ZONING COMMITTEE STAFF REPORT

1. **FILE NAME:** 1428 E 7th Rezoning **FILE #:** 20-046-742

2. **APPLICANT**: Houa Vang and Yia Thao **HEARING DATE**: July 16, 2020

3. TYPE OF APPLICATION: Rezoning

4. **LOCATION:** 1428 E 7th Street

5. PIN & LEGAL DESCRIPTION: 27.29.22.34.0123; Cruickshank's Garden Lots, Block 4, Lot 9,

North of Bush Avenue

6. PLANNING DISTRICT: 2 EXISTING ZONING: RM1/RM2

7. **ZONING CODE REFERENCE**: §61.801(b)

8. **STAFF REPORT DATE:** July 8, 2020 **BY:** Mike Richardson

9. **DATE RECEIVED:** June 24, 2020 **60-DAY DEADLINE FOR ACTION:** August 24, 2020

A. **PURPOSE:** Rezone from split RM1/RM2 zoning to all RM2 medium-density multiple-family residential.

B. **PARCEL SIZE:** 58,196 square feet; 1.34 acres

C. **EXISTING LAND USE:** Vacant

- D. **SURROUNDING LAND USE:** North: multi-family and single-family residential; East: single-family residential and vacant; South: vacant; West: single-family residential and vacant
- E. **ZONING CODE CITATION:** § 61.801(b) provides for changes to the zoning of property initiated by the property owner.
- F. **HISTORY/DISCUSSION:** There is no significant zoning history for this parcel.
- G. **PARKING:** Zoning Code § 63.207 provides parking requirements for multi-family dwellings. Additional parking discussion can be found in zoning case file # 20-046-757.
- H. **DISTRICT COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION:** At the time of this writing, District 2 has not provided a recommendation on this application. However, in a letter dated August 14, 2018, District 2 expressed support for housing at this location.

I. FINDINGS:

- 1. The applicant is proposing to construct a 60-unit apartment building on a parcel that is split-zoned: the north half RM2 multi-family residential, and the south half RM1 multi-family residential. The application is to change the RM1 zoning designation of the south half to match the RM2 zoning of the north half, so the parcel is no longer split-zoned and the proposed apartment building can be built under RM2 standards. The applicant has also submitted an application for variances that would be subject to approval of this rezoning (zoning file # 20-046-757).
- 2. The proposed RM2 zoning is consistent with the way this area has developed. Multifamily residential is common in this area and along the E 7th Street corridor. RM2 at this location is consistent with the intent of the RM2 district stated in Zoning Code § 66.216 as "... to provide for more extensive areas of multiple-family residential development ...as well as uses that serve the needs of the multiple-family residential districts ... [and] comprehensive development of multiple-family uses and a balance of population concentration near major thoroughfares, transit, and related facilities." The site is on E 7th Street (a collector street) and well-served by the Route 74 bus, with bus stops at this location. The proximity of these transportation assets makes the addition of "more

- extensive areas of multiple-family residential development" practical and consistent with the intent of the RM2 district.
- 3. The proposed zoning is consistent with the 2030 and pending 2040 Comprehensive Plans, as well as the Greater East Side (District 2) Community Plan. The following policies support the rezoning of southern half of the parcel from RM1 to RM2 to match the RM2 zoning of the north half of the parcel. The increased density allowed under RM2 makes it more feasible to develop this parcel and is generally more consistent with these policies that the current RM1 zoning.

2030 Comprehensive Plan

- **LU1.40** Promote the development of housing that provides choices for people of all ages, including singles and young couples, families, empty-nesters, and seniors.
- **LU1.41** Promote the development of a range of housing types and housing values in each of the 17 planning districts.
- **LU1.42** Promote the development of housing in mixed-use neighborhoods that supports walking and the use of public transportation.
- **2040 Comprehensive Plan** (Approved by the City Council in June of 2019, but not yet adopted)
- **Policy LU-1.** Encourage transit-supportive density and direct the majority of growth to areas with the highest existing or planned transit capacity.
- **Policy LU-34.** Provide for medium-density housing that diversifies housing options, such as townhouses, courtyard apartments and smaller multi-family developments, compatible with the general scale of Urban Neighborhoods.
- **Policy LU-35.** Provide for multi-family housing along arterial and collector streets, and in employment centers to facilitate walking and leverage the use of public transportation.

2030 and pending 2040 Comprehensive Plan future land use designation

The 2030 Comprehensive Plan identifies the future land use of the area as Industrial. However, that was written when Cemstone occupied a parcel to the east and was zoned I1 industrial. The Cemstone site has since been rezoned to T1 traditional neighborhood and is now occupied by a school. Industrial zoning and uses here would be inconsistent with surrounding development and zoning. Future land use designation informs changes to land use, which in this case would not occur as a result of the rezoning since the entirety of the parcel is currently zoned multi-family residential. Rather, this action would just change the zoning of part of a split-zoned parcel so the entire parcel would have the same multi-family residential zoning designation. Multi-family residential use is permitted in industrial zoning districts as part of mixed residential and commercial use, so is not inherently inconsistent with industrial land use.

The 2040 Comprehensive Plan designates the future land use of the parcel as Urban Neighborhood: "Urban Neighborhoods are primarily residential areas with a range of housing types. Single family homes and duplexes are most common, although multi-family housing predominates along arterial and collector streets, particularly those with transit." The proposed rezoning would continue to allow multi-family housing on a collector street with transit, and therefore, the rezoning is consistent with the future land use designation of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

Greater East Side (D2) Community Plan (an addendum to the 2030 Comprehensive Plan)

LU1. Development Opportunities. Promote higher density, mixed-use development in targeted business areas.

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LU1d. Collaborate with District 2 to identify redevelopment sites for either mixed use or housing development. Possible sites include: state-owned property on York Avenue between Clarence Street and Birmingham Street; **East 7th Street between Parkway School and Hazelwood Street**; vacant land, also known as the Cemstone site, north of Minnehaha Avenue; the 3M distribution center; and on vacant land between Case Avenue and the railroad tracks, west of White Bear Avenue.

- 4. The proposed zoning is compatible with the surrounding uses. The area around the portion of the site is to be rezoned is vacant. The north half of the parcel that is already zoned RM2 is adjacent to single-family homes on both sides. The area north of 7th Street East and to the northeast of the parcel has numerous medium-density apartment buildings.
- 5. Court rulings have determined that "spot zoning" is illegal in Minnesota. Minnesota courts have stated that this term "applies to zoning changes, typically limited to small plots of land, which establish a use classification inconsistent with the surrounding uses and create an island of nonconforming use within a larger zoned property." The proposed RM2 zoning is consistent with the adjacent RM2 zoning found on the balance of the parcel and along 7th Street East in this area.
- J. **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Based on the above findings, staff recommends approval of the rezoning from the southern portion of the parcel currently zoned RM1 low-density multiple-family residential to RM2 medium-density multiple-family residential.



June 23, 2020

Mike Richardson
Planning and Economic Development Department
City of Saint Paul
1400 City Hall Annex
25 W. Fourth Street
St. Paul, MN 55102

RE: VARIANCE REQUESTS AND REZONING APPLICATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE

PARKWAY AT 7TH STREET EAST, GREATER EASTSIDE, ST. PAUL

PID: 272922340123

Dear Mr. Richardson,

We are excited to be involved in the development of The Parkway, a vibrant new apartment building with site improvements located at 0 Bush Ave, Saint Paul, MN 55106 (according to Ramsey County records), Parcel ID: 272922340123. The Department of Safety and Inspections believes the address to be 1428 7th Street East, St. Paul, MN 55106.

The site is in the Greater East Side neighborhood of Saint Paul - Ward 7. It is close to Parkway Montessori and Twin Cities Academy. The site sits on Metro Transits high frequency bus route 74 connecting to downtown Saint Paul. The site is split zoned RM2 on the northern one-third of the site and RM1 on the southern two-thirds of the site.

The 1.34-acre property has been vacant for a considerable number of years and has brought about security and safety concerns in the neighborhood. A part of the reason the site has been vacant for so long is due to the known contaminants directly to the east of our site and presumed to be on this site. In addition to this known fact, the site slopes considerably from the east property line down to the west property line. We were awarded a Met Council Site Investigation grant to explore the environmental impacts earlier this year, and I am happy to report that with our thorough investigation into the site, the soils are suitable for residential standards of living.

We currently have a binding purchase agreement with the owner of the property and anticipate closing on the financing later this year per recent conversations with PED staff. The development is intended to cater to various income levels and family types with 100% of the rents at the property at or below 60% of area median income. The property lies within the ACP50 as defined by the Metropolitan Council.

The proposed development will consist of 60 units of apartments focused on larger units (2 and 3 BR) which are greatly needed in the neighborhood. Vacancy rates for these size units hover just above 0.0% according to our last market study conducted earlier this year.

The building will be situated to have one level of partially buried, enclosed parking with 4 stories of apartments above it. The building will have 60 parking stalls for residents and visitors, a clubroom at ground floor, offices for use by property managers and residents, a conference room, a makers space, a



fitness room, common area laundry, an outdoor playground, a pavilion structure, bike storage and a fenced in backyard. Please do keep in mind, the final design is subject to change pending financing and other underwriting components.

The Parkway has received previous letters of support during financing applications with Ramsey County Commissioners. The project was also presented to District 2 – Greater East Side Community Council during our initial financing applications. The group was in full support of the project at that time, and we anticipate revisiting with them prior to the subsequent hearings necessary for this application.

For this rezoning application, it is my understanding the most suitable path forward to be to rezone the RM1 portion of the lot to RM2. In tandem with the rezoning application, it is also my understanding we will need variances for exceeding the maximum building height by 10 feet, parking relief of 26 parking stalls, and a density variance of 21 units.

Please consider this letter and its attachments as our formal request to grant the rezoning of the property and for the variances needed within the RM2 designation. We look forward to St Paul's allowing for these approvals and to allow for the transformation of a blighted piece of land into a vibrant and thriving community within a neighborhood that needs more housing options.

Rezoning Request:

- Rezone the southern two-thirds of the parcel from RM1 to RM2.

Variance Requests:

- Variance Request to allow for parking relief of 26 parking stalls. 86 stalls would be required with the current unit mix and RM2 zoning code. 60 parking stalls are being provided.
- Variance Request to allow for a building taller than the maximum within an RM2 zoning designation. The maximum building height in an RM2 district is 50'. We estimate the building to be 60' tall for a total variance of 10'-0".
- Variance Request to allow for more units than is allowed in the RM2 district. A maximum of 39 units is allowed under the current code and 60 units will be provided for a total variance of 21 units.

Required Findings to the Variance:

1. The variance is in harmony with the general purposes and intent of the zoning code

The variance will be in harmony with the general purpose of the zoning code. Per Chapter 60, Section 60.103.a, the zoning code's intent is, "to promote and protect the public health, safety, morals, aesthetics, economic viability and general welfare of the community." The project will transform an otherwise blighted piece of land which has been reported to invite homeless encampments and other nuisances to the neighborhood. The new development will remove these safety concerns with a new building with its residences and on-site property management and promote the very same ideals of the code.

2. The variance is consistent with the comprehensive plan.





The variances are consistent with the 2040 Comp Plan and its goals. Here are only some of the policies in which The Parkway is consistent with:

Policy H-16: Increase housing choice across the city to support economically diverse neighborhoods by pursuing policies and practices that maximize housing and locational choices for residents of all income levels.

Policy H-36: encourage the development of family-sized affordable housing in strong market areas.

Policy H-37: Encourage the development of affordable housing in areas well-served by transit and/or in proximity to employment centers.

Policy LU-6.4: Foster equitable and sustainable economic growth by proactively directing new development to high-priority geographies, such as neighborhood nodes, ACP50 areas and opportunity sites.

Policy LU-14: Reduce the amount of land devoted to off-street parking in order to use land more efficiently, accommodate increases in density on valuable urban land, and promote the use of transit and other non-car mobility modes.

Policy LU-35: Provide for multi-family housing along arterial and collector streets, and in employment centers to facilitate walking and leverage the use of public transportation.

3. The applicant has established that there are practical difficulties in complying with the provisions and that the property owner proposes to use the property in a reasonable manner not permitted by the provision. Economic considerations alone do not constitute practical difficulties.

Practical difficulties occur due to the unique nature of the site being split zoned both RM1 and RM2. Difficulties also exist due to size constraints of the RM2 lot size.

The changes in grade present a challenge with the total building height. The Parkway would have the parking completely underground, however given the change in grade of ~12 feet from the east side of the site to the west, a portion of the parking garage becomes exposed and is therefore incorporated into the calculation of overall building height.

Site constraints clearly exists due to the narrow width of the lot which provides limitations to the layout of the building footprint and overall parking layout. The building is already being stepped back from the site to provide for 10 surface parking stalls. Stalls located at the very south end of the site would not be readily accessible to the main entrance to the building and would also be economically prohibitive due to the import of soil (and/or retention wall size) needed to change the 12 feet of grade change into a surface leveled parking lot.





Under a traditional market rate rental structure, the project would be able to provide a lower unit count, presumably within the current RM2 density requirements. However, The Parkway is providing for 100% of its units to be affordable at or below 60% AMI income and rent limits. Limiting the rental structure requires for a higher density of units to increase gross income generated at the site and to promote more economies of scale related to fixed, development costs such as site acquisition, site infrastructure, earthwork costs, stormwater management costs, financing costs, etc.

4. The plight of the landowner is due to circumstances unique to the property not created by the landowner.

As previously mentioned, the site has several unique constraints which are beyond the applicant's control. These constraints are, in large part, the reason the site has been vacant for so long.

5. The variance will not permit any use that is not allowed in the zoning district where the affected land is located.

The proposed use of the development will comply with all City Codes and Ordinances and will not contribute to the ability of a non-allowed use to be allowed.

6. The variance will not alter the essential character of the surrounding area.

The surrounding area contains similar size multi-unit housing facilities, especially immediately across the abutting 7th Street East. The proposed apartment building will most certainly contribute to the character of the surrounding neighborhood by converting a blighted piece of vacant land into a thriving community.

We strongly believe this project is consistent with the regulations and intent of the Saint Paul Zoning Code and Comprehensive Plan. In addition to this, the District 2 Community Council.

We respectfully request the city schedule the required hearings to allow for all necessary approvals to be secured in a timely manner.

Kindly,

Justin Fincher VP of Development

Enclosure

CC: Paul Dubruiel



REZONING APPLICATION

Department of Planning and Economic Development Zoning Section 1400 City Hall Annex, 25 West Fourth Street Saint Paul, MN, 55102-1634

Zoning Office Use Only	
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(651)	266-6583		Tentative Hearing Date	—
	Property Owner(s) Houa Vang and Yia Thao			
PPLICANT	Address 927 Hudson Road	City Saint Paul	State MN	Zip 55106
	Email michaelthao@generationalgroup.com	Phone 612-759		
	Contact Person (if different) Justin Fincher		Email JJFINCHER@	JBVANG.COM
	Address 1335 Pierce Butler Route	City Saint Paul		Zip 55104
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7TH & BUSH RAMSEY COUNTY PARCEL REPORT 4/12/2018





Parcel location within Ramsey County

Parcel ID: 272922340123

Owner(s): Houa Vang, Yia Thao



Taxlot highlighted in red

Site Address: 0 Bush Ave, Saint Paul MN 55106 Link to Ramsey County Tax and Property Quick Info

Tax Payer(s): Houa Vang

Homestead: N

Yia Thao Use Type: Residential, Vacant Land, Lot

Tax Address: 927 Hudson Rd, Saint Paul MN Dwelling Type:

55106-6104

Home Style:

Garage:

Lot: 9 Block: 4 Living Area: Sq. Ft.

Plat Name: CRUICKSHANKS GARDEN LOTS Year Built:

Area: 1.34 **Acre(s)**

2017 Pay **2018** EMV Land: 95900 Garage Area: Sq. Ft.

2017 Pay 2018 EMV Building: 0 Heating Type:

2017 Pay 2018 EMV Total: 95900 **Cooling Type:**

Total Tax* in 2017: 2526 School District: 625

Special Assessment in 2017: Watershed District: Metro Watershed

Tax Exempt: N Green Acre:

Last Sale Date: 8/31/2009 Open Space: N

Last Sale Price: 48000 Agriculture Preserve: N

The user of this report acknowledges that the City/County shall not be liable for any damages, and expressly waives all claims, and agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City/County from any and all claims brought by the User, its employees or agents, or third parties which arise out of the User's access or use of data provided. *Total Tax includes special assessment due if any.



SCHEMATIC DESIGN - REZONING & VARIANCE APPLICATIONS

VICINITY MAP

NOT TO SCALE



ST. PAUL, MN

LOT AREA SUMMARY

LOT AREA -	58,273 SF
BUILDING FOOTPRINT -	17.023 SF (29%)

UNIT COUNT

GENERAL NOTES

2. SUBCONTRACTORS SHALL VISIT THE JOB SITE AND SHALL REVIEW THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS TO FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH THE REQUIREMENTS AND INTENT OF THE SCOPE OF THE WORK PRIOR COMMENCEMENT OF WORK. DISCREPANCIES SHALL BE REPORTED TO GENERAL CONTRACTOR FOR CLARIFICATION.

TITLE SHEET ARCHITECTURAL SITE PLAN SUBLEVEL 1 - PARKING LEVEL - OVERALL -PLANS

LEVEL 1 AND LEVEL 2 - OVERALL - PLANS LEVEL 3 AND LEVEL 4 - OVERALL - PLANS BUILDING ELEVATIONS

1. DO NOT SCALE DRAWINGS.

SHEET INDEX

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Name	UNIT TYPE	Area Type	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4	TOTA
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1 BDRM	1BR	Unit	2	2	2	3	9
2 BDRM	2BR	Unit	5	5	5	3	18
3 BDRM	3BR	Unit	8	8	8	9	33
Grand total	•		15	15	15	15	60

PARKING STALLS

			TOTAL
STALL TYPE	Parking Level 1	SURFACE	PARKING
Compact Parking Stall	26	5	
Double HC Parking Stall	2	0	
HC Single Parking Stall	1	1	
Standard Parking Stall	19	6	
Grand total	48	12	60

AREA SUMMARY

Building Area Summary

Sub Level - Entry Level	3249
Parking Level	17023
Level 1	17277
Level 2	17277
Level 3	17277
Level 4	17277
GSF Total (SF)	89380

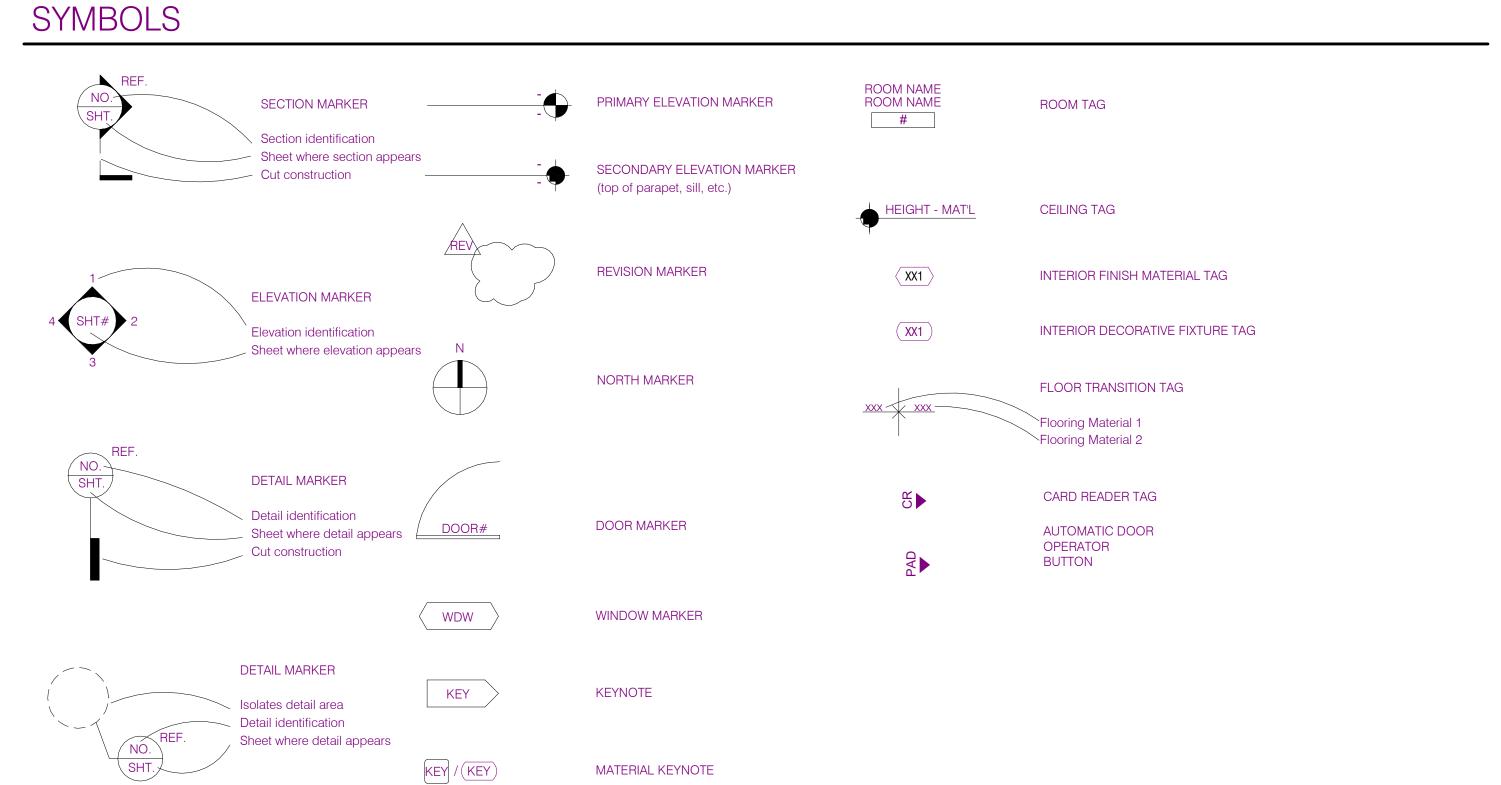
CONTACTS

DEVELO	PER/CLIENT	CONTRAC	CTOR	ARCHITE	<u>ECT</u>	CIVIL EN	<u>GINEER</u>	LANDSC	APE ARCHITECT
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MATERIAL KEYNOTE



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ARCHITECTURAL SITE PLAN

1 ARCHITECTURAL SITE PLAN - SETBACKS
AL101 1" = 20'-0"

AL101



GENERAL PLAN NOTES:

- DIMENSIONS AT EXTERIOR WALLS ARE TO OUTSIDE FACE OF
- SHEATHING

 2. DIMENSIONS AT INTERIOR WALLS ARE TO FACE OF WALL UNLESS
- OTHERWISE NOTED

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- DIMENSIONS AT CMU ARE TO FACE OF CMU UNLESS OTHERWISE

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- UNLESS THEY EXPRESSLY SERVE THE SHAFT

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 9. ALL RESIDENTIAL DEMISING WALLS AT WOOD STUD LOCATIONS ARE TYPE **V3, V6, V6A, V8, V8A,** AND **V8B** 1HR FIRE RATING, WITH
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- ON PLANS, ALL OTHER PARKING AREAS SHALL PROVIDE 7'-2" MIN. CLEAR HEIGHT
- 14. PROVIDE WALL BLOCKING AT KITCHEN WALLS AND ALL BATHROOM LOCATIONS INDICATED ON SHEET AR000

KEYNOTES:



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SUBLEVEL 1 -

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PARKING LEVEL
OVERALL PLANS

A001.0



(A301)



2 A102.0 - LEVEL 2 PLAN - OVERALL
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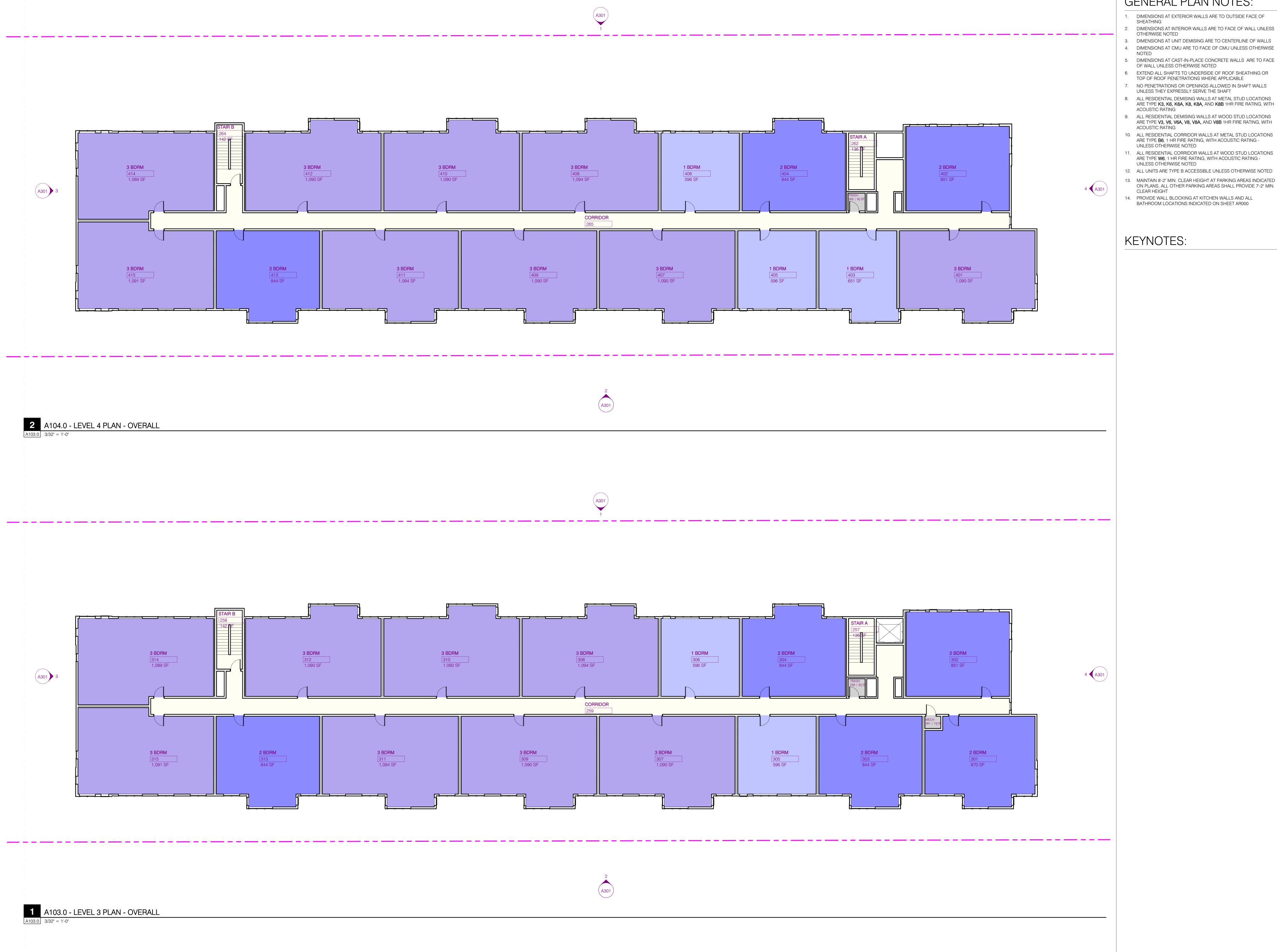
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2 EAST - OVERALL



1 WEST - OVERALL

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GENERAL EXTERIOR NOTES:

- 1. REFER TO G005 AND G006 FOR ADDITIONAL EXTERIOR MATERIAL KEYNOTE INFORMATION
- REFER TO SPECIFICATIONS FOR DETAILED EXTERIOR MATERIAL INFORMATION
- 3. MATERIALS TO BE DETERMINED



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DISTRICT 2 COMMUNITY COUNCIL

1365 Prosperity Ave Saint Paul, MN 55106-2108 Phone: (651) 774-2220 Fax: (651) 774-2135

August 14, 2018

To: City of Saint Paul PED

From: Chuck Repke, Executive Director

Re: Proposed development at E 7th and Birmingham

The land use committee of the District 2, Greater East Side, Community Council met on August 1, 2018 to here the proposal of JB Vang to develop an affordable housing apartment complex on the site on East Seventh Street. It is our understanding that they are asking the Housing and Redevelopment Authority to assist them by assigning low income tax credits to the project. District 2 is supportive of this effort.

Even though there are a significant number of apartment complexes in the area we believe that the area is appropriate for additional housing. East Seventh is a significant traffic corridor and has regular bus service.

We also believe that the potential for the site to be built as housing without affordable housing tax credits would be difficult. Market rates in the area are lower that the regional average and the neighborhood would not support rent rates that would be needed without City support.

If you have any additional questions, feel free to call 651-774-2220.

Sheldon Johnson State Representative

District 67B Ramsey County



Minnesota House of Representatives

August 15, 2018

Dr. Bruce Corrie, Director Planning and Economic Department, City of St. Paul 25 West 4th Street, Suite 1300 Saint Paul, MN 55102

Dear Dr. Corrie,

Congratulations on your post as Director of the PED. I look forward to working with you on the development needs of the East Side. I am writing today in support of an affordable housing project by Yia Michael Thao of JB Vang Partners. I have known Yia Michael Thao for years, collaborated on projects with him and know him as a successful and ethical business owner here on the East Side.

This project is in my legislative district and the need for more affordable housing of all types has been well known for years. By most accounts, 18,000 or more additional units will be needed in St. Paul by 2030.

The JB Vang Partners project will feature a three- to four-story building with structured parking on a 1.34-acre lot at 7th St. and Birmingham St. Rents are projected to be affordable to renters in the range of 50 to 60 percent of the area median income, which is \$94,300 for a family of four. The development plans for 60 units with a mix of 3-bedroom, 2-bedroom and 1-bedroom units. Yia Michael Thao and partners, are interested in incorporating a social service component into the complex as well as a safe green space for families.

This area of the East Side is ready for new development as additional space for mixed use becomes available. Yia Michael Thao has shown his dedication to the betterment of the East Side and a commitment to making life better for East Side residents. The East Side has long been considered the part of the city where affordable housing can be found. This proposal will help make it so, into the future. I know you have in your possession site maps and the certificate of survey so will not add to the size of your file.



I write to urge you to support his application for the 9% Affordable Housing Tax Credit. I know there is significant competition for this tax credit and know Yia Michael Thao with JB Vang Partners, will be successful in assisting St. Paul in fulfilling its mandate of providing affordable housing opportunities. If I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to call on me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sheldon Johnson

State Representative

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Tim Mahoney State Representative



Minnesota House of Representatives

August 15, 2018

Dr. Bruce Corrie,
Director,
Planning and Economic Department, City of St. Paul
25 West 4th Street
Suite 1300
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Dear Dr. Corrie,

It is my pleasure to recommend Yia Michael Thao of JB Vang Partners' affordable housing development on the East Side of St. Paul. Organizations, such as St. Paul's Fair Housing Commission, Metropolitan Council, St. Paul Public Housing Agency, and PED tracking the affordable housing shortage in St. Paul estimate a need of 18,000 additional units by 2030.

St. Paul has an exceptionally high percentage of renter occupancy, nearing 50% according to Federal Housing and Development and U.S. Census data. While I support efforts to reclaim and convert existing vacant properties, it is clear that most of these properties will not meet the city's housing standards and the cost to do so may be prohibitive, especially on the East Side.

JB Vang Partners' housing project is a 1.34-acre lot at 7th St. and Birmingham St. The development plans for 60 units; (15) 3 bedrooms, (30) 2 bedrooms, and (15) 1 bedrooms. They are also interested in incorporating a social service component into the development as well as safe green space where families can gather.

I have known Yia Michael for many years and we have worked side by side on many projects enhancing the quality of life on the East Side. I have known him as a person of character, compassion and integrity. Yia Michael Thao and his partners are dedicated to the betterment of the East Side and I have no doubt this development will make the East Side a better place for many families.

Please support Mr. Thao's application for the 9% Affordable Housing Tax Credit and advise me as to what steps I can make to further this project.

If you have any questions as to the importance of the services provided by Yia Michael Thao's affordable housing development project or their reputation to the East Side Saint Paul community, please do not hesitate to ask. Thank you so much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tim Mahoney State Representative

Enclosures: Certificate of survey and Site Map



JIM McDONOUGH

Chair Board of Ramsey County Commissioners

Joann Ellis, Assistant TEL. (651) 266-8357 April 20, 2018

220 Courthouse 15 West Kellogg Boulevard Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102 TEL. (651) 266-8350

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing this letter in support of Mr. Yia Thao's affordable housing proposal.

The East Side is among the city's largest, most populous and diverse districts. This project addresses the great need here for more quality affordable and safe housing opportunities for families. The development would provide an additional sixty rental units. I am pleased to offer my support to a project that will improve affordable housing opportunities and quality of life in the community.

I hope you will consider this project on East Seventh Street and Birmingham.

Sincerely,

Jim McDonough

Ramsey County Commissioner

District 6

Senator Foung Hawj

District 67 95 University Ave. W., Suite 3413 St. Paul, MN 55155 Phone: (651) 296-5285



Senate

State of Minnesota

June 26, 2018

Dr. Bruce Corrie, Director, Planning and Economic Department, City of St. Paul 25 West 4th Street Suite 1300 Saint Paul, MN 55102

Dear Dr. Corrie,

I am very pleased to endorse and recommend Yia Michael Thao's affordable housing development project here on the East Side. Most organizations, including: St. Paul's Fair Housing Commission, Metropolitan Council, St. Paul Public Housing Agency, PED and many others who track affordable housing shortages in St. Paul estimate a need of 18,000 additional units by 2030.

St. Paul has an exceptionally high percentage of renter occupancy, nearing 50% according to Federal Housing and Development and U.S. Census data. While I do support efforts to reclaim and convert existing vacant properties, it is clear that most of these properties will not meet the city's housing standards and cost too much for low income renters to purchase and remodel in order to meet those standards. This is especially true here on the East Side.

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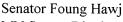
Fair and affordable housing is a quality of life issue and should not be considered a luxury. The current vacancy rate of such housing does not come close to being adequate. This new construction development will add to the mix of strategies to meet the demand for fair and affordable housing in the future.

I have known Yia Michael for many years and have worked side by side with him on many projects benefitting the East Side. He is a respected community leader, a person of character, compassion, and integrity. His business has contributed to the current progress of the East Side where he is dedicated to its betterment. I have no doubt his development will make the East Side a better place for many families.

Please support Mr. Thao's application for the 9% Affordable Housing Tax Credit and advise him on strategic steps to assure the success of this needed affordable housing development. Please advise me as to what steps I can make to further this project. Thank you.

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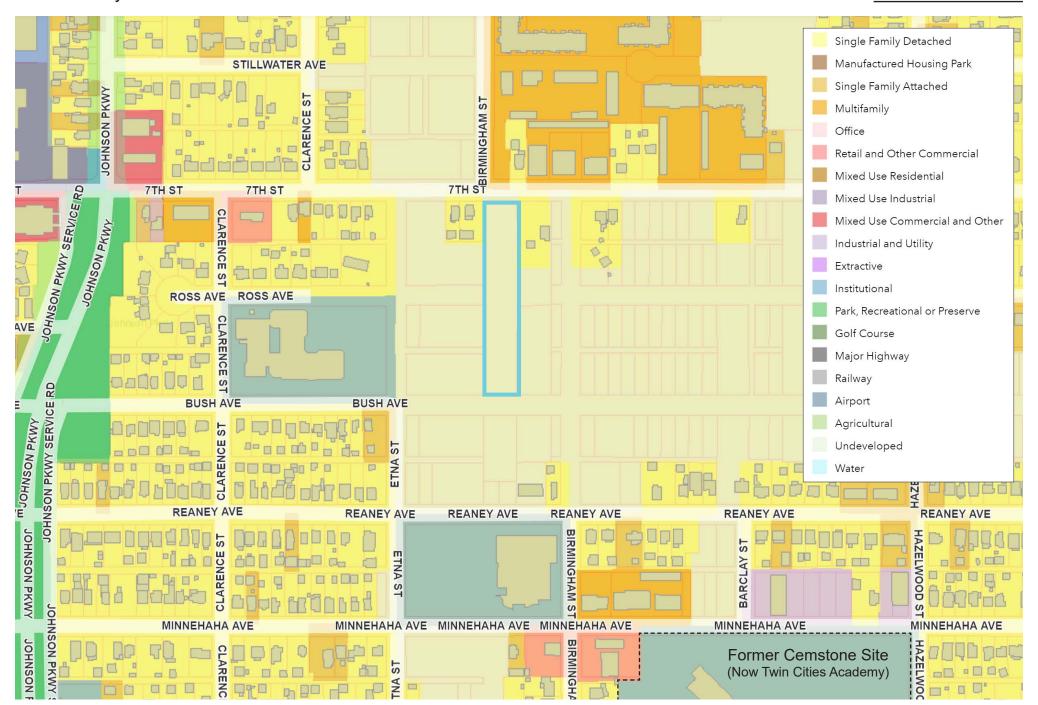
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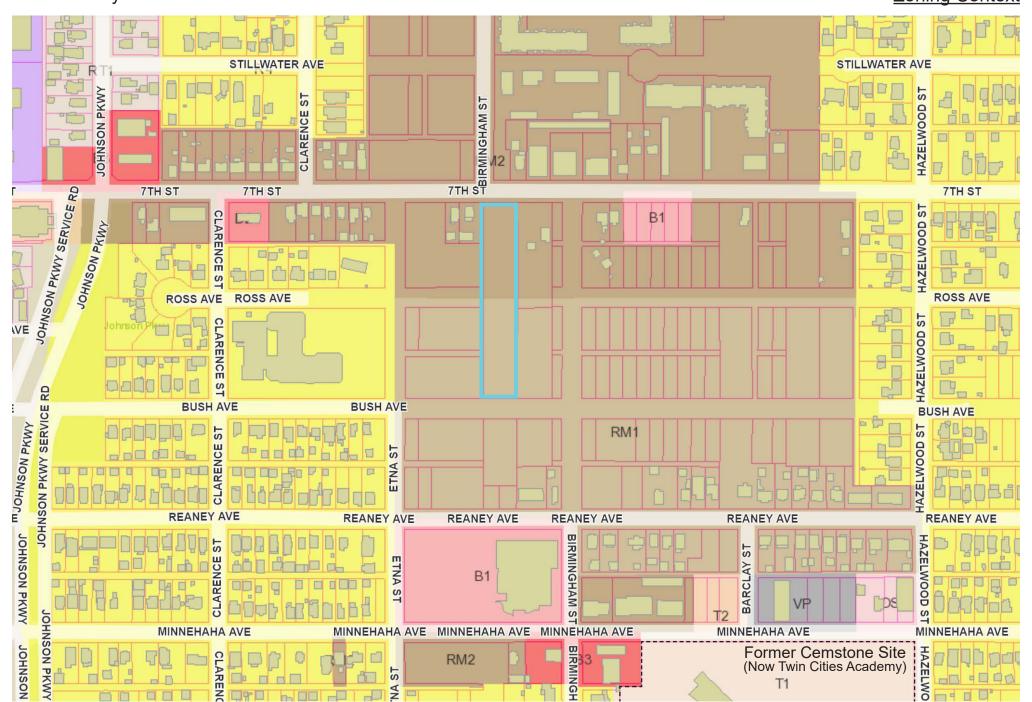
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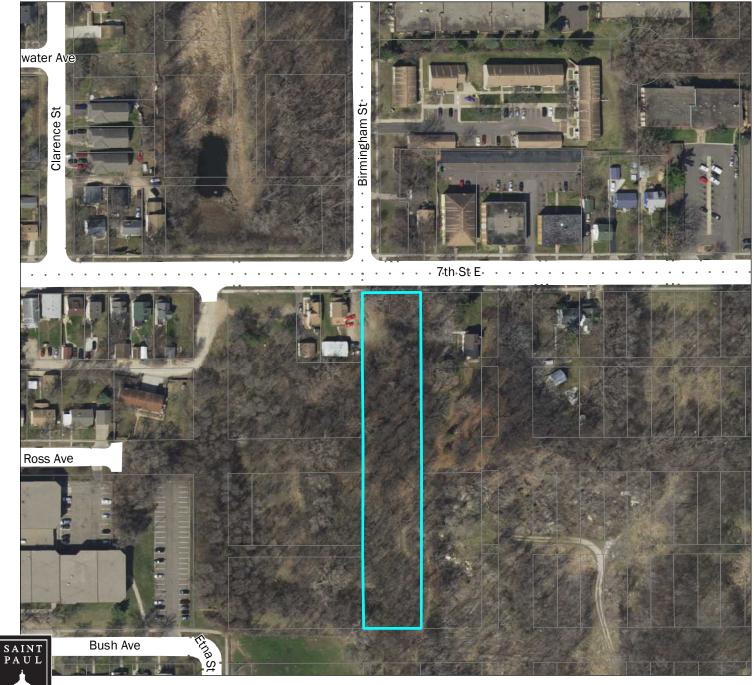
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Land Use Context



Zoning Context





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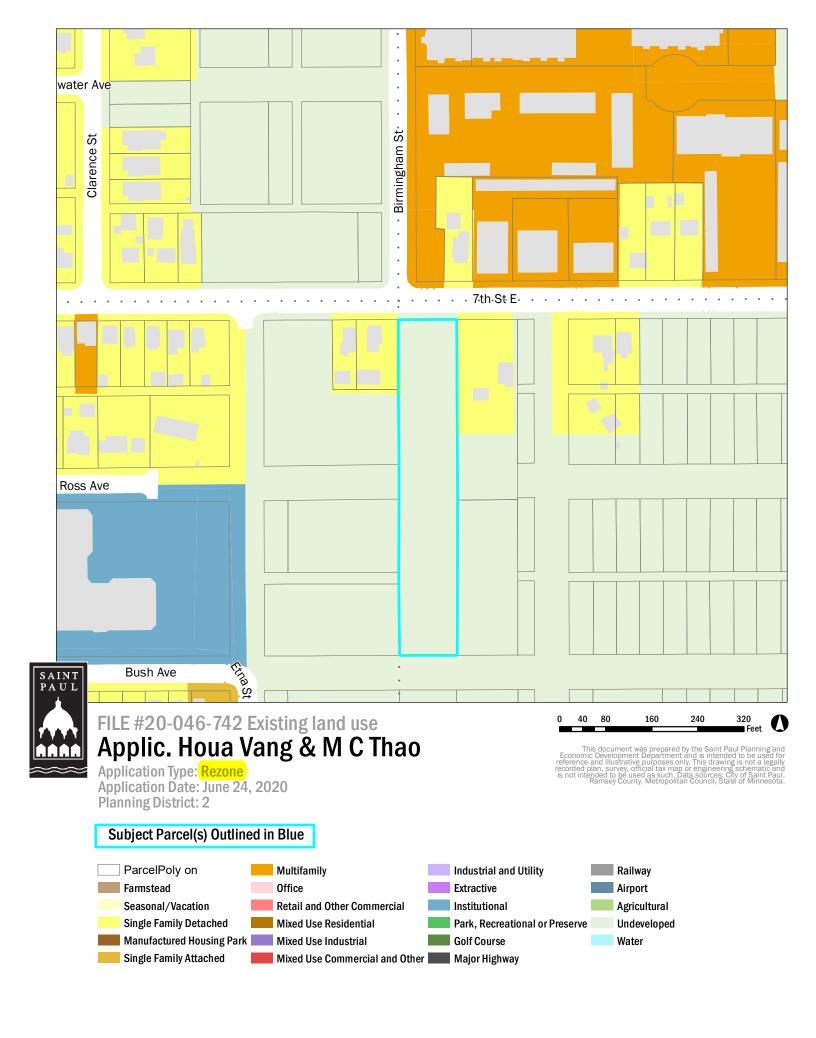
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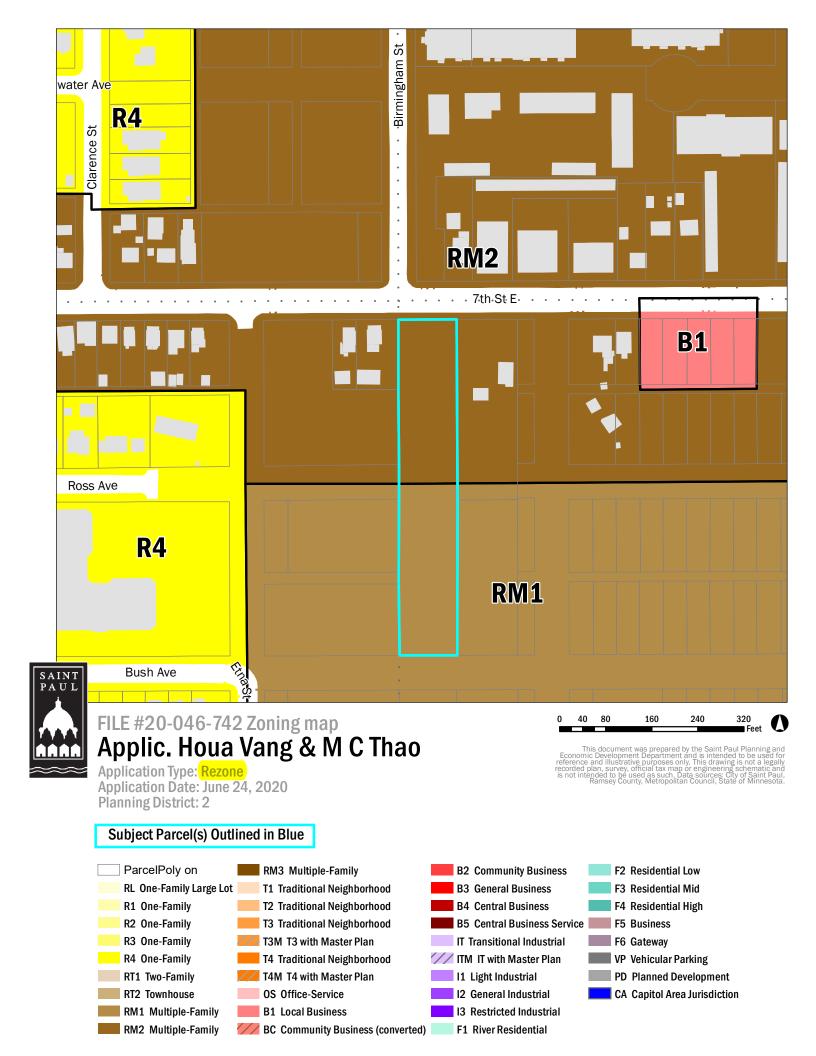
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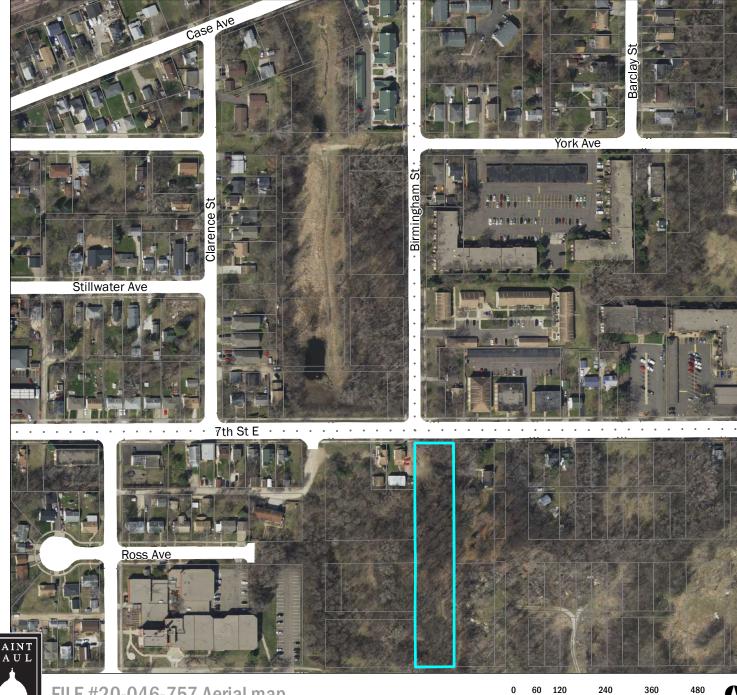
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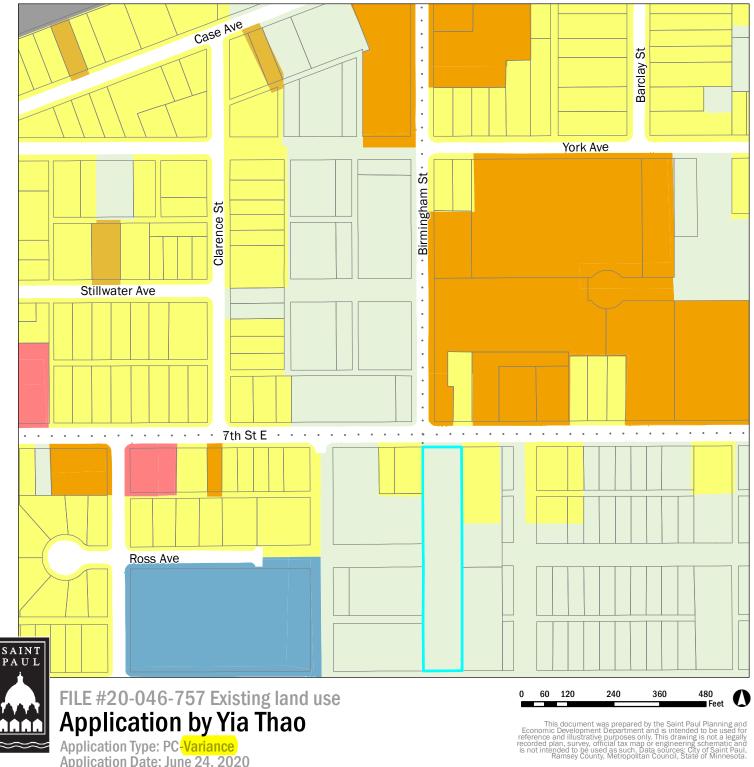
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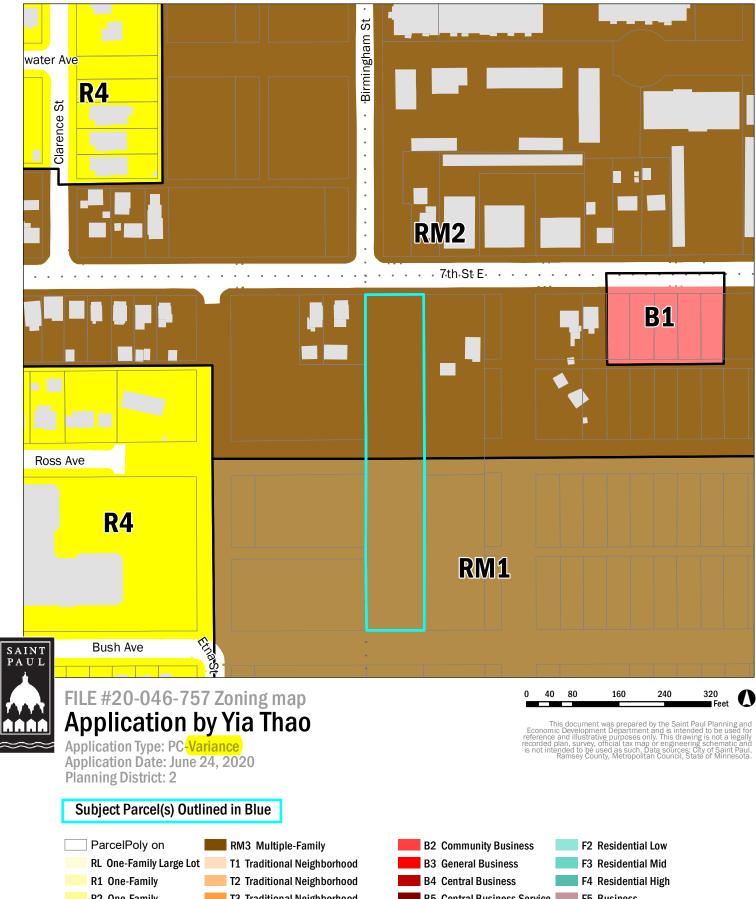


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