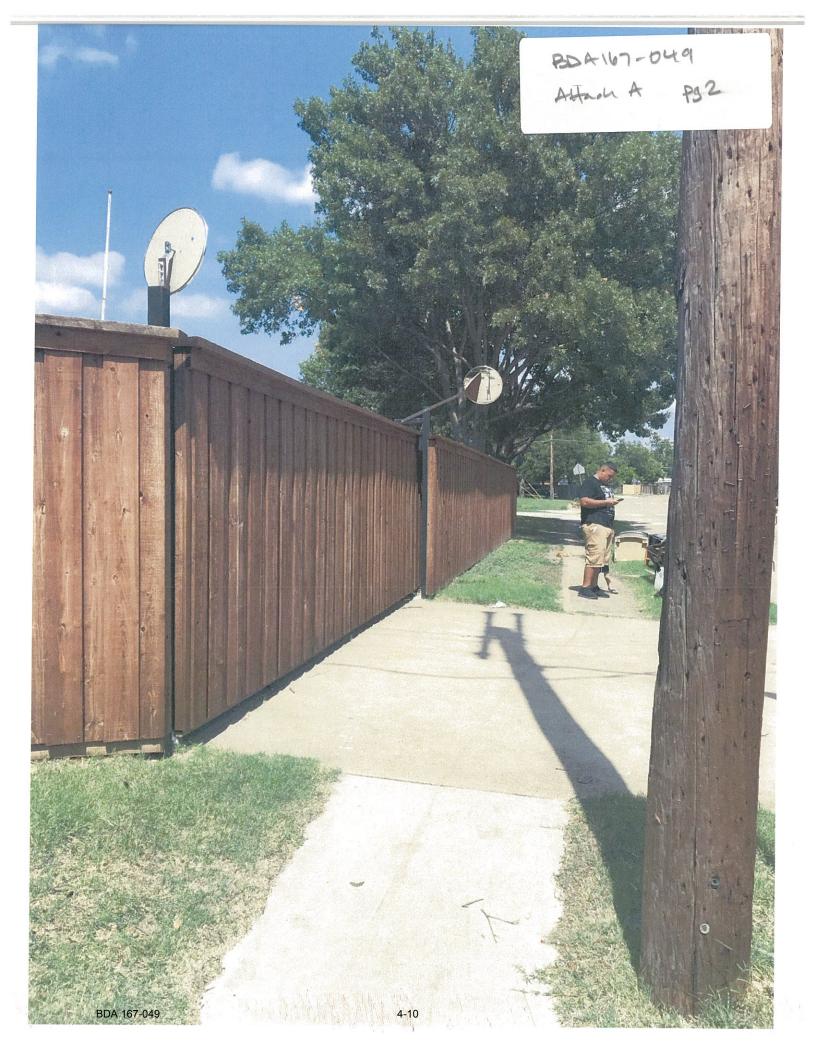
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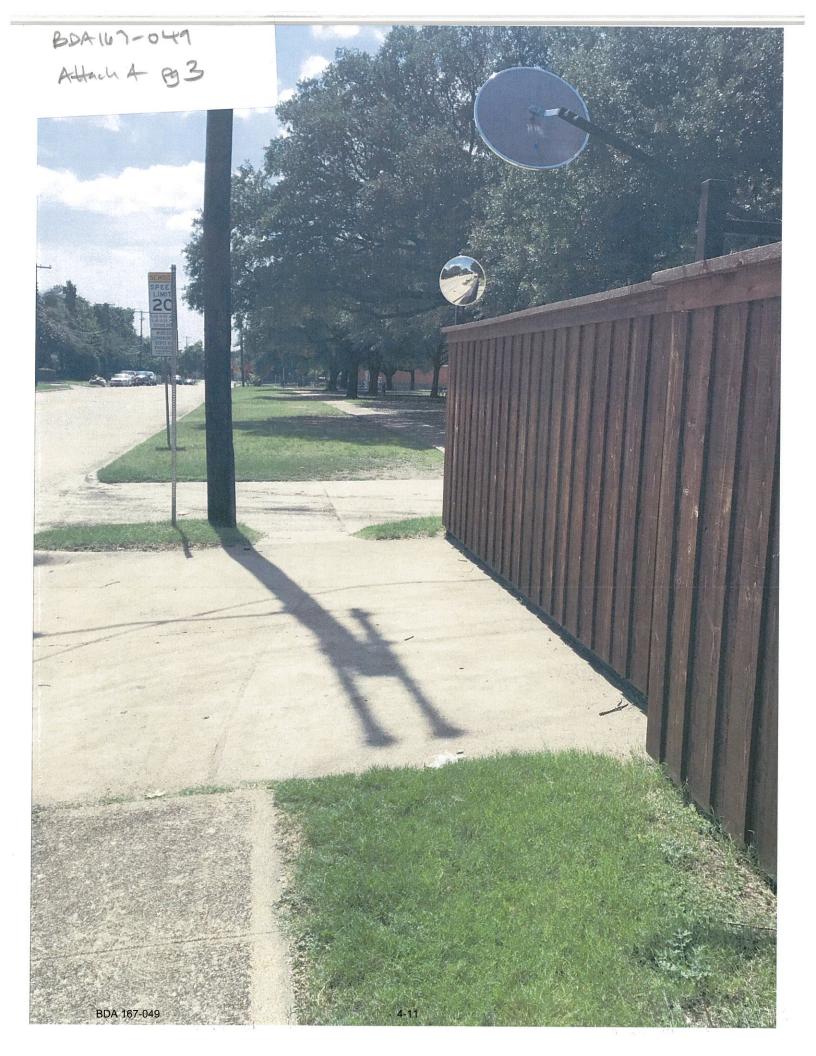
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# APPLICATION/APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

	Case No.: BDA 161-049
Data Relative to Subject Property:	Date: <u>Z-21-17</u>
Location address: 8907 Sorruto St	
Lot No.: 6 Block No.: 1 7379 Acreage: 033	Census Tract: [23.0]
Street Frontage (in Feet): 1) <b>80.00</b> 2) <b>125.00</b> 3)	4)5)
To the Honorable Board of Adjustment:	
Owner of Property (per Warranty Deed): JUAN G. TILESO	
Applicant: JUAU 6. TRESS	Telephone: 469-254-239/
Mailing Address: 89 07 Sorruto St	Zip Code: <b>75228</b>
E-mail Address: Jetreio @ gnail. 6m	
Represented by:	Telephone:
Mailing Address:	Zip Code:
E-mail Address:	
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Before me the undersigned on this day personally appeared (Aff	iant/Applicant's name printed)
who on (his/her) oath certifies that the above statements are tr knowledge and that he/she is the owner/or principal/or authorize	nue and correct to his/her best
MARIA RARCELA ESCUTIA  Respectfully submitted:  A  A  Subscribed and sworn to before the this  A  A  A  A  A  A  A  A  A  A  A  A  A	ffiant/Applicant's signature)  LULLE STUTE  C in and for Dallas County, Texas

BDA 167-049

Chairman
Date of Hearing
MEMORANDUM OF ACTION TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

#### **Building Official's Report**

I hereby certify that

Juan G Trejo

did submit a request

for a special exception to the fence height regulations, and for a special

exception to the visibility obstruction regulations

at 8907 Sorrento Street

BDA167-049. Application of Juan G Trejo for a special exception to the fence height regulations and a special exception to the visibility obstruction regulations at 8907 Sorrent Street. This property is more fully described as Lot 16, Block 1/7379, and is zoned R-7.5(A), which limits the height of a fence in the front yard to 4 feet and requires a 20 foo visibility triangle at driveway approaches. The applicant proposes to construct a 6 foot 6 inch high fence in a required front yard, which will require a 2 foot 6 inch special exception the fence regulation, and to construct and maintain a residential fence structure in a required visibility obstruction triangle, which will require a special exception to the visibility obstruction regulation.

Sincerely,

Philip Sikes, Building Official

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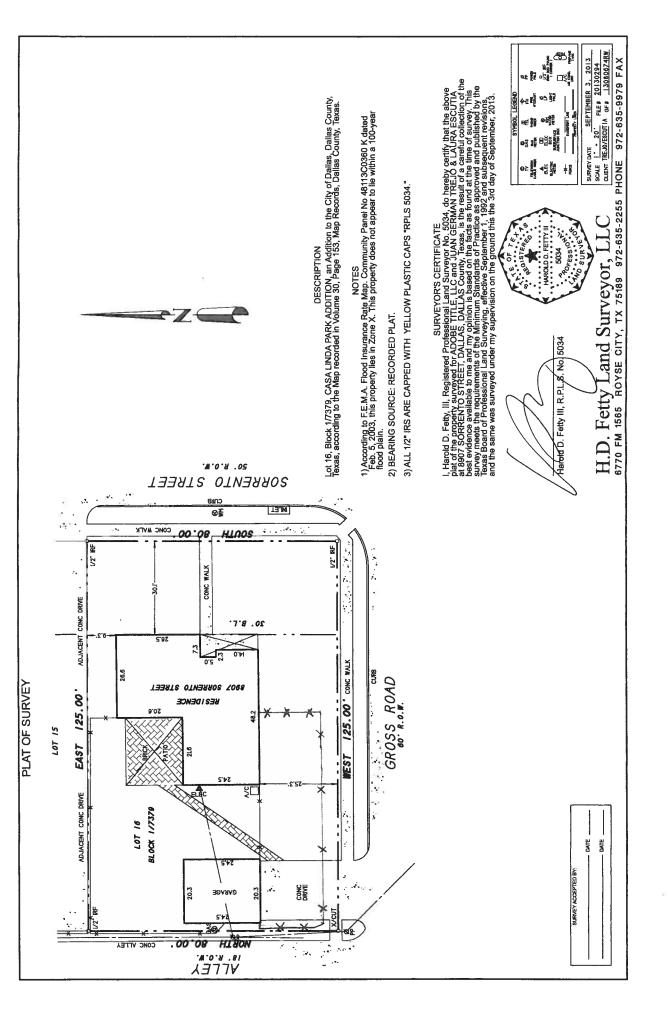
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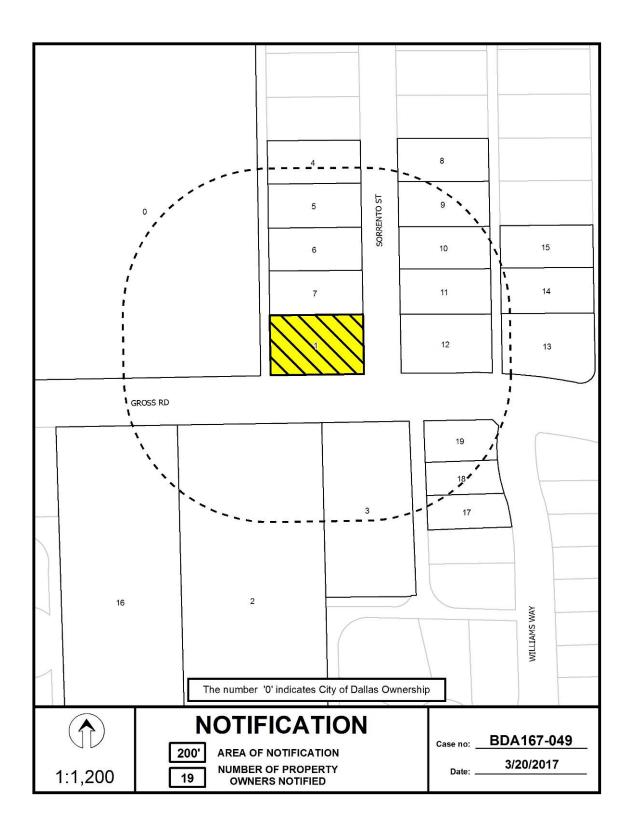


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### Notification List of Property Owners BDA167-049

### 19 Property Owners Notified

Label #	Address		Owner
1	8907	SORRENTO ST	TREJO JUAN GERMAN &
2	2002	GROSS RD	GUTIERREZ FERNANDO
3	2010	GROSS RD	BORREGO SANTIAGO V
4	9009	SORRENTO ST	KING SIDNEY W
5	9003	SORRENTO ST	YOUNG CLAUDELL &
6	8915	SORRENTO ST	ESCUTIA NICOLAS R
7	8911	SORRENTO ST	NGUYEN DUC ANH &
8	9010	SORRENTO ST	DUKE AMY C
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10	8916	SORRENTO ST	GIROUX DAVID &
11	8912	SORRENTO ST	BRANNAN DAVID F
12	8908	SORRENTO ST	CHILDRESS JOHN W &
13	8907	LINDARO LN	CARDOSO JESUS &
14	8911	LINDARO LN	HURTADO LAURO
15	8915	LINDARO LN	PARK JENNIFER L
16	1920	GROSS RD	FIRST PRIMITIVE BAPTIST
17	2043	WILLIAMS WAY	NGUYEN MINH THI &
18	2047	WILLIAMS WAY	HERRERA JUVENTINO
19	2051	WILLIAMS WAY	TORRES PEDRO C

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**FILE NUMBER**: BDA167-072(SL)

BUILDING OFFICIAL'S REPORT: Application of Grant Schmidt for a variance to the off-street parking regulations at 7103 Mumford Court. This property is more fully described as Lot 45, Block 10/8758, and is zoned R-7.5(A), which requires off-street parking to be provided. The applicant proposes to construct and/or maintain a structure for a church use, and provide 0 of the required 27 off-street parking spaces, which will require a 27 space variance to the off-street parking regulations.

**LOCATION**: 7103 Mumford Court

**APPLICANT:** Grant Schmidt

### REQUEST:

A request for a variance to the off-street parking regulations of 27 spaces is made to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy/maintain an existing approximately 3,000 square foot church use (Congregation Toras Chaim), and provide 0 of the 27 required off-street parking spaces.

### **STANDARD FOR A VARIANCE**:

The Dallas Development Code specifies that the board has the power to grant variances from the front yard, side yard, rear yard, lot width, lot depth, lot coverage, floor area for structures accessory to single family uses, height, minimum sidewalks, off-street parking or off-street loading, or landscape regulations provided that the variance is:

- (A) not contrary to the public interest when, owing to special conditions, a literal enforcement of this chapter would result in unnecessary hardship, and so that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and substantial justice done:
- (B) necessary to permit development of a specific parcel of land that differs from other parcels of land by being of such a restrictive area, shape, or slope, that it cannot be developed in a manner commensurate with the development upon other parcels of land with the same zoning; and
- (C) not granted to relieve a self-created or personal hardship, nor for financial reasons only, nor to permit any person a privilege in developing a parcel of land not permitted by this chapter to other parcels of land with the same zoning.

### **ORIGINAL STAFF RECOMMENDATION (June 20, 2017)**:

### Denial

### Rationale:

• Staff had concluded that the applicant had not substantiated how granting this variance to the off-street parking regulations of 27 spaces was not contrary to public

interest (the Sustainable Development Department Assistant Director of Engineering has submitted a review comment sheet marked "Recommends that this be denied"), had not substantiated how the variance to the off-street parking regulations was necessary to permit development of the subject site that differs from other parcels of land by being of such a restrictive area, shape, or slope, that it cannot be developed in a manner commensurate with the development upon other parcels of land with the same R-7.5(A) zoning district, and had not substantiated how granting this variance to the off-street parking regulation is not needed to relieve a self-created hardship.

While staff had recognized that the subject site has two front yard setbacks atypical
of most lots zoned R-7.5(A), staff concluded this unique feature does not preclude
the applicant from developing the flat, rectangular in shape, approximately 12,500
square foot subject site (where lots are typically 7,500 square feet in area) in a
manner commensurate with the development upon other parcels of land with the
same R-7.5(A) zoning.

### **UPDATED STAFF RECOMMENDATION (August 15, 2017):**

### Denial

### Rationale:

- Staff concluded after factoring the new information submitted by the applicant at the June 20<sup>th</sup> public hearing that the applicant had not substantiated how granting this variance to the off-street parking regulations of 27 spaces was not contrary to public interest (the Sustainable Development Department Assistant Director of Engineering has submitted a review comment sheet marked "Recommends that this be denied"), had not substantiated how the variance to the off-street parking regulations was necessary to permit development of the subject site that differs from other parcels of land by being of such a restrictive area, shape, or slope, that it cannot be developed in a manner commensurate with the development upon other parcels of land with the same R-7.5(A) zoning district, and had not substantiated how granting this variance to the off-street parking regulation is not needed to relieve a self-created hardship.
- While staff recognized that the subject site has two front yard setbacks atypical of most lots zoned R-7.5(A), staff concluded this unique feature does not preclude the applicant from developing the flat, rectangular in shape, approximately 12,500 square foot subject site (where lots are typically 7,500 square feet in area) in a manner commensurate with the development upon other parcels of land with the same R-7.5(A) zoning.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

### Zoning:

Site: R-7.5(A) (Single family residential 7,500 square feet)

North: PD 173 (Planned Development)

South: R-7.5(A) (Single family residential 7,500 square feet)

East: R-7.5(A) (Single family residential 7,500 square feet)

West: R-7.5(A) (Single family residential 7,500 square feet)

### Land Use:

The subject site is developed with an existing approximately 3,000 square foot church use (Congregation Toras Chaim). The areas to the north, south, east, and west are developed with single family residential uses.

### **Zoning/BDA History**:

 Miscellaneous Item 2, BDA167-072, Property at 7103 Mumford Court (the subject site) On June 20, 2017, the Board of Adjustment Panel A denied a request to reimburse filing fee made in conjunction with this application.

### **GENERAL FACTS/STAFF ANALYSIS:**

- This request for a variance to the off-street parking regulations of 27 spaces focuses on obtaining a Certificate of Occupancy/maintaining an existing approximately 3,000 square foot church use (Congregation Toras Chaim), and providing 0 of the 27 required off-street parking spaces.
- The site is zoned R-7.5(A) and is bounded by three streets: Frankford Road on the north, Mumford Court on the south, and Meandering Way on the west. The site has two 25' front yard setbacks since the code states that if a lot runs from one street to another and has double frontage, a required front yard must be provided on both streets.
- The Dallas Development Code requires the following off-street parking requirement for "church" use:
  - One space per 333 square feet in floor area if a church has less than 5,000 square feet of floor area and is located in a shopping center with more than 20,000 square feet in floor area, otherwise one space for each four fixed seats in the sanctuary or auditorium. If fixed benches or pews are provided, each 18 inches of length of the fixed bench or pew constitutes one fixed seat for purposes of this paragraph. If portions of seating areas in the sanctuary or auditorium are not equipped with fixed seats, benches, or pews, the parking requirement for those portions is one space for each 28 square feet of floor area.
  - Definitions. For purposes of this subsection, "remote parking" means required off-street parking provided on a lot not occupied by the main use. "Shared parking" means the use of the same off-street parking stall to satisfy the off-street parking requirements for two or more uses.
  - Reconciliation with Divisions 51A-4.300 et seq. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this subsection, the off-street parking regulations in Divisions 51A-4.300 et seq. apply to this use. In the event of a conflict between this subsection and Divisions 51A-4.300 et seq., this subsection controls.

- Remote and shared parking. A church may use remote and/or shared parking to satisfy up to 50 percent of its off-street parking requirement, provided that the remote and/or shared parking is on a lot that is:
  - (aa) dedicated to parking use by an instrument filed with the building official and approved by the city attorney's office;
    - (bb) located in a non-residential district; and
  - (cc) located within 600 feet (including streets and alleys) of the lot occupied by the church. The distance measured is the shortest distance between the lots.
- Distance extension with shuttle service. A remote parking lot for a church may
  be located up to one and one-half miles (including streets and alleys) from the lot
  occupied by the church if a shuttle service is provided to transport persons
  between the church and the remote parking lot. The shuttle service route must be
  approved by the traffic engineer.
- Remote parking agreement. An agreement authorizing a church to use remote parking may be based on a lease of the remote parking spaces if:
  - (aa) the lease is for a minimum term of three years; and
  - (bb) the agreement provides that both the owner of the lot occupied by the church and the owner of the remote lot shall notify the city of Dallas in writing if there is a breach of any provision of the lease, or if the lease is modified or terminated.
- The Building Inspection Senior Plans Examiner/Development Code Specialist stated that a plan review of the seating areas in the sanctuary or auditorium that are not equipped with fixed seats, benches, or pews, was conducted on the property whereby it was determined with the parking requirement for those portions being 1 space for each 28 square feet of floor area that 27 off-street parking spaces were required for the use on the subject site.
- The applicant submitted a document that states among other things that no parking analysis or traffic study has been provided because church members generally do not drive to worship.
- The applicant must seek this parking reduction request as a variance since the maximum reduction authorized by this code for a special exception to off-street parking regulations is 25 percent or one space, whichever is greater, minus the number of parking spaces currently not provided due to delta credits, as defined in Section 51A-4.704(b)(A).
- According to Collin CAD records, the "total improvement main area" for property addressed at 7103 Mumford Court is a "residential" improvement with 3,572 square feet constructed in 1986.
- The subject site is flat, rectangular in shape, and (according to the application) is 0.29 acres (or approximately 12,500 square feet) in area. The site is zoned R-7.5(A) where most lots in this zoning district are 7,500 square feet in area.
- The site has two front yard setbacks and two side yard setbacks. Most lots in this
  zoning district have one front yard setback, one rear yard setback, and two side yard
  setbacks.
- On June 9, 2017, the Sustainable Development Department Assistant Director of Engineering submitted a review comment sheet marked "Recommends that this be

- denied" commenting "Original use had two off-street parking spaces. The other home lots also have two off-street parking spaces."
- The Board of Adjustment Panel A conducted a public hearing on this application on June 20, 2017. The applicant submitted additional written documentation to the Board at this public hearing which in this case was a paper copy of the applicant's power point show presented to the board at this hearing (see Attachment B). The Board delayed action on this application until their next public hearing to be held on August 15, 2017.
- On July 28, 2017, the applicant submitted additional documentation on this application to the Board Administrator beyond what was submitted with the original application and at the June 20<sup>th</sup> public hearing (see Attachment C). The new documentation included a letter that stated among other things: 1) "we respectfully request a continuance beyond the August meeting, so that we may obtain the proper permits, discuss and respond to the City's forthcoming proposals, recommendations, or suggestions, and determine whether the variance application is still necessary"; and 2) "we would like to submit a new request for reimbursement of the filing fee given the procedural issue/technical error that arose at the June hearing." (Included in Attachment C is the Board Administrator's August 1<sup>st</sup> response to the applicant on these two issues).
- On August 2, 2017, the Sustainable Development Department Assistant Director of Engineering submitted a review comment sheet marked "Recommends that this be denied" commenting "Original use had two off-street parking spaces. The other home lots also have two off-street parking spaces."
- The applicant has the burden of proof in establishing the following:
  - That granting the variance to the off-street parking regulations will not be contrary to the public interest when, owing to special conditions, a literal enforcement of this chapter would result in unnecessary hardship, and so that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and substantial justice done.
  - The variance is necessary to permit development of the subject site that differs from other parcels of land by being of such a restrictive area, shape, or slope, that the subject site cannot be developed in a manner commensurate with the development upon other parcels of land in districts with the same R-7.5(A) zoning classification.
  - The variance would not be granted to relieve a self-created or personal hardship, nor for financial reasons only, nor to permit any person a privilege in developing this parcel of land (the subject site) not permitted by this chapter to other parcels of land in districts with the same R-7.5(A) zoning classification.
- If the Board were to grant this request, the applicant would be able to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy for a church use on the subject site, and provide 0 of the 27 required off-street parking spaces.

### Timeline:

February 24, 2017: The applicant submitted an "Application/Appeal to the Board of Adjustment" and related documents which have been included as part of this case report.

May 9, 2017:

The Board of Adjustment Secretary randomly assigned this case to Board of Adjustment Panel A.

May 9, 2017:

The Board Administrator emailed the applicant the following information:

- a copy of the application materials including the Building Official's report on the application;
- an attachment that provided the public hearing date and panel that will consider the application; the May 31<sup>st</sup> deadline to submit additional evidence for staff to factor into their analysis; and the June 9<sup>th</sup> deadline to submit additional evidence to be incorporated into the Board's docket materials;
- the criteria/standard that the board will use in their decision to approve or deny the request; and
- the Board of Adjustment Working Rules of Procedure pertaining to "documentary evidence."

May 31, 2017:

The applicant submitted additional documentation on this application to the Board Administrator beyond what was submitted with the original application (see Attachment A).

June 6, 2017:

The Board of Adjustment staff review team meeting was held regarding this request and the others scheduled for June public hearings. Review team members in attendance included: the Sustainable Development and Construction Assistant Director of Engineering, the Board of Adjustment Chief Planner, the Board Administrator, the Building Inspection Senior Plans Examiner/Development Code Specialist, the Chief Arborist, the Sustainable Development and Construction Department Senior Planner, and the Assistant City Attorney to the Board.

June 9, 2017:

The Sustainable Development Department Assistant Director of Engineering submitted a review comment sheet marked "Recommends that this be denied" commenting "Original use had two off-street parking spaces. The other home lots also have two off-street parking spaces".

June 20, 2017:

The Board of Adjustment Panel A conducted a public hearing on this application. The applicant submitted additional written documentation to the Board at the public hearing which in this case was a paper copy of the applicant's power point show presented to the board at this hearing (see Attachment B). The Board delayed action on this application until their next public hearing to be held on August 15, 2017.

June 22, 2017:

The Board Administrator wrote the applicant a letter of the board's action; the July 26<sup>th</sup> deadline to submit additional evidence for staff to factor into their analysis; and the August 4<sup>th</sup> deadline to submit

additional evidence to be incorporated into the Board's docket materials.

July 28 & August 1, 2017:

The applicant submitted additional documentation on this application to the Board Administrator beyond what was submitted with the original application and at the June 20<sup>th</sup> public hearing (see Attachment C). The new documentation included a letter that stated among other things: 1) "we respectfully request a continuance beyond the August meeting, so that we may obtain the proper permits, discuss and respond to the City's forthcoming proposals, recommendations, or suggestions, and determine whether the variance application is still necessary"; and 2) "we would like to submit a new request for reimbursement of the filing fee given the procedural issue/technical error that arose at the June hearing." (Attachment C includes the Board Administrator's response to the applicant on these two issues).

August 1, 2017:

The Board of Adjustment staff review team meeting was held regarding this request and the others scheduled for August public hearings. Review team members in attendance included: the Sustainable Development and Construction Assistant Director of Engineering, the Board of Adjustment Chief Planner, the Sustainable Development and Construction Interim Assistant Building Official, the Board Administrator, the Building Inspection Senior Plans Examiner/Development Code Specialist, the Chief Arborist, the Sustainable Development and Construction Department Senior Planner, and the Assistant City Attorney to the Board.

August 2, 2017:

The Sustainable Development Department Assistant Director of Engineering submitted a review comment sheet marked "Recommends that this be denied" commenting "Original use had two off-street parking spaces. The other home lots also have two off-street parking spaces."

### **BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT ACTION: JUNE 20, 2017**

<u>APPEARING IN FAVOR:</u> Grant Schmidt, 2501 N Harwood St., Dallas, TX

Chulsey Youman, 1000 Plano Pkwy, Plano, TX

APPEARING IN OPPOSITION: David Schneider, 7035 Mumford, Dallas, TX

Robert Colmery, 7123 Mumford, Dallas, TX Kevin Arligton, 7003 Mumford, Dallas, TX

### MOTION #1: Schulte

I move that the Board of Adjustment suspend its rules and accept the evidence that is being presented today.

SECONDED: Agnich

AYES: 4 – Schulte, Gibson, Nelson, Agnich

NAYS: 0 -

MOTION PASSED: 4 - 0 (unanimously)

2:51 P.M.: Executive Session Begins 3:08 P.M.: Executive Sessions Ends

MOTION #2: Agnich

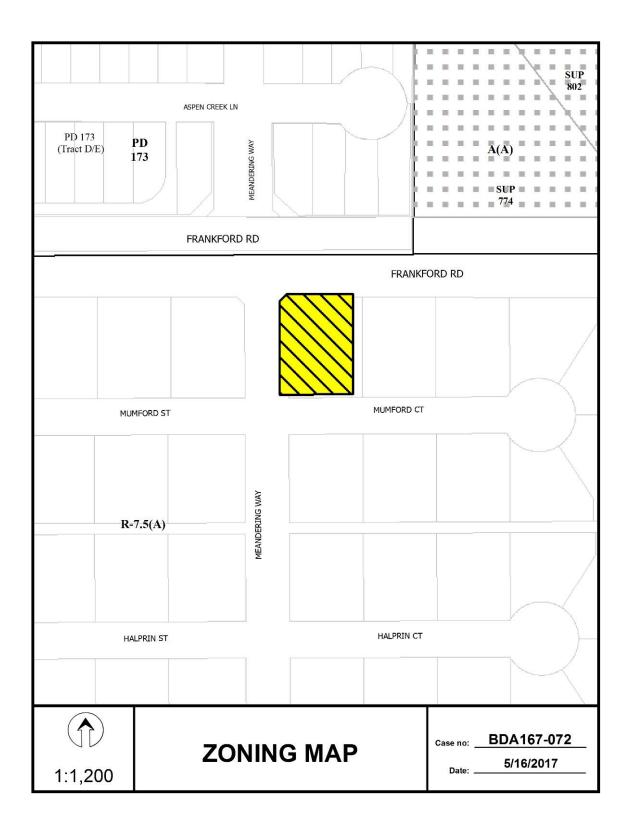
I move that the Board of Adjustment, in request No. **BDA 167-072(SL)**, hold this matter under advisement until **August 15, 2017.** 

**SECONDED**: **Nelson** 

AYES: 4 - Schulte, Gibson, Nelson, Agnich

NAYS: 0-

MOTION PASSED: 4 - 0 (unanimously)





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### Long, Steve

Attach A pal

From: Schmidt, Grant K. < GSchmidt@winston.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 31, 2017 11:47 AM

To: Long, Steve

Cc: Duerksen, Todd; Law, Trena; Denman, Lloyd; Gilbert, Andrew; Monkhouse, Kristen;

Walker, Chad B.; Justin Butterfield; Chelsey Youman

Subject: RE: BDA167-072, Property at 7103 Mumford Court

Attachments: 2017-05-31 CTC Letter to Board of Adjustment.pdf; 2017-02-24 Ltr fr GS to City Hall.pdf

Steve -

Attached is a letter on behalf of Congregation Toras Chaim, Rabbi Rich, Mark Gothelf, and Judith Gothelf for the Board's consideration at the staff meeting. (I also attached the February 24 letter for reference).

Thank you for your consideration. Please let us know if we can provide any additional information.

### Grant

### **Grant K. Schmidt**

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From: Long, Steve [mailto:steve.long@dallascityhall.com]

Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 10:09 AM

To: Schmidt, Grant K. < GSchmidt@winston.com>

Cc: Duerksen, Todd <todd.duerksen@dallascityhall.com>; Law, Trena <trena.law@dallascityhall.com>; Denman, Lloyd

<lloyd.denman@dallascityhall.com>

Subject: BDA167-072, Property at 7103 Mumford Court

Dear Mr. Schmidt,

Here is information regarding your application to the board of adjustment referenced above:

- The submitted application materials all of which will be emailed to you, city staff, and the board members in a docket report about a week ahead of your tentatively scheduled June 20<sup>th</sup> Board of Adjustment Panel A public hearing.
- 2. The provision from the Dallas Development Code allowing the board to grant a variance to the off-street parking regulations (51A-3.102(d)(10)).
- 3. A document that provides your public hearing date and other deadlines for submittal of additional information to staff/the board.
- 4. The board's rule pertaining to documentary evidence.

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Please carefully review the attached application materials to make sure they are complete, and within these materials, the Building Official's Report/second page of the application (page 2 of 10 in these attached materials). Contact Todd Duerksen at 214/948-4475 or at <a href="mailto:todd.duerksen@dallascityhall.com">todd.duerksen@dallascityhall.com</a> no later than 1 p.m., Wednesday, May 31st with regard to any information you feel is missing from your submittal or with regard to any amendment that you feel is necessary to address the issue at hand, specifically if for any reason you feel that the statement in his Building Official's report stating that the applicant proposes to construct/maintain a structure for a church use and provide 0 of the required 27 off-street parking spaces which will require a 27 space variance to the off-street parking regulations, or any other part of this report is incorrect. (Note that the discovery of any additional appeal needed beyond your requested off-street parking variance will result in postponement of the appeal until the panel's next regularly scheduled public hearing).

You may want to contact Lloyd Denman, City of Dallas Sustainable Development Department Assistant Director Engineering at 214/948-4354 or at <u>Lloyd.Denman@DallasCityHall.com</u> to determine if there is any additional information that may be needed from you in making a favorable recommendation to the board on your request.

Please write or call me at 214/670-4666 if I can be of any additional assistance to you on this application.

Thank you,

Steve

PS: If there is anything that you want to submit to the board beyond what you have included in your attached application materials, please feel free to email it to <a href="mailto:steve.long@dallascityhall.com">steve.long@dallascityhall.com</a> or mail it to me at the following address by the deadlines attached in this email:

Steve Long, Board of Adjustment Administrator City of Dallas Sustainable Development and Construction 1500 Marilla Street, Room 5BN Dallas, Texas 75201

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**GRANT SCHMIDT** 

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May 31, 2017

Steve Long Administrator – Board of Adjustment City Hall 1500 Marilla St., 5BN Dallas, TX 75201

Re: Board of Adjustment - Congregation Toras Chaim - Parking Variance

Dear Steve:

On behalf of Congregation Toras Chaim ("CTC"), Rabbi Rich, Mark Gothelf, and Judith Gothelf, I respectfully write this letter to the Board so that a few additional points may be considered at the staff team meeting. For your reference, I am also incorporating and attaching the letter that I sent to the Board on February 24, 2017 (which was included in the application). First, I want to briefly respond to the concerns raised by the letters submitted by individuals, particularly as they relate to the public interest impact of granting a variance. Second, I want to clarify the number of required parking spaces and the number of available spaces.

### Letters Received from Individuals

As the Board is aware, several individuals have submitted letters for consideration. The letters present several arguments that do not comport with the reality of CTC's situation and do not bear on the variance standard. Additionally, these individuals only represent a small subset of the neighbors living near CTC (in fact, only *one* of the authors lives on Mumford Court).

CTC is a small Orthodox Jewish congregation. To say that CTC poses any type of safety concern flies in the face of reality. The only alleged safety concern set forth by some of the individuals relates to parking; however, members of CTC are prohibited from driving on the Sabbath and must therefore *walk* to worship. During the week, some members arrive in the morning or evening to worship (similar to, for example, a nanny, babysitter, friend, or family member stopping by to visit, or numerous bible study or small groups that meet throughout the City each week).

It is important to note that the Highlands of McKamy Homeowners Association (the authors of some of the letters) previously brought a lawsuit against Congregation Toras Chaim alleging the same concerns cited in their letters. When asked to offer examples of the alleged safety concerns, neighbors cited, for example: (1) the barking of their two Labrador retrievers when the dogs see members of CTC and therefore the waking up of the neighbor's twin seventeen year olds; (2) "a young lady trying to push a baby carriage across the street that I had to stop and let her go;" and (3) a blind man who was crossing the street to



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worship. The Court dismissed this lawsuit, finding that the Texas Religious Freedom Restoration Act and the Religious Land use and Institutionalized Persons Act protected CTC from the HOA's deed restrictions. CTC poses no safety concerns to its neighborhood and community.

If one were to drive down Mumford Court, CTC (7103 Mumford Court), it appears to be an attractive, nicely landscaped, and well-maintained residence, like any other on the street. Despite its limited resources, CTC congregants spend substantial resources and time to maintain the exterior appearance of the residence in a way that will benefit the overall appearance of the neighborhood and home values. If, however, the variance is denied, CTC might be forced to pursue a parking lot and screening arrangement so that it can meet the off-street parking requirements. This outcome would harm, rather than help, the appearance of the neighborhood and attendant home values.

There is no evidence that CTC's presence in the neighborhood has negatively impacted home values. In fact, there are several neighbors who often seek to locate closer to places of worship so that they can have a place to walk to on the Sabbath.

As the Board well knows, the standard that it must consider is whether the variance "is necessary to permit development of a specific parcel of land that differs from other parcels of land by being of such a restrictive area, shape, or slope that it cannot be developed in a manner commensurate with the development upon other parcels of land with the same zoning." CTC is faced with three front yards (as well as a HOA brick wall on one side of the property). This layout is restrictive in that it would be essentially impossible to achieve the requisite parking spaces without tearing down a portion of the property and constructing a parking lot. It is in the public interest for CTC to be provided a variance, so that no significant or intrusive steps must be taken.

### The Number of Required Off Street Parking and Available Off Street Parking

We also seek to provide additional context for the number of off street parking space reductions sought in the application. Although the current application seeks a 27 parking spot reduction, we have reason to believe that the number will be lowered to 13 given that CTC is making the proper adjustments to the square footage of its worship space.

Additionally, CTC has land immediately off of the alley where it can park two to three vehicles. These three spots do not count towards the 13 required spaces due to a screening requirement as explained by the City of Dallas. CTC, however, can still use these spaces for a maintenance truck, a visitor, etc.

In conclusion, my client, CTC, simply wishes to maintain its place of worship without having to make significant changes to its property that are not feasible financially and which would harm the neighborhood, not help it.

CTC brings this application so that it may achieve, through the proper channels, full compliance with the City's requirements and expectations of each property. While some individuals may not like the idea of CTC worshipping at 7103 Mumford Court, there is no doubt that CTC poses no safety risks to its surrounding community members, and, instead, seeks to only benefit the community and neighborhood.

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I look forward to meeting with you on June 20. Please let me know if we can provide any additional information.

Respectfully,

**Grant Schmidt** 

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Fish & Richardson P.C. 1717 Main Street Suite 5000 Dallas, TX 75201 214 747 5070 main 214 747 2091 fax

February 24, 2017

Grant K. Schmidt Associate gschmidt@fr.com 214 760 6128 direct

Steve Long Administrator – Board of Adjustment City Hall 1500 Marilla St., 5BN Dallas, TX 75201

Todd Duerksen 320 E. Jefferson Blvd., Room 105 Dallas, TX 75203

> Re: City of Dallas v. Mark B. Gothelf, Judith D. Gothelf and Congregation Toras Chaim, Inc. dba Congregation Toras Chaim

Dear Mr. Long and Mr. Duerksen:

I represent Congregation Toras Chaim ("CTC") in the above-referenced action brought by the City of Dallas (the "City"). CTC is a small Orthodox Jewish congregation that meets at 7103 Mumford Court, Dallas, TX 75252 (the "Property"), where about twenty-five neighborhood congregants walk to gather for worship on Saturdays, and a smaller number of congregants gather throughout the week. CTC is pursuing a variance regarding parking requirements for the Property. In particular, CTC intends to seek a variance on all 27 required off street parking spaces. This is a cover letter for the variance application. This packet includes (a) 2 Application forms; (b) 2 Affidavit forms; (c) 1 Warranty Deed; (d) a copy of the certified subdivision plot; (e) 1 lien statement; (f) 4 copies of the site plan; (g) 4 copies of the elevation drawings; (h) 4 copies of the floor plan; (i) a check for \$3630.00 in this application (\$900 + (27 x \$100) + (3 x \$10)); and (j) a smaller copy of each drawing as requested.

Regarding the parking analysis and/or traffic study, CTC does not have any parking analysis or traffic study to offer because CTC members generally do not drive to worship. Orthodox Jews are prohibited from driving on the Sabbath; these families therefore must live within walking distance of a synagogue to attend prayer services on the Sabbath. Therefore, CTC would be unable to provide a parking analysis or traffic study. This is consistent with CTC's request to reduce the 27 parking space requirement.

CTC is pursuing a variance because the area, shape, and slope prevents CTC from developing the land in a manner commensurate with the development upon other parcels of land in the district with the same zoning classification. Second, there are essentially three front yards given the location of CTC's property. Third, there are two brick walls owned by the Homeowners' Association on two

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sides of the property. Furthermore, CTC has been instructed by the City that no car could enter the back of the home due to the alley screening issues. For these reasons, CTC requires a reduction in the required off street parking requirements (27 spaces). The implementation of this variance would not be contrary to the public interest (in fact, it would be consistent with the public interest) and would otherwise result in an unnecessary hardship for CTC. This variance is not being pursued to relieve a self-created or personal hardship.

CTC intends to seek a fee reimbursement as the filing fee has resulted in a substantial financial hardship for CTC. CTC is a non-profit religious organization. CTC generates no profit, and any money that CTC spends must come from donations or fundraising efforts. Furthermore, the application fee constitutes a significant percentage of CTC's monthly operating expenses, and it already struggles to meet those obligations, often failing to pay the salary of its one full-time employee, Rabbi Rich.

Please contact me if you have any questions or if I may provide any additional information regarding the variance application.

Respectfully,

Grant K. Schmidt

cc: Andrew Gilbert, Assistant City Attorney

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Justin Butterfield, First Liberty

Chad Walker, Fish & Richardson

**Off-Street Parking** 

7103 Mumford Court

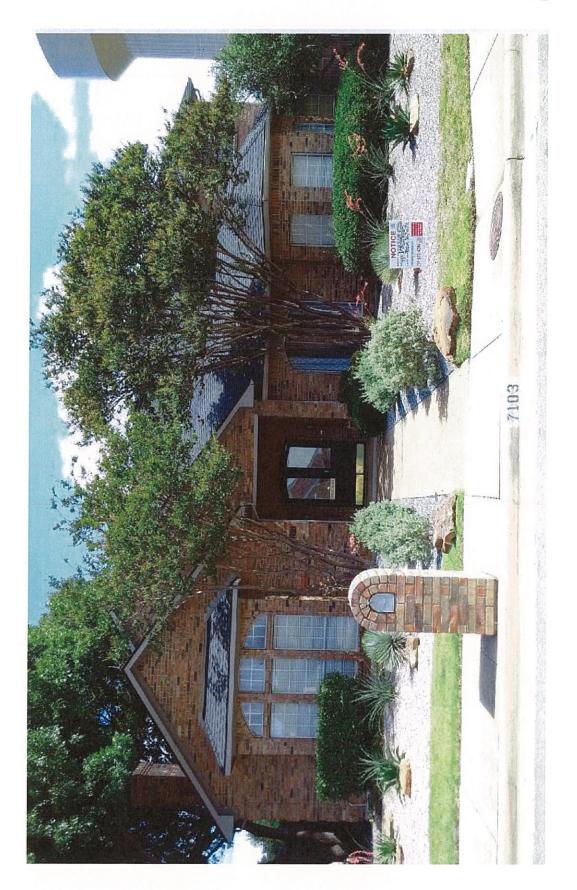
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June 20, 2017

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### Background

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# Congregation Toras Chaim

2007 – CTC, a small community of Orthodox Jews, is founded.

Led by Rabbi Yaakov Rich

2013 – CTC is located at 7103 Mumford Court

• Overall mission: provide access to prayer and scripture study.

# Congregation Toras Chaim

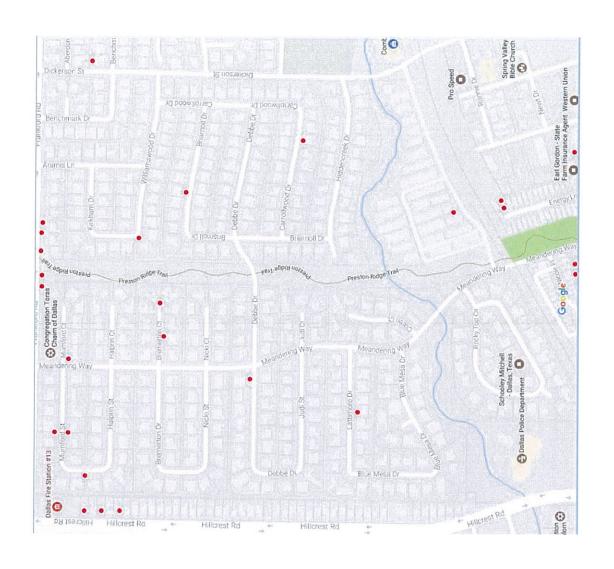
- 25 total members
- Sabbath (Saturday)
- Orthodox Jews are not allowed to drive on the Sabbath.
- All members must therefore (1) live within close proximity to their place of worship and (2) walk to their place of worship on Saturdays.
- The number of members will always be small for this reason.
- Prayer meetings during the week
- Often 5-10 people
- Since all members live within walking distance, most walk or bike to CTC for these meetings.

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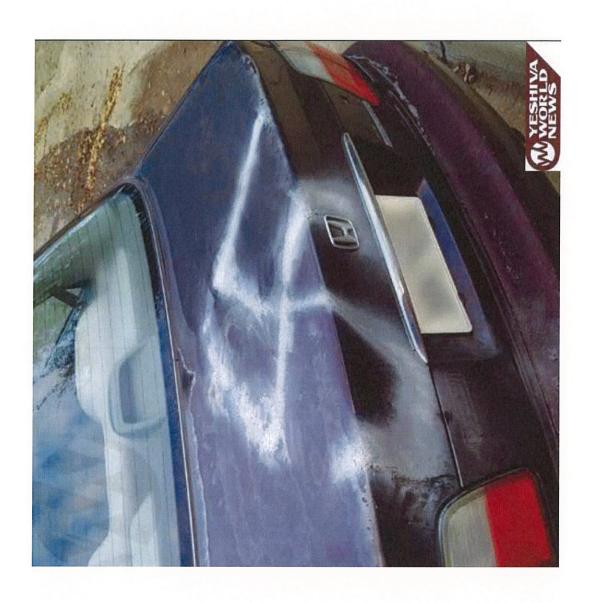
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## Current Litigation

## Current Litigation

March 2015 – City of Dallas files a petition in state court against CTC.

 City acknowledged that religious uses may operate in all zoning districts (including residential zones) as a matter of right.

Certificate of Occupancy needed.

CTC and City of Dallas have worked closely for over two years to reach a mutually beneficial solution.

# Requirements for Certificate of Occupancy

### Handicap Accessibility

• All requirements are met.

### Fire Safety

Completing final steps – all requirements will be met.

### Parking

This is the last remaining requirement – and we worked with the City to ultimately reach *this* (parking variance) proposal

# Parking – Number of Required Spaces

 Based on current square footage of worship space, 27 off-street parking spaces are required.  Based on a joint plan with the City, CTC anticipates that the required number will be lowered to 13 off-street parking spaces.

### Solutions

# Parking – Shared Parking Agreement

For months, at the City's suggestion, CTC worked diligently with the City and a nearby school to enter into a Shared Parking Agreement

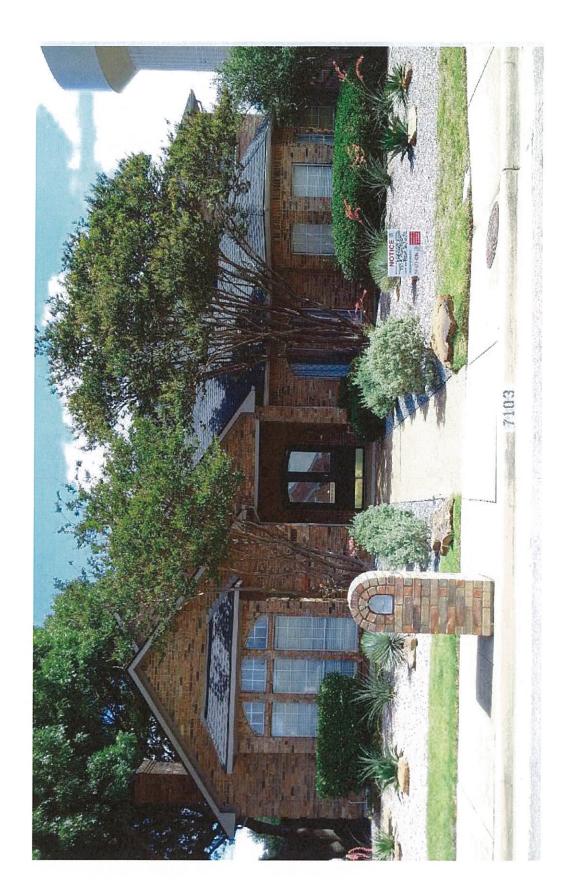
The distance between CTC and the school ended up being too far.



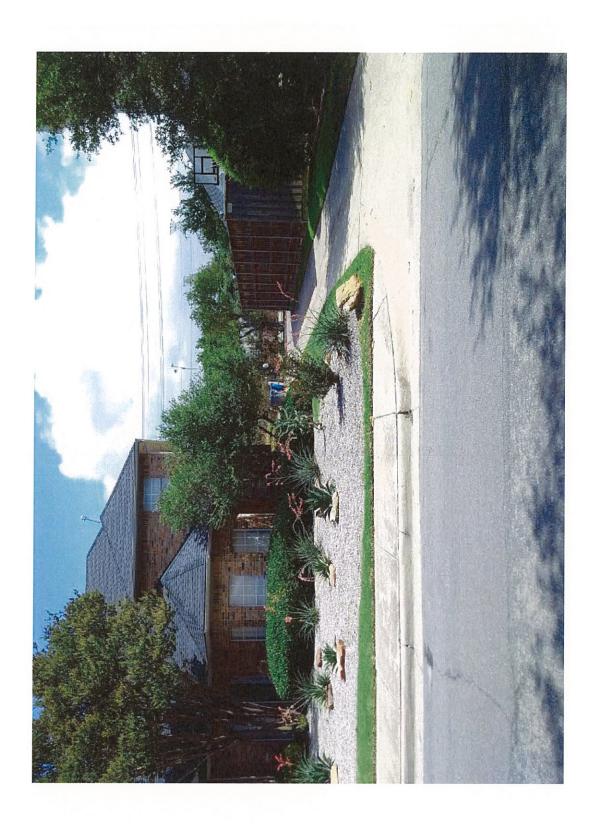
### Parking Lot

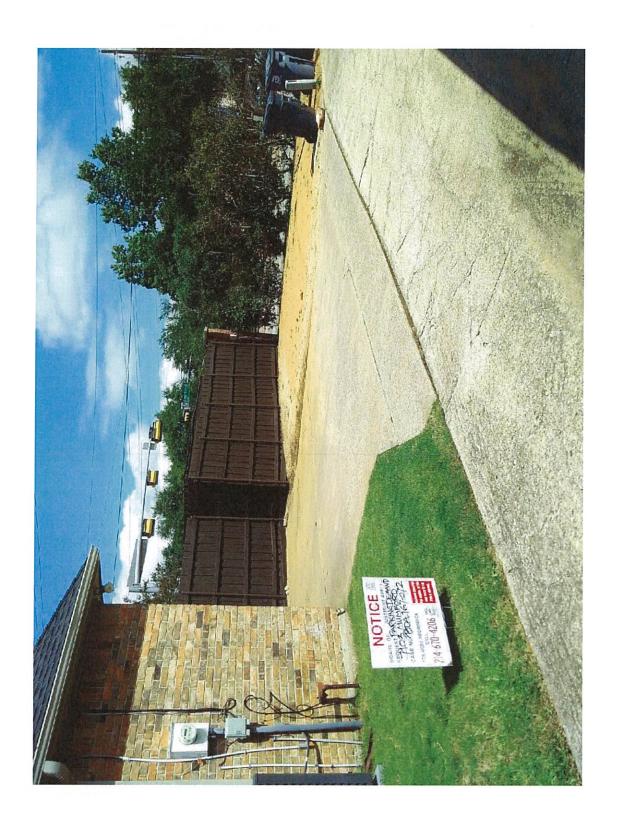
- · CTC considered structuring a parking lot in the front and/or backyard; however:
- (1) Seek to retain the consistent look and feel of the property (and benefit home values in neighborhood);
- (2) Expensive;
- (3) Area, shape, and slope create significant difficulty; and
- (4) The only entrance to the backyard is through the alley, which is prevented by screening requirement.

## Screening Issue



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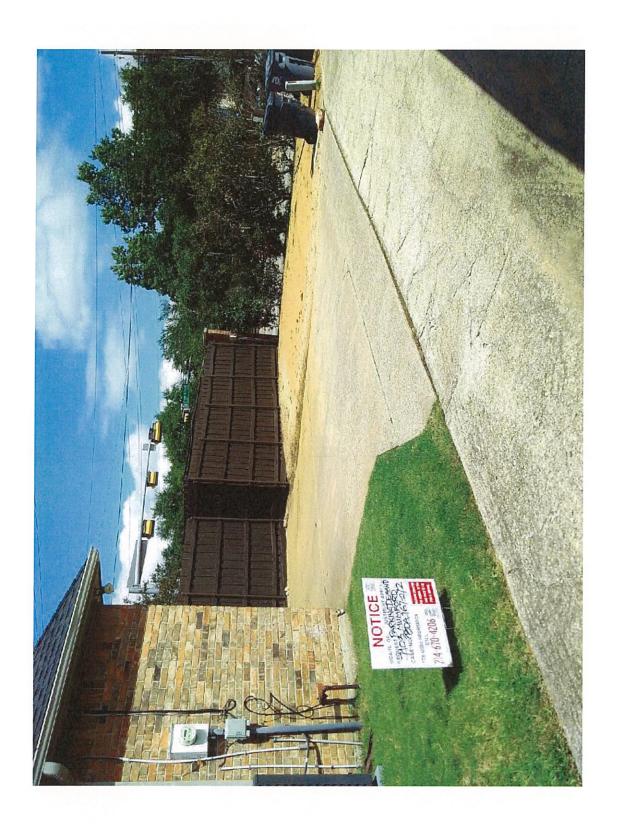
## Screening Requirement

 Using backyard or any portion in the back is challenging/impossible due to the screening requirement:

parking area from a contiguous residential lot if the parking area serves a The owner of off-street parking must provide screening to separate the nonresidential use.

The screening wall or fence may not contain any openings or gates for vehicular access. Therefore, according to the City, the rear parking could not be accessed from the alley.

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## Screening Requirement

- Reasons we did not seek a screening variance:
- ullet 1) Worked with City and decided that one variance was simpler (advised to seek full relief)
- 2) Even with screening variance, would still need variance on required spaces (would lower requirement from 27 to 25)
- 3) Two spaces in back may still be used without screening variance but they can't count towards total required spaces.
- 4) CTC's understanding that some individuals would rather CTC not park on side of alley

## Variance Factors

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# Standard for Variance Application

- The Board has the power to grant variances related to off-street parking as long
- conditions, a literal enforcement of this chapter would result in unnecessary hardship, and so FACTOR #1: The variance is "not contrary to the public interest when, owing to special that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and substantial justice done."
- that differs from other parcels of land by being of such a restrictive area, shape, or slope, that it cannot be developed in a manner commensurate with the development upon other parcels FACTOR #2: The variance is "necessary to permit development of a specific parcel of land of land with the same zoning;" and
- for financial reasons only, nor to permit any person a privilege in developing a parcel of land not permitted by this chapter to other parcels of land with the same zoning." FACTOR #3: The variance is "not granted to relieve a self-created or personal hardship, nor

### Factor #1

- "not contrary to the public interest when, owing to special conditions, a literal enforcement of this chapter would result in unnecessary hardship"
- Variance is not contrary to public interest as this issue operates at the core of what it means to live under the Constitution in the United States.
  - We should all be able to practice our faith in our private homes.
- Many individuals in this neighborhood rely on this location for worship.
- Impact must be weighed:
- If variance is denied: we are putting in jeopardy the ability for a group of individuals to worship freely with their families. We are also risking the addition of a parking lot that would significantly impact neighborhood.
  - If variance is granted: potential for continuance of (at most) 3-4 cars on street at certain times during week.
- Literal enforcement would result in unnecessary hardship for CTC
  - Never in public interest to violate religious liberty rights
- Opulent Life Church v. City of Holly Springs Miss., 697 F.3d 279 (5th Cir. 2012).



### Factor #2

other parcels of land by being of such a restrictive area, shape, or slope, that it "necessary to permit development of a specific parcel of land that differs from cannot be developed in a manner commensurate with the development upon other parcels of land with the same zoning"

• More clearly stated: is the land so unique that you cannot develop/use it for a proper purpose?

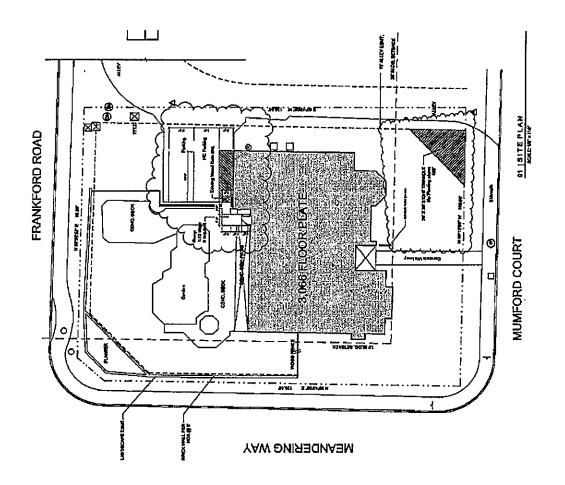
Two front yards

HOA brick walls on both sides

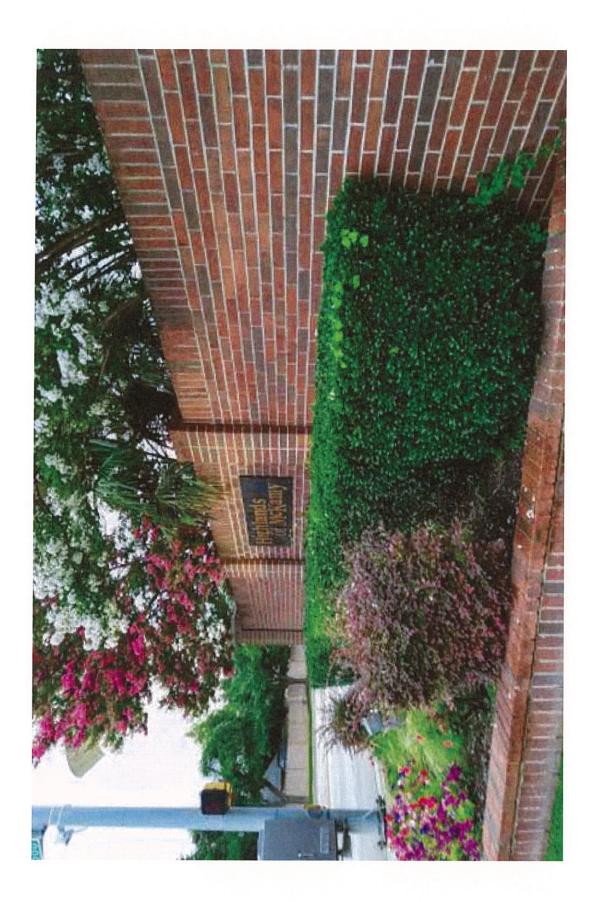
Offset

Alley / Screening issue

Limited square footage



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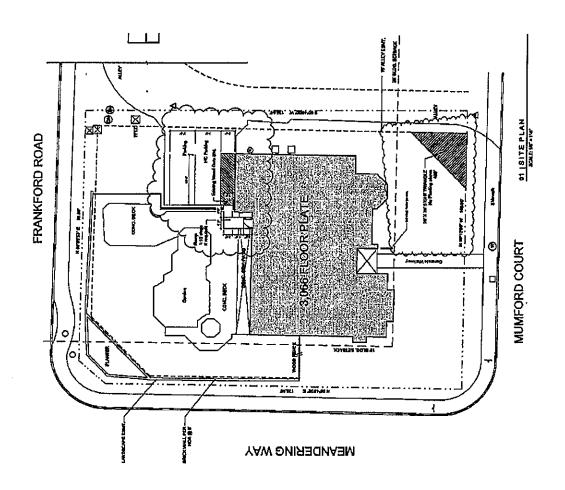
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### Factor #3

- only, nor to permit any person a privilege in developing a parcel of land not permitted "not granted to relieve a self-created or personal hardship, nor for financial reasons by this chapter to other parcels of land with the same zoning"
- This variance would not relieve a "self-created or personal hardship"
- The need to worship is never a self-created hardship (religious use proper as a matter of right).
- Case where owner wanted to build a tennis court on a pie shaped residential lot.
- Owner bought the house knowing that he wanted tennis court and knowing that lot was pie shaped.
- Court held that a variance was proper.
- A self-created hardship requires an affirmative action by the landowner that brings an otherwise conforming property into non-conformity.
- The variance would not be for financial reasons only.

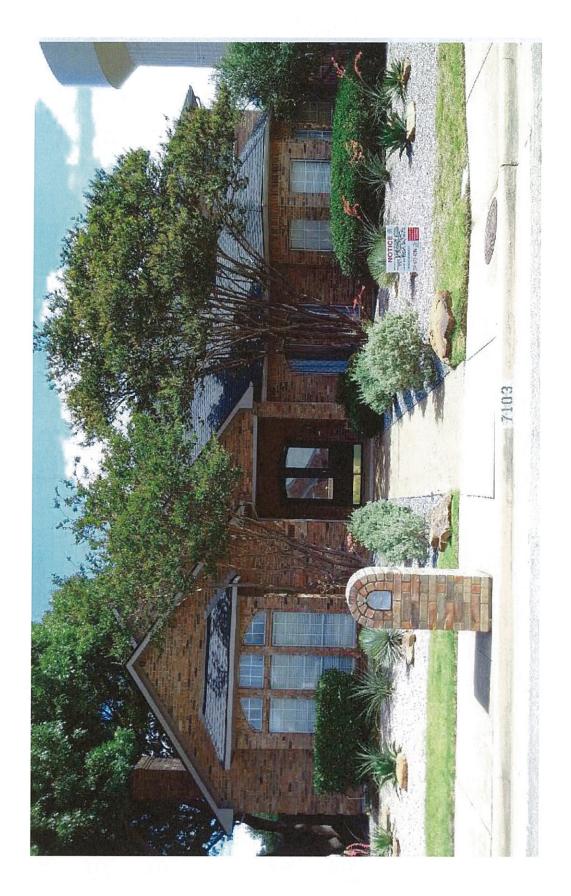
## Alternative Solutions

### Request for Variance

 We request that the BOA grant full relief from the 27 off-street parking space requirement.

screening requirement (so that CTC may fulfill at least 2 required Alternatively, we request that the BOA grant a variance on the spaces) as well as a variance on the 25 remaining spaces.

# Reimbursement of Filing Fee



Thank You

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### Long, Steve

Attach C

Long, Steve From:

Sent: Tuesday, August 01, 2017 9:24 AM

To: 'Schmidt, Grant K.'

Cc: Duerksen, Todd; Denman, Lloyd; Gilbert, Andrew; Monkhouse, Kristen; Moorman,

Donna; Williams, Kanesia; Burgess, Casey; Dean, Neva

Subject: RE: BDA167-072, Property at 7103 Mumford Court

**Attachments:** 2017-07-28 Letter to Board of Adjustment - final.pdf; action letter.pdf; fee exemptions

and refunds.pdf; documentary evidence.pdf; Panel A hearing date and deadlines.doc

Dear Mr. Schmidt,

As you know, the Board of Adjustment denied your request for a reimbursement of the filing fee and delayed action on your request for a variance to the off-street parking regulations at their June 20th public hearing until their next public hearing scheduled for August 15th. Attached is the decision letter that I sent you shortly after the June hearing that provided deadlines for the submittal of any additional information you want staff and/or the Board to consider beyond what is already in your board of adjustment application file for the parking variance.

Please be advised of the following in response to our conversation last week and your attached letter that you emailed me on Friday with regard to your request for a continuance on your off-street parking variance request beyond the August 15th public hearing:

While your July 28th letter will be forwarded to staff and the Board in a docket approximately a week prior to the August 15th public hearing, the application will be called at this hearing where testimony will be heard by you and anyone else wishing to speak to your request, and where the Board will have the option to delay/continue the request for variance, grant the request for variance, or deny the request for variance. As we discussed last week, it is important for you to understand that there is no provision in the Dallas Development Code for staff to administratively postpone a Board of Adjustment application, and with this in mind, it would be beneficial for you or someone on your behalf to attend the August 15th public hearing to provide testimony, answer any questions the Board members may have, and rebut anyone who may appear to oppose your variance request.

Please be advised that in response to your attached letter with regard to a new request for reimbursement of the filing fee that would involve amending your application from you being the applicant to some other party (CTC), an amendment can be made to your application with Todd Duerksen in Building Inspection no later than the end of the day tomorrow, (4:00 p.m., Wednesday), August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

If you amend your application with Todd Duerksen in this time frame, you must let me know in writing no later than 1:00 p.m., Friday, August 4th that you request a reimbursement of the filing fee on behalf of a new applicant, and submit anything to the code standard attached with regard to reimbursement of the filing fee. (Attached once again is the deadline for submittal of new information and the board's rule on documentary evidence).

Please write or call me at 214/670-4666 if I can assist you in any other way on this application.

Thank you,

Steve



**Steve Long** 

Board of Adjustment Administrator

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Sustainable Development and Construction

1500 Marilla Street, 5BN

Dallas, TX 75201 O: 214-670-4666

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Sent: Friday, July 28, 2017 11:48 AM

To: Long, Steve <steve.long@dallascityhall.com>

**Cc:** Duerksen, Todd <todd.duerksen@dallascityhall.com>; Law, Trena <trena.law@dallascityhall.com>; Denman, Lloyd <lloyd.denman@dallascityhall.com>; Gilbert, Andrew <andrew.gilbert@dallascityhall.com>; Monkhouse, Kristen

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<jbutterfield@firstliberty.org>; 'Chelsey Youman' <cyouman@firstliberty.org>

Subject: BDA167-072, Property at 7103 Mumford Court

Steve -

Attached is a letter on behalf of Congregation Toras Chaim for the Board's consideration at the staff meeting.

Thank you for your consideration. Please let us know if we can provide any additional information.

### Grant

### **Grant K. Schmidt**

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From: Long, Steve [mailto:steve.long@dallascityhall.com]

Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 10:09 AM

To: Schmidt, Grant K. <GSchmidt@winston.com>

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### <lloyd.denman@dallascityhall.com> Subject: BDA167-072, Property at 7103 Mumford Court

BD4167-072

Dear Mr. Schmidt.

Here is information regarding your application to the board of adjustment referenced above:

- 1. The submitted application materials all of which will be emailed to you, city staff, and the board members in a docket report about a week ahead of your tentatively scheduled June 20th Board of Adjustment Panel A public hearing.
- 2. The provision from the Dallas Development Code allowing the board to grant a variance to the off-street parking regulations (51A-3.102(d)(10)).
- 3. A document that provides your public hearing date and other deadlines for submittal of additional information to staff/the board.
- 4. The board's rule pertaining to documentary evidence.

Please carefully review the attached application materials to make sure they are complete, and within these materials, the Building Official's Report/second page of the application (page 2 of 10 in these attached materials). Contact Todd Duerksen at 214/948-4475 or at todd.duerksen@dallascityhall.com no later than 1 p.m., Wednesday, May 31st with regard to any information you feel is missing from your submittal or with regard to any amendment that you feel is necessary to address the issue at hand, specifically if for any reason you feel that the statement in his Building Official's report stating that the applicant proposes to construct/maintain a structure for a church use and provide 0 of the required 27 off-street parking spaces which will require a 27 space variance to the off-street parking regulations, or any other part of this report is incorrect. (Note that the discovery of any additional appeal needed beyond your requested off-street parking variance will result in postponement of the appeal until the panel's next regularly scheduled public hearing).

You may want to contact Lloyd Denman, City of Dallas Sustainable Development Department Assistant Director Engineering at 214/948-4354 or at Lloyd.Denman@DallasCityHall.com to determine if there is any additional information that may be needed from you in making a favorable recommendation to the board on your request.

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Thank you,

Steve

PS: If there is anything that you want to submit to the board beyond what you have included in your attached application materials, please feel free to email it to steve.long@dallascityhall.com or mail it to me at the following address by the deadlines attached in this email:

Steve Long, Board of Adjustment Administrator City of Dallas Sustainable Development and Construction 1500 Marilla Street, Room 5BN Dallas, Texas 75201

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**GRANT SCHMIDT** 

Associate 214-453-6469 gschmidt@winston.com

July 28, 2017

Steve Long Administrator – Board of Adjustment City Hall 1500 Marilla St., 5BN Dallas, TX 75201

**Re:** Board of Adjustment – Congregation Toras Chaim – Parking Variance

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Respectfully,

**Grant Schmidt** 

Cc: Andrew Gilbert Kristen Monkhouse

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**Grant Schmidt** 

Cc: Andrew Gilbert Kristen Monkhouse

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June 22, 2017

Grant Schmidt 1717 Main Street, Suite 5000 Dallas, TX 75201

Re: BDA167-072(SL), Property at 7103 Mumford Court

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

The Board of Adjustment Panel A, at its public hearing held on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 took the following actions:

- denied your request for a reimbursement of the filing fee submitted in conjunction with your request for a variance to the off-street parking regulations; and
- held your request for a variance to the off-street parking regulations under advisement until August 15, 2017.

Please be aware of the 1:00 p.m., July 26<sup>th</sup> deadline to submit any additional information for staff review, and 1:00 p.m., August 4<sup>th</sup> deadline to submit any additional information that you want incorporated into the board's docket.

Should you have any further questions regarding the Board's action, please contact me at (214) 670-4666.

Steve Long, Board Administrator

**Board of Adjustment** 

Sustainable Development and Construction

c: Ben Collins, Code Enforcement, 3112 Canton, Room 100 Todd Duerksen, Bldg. Inspection, 320 E. Jefferson #105

22004; 22026; 22206; 22392; 22738; 22920; 24051; 24542; 24843; 25047; 25048; 25384; 26001; 26161; 26529; 26530; 26536; 26730; 26920; 27069)

#### FEE EXEMPTIONS SEC. 51A-1.105.1. AND REFUNDS.

- (a) No fee is required for applications filed under this chapter by the U.S. Government, the State of Texas, the county of Dallas, the city of Dallas, or a political subdivision of the state if the property that is the subject of the application is devoted exclusively to governmental use.
- (b) No fee is required for applications made to the board of adjustment pursuant to Section 51A-1.107, requesting a special exception to a regulation in this chapter based on a handicap.
- (c) Whenever affordable housing units are provided as a part of a project in accordance with Division 51A-4.900, the director shall authorize a refund of a percentage of the total zoning and platting application fees paid for the project equal to the percentage of standard affordable housing units provided in the project. (Ord. Nos. 20037; 21176; 21183; 21663)

#### **NOTIFICATION SIGNS** SEC. 51A-1.106. REQUIRED TO BE OBTAINED AND POSTED.

- (a) Signs required to be obtained from the city. An applicant is responsible for obtaining the required number of notification signs and posting them on the property that is the subject of the application. Notification signs must be obtained from the director or the building official. An application will not be processed until the fee for the signs has been paid. For purposes of this section, an applicant is one who makes a request:
- (1) for a change in a zoning classification or boundary;
  - (2) to the board of adjustment;
- (3) for a certificate of appropriateness for a sign that is to be located in a special provision sign district and is either a detached sign or an

attached sign that has more than 100 square feet of effective area; or

- (4) to the landmark commission for a certificate for demolition or removal.
- (b) Number of signs required. A minimum of one notification sign is required for every 500 feet or less of street frontage, with one additional notification sign required for each additional 500 feet or less of street frontage. For tracts without street frontage, a minimum of one notification sign is required for every five acres or less, with one additional notification sign required for each additional five acres or less. A maximum of five notification signs are required.
- (c) Posting of signs. Except as provided in Subsection 51A-1.106(d), the applicant shall post the required number of notification signs on the property within 14 days after an application is filed. The signs must be legible and remain posted until a final decision is made on the application. For tracts with street frontage, signs must be evenly spaced over the length of every street frontage, posted at a prominent location adjacent to a public street, and be easily visible from the street. For tracts without street frontage, signs must be evenly posted in prominent locations most visible to the public.
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- (f) Posting of signs by the director. When the city council or city plan commission authorizes a hearing on a change in zoning district classification or

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lack of appearance at the first call at its discretion. If no one appears the second time, the case must be denied.

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- (i) A public hearing must be conducted for compliance proceedings on a nonconforming use. Prior to the hearing, the presiding officer may direct that a subpoena duces tecum and interrogatories be served on the owner(s) and/or operators of the use requesting that certain information and documents be produced to the board administrator within a reasonable time. The owner(s) and/or operators may supply the board administrator with any additional information or documents that are necessary for the panel to make its decision. At the hearing, the panel shall review the information and documents and set a date by which the nonconforming use must come into compliance with the current zoning regulations.
- (j) The board administrator may place cases which are recommended for approval without opposition on an uncontested docket. When the board administrator calls the uncontested docket, he shall state the case number, the applicant, the location, the nature of the case and the staff recommendation, and shall ask if there is any opposition. A case on the uncontested docket must be considered individually as a regular docket item if there is any opposition or a panel member so requests. Any cases remaining on the uncontested docket shall be approved as a group without the need for testimony from the applicants.

# (k) Documentary evidence.

- (1) All typewritten documentary evidence including reduced-size copies of conceptual plans, development plans, landscape plans, and site plans must conform to the standard 8.5 x 11-inch letter-sized pages on a size 12 font or larger. Each page must be serially numbered and double-spaced.
- (2) All printed and typewritten documentary evidence in excess of five pages tendered by a party shall not be considered by the board unless such documentary evidence is submitted to the

board administrator no later than 10 days prior to the scheduled hearing date at which the matter is to be considered. Upon oral request made by the party at the scheduled hearing, a panel of the board may, for good cause, suspend the operation of this rule and consider the excluded evidence or postpone the hearing on the application to a date certain to allow the panel sufficient time to consider the tendered evidence prior to the next scheduled hearing date.

- (3). For purposes of this subsection, DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE means anything printed or written on paper and relied upon to record or prove something, but signed petitions shall not be considered documentary evidence.
- (4) For purposes of this subsection, PARTY means the applicant or any person or entity that appears in favor of or against the request.

# Section 11. Executive Sessions.

- (a) The board or a panel may remove itself from an open meeting by moving to go into an executive session. Only matters authorized under the Texas Open Meetings Act to be discussed in executive session may be addressed in the executive session. All communication in an executive session is privileged information. The privilege can only be waived by a member by formal waiver. Members are cautioned that discussing the privileged communication with a member of the public, the media, or any other person not privy to the executive session may damage the privilege. The board or a panel shall not hold an executive session except when discussing complaints about or evaluations of individual staff members, or seeking the advice of its attorney on the following matters:
  - (1) Pending or contemplated litigation.
  - (2) Settlement offers.
  - (3) Risk or liability of the board, a panel or individual members thereof for taking an action.

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Board of Adjustment Panel: Public hearing date/time:

Deadline to submit information for staff team meeting: Deadline to submit information for board's docket:

Panel A
1 p.m., Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>
1 p.m., Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>
1 p.m., Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>



# APPLICATION/APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

	Case No.: BDA 61-012
	Data Relative to Subject Property:  Date: 2 24 17
	Location address: 7103 Mumford Ct., Dallas, TK 75257 Zoning District: 6-7.5(A)  Lot No.: Block No.: 8758 Acreage: .29 Census Tract: 317.19
	Street Frontage (in Feet): 1) (10 2) (20 3) 4) 5)
	To the Honorable Board of Adjustment:
	Owner of Property (per Warranty Deed): Mark Cother & Tudith Gother
^	Applicant: Congregation Toras Chair Telephone: 472 835 6016
	Mailing Address: Zip Code: 7525 Z
1	E-mail Address: rabbic toraschain dallas. org
J	Represented by: Grant Schmidt Telephone: 214-507-5042
	Mailing Address: 1717 Main St., Suite 5000 Zip Code: 7520
	E-mail Address: grantschmidt 12@ grant com gschmidt@ winston. com
	Affirm that an appeal has been made for a Variance , or Special Exception , of a reduction required off screet parking spaces (27)
	Application is made to the Board of Adjustment, in accordance with the provisions of the Dallas Development Code, to grant the described appeal for the following reason:  The restrictive area shape, t slope prevents work bothelf (and large regation)  Dras Cham) from developing the land of a manner commensurable  with the same termy classification, there are essentially three from yards  (with a brick wall chroundin 2 rides) and no car could enter back due to alley  Note to Applicant: If the appeal requested in this application is granted by the Board of Adjustment, a  permit must be applied for within 180 days of the date of the final action of the Board, unless the Board  specifically grants a longer period.
	<u>Affidavit</u>
	Before me the undersigned on this day personally appeared
	who on (his/her) oath certifies that the above statements are true and correct to his/her best knowledge and that he/she is the owner/or principal/or authorized representative of the subject property.
	Respectfully submitted:
	Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 today of Jebruary, 2017
	(Rev. 08-01-11)  REBEKAH GRAHAM Notary Public, State of Texas Comm. Expires 04-01-2021  REBEKAH GRAHAM Notary Public in and for Dallas County, Texas

Notary ID 1790805 5-7

BDA 167-072

Remarks
Appeal wasGranted OR Denied
Date of Hearing
MEMORANDUM OF ACTION TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

# **Building Official's Report**

I hereby certify that

**Grant Schmidt** 

did submit a request

for a variance to the parking regulations

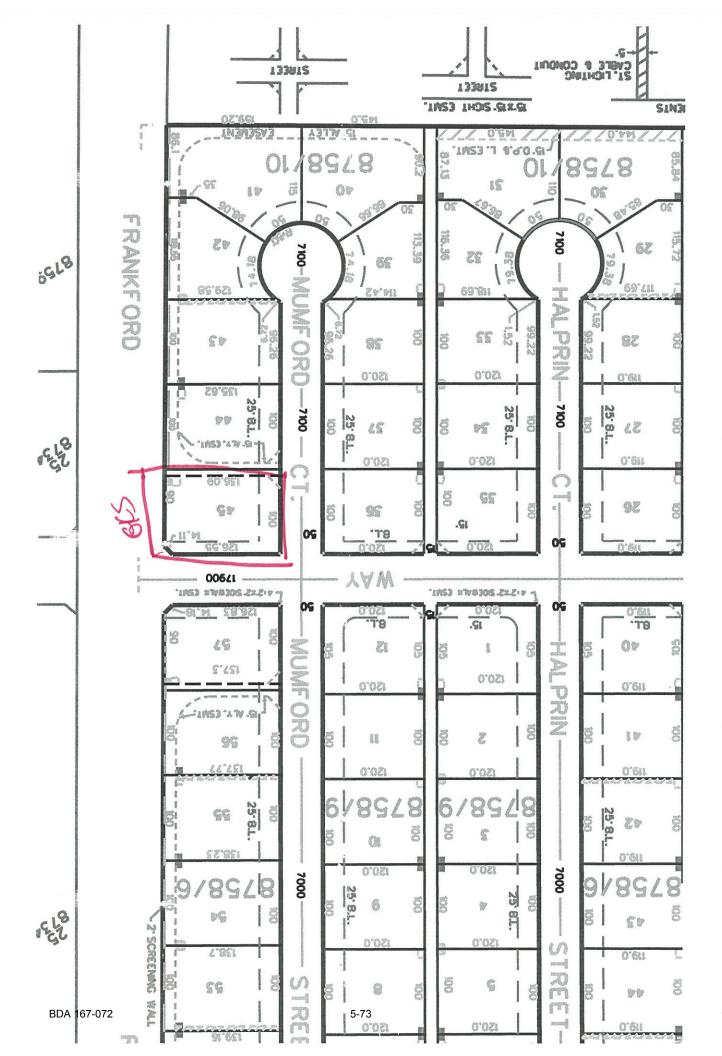
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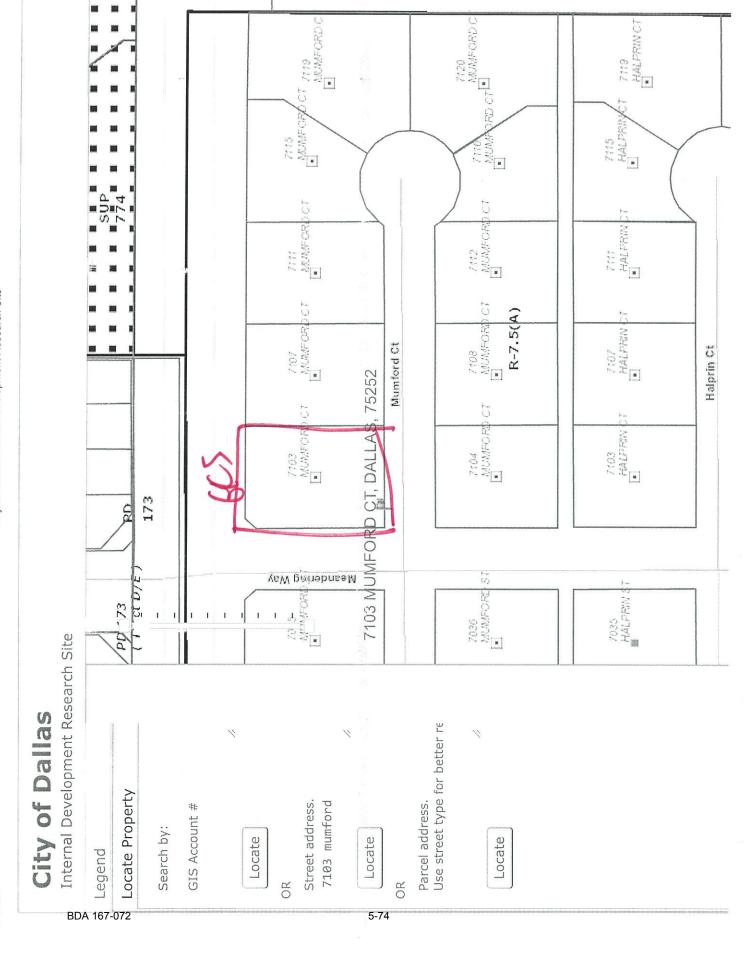
BDA167-072. Application of Grant Schmidt for a variance to the parking regulations at 7103 Mumford Court. This property is more fully described as Lot 45, Block 10/8758, and zoned R-7.5(A), which requires parking to be provided. The applicant proposes to construent a nonresidential structure for a church use, and provide 0 of the required 27 parking space which will require a 27 space variance to the parking regulation.

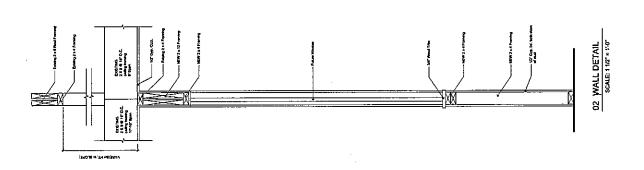
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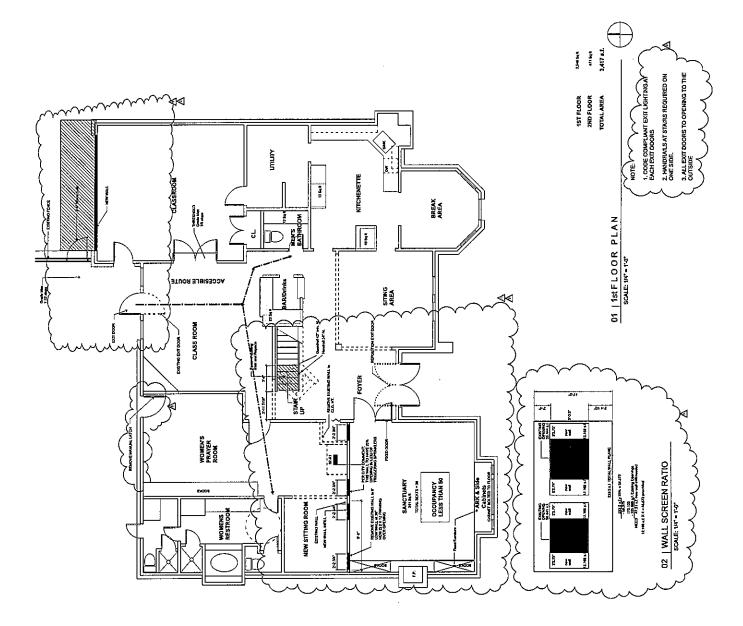
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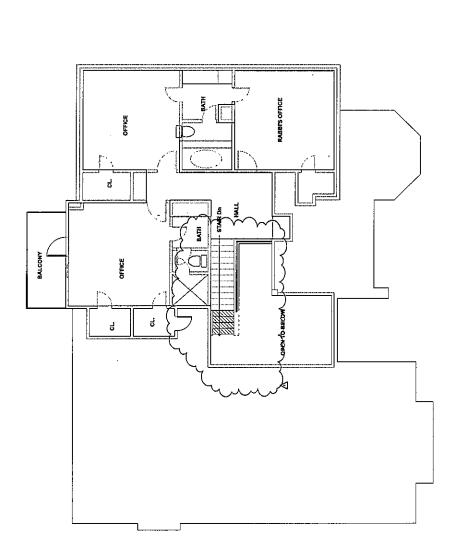








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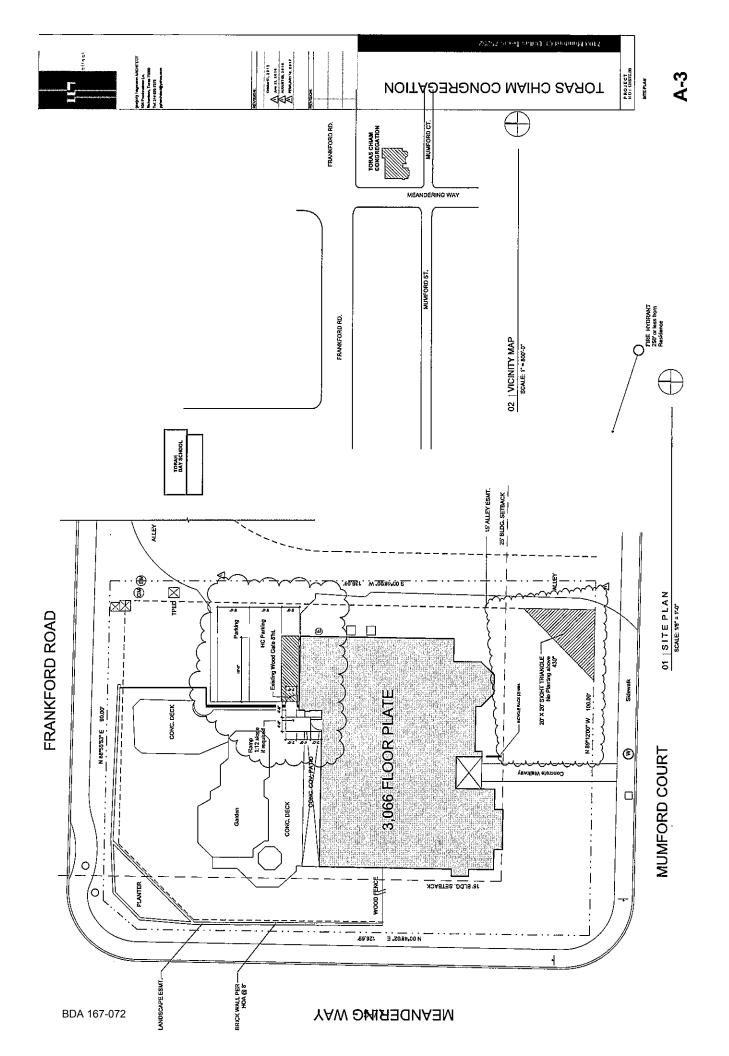


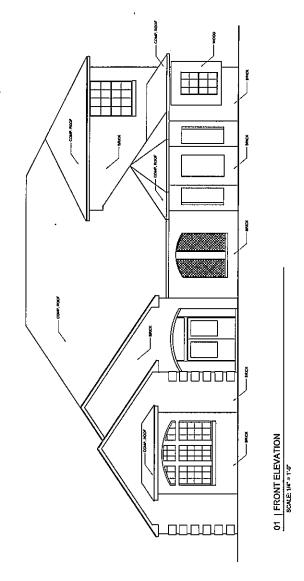


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February 24, 2017

Grant K. Schmidt Associate gschmidt@fr.com 214 760 6128 direct

Steve Long Administrator – Board of Adjustment City Hall 1500 Marilla St., 5BN Dallas, TX 75201

Todd Duerksen 320 E. Jefferson Blvd., Room 105 Dallas, TX 75203

Re: City of Dallas v. Mark B. Gothelf, Judith D. Gothelf and Congregation Toras Chaim, Inc. dba Congregation Toras Chaim

Dear Mr. Long and Mr. Duerksen:

I represent Congregation Toras Chaim ("CTC") in the above-referenced action brought by the City of Dallas (the "City"). CTC is a small Orthodox Jewish congregation that meets at 7103 Mumford Court, Dallas, TX 75252 (the "Property"), where about twenty-five neighborhood congregants walk to gather for worship on Saturdays, and a smaller number of congregants gather throughout the week. CTC is pursuing a variance regarding parking requirements for the Property. In particular, CTC intends to seek a variance on all 27 required off street parking spaces. This is a cover letter for the variance application. This packet includes (a) 2 Application forms; (b) 2 Affidavit forms; (c) 1 Warranty Deed; (d) a copy of the certified subdivision plot; (e) 1 lien statement; (f) 4 copies of the site plan; (g) 4 copies of the elevation drawings; (h) 4 copies of the floor plan; (i) a check for \$3630.00 in this application (\$900 + (27 x \$100) + (3 x \$10)); and (j) a smaller copy of each drawing as requested.

Regarding the parking analysis and/or traffic study, CTC does not have any parking analysis or traffic study to offer because CTC members generally do not drive to worship. Orthodox Jews are prohibited from driving on the Sabbath; these families therefore must live within walking distance of a synagogue to attend prayer services on the Sabbath. Therefore, CTC would be unable to provide a parking analysis or traffic study. This is consistent with CTC's request to reduce the 27 parking space requirement.

CTC is pursuing a variance because the area, shape, and slope prevents CTC from developing the land in a manner commensurate with the development upon other parcels of land in the district with the same zoning classification. Second, there are essentially three front yards given the location of CTC's property. Third, there are two brick walls owned by the Homeowners' Association on two



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sides of the property. Furthermore, CTC has been instructed by the City that no car could enter the back of the home due to the alley screening issues. For these reasons, CTC requires a reduction in the required off street parking requirements (27 spaces). The implementation of this variance would not be contrary to the public interest (in fact, it would be consistent with the public interest) and would otherwise result in an unnecessary hardship for CTC. This variance is not being pursued to relieve a self-created or personal hardship.

CTC intends to seek a fee reimbursement as the filing fee has resulted in a substantial financial hardship for CTC. CTC is a non-profit religious organization. CTC generates no profit, and any money that CTC spends must come from donations or fundraising efforts. Furthermore, the application fee constitutes a significant percentage of CTC's monthly operating expenses, and it already struggles to meet those obligations, often failing to pay the salary of its one full-time employee, Rabbi Rich.

Please contact me if you have any questions or if I may provide any additional information regarding the variance application.

Respectfully,

Grant K. Schmidt

cc: Andrew Gilbert, Assistant City Attorney

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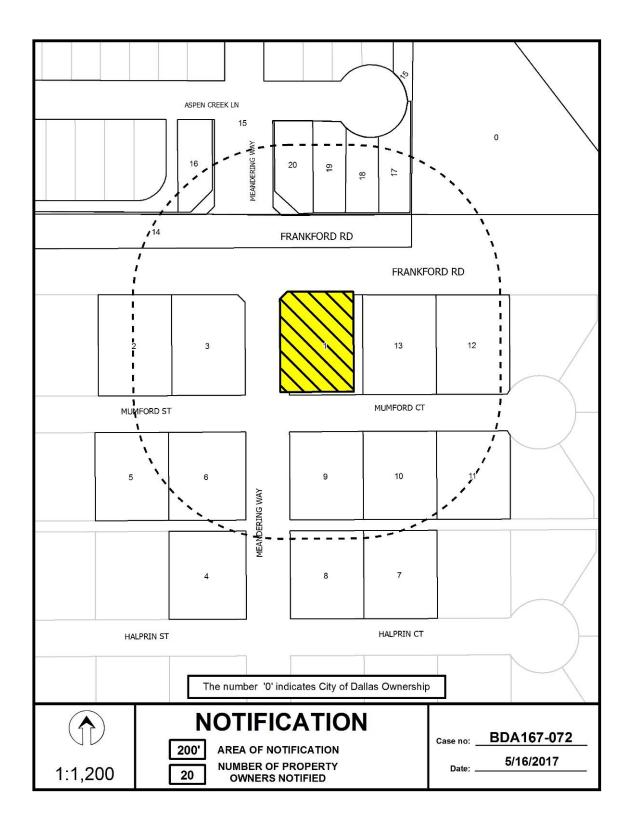


# AFFIDAVIT



# **AFFIDAVIT**

Appeal number: BDA 167-072
I, Mark Gothelf (Owner or "Grantee" of property as it appears on the Warranty Deed), Owner of the subject property
at: 7103 Mumford Court Dallas, TX 75252  (Address of property as stated on application)
Authorize: Grant Schmidt
(Applicant's name as stated on application)
To pursue an appeal to the City of Dallas Zoning Board of Adjustment for the following request(s)
Variance (specify below)
Special Exception (specify below)
Other Appeal (specify below)
Specify: A variance to reduce the number of required
Specify: A variance to reduce the number of required off street parking spaces
Mark Gothelf Print name of property owner or registered agent  Signature of property owner or registered agent
Date 2 23 17
Before me, the undersigned, on this day personally appeared MARK b 60thelf
Who on his/her oath certifies that the above statements are true and correct to his/her best knowledge.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 day of February, 2017
Notary Public for Dallas County, Texas
Notary Public  Notary Public  Commission expires on 7-1/ 72.19



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# Notification List of Property Owners BDA167-072

# 20 Property Owners Notified

Label #	Address		Owner
1	7103	MUMFORD CT	GOTHELF MARK B &
2	7031	MUMFORD ST	MCKENZIE MICHELLE L LEVESQUE & STEVEN N
3	7035	MUMFORD ST	SCHNEIDER DAVID R &
4	7035	HALPRIN ST	JOHNSON JAMES W ETUX
5	7032	MUMFORD ST	DAVID NATALIE E & JOSEPH D
6	7036	MUMFORD ST	NGUYEN VU DANG
7	7107	HALPRIN CT	BEISWANGER JOHN P
8	7103	HALPRIN CT	YANCEY BARRY & MARYBETH
9	7104	MUMFORD CT	RINGELHEIM ABRAHAM & MINNA
10	7108	MUMFORD CT	COLMERY ROBERT D JR ETUX
11	7112	MUMFORD CT	COATES DAWN E
12	7111	MUMFORD CT	NEELY JANETTE & JOHN
13	7107	MUMFORD CT	FORD DALVIN WAYNE SR &
14		FRANKFORD RD	CHURCHILL GLEN LP
15			HIGHLAND CREEK MANOR
16	7048	ASPEN CREEK LN	SHERMAN HILARY & SHERMAN GALE ALLEN LIVING TRUST
17	7124	ASPEN CREEK LN	STONE HOLLY NANETTE
18	7118	ASPEN CREEK LN	SCHIRATO JUDITH A
19	7112	ASPEN CREEK LN	RUBY RED RESOURCES LP
20	7106	ASPEN CREEK LN	WATERS KAYLA M

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**FILE NUMBER**: BDA167-086(SL)

Associates for variances to the front yard setback and off-street parking regulations at 10727 Midway Road. This property is more fully described as an unplatted 4.28 acre parcel in Block C/6154, and is zoned R-16(A), which requires a front yard setback of 35 feet, requires that in residential districts, any off-street parking for nonresidential uses must comply with the minimum front yard requirements, and that the owner of off-street parking must provide screening to separate the parking area from a contiguous residential use or vacant lot if either is in an R(A) district and the parking area serves a nonresidential use. The applicant proposes to construct and maintain a structure and provide a 20 foot front yard setback, which will require 15 foot variances to the front yard setback regulations, to locate and maintain off-street parking in the front yard setbacks, which will require variances to the off-street parking regulations, and to locate and maintain a parking area and not provide the required screening, which will require a variance to the off-street parking regulations.

**LOCATION**: 10727 Midway Road

**APPLICANT:** Robert Baldwin of Baldwin and Associates

## **REQUESTS**:

The following requests are made on a site that is developed with church use/ structure (Providence Presbyterian Church):

- 1. Variances to the front yard setback regulations of up to 15' is made to:
  - a) construct and maintain structures (dumpster, sanctuary, and classroom) to be located as close as 20' from the site's front property line on the north (Royal Lane) or as much as 15' into this 35' required front yard setback; and
  - b) maintain an existing nonconforming structure located 23' 10" from the site's other front property line on the south (Brookport Drive) or 11' 2" into this required front yard setback.
- 2. Variances to the off-street parking regulations are made to:
  - a) locate and maintain off-street parking spaces in the site's two 35' front yard setbacks on the north along Royal Lane and on the south along Brookport Drive;
  - b) construct and maintain a surface parking area/lot, and not fully meet off-street parking regulations related to required screening of the off-street parking area on the west side of the subject site that is contiguous to residential uses and adjacent to property zoned R-16(A).

# STANDARD FOR A VARIANCE:

The Dallas Development Code Section 51A-3.102(d)(10) specifies that the board has the power to grant variances from the front yard, side yard, rear yard, lot width, lot depth, lot coverage, floor area for structures accessory to single family uses, height,

minimum sidewalks, off-street parking or off-street loading, or landscape regulations provided that the variance is:

- (A) not contrary to the public interest when, owing to special conditions, a literal enforcement of this chapter would result in unnecessary hardship, and so that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and substantial justice done;
- (B) necessary to permit development of a specific parcel of land that differs from other parcels of land by being of such a restrictive area, shape, or slope, that it cannot be developed in a manner commensurate with the development upon other parcels of land with the same zoning; and
- (C) not granted to relieve a self-created or personal hardship, nor for financial reasons only, nor to permit any person a privilege in developing a parcel of land not permitted by this chapter to other parcels of land with the same zoning.

# **STAFF RECOMMENDATION (front yard and parking variances)**:

#### Denial

- While staff recognized at the time of the August 1st staff review team meeting that subject site was unique from most R-16(A) zoned lots with 2 front yard setbacks, and was somewhat irregular in shape, and with easements that limited area that could be further developed beyond the existing church use on the property, staff concluded from the facts submitted by the applicant from the time in which the application was submitted on May 31st to what had been added by the applicant at the time of this staff review team meeting that these features/characteristics on the approximately 186,000 square foot lot zoned R-16(A) did not preclude the applicant from developing it with an expanded church use that could comply with the front setbacks and off-street parking regulations.
- From the facts that the applicant had submitted between when the application was submitted on May 31<sup>st</sup> and added to by the applicant at the time of the August 1<sup>st</sup> staff review team meeting, staff had concluded that the applicant had not demonstrated how the features of the site (which is relatively flat, irregular in shape, and according to the application is 4.28 acres in area) preclude it from being developed in a manner commensurate with the development upon other parcels of land in districts with the same R-16(A) zoning classification the site is currently developed a church use/structure most of which complies with the Dallas Development Code other than the nonconforming structure aspect of the structure built (according to DCAD) in the 40's located in the 35' Brookport Drive front yard setback.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

#### Zoning:

Site: R-16(A) (Single family district 16,000 square feet)
North: R-16(A) (Single family district 16,000 square feet)
R-16(A) (Single family district 16,000 square feet)

East: R-16(A) (Single family district 16,000 square feet) West: R-16(A) (Single family district 16,000 square feet)

# Land Use:

The subject site is developed with a church use (Providence Presbyterian Church). The area to the north is developed with a church use, the areas to the east and west are developed with single family uses, and the area to the south is undeveloped.

## **Zoning/BDA History**:

There has not been any recent related board or zoning cases recorded either on or in the immediate vicinity of the subject site.

## **GENERAL FACTS /STAFF ANALYSIS (front yard variance)**:

- The requests for variances to the front yard setback regulations of up to 15' focus on constructing and maintaining an approximately 40 square foot dumpster structure, an approximately 18,500 square foot "future sanctuary" structure, and an approximately 8,900 square foot "new classroom building" structure as close as 20 from one of the site's two front property lines (Royal Lane) or as much as 15' into this 35' required front yard setback, and maintaining an existing nonconforming structure located 23' 10" from the site's other front property line on the south (Brookport Drive) or 11' 2" into this required front yard setback.
- The subject site is zoned R-16(A) which requires a minimum 35' front yard setback.
- The subject site is located at the southwest corner of Royal Lane and Midway Road. The site is bounded by Royal Lane on the north, Midway Road on the east, and Brookport Drive on the south. The site has two 35' front yard setbacks (one on the north along Royal Lane, the other on the south along Brookport Drive) since the code states that if a lot runs from one street to another and has double frontage, a required front yard must be provided on both streets. (Midway Road is a side yard where the minimum setback is 15').
- The applicant has submitted site plan denoting the dumpster, future sanctuary, and new classroom structures to be located in the 35' required front yard setback on the north along Royal Lane, and an "existing one story brick" structure in the 35' front yard setback on the south along Brookport Drive.
- According to DCAD records, the "improvement" for property addressed at 10727 Midway Road is structure built in 1941 with 15,735 square feet. Because records show that the main improvement/structure on this site was built in the 40's, it is assumed that the existing "one-story brick building" structure located in the 35' required front yard setback on the south along Brookport Drive is a nonconforming structure.
- The code defines nonconforming structure as a structure that does not conform to the regulations of the code, but which was lawfully constructed under the regulations in force at the time of construction.

- The code states that the right to rebuild a nonconforming structure ceases if the structure is destroyed by the intentional act of the owner or the owner's agent.
- The code states that a person may renovate, remodel, repair, rebuild, or enlarge a
  nonconforming structure if the work does not cause the structure to become more
  nonconforming as to the yard, lot, and space regulations.
- The applicant has chosen to seek variance to the front yard setback regulations for both the proposed structures to be located in the 35' required front yard setback on the north along Royal Lane, and the nonconforming existing one-story brick" nonconforming structure in the site's 35' required front yard setback on the south along Brookport Drive.
- The site is relatively flat, irregular in shape, and according to the application is 4.28 acres (or approximately 186,000 square feet) in area. The site is R-16(A) where lots are typically 16,000 square feet. The site developed with a church use has two 35' front yard setbacks and two 15' side yard setbacks. Most lots in this zoning district developed with single family structures have one 35' front yard setback, two 10' side yard setbacks, and one 10' rear yard setback.
- The applicant has submitted a document indicating an existing storm detention area and three easements for storm drainage which along with setbacks creates a buildable area of the property at 61 percent.
- The applicant has the burden of proof in establishing the following:
  - That granting the variances to the front yard setback regulations will not be contrary to the public interest when, owing to special conditions, a literal enforcement of this chapter would result in unnecessary hardship, and so that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and substantial justice done.
  - The variances to front yard setback regulations are necessary to permit development of the subject site that differs from other parcels of land by being of such a restrictive area, shape, or slope, that the subject site cannot be developed in a manner commensurate with the development upon other parcels of land in districts with the same R-16(A) zoning classification.
  - The variances to front yard setback regulations would not be granted to relieve a self created or personal hardship, nor for financial reasons only, nor to permit any person a privilege in developing this parcel of land (the subject site) not permitted by this chapter to other parcels of land in districts with the same R-16(A) zoning classification.
- If the Board were to grant the requests, and impose the submitted site plan as a condition, the structures in the front yard setbacks would be limited to what is shown on this document— which, in this case, are proposed structures located as close as 20' from the Royal Lane front property line or as much as 15' into this 35' required front yard setback, and an existing nonconforming structure located 23' 10" from the site's other front property line on the south (Brookport Drive) or 11' 2" into this required front yard setback.

## **GENERAL FACTS /STAFF ANALYSIS (off-street parking variances)**:

• The requests for variances to the off-street parking regulations focus on: 1) locating and maintaining off-street parking spaces in the site's two front yard setbacks (Royal

Lane on the north and Brookport Drive on the south); and 2) constructing and maintaining a surface parking area/lot, and not fully meeting off-street parking regulations related to required screening of the off-street parking area/lot on the west side of the subject site that is contiguous to residential uses and adjacent to property zoned R-16(A).

- The subject site is zoned R-16(A) which requires a minimum 35' front yard setback.
- The subject site is located at the southwest corner of Royal Lane and Midway Road. The site is bounded by Royal Lane on the north, Midway Road on the east, and Brookport Drive on the south. The site has two 35' front yard setbacks (one on the north along Royal Lane, the other on the south along Brookport Drive) since the code states that if a lot runs from one street to another and has double frontage, a required front yard must be provided on both streets. (Midway Road is a side yard where the minimum setback is 15').
- The subject site is a church or nonresidential use located in a residential zoning district where there are residential uses to the west on property zoned R-16(A).
- The Off-Street Parking Regulations of the Dallas Development Code states the following with regard to off-street parking provisions for residential uses:
  - In residential districts, any off-street parking for nonresidential uses must comply with the minimum front yard requirements.
- The submitted site plan denotes a row of off-street parking spaces located in the 35' required front yard setbacks on the north side of the site along Royal Lane and on the south side of the site along Brookport Drive.
- The Off-Street Parking Regulations of the Dallas Development Code states the following with regard to "screening provisions for off-street parking":
  - The owner of off-street parking must provide screening to separate the parking area from a contiguous residential use or vacant lot if either is in an agricultural, single family, or multifamily district and the parking area serves a nonresidential use.
  - Screening for off-street parking required must be a brick, stone, or concrete masonry, stucco, concrete, or wood wall that is not less than six feet in height.
- The submitted site plan denotes no screening between the surface parking area/lot and the contiguous residential use zoned R-16(A) to the west of the subject site.
- According to DCAD records, the "improvement" for property addressed at 10727 Midway Road is structure built in 1941 with 15,735 square feet.
- The site is relatively flat, irregular in shape, and according to the application is 4.28 acres (or approximately 186,000 square feet) in area. The site is R-16(A) where lots are typically 16,000 square feet. The site developed with a church use has two 35' front yard setbacks and two 15' side yard setbacks. Most lots in this zoning district developed with single family structures have one 35' front yard setback, two 10' side yard setbacks, and one 10' rear yard setback.
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- The variances to off-street parking regulations would not be granted to relieve a self created or personal hardship, nor for financial reasons only, nor to permit any person a privilege in developing this parcel of land (the subject site) not permitted by this chapter to other parcels of land in districts with the same R-16(A) zoning classification.
- If the Board were to grant the requests, and impose the submitted site plan as a condition, the applicant would be permitted to locate and maintain off-street parking spaces in the 35' required front yard setbacks on the north along Royal Lane and on the south along Brookport Drive, and to not provide required screening of the off-street parking area/lot on the west side of the subject site that is contiguous to residential uses and adjacent to property zoned R-16(A).

## **Timeline**:

May 31, 2017: The applicant submitted an "Application/Appeal to the Board of

Adjustment" and related documents which have been included as

part of this case report.

July 11, 2017: The Board of Adjustment Secretary randomly assigned this case to

Board of Adjustment Panel A.

July 11, 2017: The Board Administrator emailed the applicant the following information:

- a copy of the application materials including the Building Official's report on the application;
- an attachment that provided the public hearing date and panel that will consider the application; the July 26<sup>th</sup> deadline to submit additional evidence for staff to factor into their analysis; and the August 4<sup>th</sup> deadline to submit additional evidence to be incorporated into the Board's docket materials;
- the definition of nonconforming structure and the provision from the Dallas Development Code related to nonconforming structures (51A-4.704(c);
- the criteria/standard that the board will use in their decision to approve or deny the request; and
- the Board of Adjustment Working Rules of Procedure pertaining to "documentary evidence."

July 26, 2017: The applicant submitted additional information to staff beyond what was submitted with the original application (see Attachment A).

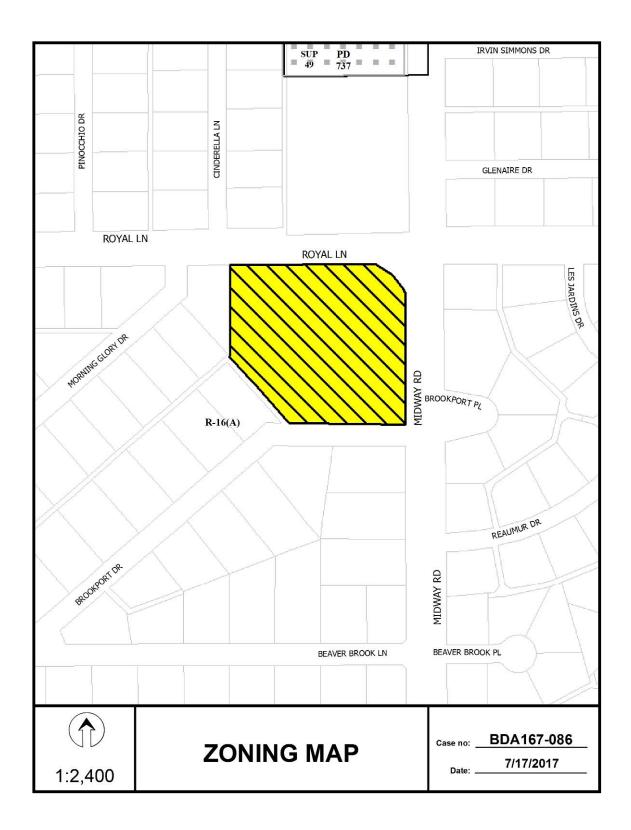
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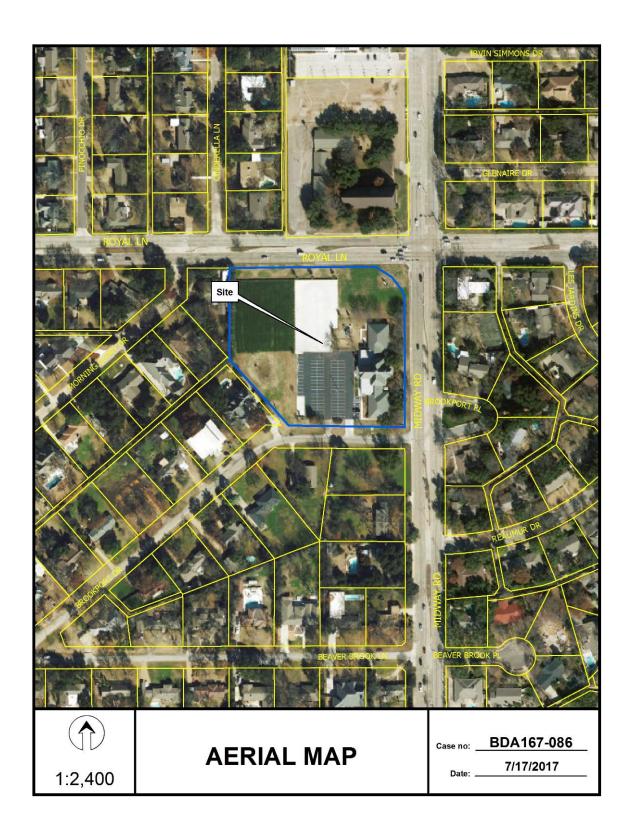
The Board of Adjustment staff review team meeting was held regarding this request and the others scheduled for August public hearings. Review team members in attendance included: the Sustainable Development and Construction Assistant Director of Engineering, the Board of Adjustment Chief Planner, the Sustainable Development and Construction Interim Assistant Building Official, the Board Administrator, the Building Inspection Senior Plans Examiner/Development Code Specialist, the Chief Arborist, the Sustainable Development and Construction Department Senior Planner, and the Assistant City Attorney to the Board.

No review comment sheets were submitted in conjunction with this application.

August 4, 2017:

The applicant submitted additional information to staff beyond what was submitted with the original application (see Attachment B). Note that this information was not factored into the staff recommendation for the variances since it was submitted after the August 1<sup>st</sup> staff review team meeting.





# Baldwin Associates

July 26, 2017

Steve Long
Board Administrator
City of Dallas Board of Adjustment
1500 Marilla 5BN
Dallas, TX 75201

RE:

BDA 167-086, Royal Lane & Midway Road, southwest corner

Providence Presbyterian Church

Dear Mr. Long:

Our firm is assisting Providence Presbyterian Church in their variance requests to the Board of Adjustment. The Church is proposing a building addition on the north side of the existing building. The work will also expand the parking lot, which will help relieve parking on neighborhood streets during church services and events.

The Church's property is zoned an R-16(A) Single Family District, which has a greater front yard setback (35 feet) than the existing Church building provides today (23 feet) and restricts parking spaces from being in a front yard setback. The Property has front yard setback requirements on both Brookport Drive and Royal Lane.

The Church participated in a predevelopment meeting with City staff prior to completing the design of the proposed additions. In that meeting, the Church was instructed to treat Royal Lane as a side yard since the property's narrowest frontage is along Brookport Drive. This information was erroneous since the front yard regulations call for both yards to be considered front yards when a property runs from one street to another (51A-4.401(a)(5)). Design of the additions proceeded based on the erroneous information, which was learned at time of building permit submittal.

We are requesting to the Board of Adjustment to provide a 20-foot setback along Royal Lane for the proposed building additions and to maintain the 23-foot setback for the existing building on Brookport Drive. We are also requesting approval of the location of parking spaces in both front yard setbacks and to allow the required landscaping buffer to serve as the parking lot screening. These are all variance requests.

The property has an irregular shape and has three street frontages, two of which are front yards per zoning. The property's topography falls about six feet from the northeast corner near the Royal/Midway intersection towards the southwest. There is an existing storm detention area that slopes down another 10 feet. The property also has three easements for storm drainage that encumber the property, making the western side of the property unbuildable except for parking. An existing 15-foot drainage easement will be expanded to 30-feet and a new 20-foot drainage easement will be provided by platting and engineering requirements. This drives the location of the church expansion to the northeast corner of the property. Our architect calculates approximately 61% of the property is buildable due to the site restrictions from easements and required setbacks.

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Currently, parking for church services and events overflows onto the residential streets. The site plan shows that there will be more parking than what the Dallas Development Code requires for the number of seats in the sanctuary; this is in order to provide the amount of parking spaces that are expected as demanded by the church with the proposed building additions. In the Church's conversations with immediate neighbors, the additional parking is needed for the public interest. In order to accommodate the demand, parking spaces are provided on the site plan within the front yard setback.

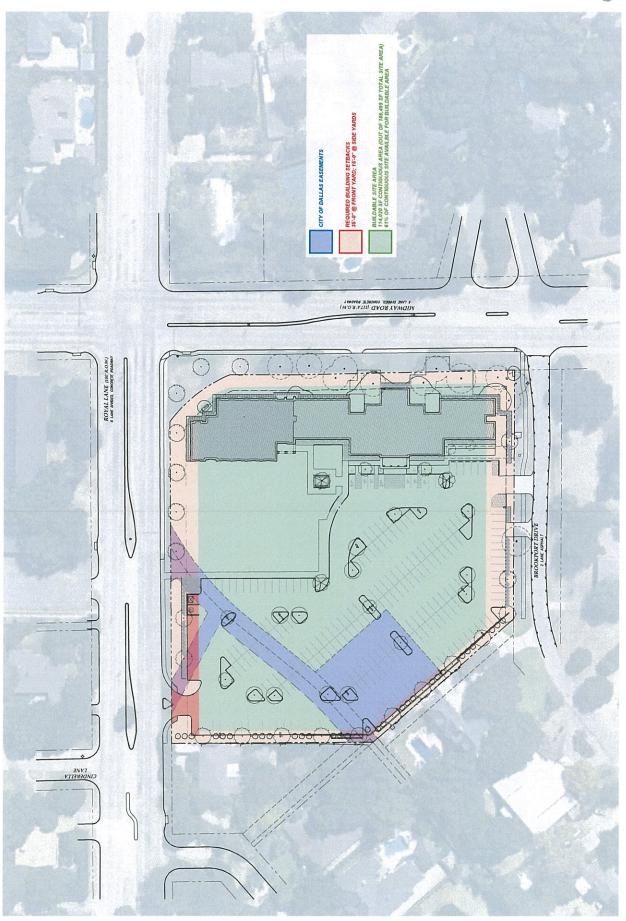
Parking spaces require screening when abutting residential uses and must be a 6-foot solid screening fence. This requirement will apply on the western side of the property between the parking lot and the west property line. We are requesting to vary this requirement for a few reasons. Due to the previously mentioned site fall, there will be a 4-foot retaining wall at the edge of the southwest line of the parking lot. If we did provide the 6-foot screening fence, it would appear as either 2-feet of screening if it is placed on the property line or 10-feet if it is placed on the retaining wall, neither of which are desirable for the neighbors or the Church. The abutting neighbor on the southwest has an existing 8-foot tall privacy fence on their property line abutting the Church property behind the front façade of their home; the neighbor has requested of the Church to not provide a screening fence for the Church's parking lot. The neighbor on the northwest has dense landscaping and open fencing.

The property's R-16(A) zoning district is primarily for single family uses on 16,000 square foot lots. On a typical single family lot, the maximum lot coverage for a home is 40% but the buildable area (lot area minus setbacks) is 57% of the lot area. This allows for flexibility on the location of where the home can be placed outside of setbacks. It is most common for public utility and drainage easements to be located along boundary lines and preserves flexibility for where buildings can be placed within the buildable area. In researching three nearby churches in the immediate area and zoned R-16(A), we found that public and private easements were either neatly located along a property line or only about 700 square feet in the case of Midway Hills Christian Church. The area of the easements on the subject property is 26,067 square feet. These easements create a property hardship by reducing the possible locations for buildings.

We believe the proposed site plan balances the needs of the Church with reasonable protections for the neighbors. The proposed site plan also makes the best use of the land given the easements that are restricting building locations. We hope staff can support our request. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

With kind egards,

Rob Baldwin



## Long, Steve

From:

Jennifer Hiromoto < jennifer@baldwinplanning.com>

**Sent:** Friday, August 04, 2017 12:41 PM

To: Long, Steve

Subject: RE: BDA167-086 , Property at 10727 Midway Road

Yes sir. Thank you.

Jennifer Hiromoto Baldwin Associates 3904 Elm Street Suite B Dallas, TX 75226

Office: 214-824-7949 Cell: 469-275-2414

From: Long, Steve [mailto:steve.long@dallascityhall.com]

Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 12:39 PM

To: Jennifer Hiromoto < jennifer@baldwinplanning.com>

Cc: Moorman, Donna <donna.moorman@dallascityhall.com>; Duerksen, Todd <todd.duerksen@dallascityhall.com>;

Williams, Kanesia <kanesia.williams@dallascityhall.com>; Rob Baldwin <rob@baldwinplanning.com>

Subject: RE: BDA167-086, Property at 10727 Midway Road

Dear Jennifer,

Please be advised that your email below and attached documents will be included in the board's docket seeing that they were submitted before the 1 p.m. deadline today. From your experience with the board of adjustment, I believe you know that staff will note that the information is this newly submitted document was not factored into the staff recommendation given that it was submitted past the August 1<sup>st</sup> staff review team meeting that you and Rob were made aware of on or near July 11<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you,

Steve



### **Steve Long**

Board of Adjustment Administrator

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From: Jennifer Hiromoto [mailto:jennifer@baldwinplanning.com]

Sent: Friday, August 04, 2017 12:32 PM

To: Long, Steve <steve.long@dallascityhall.com>
Cc: Rob Baldwin <rob@baldwinplanning.com>

Subject: BDA167-086 Midway - exhibits for Board docket

Good afternoon Steve,

Attached please find additional materials for our case at Midway & Royal. We hope this helps demonstrate the variance requests and existing challenges we are proposing to improve with these additions to the Church. Please note that these exhibits show the proposed building addition (in yellow) because that is the immediate addition we are seeking to permit. I want to be clear that the other building footprint and courtyard/playground shown on the site plan are a future expansion included in this application.

Thanks, Jennifer

Jennifer Hiromoto Baldwin Associates 3904 Elm Street Suite B Dallas, TX 75226

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## APPLICATION/APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

	Case No.: BDA 167-086			
Data Relative to Subject Property:	Date: May 31, 2017			
Location address: 10727 Midway Road	Zoning District: R-16(A)			
Lot No.: Block No.: C/6154 Acreage: 4.28 acres	Census Tract: 75.00			
Street Frontage (in Feet): 1) 314' 2) 359' 3) 520'	4)5)			
To the Honorable Board of Adjustment :				
Owner of Property (per Warranty Deed): Providence Presbyterian Ch	nurch PCA			
Applicant: Rob Baldwin, Baldwin Associates	Telephone: 214-824-7949			
Mailing Address: 3904 Elm Street Suite B Dallas TX	Zip Code: <u>75226</u>			
E-mail Address: rob@baldwinplanning.com				
Represented by: Rob Baldwin, Baldwin Associates	Telephone: 214-824-7949			
Mailing Address: 3904 Elm Street Suite B Dallas TX	Zip Code: <u>75226</u>			
E-mail Address: <u>rob@baldwinplanning.com</u>				
Affirm that an appeal has been made for a Variance X, or Special Exception, of				
	Debort Boldwin			
Before me the undersigned on this day personally appeared(Affi who on (his/her) oath certifies that the above statements are tr knowledge and that he/she is the owner/or principal/or authorize property.				
Respectfully submitted:				
	ffiant/Applicant's signature)			
Subscribed and sworn to before me this SH day of VICKIE L RADER  Notary ID # 126690222  My Commission Expires	Level J. County, Texas			

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## **Building Official's Report**

I hereby certify that Robert Baldwin

did submit a request for a variance to the front yard setback regulations, and for a variance to the

off-street parking regulations, and for a variance to the off-street parking

regulations

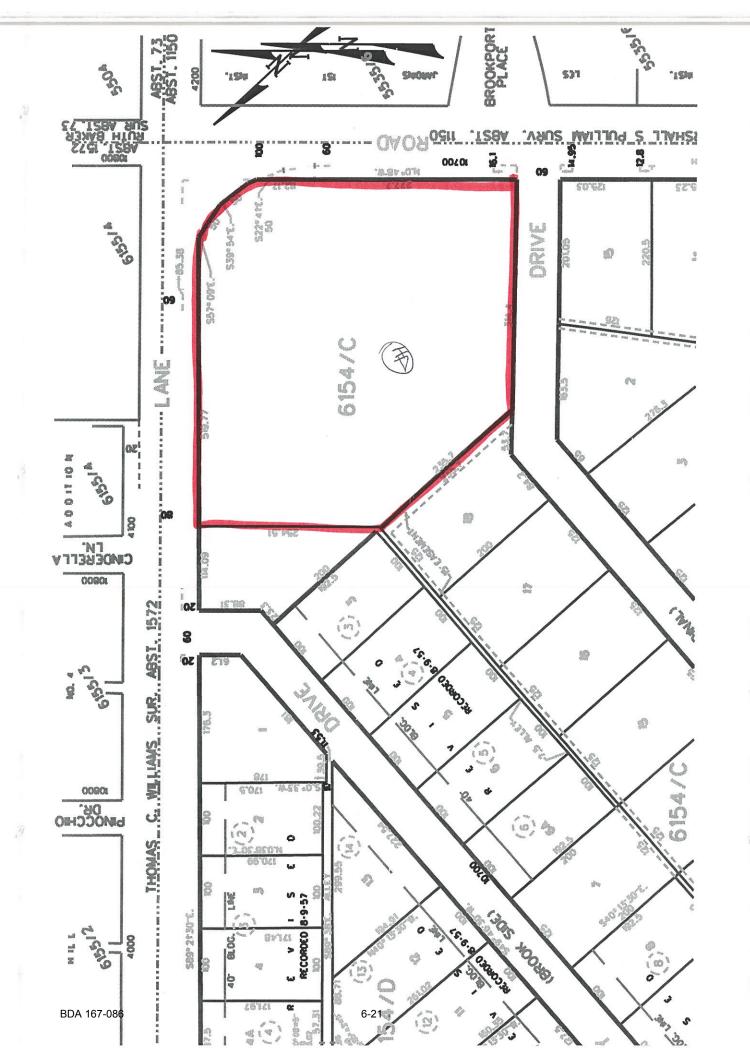
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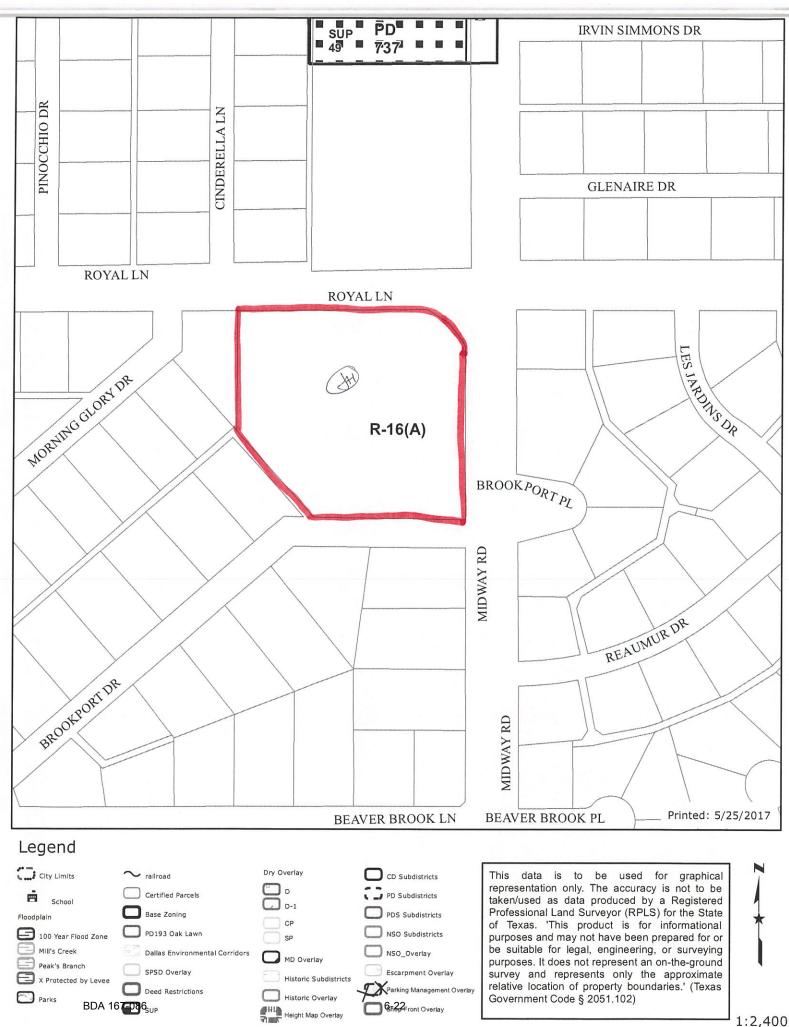
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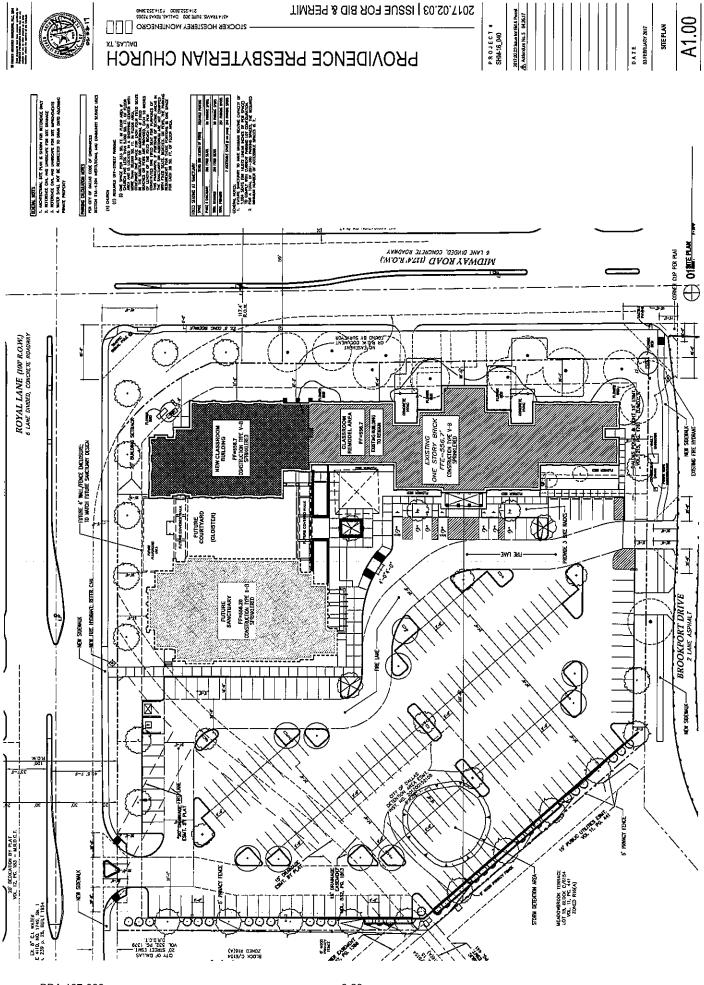
Sincerely,

Philip Sikes, Building Official

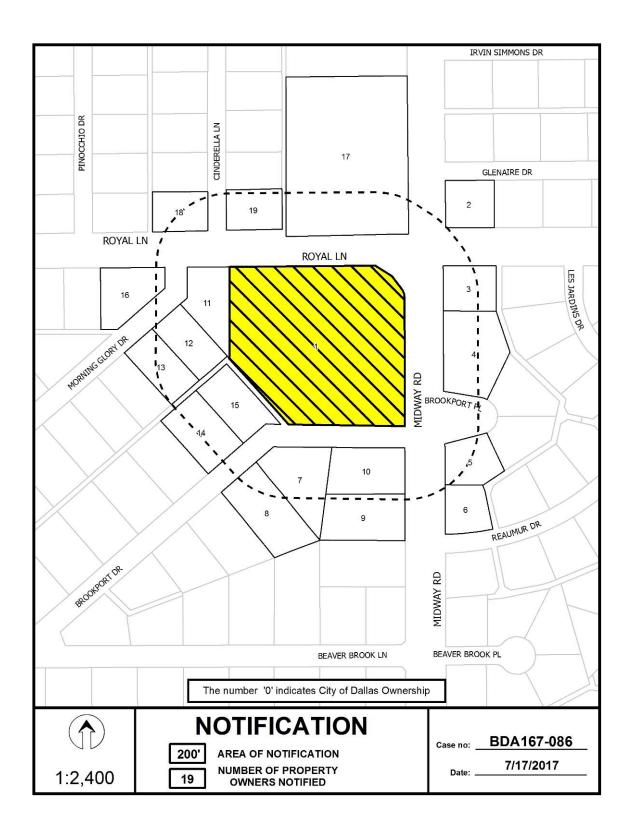
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# Notification List of Property Owners BDA167-086

# 19 Property Owners Notified

Label #	Address		Owner
1	10727	MIDWAY RD	PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN
2	4208	GLENAIRE DR	HUNT BETTY JEAN LIFE ESTATE
3	4202	ROYAL LN	TSAI DENIS & SUZIE
4	10728	BROOKPORT PL	WILSON RALPH & EUGENIA
5	10710	BROOKPORT PL	MILLER GAYLE T
6	4207	REAUMUR DR	TUCKER GREGORY B &
7	4170	BROOKPORT DR	FOER S PHYLLIS
8	4154	BROOKPORT DR	REYNOLDS DIANE I &
9	10709	MIDWAY RD	JOUANA JOSEPH R & DIANE C
10	10719	MIDWAY RD	SEYFFERT ANA
11	10796	MORNING GLORY DR	WRIGHT KENNETH PATRICK &
12	10794	MORNING GLORY DR	CHEVALIER KRISTI LYNN
13	10784	MORNING GLORY DR	MATHEWS JOSEPH L &
14	4163	BROOKPORT DR	TOMETICH GEORGE B
15	4171	BROOKPORT DR	CARDINALE JOSEPH A
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17	4151	ROYAL LN	JOHN CALVIN PRES CHURCH
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