

February 5, 2020

SENT VIA: E-Mail

City of Garden City
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Re: Bridge Townhomes Subdivision – Reconsideration

Mr. Wadams, what follows are the principal points for presentation to the City Council at the Special Meeting:

1. SUBFY2017-1/PUD2013-2 - May 8, 2017: Bridge Townhomes Subdivision: City Council - APPROVED
2. June, 2018: Building Permit issued - Based upon the Construction Drawings, Renderings, and Elevations approved in May of 2017.
 - a. The Elevations reflect the Building Height, Deck Height, and Retaining Wall Height. All grades and elevations were submitted prior to PUD Approval, and were part of the Design Review, P & Z, and City Council Approval Packets. (See Enclosures 1, 2, 3, and 4).
 - b. As evidenced by the approval of the PUD, all elements of the construction, including the retaining wall, were reviewed and approved by the City.
3. Garden City does not require the submission of structural engineering drawings for the construction of the retaining wall, nor is an individual permit required.
4. In June of 2018, the retaining wall was constructed as designed and in accordance with structural engineering design by Carl Geiger. (See Enclosure 5).
5. At the time of construction and shortly thereafter, Surfer's Paradise, LLC through its principal, Todd Weltner, was in direct, multiple e-mail communications with Jenah Thornborrow regarding construction of the retaining wall, including the transmittal of photographs during the course of construction. (See Enclosure 6).
6. No issues were raised by anyone about the retaining wall, until spring of 2019 as part of an encroachment objection raised by Victor Myers, long after completion of the retaining wall.
7. At no time has a finding been made by the City that the Bridge Townhomes PUD, as completely constructed, does not substantially conform to the approved PUD.
8. As stated in previous correspondence to the City, Surfer's Paradise, LLC as the Developer, was advised that it had to undertake an undefined process, not provided for in Garden City Ordinances, for the "modification" of the PUD to allow for the retaining wall as previously reviewed, approved, and constructed. Surfer's Paradise, LLC restates and incorporates the prior submissions to the City.

9. Surfer's Paradise, LLC followed the directive from the Development Director, and received approval in Design Review and P & Z hearings. The City Council chose not to accept either the Design Review nor the P & Z approvals. (See Attachment 7).
10. The City Council, did not take into consideration the prior approval, the failure in process, and the fact that the construction of Bridge Townhomes "substantially conforms" to the PUD as approved.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Kim J. Trout". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial letter and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Kim J. Trout

CC: Client

ATTACHMENT 1

ATTACHMENT 2

ATTACHMENT 3

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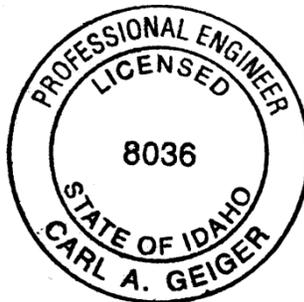
ATTACHMENT 4



ATTACHMENT 5

**The Bridge Townhomes
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**Boulder Retaining Wall
Calculations**



Carl Geiger

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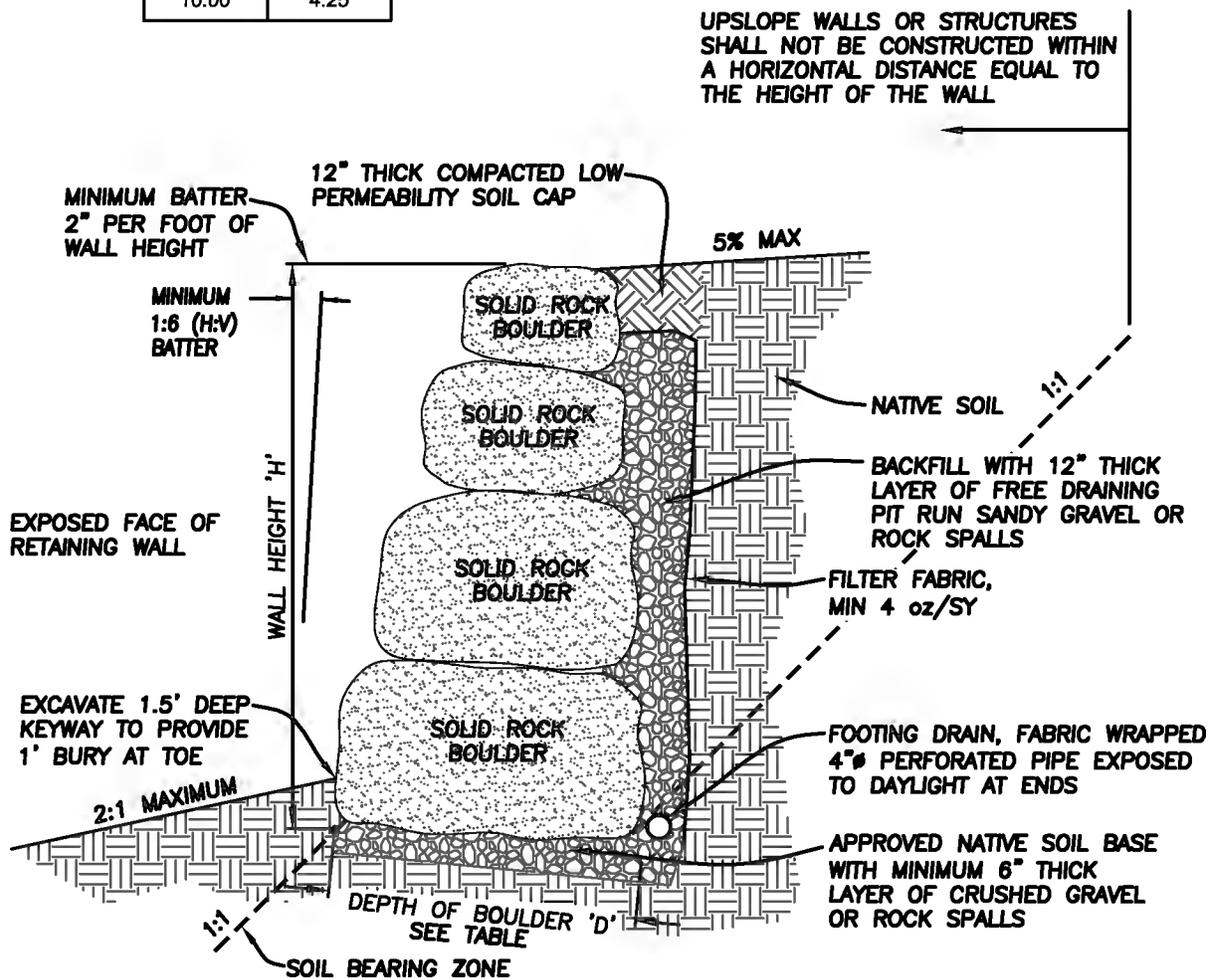
BOULDER RETAINING WALL NOTES:

1. BOULDER SIZE 'D' SHALL CONFORM TO THE ROCK BOULDER SIZE SHOWN IN THE TABLE RELATIVE TO THE RETAINED EARTH HEIGHT 'H' OF THE RETAINING WALL.
2. SOIL AT BASE OF BOULDER WALL SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE ENGINEER OR AN APPROVED TESTING AGENCY.
2. BACKFILL MATERIAL SHALL BE FREE DRAINING AND SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE ENGINEER OR AN APPROVED TESTING AGENCY.
3. 12" THICK LAYER OF COMPACTED LOW PERMEABILITY SOIL CAP SHALL BE PLACED OVER THE FILTER FABRIC AND WALL BACKFILL TO HELP PREVENT INTRUSION OF SURFACE RUNOFF INTO THE SOIL AND BACKFILL BEHIND THE RETAINING WALL.
4. DRIVEWAY, PARKING STALLS, BUILDINGS OR OTHER STRUCTURES SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUCTED ABOVE THE NEW RETAINING WALL WITHIN A HORIZONTAL DISTANCE EQUAL TO THE WALL HEIGHT.
5. SOIL AT BASE OF WALL SHALL NOT HAVE CUT SLOPE WITHIN THE SOIL BEARING ZONE BELOW THE WALL ANY STEEPER THAN 2:1 (H:V) SLOPE EXTENDING DOWNWARD FROM THE BASE OF WALL FOR AT LEAST 10' HORIZONTALLY.

ROCK BOULDER SIZE

H	D
(ft)	(ft)
2.00	2.00
4.00	2.00
6.00	2.50
8.00	3.50
10.00	4.25

NOTE:
 SITE GRADING SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED TO DIVERT SURFACE RUNOFF AWAY FROM THE RETAINING WALL OR SHALL HAVE A NON-PERMEABLE SOIL CAP TO CAUSE RUNOFF TO FLOW OVER THE TOP OF THE WALL OR SHALL HAVE A DRAIN PIPE INSTALLED NEAR THE TOP OF THE WALL. RUNOFF UPSLOPE FROM THE WALL SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE SOIL BEHIND THE WALL.



BOULDER RETAINING WALL DETAIL AND NOTES

NTS
 bridge townhomes ret wall detail

Soil Properties

Backfill Soil Description	Pit Run Sandy Gravel	
Maximum Wall Height	H =	10 ft
Density	γ =	120 pcf
Cohesion	c =	0 psf
Internal Angle of Friction	ϕ =	32.00 °
Angle of backfill (H:V)	β =	20.00 :1
		= 2.86 °
		= 5.0%
Coeff Active Earth Press	$K_{ab} = \cos(\beta) * ((\cos(\beta) - [\cos^2(\beta) - \cos^2(\phi)]^{0.5}) / (\cos(\beta) + [\cos^2(\beta) - \cos^2(\phi)]^{0.5}))$	
		0.308
Equivalent Fluid Pressure	$P_{fp} =$	37.0 psf/ft
Maximum Active Earth Pressure	$P_a = 0.5 * \gamma * H^{1.2} * K_{ab}$	
		= 1,850 lb
Allowable Soil Bearing Pressure	sbp =	2,000 psi
Friction Coefficient	μ =	0.50 (applied at boulder-soil interface)
Passive Lateral Pressure	$R_p =$	496 psf/ft

Rock Boulder Properties

Description	Quartzite, solid boulder	
Specific Gravity	SG =	2.65
Density	γ =	165 pcf
Friction Coefficient	μ =	0.70 (applied boulder to boulder)
Average Boulder Height	h =	2.0 ft

H (ft)	D (ft)	p (plf)	P (lb)	Rock Mass (lb)	Mot (lb*ft)	Mr (lb*ft)	Overturing FS	Sliding FS	SBP (psf)		D/H
2.00	2.00	74	74	661	74	661	8.94	6.26	331	ok	100%
4.00	2.00	148	296	661	296	661	2.23	3.13	661	ok	50%
6.00	2.50	222	666	827	666	1,034	1.55	2.26	860	ok	42%
8.00	3.50	296	1,184	1,158	1,184	2,026	1.71	1.96	945	ok	44%
10.00	4.25	370	1,850	1,406	1,850	2,987	1.61	1.54	1,109	ok	43%
				4,713							

Boulder Height

Average Boulder Height h = 2.0 ft

Overturing

Active Earth Pressure (bottom of each boulder) $p = \gamma * H * K_{ab}$
 Resultant Earth Active Force $P = (h_2 - h_1) * p_1 + 0.5 * (p_2 - p_1)$
 Overturing Moment $M_{ot} = P * (h_2 - h_1) / 3$
 Batter $b = (H : V) \ 1 : 6$
 $= 16.7\%$
 $= 9.46^\circ$
 Shift of COG due to Batter $\Delta X = [0.5 * (H^2 + D^2)^{0.5} * \cos(90 - \Phi - \Theta) - [0.5 * (H^2 + D^2)^{0.5} * \sin(\text{atan}(D/H))]$
 Rock Center of Gravity $CoG = 0.5 * D + \Delta X$
 Rock Mass $W_{rock} = \gamma * (h_2 - h_1) * D$
 Resisting Moment $M_r = W_{rock} * D / 2$
 Req'd Factor of Safety $FS = M_r / M_{ot}$
 $= 1.5$

Sliding

Lateral Force $P = (h_2 - h_1) * p_1 + 0.5 * (p_2 - p_1)$
 Friction Resistance $R_f = W_{rock} * \mu$
 Lateral Passive Resisting Force (at base) $R_p = d_{embed}^2 * SBP_{lat} / 2$
 $= 496 \text{ lb}$
 Depth of Embedment (at base) $d_{embed} = 1.0 \text{ ft}$
 Lateral Soil Bearing Pressure $SBP_{lat} = 496 \text{ psf/ft}$
 Req'd Factor of Safety $FS = P / (R_f + R_p)$
 $= 1.5$

Soil Bearing

Base Area $A_b = 1 * D \text{ sf/ft}$
 Passive Lateral Pressure $R_p = 496 \text{ psf}$
 Soil Bearing Pressure $SBP = \Sigma W_{rock} / A_b$
 $= 1,109 \text{ psf}$
 Allowable Soil Bearing Pressure $SBP_{allow} = 2,000 \text{ psf}$

Global Stability

Global Overturing $M_{ot} = R_{\Sigma} * H / 3$
 $= 6,167 \text{ lb*ft}$
 $M_r = \Sigma W_{rock} * D / 2$
 $= 10,015 \text{ lb*ft}$
 $FS_{ot} = 1.62 \text{ ok}$
 Global Sliding $P = 1,850 \text{ lb}$
 $R_f = \Sigma W_{rock} * \mu + R_p$
 $= 2,852 \text{ lb}$
 $FS_s = 1.54 \text{ ok}$
 Global Soil Bearing $SBP = \Sigma W_{rock} / D$
 $= 1,109 \text{ psf ok} < 2,000$

ATTACHMENT 6



Adjacent restaurant with existing conditions, looking south.

ATTACHMENT 7

Date: February 4, 2020

To: Charles Wadams, City of Garden City

From: Todd Weltner



Re: Bridge Townhomes Subdivision
Boulder Retaining Wall

1. I am the Managing Member of Surfer's Paradise, LLC, the developer of Bridge Townhomes Subdivision;
2. Attached hereto is a true and correct copy of the letter from Carl Geiger, P.E., carrying his Professional Engineering Stamp, confirming that the retaining wall for the project must be kept and maintained in its currently constructed form, without modification or removal of any sections of the retaining wall.
3. The retaining wall was constructed in accordance with the engineered grading & drainage and building plans submitted, reviewed and approved by Garden City as part of the PUD in 2017.

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January 23, 2020

Todd Weltner
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Re: Bridge Townhomes
Boulder Retaining Walls

Focus Engineering has created boulder retaining wall calculations, construction detail and has performed site visits and construction observation of the boulder wall that is adjacent to the greenbelt path at The Bridge Townhomes. Construction of the boulder wall looks good and is acceptable.

Design height of the wall and location of the wall was provided by others. Focus Engineering has not created any site plan, grading plan, drainage plan or design for the heights of the wall. We have only designed the boulder wall and have inspected it during construction. Focus Engineering has not evaluated or approved the location of the wall.

Moving the boulder retaining wall is not recommended. Moving the wall away from the greenbelt path and closer to the existing building would risk undermining the building foundation and the structural integrity of the building.

Saw cutting or otherwise reducing the boulder sizes is not recommended. Boulder size is critically important in a gravity retaining wall, especially at the bottom course where the lateral soil pressure is greatest.

Please contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

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Boise, Idaho
Carl Geiger, PE


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