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File Number: SUBFY2022-0002

For: Preliminary Plat and Planned Unit Development

A 6-lot residential subdivision

Location: 3900 Reed Street

Applicant: Jeff Hatch

Planning and Zoning: April 20, 2022

Design Review: April 18, 2022

City Council: May 9, 2022



Staff Report
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A. Record Documents ([link to all file documents](#))

Individual links:

1. Application Materials
 - a) [SUBFY2022-0002 Submittal Materials 12062022](#)
 - b) [SUBFY2022-0002 Resubmittals 01272022](#)
 - c) [SUBFY2022-0002 Resubmittals 03032022](#)
2. Staff Reports
 - a) [Design Review Staff Report Dated February 22, 2022](#)
 - b) Design Review Staff Report Dated April 18, 2022
 - c) [Planning and Zoning Staff Report March 16, 2022](#)
 - d) Planning and Zoning Staff Report April 20, 2022
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 - a) [Design Review Committee](#)
 - b) [Planning and Zoning](#)

B. Recommendation Summary:

This summary will be updated to reflect the recommending bodies recommendations.

C. Project Information

Proposed Scope of Work:

This application is for a subdivision and a Planned Unit Development per Garden City Code 8-7A-2 Definition of Terms:

Subdivision: The result of an act of dividing an original lot, tract or parcel of land into two (2) or more parts for the purpose of transfer of ownership or development; which may also include easements and the dedication of a public street or designation of private lanes or rights-of-way, and the addition to, or creation of, a cemetery

Planned Unit Development: Property planned as a whole that demonstrates innovation in design to protect natural features or create public amenities through more flexible standards, such as lot sizes, densities and setbacks, than those restrictions that would normally apply under these regulations.

| Review Process | Notes |
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| 8-5B-2 Preliminary Subdivision Process | For the subdivision entitlement to be completed a final plat will be required per 8-5B-3 at a later date |
| 8-6B-7 Planned Unit Development | A Planned Unit Development and a Subdivision can be processed concurrently |

| Special Provisions | Notes |
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| Subdivisions located within a Floodplain 8-5C-4 | A floodway development application will be reviewed in conjunction with construction plans provided approval of the requested application. |

Site Conditions:

- 1) Street Address: 3900 Reed Street
- 2) Parcel Number(s): R2734560340
- 3) Subdivision: PAR #0340 OF LOTS 30 & 31 BLK 3 FAIRVIEW ACRES SUB 7 #8800624 VIN # 4H8DS8189 TITLE B264065
- 4) Property Size: 0.35 acres
- 5) Zoning District: R-3 Medium Density Residential
- 6) Zoning Overlay(s): None
- 7) Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map Designation:
 - a) Mixed Use Residential
- 8) Legal Parcel of Record: Unknown
- 9) Floodplain Designation:
 - a) 2003 FIRM: 100 Year
 - b) 2017 Draft FIRM: 100 Year/ Floodway
- 10) Surrounding Uses within 600 feet:
 - a) Heron Park
 - b) Single Family Detached Dwelling Units
 - c) Single Family Attached Dwelling Units
 - d) The Greenbelt
 - e) Mobile Home Park
 - f) ACHD operations and maintenance property

- 11) Existing Use: Vacant
- 12) Site Access: N. Reed Street
- 13) Sidewalks: There is no sidewalk
- 14) Wetlands on site: none identified

Project Details:

- 1) Proposed development: Residential subdivision - Preliminary Plat – Processed as a Planned Unit Development
- 2) Total number of lots: 6
 - a) Common: 0
 - b) Residential: 6
- 3) Density: Land Use Calculations table indicates that five (5) residential lots are proposed and the resulting density is 13.15 units/acre. It appears that six (6) lots are shown, which would result in a density of 15.8 units/acre.
- 4) Site Coverage: 16,442sqft
 - a) Building: 6,095sqft = 37% of the site
 - b) Landscaping: 5,725sqft = 34% of the site – conflicting landscape information on plans
 - c) Paved Areas: 5,725sqft = 34.8% of the site
- 5) Access: Drive from N. Reed Street
- 6) Total number of vehicular parking spaces: #
 - a) Enclosed: 15
 - b) Surface: 0
- 7) Total number of bicycle parking: 4
 - a) Enclosed: 0
 - b) Surface: 4
- 8) Refuse: Curbside trash pickup proposed off N. Reed Street
- 9) Fencing:
 - a) 4ft tall wrought iron fence along Greenbelt
 - b) 6ft tall vinyl fence along western perimeter
 - c) Existing fence proposed to remain along eastern perimeter
- 10) Sidewalk:
 - a) Detached proposed
- 11) Landscaping:
 - a) 18 Total number of trees
 - i) 2 Class I, 2 of which are street trees
 - ii) 13 Class II, 0 of which are street trees
 - iii) 3 Class III, 0 of which are street trees
 - b) Parameter Landscaping: None
- 12) City Utilities
 - a) None identified
- 13) Pathway: New private connection to greenbelt
- 14) Proposed Easements:
 - a) Private easement from Greenbelt to property
- 15) PUD Waivers requested:
 - a) Waiver to setback standards; allowing for a 2ft side setback and a 12.5 front setback.

C. Discussion

Discussion for April 18th and April 20th Hearings:

It was requested that the application be moved to April 20th during the March 16th, 2022, Planning and Zoning Hearing. Additionally, the applicant requested the to be moved to April 18th, 2022, during the March 21st, 2022, Design Review Committee Hearing.

The most recent discussion regarding this application was on February 22, 2022, with the Design Review Committee. The most recent resubmittal packet was received March 3, 2022. There were no additional resubmittals. The packet addresses some of the Design Review Committee's concerns and comments made at the February 22, 2022, DSR hearing. This staff report reflects the most recent changes to the plans. Highlighted and bolded sections of this report reflect the most recent staff comments.

Staff has left the previous discussion topics in this discussion as a point of reference. Staff continues to have major concerns regarding the plans to clear-cut the property when there could be better plans set forth to preserve the existing trees on site. The application's current plan to demolish all trees on site is in direct conflict with Garden City Code 8-4I-7 Tree preservation provisions, 8-5B-5 Required Subdivision Findings, 8-6B-7 Planned Unit Development Findings and the Comprehensive Plan's Goal 5 Focus on the River.

Staff has drafted waivers to Garden City Code, Title 8 regulations include:

1. Setbacks, allowing for front setback to be 12.5ft and side setbacks to be 5ft; and
2. More than 4 dwelling units being served through a common drive, allowing for 6 units to be served on a common drive.
3. Enclosed vehicular parking spaces; allowing for 6 covered carport spaces to count towards the minimum enclosed vehicular parking spaces.

Summary of DSR Hearing Comments

Resubmittals were received on March 3, 2022. The following comments were made by the Design Review Committee at the February 22, 2022, Design Review Hearing:

- I. It is recommended by staff to have all common areas on common lots.
 - a. **Lots remain the same. Common areas are not located on common lots. It has been conditioned to require that all common areas, including the common drive, shall be located on a common lot or within an easement.**
- II. Pedestrian access and circulation are a major concern.
 - a. Committee is opposed to the primary pedestrian entrance being from the garage.
 - i. **The primary entrance to the units are now located within the carport area, towards the rear. The pedestrian will need to travers through the carport to get to the front entrance.**
- III. The units shall be compliant with Garden City Code standards 8-4B.
 - a. **Discussion required. New elevations of the guest parking and dwelling unit provided. See staff analysis later in report.**
- IV. The development's lack of focus on the street is not permitted. The units shall have more focus on Reed Street. Balance the street frontage components with the river frontage components.

a. **Further discussion required. Dwelling units have moved away from the street to allow for fire access. Applicant has added additional façade designs, including what looks like a vegetative trellis shown on the renderings but not the schematic designs.**

V. Waiver request for the setbacks is permitted.

VI. Does more units and higher density as a product make it easier to achieve code compliance?

a. Encourage to re-design the site to better meet the Garden City Code standards as set forth in Title 8 Development Code.

i. **Re-design was not achieved.**

Previous Discussion Items

This application (SUBFY2022-0002) is a subdivision application that is to be processed as a Planned Unit Development (PUD). As a PUD development, the applicant can submit waivers to code standards. The applicant has requested one waiver to code standards, however, based off the analysis the applicant will need to either change plans to achieve code compliance, or, where there is noncompliance, a waiver shall be submitted. Below is the waiver formally requested:

1. Setbacks, allowing for front setback to be 12.5ft, rear setback and side setbacks to be 5ft;

Staff has drafted an additional waiver based off the type of application:

1. More than 4 dwelling units being served through a common drive, allowing for 8 units to be served on a common drive; and
2. Enclosed vehicular parking spaces; allowing for 6 covered carport spaces to count towards the minimum enclosed vehicular parking spaces requirement.

Both the Design Review Committee and the Planning and Zoning Commission will need to determine if these waivers are appropriate. Staff has added them as waivers in the drafted decision document. If the Committee/Commission deems any or all waivers inappropriate, conditions will need to be made for the application to reach code compliance or the Committee/Commission will need to recommend denial of the application.

This application is not required to provide for a variety of housing as it proposes less than 10 dwelling units.

Code Compliance Issues

Code Compliance issues have been highlighted throughout the staff analysis, please refer to all highlighted portions of the report. Further discussion might be warranted. Staff's major concerns include but are not limited to:

1. **Common open space:** There was not enough information provided for staff to thoroughly review the common open space details. Staff conditioned that the application be in conformance with Garden City Code 8-4L.

As a Planned Unit Development, the application is required to create a more useful pattern of open space and recreation areas. Additionally, Garden City Code 8-6B-7(A) requires that every PUD establish a development pattern which preserves and utilizes natural topography and geologic features, scenic vistas, trees and other vegetation and prevents the disruption of natural drainage patterns. By proposing a fence between the

development, the Greenbelt, and Heron Park, the subdivision is turning its back, and eliminating what could become a pleasant common open area and natural feature.

- a. PUD's are required to have all housing units be adjacent to common open space, submitted materials have not provided evidence of compliance.
 - b. Common open space has been conditioned to either be on a common lot, or an easement.
 - c. The common drive is not on a common lot, nor easement. The common drive square footage shall not count towards common open space requirements.
2. **Structure design standards:** The proposed dwelling units do not comply with Garden City Code 8-4 in that the primary entrances do not connect to the public sidewalk via a pedestrian connection. Right now, the pedestrian would be required to traverse the common drive. Additionally, staff does not believe that the units adequately face N. Reed Street, nor do they create a dynamic relationship between the front facing façade and the public realm.
- a. The proposed garage encroaches into the 5ft side setback, this encroachment is the reasoning behind the waiver requested.
 - b. The front entryways and garage doors are not compliant with code. Please refer to the highlighted portion of the staff report for more information.
3. **Landscaping:** An arborist letter was not submitted; however, a mitigation plan was submitted with the landscape plans. The site proposes to remove all existing trees on site despite some being determined healthy. The mitigation plan accounts for all calipers removed which is code compliant, however, it is against the subdivision findings and goals of the Comprehensive Plan. Both speak to preserving the natural, scenic, and historic resources of a development site when possible.

The proposed Cockspur Hawthorn street trees along N. Reed Street, are presented as Class I trees in the Treasure Valley Tree Selection Guide, and exhibit a short round canopy. This street tree will not provide for a dense urban tree canopy as the overall square footage of canopy is significantly less than that of a different varietal tree. While the tree might fit well under power lines or in smaller planting areas, they do very little for providing the impacts that the street trees are intending to provide. It has been conditioned to require different Class II or Class III trees, and approval from the Development Services Staff prior to construction plan approval.

The rest of the development, specifically the area in between the Greenbelt and the proposed homes, have two different tree types, both of which are columnar in character. It might be suggested that larger trees, perhaps even Class III trees could be planted here or at least the retention of the existing healthy Elm trees.

4. **Lots & Common Drive**
The proposed subdivision does not dedicate a common lot for the common drive or the common area at the front of the property. It has been conditioned to require all common areas are on a common lot, or at least have an easement with and HOA to maintain all common areas.

The applicant has expressed interest in having a private easement from the development to the Greenbelt. However, this is not shown on the preliminary plat. Additionally, the fence line adjacent to the Greenbelt has a gate, assuming access, however, there is no clear pedestrian pathway from the homes, through the yards, and to the Greenbelt. Further discussion will be required.

5. Parking

The resubmittals from March 3, 2022 show the parking garages to consist of one enclosed space (within the garage) and one carport space. This revision has caused the application to now be non-compliant with Garden City Code 8-4D-5. The application does not provide enough enclosed vehicular parking spaces for the residential units.

Total number of vehicular parking spaces required: 15

Total provided: 15

Residential Units

Number of enclosed spaces required: 12

Total provided: 6

*The site is deficient 6 enclosed parking spaces. Carports are not considered enclosed garages.

Guest Spaces

Number of guest spaces required: 3

Total Provided: 3

**The guest parking spaces are provided within a garage on site.*

The applicant has not resubmitted a waiver request asking for the non-compliance to be approved, however, staff has drafted the waiver as a condition of approval.

D. Decision Process

General Provisions

This application is processed per GCC 8-6A-7 Public Hearing.

Required Decisions: The following decision processes are required for the project as governed by GCC Table 8-6A-1:

| Decision | | Recommendation Authority/ Hearing Date | Decision Authority |
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| Preliminary Subdivision | Plat | Planning and Zoning Commission: Hearing February 16, 2022, March 16, 2022, April 20, 2022 | City Council: Hearing March 14, 2022, May 9, 2022. |
| And Planned Development | Unit | and Design Review Committee: Hearing February 22, 2022, March 21, 2022, April 18, 2022 | |

Required Findings:

For the approval of a PRELIMINARY PLAT SUBDIVISION, the decision making body must find the application meets the following findings, found in GCC 8-5B-5:

- A. The subdivision is in conformance with the comprehensive plan;
- B. The subdivision is in conformance with all applicable provisions of this title;
- C. Public services are available or can be made available; and are adequate to accommodate the proposed development;
- D. The subdivision is in conformance with scheduled public improvements in accord with the city's capital improvement program;
- E. There is public financial capability of supporting services for the proposed development;
- F. The development will not be detrimental to the public health, safety or general welfare; and
- G. The development preserves significant natural, scenic or historic features;
- H. There has been no denial of any application on this property within one year.

PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT: To approve a planned unit development, the decision-making body must find the application meets the following findings, found in GCC 8-6B-7.E:

- A. The applicant has demonstrated that the proposed development can be initiated within two (2) years of the date of approval;
- B. Each individual unit of the development, as well as the total development, can exist as an independent unit capable of creating an environment of sustained desirability and stability or that adequate assurance will be provided that such objective will be attained; the uses proposed will not be detrimental to present and potential surrounding uses, but will have a beneficial effect which would not be achieved under standard district regulations;
- C. The streets and thoroughfares proposed are suitable and adequate to carry anticipated traffic and increased densities will not generate traffic in such amounts as to overload the street network outside the PUD;
- D. Any proposed commercial development can be justified at the locations proposed;
- E. Any exception from standard district requirements is warranted by the design and other amenities incorporated in the final development plan, in accordance with the PUD and the adopted policy of the council;

- F. The area surrounding said development can be planned and zoned in coordination and substantial compatibility with the proposed development;
- G. The PUD is in general conformance with the comprehensive plan; and
- H. The existing and proposed utility services are adequate for the population densities and nonresidential uses proposed.
- I. There has been no denial of any application on this property within one year.

Decision:

After hearing the evidence and considering the application, the decision maker shall make their decision. The decision maker shall report the facts upon which it based its conclusion, the ordinance and standards used in evaluating the application, the actions, if any, that the applicant could take to obtain a permit, and whether a permit is granted, granted with conditions, or denied. The decision maker shall make its findings and decision no later than by the next regular scheduled meeting.

The Planning and Zoning Commission and Design Review Committee are recommending bodies for this application.

Recommendation

The Recommending Authority may take one of the following actions:

1. Recommend the City Council grant/ approve the application as applied;
2. Recommend the City Council grant/ approve the application with conditions as drafted or as amended to the City Council;
3. Recommend the City Council deny the application; or
4. Request the applicant return with revised materials for additional review.

The City Council is the final decision maker for this application.

Decision

The City Council may take one of the following actions:

1. Sustain the recommendation as presented to the City Council;
2. Modify the recommendation with conditions;
3. Reject the recommendations; or
4. Remand the application to a recommending body for additional proceedings and findings.

If there is a denial, state code requires that the decision maker identify what could be done to obtain approval.

Appeal of Decision:

Pursuant to Garden City Code [Table 8-6A-1 Authorities and Processes](#), the Design Committee and Planning and Zoning Commission are recommending authorities and the City Council is the final decision maker for the requested application. The recommendations of the Design

Committee and the Planning and Zoning Commission does not constitute a final decision on the application.

The applicant or someone with standing may request City Council to reconsider their decision. A reconsideration request may be made within 14 days of the formal decision being rendered. Final decisions are subject to a 28-day right to judicial review pursuant to The Idaho Administrative Procedures Act, Chapter 65 Title 67 Idaho Code. A takings analysis pursuant to Idaho Code may be requested on final decisions.

E. Agency Comments

The following is a summary of the agency comments that were provided at the time of the drafting of this report. All comments are included in their entirety as a part of the record.

| Agency | Comment Date | Summary |
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| Garden City Engineer Link to Full Comment | 01/08/2022 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed construction plans for the proposed subdivision improvements should be submitted for review and approval. • Easements shall be provided for all proposed sanitary sewer and water systems to be owned and operated by the City of Garden City • The proposed improvements include shared drive aisles. The following requirements related to the shared drive aisles should be submitted: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The construction plans should show signage for the drive aisles. • The applicant should provide a maintenance and operations plan and schedule, including a mechanism for replacement of the drive aisles. • The CC&Rs should address the perpetual maintenance of the drive aisles. • Revise the Preliminary Plat to include the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Label proposed lots with lot and block number. b. Provide proposed dimensions of each lot. c. Indicate location of proposed utilities to each lot. d. Indicate bicycle parking location(s). |
| Irrigation: Fairview Acres Link to Full Comment | 01/31/2022 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes in FALWUA service area. |
| North Ada County Fire and Rescue Link to Full Comment | 12/27/2021 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All units are greater than 30' in height and will require aerial access. The current site plan shows an access road with a 22' width. This will need to be increased to 26' to afford aerial access. It also appears that Unit 1 on the site plan will not be within the required 30' maximum distance from the aerial apparatus access road. Changes need made to comply with this code requirement. • Monument signage for addressing will be required at the entrance and at all intersections within the project. • For streets having a width less than 33 feet back of curb to back of curb parking shall be restricted on one side, for streets having a width less than 27 feet back of curb to back of curb parking shall be restricted on both sides, and all portions of the turn-around. A note on the face of the final plat is required noting the parking restriction prior to signing of the final plat by the Boise City Engineer. In addition, No |

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| | | <p>Parking signs shall be installed in accordance with the requirements of the IFC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional comments were made. |
| <p>Republic Services Link to Full Comment</p> | 01/25/2022 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This project looks good. The U shaped driveway will give Republic Services plenty of room to provide service to this community. |
| <p>ACHD Link to Full Comment</p> | 02/16/2022 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff notes Reed Street adjacent to the site is in the IFYWP for a sidewalk project. Also, the area is in the 2026 Chip-seal area. The applicant should be required to pave both proposed 20-foot wide shared driveways their full width and 30-feet into the site beyond the edge of pavement of Reed Street. A Traffic Impact Fee will be assessed by ACHD and will be due prior to issuance of a building permit. Please contact the ACHD Planner (see below) for information regarding impact fees. |

F. Public Comment

The following public comments were provided:

| Commenter | Comment Date | Summary |
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| Coleen Stambaugh | 12/06/2021 | In Opposition; Complete obstruction of view, parking garage can have an extra family above the two car garage, proposal is too dense. |

G. Code/Policy Review

The below serves as an analysis of applicable provisions Garden City Code, Title 8, Development Code and identified applicable policies, plans, and previous approvals.

| Garden City Title 8 Code Sections | | | |
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| Code Section | Review Authority | Compliance Issues | Analysis/ Discussion |
| Title 8, Chapter 1: General Regulations | | | |
| 8-1A-4 Applicability | | | The regulations of Garden City Code, Title 8 Development Code of the City, shall apply and govern development and use of all properties within the corporate limits of the city. |
| 8-1B-1 Nonconforming Properties | | No compliance issues noted | <p>The property is described as PAR #0340 OF LOTS 30 & 31 BLK 3 FAIRVIEW ACRES SUB 7 #8800624 VIN # 4H8DS8189 TITLE B264065.</p> <p>Staff has not confirmed whether or not the lot was legally created. The issue shall be resolved when the new subdivision is recorded.</p> |
| 8-1B-2 Nonconforming Structures | | No compliance issues noted | |

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| 8-1B-3 Nonconforming Uses | | No compliance issues noted | |
| 8-1C-3 Property Maintenance Standards | | No compliance issues noted | Per 8-1C-2, this article applies to all existing residential and non-residential buildings, structures, and lands. |
| Title 8, Chapter 2: Base Zoning District Regulations | | | |
| 8-2B-1 Purpose | PZ/CC | No compliance issues noted | Land Use Calculations table indicates that five (5) residential lots are proposed, and the resulting density is 13.15 units/acre. It appears that six (6) lots are shown, which would result in a density of 15.8 units/acre. Both calculations are under the 35-dwelling unit per acre maximum, and proposes single family attached dwelling units which is consistent with the required density and purpose identified for the R-3 zoning district. |
| 8-2B-2 Allowed Uses | PZ/CC | No compliance issues noted | Single Family Attached Dwelling are a permitted use. |
| 8-2B-3 Form Standards | PZ/CC | May not be compliant – waiver requested for setback standards | The required setbacks are: Front: 5'/20' Interior Side: 0'/5' Rear: 15' Street side:5' The allowable maximum height is: n/a The minimum lot size is: n/a There are encroachments; however, a waiver has been requested to address these encroachments All improvements are more than 70' from the Boise River. The property does not meet the minimum street frontage. |
| Title 8, Chapter 4: Design and Development Regulations | | | |
| 8-4A-3 Fences and Walls | DC/CC/PZ | No compliance issues noted | The application identifies three fences. 1. Proposed 4ft tall wrought iron fence along property line adjacent to the Greenbelt. 2. Proposed 6ft tall vinyl fence along the western property boundary. 3. Maintenance of existing 6ft tall fence along the eastern property boundary line. See discussion regarding activating the adjacent park and PUD requirements of common open space. |
| 8-4A-4 Outdoor Lighting | DC/CC/PZ | No compliance issues noted | |

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| 8-4A-5 Outdoor Service and Equipment Areas | DC/CC/PZ | Compliant as conditioned | This proposal does not identify any outdoor service equipment. Any future outdoor service equipment area will be required to be in compliance with code at the time of development. |
| 8-4A-7 Stormwater Systems | DC/CC | Compliant as conditioned | A draft condition of approval has been provided requiring that the stormwater systems be built in compliance with provisions of 8-4A-7. |
| 8-4A-8 Utilities | DC/CC/PZ | Compliant as conditioned | A draft condition of approval is provided requiring each lot to be connected to City services. Any overhead utilities located on site or in adjacent ROW will be required to be underground. Undergrounding utilities is not just limited to new construction, it is applicable to all existing utilities. A draft condition of approval is provided requiring that all utilities be underground. |

8-4B Design Provisions for Residential Structures

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| 8-4B-3 Single Family and Two-Family Attached and Detached Dwelling | DC/CC/PZ | Not Compliant | Submitted Elevations show non-compliance: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All units now have their front entry within the carport area. A pedestrian will be required to traverse through the carport to the front door. Please see renderings and site plans. 2. It does not appear that any front entrance has a covered porch, dormer, stoop, decorative posts or roof. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The front door is setback behind the carport area to such an extent that the front door might not be visible due to parked cars in the carport. The second and third story are above the carport area, with the floor space of the second floor acting as the ceiling of the carport. The ceiling of the carport thus is acting as the front porch dormer and the carport is acting as the covered porch, with the support beam of the carport acting as the decorative posts. Staff does not believe that this design meets the intent of code, and further conflicts with the developments requirement to address the street as previously discussed. 3. There is a pedestrian pathway identified in the new site plan. Pavers will be used to delineate the drive lane from the concrete sidewalks. 4. There does not appear to be any modulation on the front façade. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Vegetation shown along the front facades in the most recent renderings from March 3, 2022 are not shown on the schematic drawings. Elevations still appear flat. 5. The garage is not deemphasized from the public street. The garage or carport shall not occupy more than fifty percent (50%) of the building line adjacent to |
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| | | | <p>any public street unless the garage has one (1) of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Windows in or above the garage doors; and dormers, raised or recessed trim on the garage doors; or garage doors sized for a single automobile; and contains texture, color, and materials that match the residential structure; <u>and</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. (1) The garage or carport is recessed at least six feet (6') behind the front building line of the residential structure; or ii. (2) The garage or carport is located with a side entrance. b. The garages and carports occupy more than 50% of the building line adjacent to Reed Street. While the garage doors do have windows and recessed trim, and contain texture, color and materials similar to that of the residential structure, they are not recessed at least 6' behind the front building line and they are not side entrances. c. The garages are the only design features on the 1st floor, even the front door is located behind the carport. <p>6. Northwest elevation needs design features to provide articulation and variety. These features shall include, but are not limited to, windows, bays and offsetting walls that extend at least two feet (2'); recessed entrances; and changes in material types. Changes in material types shall have a minimum dimension of two feet (2') and minimum area of twenty five (25) square feet.</p> <p>7. Elevations for the garage/guest house have been provided. The Southwest elevation faces Reed Street and appears to be code compliant <u>except</u> that the front door opens out into the sidewalk. The door shall be recesses in such a way that the door does not swing out into the sidewalk, or an alternative method remedies the issue.</p> <p>8. Southeast Elevation need design features. Side elevations for units 1-5 were not included or omitted, please include.</p> |
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| 8-4D Parking and Off Street Loading Provisions | | | |
| 8-4D-3 Parking Design and Improvement Standards | DC/CC/PZ | No compliance issues noted | |
| 8-4D-4 Parking Use Standards | DC/CC/PZ | No compliance issues noted | |
| 8-4D-5 Required Number of Off- | DC/CC/PZ | Not Compliant | Total number of vehicular parking spaces required: 15 Total provided: 15 |
| Residential Units | | | |

| Street Parking Spaces | | | <p>Number of enclosed spaces required: 12 Total provided: 6 *The site is deficient 6 enclosed parking spaces. Carports are not considered enclosed garages.</p> <p>Guest Spaces Number of guest spaces required: 3 Total Provided: 3 <i>*The guest parking spaces are provided within a garage on site.</i></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="743 506 1463 617"> <thead> <tr> <th>Dwelling, Single Family Attached</th> <th>Total Required Parking</th> <th>Required Within An Enclosed Garage</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>More than 1 bedroom</td> <td>2* 6 Units= 12</td> <td>2* 6 Units= 12</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>For developments with more than 2 dwelling units there shall be 0.5 additional spaces/unit provided for guest parking.</p> <p>There is one bicycle space required for every 6 dwelling units necessitating 1 bicycle spaces. The site has proposed 4 bicycle parking spaces.</p> | Dwelling, Single Family Attached | Total Required Parking | Required Within An Enclosed Garage | More than 1 bedroom | 2* 6 Units= 12 | 2* 6 Units= 12 |
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| Dwelling, Single Family Attached | Total Required Parking | Required Within An Enclosed Garage | | | | | | | |
| More than 1 bedroom | 2* 6 Units= 12 | 2* 6 Units= 12 | | | | | | | |
| 8-4D-6 Standards for Alternatives to On Site Parking | DC/CC/PZ | No compliance issues noted | None proposed | | | | | | |
| 8-4E Transportation and Connectivity Provisions | | | | | | | | | |
| 8-4E-3 Public Street Connections | DC/CC/PZ | No compliance issues noted | <p>Public street connections at N. Reed Street for a common driveway to access all six buildable lots. There are two curb cuts along N. Reed Street. ACHD has not provided comment yet.</p> <p>There is a general condition of approval requiring that all streets and driveways shall adhere to the standards of a clear vision triangle at all times.</p> | | | | | | |
| 8-4E-4 Internal Circulation Standards | DC/CC/PZ | Compliant as conditioned | <p>Ada County Fire and Rescue has provided a comment:</p> <p>“Structures greater than 30-feet in height will require aerial fire access roadways. These roadways shall be a minimum of 26-feet in width and located at least 15-feet but no more than 30-feet from the building. (IFC D105) <i>All units are greater than 30’ in height and will require aerial access. The current site plan shows an access road with a 22’ width. This will need to be increased to 26’ to afford aerial access. It also appears that Unit 1 on the site plan will not be within the required 30’ maximum distance from the aerial apparatus access road. Changes need made to comply with this code requirement.</i>”</p> <p>It appears that the site has re-designed based off this comment. Approval for Ada County Fire and Rescue has been conditioned.</p> <p>For streets having a width less than 27 feet back of curb to back of curb, parking shall be restricted on both sides, and all portions of the turn-around per the fire departments comments.</p> | | | | | | |

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| 8-4E-5 Private Street Standards | DC/CC/PZ | No compliance issues noted | No private street was proposed. |
| 8-4E-6 Sidewalk Standards | DC/CC/PZ | No compliance issues noted | 5ft wide detached sidewalk proposed with 6ft landscape buffer for street trees. |
| 8-4H Flood Hazard | Planning Official | May not be complaint – compliant as conditioned | <p>The City highly encourages that the applicant build to the best available data identified in the FIS study due to the potential cost of flood insurance and safety concerns for the property. Should the applicant choose not to build above the base flood elevations identified in the FIS, the City will request that the applicant record a Flood Acknowledgement on the property.</p> <p>Comment from the Garden City Engineer: “The property is located within the floodplain of the Boise River. A floodplain development application will be required. The applicant should be aware that recent studies by FEMA have concluded and Garden City has been placed in a seclusion area. Seclusion can be considered a “holding” designation where FEMA desires to further study the floodplain in the city during an interim period of several years. Under the seclusion area, FEMA mapping duplicates the prior 2003 mapping. All land developments must be aware of possible impacts of FEMA’s future studies adopting Base Flood Elevations (BFEs) higher than those currently shown in the seclusion area. The applicant should refer to the “work maps” available from the City for possible future BFE in this area, and is strongly advised to construct homes at least to elevations protected from flooding in the event FEMA adopts BFEs as indicated by the work maps.”</p> <p>There are conditions drafted in the decision document regarding this section of code.</p> |
| 8-4G Sustainable Development Provisions | | | |
| 8-4G Sustainable Development Provisions | DC/CC/PZ | Compliant as conditioned | A sustainability checklist was not submitted. The application is required to score at least 6 points. A condition has been drafted to require the submittal of a sustainability checklist. |
| 8-4I Landscaping and Tree Protection Provisions | | | |
| 8-4I-3 General Landscaping Standards and Irrigation Provisions | DRC/CC/PZ | No compliance issues noted | 18 trees provided, requires 4 different species; site provides 5 different species. |
| 8-4I-4 Landscaping Provisions for Specific Uses | DRC/CC/PZ | May not be compliant | <p>A minimum of five percent (5%) of the gross site area shall be landscaped areas, excluding areas for setback or perimeter landscaping. 5,725sqft = 34%</p> <p>A minimum of one class III or class II tree shall be planted in the frontage and every adjacent streetside. An additional class I tree shall be planted in the corresponding setback for every increment of fifty feet (50') of linear feet of frontage.</p> |

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| | | | <p>Reed Street Required Trees (127'): 1 Street + 2 Frontage = 3 Trees Provided Trees: 1 Street + 1 Frontage = 2 Trees (Deficient 1 Class II tree) <i>*The trees provided along N. Reed Street are both Class I trees, this is not code compliant in that at least one of the three required trees shall be Class II.</i> <i>**The application does not propose to maintain the existing trees onsite. There is at least one large existing tree found within the proposed frontage area that should be maintained so long as it is not dead, dying, or diseased.</i> <i>***It has been conditioned to require at least three Class II Street trees along the frontage of N. Reed Street. The applicant will be required to work with staff regarding the varietal of street tree. The intent of this condition is to better meet the intent of code regarding urban tree canopy as it is related to health and safety benefits.</i></p> <p>A minimum of one tree per one thousand (1,000) square feet of landscaped area and one shrub per one hundred fifty (150) square feet of landscaped area shall be planted. 5,725sqft of landscaping provided = 5.7 trees required. 16 trees provided.</p> <p>5,725sqft of landscaping provided = 38 shrubs required. 50 shrubs provided.</p> |
| 8-4I-5 Perimeter Landscaping Provisions | DRC/CC/PZ | May not be compliant – Compliant as conditioned | Perimeter landscaping is required along the common property line between an adjacent nonresidential use and a residential use or vacant residentially zoned property. Perimeter landscaping is required along the western property boundary line between the proposed development and Heron Park. Perimeter landscaping is proposed, however there is a note on the landscape plans indicating that there is a proposed pedestrian access to unit. Staff believes this is an old note, reflecting only site plans, if this is the case then landscape plans should be updated. Replacement of required perimeter landscaping with hardscape is not code compliant. The application proposes to keep the 6ft tall vinyl fencing along this property boundary line which would assist in screening the site. |
| 8-4I-7 Tree Preservation Provisions | DRC/CC/PZ | May not be compliant - See Discussion | No existing trees are to be saved on site. The application proposes the removal of 105 caliper tree inches, 22 of which requires mitigation. The application proposes 36" to be planted. A note from the arborist states: "THE METHOD OF MITIGATION WILL BE TO ADD ADDITIONAL TREES BEYOND CITY REQUIREMENTS TO MEET MITIGATION CALCULATIONS. TWELVE (12) ADDITIONAL TREES HAVE BEEN PROPOSED WITH 2" CALIPER. THIS RESULTS IN 24 CALIPER INCHES NOT |

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| | | | INCLUDING THE CALIPER INCHES OF THE REQUIRED PROPOSED TREES.” |
| 8-4L Open Space Provisions | | | |
| 8-4L-3 General Open Space Standards | DRC/CC/PZ | Not Complaint | <p>Common open space shall be designed as an integral part of a residential development project by providing:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Areas on the site of mature landscaping, trees, and natural features. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The site proposes to remove all existing mature landscaping and trees. There is a proposal for a private Greenbelt access easement for the residence to access the Greenbelt on the northern side of the property. 2. The common open space area provides connectivity with other open areas, public spaces, trails, or water features within and off the site; and <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The proposed development is adjacent to Heron Park, but the development does not engage or acknowledge the park. It proposes to keep the 6ft tall perimeter fence between the park and the development. b. The site provides a common area with a pet park, bike station, and washing hose. 3. The common open space area is located and designed to serve a passive or recreational function. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The common open space is designed to be active in function. |
| 8-4L-4 Open Space Standards for Single-family, Townhouse, and Two-Family Duplex Developments | DRC/CC/PZ | May not be complaint – See discussion | <p>A minimum of ten percent (10%) of the gross site area shall be in common open space. Not enough information to review. Application states there is 0sqft of common open space.</p> <p>All common open space shall be the responsibility of an owners’ association for the purpose of maintaining the common area and improvements thereon.</p> <p>Staff has suggested that the preliminary plat be updated to have all common areas on one lot. The applicant has requested that this be a condition of approval.</p> |
| Title 8, Chapter 5 Article A: Land Division Regulations – General Provisions and Standards | | | |
| 8-5A-4 General Standards | PZ/DRC/CC | No compliance issues noted | <p>See discussions on Design Review 8-4 B&C; Driveways 8-4-E; Floodplain 8-3-B 8-4H; Landscaping 8-4-I; Open Space 8-4-L; Parking 8-4-D; Planned Unit Development 8-6B; Private Streets 8-4-E; Sidewalks 8-4-E; Street design and development standards 8-4-G; Sustainable development provisions 8-4-G; Utilities 8-4-A; Zoning Provisions 8-2-B</p> <p>There are general conditions of approval that the application must be in conformance with the requirements of Garden City Code Erosion Control 4-15; Public water and sewer systems Title 6; Storm drainage and discharge control 4-14 prior to the approval of the subdivision.</p> |

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| 8-5A-6 Improvement Standards | | | A subsequent application will be required for staff approval to ensure that the proposed improvements meet code standards and policies for storm drainage, water, sewer, utilities, and monuments and are otherwise in conformance with this approval. There is a streetlight located at N. Reed Street. |
| 8-5C-4 Subdivisions located within a Floodplain | | | |
| 8-5C-4 Subdivisions located within a Floodplain | PZ/DRC/CC | No compliance issues noted, provided the draft conditions of approval, or similar are in place. | There are proposed conditions coinciding with provisions found within code section. |
| Title 8, Chapter 6, Article A: Administration | | | |
| 8-6A-3 General Application Process | PZ/DRC/CC | No compliance issues noted | The application was reviewed and considered complete within 30 days of submittal, a notice of application acceptance was issued to the applicant, and staff started processing the application. |
| 8-6A-4 Required Application Information | PZ/DRC/CC | No concerns noted | Application waivers requested pursuant to 8-6A-4A. |
| 8-6A-7 Public Hearing Process | PZ/DRC/CC | No compliance issues noted | The applicant provided a neighborhood meeting more than one month and less than three months prior to application submittal. The City provided a radius notice, notifications to agencies with jurisdiction, and ran a legal notice in the Idaho Statesman, at least 15 days prior to the first hearing. The applicant provided an affidavit more than 7 days prior to the hearing that the property was posted more than 10 days prior to the hearing. |
| 8-6B-7 Planned Unit Development | DC/CC/PZ | May not be complaint | Waivers requested include: 1. Waiver to setback standards; allowing for side setbacks to be 2ft and front setbacks to be 12.5ft |

| Other Items Reviewed | |
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| Plan/Policy | Discussion/ Analysis |
| Idaho Code 67-6513 Local Land Use Planning Subdivision Ordinance | Garden City has, by ordinance, adopted hearing procedures compliant with section 67-6509 , Idaho Code, for standards and for the processing of applications for subdivision permits under sections 50-1301 through 50-1329 , Idaho Code. This statute enables Garden City regulations to provide for mitigation of the effects of subdivision development on the ability of political subdivisions of the state, to deliver services without compromising quality of service delivery to current residents or imposing substantial |

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| | <p>additional costs upon current residents to accommodate the proposed subdivision.</p> <p>This section notes that denial of a subdivision permit or approval of a subdivision permit with conditions unacceptable to the landowner may be subject to the regulatory taking analysis provided for by section 67-8003, Idaho Code, consistent with the requirements established thereby.</p> |
| Idaho Code 67-6515 Local Land Use Planning Planned Unit Developments | This statute enables Garden City to process applications for planned unit developments. |
| Garden City Comprehensive Plan | <p>This application is in future land use designations of the Comprehensive Plan:</p> <p>a) Mixed Use Residential</p> <p>The application may be supported by:</p> <p>Goal 1. Nurture the City</p> <p>a.) 1.4 Objective: Create a premier destination place to live, work, and recreate.</p> <p>Goal 2. Improve the City Image</p> <p>a.) 2.4 Objective: Create a vision for the design of all streets and highways consistent with city’s urban setting.</p> <p>Goal 4. Emphasize the “Garden” in Garden City</p> <p>a.) 4.3 Objective: Beautify streets, sidewalks and gateways with landscaping, trees, and public art.</p> <p>Goal 7. Connect the City</p> <p>a.) 7.4 Objective: Maintain and improve standards for sidewalks, curbs and gutters.</p> <p>The application may not be supported by:</p> <p>Goal 2. Improve the City Image</p> <p>a.) 2.3 Objective: Promote quality design and architecturally interesting buildings.</p> <p>Goal 5. Focus on the River</p> <p>a.) 5.2.2 Objective: Plant and maintain appropriate landscaping materials along the river. Based on hazardous conditions and riparian health, allow for limited pruning of vegetation and clean-up of riverbanks. Protect native plants and trees and prohibit any activity that would destabilize the river bank.</p> <p>b.) 5.5 Objective: Create more accessibility to the Boise River and Greenbelt.</p> <p>c.) 5.5.2 Objective: Develop a city-wide pathway and sidewalk plan with links to the Boise River Greenbelt. Consider linear pathways adjacent to existing waterways such as the Thurman Mill Ditch and waterways to the Settler’s Canal that can link to the river and provide alternative locations for parking and river activity staging.</p> <p>Goal 7. Connect the City</p> <p>a.) 7.1. Objective: Create pedestrian and bicycle friendly connections.</p> |
| Garden City Sidewalk Policy | A detached sidewalk is proposed. |
| Garden City Street Light Policy | <p>A streetlight is installed along N. Reed Street in accordance with the policy.</p> <p>The streetlight appears to be located on the proposed property, or within the ROW in front of the development. Site plans do not indicate the location of this streetlight.</p> |

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| Old Town Circulation Network Plan | A multi-use trail is proposed through the development. |
| Garden City Transportation Needs List | Right of way for the realignment has been produced by ACHD. While the City is not opposed to the realignment of Reed Street, it should be done at time of, and in conjunction with the redevelopment of adjacent properties. The vacation of Reed Street as it is currently configured should not occur until both sides of the realigned Reed Street has redeveloped. |