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Planning Commission Staff Report

Project Type: Amended Site Development Plan

Meeting Date: August 14, 2017

From: Cassie Harashe, AICP

Project Planner

Location: Northwestern corner of the intersection of Long Road and Edison Avenue

Applicant: Stock and Associates Consulting Engineers, Inc. on behalf of Pets & Company

Description: Tower Center, Lot AA (Pets & Company): An Amended Site Development

Plan, Amended Architectural Elevations and Statement of Design for a 2.01 acre tract of land zoned "PC" Planned Commercial District located on the

northwest corner of Long Road and Edison Avenue.

PROPOSAL SUMMARY

Pets and Company is currently operating a kennel with outdoor play areas for the animals. This request is to extend the outdoor play area for the dogs by covering the western drive aisle and a total of 8 parking spaces near the front of their location with crushed aggregate and K9 grass and installing two types of fencing, a black aluminum fence (in heights of 72" around the outdoor perimeter, and 48" separating playing areas) and half faux stone wall-half black aluminum fence, totaling 72" in height near the entrance of the building to aid in screening. Please refer to the included images of the existing fencing and the attached Amended Site Development Plan.

HISTORY OF SUBJECT SITE

This development was rezoned to "PC" Planned Commercial District in 2000 by Ordinance No. 1677. In March of 2004, a new preliminary plan was approved for Ordinance No. 1677. Five months later, in August 2004, a Site Development Plan, Landscape Plan, Architectural Elevations, and Lighting Plan for the entire site were approved by the Planning Commission. Then in December 2005, Ordinance 2227 replaced 1677, which modified the setback requirements. This is the ordinance which currently governs the subject site. Between 2005 and 2015, the property was subdivided into two lots, and two amended site development plans were approved resulting in the site's current

appearance (as shown below). The applicant is proposing to utilize the same style of divided fence in conjunction with the proposed expansion of the outdoor play yard.

LAND USE AND ZONING OF SURROUNDING PROPERTIES:

Direction	Zoning	Land Use
North	"PC" Planned Commercial District	Monarch Fire Protection District
		House 5
South	"PC" Planned Commercial District	Retail/Restaurant uses in the Towne
		Centre Development
East	"PC" Planned Commercial District	Fuel Station/Restaurant/Car Wash in
		the Monarch Center Development
West	"PI" Planned Industrial District	Veterinary Hospital and General
		Offices in the Chesterfield Business
		Park Development



Figure 1: Location of Pets & Company

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ANALYSIS

The subject site is located within Ward 4 of the City of Chesterfield and the Chesterfield Valley Sub-Area. The City of Chesterfield Land Use Plan indicates these parcels are within the *Mixed Use* (Retail/Office/Warehouse) which is defined as a mixture of office, office /warehouse distribution and retail development with a maximum height of 3 stories (45 feet above grade). Development should have "business park" quality.

The Comprehensive Plan includes Commercial Development Policies as well as specific policies which are applicable to developments within the Chesterfield Valley Sub-Area.

Comprehensive Plan Policies

 3.1.1 Quality of Design—Overall design standards should be provided for smaller-scale, mixeduse, project-oriented developments. Developments should emphasize architectural design, pedestrian circulation, landscaping, open space, innovative parking solutions and landscape buffering between any adjacent residential uses.

This project is part of a small-scale and mixed-use development and it increases the open space.

• **3.1 Quality Commercial Development**—The intent of this policy is to ensure developments positively reflect the image of the City of Chesterfield, provide employment opportunities and offer retail and service options to residents.

This project was reviewed by the Architectural Review Board. See pages 5-6 for additional information.

STAFF ANALYSIS

The subject site is located on the northwest corner of the intersection of Long Road and Edison Avenue. The building is on a slight angle towards the intersection. Given this orientation, the front side of the building will be visible to motorists traveling northbound on Long Road and east and west along Edison. The additional play area on the west side of the building will be most visible to people entering the development from the south and motorists traveling along Chesterfield Business Parkway.

Vehicular Access and Circulation

The applicant is proposing to expand their facility over the westernmost drive aisle to accommodate the outdoor play area expansion, as seen in Figure 2 below. Access through the site would be accommodated one of two ways: by traveling on the internal drive aisle around the eastern portion of the development, or by exiting the development onto Edison Avenue, turning right onto Chesterfield Business Parkway, and another right into the site near the northwest corner of the property. Monarch Fire Department has reviewed the plans and approved the proposed changes to the site circulation.

It should be noted that this expansion does not cover the entire western drive aisle. A five foot (5') section will remain in its current state due to a ten foot (10') sanitary sewer easement.



Figure 2: Color Site Plan

Parking and Outdoor Storage Areas

Parking is located along the southern and eastern portions of the building. The applicant would be removing 8 parking spaces for the proposed outdoor play area expansion. This leaves a total of 82 parking spaces, which is 13 above the required 69 spaces. While there is no outdoor storage of materials, there will be additional dogs outside throughout the day if this expanded play area is approved.

Open Space & Landscaping

The City of Chesterfield Unified Development Code requires a minimum of 35% open space for the development. This expansion does increase the open space on the development to 48%. The applicant is proposing to plant 3 trees in the play area. The tree species have been selected due to their ability to withstand being inundated with large quantities of water that come from the constant flushing of the K9 Grass, their varying maximum heights, and because they do not drop anything that could be harmful to the animals.

Additionally, the Architectural Review Board requested planters and landscaping along the proposed new fence line at Edison to soften the appearance of the fences. The applicant has proposed wooden three foot (3') planter boxes with a perennial planting of Creeping Phylox, as pictured above in Figures 4 and 5. This species will provide color every year and possibly create cascading color; it will go dormant during the winter.



Figures 3: Creeping Phlox flowers



Figure 4: Proposed Planter

Architectural Elevations

The project was reviewed by the Architectural Review Board on June 8, 2017. The Board made a motion to recommend approval with the following recommendations:

- 1. Pull back the fencing closest to the entrance from Edison Avenue to be further away from the drive aisle to allow for curbing, plantings, and/or planters in order to soften the appearance of the fence.
 - The applicant moved the fence back to allow for planters with perennial flowers to be located on top of the turf between the fence and drive aisle. The applicant has also added a curb around the perimeter of the expansion as well.
- 2. Submit a landscape plan showing the additional trees and plantings for review.
 - Landscaping showing three new trees now shown on plan.
- 3. Provide detailed plans of the proposed shade structures.
 - These were removed from the proposal entirely.

The motion passed by a voice vote of 3-0.



Figure 5: Existing southeast perspective



Figure 6: Proposed southeast perspective

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff has reviewed the Amended Site Development Plan, Architectural Elevations, and Applicant's Statement of Design. Staff has found the proposal to be in compliance with the site specific ordinance and City Code requirements. Staff recommends approval of the proposed development of Tower Center, Lot AA (Pets & Company).

MOTION

The following options are provided to the Planning Commission for consideration relative to this application:

1) "I move to approve (or deny) the Amended Site Development Plan, Architectural Elevations, and Applicant's Statement of Design for Tower Center, Lot AA (Pets & Company) as presented by the Applicant.

1. "I move to approve the Amended Site Development Plan, Architectural Elevations, and Applicant's Statement of Design for Tower Center, Lot AA (Pets & Company), with the following conditions:"

Attachments

- 1. Applicant's Statement of Design
- 2. Existing Views
- 3. Architectural Elevations
- 4. Amended Site Development Plan



4/27/17

To Whom It May Concern:

Pets & Company is proposing to expand our exterior play yards to allow for more space for the dogs to play, improve the drainage to eliminate odors and to create a visual barrier to eliminate obnoxious barking. We currently have a total of 4,800 sq feet of fenced exterior yards. We have outgrown our exterior space. We desperately need more room for the dogs to play, improved drainage as well as a solution for excessive barking. We would like to expand our yards into the side drive and approved front parking stalls. We have received permission from the fire department to enclose this area (written email exhibit A, please note we had intended to relocate the dumpster which was the Fire Departments only concern, we've chosen not to relocate the dumpster).

We would like to use the ½ faux stone½ aluminum Simtek fencing that is currently along our sidewalk in the areas outlined in exhibit B. This fencing creates a visual barrier that aids in greatly reducing the alert barking our many guests vocalize each time they see a car, person, other dog or the USPS & UPS delivery drivers. Eliminating the excessive barking is our number one concern. The noise from the barking is very unwelcoming to our clients, it is very disturbing to our neighbors and their customers and it also causes a major disruption in our pack of dogs leading to fights and aggression. Eliminating the barking will benefit our 4 legged and 2 legged guests, increase the safety of our staff and dogs and most importantly it will make Pets & Company a welcoming business that isn't an annoyance to our neighbors and visitors. Increasing the outdoor space will allow our guests more room to exercise and the new turf and drainage tiles will eliminate the odor issues we have with our current drainage system.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this project.

Sincerely,

Meredith Webb Vice President Pets & Company

Exhibit A

From: Roger Herin < herin.r@monarchfpd.org>
Date: August 10, 2016 at 7:56:40 AM CDT
To: Meredith Webb < heredithwebb@yahoo.com>
Cc: Fire Prevention < FirePrevention@monarchfpd.org>

Subject: RE: Fire Inspectors

Ms. Webb:

I have reviewed your request, and have consulted with Operations, and have determined it would be acceptable to us to remove the drive as shown on your request. The only concern I have is the re-location of the dumpster and loading zone. The dumpster and loading zone should be located such that the dumpster is at least 15 feet from the building, and the dumpster and loading zone shall not interfere with fire department access.

Roger N. Herin, MCP Deputy Chief/Fire Marshal Monarch Fire Protection District 13725 Olive Blvd. Chesterfield, MO 63017 Office 314-514-0900 ext. 313 Cell 314-581-2206

















