

RESOLUTION

Granting a Special Use Permit (SUP) for Property Located at 2005/2007 Jefferson Park Avenue and 104 Observatory Avenue

WHEREAS Norman Lamson, as Trustee for the Gradient JPA Land Trust (“Landowner”) is the owner of certain land identified within City real estate assessment records by Parcel Identification numbers 170104000, 170103100, and 170103000, respectively, currently addressed as “2005/2007 Jefferson Park Avenue” and “104 Observatory Avenue” (collectively referred to as the “Property”), and the Landowner, proposes to redevelop the Property to accommodate a 119-unit multifamily building with underground parking, and

WHEREAS to facilitate this redevelopment, the Landowner seeks City Council’s approval of a Special Use Permit to increase allowable residential density to 70 DUA, to increase building height from 45 feet to 75 feet, to reduce the rear-yard setback from 75 feet to 36 feet, and to reduce (lower by 22%) the amount of on-site parking required by City Code Sec. 34-984 (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS the Applicant seeks a Special Use Permit under City Code Secs. 34-420, 34-353(3), and 34-162(a), which collectively, allow the increased residential density, additional building height, and modified [reduced] setbacks and onsite parking requirements for the Project; and

WHEREAS the Property is located within the R-3 zoning district, a district in which, according to the Use Matrix set forth within City Code §34-420, the Project as proposed may be authorized by City Council by means of a special use permit; and

WHEREAS the Project is described in more detail within the application materials submitted by the Landowner in connection with SP22-00001 (“Application Materials”); and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission and City Council conducted a joint public hearing on May 10, 2022, after notice and advertisement as required by law; and

WHEREAS following the joint public hearing, the Planning Commission considered and recommended approval of this application at their May 10, 2022 meeting; and

WHEREAS upon consideration of the Planning Commission’s recommendation, the City Staff Report, comments received at the joint public hearing, and the factors set forth within Sec. 34-157 of the City’s Zoning Ordinance, this Council finds and determines that granting the proposed Special Use subject to suitable regulations and safeguards would serve the public necessity, convenience, general welfare or good zoning practice; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council for the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, THAT a Special Use Permit is hereby granted to allow the Project to be established on the Property, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Not more than seventy (70) dwelling units per acre (DUA) shall be permitted within the area of the Property.
- (2) The rear-yard setback applicable within the Property shall be thirty-six (36) feet, and a

twenty-five (25) foot buffer shall be provided within the rear yard, to include mature trees and shrubs at the time of planting consistent with the plant materials prescribed for an “S-3” buffer (as listed in City Code §34-871, as in effect on the date of approval of this SUP). The S-3 buffer, and plant materials, shall be detailed within the final Site Plan. Within the rear setback Landowner shall consider construction of a multipurpose path (for bicycles and pedestrians) linking Washington Avenue and Observatory Avenue within the rear setback, in order to establish the block-level scale of the Project as represented within the Application Materials.

- (3) The Landowner shall construct within the Project, along Jefferson Park Avenue, a new seven (7) foot sidewalk with a three (3) foot curbside buffer in accordance with the standards set forth within the City’s Streets that Work Plan.
- (4) The Landowner, in consultation with the City’s Traffic Engineer, shall develop a Master Parking Plan for the site related to the reduction of onsite parking by 22% from what is required by Sec. 34-984 (in effect on the date of Council’s approval of this Special Use Permit). The Master Parking Plan shall indicate how available parking spaces will be distributed within the Project, how residents of the Project are informed of their parking opportunities, any offsite parking options for residents, and other potential issues associated with parking. The Master Parking Plan shall be provided as a component of the final approved site plan for the Project, and any subsequent amendments approved to the Master Parking Plan shall be made in consultation with the City’s Traffic Engineer and a copy maintained along with the final approved site plan, within the zoning file for the Property.
- (5) The Landowner shall upgrade the pedestrian crossing of Jefferson Park Avenue at Harmon Street during construction of the Project, to provide residents within the Project safe access to public transit options. The Landowner shall work with the City’s Traffic Engineer to determine the scope of improvements.
- (6) The arrangement of the buildings within the Property shall be generally consistent with the layout and design presented within the Application Materials for SP22-00001.