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ZONING REVIEW MEMORANDUM

Date: June 7, 2022

To: John Lojek, Commissioner of Inspectional Services

From: Jane Santosuosso, Chief Zoning Code Official

Katie Whewell, Chief Planner for Current Planning

Cc: Terrence P. Morris, Attorney

120 Norwood Realty Trust, Applicant

Barney S. Heath, Director of Planning and Development

Jonah Temple, Deputy City Solicitor

RE: Request to allow four single-family attached dwellings in two buildings

| Applicant: 120 Norwood Realty Trust | | | |
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| Site: 120 Norwood Avenue | SBL: 22009 0005 | | |
| Zoning: MR1 | Lot Area: 24,897 square feet | | |
| Current use: Two-family dwelling | Proposed use: Four single-family attached dwellings | | |

BACKGROUND:

The property at 120 Norwood Avenue consists of 24,897 square feet and is improved with a single-family dwelling built in 1953 in the MR1 zoning district. The petitioner proposes to demolish the existing dwelling and construct four single-family attached dwellings in two separate structures.

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

- Zoning Review Application, prepared by Terrence P. Morris, attorney, submitted 5/3/2022
- Floor plans and elevations, prepared by Ronald F. Jarek, architect, dated 8/15/2019
- Existing Conditions Site Plan, signed and stamped by Verne T. Porter, dated 4/13/2022
- Proposed Conditions Site Plan, signed and stamped by Verne T. Porter, dated 4/13/2022

ADMINISTRATIVE DETERMINATIONS:

- 1. The petitioners propose to raze the existing two-family dwelling and construct four single-family attached dwellings in two separate structures. Per section 3.4.1, a special permit is required to construct attached dwellings in the MR1 district.
- 2. Section 3.2.4 requires a special permit for three story single-family attached dwellings. The petitioners propose both buildings to be three stories, requiring a special permit.
- 3. Per section 6.2.3.B.2 no parking space may be located within 20 feet of a boundary unless by special permit. A surface parking stall is proposed within 20 feet of the rear lot line, requiring a special permit.

Per this same section 6.2.3.B.2, no driveway may be located within 10 feet of a side or rear lot line, unless by special permit. The proposed driveway is within 5.5 feet of the western side lot line, requiring a special permit.

| MR1 Zone | Required | Existing | Proposed |
|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Lot Size | 15,000 square feet | 24,897 square feet | No change |
| Frontage | 80 feet | 56 feet | No change |
| Setbacks | | | |
| • Front | 25 feet | 69.5 feet | 122.6 feet |
| • Side | 25 feet | 7.7 feet | 25.5 feet |
| • Side | 25 feet | 44.2 feet | 25.5 feet |
| • Rear | 25 feet | 64.5 feet | 26 feet |
| Building Height | 36 feet | 23.5 feet | 33.5 feet |
| Max Number of Stories | 2.5 (3 by SP) | 2 | 3* |
| Lot Coverage Max | 25% | 12.4% | 18.5% |
| Open Space Min | 50% | 70.7% | 58.5% |
| Lot Area Per Unit | 4,000 square feet | 12,449 square feet | 6,224 square feet |

See "Zoning Relief Summary" below:

| Zoning Relief Required | | | | |
|------------------------|--|-----------------|--|--|
| Ordinance | Requested Relief | Action Required | | |
| §3.4.1 | To allow attached single-family dwellings | S.P. per §7.3.3 | | |
| §3.2.4 | To allow three stories | S.P. per §7.3.3 | | |
| §6.2.3.B.2 | To allow a driveway within 10 feet of the rear lot line and parking within 20 feet of the front and rear lot lines | S.P. per §7.3.3 | | |