

Zoning Staff Report

Date: August 8, 2023 Case Number: ZC-23-087 Council District: 11

Zoning Map Amendment & Site Plan

Case Manager: Shad Rhoten

Owner / Applicant: Maxwell Fisher / Avis Chiasson, Palladium USA International. Inc

Request

Proposed Use: Multifamily Apartment Complex

Request: From: "A-7.5" One-Family, "C" Medium Density Multifamily and "E" Neighborhood

Commercial

To: "PD-D" Planned Development-High Density Multifamily with development

standards for parking, accessory building setbacks, building setbacks from residential, building height, perimeter fencing and open space; Site Plan included.

Recommendation

Land Use Compatibility: Requested change is not compatible Comprehensive Plan Consistency: Requested change is not consistent

Staff Recommendation: Denial

Zoning Commission Recommendation: Approval by a vote of 7-0

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Project Description and Background

The subject site is a 7.9-acre piece of property off E. Lancaster Avenue in Council District 11. Based on the site plan, this development would have a panhandle of the site the fronts on Norma Street to the north and would bisect existing single family residential. This proposed panhandle would contain a dog park and the applicant is requesting to reduce the required accessory building setback from 20 feet to 2 feet from the existing single family residential. The site is currently undeveloped, containing multiple tracts of land under different ownership. This proposal seeks to rezone the from the existing "A-7.5" One-Family, "C" Medium Density Multi-Family and "E" Neighborhood Commercial to "PD-D" for a Planned Development based on High Density Multifamily.

The intent is to construct an apartment complex with three (3) stand-alone buildings for a total of 243 units and density of 29.6 dwelling units per acre. The "D" district would permit a maximum density of 32 dwelling units per acre; therefore, this proposal would not exceed the density standard. There are two (2) access points into the development that are on E. Lancaster Road. A site plan has been submitted with this application is included in the docket for reference. The applicant is also requesting development standards (waivers) to other minimum standards of the "D" district which are itemized below.

The waivers (or 'development standards') for the PD-D can be seen in the table below. The waivers are only for aspects that fall short of the "D" standards. All other "D" standards not listed will be met or exceeded.

VARIANCE TURE	SECTION OF	DECHIDENENT	ppoposen	EICTIFICATION
VARIANCE TYPE	SECTION OF CODE	REQUIREMENT	PROPOSED	JUSTIFICATION
BUILDING SETBACK ACCESSORY STRUCTURE (DOG PARK PAVILION)	4.712.0.2	20 FEET	2 FEET	THE LOCATION OF THE PAVILION LOGICAL TO SERVE RESIDENTS USING DOG PARK. THE ONE-STORY PAVILION WILL BE OPEN ON THE SIDES TO MINIMIZE MASSING IMPACT. THE PLACEMENT OPTIMIZES USE OF THE LAND. THE FENCE ALONG NORMA STREET IS NECESSARY TO SECURE DOG PARK.
BUILDING SETBACK FROM SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL	4.712.c.2	130 FEET	4-STORY BUILDING 3, 120' FEET FROM WESTERN PERIMETER	BUILDING 3 IS 4-STORY BUT ONLY THE WESTERN END IS LOCATED WITHIN THE 130-FOOT SETBACK. BUILDING 3 WILL HAVE NO UNITS OR BALCONIES DIRECTLY FACING WEST.
BUILDING HEIGHT	4.712.0.2	36 FEET MAXIMUM FOR BUILDINGS LOCATED 250 FEET OR LESS FROM SINGLE FAMILY DISTRICT	BUILDINGS 1 AND 3 FROM 36' FEET TO 48' FEET BUILDING 2 FROM 36' FEET TO 36' FEET, 4 INCHES	BUILDING 1 AND 3 ARE PLACED TO PROVIDE AS MUCH SEPARATION (AS POSSIBLE) FROM SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO THE WEST AND SINGLE FAMILY ZONING TO THE NORTHEAST. BUILDINGS ARE PLACED TO MAXIMIZE SETBACKS AND AVOID UPPER STORY UNITS LOOMING OVER SINGLE FAMILY YARDS.
PERIMETER FENCING AND LOCATION	4.712.d.4.b and c	PERIMETER FENCING IS NOT ALLOWED IN FRONT YARDS	ALLOW 6-FOOT TALL ORNAMENTAL METAL "WROUGHT IRON" FENCING IN THE YARD ALONG E. LANCASTER AVENUE AND A SOLID MASONRY WALL ALONG NORMA STREET; A COMBINATION OF A SOLID MASONRY WALL OR SECURITY FENCING AROUND PROPERTY	FENCE PLACEMENT WILL PROVIDE SECURITY FOR GROUND FLOOR RESIDENTS AND WILL SECURE THE AREAS THAT CONNECT TO BUILDING ACCESS POINTS. THE FENCE IS SETBACK WELL OFF THE ROAD, MEETING THE SPIRIT AND INTENT OF THE REQUIREMENT.
OPEN SPACE	4.712.c.2	35% MINIMUM	29% MINIMUM	THE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL IS AN INFILL SITE WITHOUT THE SAME OPEN SPACE OPPORTUNITIES. NONETHELESS, THE PROPOSAL INCLUDES A DOG PARK, LARGE COURTYARD WITH A POOL, AND A SPORT COURT.
PARKING	6.201	1 SPACE PER BED PLUS 1 SPACE PER 250 SF OF COMMON AREA= 493 SPACES	1.46 SPACES PER LIVING UNIT= 355 PARKING SPACES	DECREASE PARKING SUPPLY TO BETTER ALIGN WITH PARKING DEMAND; AVOID OVER PARKING THE PROPERTY

Surrounding Zoning and Land Uses

North "A-7.5" One Family Residential / single-family residential

East "A-5" One Family Residential and "E" Neighborhood Commercial / single-family, commercial, apartments

South "E" Neighborhood Commercial / commercial

West "A-5" One Family Residential / single-family residential

Recent Zoning History

• ZC-10-137: The northern portion of the property was included in a 398 acre rezoning from A-5, A-5/HC, B, B/HC, CR, C, D, ER, E, F, and G to A-21, A-10, A-10/HC, A-7.5, A-5, A-5/HC, B, ER, and E (this portion is zoned "A-7.5")

Public Notification

300-foot Legal Notifications were mailed on June 30, 2023. The following organizations were emailed on June 30, 2023:

Organizations Notified			
Neighborhoods of East Fort Worth*	West Meadowbrook NA		
Echo Heights Stop Six Environmental Coalition	East Fort Worth, Inc		
Streams and Valleys Inc	Trinity Habitat for Humanity		
East Fort Worth Business Association	Fort Worth ISD		

^{*}Located closest to this registered Neighborhood Association

Development Impact Analysis

Land Use Compatibility

This property consists of multiple tracts that are zoned under different districts as noted above (refer to attached zoning map). There are various mixed uses within the general area (apartments, commercial uses, residential): however, a majority of the property perimeter adjoins single family uses on the west, north and northeast. As stated above, the site would feature a panhandle to the north bisecting two (2) single family residences and fronts onto Norma Road. Although it does not appear that access is proposed to Norma for vehicular traffic, the area is intended for a dog park for apartment residences. The proximity from the dog park could negatively impact the single family. Additionally, staff has concerns over development standards for building height increase.

Ingress and egress to the property is from E. Lancaster, a 6 lane Highway that links East Loop 820 to the east and Oakland Boulevard to the west, providing access to I-30 and Rosedale Street. The general layout of this site **is not compatible** with surrounding land uses. Higher density residential would be more ideally situated at a major intersection with several access points in multiple directions to help diffuse traffic. There are lower density residential products in the vicinity of the subject property, but none are directly adjacent to the site and do not

provide a direct comparison. The Stratton Royal Apartment Complex located to the east is a non-conforming use as it is currently zoned "E" Neighborhood Commercial. Although a portion of the property is currently zoned "C" Medium Density Multifamily, the density cap is 24 dwelling units per acre rather than the 32 allowed under the "D" district. A lower density multifamily product with increased open space and appropriate buffers to adjacent residential may be better suited at this location.

No community support has been provided for this rezoning request, and no letters of support are on file with the Development Services Department as of the writing of this report.

Comprehensive Plan Consistency – Eastside

The adopted 2022 Comprehensive Plan designates the subject property as a mix of Medium Density Residential (west), Neighborhood Commercial (east) and Single Family Residential (north). The proposed zoning request does not align with these land use designations.

Additionally, this request appears to be in contrast with the following policy for the Eastside Planning Sector:

 Reduce the amount of undeveloped multifamily zoning outside of mixed-use growth centers, urban villages, and transit-oriented development (TOD) areas. Use urban residential and mixed-use zoning to accommodate walkable multifamily development in these areas.

The proposed rezoning to "PD-D" is not consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

Site Plan Comments

Zoning / Land Use

- Staff has concerns with the dog park location and the associated setback. I believe this is going to create major concerns with the adjoining residential.
- Has your team considered reducing the density to align with the small area designated for Medium Density on the land Use Plan?
- Please start you outreach with adjoining neighbors, Neighborhood Associations and the Councilman for this district. I have provided this information below:

Council District 11 – District 11 Office 200 Texas St. Fort Worth, Texas 76102

Telephone: 817-392-8811

Email: District11@fortworthtexas.gov

Neighborhood Association -

View Organization (fortworthtexas.gov)

Fire

FWFD - (Fire Inspector David Hood, FirePlatting@fortworthtexas.gov)

FYI/General Comments:

Fire lane specifications can be found at IFC 2021/CFW Adopted Amendments Ordinance #25388-03-2022 Section 503

Hydrant requirements:

Less than or equal 600 ft. (300 ft. radius) of space between hydrants along a direct horizontal line.

Less than or equal 500 ft. hose lay distance to all points of building.

FDC's for sprinkler and standpipe systems shall be located within 50 ft. of a dedicated street or fire apparatus access road and shall be within 150 ft. hose lay distance of the nearest fire hydrant. Each building shall be equipped with its own FDC, unless otherwise approved by the fire code official.

IFC 2021/CFW Adopted Amendments Ordinance #25388-03-2022 Sections 507.5.1, 507.5.4, 5, and 6 Fire Hydrants

Addresses will be assigned by CFW Fire Department after the plat is recorded. DO NOT SELF ADDRESS. Plats are worked within 10 days in the order received.

General Information:

Failure to recognize violations of the fire code by the fire code official does not waive the requirement of meeting minimum requirements of the fire code in the future. It is the applicant's and the owner's responsibility to meet all minimum fire code requirements at all times.

The City of Fort Worth has adopted the 2021 International Fire Code as its current fire code at the time of this review. The City of Fort Worth has also adopted Amendments that are available at the City Secretary's site for Ordinance #25388-03-2022.

(Comments made by Platting (Subdivision Ordinance), Transportation/Public Works, Fire, Park & Recreation, Water, and Building Plan Review Department staff cannot be waived through the Zoning Commission and City Council. Approval of the zoning site plan does not constitute the acceptance of conditions.)



Area Zoning Map

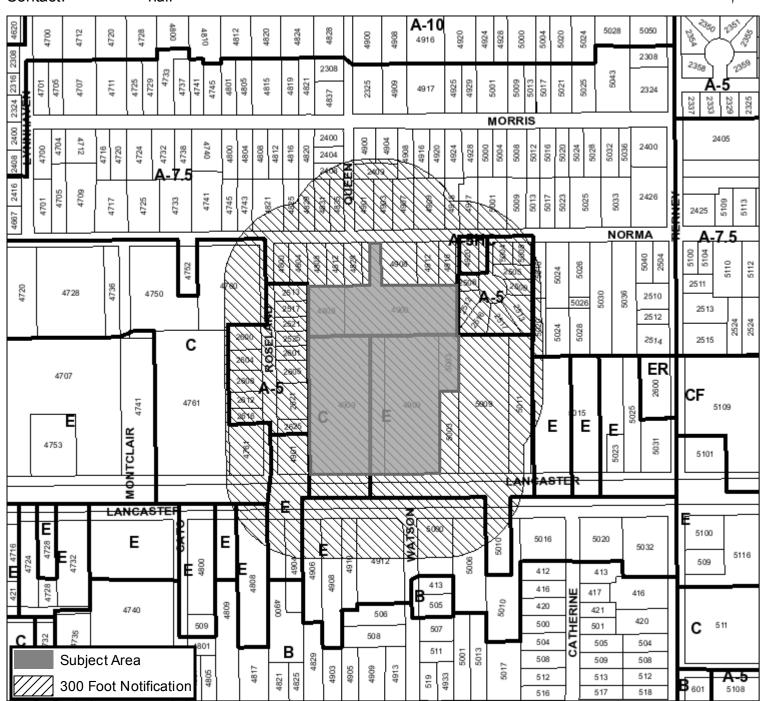
Applicant: Palladium USA, International Address: 4909-5003 Lancaster Avenue

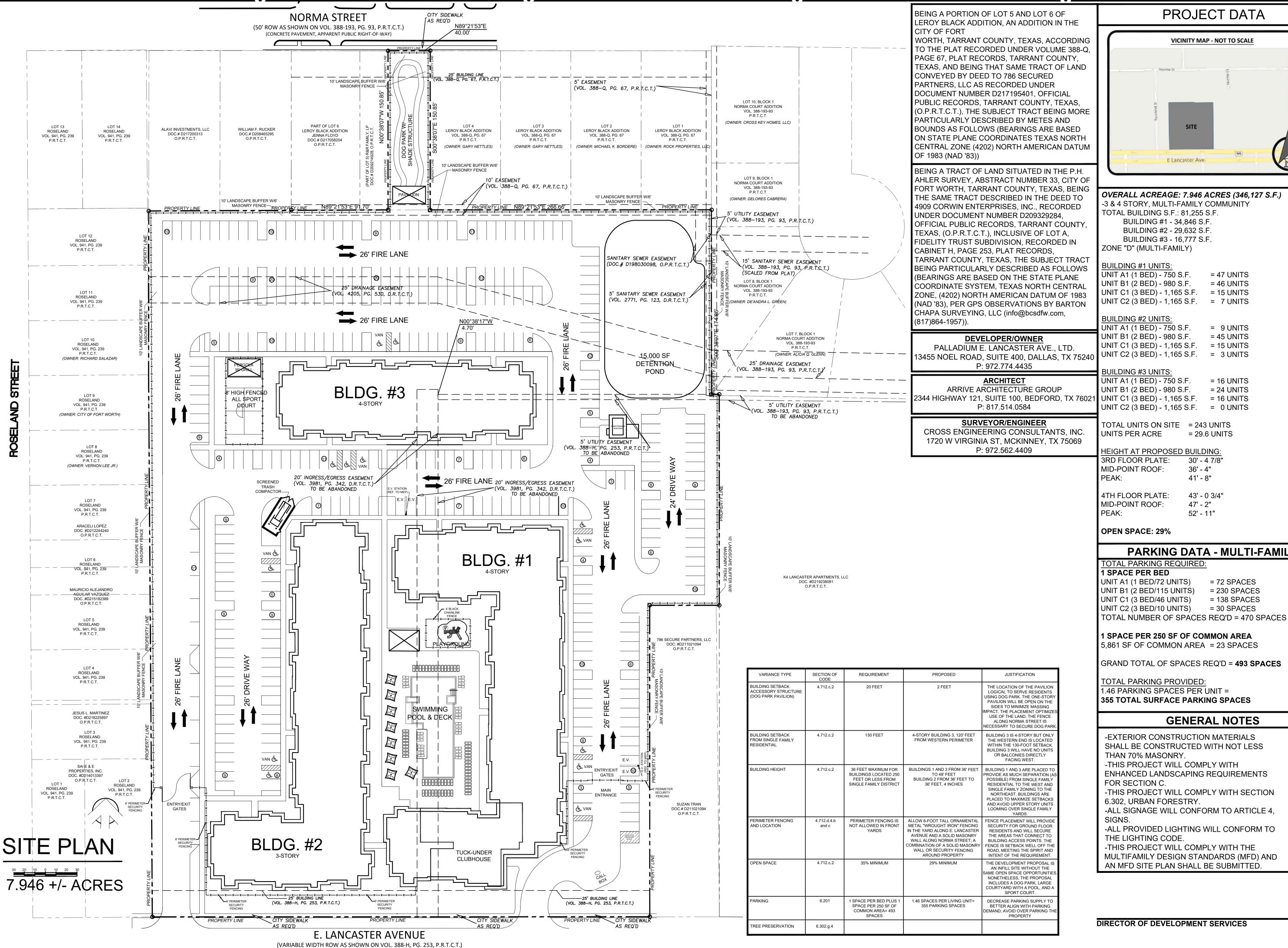
Zoning From: C,E,A-7.5 Zoning To: PD/D

Acres: 7.88778339

Mapsco: Text Sector/District: Eastside Commission Date: 7/12/2023

Contact: null





PROJECT DATA

VICINITY MAP - NOT TO SCALE SITE E Lancaster Ave

OVERALL ACREAGE: 7.946 ACRES (346,127 S.F.) -3 & 4 STORY, MULTI-FAMILY COMMUNITY TOTAL BUILDING S.F.: 81,255 S.F. BUILDING #1 - 34,846 S.F. BUILDING #2 - 29,632 S.F BUILDING #3 - 16,777 S.F.

UNIT A1 (1 BED) - 750 S.F. = 47 UNITS UNIT B1 (2 BED) - 980 S.F. = 46 UNITS = 15 UNITS

= 7 UNITS

UNIT A1 (1 BED) - 750 S.F. = 9 UNITS UNIT B1 (2 BED) - 980 S.F. = 45 UNITS UNIT C1 (3 BED) - 1,165 S.F. = 15 UNITS

UNIT A1 (1 BED) - 750 S.F. **= 16 UNITS** UNIT B1 (2 BED) - 980 S.F. = 24 UNITS UNIT C1 (3 BED) - 1,165 S.F. = 16 UNITS = 0 UNITS

TOTAL UNITS ON SITE = 243 UNITS = 29.6 UNITS

HEIGHT AT PROPOSED BUILDING: 30' - 4 7/8" 36' - 4" 41' - 8"

43' - 0 3/4" 52' - 11"

PARKING DATA - MULTI-FAMILY

TOTAL PARKING REQUIRED:

= 72 SPACES = 230 SPACES UNIT B1 (2 BED/115 UNITS) = 138 SPACES = 30 SPACES

1 SPACE PER 250 SF OF COMMON AREA 5,861 SF OF COMMON AREA = 23 SPACES

GRAND TOTAL OF SPACES REQ'D = 493 SPACES

TOTAL PARKING PROVIDED: 1.46 PARKING SPACES PER UNIT = 355 TOTAL SURFACE PARKING SPACES

GENERAL NOTES

SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED WITH NOT LESS -THIS PROJECT WILL COMPLY WITH ENHANCED LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS

-THIS PROJECT WILL COMPLY WITH SECTION

-ALL PROVIDED LIGHTING WILL CONFORM TO

-THIS PROJECT WILL COMPLY WITH THE MULTIFAMILY DESIGN STANDARDS (MFD) AND

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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BLDG. #2



OVERALL ACREAGE: 7.946 ACRES

MULTI-FAMILY PROJECT OPEN SPACE: (29% - 101,555 S.F.)

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PLOT DATE:

ISSUED FOR:
CONCEPT

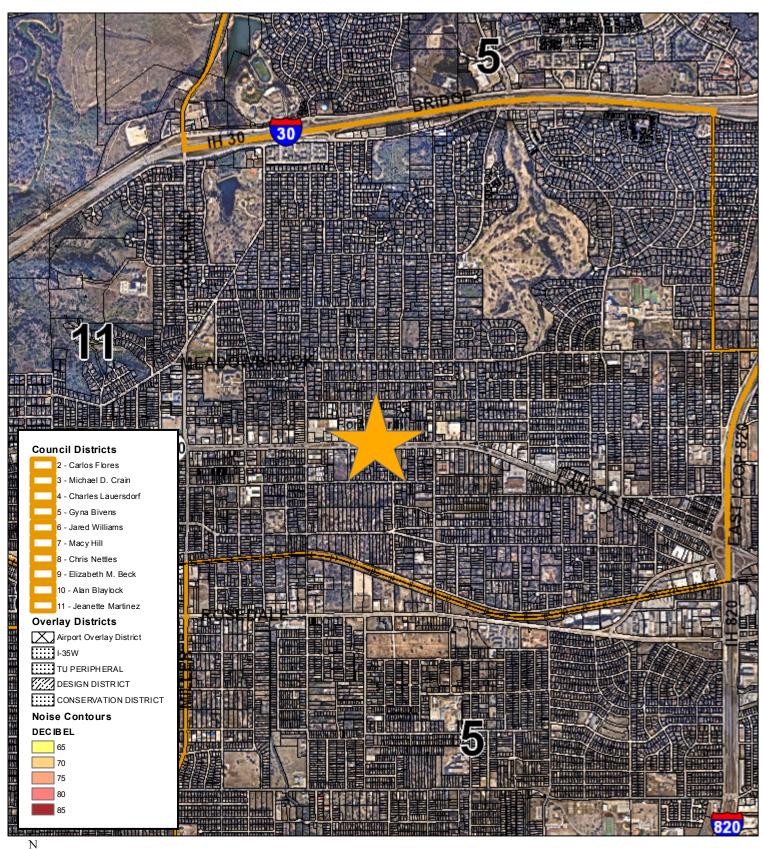
SITE PLAN

OPEN SPACE EXHIBIT

E. LANCASTER AVENUE (VARIABLE WIDTH ROW AS SHOWN ON VOL. 388-H, PG. 253, P.R.T.C.T.)
(ASPHALT PAVEMENT)

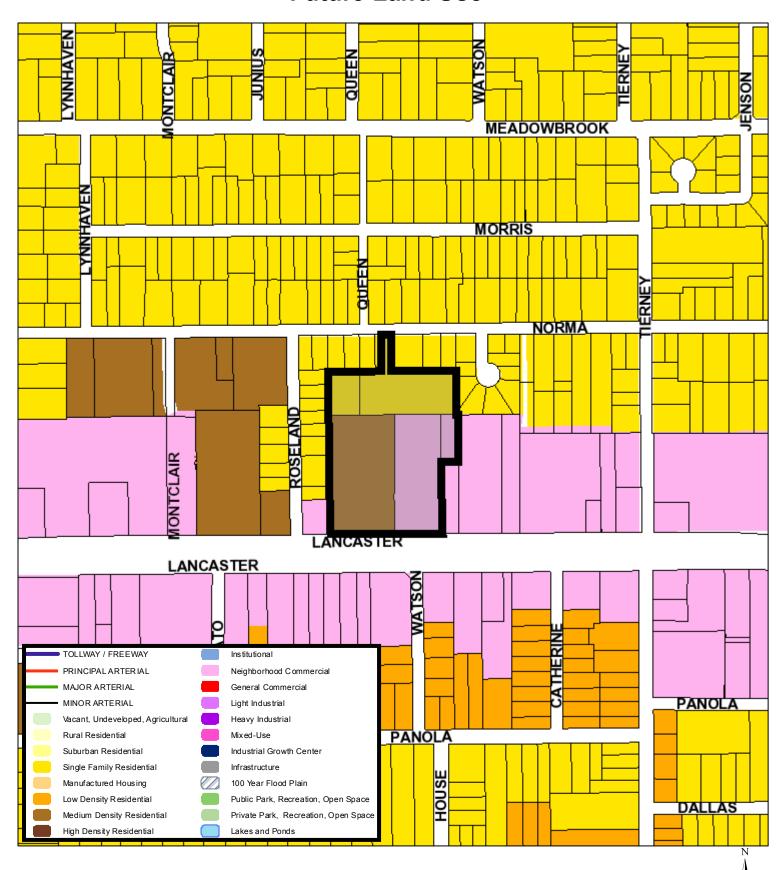
TUCK-UNDER CLUBHOUSE







Future Land Use



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Aerial Photo Map

