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PRELIMINARY STAFF REPORT

To: City Planning Commission Prepared by: Brittany DesRocher

Zoning Docket: 047/15 **Date:** May 14, 2015

I. GENERAL INFORMATION:

Applicant: Semolina Development LLC

Request: This is a request for a Zoning Change from an LRS-3 Lakewood and Country

Club Gardens Single-Family Residential District to an LB-1 Lake Area Neighborhood Business District and a Conditional Use to permit a parking lot in

an LB-1 Lake Area Neighborhood Business District.

Location: The petitioned site is located on Square Metairie Road, Lot 52, in the Seventh

Municipal District, bounded by Pontchartrain Boulevard, Metairie Road and Oakland Drive. The municipal address is 5068-5070 Pontchartrain Boulevard.

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Description: The petitioned site is located on the block face of Pontchartrain Boulevard

between Metairie Road and Oakland Drive, measuring approximately sixty-two (62) feet in width and one hundred seventeen (117) feet in depth, for a total area of seven thousand two hundred fifty-four (7,254) square feet (0.17 acre). The site is currently developed with a two-family home that the applicant is proposing to demolish for the purpose of creating additional parking spaces for a restaurant on an adjacent lot. The proposed parking lot would provide thirty-two (32) additional parking spaces. The restaurant on the adjacent lot is a single-story stucco building with a floor area of approximately four thousand eight hundred fifty (4,850) square feet and a seven hundred fifty-five (755) square feet patio. Currently the adjacent lot has thirty-eight (38) off-street parking spaces, including two (2)

handicap accessible spaces.

Why is City Planning Commission action required?

Article 9A, Section 9A.3 LRS-3 Lakewood And Country Club Gardens Single-Family Residential District of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance states that a parking lot is not a permitted use or a conditional use in this district. The City Planning Commission is required to make a recommendation on all zoning amendment applications prior to City Council action, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.2.6 Actions on Zoning Amendments of the Comprehensive Zoning

Ordinance.

Article 9A, Section 9A.8.5 Conditional Uses of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance states that a parking lot is a conditional use in the LB-1 Lake Area Neighborhood Business District¹. The City Planning Commission is required to make a recommendation on all conditional use applications prior to City Council action, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.6.4. Procedures for Conditional Use Permits of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance

II. ANALYSIS

A. What is the zoning of the surrounding areas? What is the existing land use and how are the surrounding areas used?

The subject site is located within a large LRS-3 Lakewood & Country Club Gardens Single-Family Residential District that extends from the southern boundary of the New Orleans Country Club north to the I-610, and from the 17th Street Canal east to Canal Boulevard, City Park Avenue and Pontchartrain Boulevard. The site is located within a small residential community consisting of a dozen large, two-story single family homes developed on large lots, most of which front Oakland Drive. Immediately adjacent to the petitioned site, there is a small LB-2 Lake Area Neighborhood Business District that encompasses only one lot at the intersection of Metairie Road and Pontchartrain Boulevard. This adjacent LB-2 Lake Area Neighborhood Business District contains the business that the petitioned site would be providing parking for. Across Pontchartrain Boulevard, there is a small C-1 General Commercial District that encompasses the Greenwood and Cypress Grove Cemeteries, and two smaller LI-Light Industrial Districts following the I-10 right-of-way.

The nearby St. Patrick and LA State Charity Cemeteries are zoned RD-3 Two-Family Residential District. There is a LB-2 Lake Area Neighborhood Business District in the vicinity of the petitioned site. It extends along Canal Boulevard and encompasses a variety of commercial uses including bars, an auto service shop, a gas station with a convenience store, a general store, offices, a paint shop and a dry cleaner. Delgado Community College, zoned LRM-1 Lake Area Low-Rise Multiple-Family Residential District, is located several blocks away, along City Park Avenue.

B. What is the zoning and land use history of the site?

Zoning: 1929 – A Single- and Two-Family Residential District

1953 – B Two Family Residential District

1970 – RS-1 Single-Family Residential District

¹ Article 9A, Section 9A.8.5 states that uses and/or structures permitted as a conditional use shall be limited to a maximum of 5,000 square feet of gross floor area. It is the determination of Safety and Permits that this limit applies only to structures and that a parking lot exceeding 5,000 square feet would be allowed as a conditional use.

2007 – LRS-3 Lakewood & Country Club Gardens Single Family

Residential²

Land Use:

1929 – Single Family Residential 1949 – Two Family Residential

1999 – Parkland, Recreation, Green Space³ 2011 – Residential Single-Family Post-War

C. Have there been any recent zoning changes or conditional uses in the area? If so, do these changes indicate any particular pattern or trend?

Zoning Docket 84/14 was a request for a Conditional Use to permit an office building exceeding 5,000 square feet in floor area in an LB-2 Lake Area Neighborhood Business District, an LRS-3 Lakewood and Country Club Gardens Single-Family Residential District, and within the LADC Lake Area Design Corridor Overlay District. It was recommended for approval by the City Planning Commission and was subsequently approved by the City Council. The petitioned site is located approximately 2000 feet from the impacted site.

Zoning Docket 119/13 was a request for a Conditional Use to permit the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption at a standard restaurant in an LB-2 Lake Area Neighborhood Business District. It was recommended for approval by the City Planning Commission and was subsequently approved by the City Council. The petitioned site is adjacent to the impacted site and would serve as a parking lot for the business.

Zoning Docket 103/12 was a request for a Zoning Change from an RD-3 Two-Family Residential District to a B-1A Neighborhood Business District and a Conditional Use to permit the expansion of a cocktail lounge. It was recommended for modified approval by the City Planning Commission and was subsequently approved without modifications by the City Council. *The petitioned site is located approximately 2500 feet from the impacted site*.

Zoning Docket 62/07 was a request for text and map amendments to create new zoning districts for all of Planning District 5, resulting in a new Article in the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance titled the "Lake Area Zoning Districts." It was recommended for modified approval by the City Planning Commission and was subsequently approved subject to the suggested modifications by the City Council. The petitioned site is located in the area covered by the text and map amendments.

² In 2007, Ordinance #22,896 M.C.S. (ZD 62/07) rezoned the site from RS-1 Single-Family Residential District to LRS-3 Lakewood & Country Club Gardens Single Family Residential, as part of the adoption of the Lake Area zoning districts.

³ The 1999 Land Use Plan presented a generalized indication of land uses, and was not lot-specific.

The above zoning actions seem to show a trend towards rezoning in the vicinity of the petitioned site. Additionally, Conditional Uses have been granted in similar zoning districts. Specifically, Zoning Docket 103/12 permitted a neighborhood business district to expand into a residential district in order to approve the expansion of an existing business. This example is most similar to the applicant's request.

D. What are the comments from the design review staff?

The applicant is proposing to demolish a two-family residence and create a parking lot that will service an existing restaurant on the adjacent lot. The petitioned site fronts Pontchartrain Boulevard and measures approximately sixty-two (62) feet in width and one hundred seventeen (117) feet in depth, for a total area of seven thousand two hundred fifty-four (7,254) square feet (0.17 acre). The existing restaurant on the adjacent lot is a single-story stucco building with a floor area of approximately four thousand eight hundred fifty (4,850) square feet and a seven hundred fifty-five (755) square feet patio. Currently the adjacent lot has thirty-eight (38) off-street parking spaces, including two (2) handicap accessible spaces. Given that the proposed parking lot will be serving the adjacent restaurant, the staff recommends resubdividing the lots into one lot of record. If the proposal is recommended for approval, it should be subject to the following proviso:

• The applicant shall submit an application to resubdivide the petitioned lot and adjacent lot into one lot of record prior to the finalization of the conditional use. Additionally, the subdivision shall be finalized prior to the issuance of the Certificate of Use and Occupancy by the Department of Safety and Permits.

The proposal includes an additional thirty-two (32) parking spaces. The overall site will include seventy (70) parking spaces. Sixteen (16) of the parking spaces or approximately twenty-three (23) percent are compact spaces measuring seven (7) foot six (6) inches wide by sixteen (16) foot deep. The remainder of the parking spaces will be a standard size measuring eight (8) foot six (6) inches wide by eighteen (18) foot deep. Two (2) spaces will be designated handicap accessible. The proposed vehicular use area and parking spaces have an area of approximately six thousand four hundred twenty (6,420) square feet which will be paved with four (4) inches of asphalt. This paving accounts for eighty-nine (89) percent of the petitioned lot.

The proposed parking lot on the petitioned site provides parking in excess of what is required by **Article 15**, **Section 15.2** – Off-Street Parking Regulations of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance. Therefore, due to the limited amount of interior vehicular area landscaping, the staff would recommend the use of pervious paving in place of asphalt to reduce stormwater runoff on adjacent properties as well as in the public right-of-way. If the proposal is recommended for approval, it should be subject to the following proviso:

• The applicant shall submit a revised site plan to provide pervious paving in the vehicular use areas on the petitioned site.

Landscaping, Screening & Fencing

The applicant is providing a two (2) foot six (6) inch perimeter landscaping strip where the lot abuts residential lots which will include shrubs and trees. Additionally, the proposal includes a landscaping buffer in the public right-of-way between the parking lot and the adjacent sidewalk. The proposal includes three (3) landscape islands within the vehicular use area. The first landscape island is adjacent to the curb cut on Pontchartrain Boulevard and measures approximately five (5) foot wide and sixteen (16) foot deep for a total area of eighty (80) square feet. The second landscape island is adjacent to a bank of parking spaces that are centered on the lot and measures approximately five (5) foot wide and thirty-one (31) foot deep for a total area of one hundred fifty-five (155) square feet. The third landscape island is at the rear of the lot where there is an existing oak tree and measures approximately eight (8) foot six (6) inches wide and eighteen (18) foot deep for a total area of one hundred fifty-three (153) square feet. The proposal includes reconfiguring the parking spaces on the adjacent lot and will eliminate a small triangular landscaping island. The approximate area of the perimeter landscaping and all three landscape islands is eight hundred thirty-five (835) square feet.

The petitioned site is located next to an elevated portion of Interstate 10 and near the recessed intersection of two major roads. The front yard of the site is not traditional. Immediately adjacent to the sidewalk is a retailing wall and small terrace because the site is elevated noticeably higher than the recessed public right-of-way. There are stairs that provide access from the sidewalk to the front yard of the petitioned site.



Figure 2: Front yard of petitioned site

The proposal uses this small terrace as a landscaping buffer although it is in the public right-of-way. There are nine (9) new parking spaces immediately adjacent to the landscaping buffer in the required front yard. According to **Article 15**, **Section 15.2.3** - Parking in Front Yards of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, these parking spaces would be prohibited. Additionally, **Article 15**, **Section 15.6.6** – Limitation on Pavement of Required Yard Areas of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, limits paving in the required front yard to forty (40) percent. The applicant is proposing to pave approximately ninety (90) percent of the required front yard. If the proposal is recommended for approval, it would require the following waivers:

- The applicant shall be granted a waiver of **Article 15**, **Section 15.2.3** of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, which prohibits parking in the required front yard, to permit nine (9) parking spaces in the required front yard.
- The applicant shall be granted a waiver of **Article 15**, **Section 15.6.6** of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, which limits pavement of the required front yard to forty (40) percent, to permit pavement of ninety (90) percent of the front yard.

Signage and Lighting

The submitted proposal does not include any new signage however during a site visit the staff discovered signage on the adjacent lot that is in violation. A directional sign was installed without City Planning Commission review and approval. Per Article 9, Section 9A.9.6.6, directional signs are permitted but are limited to ten (10) square feet. Additionally, there was a temporary sign promoting alcoholic beverages which is prohibited by the existing conditional use.⁴ To ensure that existing and any proposed signage meets the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance requirements, if the proposal is recommended for approval, it should be subject to the following proviso:

• The applicant shall submit signage plans for all existing and proposed signage to City Planning Commission for review and approval. All exterior signage shall be in accordance with the requirements of **Article 9**, **Section 9A.9.6** *Permitted Signs* of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance. No signage promoting alcoholic beverages shall be permitted on the exterior of the building or visible from the exterior of the building.

⁴ ZD119-13 was an approved request for a conditional use to permit the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption at a standard restaurant in an LB-2 Lake Area Neighborhood Business District. Proviso 8 states, "No signage promoting alcoholic beverages shall be permitted on the exterior of the building or visible from the exterior of the building."



Figure 2: Existing signage on adjacent lot.

The submitted proposal does not include any lighting details. Per **Article 15**, **Section 15.2.5.7** – *Lighting* of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, adequate lighting shall be provided if off-street parking spaces are to be used at night. To ensure the site provides adequate lighting that will not become a nuisance to the adjacent residential use, if the proposal is recommended for approval, it should be subject to the following proviso:

- The applicant shall submit details for all existing and proposed exterior lighting to City Planning Commission for review and approval. All exterior lighting shall be in accordance with the requirements of **Article 15**, **Section 15.2.5.7** *Lighting* of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance.
- E. What is the potential traffic impact? What are the off-street parking and off-street loading requirements? Can the required number of off-street parking spaces be provided on site, or would a waiver be required?

Traffic

Pontchartrain Boulevard, on which the site fronts, is a major street, according to the *Plan* for the 21st Century, and provides two lanes of travel in each direction separated by a neutral ground. The elevated section of I-10 is raised above the Pontchartrain Boulevard. There are no parking lanes on any side of the road. Metairie Road, which is to the north of the site, is a two-way, four lane major arterial road with a narrow neutral ground and no parking on the side. Oakland Drive, which is to the west of the site, is a short, one

lane, two-way street that provides access to a dozen residential properties.

The petitioned site is currently developed with a two-family residence. The site is accessible via two (2) existing twelve (12) feet wide, one-way curb cuts from Pontchartrain Boulevard. The proposal would eliminate one of the existing curb cuts on the petitioned site as well as one the existing curb cuts on the adjacent site leaving just one twelve (12) feet wide, one-way curb cut on Pontchartrain Boulevard. The proposal is for additional parking space for an existing restaurant therefore there wouldn't be an increase in traffic. Both Pontchartrain Boulevard and Metairie Road should easily be able to continue to accommodate the traffic generated by the restaurant use.

Parking

The proposal is for additional parking for the restaurant on the adjacent lot. The total interior area of the restaurant is approximately 4,850 square feet. The outdoor seating area is approximately 755 square feet. The gross square footage for the parking calculation is approximately 5,605 square feet. According to **Article 15**, **Section 15.2**, 1 parking space per 150 square feet of floor area is required in an LB-2 Lake Area Neighborhood Business District. Therefore, a total of thirty-eight (38) off-street parking spaces are required. The site adjacent to the petitioned site currently has thirty-eight (38) off street parking spaces, including two (2) handicap accessible spaces, thus meeting the stated standards. The proposal includes thirty-two (32) additional parking spaces for a total of seventy (70) parking spaces.

Loading

According to Article 15, Section 15.3 Table 15.G, one loading space is required for restaurants between 2,000 and 10,000 square feet in floor area. This requirement was waived under ZD119-13 because the staff believed that delivery hours can be arranged so that some of the vehicular parking area can have dual function serving as a loading area during certain time of the day.

F. Are there any comments from other agencies, departments or committees?

The proposal was considered by the Planning Advisory Committee at its meeting on May 6th 2015. The representative of the Department of Public Works noted that the public right-of-way adjacent to this site is under the jurisdiction of Louisiana Department of Transportation. Sewage and Water Board noted that all trees should be five (5) foot from any water lines or house connections. The committee then passed a motion of no objection subject to further review by the City Planning Commission.

G. What effects or impacts would the proposed conditional use/planned development district have on adjacent properties?

The primary negative impacts of surface parking lots are their visual impact, the potential

for an increase in stormwater runoff, and the potential for an increase in traffic. The visual impact of the proposed surface parking lot should be minimized by the proposed landscaping. The proposed landscaping would also help mitigate some of the stormwater runoff however the applicant is proposing to pave eighty-nine (89) percent of the petitioned site. In order to further alleviate the impact of stormwater runoff on the adjacent properties the staff is recommending that one hundred (100) percent of the paving be of a pervious material. Finally, the proposed parking lot is meant to service an existing establishment and there is no indication that there would be an increase in traffic.

III. Are the proposed actions supported by or in conflict with the policies and strategies of the *Plan for the 21st Century: New Orleans 2030*?

A land use action is consistent with the Master Plan if it furthers, or at least does not interfere with, the goals, policies, and guidelines in the Land Use Element of the Master Plan and is compatible with the uses, densities, and intensities of the designation of its site on the Future Land Use Map. The proposed Conditional Use is addressed by the Plan for the 21st Century, commonly known as the Master Plan. "Chapter 14: Land Use Plan" of the Master Plan designates the future land use of the petitioned site as **Residential Post-War Single-Family**. The goal, range of uses and development character for these designations are copied below:

RESIDENTIAL POST-WAR SINGLE-FAMILY

Goal: Preserve the existing character and scale of low density single-family residential in post-war (WWII) areas of the city and allow for compatible infill development.

Range of Uses: Single-family dwellings and supporting public recreational and community facilities allowed (e.g., schools and places of worship).

Development Character: New development will fit with the character and scale of surrounding neighborhoods where single- and two-family residential structures are typically set back away from the street on larger lots than in older, pre-war neighborhoods. Maximum density of 10 units/acre.

The requested Zoning Change would modify the zoning of the petitioned lot from Single-Family Residential which is consistent with the Master Plan, to Neighborhood Business which would conflict with the goals of the Master Plan. Additional, a parking lot does not align with the range of uses of the Residential Post-War Single-Family Land Use category.

IV. SUMMARY

Zoning Docket 047-15 is a request for a Zoning Change from a LRS-3 Lakewood and Country Club Gardens Single-Family Residential District to a LB-1 Lake Area Neighborhood Business District and a Conditional Use to permit a parking lot in a LB-1

Lake Area Neighborhood Business District. The petitioned site, located near the intersection of Pontchartrain Boulevard and Metairie Road, has historically been residential. A Zoning Change is required because under the current zoning, LRS-3 Lakewood and Country Club Gardens Single-Family Residential District, a parking lot is not a permitted use or a conditional use. Additional, this zoning change and conditional use to permit a parking lot is not consistent with the Master Plan. A number of standard conditions are recommended to address negative impacts that could potentially result from the use. Specifically, the staff recommends screening and landscaping as well as the use of pervious paving to help mitigate stormwater runoff.

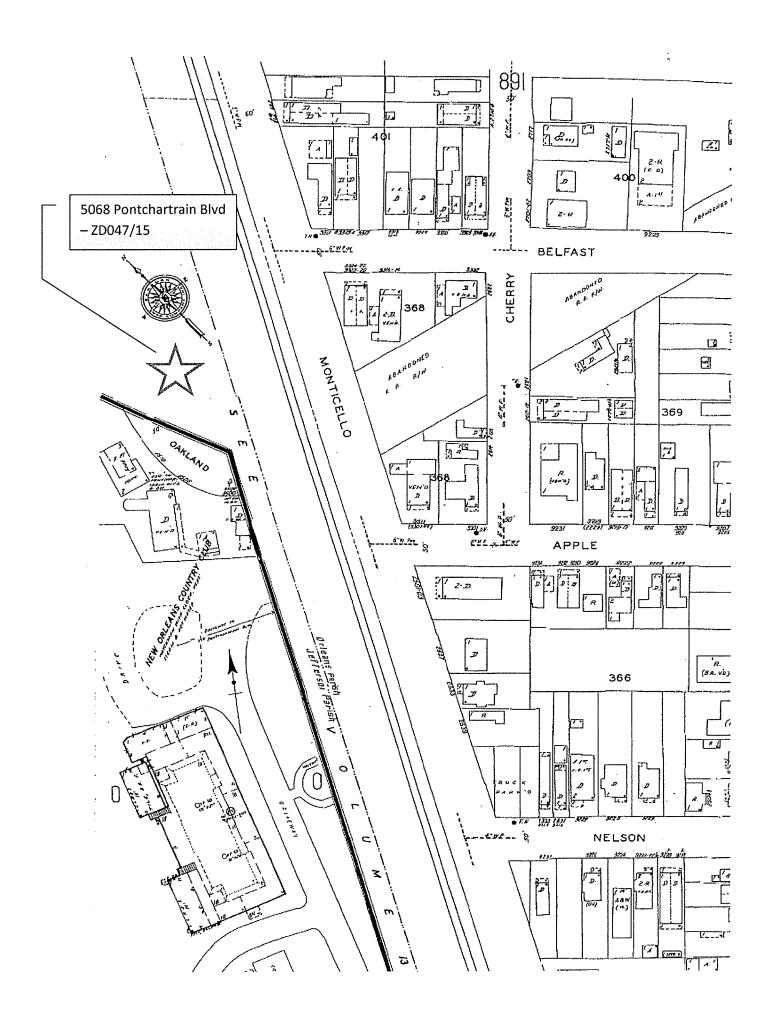
V. PRELIMINARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION⁵

The staff recommends **DENIAL** of Zoning Docket 047/15, a Zoning Change from an LRS-3 Lakewood and Country Club Gardens Single-Family Residential District to an LB-1 Lake Area Neighborhood Business District and a Conditional Use to permit a parking lot in a LB-1 Lake Area Neighborhood Business District.

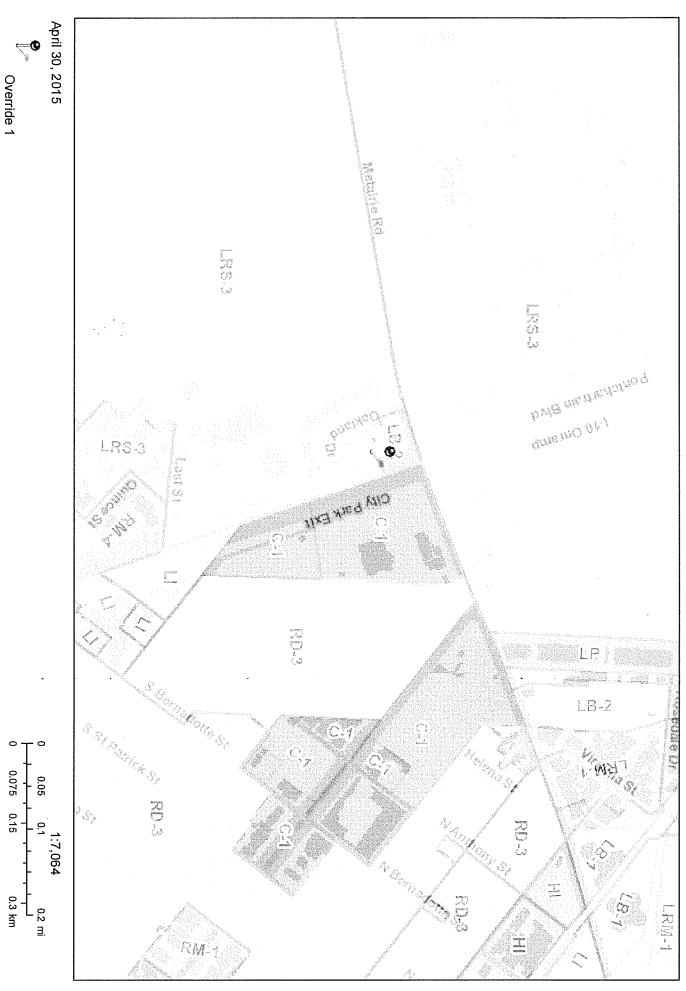
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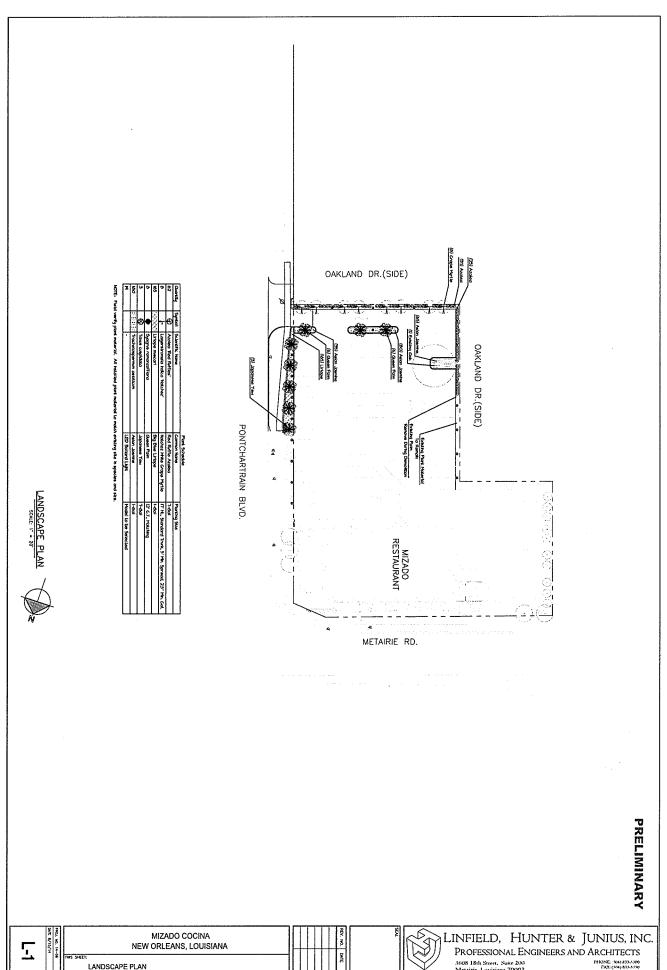
- 1. The proposal is not consistent with the *Plan for the 21st Century*.
- 2. The proposed use is not consistent with the historic use of the site.
- VII. Should the applicant desire changes to any recommended waivers or provisos, the applicant is encouraged to bring any proposed alternative language for discussion at the meeting.

⁵ Subject to modification by the City Planning Commission



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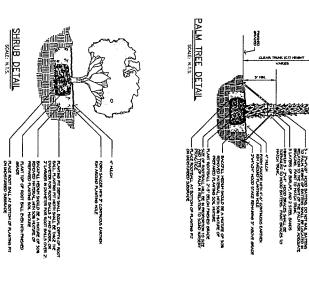
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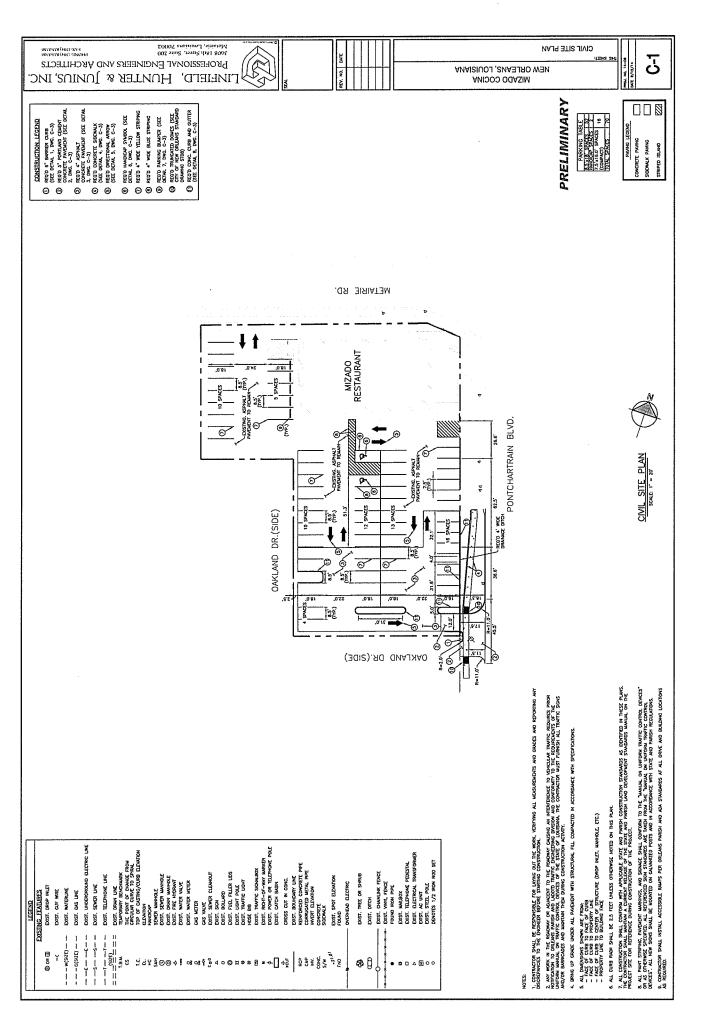


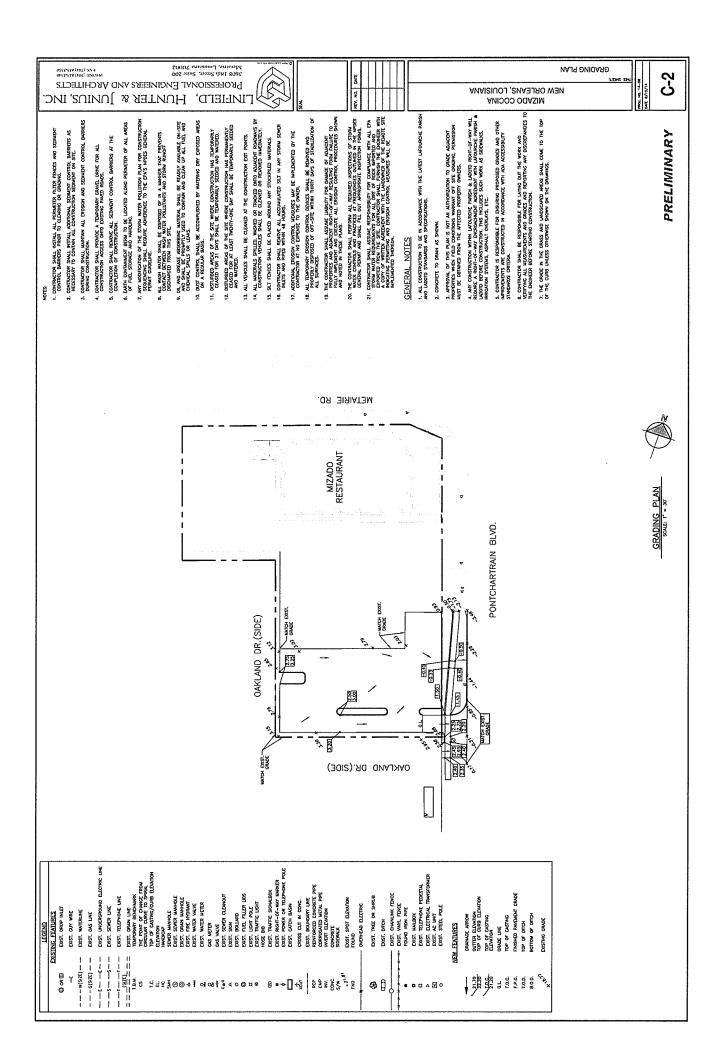


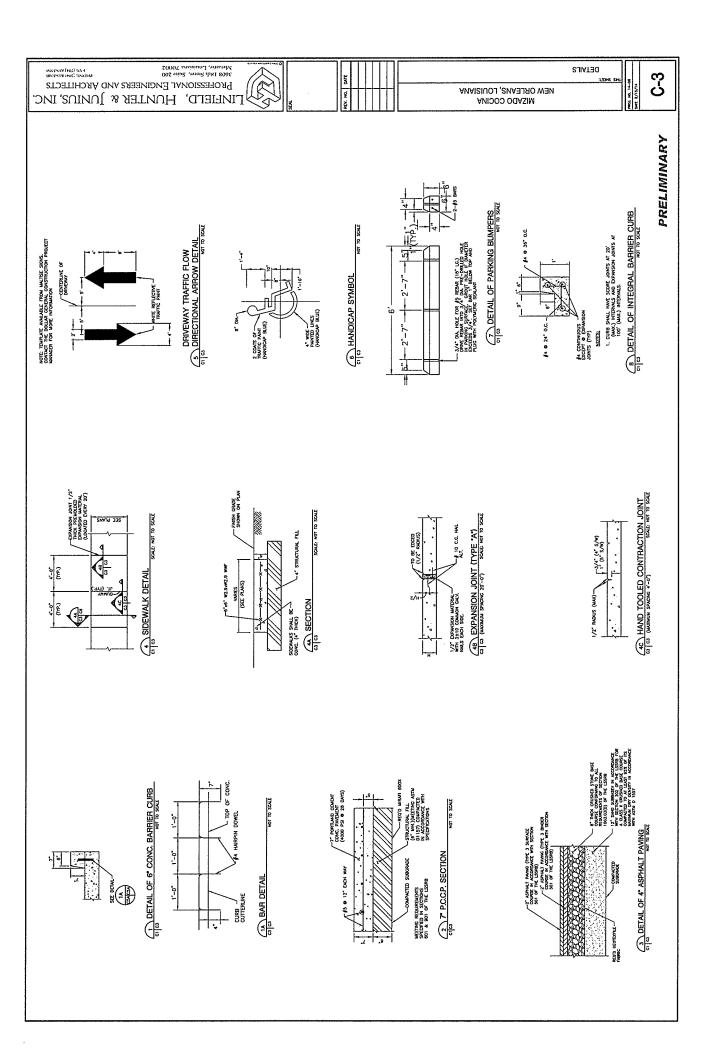
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NPP Report

N.P.P. Summary Report Proposed Zoning Change

Semolina Development, L.L.C. 5068/5070 Pontchartrain Boulevard New Orleans, La. 70118

Date of Report:

Varch 11, 2015

Project Name:

Parking Lot: Zoning change from LRS-3 to <u>LB-1</u>

Overview:

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materials are attached.

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Neighborhood Meetings: The following dates and locations of all meetings held:

- 1. March 5, 2015 Mizado cocina 5080 Pontchartrain Blvd. 4:30 5:30 pm 7 people in attendance.
- 2. August 5, 2014 Mizado cocina 5080 Pontchartrain Blvd. 5 6 pm 7 people in attendance.

Correspondence and Telephone Calls:

- 1. March 4, 2015 Discussed proposal w/ neighbor Robert Boh via telephone
- 2. March 8, 2015 Discussed proposal w/ CCGA president Tim Hurley via telephone
- 3. March ,9 2015 Discussed proposal w/ neighbor John Eastman via telephone
- 4. March 24, 2015 Discussed proposal w/ NO Country Club General Manager, Robert Crifasi via telephone.
- 5. April 1, 2015 Discussed proposal w/ Metairie Lake Lawn Cemetery & Funeral Home General Manager Tiffany Simmons via telephone.

Participation:

The total number of people that participated in the process for March 5, 2015 was thirteen.

March 5, 2015 Attendees:

Holly R. Abbott 6505 Oakland Drive, N.O., La. 70118 and 5066 Pontchartrain Blvd. N.O., La. 70118 Dr. Argimiro & Andree Lago 6464 Oakland Drive N.O., La. 70118 Jeff Meckstroth 6500 Oakland Drive N.O., La. 70118 David Mason 6565 Oakland Drive N.O., La. 70118 Ruth A. Monteleone 6561 Oakland Drive N.O., La. 70118 Metairie Rd Investors LLC Tenant 5080 Pontchartrain Blvd N.O., La. 70118 Semolina Development, LLC, Property Owner 5080 Pontchartrain Blvd N.O., La. 70118

E-mails/Letters of Support from March 5, 2015 process:

Robert S. Boh Oakland Drive N.O., La. 70118

John & Kathy Eastman Oakland Drive N.O., La. 70118

Country Club Gardens Association President Tim Hurley 123 Bellaire Dr. N.O., La. 70124

Semolina Development, LLC Property owner 5080 Pontchartrain blvd. N.O., La. 70118

Dr. Argimiro & Andree Lago 6464 Oakland Drive N.O., La. 70118

Metairie Rd Investors, L.L.C. Tenant 5080 Pontchartrain Blvd. N.O., La. 70118

NO Country Club Robert Crifasi General Manager Rcrifasi@neworleanscountryclub.com

Metairie Cemetery General Manager Tiffany tiffany.simmons@dignitymemorial.com

Letters of Support from Previous Meeting August 5, 2014:

Gary Brewster 6501 Oakland Dr. . N.O., La. 70118 John & Kathy Eastman 6510 Oakland Dr. . N.O., La. 70118 Dr. Argimiro & Andree Lago 6464 Oakland Drive N.O., La. 70118 Ruth A. Monteleone 6561 Oakland Drive N.O., La. 70118

Results:

There were 25 persons/addresses invited to the community meeting. See list.

- 1. Concerns Discussed at the Meeting:
 - a. Commercial use of the land for purposes other than parking.
 - b. Future tenant/property owners use of the land for commercial purposes.
 - C. Parking lot lighting.
 - d. General cleanliness and landscaping of the restaurant property, the proposed parking area and the area underneath the interstate.
- 2. How concerns, issues and problems will be addressed:
 - a. The meeting participants were in favor of tearing down the existing home on the property and inquired if conditions could be placed upon the 5068/70 property in order to limit its use to parking only and that no new building could take place on the property. The applicant does not intend and agrees to use the property only for parking and agrees to have conditions placed upon the property to limit its use strictly to parking.
 - b. The participants expressed their pleasure with the current operation of the restaurant and the management of the business. There was discussion regarding what might take place in the event the current owners of the restaurant were no longer involved. The group inquired if the 5068/70 property's zoning could revert back to residential in the event that the current owners were to sell the property. The applicant is willing to provide conditions/safeguards by working with the planning and zoning departments to help alleviate the participant's concerns.

The applicant (who also owns the adjacent property and leases the building to Metairie Rd Investors, LLC – the restaurant operator)shall ensure that the 5068/70 property, the restaurant property, the section of Metairie road along the residential area, and the area underneath the interstate shall remain clean and well maintained. The applicant continues to ensure that existing landscaping is maintained and that additions are made on a seasonal basis.

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August 5, 2014 Contact List

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Lakeview Civic Improvement Assoc.

PO Box 24378

New Orleans, LA 70184 Attn.: Ray Bergeron

August 5, 2014 Contact Sign in Sheet

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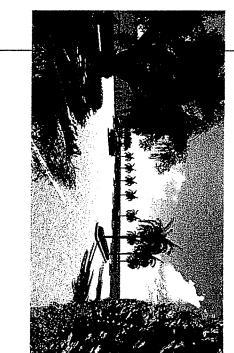
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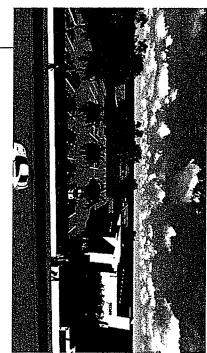
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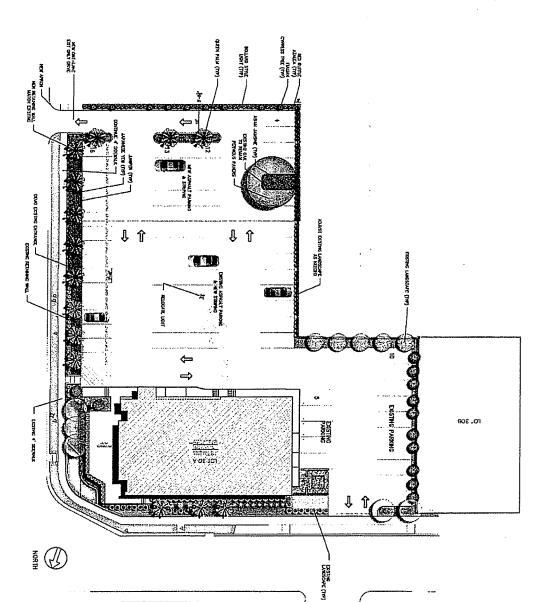
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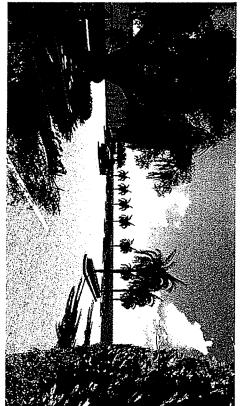


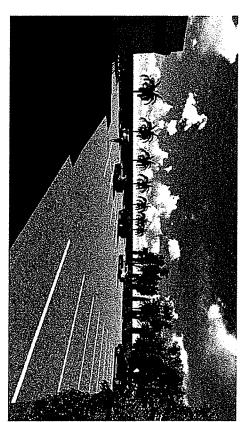


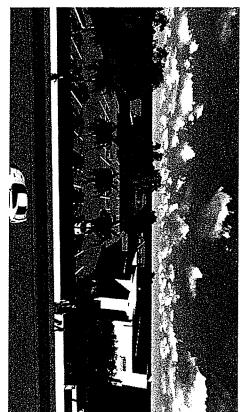


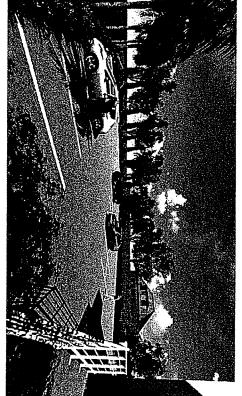
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NPP Meeting Letter

MIZADC 2/24/15

I apologize if you have received this information in error or if it is addressed to a person who no longer resides at this address. However, the City of New Orleans has provided a list of people whom we **must** contact. Their list is compiled from the information they currently have on file. Please contact the city to update your information if necessary.

We hope to see you at the upcoming meeting to update the progress of our project. If you cannot attend, please complete the attached response form and drop it by the restaurant.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Greg Reggio Owner, Mizado

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Neighborhood Participation Program (NPP) Community Meeting Invitation

February 24, 2015

Dear Neighbor,

Semolina Development, L.L.C. owns the property located at 5068 & 5070 Pontchartrain Blvd. Semolina Development, L.L.C. is a company owned by Greg Reggio, Gary Darling and Hans Limburg (the owners and operators of Mizado Restaurant located at the corner of Metairie Road and Pontchartrain Blvd).

Many of you attended meetings in 2013 and 2014 to discuss the opening of the restaurant and regarding the purchase of the 5068/70 Pontchartrain boulevard property and our desire to remove the apartment building and use the land for parking.

In order to comply with city parking requirements, the zoning of the property must be changed from residential to "commercial". Please note that we **do not** intend to build on the property. As we have stated in the past, this parcel shall be used for parking only. We are willing to have conditions, restrictions placed on the zoning change that limit it to parking only.

Our application has to be heard by the City Planning Commission and the City Council. Because you are a nearby neighbor or otherwise interested in the neighborhood, we are inviting you to a meeting where you can learn more about what we propose, and present questions or concerns. We are required to do this before we submit our application to the City Planning Commission.

The meeting will take place:

Thursday March 5, 2015 at 4:30 pm

Mizado Restaurant 5080 Pontchartrain Blvd. New Orleans, La. 70118

This letter is being delivered through U.S. mail. At the meeting, we will provide a sign in sheet to obtain e-mail addresses, so that we can keep you updated on our progress or changes to our plans.

If you have questions or comments, please contact Greg Reggio at (504) 931-4734; (fax) 486-5563; or via e-mail: greg@thetastebuds.com

We look forward to seeing you at our meeting on March 5th.

Sincerely, Greg Reggio, Gary Darling & Hans Limburg

March 5, 2015 Contact List

Туре	Source	Name	Address1	Address2	City	St
Person	County	Metairie Cemetery Assn	5100 Pontchartrain Bd		New Orleans	LA
Person	County	Meckstroth Jeff A	6500 Oakland Dr		New Orleans	LA
Person	County	Brewster Gary H	6501 Oakland Dr		New Orleans	LA
Business	County	Semolina Development, LLC	8301 Oak St		New Orleans	LA
Person	County	Mcgovern Glenn C	6565 Oakland Dr		New Orleans	LA
Person	County	New Orleans Country Club	5024 Pontchartrain Blvd		New Orleans	LA
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Person	County	Firemens Charitable Assn	5200 Canal Blvd		New Orleans	LA
Business	County	Board Of Adm Of Charity Hospital	1532 Tulane Av		New Orleans	LA
Person	County	New Orleans Country Club	5024 Pontchartrain Bl		New Orleans	LA
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6561 Oakland Dr	Ruth A Monteleone
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6565 Oakland Dr	Glenn C Mcgovern
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5080 Pontchartrain Blvd	Semolina Development, LLC
	8301 Oak St New Orleans, LA 70118

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Letters of Support From August 5, 2014 Meeting

March 5, 2015 E-mails /Letters of Support

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Re: ZD047-15

I am the owner of and reside at 6465 OAKLAND DR, New Orleans, LA 70118

I am ________ (for or against),

changing the zoning of this property **FROM** Lakewood and Country Club Gardens Single-Family Residential District **TO** Lake Area Business District.

Thank you for your consideration,

Donald Cropper

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May 17, 2015

Re: ZD047-15

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Thank you for your consideration,

Thus T. Motoll Holly H. Abbott

6505 Oakland Dr. & 5066 Pontchartrain Blvd. May 17, 2015

Comments:

Gregg Reggio and Semolina Development, LLC have been good neighbors to the residents of Oakland Dr. They have made patrons aware of our private street designation, kept us informed of the plans for the restaurant, status of licensing requirements, and construction updates.

While acknowledging Semolina's outreach to the Oakland Drive homeowners, I am against the property located at 5068 and 5070 Pontchartrain Blvd. change from Single Family Residential to Lake District Business. However, I would consider supporting the possible exception of granting Semolina's, and it's current owners, a one time exemption for a parking lot only. Furthermore, additional restrictions for the use of the parking lot would be required.

The proposal, as described, ZD047/15, is unacceptable. It would ultimately errode the character of Oakland Drive, and the Oakland Drive neighborhood - a neiborhood with a long history, and one in which many of the current homeowners are second generation homeowners. To change the zoning would jeopardize the Oakland Drive architecture, character, landuse and lifestyle.

Sincerely,

Molly M. Colotte
Holly H. Abbott

Re: ZD047-15

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May 17, 2015

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Thank you for your consideration,

Charles Heuer

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Comments on Semolina Development LLC non-compliance with previous Board of Zoning Adjustments (BZA) provisos, and why I am concerned about changing the zoning of a single-family residence to a Lake Area Business District designation.

Yards and Open Space:

BZA previously stated to Semolina Development LLC a zoning requirement that a canopy may project no more than five feet into a required yard, **if** a minimum distance of two feet remains open to the sky. Mizado was grated the canopy.

Mizado then constructed a non-permeant lighted tent over the patio and under the canopy to effectively cover their entire patio circumventing BZA's/zoning rules/intensions.

Mizado has never become compliant with the BZA's/zoning requirement requiring a smaller footprint for their patio - "Limitation on Paving a Front Yard". (see BZA's ruling dated July 15, 2003, attached).

Off-Street Parking

The BZA determined Mizado was not compliant with required front yard space and should remove eight (8) off-street parking spaces located within Mizado's required front yard.

Mizado has never removed 8 spaces in their required front yard (see picture taken 17 May, 2015).

In addition, Mizado has striped, lit and is using 56 additional parking spaces under the I-10 overpass of Metairie Rd. giving Mizado many more parking spaces than required of an under 5,000 sq. foot restaurant (see current picture).

Design of an Incompatible Tower Element

The Board of Zoning Adjustments required Mizado to work with BZA staff to redesign their tower element.

Mizado has not redesigned their Tower element to integrate better with the design of the building.

Signs above the first floor

The BZA denied Mizado's request for a variance to attach two signs to its building, neither of which could be above the second floor.

Mizado attached one compliant 'named' sign.

Mizado also attached and lit their 'signature globe' on top of their Tower (disregarding prohibition of a sign above the second floor) and illuminated the perimeter of the top of their 'incompatible tower element' causing it to stand out even more.

I suppose the definition of a 'sign' and 'signature markings' may need to be parsed.

My greatest concerns:

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Mizado's building footprint may enlarge because provided parking will be increased (using 1 parking space per 150 sq feet of building), should the zoning of an adjacent property be changed and incorporated.

Semolina Development LLC or other developer (if/when sold) may decide to construct another currently permitted restaurant or business on what is now a single-family residential property.

Board of Zoning Adjustments Staff Report

Monthly Meeting Monday, July 08, 2013

> Docket Number: 131-13 Prepared by: Misty Owens

Annlicant or Agent:

Semolina Development LLC

Property Location: Rounding Streets:

5076 and 5080 Pontchartrain Blvd Zin: 70118 Pontchartrain Rlvd Metairie Rd & Oakland Dr

Zoning District:

LB-2 Lake Area Neighborhood

ZBM: B-12

Historic District.

N/A

Planning District: 5

Existing Use:

Vacant Lot

Sanare Number: 665-1

Proposed Use:

Standard Restaurant

Rusiness District

Lot Numbers: 30-A & 30-C

Request Citation: This request is for variances from the provisions of Article 9A, Section 9A. 9.6, Article 15, Section 15.2.3(4), and Article 15, Section 15.6.6 of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance.

Request:

This request is to permit the placement of two signs, both above the first floor, uncovered parking in the required front yard area, and excessive paving in the required front yard area.

Requested Waivers:

Section 9A.9.6(1) - Permitted Signs

Required: 1st Floor Provided: Above First Floor Waiver: Above First Floor

Section 9A.9.6(1) - Permitted Signs Permitted: 1 Sign

Provided: 2 Signs

Waiver: 2 Signs

Section 15.2.3(4) – Parking in Front Yards

Required: 1st Floor Provided: Uncovered

Waiver: Uncovered

Section 15.6.6 - Limitation of Pavement

Provided: 44% or 751 sq. ft.

Waiver: 4% or 71 sq. ft.

Project Description:

Permitted: 40%

The petitioned site consists of two (2) lots, Lot 30-A and 30-C. Lot 30-A is a rectangular corner lot that has a width of approximately eighty-five feet (85') along Pontchartrain Boulevard, a depth of one hundred fifty-nine feet (159') along Metairie Road, and a width of approximately ninety-four feet (94') along the rear property line for an area of approximately fourteen thousand nine hundred forty-six square feet (14,946 sq. ft.). Lot 30-C is a rectangular lot with frontage along Pontchartrain Boulevard that has a width of sixty-two feet, six inches (62' 6"), a depth of one hundred seventeen feet (117') and an area of seven thousand two hundred fifty-four square feet (7,254 sq. ft.). The site was previously developed with a restaurant that was destroyed in a fire.

A standard restaurant is being constructed on Lot 30-A along with nineteen (19) off-street parking spaces. A standard restaurant is a permitted use within the LB-2 Lake Area Neighborhood Business District. The plans submitted to the Department of Safety and Permits indicate a bar in the restaurant. As per Article 9A, Section 9A.9.5 – Conditional Uses, any conditional use authorized in the LB-1 Lake Area Neighborhood Business District is a conditional use in the LB-2 District. As per Article 9A, Section 9A.9.5(8) – Conditional Uses, any permitted use allowed in the LB-1 Lake Area Neighborhood Business District which sells alcoholic beverages for consumption on or off the premises requires conditional use approval. The applicant must apply for a conditional use to permit the sale of alcoholic beverages.

Lot 30-C is proposed for use as off-street parking with sixteen (16) spaces for use by the standard restaurant. As per Article 9A, Section 9A.9.5 – Conditional Uses, any conditional use authorized in the LB-1 Lake Area Neighborhood Business District is a conditional use in the LB-2 District. As per Article 9A, Section 9A.9.5(12) – Conditional Uses, parking lots, parking spaces, and parking area require conditional use approval. Because the petitioned site consists of two (2) individual lots of record, the proposed off-street parking is a conditional use in the LB-2 Lake Area Business District. Regardless of the decision of the Board of Zoning Adjustments, the applicant must either subdivide Lot 30-A and Lot 30-C into one lot of record (thereby making the parking lot a part of the main use on Lot 30-A) or obtain a conditional use for the proposed parking lot on Lot 30-C.

The proposed building has a width of fifty-three feet (53'), a depth of ninety-three feet (93') for a building footprint of four thousand nine hundred twenty-nine square feet (4,929 sq. ft.). The submitted site plan indicates an enclosed square footage of four thousand eight hundred fifty-one square feet (4,851 sq. ft.). The site plans indicate a proposed patio along the front of the building with a depth of sixteen feet (16') that is covered by a canopy that is five feet (5') in depth. This will be discussed in a section below.

The petitioned site is zoned LB-2 Lake Area Neighborhood Business District. The zoning district does not have minimum lot area, lot width, or lot depth requirements. The area regulations are shown in the table below along with the provided amounts. As shown in the table the applicant is meeting the minimum yard requirements.

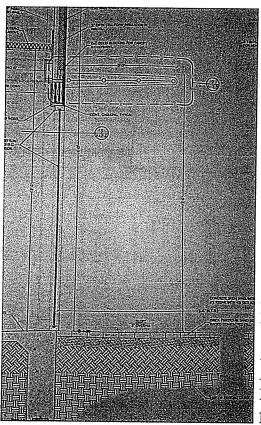
Minimum Requirement	Required Amount	Provided Amount
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Front Yard	20'	20'
Side Yard abutting a residential district	5'	31'1"
Yard on a side street when rear yard abuts a residential district	10°	10'
Rear yard abutting a residential district	20'	69' 7"
Maximum FAR	2.00	0.32

Article 9A, Section 9A.9.6(1) – Permitted Signs restricts each business to one (1) attached wall or projecting sign. The sign is limited to one (1) square foot per linear foot of building width or tenant space up to a maximum of seventy square feet (70 sq. ft.). The building width is fifty-three feet (53'). Exterior attached signs are not permitted to project above the first floor of a building. The applicant is proposing to place two (2) attached wall signs on the building above the first floor on a tower that extends twenty feet (20') above the highest point of the first floor that is topped with a stucco sphere that is four feet (4') in height¹. The first proposed sign would face the east bound Pontchartrain Expressway and would have a height of three feet (3'), a proposed width of nine feet, six inches (9' 6") for an area of approximately twenty-eight square feet (28 sq. ft.). The second proposed sign would face the west bound Pontchartrain Expressway and would have a height of three feet, six inches (3' 6"), a width of ten feet (10') for an area of thirty-five square feet (35 sq. ft.). The applicant is requesting a waiver to permit two (2) signs above the second floor.

Article 15, Section 15.5.8(4) – Yards and Open Space Generally (in all districts except the Vieux Carré Districts) a roof, gutter, eave, fixed awning, marquee, or canopy, attached to a building but having no other support, may project no more than five feet (5') into a required front, side, or rear yard, if a minimum distance of two feet (2') remains open to the sky between the farthest projection and the lot lines. The applicant is proposing to place a canopy that extends five feet (5') into the required front yard area, as shown in the photograph below.

¹ Sheet A12.7 indicates a tower height of 20' while sheet A10.1 indicates a tower height of 14'.



The canopy would be over a proposed patio that would be constructed of brick pavers on raised compacted fill. The proposed patio would have a width of forty-eight feet, six inches (48' 6") and a depth of fifteen feet, six inches (15' 6") for an area of seven hundred fifty-one square feet (751 sq. ft.). Article 15, Section 15.6.6 -Limitation of Pavement limits the amount of pavement in a required front yard area to forty percent (40%). Pavement includes the placement of impermeable material on the surface of the land such as brick, stone, asphalt, or concrete. The required front yard area of Lot 30-A is one thousand seven hundred square feet (1,700 sq. ft.) of which six hundred eighty square feet (680 sq. ft.) can be covered. The applicant needs a waiver four percent (4%) or seventy-one square feet (71 sq. ft.) to permit the patio in the required front yard area.

Article 15, Section 15.2.1 (Table 15.A) – Off-Street Parking requires one off-street parking space per one hundred fifty square feet (150 sq. ft.) of floor area. The proposed building has a floor area of four thousand eight hundred fifty-one square feet (4,851 sq. ft.),

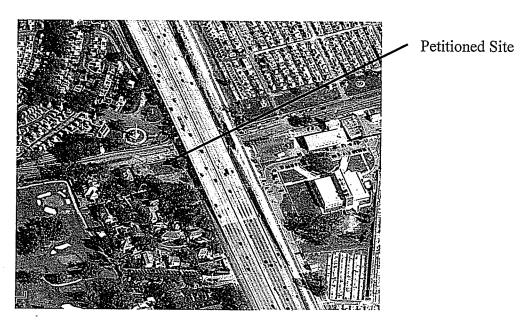
necessitating thirty-three (33) off-street parking spaces. The applicant is providing twenty-one (21) off-street parking spaces on Lot 30-A and sixteen (16) off-street parking spaces on Lot 30-C for a total of thirty-seven (37) off-street parking spaces.

Eight (8) off-street parking spaces are located within a required the required front yard area. **Article 15, Section 15.2.3(4)** – *Parking in Front Yards* states in the RM-3, RM-4, MS, RO, B-1, B-2, SI, and SC Districts, required off-street parking may be located in a required front yard and other yards where permitted, provided that such area is completely enclosed and the total height including all railings, parapets and similar walls, railings, or fencing does not exceed seven feet (7') above grade level and is completely covered with a roof area. The roof shall be planted and landscaped and served as a required front yard area. As per the submitted drawings, a waiver is required for the placement of uncovered off-street parking in the required front yard area.

The applicant applied for a building permit January 9, 2013. A building permit was issued by the Department of Safety and Permits March 19, 2013. With the exception of the sign placement all items discussed above there shown on the submitted plans for which the building permit was issued.

Surrounding Development

The petitioned site is located near the major streets of Canal Boulevard, Metairie Road, and I-10 in the Lakewood neighborhood of Lakeview. This area is composed of single- and two-family residences and commercial uses along Canal Boulevard. The petitioned site is located within an LB-2 Lake Area Neighborhood Business District that covers the petitioned site. An LRS-3 Lakewood and Country Club Gardens Single-Family Residential District is located on the lots surrounding the site. A C-1 General Commercial District is located to the east of the petitioned site. The area consists of single-family residences, the Metairie Cemetery, Greenwood Cemetery, and Cypress Grove Cemetery. The New Orleans Country Club is located south of the site and the City of New Orleans 911 Call Center is located to the east of the site.



Impact and Analysis

According to the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, the Board of Zoning Adjustments must consider the following criteria in order to determine what impact the requested variance would have on adjacent properties if it were approved. The procedure affords an applicant relief from the strict requirements of the zoning law when unnecessary hardship or practical difficulty exists.

1. Do special conditions and circumstances exist which are peculiar to the land, structure, or building involved which are not applicable to other lands, structures, or buildings in the same zoning district?

Yes. Special conditions do exist in regards to the requests for the location and number of signs. While the petitioned site meets the requirements of the underlying zoning district, there are special conditions and circumstances that are peculiar to the site that are not applicable to other sites in the same zoning district. The building is located adjacent to Interstate 10 (I-10), near cemeteries that are across the street from the site, and residences that abut the petitioned site on the rear and side property lines, on a site that is greater in

area than most sites in the area. Due to the location of the Interstate, there is limited visibility from the street level.

No. Special conditions do not exist in regards to the requests for the placement of parking in the required front yard area and excessive paving in the required front yard area. While the Department of Safety and Permits reviewed and approved the plans, the applicant has not yet proceeded with the construction of the proposed patio and parking area and there is time to address these issues.

2. Will the literal interpretation of the provisions of the ordinance deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties in the same district?

Yes. There are instances of new construction in the LB-2 Lake Area Business District along Harrison Avenue that meet the sign requirements of the overlay and the underlying zoning district. However, the petitioned site is located along an elevated portion of I-10 that causes limited visibility from street level. Because of this it is difficult to compare the petitioned site to those along Harrison Avenue. The land use of the adjacent properties near the petitioned site is unlike the proposed use and are not comparable.

No. As for the needed waiver for covered parking in the required front yard area, applicant is providing thirty-seven (37) off-street parking spaces, four (4) more than is required. The applicant could eliminate the four (4) additional spaces and reconfigure the off-street parking to meet the aforementioned requirements.

No. As for the needed waiver for excessive paving in the required front yard area, the applicant can reduce the proposed amount to meet the forty percent (40%) limitation and still provide an outdoor patio area for the patrons of the proposed restaurant.

3. Do any special conditions and circumstances result from the actions of the applicant or any other person who may have (or had) an interest in the property?

Yes. The applicant is proposing to place a sign above the first floor of the proposed building on a tower that extends twenty feet (20') above the first floor to allow greater visibility from the Interstate.

Yes. As for the requests for uncovered parking in the required front area and excessive paving, these violations were noticed during the Board of Zoning Adjustments staff review of the submitted plans. While the Department of Safety and Permits issued a building permit based on these plans, the applicant has not proceeded with striping the proposed parking lot and is able to reconfigure the parking to provide the minimum number of off-street parking spaces outside of the required front yard areas and can reduce the paving to allow compliance.

4. Will the granting of the variance confer on the applicant any special privilege which is denied by this ordinance to other lands, structures, or buildings in the same district or similarly situated?

Yes. The petitioned site is unlike other sites in the LB-2 Lake Area Business District by being located adjacent to I-10, while the majority of the properties with similar zoning are located along Harrison Avenue. Those businesses along Harrison Avenue meet the sign requirements of the overlay district and the underlying zoning district. The petitioned site is unique and there are no other comparable properties. The nearest comparison would be the First Baptist Church located at 5290 Canal Boulevard². The BZA granted a waiver of sign area to permit a sign that would be visible from the Interstate and would be in scale with the size of the church.

No. As for the needed waivers for uncovered parking in the required front yard area and excessive paving in the required front yard area, the granting the variances would confer on the applicant a special privilege which is denied to others. New construction in the LB-2 District meets the requirements of the zoning ordinance by providing off-street parking outside the required front yard area and meeting the paving limitation.

5. Will the variance(s), if granted, alter the essential character of the locality?

Yes/No. The variance for the location and number of signs would alter the essential character of the locality. The location of the petitioned site is unique and the proposed location of the proposed signage would allow it to be visible from the right-of-way from a distance greater than intended by the regulations of the underlying zoning district. The previous restaurant signage consisted of a non-conforming roof sign which was a crawfish sitting on the roof of the building.

Yes. The variance for the location uncovered parking in the required front yard area along with excessive paving in the required front yard area could set a precedent for other businesses to request similar waivers. The previous restaurant provided parking in the required front yard area and the paving is located in the proposed location of the off-street parking. However, the building was demolished and any grandfathered conditions were lost at the time of demolition. Also, the request, if granted, could contribute to additional covered areas leading to an increase in stormwater run-off because the site is elevated above street level. It would be beneficial to the surrounding area to provide a permeable area or employ best stormwater management practices in conjunction with increased landscaping.

6. Will strict adherence to the property regulations result in a demonstrable hardship upon the owner, as distinguished from mere inconvenience?

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Yes/No. Strict adherence to the property regulations would not prevent the applicant from placing the one sign in a permitted space. However, the petitioned site is unique in its nature due to the location near I-10 which causes limited visibility from the street level.

No. As for the requests for uncovered parking in the required front area and excessive paving, these violations were noticed during the Board of Zoning Adjustments staff review of the submitted plans. While the Department of Safety and Permits issued a building permit based on these plans, the applicant has not proceeded with striping the proposed parking lot and is able to reconfigure the parking to provide the minimum number of off-street parking spaces outside of the required front yard areas.

7. Is the purpose of the variance based exclusively upon a desire to serve the convenience or profit of the property owner, or other interested party(s)?

Yes. The purpose of the variance for signage is based exclusively upon a desire to serve the convenience or profit of the property owner. The petitioned site is located in an unusual space in Lakeview and the applicant is requesting to place the signage in a location that would afford greater visibility from Interstate 10.

No. The proposed location of the off-street parking would be in a space that is similar to the previous off-street parking location. The granting of a waiver to permit the parking in the required front yard area would allow the applicant to use area that was used for off-street parking instead of removing the existing paving. However, the request is for new construction and the applicant can meet the requirements of the zoning ordinance.

8. Will the variance be detrimental to the public welfare, or injurious to other property or improvements in the neighborhood in which the property is located?

Yes/No. The variance, of granted, would permit the placement of two (2) signs, each facing in the direction of oncoming traffic on I-10. The adjacent residences would have a greater impact from this placement then if the signs were placed at the first floor because the light from the proposed sign facing the west bound I-10 could shine onto their property.

The variance for uncovered off-street parking and excessive paving in the required front yard area, if granted, would be detrimental to the public welfare, or injurious to other property or improvements in the neighborhood in which the property is located because it could contribute to greater stormwater run-off in the immediate area.

9. Will the variance impair the adequate supply of light and air to adjacent property, substantially increase traffic congestion in the public street, increase the danger of fire, or endanger the public safety?

No. None of these impacts are associated with the proposed project.

Staff Recommendation

Based on this report, the staff believes the request does not satisfy the nine criteria as they pertain to the requested variances for Article 9A, Section 9A.9.6(1) - Permitted Signs for the placement of two signs, Article 15, Section 15.2.3(4) - Parking in Front Yards and Article 15, Section 15.6.6 - Limitation of Pavement as related to the uncovered parking in the required front yard area and excessive paving in the required front yard area and therefore recommends DENIAL WITH PREJUDICE of the request.

Based on its report, the staff believes the request does satisfy the nine criteria as they pertain to the requested variances for Article 9A, Section 9A.9.6(1) - Permitted Signs for the placement of one sign above the first floor, and therefore recommends APPROVAL of the request, subject to the following provisos:

- 1. **Prior** to the issuance of a Sign Permit by the Department of Safety and Permits, the applicant shall submit sign plans, to the Board of Zoning Adjustments staff for review and approval.
- 2. The applicant shall submit revised site plans to the staff of the Board of Zoning Adjustments for their review and approval indicating the removal of off-street parking spaces in the required front yard area. This area shall be landscaped.
- 3. The applicant shall obtain a conditional use to permit the sale of alcoholic beverages at the petitioned site.
- 4. The applicant call either subdivide Lot 30-A and Lot 30-C into one lot of record or obtain a conditional use for the proposed parking lot on Lot 30-C.
- 5. The applicant shall work with the staff of the Board of Zoning Adjustments to redesign the tower element in such a way that it integrates the architectural features of the building.

APPROVED, in part, and DENIED in part

Applicant or Agent: Taste Bud Management and Frank Langenbacker

Property Location: 5080 Pontchartrain Boulevard Zip: 70118

Bounding Streets: Pontchartrain Blvd., Metairie Rd., & Oakland Dr.

Zoning District: LB-2 Lake Area Neighborhood ZBM: B-12

Historic District: N/A Planning District: 5

Existing Use: Vacant Lot Square Number: 665-1

Proposed Use: Standard P.

Proposed Use: Standard Restaurant Lot Number: 30-A & 30-C

Whereas, the above appeal was heard by the Board of Zoning Adjustments at its public hearing of Monday, July 08, 2013; and

Whereas, the applicant appeared before the Board seeking relief from the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, No. 4264 M.C.S., as amended, as it applies to Article 9A, Section 9A.9.6, Article 15, Section 15.2.3(4), and Article 15, Section 15.6.6, to permit the placement of two signs, both above the first floor, uncovered parking in the required front yard area, and excessive paving in the required front yard area, as indicated below:

Requested Waivers:

Section 9A.9.6(1) - Permitted Signs.

Required: 1st Floor Provided: Above First Floor Waiver: Above First Floor

Section 9A.9.6(1) - Permitted Signs

Permitted: 1 Sign Provided: 2 Signs Waiver: 2 Signs

Section 15.2.3(4) - Parking in Front Yards

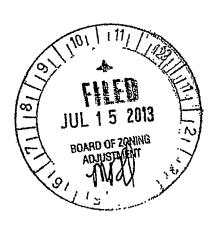
Required: Covered Provided: Uncovered Waiver: Uncovered

Section 15.6.6 – Limitation of Pavement

Permitted: 40% Provided: 44% or 751 sq. ft. Waiver: 4% or 71 sq. ft.

And Whereas, the Board carefully considered the facts and arguments for and against the application at the public hearing, and after considering the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, No. 4264 M.C.S., as amended, the Board is of the opinion that the weight of the evidence indicates that the Standards for Variances of Article 14, Section 14.6.4, have not been met for the requested variances of Article 9A, Section 9A.9.6(1) — Permitted Signs for the placement of two signs, Article 15, Section 15.2.3(4) — Parking in Front yards and Article 15, Section 15.6.6 — Limitation on Pavement and that the Standards for Variances of Article 14, Section 14.6.4, have been met for the requested variance of Article 9A, Section 9A.9.6(1) — Permitted Signs for the placement of one sign above the first floor, and therefore, a motion was made by Todd James and seconded by Candice Forest, for DENIAL WITHOUT PREJUDICE of the requested variance of Article 9A, Section 9A.9.6(1) — Permitted Signs for the placement of two signs, Article 15, Section 15.2.3(4) — Parking in Front yards and Article 15, Section 15.6.6 — Limitation on Pavement and APPROVAL of the requested variance of Article 9A, Section 9A.9.6(1) — Permitted Signs for the placement of one sign above the first floor, subject to the following provisos:

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- 2. The applicant shall submit revised site plans to the staff of the Board of Zoning Adjustments for their review and approval indicating the removal of off-street parking spaces in the required front yard area. This area shall be landscaped.
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