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ZONING REVIEW MEMORANDUM

Date: May 31, 2022

- To: John Lojek, Commissioner of Inspectional Services
- From: Jane Santosuosso, Chief Zoning Code Official Katie Whewell, Chief Planner for Current Planning
- Cc: Carmine Senatore, Applicant Michael Huller, Architect Barney S. Heath, Director of Planning and Development Jonah Temple, Deputy City Solicitor

RE: Request to exceed FAR and to further extend nonconforming front and rear setbacks

Applicant: Carmine Senatore		
Site: 4 Edgewood Road	SBL: 44018 0004	
Zoning: SR3	Lot Area: 4,389 square feet	
Current use: Single-family dwelling	Proposed use: No change	

BACKGROUND:

The property at 4 Edgewood Road consists of a 4,389 square foot corner lot improved with a singlefamily dwelling constructed in 1920. The petitioners propose to construct an enclosed front entry vestibule and a two-story side addition with a garage below. The proposed additions will exceed the maximum FAR and will further reduce the nonconforming front and rear setbacks, requiring a special permit.

The following review is based on plans and materials submitted to date as noted below.

- Zoning Review Application, prepared by Michael Huller, submitted 4/13/2022
- Existing Conditions Plan of Land, signed and stamped by Bruce Bradford, surveyor, dated 12/9/2020
- Proposed Conditions Plan, signed and stamped by Bruce Bradford, surveyor, dated 1/13/2022
- Plans and elevations, prepared by Michael Huller, architect, dated submitted 4/13/2022
- FAR calculation, prepared by Michael Huller, architect, dated submitted 4/13/2022

ADMINISTRATIVE DETERMINATIONS:

- 1. The petitioners propose to construct a new front entry vestibule, a two-story side addition and a one story attached one car garage. The proposed additions increase the FAR from .39 to .50 where .48 is the maximum allowed. A special permit per sections 3.1.3 and 3.1.9 is required.
- 2. The dwelling has a nonconforming front setback of 16.5 feet from Edgewood Road where 22.5 feet is required per sections 1.5.3.B and 3.1.3. The petitioner proposes to construct a 60 square foot enclosed entry vestibule in the footprint of an existing landing as well as a two-story side addition, further reducing the nonconforming setback to 10.7 feet, requiring a special permit per section 7.8.2.C.2.
- 3. The dwelling has a nonconforming rear setback of 7.4 feet where 15 feet is required per section 3.1.3. The petitioner proposes to construct a two-story side addition which further reduces the nonconforming rear setback to 7.3 feet, requiring a special permit per section 7.8.2.C.2.

SR3 Zone	Required	Existing	Proposed
Lot Size	7,000 square feet	4,389 square feet	No change
Frontage	80 feet	85 feet	No change
Setbacks			
 Front (Edgewood Rd) 	22.5 feet	16.5 feet	10.7 feet*
• Front (Auburndale Ave)	25 feet	19.8 feet	No change
• Side	7.5 feet	35 feet	20.3 feet
• Rear	15 feet	7.4 feet	7.3 feet*
Max Number of Stories	2.5	2	No change
Max Height	36 feet	26.4 feet	27.2 feet
FAR	.48	.39	.50*
Max Lot Coverage	30%	21.1%	27.5%
Min. Open Space	50%	55%	56%

*Requires relief

1. See "Zoning Relief Summary" below:

Zoning Relief Required				
Ordinance		Action Required		
§3.1.3	To exceed FAR	S.P. per §7.3.3		
§3.1.9				
§1.5.3.B	To further reduce a nonconforming front setback	S.P. per §7.3.3		
§3.1.3				
§7.8.2.C.2				
§3.1.3	To further reduce the nonconforming rear setback	S.P. per §7.3.3		
§7.8.2.C.2				