

# Planning Zoning Historic Preservation Division

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## PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD REPORT

<u>PZB Project Number 22-01400040</u>: Consideration of a Major Site Plan, Conditional Use Permit (CUP), and Sustainable Bonus Incentive Program (SBIP) requests for the project commonly referred to as "Village Flats II" located at 1401 Lucerne Avenue. The project proposes to construct a 2-story, 10-unit multifamily development consisting of a 5-unit townhouse-style building and a 5-unit apartment-style building. The property is zoned Mixed Use – East (MU-E) and has a future land use designation of Mixed Use – East (MU-E).

Meeting Date: December 14, 2022

**Property Owner:** City of Lake Worth Beach

Community Redevelopment Agency

**Applicant:** InHabit Property Group, LLC.

**Project Manager:** Tim Carey

Address: 1401 Lucerne Avenue

PCN:

38-43-44-21-15-503-0050

**Size:** ±0.305 acres / 13,300 sf

**General Location:** On the southwest corner of

Lucerne Avenue and North D Street

**Existing Land Use:** Vacant

**Current Future Land Use Designation**: Mixed Use

East (MU-E)

**Zoning District:** Mixed Use – East (MU-E)

## **Location Map**



#### **RECOMMENDATION**

The documentation and materials provided with the application request were reviewed for compliance with the applicable guidelines and standards found in the City of Lake Worth Beach Land Development Regulations (LDRs), and for consistency with the Comprehensive Plan and Strategic Plan. The proposed Major Site Plan, Conditional Use, and Sustainable Bonus Incentive Program (SBIP) requests are consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, Strategic Plan, and LDRs, as conditioned. Therefore, a **recommendation of approval with conditions** is provided to the Planning and Zoning Board. The conditions are located on pages 8-10 of this report.

#### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The applicant, InHabit Property Group, LLC., is requesting approval of the multifamily development known as Village Flats II located at 1401 Lucerne Avenue:

- A **Major Site Plan** for the development of a two-story multifamily development in excess of 7,500 square feet and additional site improvements.
- A **Conditional Use Permit** request to develop a multifamily residential use structure greater than 7,500 square feet
- A Sustainable Bonus request for an additional Floor Area Ratio (FAR) of 0.14.

The Applicant is proposing a two-story, 10-unit multifamily development on a .305-acre lot with the purpose of improving the area while contributing to the residential uses surrounding the area. The proposed multifamily development includes a 5-unit townhouse-style building and 5-unit apartment-style building, garage parking, and site amenities. The proposed townhouse-style multifamily units will be 3-bedroom models with  $\pm$  1,625 square feet. The apartment units will include studios with  $\pm$  425 square feet. In addition to the proposed garage parking, on-street parking along the abutting rights-of-way (Lucerne Avenue and North D Street) is proposed.

The proposed project is a collaboration between the City of Lake Worth Beach, the Lake Worth Beach CRA, Royal Poinciana and Tropical Ridge Neighborhood Associations, and the applicant. The CRA sought redevelopment of CRA-owned vacant lots between Lake and Lucerne Avenues. The intent is to create a unified vision with similar uses in the District that complement the existing landscape as well as each other. Projects were required to be at least two to three stories in height.

All interested parties began brainstorming, designing, and meeting with Neighborhood Associations to get their input, InHabit worked on units that met the community's needs. Of chief importance to the City and the residents was a diversity of housing options and an architecturally distinctive project that was a minimum of three stories. During the December 2021 CRA Board meeting, the CRA Board approved the amended plans for the Project.

The proposed multifamily development will ensure compatibility with the surrounding mixed uses that include a mix of some commercial, single and multi-family residential, and live/work units. The surrounding area is an eclectic mix of architectural styles, the most significant of which are Florida Vernacular, Anglo-Caribbean, Contemporary, and Modern. The buildings in the neighborhood vary in height from one (1) to three (3) stories, with the exception of Lake Worth Towers at ten (10) stories.

## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

Staff has not received any letters of support or opposition for this application. Per LDR Section 23.2-20, Public Neighborhood Meeting, a public neighborhood meeting shall be required for all Planned Developments, Developments of Significant Impact, and Lake Worth Beach Community Redevelopment Agency sponsored new construction projects along the City's major thoroughfares as well as those utilizing the City's Sustainable Bonus Incentive Program, Transfer of Development Rights Program and/or Economic Investment Incentives.

On November 30, 2022, the applicant held a meeting with neighborhood residents at the Hatch1121 Art Gallery. Notices were mailed to all property owners within 400 ft of the project on November 15, 2022 and signs were placed on the property on November 15, 2022. There were twenty attendees at the meeting and no concerns were identified per the meeting minutes. The applicant also has a project Instagram with color renderings: <a href="https://www.instagram.com/villageflats/">https://www.instagram.com/villageflats/</a>

#### **BACKGROUND**

Below is a summary of the property based on Palm Beach Property Appraiser's records and City records:

**Construction:** Currently, there are no existing structures on the site.

**Use:** The property's existing use is vacant.

**Code Compliance:** There are no active code cases on the subject site.

#### **ANALYSIS**

## Consistency with the Comprehensive Plan and Strategic Plan

The subject site has a Future Land Use (FLU) designation of Mixed Use – East (MU-E). Per policy 1.1.1.5, The Mixed Use – East category is intended to provide for a mixture of residential, office, service and commercial retail uses within specific areas east of I-95, near or adjacent to the central commercial core and major thoroughfares of the City. The maximum density of permitted residential development is 30 dwelling units per acre. The preferred mix of uses area-wide is 75% residential and 25% non-residential. While mixed-use projects are allowed on a single site, it is not a requirement that each site within the category incorporate multiple uses. Zoning regulations implementing the Mixed Use – East category shall permit the establishment and expansion of residential (including single family, two-family and multi-family), office, service and commercial retail uses either as uses permitted by right or through conditional use permit provisions. All buildings are required to provide transitional buffering and design features to mitigate impact of the MU-E sites adjacent to residential zoning districts.

Analysis: The proposed residential use is an appropriate and intended use in the MU-E FLU designation. The project would allow for the infill of vacant in properties in the City's downtown west of US Highway 1 with an architectural appropriate and attractive design. The City's Strategic Plan focuses on fostering safer neighborhoods, encouraging community pride, building a vibrant and diverse economy, planning for the future, and enhancing the natural, historic, and cultural environment of the City. Pillar II and Pilar IV of the Strategic Plan state that the City shall strengthen Lake Worth Beach as a community of neighborhoods and navigate towards a sustainable community. Pillars II.A, II.B, IV.A, and IV.E of the Strategic Plan state that the City shall diversify housing options, continue crime reduction and prevention in achieving a safe, livable and friendly community, achieve financial sustainability and stable tax base, and ensuring facility placement, construction and development that anticipates and embraces the future. The proposed multifamily building and associated site improvements will contribute towards the City's Pillars II.A, II.B, IV.A, and IV.E of the Strategic Plan.

Based on the analysis above, the proposed development request is consistent with the goals, objectives, and polices of the City of Lake Worth Beach's Comprehensive Plan and Strategic Plan.

### **Consistency with the Land Development Regulations**

Mixed Use – East (MU-E): Per LDR Section 23.3-13(a), the "MU-E mixed use east district" is geared toward the commercial gateways and thoroughfares that are adjacent to the central commercial core of the city. The intent of MU-E district is to encourage the establishment and expansion of a broad range of office, commercial, hotel/motel and medium-density multiple-family residential development as well as to facilitate redevelopment within these areas that achieves a mix of residential and professional office land uses. It also strives to create a place of common vision and physical predictability for all new construction, renovations, and redevelopment. Certain commercial uses are not permitted along some

thoroughfares because they will be detrimental to the adjacent residential neighborhoods. The district implements in part the mixed-use land use category of the Lake Worth Comprehensive Plan.

The table and topic area analysis below evaluate the proposed site features and the project's compliance with the Code, including factoring in the Sustainable Bonus incentives and the Comprehensive Plan maximums:

Development Standard		Base Zoning District Mixed Use - East (MU-E)	MU-E w/ Sustainable Bonus Incentive Program (SBIP)	Provided
Lot Size (min) In square feet (sf)		6,500 sf	6,500 sf	.305 acres (13,300 sf)
Lot Width (min) Lake Avenue and Lucerne Avenue		25'	25′	140′
	Front (min) – North Lucerne Avenue	10'	10′	10'- 1½"
Setbacks	Rear (min) – South Alley	10′	10′	10'-1¼"
	Street Side (min) – East North D Street	10′	10′	12'-6"
	Side Interior (min) – West	0'	0′	13′-3″
Impermeable Surface Coverage (maximum)		80%	80%	<b>72.98%</b> ¹
Struc	ture Coverage (max)	60%	60%	53.6%
Density (max)		30 du/acre (9 units)	30 du/acre (9 units)	32.8 du/acre (10 units)  Workforce Deed Restricted Unit(s) Required: 1 unit Provided: 1 unit
Building Height (max)		30' (max. 2 stories)	45' (max. 4 stories)	29'-6" (2-stories total) Mean Roof Height of Gable Roof
Maximum Wall Height at Side Setback		30′	45′	29'-6" (2-stories total) Mean Roof Height of Gable Roof
Floor Area Ratio (FAR) (max)		0.90	1.4	1.04 (13,862 sf)
Living Are (minimum	Studio	400 sf	400 sf	425 sf
	One-bedroom units (apartments)	600 sf	600 sf	NA
		750 sf	750 sf	NA
	Three-bedroom units (townhome-style MF)	900 sf	900 sf	1,625 sf
Parking		17 spaces	NA	18 spaces

	Wellfield Zone 3				
1. Staff has included a condition of approval that through a minor site plan amendment the impervious surface coverage shall be reduced to comply with the maximum by reducing the area and/or installing permeable pavers.					

**Section 12-7, Dumpster Requirements:** The location of all dumpsters shall be approved by the public services director or his designee and/or the building official or his designee. All dumpsters shall meet the requirements set forth in this section and all other ordinances, rules, regulations and policies adopted by the city.

**Analysis:** The applicant has indicated that refuse will be collected in City approved trash cans and stored away from any sightlines. Tenants will be responsible for enclosures to store refuse cans and recyclable cans through lease agreements. Trash and recyclables will be located, designed, and screened to minimize impacts of noise, glare, and odor from adjacent properties and tenants. Planning and Zoning staff is proposing a condition for the applicant to coordinate with Public Works on the location and screening of the refuse areas.

**Section 23.4-3, Exterior Lighting:** All outdoor lighting shall be installed in conformance with the provisions of this chapter, applicable electrical and energy codes, and applicable sections of the building code.

**Analysis:** Staff has included a condition of approval that photometric plan shall be submitted in a Minor Site Plan amendment to demonstrate compliance with the exterior lighting requirements in Section 23.4-3. A recommended condition of approval has been provided requiring the proposed lighting to comply with Dark Skies lighting recommendations. The proposed fixtures shall be required to have a warm tone setting of 3000K or less. The proposed fixtures may be substituted with similar fully shielded light fixtures at building permit to achieve a warm LED light tone of 3000K or less if the proposed fixture cannot be set to provide the required light tone.

**Section 23.4-10. - Off-street parking:** This section provides general provisions for off-street parking. The standards "apply to all parking spaces required for new buildings, new uses, additions, enlargements, or changes."

**Analysis**: The required parking for the multi-family use proposal is 17 spaces. The parking spaces were calculated at the following:

- 2 spaces/unit for the multi-family three-bedroom unit proposal (10 spaces for 5 units)
- 1.25 spaces/unit for the multi-family efficiency unit proposal (8 spaces for 5 units)

A total of 18 parking spaces are provided, which exceeds the required parking by one (1) space. Parking is a mix of garage parking for the townhome-style units (10 spaces) and standard on-street parking (8 spaces). The on-street parking for this project, as it is depicted in the site plan, is existing along Lucerne Avenue and North D Street. The Public Works Department has requested that the applicant provide a sidewalk extension along the east side of North D Street and a new Type D curb.

**Section 23.5-1- Signage:** Signage is required to comply with the size and design requirements in the Land Development Regulations. The proposed signage will be reviewed at building permit for consistency with these requirements.

**Section 23.6-1. - Landscape regulations:** The objective of this section is to provide minimum standards for the installation and maintenance of landscaping within the City. Per Section 23.6-1(c)(2), "on the site of a building or open-lot use providing an off-street parking, storage or other vehicular use area, where such an area will not be screened visually by an intervening building or structure from an abutting right-of-way or dedicated alley, shall require landscaping" consistent with this section including a landscape strip ten (10) feet in depth.

**Analysis:** The development proposal provides perimeter landscaping and shade trees. The proposed landscaping is consistent with the City's landscape regulations and the Major Thoroughfare Design Guidelines. Tree species include a mix of Green Buttonwood, Pink Tabebuia, Simpsons Stopper and Wax Myrtle for the perimeter and interior plantings along with multiple native and non-native shrubs, grasses and groundcovers. The proposed landscape complies with the City's requirement that 75% of all required plants be Florida native.

As required by the tree removal provisions in the landscape regulations, the applicant submitted a tree survey and disposition plan that was reviewed by staff. The diameter at breast height (DBH) for the existing trees with a condition rating of fifty (50) percent or greater on the property is used to calculate the replacement tree requirement. Although multiple trees such as Mango, Coconut Palms, and Sea Grape with condition ratings of less than 50% are proposed to be removed mitigation is not required due to on-site replacement in accordance with the City's Landscape regulations.

Affordable/Workforce Housing Program Ordinance 2022-12: The proposed project was submitted to the City prior to Ordinance 2022-12 becoming effective. However, the applicant is selecting to opt-in to the workforce housing program. Tier One of the program allows for a 15% density bonus provided those units are deed restricted in accordance of the provision in this ordinance.

**Analysis:** The applicant is proposing 10 dwelling units of which 1 is required to be deed restricted as consistent with the income restrictions as provided for in this ordinance. Staff has included a condition of approval to ensure this requirement is satisfied.

# Section 23.2-31 - Site Design Qualitative Standards (Attachment A)

Site Design Qualitative Standards are intended to "promote safety and minimize negative impacts of development on its neighbors by establishing qualitative requirements for the arrangements of buildings, structures, parking areas, landscaping and other site improvements. The qualitative standards are designed to ensure that site improvements are arranged in ways which cannot be otherwise accomplished with quantitative standards." These qualitative standards are applicable to site plan applications as well as all conditional uses. The Major Thoroughfare Design Guidelines are an adopted component of these Site Design Qualitative Standards as per Section 23.2-31(j), which are applicable to properties adjacent to the City's major thoroughfares inclusive of the subject site. Compliance determination with the applicable standards in Section 23.2-31 are provided in Attachment A. The following analysis of the site, building, vehicular use area and appearance support the compliance findings for the applicable standards listed in Attachment A and in the Major Thoroughfare Design Guidelines.

Site Design Qualitative Standards Analysis (including vehicular use areas) and Major Thoroughfare Design Guidelines: The proposed improvements to the site, including landscaping and architecture, are generally consistent with the Major Thoroughfare Design Guidelines. The character of the proposed development is consistent with the vision for the Major Thoroughfare Design Guidelines, providing for vibrant, diverse, safe, inviting and sustainable features. The perimeter public sidewalks provide walkability and connectivity to the on-site pedestrian walkways. The primary frontage of the building is placed along Lucerne Avenue, with garage parking within the site, such that it minimizes any adverse effects to its neighbors. Driveway access is placed on the south (alley), minimizing vehicular interaction with the pedestrian circulation. Additional on-street parking is placed along Lucerne Avenue and North D Street. A primary building is proposed with 5 units, a central courtyard separates the rear secondary structure that contains garage parking on the ground floor and studio apartments on the second floor. Adequate interior and perimeter landscaping are provided with a variety of trees and hedges. The landscaping of the perimeter buffers is designed to compliment the architectural style of the buildings. The proposed improvements to the site are harmonious as a whole, will improve the aesthetics of the site, and will be an asset to the neighborhood.

The existing uses in the surrounding area are as follows:

Direction	Future Land Use	Zoning District	Existing Use
North	Mixed Use – East (MU-E)	Mixed Use – East (MU-E)	Lucerne Avenue ROW / Stores
South	Mixed Use – East (MU-E)	Mixed Use – East (MU-E)	Alley ROW / Restaurant and Multi-family residential
East	Mixed Use – East (MU-E)	Mixed Use – East (MU-E)	North D Street ROW / Single- family residence
West	Mixed Use – East (MU-E)	Mixed Use – East (MU-E)	Restaurant

The proposed uses and site improvements will not negatively affect the existing surrounding properties and uses. The proposed changes are harmonious and compatible with the existing mixed-use area.

## **Community Appearance Criteria:**

The proposed multifamily development project including new construction, new landscaping, and associated site improvements represent an enhancement in the general appearance of the property over the existing vacant lot. The proposed architecture style (Anglo-Caribbean) of the building is appropriate and in harmony with the surrounding residential and nonresidential area. Consistent with the chosen architectural style, the exterior finishes include a smooth stucco, decorative shutters, eaves, and trim. In addition, awnings are incorporated in the design. Aluminum sliding windows are proposed with divided-light patterns that replicate the appearance of casement windows. Decorative parapets are designed to be compatible with Anglo-Caribbean architectural style of the buildings. However, Staff has concerns related to the lack of fenestration patterns on the east elevation (fronting North D Street). A condition of approval has been added to ensure additional fenestration is proposed in a Minor Site Plan amendment. Overall, the proposed project represents a substantial improvement in the visual appearance over the existing property and is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, Major Thoroughfare Design Guidelines, and the City's Land Development Regulations (LDRs). The project is in conformity with the principals of good design and quality and is in harmony with the City and the surrounding area as conditioned.

## **Conditional Use Findings (Attachment B)**

Conditional uses are those uses that are generally compatible with the other uses permitted in a district, but that require individual review of their location, design, structure, configuration, density and intensity of use, and may require the imposition of conditions pertinent thereto in order to ensure the appropriateness and compatibility of the use at a particular location and to prevent or minimize potential adverse impacts to the surrounding area. The project proposal includes a conditional use request to establish a residential master plan greater than 7,500 square feet.

The proposed conditional use is not anticipated to impact the surrounding area greater than uses permitted by right. The site is currently vacant and is proposing multifamily buildings that does not utilize the maximum development potential. The building will be served by municipal services, including water, sewer, refuse, fire and police. The site is located on an arterial roadway. The proposed associated site improvements would provide new screening and site circulation.

### Section 23.2-33(c) - Sustainable Bonus Incentive Program (SBIP)

The City of Lake Worth Beach Sustainable Bonus Incentive Program (SBIP) is intended to implement Objective 1.2.3 of the City's Comprehensive Plan which states the City shall establish incentives to help support the creation of a compact, sustainable, community-oriented development by implementing a Sustainable Bonus Incentive Program. The Program

offers the opportunity to attain an option for increased height in exchange for the incorporation of sustainable design features, community-based improvements and overall design excellence as part of a development proposal.

Per Policy 1.2.3.4 of the City's Comprehensive Plan, "incorporation of Sustainable features is required for developments over two stories, which allows for increases in density, height and intensity over base line maximums. Annually, the City Commission shall establish base line sustainable bonus values required to participate in the program." The applicant is asking for a bonus height which is less than the maximum allowances that can be permitted for height through a sustainable bonus incentive in a MU-E zoning district.

The total square footage of the bonus area above the maximum FAR is +/- 1,892 square feet. Therefore, the value of required improvements for the SBIP bonus areas is \$14,190 (1,892 square feet x \$7.50 per sf). Fifty percent (50%) of the incentive award value is \$7,095, which the applicant is required to pay to the City. For the remaining 50% of the incentive award value (\$7,095), the applicant may propose qualified on-site improvements or provide additional payment to the City.

#### **CONCLUSION AND CONDITIONS**

The MU-E zoning district is geared toward the commercial gateways and thoroughfares that are adjacent to the central commercial core of the city. The intent of MU-E district is to encourage the establishment and expansion of a broad range of office, commercial, hotel/motel, and medium-density multiple-family residential development as well as to facilitate redevelopment within these areas that achieves a mix of residential and professional office land uses. It also strives to create a place of common vision and physical predictability for all new construction, renovations, and redevelopment.

Based on the data and analysis in this report and the supporting materials by the applicant, the proposed site plan, building design, landscaping, and site circulation are appropriate and consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan, Strategic Plan, Major Thoroughfare Design Guidelines, and Land Development Regulations. The proposed site circulation, parking, and refuse are anticipated to minimize and/or mitigate any impacts of the multifamily proposal on the adjacent and proximate uses. Therefore, a recommendation of approval is provided to the PZB with the following conditions:

## **Planning & Zoning**

- 1. Fifty percent of the sustainable bonus fee shall be paid to the City within one year of approval, or prior to the issuance of the building permit, whichever comes first.
- 2. The applicant shall provide qualifying sustainable bonus features equal to 50% of the sustainable bonus fee, or shall be required to pay the remaining incentive value in its entirety prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy.
- 3. One (1) unit shall be deed restricted for workforce housing prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for the building.
- 4. The roofing material shall be concrete tile or metal, consistent with the proposed architectural style.
- 5. Prior to issuance of a building permit, the applicant shall submit the final School District Availability Determination from the PBC School District and shall pay all applicable fees to PBC prior to the issuance of a building permit.
- 6. The proposed multifamily project shall comply with Palm Beach County's Unified Land Development Best Management Practices for Wellfield Protection.
- 7. A video security system shall be required for the property.
- 8. Prior to building permit application, an address application shall be required to be submitted prior to application for building permit.
- 9. Prior to the issuance of building permit, a Minor Site Plan amendment to implement the following:
  - a. Coordinate with Electric Utilities regarding the location of the utility pole on the south side of the property and ensure permanent structures are not located within the easement.

- b. Reconfigure the rear secondary structure to ensure the parking provided off the alley provides a 20' back-out, including the width of the alley in accordance with LDR Section 23.4-10 (b)(1)(A).
- c. Reconfigure the front porch to ensure it does encroach more than 2' into the required front setback in accordance with LDR Section 23.3-13.
- d. The site table shall be revised to list the correct FAR maximums in accordance with MU-E regulations.
- e. The impervious surface coverage shall be reduced to comply with the maximum by reducing the area and/or installing permeable pavers with a percolation rate of at least fifty (50) percent relative to the ground percolation rate in accordance with LDR Section 23.1-12.
- f. The site data table shall be revised to indicate 10 units are proposed. Also, the workforce housing density bonus shall be noted.
- g. On the elevation drawings, provide height measurements in accordance with LDC Section 23.1-12.
- h. On the site plan, update the front and rear setbacks on the site data table to be consistent with site plan measurement.
- i. A photometric plan shall be submitted. All lighting shall comply with lighting code regulations in LDR Section 23.4-3. Further, lighting fixtures shall comply with dark skies fixture recommendations, including a 3000K light tone or less for LED lighting, and shall be consistent with the architectural style of the project as determined by the Development Review Official.
- j. Additional fenestration patterns shall be incorporated on the east elevation.

## **Landscape Services**

1. Provide ISA Arborist condition rating reports for all trees with a condition rating of 50% or less that are proposed to be removed.

#### **Public Works**

#### **Standard Conditions of Approval:**

- 1. The issuance of any permits shall comply with all provisions of the Lake Worth Municipal Code and all other applicable standards including but not limited to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), and City of Lake Worth Public Works Construction Standards and Policy and Procedure Manual.
- 2. No Certificate of Occupancy shall be granted until all conditions of approval have been satisfied under jurisdiction of the Department of Public Works.
- 3. In the event of a legal challenge to this approval, the applicant/owner shall be responsible for all costs to defend the action of the city in approving any and all permits related to this application. Should the applicant fail to enter into an agreement to fund the costs of litigation, the city, at its discretion, may rescind this approval and revoke all permits issued.

## **Additional Conditions of Approval**

- 1. Prior to issuance of a building permit:
  - a. Contact and meet with a representative from the Public Works Solid Waste and Recycling Division to confirm dumpster enclosure location, accessibility and demand on property and that it is compatible with the requirements of the Department of Public Works. Solid Waste and Recycling Division contact number is 561-533-7344.
  - b. Submit an Erosion Control plan and indicate the BMP's and NPDES compliance practices.
- 2. Prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy:
  - a. The applicant shall construct new a Type D curb and a new 5-foot wide sidewalk extension along the east side of North D Street in compliance with the Public Works Department's specifications and Policy and Procedure Manual.
  - b. Ensure the entire surrounding off-site infrastructure inclusive of the roadway, sidewalk, curbing, stormwater system piping and structures, valve boxes, manholes, landscaping, striping, signage, and other improvements are in the same condition as prior to construction. A pre-construction video of the entire perimeter shall be performed and submitted to the City.

- c. Fine grade and sod all disturbed areas with bahia sod.
- d. Broom sweep all areas of the affected right of way and remove of all silt and debris collected as a result of construction activity.
- e. Restore the right of way to a like or better condition. Any damages to pavement, curbing, striping, sidewalks or other areas shall be restored in kind.
- 3. Prior to performing work in the right of way, apply for and receive issuance of a "Right of Way/Utility Permit" application.

#### **Utilities - Water & Sewer**

- 1. Drainage sections lines for this proposed property should be provided to ensure the entire site drainage is collected in the proposed stormwater management system. Yard drains may be required to assist with routing and collection of the stormwater.
- 2. The survey states the Alley R/W recording information is unknown. If this alleyway has not been recorded the applicant shall dedicate the 5' width of the alleyway as R/W to the City.
- 3. Landscaping plan to be prepared so that no trees are proposed within the proposed R/W or utility easement.

#### **Electric Utilities**

- 1. Before or at the time of application for a Building Permit, Developer must provide the load calculation, voltage requirements and riser diagram.
- 2. Developer to show the location of the meter center on the site plan.
- 3. Developer will be responsible for installing their own lightning for the parking areas.
- 4. Developer will be responsible for the cost of Lake Worth Beach's materials and labor for this project.
- 5. Before the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy (CO) a final electrical inspection must be done.
- 6. City of Lake Worth Utility has electric poles in the alley on the south side of the property and a 10-foot surrounding easement. No rigid or permanent structures will be approved within this easement.

## **BOARD POTENTIAL MOTION:**

I move to <u>approve with conditions</u> the request for the Major Site Plan, Conditional Use Permit (CUP), and Sustainable Bonus Incentive Program (SBIP) requests for Village Flats II at 1401 Lucerne Avenue based on upon the competent and substantial evidence provided in the staff report and in the testimony at the public hearing.

I move to <u>disapprove</u> the request for the Major Site Plan, Conditional Use Permit (CUP), and Sustainable Bonus Incentive Program (SBIP) requests for Village Flats II at 1401 Lucerne Avenue. The project does not meet the conditional use criteria for the following reasons [Board member please state reasons.].

## **ATTACHMENTS**

- A. Qualitative Development Standards
- B. Conditional Use Findings
- C. Application Package (site plan, architectural plans & supporting documents)

# ATTACHMENT A – Qualitative Development Standards

## Section 23.2-31(c) -Qualitative Development Standards

**Analysis** 

1. Harmonious and efficient organization. All elements of the site plan shall be harmoniously and efficiently organized in relation to topography, the size and type of plot, the character of adjoining property and the type and size of buildings. The site shall be developed so as to not impede the normal and orderly development or improvement of surrounding property for uses permitted in these LDRs.

In compliance

2. **Preservation of natural conditions.** The natural (refer to landscape code, Article 6 of these LDRs) landscape shall be preserved in its natural state, insofar as practical, by minimizing tree and soil removal and by such other site planning approaches as are appropriate. Terrain and vegetation shall not be disturbed in a manner likely to significantly increase either wind or water erosion within or adjacent to a development site. Natural detention areas and other means of natural vegetative filtration of stormwater runoff shall be used to minimize ground and surface water pollution, particularly adjacent to major waterbodies. Fertilizer/pesticide conditions may be attached to development adjacent to waterbodies. Marinas shall be permitted only in water with a mean low tide depth of four feet or more.

In compliance

3. **Screening and buffering.** Fences, walls or vegetative screening shall be provided where needed and practical to protect residents and users from undesirable views, lighting, noise, odors or other adverse off-site effects, and to protect residents and users of off-site development from on-site adverse effects. This section may be interpreted to require screening and buffering in addition to that specifically required by other sections of these LDRs, but not less.

In compliance

4. **Enhancement of residential privacy.** The site plan shall provide reasonable, visual and acoustical privacy for all dwelling units located therein and adjacent thereto. Fences, walks, barriers and vegetation shall be arranged for the protection and enhancement of property and to enhance the privacy of the occupants.

In compliance

5. **Emergency access**. Structures and other site features shall be so arranged as to permit emergency In compliance vehicle access by some practical means to all sides of all buildings.

6. Access to public ways. All buildings, dwelling units and other facilities shall have safe and convenient access to a public street, walkway or other area dedicated to common use; curb cuts close to railroad +crossings shall be avoided.

In compliance

7. **Pedestrian circulation.** There shall be provided a pedestrian circulation system which is insulated as completely as reasonably possible from the vehicular circulation system.

In compliance

8. Design of ingress and egress drives. The location, size and numbers of ingress and egress drives In compliance to the site will be arranged to minimize the negative impacts on public and private ways and on adjacent private property. Merging and turnout lanes traffic dividers shall be provided where they would significantly improve safety for vehicles and pedestrians.

9. Coordination of on-site circulation with off-site circulation. The arrangement of public or In compliance common ways for vehicular and pedestrian circulation shall be coordinated with the pattern of

existing or planned streets and pedestrian or bicycle pathways in the area. Minor streets shall not be connected to major streets in such a way as to facilitate improper utilization.

10. **Design of on-site public right-of-way (ROW).** On-site public street and rights-of-way shall be designed to for maximum efficiency. They shall occupy no more land than is required to provide access, nor shall they unnecessarily fragment development into small blocks. Large developments containing extensive public rights-of-way shall have said rights-of-way arranged in a hierarchy with local streets providing direct access to parcels and other streets providing no or limited access to parcels.

In compliance

11. **Off-street parking, loading and vehicular circulation areas.** Off-street parking, loading and vehicular circulation areas shall be located, designed and screened to minimize the impact of noise, glare and odor on adjacent property.

In compliance

- 12. *Refuse and service areas.* Refuse and service areas shall be located, designed and screened to **In compliance** minimize the impact of noise, glare and odor on adjacent property.
- 13. **Protection of property values**. The elements of the site plan shall be arranged so as to have **In compliance** minimum negative impact on the property values of adjoining property.
- 14. **Transitional development.** Where the property being developed is located on the edge of the zoning district, the site plan shall be designed to provide for a harmonious transition between districts. Building exteriors shall complement other buildings in the vicinity in size, scale, mass, bulk, rhythm of openings and character. Consideration shall be given to a harmonious transition in height and design style so that the change in zoning districts is not accentuated. Additional consideration shall be given to complementary setbacks between the existing and proposed development.

In compliance

15. **Consideration of future development.** In finding whether or not the above standards are met, the review authority shall consider likely future development as well as existing development.

In compliance

#### Section 23.2-31(d) - Qualitative Buildings, generally

**Analysis** 

In compliance

1. Buildings or structures which are part of a present or future group or complex shall have a unity of character and design. The relationship of forms of the use, texture and color of material shall be such as to create one (1) harmonious whole. When the area involved forms an integral part of, is immediately adjacent to, or otherwise clearly affects the future of any established section of the city, the design, scale and location of the site shall enhance rather than detract from the character, value and attractiveness of the surroundings. Harmonious does not mean or require that the buildings be the same.

In compliance

2. Buildings or structures located along strips of land or on a single site, and not a part of a unified multi-building complex shall achieve as much visual harmony with the surroundings as is possible under the circumstances. If a building is built in an undeveloped area, three (3) primary requirements shall be met, including honest design construction, proper design concepts, and appropriateness to the city.

In compliance

3. All façades visible to public or adjacent property shall be designed to create a harmonious whole. Materials shall express their function clearly and not appear foreign to the rest of the building.

4. The concept of harmony shall not infer that buildings must look alike or be of the same style. Harmony can be achieved through the proper consideration of scale, mass, bulk, proportion, height, orientation, site planning, landscaping, materials, rhythm of solids to voids and architectural components including but not limited to porches, roof types, fenestration, orientation and stylistic expression.

In compliance

5. Look-alike buildings shall not be allowed unless, in the opinion of the board, there is sufficient separation to preserve the aesthetic character of the present or evolving neighborhood. This is not to be construed to prohibit the duplication of floor plans and exterior treatment in a planned development where, in the opinion of the board, the aesthetics or the development depend upon, or are enhanced by the look-alike buildings and their relationship to each other.

**Not Applicable** 

6. Buildings, which are of symbolic design for reasons of advertising, unless otherwise compatible with the criteria herein, will not be approved by the board. Symbols attached to the buildings will not be allowed unless they are secondary in appearance to the building and landscape and are an aesthetic asset to the building, project and neighborhood.

**Not Applicable** 

7. Exterior lighting may be used to illuminate a building and its grounds for safety purposes, but in an aesthetic manner. Lighting is not to be used as a form of advertising in a manner that is not compatible to the neighborhood or in a manner that draws considerably more attention to the building or grounds at night than in the day. Lighting following the form of the building or part of the building will not be allowed if, in the opinion of the board, the overall effect will be detrimental to the environment. All fixtures used in exterior lighting are to be selected for functional as well as aesthetic value.

In compliance, as conditioned

8. Building surfaces, walls and roofs shall be compatible and in harmony with the neighborhood.

In compliance

9. "Take-out" or "pick-up" windows of retail or wholesale establishments shall not be located on a building façade that faces a public right-of-way, unless they are designed in such a manner as to constitute an aesthetic asset to the building and neighborhood.

**Not Applicable** 

10. All exterior forms, attached to buildings, shall be in conformity to and secondary to the building. They shall be an asset to the aesthetics of the site and to the neighborhood.

In compliance

11. All telephones, vending machines, or any facility dispensing merchandise, or a service on private property, shall be confined to a space built into the building or buildings or enclosed in a separate structure compatible with the main building, and where appropriate and feasible, should not be readily visible from off-premises.

**Not Applicable** 

12. Buildings of a style or style-type foreign to south Florida or its climate will not be allowed. It is also to be understood that buildings which do not conform to the existing or to the evolving atmosphere of the city, even though possessing historical significance to south Florida, may not be approved.

**Not Applicable** 

13. No advertising will be allowed on any exposed amenity or facility such as benches and trash In compliance containers.

14. Light spillage restriction. The applicant shall make adequate provision to ensure that light spillage onto adjacent residential properties is minimized.

In compliance, as conditioned

## Section 23.2-31(h) - Criteria for parking lots and vehicular use areas

**Analysis** 

1. Parking lots and other vehicular use areas are to be designed as an aesthetic asset to a neighborhood and to the building, group of buildings, or facility they serve. A parking lot is to be considered an outside space; a transitional space that is located between access areas (such as roads) and the building, group of buildings or other outside spaces which it serves. The parking lot, because it is viewed from above as well as at eye level, should be designed accordingly.

In compliance

2. Parking lots, vehicular use areas, and vehicles parked therein are to be effectively screened from the public view and from adjacent property in a manner that is attractive and compatible with safety, the neighborhood and the facility served.

In compliance

3. The responsibility for beautification and design of a parking lot is the same as that which a homeowner has to his residential lot. The atmosphere within a parking lot or vehicular use area is to be as pleasant and park-like as possible, rather than a harsh stand of paving. Trees are of primary importance to the landscape and are not to be minimized in either height or quantity. Trees impart a sense of three-dimensional space in a relatively flat area. Trees cast shadows that help to reduce the monotony of an expanse of paving and create a refuge from the tropical sun. Signs designating entrances, exits and regulations are to be of a tasteful design and shall be subject to review by the board. Consideration may be given to use of pavement which is varied in texture or color to designate lanes for automobile traffic, pedestrian walks and parking spaces. Brightly colored pavement is to be used with restraint. In order to create a pleasant atmosphere, it is recommended that consideration be given to sculpture, fountains, gardens, pools and benches. Design emphasis is to be given to the entrance and exit areas of the lot. Trash, refuse and unaesthetic storage and mechanical equipment shall be screened from the parking lot.

In compliance

4. Lighting is to be designed for visual effects as well as safety and resistance to vandalism. Care should be taken not to create a nuisance to the neighborhood from brightness or glare. Low lights in modest scale can be used along with feature lighting emphasizing plants, trees, barriers, entrances and exits. The fixtures are to be selected for functional value and aesthetic quality. Fixtures should be regarded as "furniture of the parking lot" which are visible both day and night.

In compliance, as conditioned

## Section 23.2-31(I) – Community Appearance Criteria

**Analysis** 

1. The plan for the proposed structure or project is in conformity with good taste, good design, and in general contributes to the image of the city as a place of beauty, spaciousness, harmony, taste, fitness, broad vistas and high quality.

In compliance

2. The proposed structure or project is not, in its exterior design and appearance, of inferior quality such as to cause the nature of the local environment or evolving environment to materially depreciate in appearance and value.

In compliance

3. The proposed structure or project is in harmony with the proposed developments in the general area, with code requirements pertaining to site plan, signage and landscaping, and the comprehensive plan for the city, and with the criteria set forth herein.

In compliance

4. The proposed structure or project is in compliance with this section and 23.2-29, Conditional Use In compliance Permits (CUP), as applicable.

## **ATTACHMENT B - Findings for Granting Conditional Uses**

Prior to approving any conditional use permit, the decision-making authority shall find based on competent and substantial evidence that the following criteria related to conditional uses are met:

Section 23.2-29(d) General findings relating to harmony with LDRs and protection of public interest.	Analysis
1. The conditional use exactly as proposed at the location where proposed will be in harmony with the uses which, under these LDRs and the future land use element, are most likely to occur in the immediate area where located.	In compliance
2. The conditional use exactly as proposed at the location where proposed will be in harmony with existing uses in the immediate area where located.	In compliance
3. The conditional use exactly as proposed will not result in substantially less public benefit or greater harm than would result from use of the site for some use permitted by right or some other conditional use permitted on the site.	In compliance
4. The conditional use exactly as proposed will not result in more intensive development in advance of when such development is approved by the future land use element of the comprehensive plan.	In compliance
Section 23.2-29(e) Specific findings for all conditional uses.	Analysis
1. The proposed conditional use will not generate traffic volumes or movements which will result	In compliance

1.	The proposed conditional use will not generate traffic volumes or movements which will result in a significant adverse impact or reduce the level of service provided on any street to a level lower than would result from a development permitted by right.	In compliance
2.	The proposed conditional use will not result in a significantly greater amount of through traffic on local streets than would result from a development permitted by right and is appropriately located with respect to collector and arterial streets	In compliance
3.	The proposed conditional use will not produce significant air pollution emissions, or will appropriately mitigate anticipated emissions to a level compatible with that which would result from a development permitted by right.	In compliance
4.	The proposed conditional use will be so located in relation to the thoroughfare system that neither extension nor enlargement nor any other alteration of that system in a manner resulting in higher net public cost or earlier incursion of public cost than would result from development permitted by right.	In compliance
5.	The proposed conditional use will be so located in relation to water lines, sanitary sewers, storm sewers, surface drainage systems and other utility systems that neither extension nor	In compliance

6. The proposed conditional use will not place a demand on municipal police or fire protection service beyond the capacity of those services, except that the proposed facility may place a demand on municipal police or fire protection services which does not exceed that likely to result from a development permitted by right.

enlargement nor any other alteration of such systems in a manner resulting in higher net public cost or earlier incursion of public cost than would result from development permitted by right.

In compliance

- 7. The proposed conditional use will not generate significant noise, or will appropriately mitigate anticipated noise to a level compatible with that which would result from a development permitted by right. Any proposed use must meet all the requirements and stipulations set forth in section 15.24, Noise control.
- 8. The proposed conditional use will not generate light or glare which encroaches onto any **In compliance** residential property in excess of that allowed in section 23.4-10, Exterior lighting.