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Planning Commission Staff Report

TO: PLANNING COMMISSION

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MEETING DATE: JUNE 1, 2022

SUBJECT: UP21-36 TALUS HARBOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH HOSPITAL:

Request to approve a Conditional Use Permit for a behavioral health hospital on approximately 3.62 acres located at the southeast corner of Rome and Melrose Streets and zoned General Office (GO) with a Planned Area Development (PAD)

overlay.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE: Prosperous Community

This project will expand health care opportunities within the Val Vista Medical Growth Area.

RECOMMENDED MOTION

Make the Findings of Fact and 21-36 Talas Harbor Behavioral Health Hospital; a Conditional Use Permit for a behavioral health hospital on approx. 3.62 acres generally located at the southeast corner of Rome and Melrose Streets and zoned General Office (GO) with a Planned Area Development (PAD) overlay, subject to conditions.

APPLICANT OWNER

Company: Evolve Ventures Company: Gilbert Care LLC Name: Amy Malloy Name: Brock Metzka

Address: 13348 W. Caballo Blanco

Peoria, AZ 85383

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BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

History

Date	Description			
February 28, 2006	Town Council adopted Annexation No. A05-19,			
	Ordinance No. 1699, annexing approximately 165 acres			
	including the subject site.			
August 29, 2006	Town Council approved Z06-55, Ordinance No. 1813,			
	rezoning the subject site from Maricopa County			
	residential to General Office (GO) with a PAD overlay.			
February 2, 2022	Planning Commission Heard UP21-36 and DR21-174 as a			
	study session item.			

Overview

The subject site is located on an approximate 3.62 acre portion of a 14.4 acre parcel. The site, located at the southeast corner of Rome Street and Melrose, in the Val Vista Medical Center Growth Area, is zoned General Office with a Planned Area Development (PAD) overlay.

The applicant proposes to develop a 48-bed geriatric and adult behavioral health hospital within a 30,774 square foot, single story facility. The application was submitted under the 2005 Land Development Code, which allows Hospitals in the GO zoning district with approval of a Conditional Use Permit.

Applications for the Design Review (DR21-174) and the Conditional Use Permit (UP21-36) are being reviewed concurrently.

Surrounding Land Use & Zoning Designations:

	Existing Land Use Classification	Existing Zoning	Existing Use
North	General Office (GO)	General Office (GO) (PAD)	Melrose St., then Copper Springs Behavioral Health Hospital
South	Residential > 8-14 DU/Acre	Multi Family/Low (MF/L)(PAD)	BB Living residential community
East	General Office (GO)	General Office (GO) (PAD)	Vacant

West	General Office (GO)	Business Park (BP) (PAD)	Rome St., then vacant
Site	General Office (GO)	General Office (GO) (PAD)	Vacant

Project Data Table

Site Development	Required per LDC	Proposed
Regulations	Required per EDO	Toposca
Site Area		3.62 acres
Building Area (sq. ft.)		30,774 SF
Maximum Building	55'/3	29'/1 story
Height (ft.) / (Stories)		,
Minimum Building		
Setback (ft.)		
Front	25'	94'-11"
Side (Collector)	20'	54'-4"
Side (Non-residential)	15'	85'-4"
Rear (Residential)	30'	65'-6"
Minimum Required		
Perimeter Landscape		
Area (ft.)		
Front	25'	25'
Side (Collector)	20'	20'
Side (Non-residential)	15'	15'
Rear (Residential)	30'	30'
Landscaping (% of net	15%	28%
lot area)		
Parking		
1 space per 1.5 beds	48 beds = 72 spaces	73 space
	2 loading spaces	2 loading spaces
Bike parking 1 per 10	7 bike spaces	8 bike spaces
vehicle spaces		

DISCUSSION

The applicant is requesting a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow a Hospital in the General Office (GO) zoning district.

The subject site is surrounded by vacant General Office (GO) zoned lands and other medical uses including the Copper Springs Behavioral Health Hospital, The Oaks Assisted Living Facility, and the Center at Val Vista (skilled nursing and physical rehab facility). Complementary uses are located in the vicinity such as the VA

Hospital, Mercy Gilbert hospital, medical offices and clinics, surgery centers and other ancillary medical and specialty health care facilities.

FINDINGS

The Planning Commission is required to make four findings in order to approve a Conditional Use Permit. The findings are listed here, along with the reasons why staff considers that the findings are or are not met in this case. These findings are:

1. The proposed use will not be detrimental to health, safety, or general welfare of persons living or working in the vicinity, to adjacent property, to the neighborhood, or to the public in general.

The subject site is located within the Val Vista Medical Growth area and situated in proximity to General Office (GO) zoned lands and other medical uses including the Oaks Assisted Living Facility and the Copper Springs Behavioral Health Hospital to the north and the Center at Val Vista (skilled nursing and physical rehab facility) to the northwest. Complementary uses are located in the vicinity such as the VA Hospital, Mercy Gilbert hospital, medical offices and clinics, surgery centers and other ancillary medical and specialty health care facilities. There are no abutting residential areas.

The proposed behavioral health hospital will address the gap in services identified by the Town of Gilbert Human Services Needs Assessment (2014) as well as the Dignity Health Study (2016). The proposed hospital will be vital in meeting Gilbert's human service needs and will provide a valuable resource to address mental health in the community.

The subject site is well suited for the proposed *Hospital* use and will not be detrimental to the general public.

The applicant has indicated the facility has a strict security plan that is implemented for patient safety in the following ways:

- a. Numerous cameras will be securely located both inside and out of the building.
- b. Additional double layer exiting, commonly referred to as man traps, will be installed in all patient care areas.
- c. Doors will be outfitted with door alarms in all patient care areas.
- d. Staff will be fully trained and certified professionals at handling any patient that may be a danger to themselves or others.

2. The proposed use conforms to the purposes, intent, and policies of the General Plan and its policies and any applicable area, neighborhood, or other plan adopted by the Town Council.

The subject site is located within the Val Vista Medical Growth Area. According to the General Plan, "The Val Vista Medical Growth Area is located south of the Loop 202 Santan Freeway. It extends one-quarter mile west of Val Vista Road, east to Greenfield Road and Queen Creek Road to the south. The [Mercy Gilbert] hospital is the economic catalyst within this growth area. The hospital, located southeast of the Val Vista Road and Loop 202 Santan Freeway interchange has spurred growth in the medical office, medical research and rehabilitation/care facilities. Support amenities to the above noted uses are quickly being developed. The Town anticipates that this area will continue to grow with medical office, general office and business park land uses supported by mixed-use, commercial and hospitality uses."

3. The proposed use conforms to the conditions, requirements, or standards required by the Zoning Code and any other applicable local, State, or Federal requirements.

The proposed use on the 3.62 acre subject site is for a *Health Care Facilities, Hospital,* which is a permitted use in the General Office (GO) zoning district. However, a Conditional Use Permit is required to comply with the Town of Gilbert's Land Development Code.

Article 6.1 of the 2005 Land Development Code (LDC) defines a *Health Care Facilities, Hospital* use as "a facility licensed by the State of Arizona that provides inpatient physical or behavioral health services through the diagnosis and treatment of patients and inpatient care by a medical staff".

As conditioned, the project site plan must meet the Land Development Code and applicable ADA, Building and Fire Codes. The proposed site design meets all requirements of the Land Development Code with regard site setbacks, screening, parking, lighting requirements and landscape buffers from surrounding parcels. Staff notes that the applicant has concurrently requested a Design Review Board application for Talas Harbor (DR21-174) and that the proposed use permit must comply with the site plan as approved under DR21-174. Applicable business and state licenses for operating this facility will be required prior to permitting.

4. The proposed use, as conditioned, would not unreasonably interfere with the use and enjoyment of nearby properties.

The 3.62 acre subject site is surrounded by vacant General Office (GO) zoned lands and other medical uses within the Val Vista Medical Growth Area. The BB Living Multi-family development is located to the south, but adequate buffering and setbacks have been provided. The hospital will be a locked facility, with cameras both inside and outside the property and secured outdoor areas.

The proposed hospital must meet all requirements of the Land Development Code with regard site setbacks, screening, parking, lighting requirements and landscape buffers from surrounding parcels. The proposed hospital will not unreasonably interfere with the use and enjoyment of nearby properties but rather is intended to provide vital behavioral health services and enhance economic activity within the Val Vista Medical Growth Area.

Pursuant to the above analysis, Staff is of the opinion that the project meets the four findings required for granting the modified Conditional Use Permit

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION AND INPUT

A notice of public hearing was published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town, an official notice was posted in all the required public places within the Town and neighborhood notice was provided per the requirements of the Land Development Code Article 5.205.

Staff has received no comments from the public.

PROPOSITION 207

An agreement to "Waive Claims for Diminution in Value" pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-1134 was signed by the landowners of the subject site, in conformance with Section 5.201 of the Town of Gilbert Land Development Code. This waiver is located in the case file.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Make the Findings of Fact and approve DR21-36 Talas Harbor Behavioral Health Hospital; a Conditional Use Permit for a behavioral health hospital on approx. 3.62 acres generally located at the southeast corner of Rome and Melrose Streets and zoned General Office (GO) with a Planned Area Development (PAD) overlay, subject to conditions:

a. The Project shall be in substantial conformance with the site plan, shown on the Exhibits provided under Attachment No. 5. Additionally the Project must comply with the site and proposed building design as reviewed and approved under Design Review Case No. DR21-174. Respectfully submitted,

Ashlee MacDonald, AICP Principal Planner

Attachments and Enclosures:

- 1) Findings of Fact
- 2) Notice of Public Hearing/Vicinity Map
- 3) General Plan Growth Areas Map
- 4) Val Vista Medical Growth Area
- 5) Site Plan
- 6) Landscape (for reference only)
- 7) Elevations (for reference only)
- 8) Floor Plan (for reference only)
- 9) Minutes from the Planning Commission Regular Meeting of February 2, 2022

FINDINGS OF FACT UP21-36, Talas Harbor

- 1. The proposed use will not be detrimental to health, safety, or general welfare of persons living or working in the vicinity, to adjacent property, to the neighborhood, or to the public in general;
- 2. The proposed use conforms with the purposes, intent, and policies of the General Plan and its policies and any applicable area, neighborhood, or other plan adopted by the Town Council;
- 3. The proposed use conforms with the conditions, requirements, or standards required by the Zoning Code and any other applicable local, State, or Federal requirements; and
- 4. The proposed use, as conditioned, would not unreasonably interfere with the use and enjoyment of nearby properties.

Notice of Public Hearing

UP21-36: Talas Harbor Attachment 2 - NOPH

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION DATE:

LOCATION: Gilbert Police Department-Amphitheater

75 E Civic Center Dr. Gilbert, AZ 85296 Wednesday, June 1st, 2022* TIME: 6:00 PM

*Call Planning Division to verify date and time: (480) 503-6748

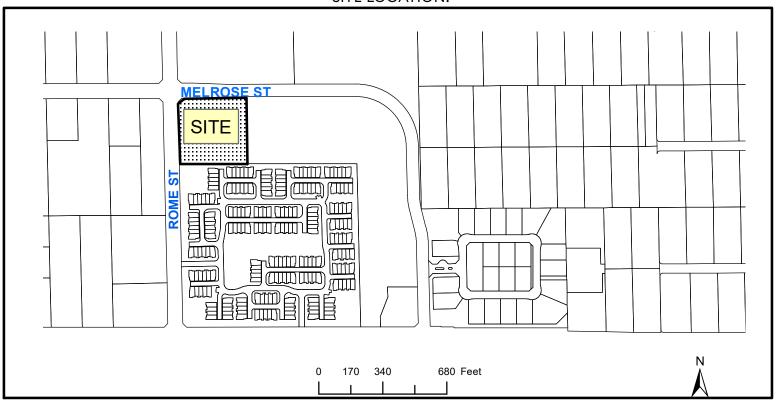
The application is available to the public for review at the Town of Gilbert Planning Division Monday - Thursday 7AM - 6PM. Staff reports and the agenda are available prior to the meeting at www.gilbertaz.gov/departments/development-services/planning/planning-commission

REQUESTED ACTION:

DR21-174 Talus Harbor Behavioral Health Hospital: Site plan, landscaping, grading and drainage, elevations, floor plans, lighting, and colors and materials for approximately 3.62 acres located at the southeast corner of Rome and Melrose Streets and zoned General Office (GO) with a Planned Area Development (PAD) overlay.

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SITE LOCATION:



APPLICANT: Evolve Ventures, LLC

CONTACT: Amy Malloy

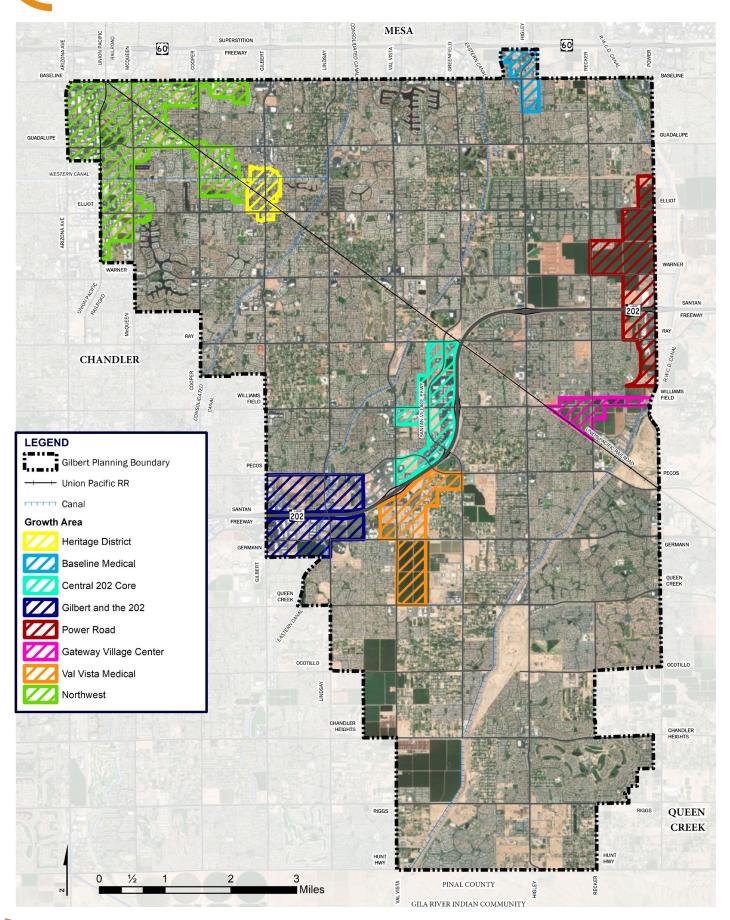
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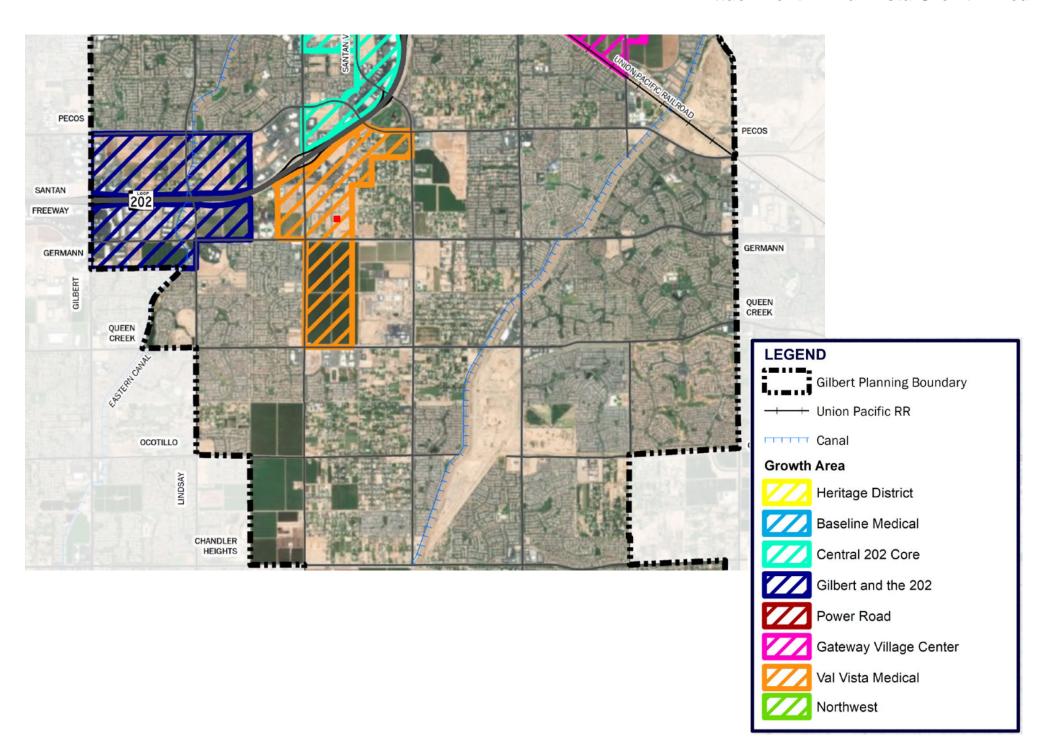
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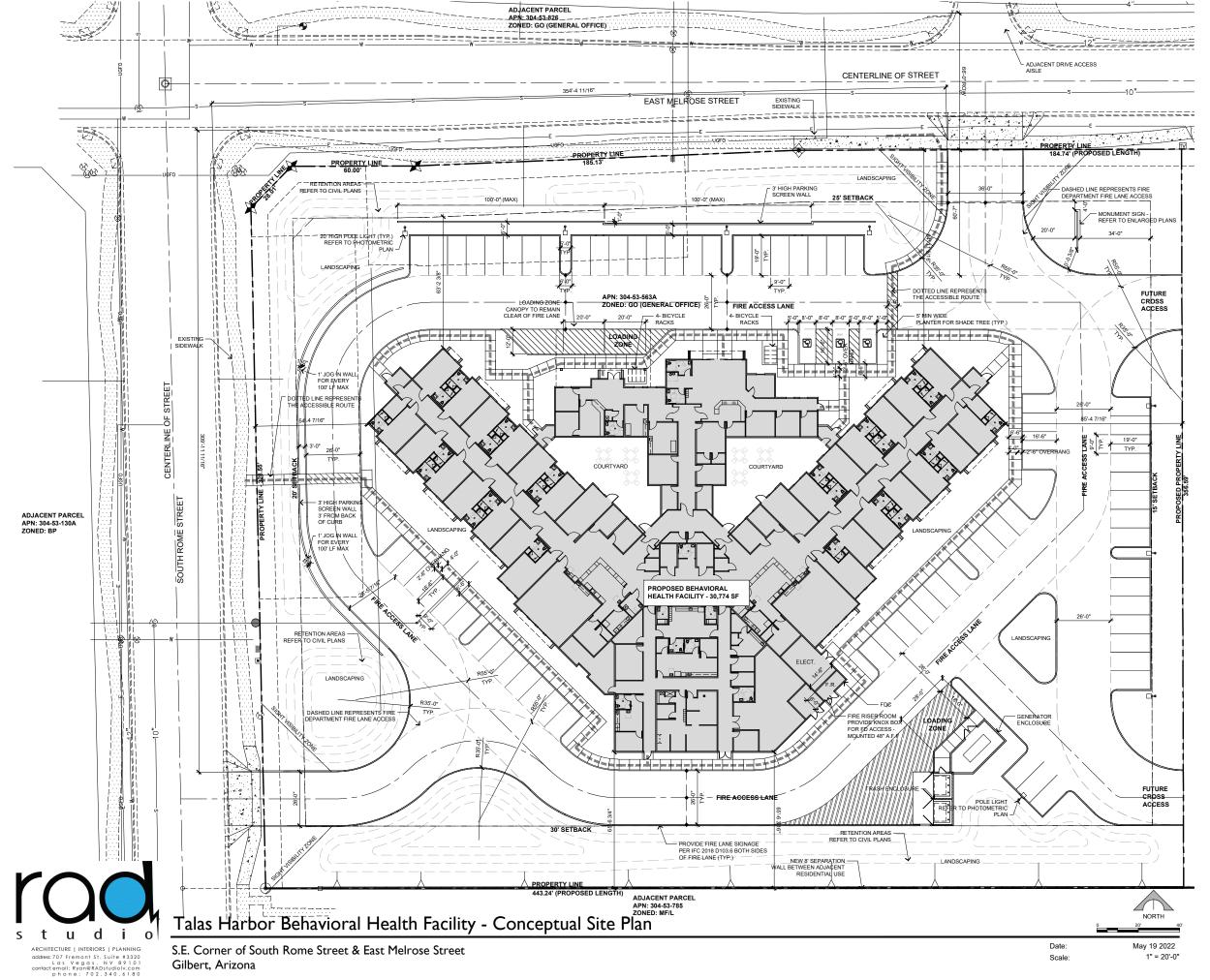
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Exhibit 3. Growth Areas



UP21-36 Talas Harbor Attachment 4 - Val Vista Growth Area





Site Data

TOWN OF GILBERT, AZ MARICOPA COUNTY 304-53-563A PARCELS# ZONING CLASSIFICATION: LAND USE: SETBACK: GO - GENERAL OFFICE GENERAL OFFICE

GENERAL OFFICE
FRONT - 25'
SIDE - 20' COLLECTOR STREET
SIDE - 15' NON RESIDENTIAL
REAR - 30' FROM RESIDENTIAL
15.0 ACRES - PROPOSED PARCEL USE 3.62 ACRES
(157.600 SF)
HOSPITAL - BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FACILITY
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT
1 STORY

BUILDING HEIGHT: BUILDING STORIES:

BUILDING AREA

15% OF NET LOT = 157.600 S.F. REQ'D/23.642 SF MIN 44,285 S.F. MIN. PROVIDED (28% NET SITE)

Parking Analysis

PER TABLE 4.204 HOSPITAL

1.5 SPACES PER BED X 48 BEDS

72 REQUIRED 72 TOTAL PARKING REQUIRED TOTAL PARKING STALLS PROVIDED

4.2014 - ACCESSIBLE PARKING TBS - 2018 IBC TABLE 1106.1 and TABLE 208.2 OF 2010 ADA REQUIRES 3 SPACES WHERE TOTAL PARKING PROVIDED IS BETWEEN 51 TO 75. WHERE 1 FOR EVERY 6 PROVIDED SHALL BE VAN ACCESSIBLE

TOTAL ACCESSIBLE REQUIRED ACCESSIBLE TOTAL ACCESSIBLE PROVIDED

3 SPACES REQUIRED - 1 OF WHICH TO BE VAN 3 TOTAL - WITH 1 VAN ACCESSIBLE

PER TABLE 4.2011

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TOTAL LOADING ZONES REQUIRED

2 REQUIRED - 12' x 20' MIN
TOTAL LOADING ZONES PROVIDED

3
BICYCLE PARKING - 1 FOR EVERY 10 REQUIRED VEHICULAR SPACES

73/10 = 7.3 OR 8 BICYCLE SPACES - 8 PROVIDED Site Plan Symbol Legend

ACCESSIBLE ROUTE (REFER TO CIVIL DRAWINGS FOR PRECISE GRADING INFORMATION)
5% MAXIMUM SLOPE IN THE DIRECTION OF TRAVEL
2% MAXIMUM CROSS SLOPE

Standard Commercial Site Plan Notes

1. ALL UTILITY LINES LESS THAN 69 KV ON OR CONTIGUOUS TO THE SITE SHALL BE INSTALLED OR RELOCATED UNDERGROUND.
2. ALL TRASH ENCLOSURES SHALL INCLUDE FULLY OPAQUE SCREENING GATES, FINISHED AND PAINTED TO MATCH THE ENCLOSURE. SCREENING GATES SHALL NOT OPEN INTO VEHICULAR PROVINCE AND THE STREET OF THE STREET OF

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4. SES PANELS AND ANY OTHER ABOVE GROUND UTILITY CABINET SHALL BE FULLY SCREENED FROM VIEW FROM STREETS OR FROM AREAS ACCESSIBLE TO CUSTOMERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC. SCREENING MAY BE ACCOMPLISHED BY ANY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS

A. FULLY RECESSING THE CABINET INTO THE BUILDING AND ENCLOSING IT BE A SOLID DOOR OR DOORS SEPARATE FROM THE CABINET

B. SCREENING WITH A DECORATIVE MASONRY WALL OF THE SAME HEIGHT AS THE PANEL. THE SCREEN WALL MAY BE L-SHAPED, U-SHAPED OR A STRAIGHT WALL PARALLEL TO THE CABINET.

C. AN ALTERNATIVE SCREENING METHOD APPROVED BY THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF ANY PERMITS.

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B. HAVE CONCRETE BASES PAINTED TO MATCH THE PRIMARY BUILDING COLOR OR
FINISHED TO MATCH PARKING SCREEN WALLS. CONCRETE BASES FOR LIGHT POLES
SHALL NOT EXCEED A HEIGHT OF 30° FROM ADJACENT GRADE.
C. BE LOCATED TO AVOID CONFLICT WITH TREES.
12. SITE LIGHTING SHALL COMPLY WITH THE LIGHT AND GLARE CRITERIA SET FORTH IN
SECTION 4.103 OF THE LDC. INCLUDED A MAX. FREESTANDING LIGHT FIXTURE HEIGHT OF 25°
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BUILDING. 17. ALL EXTERIOR METAL SHALL BE FINISHED OR PAINTED TO MATCH APPROVED PROJECT

COLORS.

18. EXISTING ON-SITE PLANT MATERIAL DAMAGED DURING CONSTRUCTION SHALL BE REPLACED WITH COMPARABLE SPECIES AND SIZE.

Vicinity Map



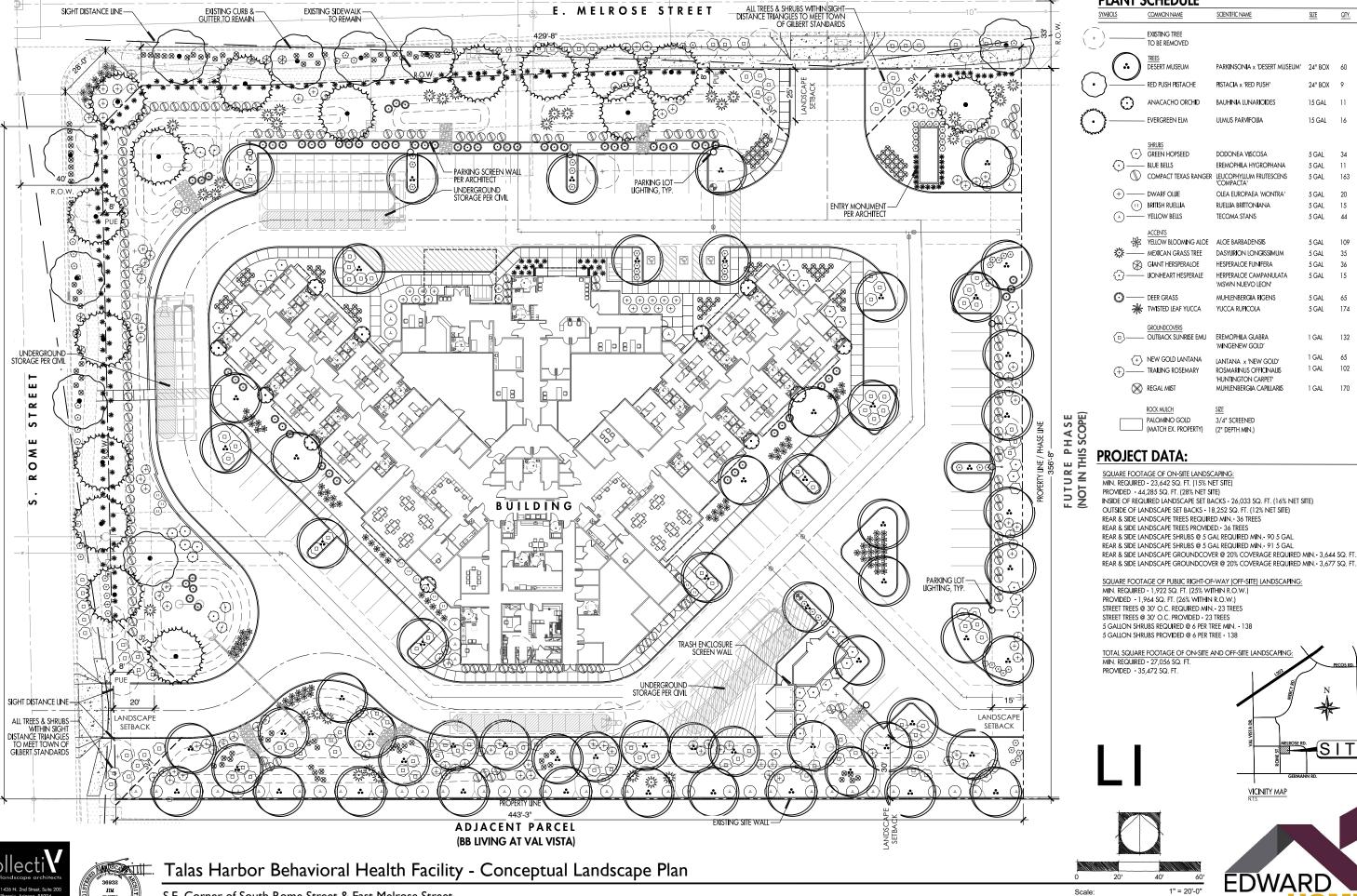
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PLANT SCHEDULE

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Date:









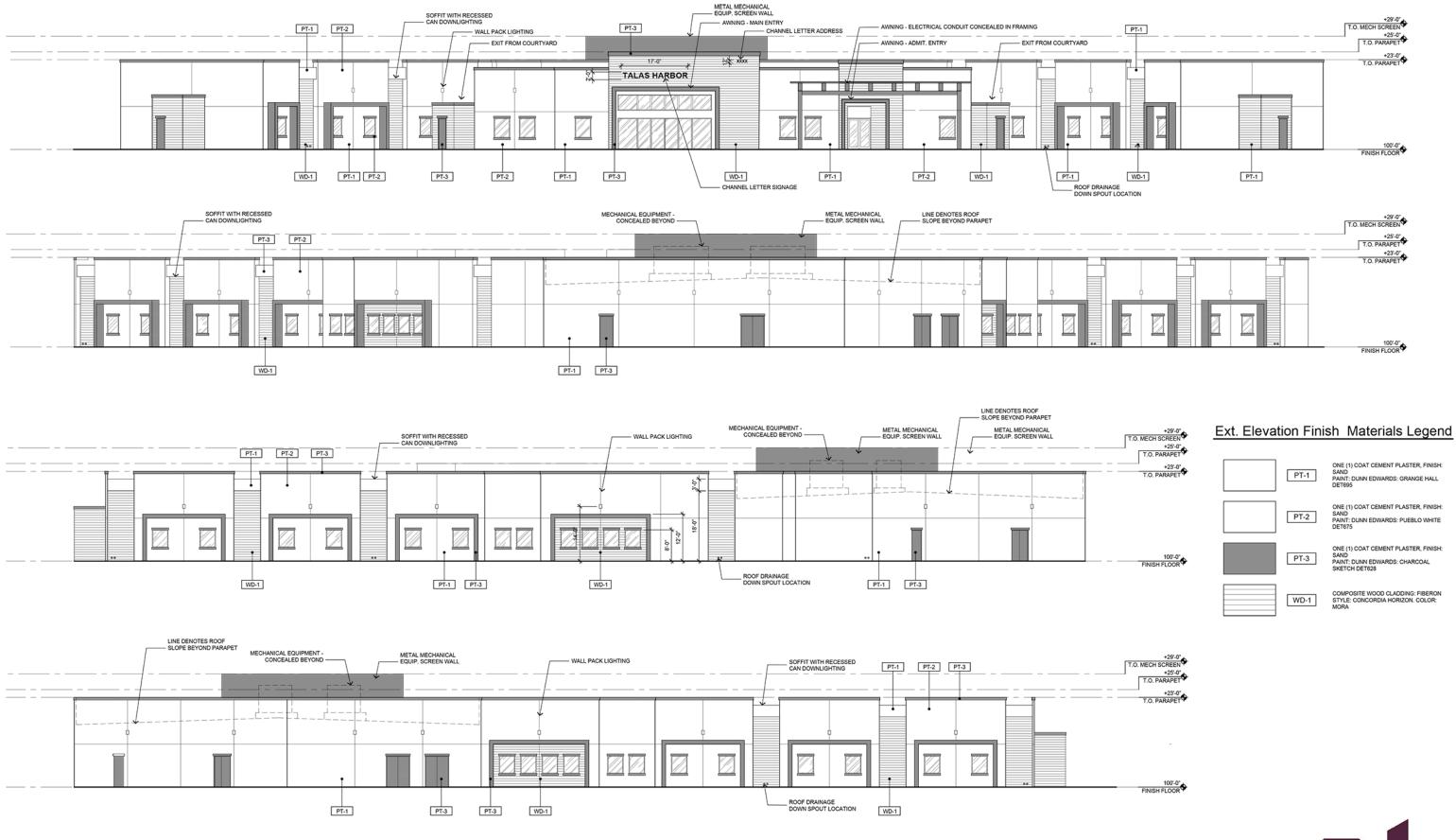


ARCHITECTURE | INTERIORS | PLANNING address:707 Fremont St. Suite #3320 Las Vegas, NV 89101 contact:email: Ryan@RADstudiolv.com phone: 702.340.6180 Talas Harbor Behavioral Health Facility - Conceptual Building Elevations

Scale:

March 10, 2022 3/32" = 1'-0"







Talas Harbor Behavioral Health Facility - Conceptual Building Elevations

0 8' 16' 24'

Date: March 10, 2022

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Talas Harbor Behavioral Health Facility - Conceptual Floor Plan

Date: Scale: December 15, 2021 3/32" = 1'-0"



UP21-36: Talas Harbor Attachment 9 - Study Session Minutes

Family-8 (SF-8) to Neighborhood Commercial (NC). The effect will be to allow a larger electronic sign along E Warner Road.

Planner Samantha Novotny stated that the site is within the Gateway character area and is currently a Valor Christian Center property. This is conventional rezoning with no requested deviations. The applicant proposes changing the land use designation from Residential to Neighborhood Commercial, and staff considers this an appropriate shift. The rezoning is between the second and third review, and the site is in conformance with regulations. The applicant's intent with this zoning request is to increase signage. Six citizens attended the required neighborhood meeting. There is a deed restriction that limits the use to place of worship only.

COMMISSION QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Vice-Chair Mundt stated that switching from residential to commercial is refreshing, and having it be the lowest intensity will not overtly crowd homes in the area. He asked about the deed restriction. Planner Samantha Novotny responded that the deed restriction is a private transaction, with the Town having nothing to do with it; if they change to NC, they are allowed it by right.

Commissioner Jones asked about alternative uses if this is rezoned. Planner Samantha Novotny replied that there must be small-scale uses with minimal traffic/noise/scale impact under 25,000 square feet of lot coverage. It seems there is a vision for the church to remain. Commissioner Jones asked about sign size limitations. Planner Samantha Novotny responded that the max square footage for a free-standing monument sign is 32 square feet. In NC, this would increase to 60 square feet, with a max height of 12 feet.

Commissioner Bianchi asked if this allows for ancillary uses and if the applicant would use the new signage if they wanted to advertise it. Planner Samantha Novotny responded that she would double-check; however, temporary uses and seasonal events have to go through their own special permitting and licensing.

Vice-Chair Mundt asked if this affects the existing building. Planner Samantha Novotny responded that it is all one parcel, and the existing structures are counted toward 25,000 square feet.

Chair Simon stated that he does not have any issues with the difference in size or signage.

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Planner Ashlee MacDonald stated that this property is located in the Val Vista medical center growth area. It is not off of an arterial roadway. South of the site, there is multi-family residential BB Living. This project is in Improvement District 20 and complies with the district.

This project is in the first review, and comments will not be provided to the applicant for a couple of weeks. This application was submitted under the old land development code, with a use permit required for Hospital in General Office and in-patient treatment of Behavioral Disorders. For the latter, the applicant has adhered to the 1,500-foot separation necessary for schools and daycares.

Talas Harbor is a 24-hour behavioral health hospital serving adult and geriatric patients. It is a 3-acre portion of the 14.4-acre parcel and is a 48-bed hospital on just over 30,000 square feet. Access stubs have been provided to the property to the east so that when it is developed, access is not limited. This is a secured facility. Staff needs additional details on the landscape plan to thoroughly review, but the setbacks and other elements adhere to requirements. There are three shades of cement plaster and composite detail with wood cladding. The building has a unique shape, and perspectives will be needed for staff to review. The mechanical screen on the roof is made of metal, which must be architecturally integrated. The applicant is holding a neighborhood meeting on February 10, 2022.

COMMISSION QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Commissioner Bianchi asked if geriatric behavioral health is similar to a memory care unit. Planner Ashlee MacDonald responded that this is not memory care but is for patients 55 and older. Commissioner Bianchi requested confirmation that there would be no unsupervised external access for patients, and Planner Ashlee MacDonald confirmed. Commissioner Bianchi expressed a preference for this not to back up to residential use, and the mechanical elements should blend better without as much contrast. There should be a break or accents along the flat façade above the windows.

Commissioner Blaser spoke in support of the use permit, as this service is needed in the community.

Commissioner Jones stated that he likes the design review and the mechanical screening could be better integrated. He asked if it could be tied into the Copper Springs Hospital to be more consistent. Planner Ashlee MacDonald responded that Copper Springs is quite different, which will be discussed with the applicant.

Commissioner Anderson stated that he liked the design. The undulations will help, as contrast helps buildings pop and identity. A 3D perspective of the building would be helpful. The mechanical screen is likely standard, but it could be more cohesive if they could bring it up.

Chair Simon stated that he is in favor of the use permit. The residential is a sticking spot but will not affect his support of the project. He does not have a problem with the metal flashing, as it is an everyday material use, but they could potentially increase the size of the parapet of the front to blend it in.

5. Discussion of Regular Meeting Agenda

Item 9 DR21-31 Marriott TownePlace Suites was continued to March 2, 2022, and will be removed from the Consent agenda. Item 12 GP21-06 Hopewell Industries and Item 13 Z21-08 Hopewell Industries have been continued to a special meeting on February 15, 2022, and will be removed from the Non-Consent agenda.

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