#### STAFF REPORT

# Department of Metropolitan Development Division of Planning Current Planning Section

**Case Number: 2023-DV1-032** 

Address: 515 South East Street (Approximate Address)

Location: Center Township, Council District #16

Petitioner: Daniel G. Corsaro Family Investments LLC, by Mark Demerly

Request: Variance of development standards of the Consolidated Zoning and

Subdivision Ordinance to allow vehicular access from Warsaw Street

(access from improved alleys required).

# **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Staff recommends approval of the variance request.

# **SUMMARY OF ISSUES**

The following issues were considered in formulating the recommendation:

## LAND USE

EXISTING ZONING, CONTEXT AREA AND LAND USE

D-8 (RC) Compact Undeveloped

## SURROUNDING ZONING AND LAND USE

North - D-8 (RC) Undeveloped lot / two single-family dwellings

South - I-3 (RC) Single-family dwelling

East - D-8 (RC) Two single-family dwellings

West - I-3 (RC) Industrial (Eli Lilly)

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN The Comprehensive Plan recommends the site for Traditional

Neighborhood development.

### REGIONAL CENTER APPROVAL

♦ The site is located within the Regional Center overlay district. Design of all new construction, sidewalk cafes, and signage in the Regional Center overlay district is subject to the approval of the Administrator of the Division of Planning. Along with this variance petition, a Regional Center Approval petition was filed for the proposed dwelling, through 2023-REG-029. The Regional Center Approval petition is subject to the grant of this petition.

### **HISTORY**

In 2019, this site was included in a companion rezoning and variance petition, along with the three parcels to the north, to rezone the parcels to D-8 (RC) and for variances of development (Continued)

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standards to provide for four 38-foot-tall single-family dwellings, with reduced front, side, and rear setbacks, reduced separation between buildings, 30% open space, and with the corner lot (subject site) with a dwelling being within the clear-sight triangles of the abutting streets and alley. Both petitions were approved. Two of the four dwellings have been constructed and a third dwelling has obtained Regional Center Approval.

#### **REQUEST / ANALYSIS**

- This request seeks to permit the remaining dwelling to have garage access from Warsaw Street, rather than the required access from an improved alley.
- The Comprehensive Plan recommends Traditional Neighborhood, and the site is one block from the Mile Square, so it is a highly urbanized area. Access from alleys is required to provide for fewer conflicts that pedestrians encounter while using sidewalks. Driveways increase those conflicts when placed along streets, as opposed when placed along alleys. However, this particular site is complicated due to the existing dwelling to the east being placed directly on the alley right-of-way, reducing the maneuverability of vehicles to gain access to and from the proposed garage.
- An amended site plan was submitted to the file on August 22, 2023. Staff has reviewed the site plan and believe the access to the garage, at a width of 18'-2", would be acceptable. Therefore, due to the practical difficulty in the use of the site, staff would support the request.

# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

THOROUGHFARE PLAN The Official Thoroughfare Plan for Marion County indicates that

> East Street is a primary arterial, with a 78-foot right-of-way existing and proposed. Warsaw Street is a local street, with a 48-foot right-

of-way existing and proposed.

URBAN DESIGN GUIDELINES

DISTRICT TYPOLOGY The site is located within the Neighborhood Residential typology.

TRANSIT-ORIENTED

**DEVELOPMENT OVERLAY** The site is located within a transit-oriented development area.

SITE PLAN File-dated June 26, 2023 Revised File-dated July 12, 2023

File-dated August 22, 2023 Second Revision

**ELEVATIONS** File-dated July 12, 2023 File-dated August 22, 2023 Revised

FINDINGS OF FACT File-dated June 26, 2023

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# **ZONING HISTORY - SITE**

**2023-REG-029**; **515 South East Street**, requests Regional Center Approval to provide for a single-family dwelling, **pending**.

**2019-CZN-858** / **2019-CVR-858**; **501-511** (odd) South East Street, requested a rezoning of 0.20 acre from the I-3 (RC) and CBD-2 (RC) districts to the D-8 (RC) district and a variance of development standards of the Consolidated Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance to provide for four, 38-foot tall single-family dwellings with attached garages, with 3.5-foot front, side and rear setbacks, seven feet between dwellings and 30% open space, and with the corner lot being within the clear sight triangles of the abutting streets and alley, **granted.** 

## **ZONING HISTORY - VICINITY**

**2023-REG-028**; **509 South East Street**, requests Regional Center Approval to provide for a single-family dwelling, **approved**.

**2021-REG-066 (High Impact); 501 South East Street,** requested Regional Center Approval to provide for demolition of an existing single-family dwelling and for construction of a three-story detached single-family dwelling and attached garage, **approved.** 

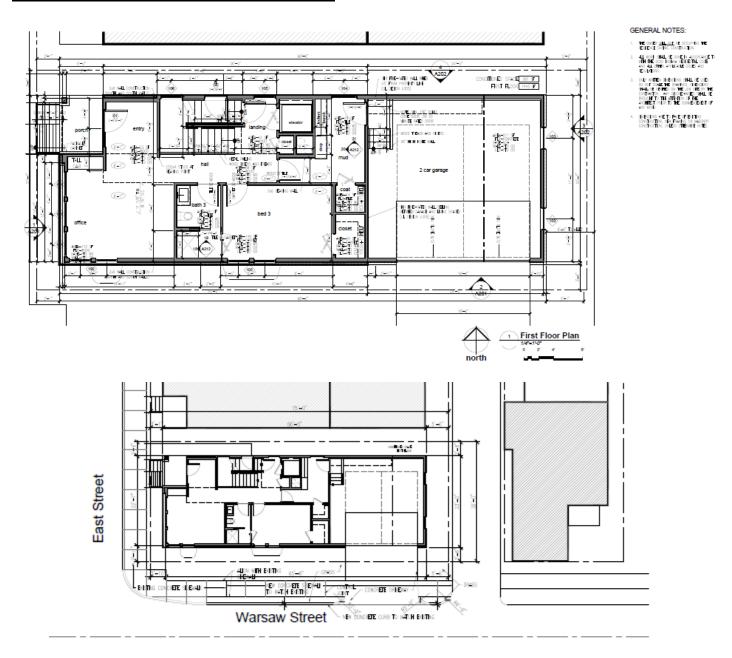
**2021-REG-090**; **509 South East Street**, requested Regional Center Approval to provide for demolition of an existing single-family dwelling and a detached accessory use structure and for construction of a three-story detached single-family dwelling and attached garage, **approved**.

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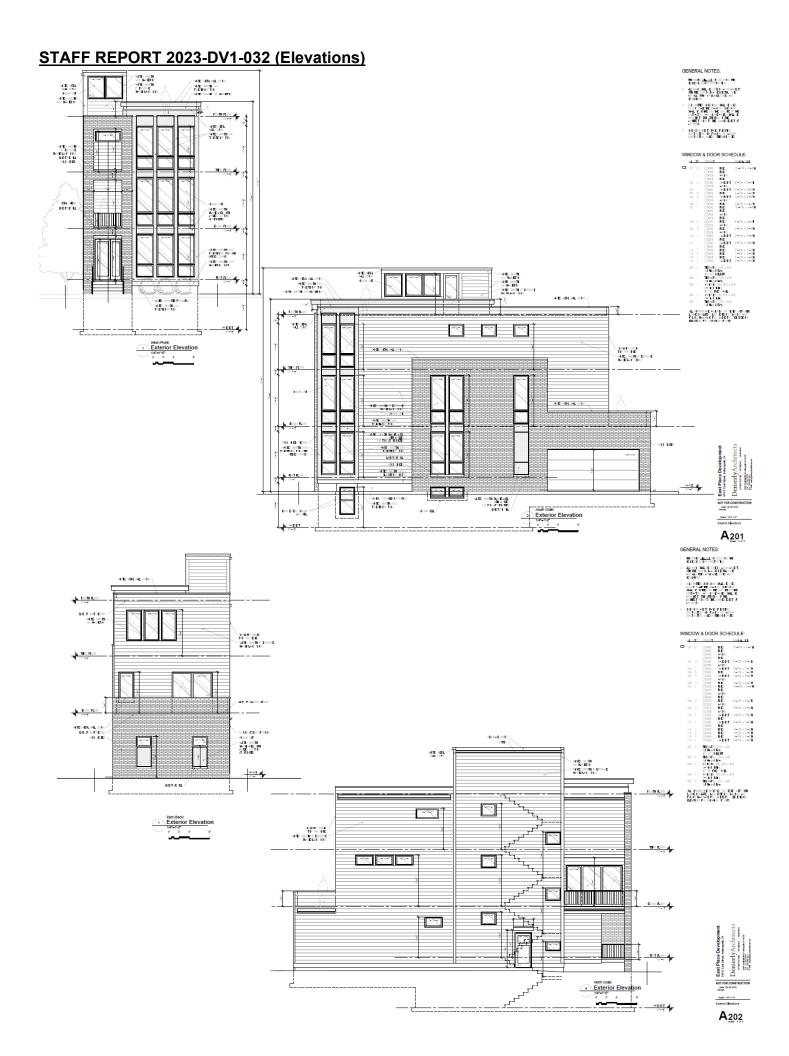


Zoning maps of the site

# STAFF REPORT 2023-DV1-032 (Site Plans)







STAFF REPORT 2023-DV1-032 (Photos)



View of subject site looking north along East Street sidewalk



View of subject site (top); views of dwellings along Warsaw Street looking east



View of the alley east of the subject site and the abutting dwelling to the east



View of an existing driveway access to a single-vehicle garage along Warsaw Street