## TENNESSEE TECHNOLOGY CORRIDOR DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

 REPORT OF STAFF RECOMMENDATION| Meeting Date: | 6/10/2019 |
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| File Number: | 6-B-19-TOB |
| Applicant: | MR. ERIC MOSELEY |
| Request: | BUILDING PERMIT |
| Address: | 0 Checkerboard Ln |
| Map/Parcel Number: | 13106807 AND 06808 |
| Location: | South side of Checkerboard Lane, north side of Dutchtown Road, west of Simmons Road. |
| Existing Zoning: | CB (Business and Manufacturing) / TO (Technology Overlay) |
| Proposed Zoning: | NA |
| Existing Land Use: | Vacant lots |
| Proposed Land Use: | Office/Warehouse |
| Appx. Size of Tract: | 2.06 acres |
| Accessibility: | Access is via Checkerboard Lane, a local street with a 26 ' pavement width within a 50 ' right-of-way with access out to Simmons Road. |
| Surrounding | North: CB (Business and Manufacturing) / TO (Technology Overlay) - Vacant lots |
| Zoning and Land | South: CB (Business and Manufacturing) / TO (Technology Overlay) - Mixed businesses |
|  | East: $\quad \mathrm{CB}$ (Business and Manufacturing) / TO (Technology Overlay) - Automobile service facility under construction |
|  | West: CB (Business and Manufacturing) - Mixed businesses |

## Comments:


#### Abstract

1) This is a request for approval of building permits to construct an office/warehouse facility on two adjoining lots in the Langley Business Park Subdivision. The two lots are located on the south side of Checkerboard Lane at the western end of the Subdivision. 2) Lot 3 (Tax Parcel 68.08) which has a lot area of 0.981 acres will include a 1-story building with 13,650 square feet, and a total of 14 parking spaces. Lot 4 (Tax Parcel 68.07) which has a lot area of 1.079 acres will include a 1-story building with 11,000 square feet and a total of 11 parking spaces. Both lots meet the minimum parking requirements for an office/warehouse facility as identified under the TTCDA Design Guidelines. Since the required parking under the Knox County Zoning Ordinance varies for this type of building, the required parking will be evaluated by the Knox County Codes Department at the time they apply for a building permit. Each site is still subject to staying within the maximum parking limits of the TTCDA Design Guidelines. 3) The proposed development on Lot 4 is within the limits for Ground Area Coverage, Floor Area Ratio and Impervious Area Ratio. 4) The proposed development on Lot 3 while it is within the limits for Impervious Area Ratio, it exceeds the maximum limit for Ground Area Coverage and Floor Area Ratio. Waivers are required for exceeding both of those standards. With a proposed building area of 13,650 square feet, the proposed Ground Area Coverage is $31.94 \%$ (maximum requirement is $25 \%$ ) and the proposed Floor Area Ratio is $31.94 \%$ (maximum requirement is $30 \%$ ). A copy of the applicant's waiver request is attached to this application. Staff does not support the requested waivers and is recommending denial. It is staff's position that there is no real justification for granting the waiver. The regulations will allow a building area of approximately 10,680 square feet on this smaller


of the two lots.
5) The proposed buildings on these two lots include overhead doors on the Checkerboard Lane frontage for the buildings. Both lots have frontage on both Checkerboard Lane and Dutchtown Road which makes it difficult to provide overhead door access into the buildings. Staff supports the proposal to include the overhead doors on the Checkerboard Lane frontage which is the lower classification street. The landscape plan submitted for this development includes a good mix of landscape materials to help reduce the visual impact of the proposed overhead doors.
6) The exterior siding for the buildings will include a mix of smooth and split face CMU in tan and taupe colors and beige ribbed vertical metal siding. The entrance area includes an aluminum storefront system finished in white. A suspended canopy will be provided over the entrance. The roof system will be a standing seam white metal roof.
7) The mechanical equipment areas will be located between the two buildings and will be screened from view from the public streets. The dumpster enclosures will be constructed of materials and colors used for the proposed buildings.
8) The proposed landscape plan is consistent with the Design Guidelines.
9) The proposed site lighting will be full cut-off LED fixtures and is consistent with the Design Guidelines.
10) There is no signage proposed with this submittal. The yard sign locations shown on the landscape plan are not part of this approval.

## Design Guideline Conformity: <br> Proposed development conforms to the Design Guidelines except for the three required waivers identified below.

## Waivers and

 Variances Requested:1) Waiver to allow a Ground Area Coverage of $31.94 \%$ (maximum requirement is $25 \%$ )
for Lot 3. (Design Guidelines Section 1.3.1)
2) Waiver to allow a Floor Area Ratio of $31.94 \%$ (maximum requirement is $30 \%$ ) for Lot 3. (Design Guidelines Section 1.3.2)
3) Waiver to allow overhead doors on the front of the two buildings. (Design Guidelines Section 2.5.3)

## Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends DENIAL of the requested waiver from Section 1.3.1 of the Design Guidelines to allow a Ground Area Coverage of $31.94 \%$ (maximum requirement is $25 \%$ ) for Lot 3 for the reasons identified in comment \#4 above.

Staff recommends DENIAL of the requested waiver from Section 1.3.2 of the Design Guidelines to allow a Floor Area Ratio of $31.94 \%$ (maximum requirement is $30 \%$ ) for Lot 3 for the reasons identified in comment \#4 above.

Staff recommends APPROVAL of the requested Waiver from Section 2.5.3 of the Design Guidelines to allow overhead doors on the Checkerboard Lane frontage of the two buildings for the reasons identified in comment \#5 above.

Based on the application and plans as submitted and revised, and in consideration of the recommended actions on the requested waivers, Staff recommends APPROVAL of this request for a Certificate of Appropriateness for building permits for the two buildings, subject to the following conditions:

1) Meeting all relevant requirements of the Knox County Zoning Ordinance, as appropriate.
2) Installing all landscaping as identified on the landscape plan for each site within six months of the issuance of an occupancy permit for each site, or posting a bond with the Knox County Department of Engineering and Public Works to guarantee such installation.
3) Meeting all relevant requirements of the Knox County Department of Engineering and Public Works.
4) Revising the site plan for Lot 3 to reduce the building area within the limits allowed by the Ground Area Coverage and Floor Area Ratio standards of the Design Guidelines
5) Connection to sanitary sewer and meeting any other relevant requirements of the Knox County Health Department.
6) Proposed signage will require a separate TTCDA application and approval.


May 30, 2019

## 6-B-19-TOB

Tom Brechko
Knoxville-Knox County Planning
400 Main Street
Suite 403
Knoxville, TN 37902

Re: Checkerboard Lane Industrial Buildings

Dear Mr. Brechko:

As part of the review process for the proposed industrial buildings on Checkerboard Lane, we are requesting waivers from the TTCDA requirements for some site related conditions. The waivers requested are for the Ground Area Coverage (GAC) and the Floor Area Ration (FAR). Both requests are related to the proposed construction on Lot 3 of the development.

These waivers are being requested to accommodate required tenant space for the proposed project. The lot where the building is located is also a non-standard shape with challenging topography which contribute to request.

The type of construction as well as similar waivers have been granted for other similar construction projects with this Dutchtown Road area. The proposed development of this project meets those similarly granted criteria, so we believe we are consistent with area.

We appreciate your review of the project. Please let us know should you have any questions.


Aarron M. Gray, P.E.
cc: Eric Moseley (developer)

## CHECKERBOARD INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS SIMMONS ROAD KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE 37923



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