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PUBLIC HEARING MEMORANDUM

Public Hearing Date: May 2, 2017
Land Use Action Date: July 18, 2017
City Council Action Date: July 24, 2017
90-Day Expiration Date: July 31, 2017

DATE: April 28, 2017

TO: City Council & Planning and Development Board

FROM: Barney S. Heath, Director of Planning and Development
Alexandra Ananth, Chief Planner for Current Planning
Neil Cronin, Senior Planner

SUBJECT: **Petition #96-17**, MARK NEWTONVILLE, LLC petition for a SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to construct a mixed use, transit oriented development in excess of 20,000 square feet consisting of three interconnected buildings with building heights of sixty feet and five stories, total gross floor area of 231,475 sq. ft., incorporating 160 residential units, approximately 43,860 sq. ft. of commercial space, and approximately 2,030 sq. ft., of office/community space; 351 on-site parking stalls, and to allow an FAR of 2.49; waiver of 97 parking stalls, waive number of signs and allow for free-standing signs and loading bay at **241-261 Walnut Street, 845-875 Washington Street, 0-22 Bailey Place, 6-22 Washington Terrace**, Ward 2, Newtonville, containing approximately 123,956 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned BUSINESS USE 1 and BUSINESS USE 2.

Petition #95-17, MARK NEWTONVILLE, LLC. petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL for a **change of zone to MIXED USE 4** for a portion of land located at Walnut Street, Washington Street, Washington Terrace, also identified as Lots 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, Block 29, Map 201 currently zoned Business 1 and Business 2.

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the City Council and the public with technical information and planning analysis conducted by the Planning Department. The Planning Department's intention is to provide a balanced review of the proposed project based on information it has at the time of the public hearing. Additional information about the project may be presented at or after the public hearing for consideration at a subsequent working session by the Land Use Committee of the City Council.



Washington Place (Proposed)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The petitioner, Mark Newtonville, LLC, is requesting special permits and a zone change in order to redevelop the block situated on the north side of Washington Street between Walnut Street and Washington Terrace in Newtonville. The proposed project consists of approximately 124,000 square feet (2.85 acres) of land. The site is comprised of parcels zoned Business 1 and Business 2, and contains a mix of commercial and residential uses. The petitioner is proposing to construct three four to five-story buildings with approximately 45,000 square feet of commercial space on the ground floor and 160 residential units above.

This project was originally submitted to the Council in May of 2016, but was withdrawn. The current proposal is largely unchanged from the previous project with the exception of the zoning change request. The initial petition sought to rezone the entire site from Business 1 and 2 to Mixed-Use 4 (MU-4). This revised petition seeks to only rezone a portion of the lot, approximately 92,907 square feet; the remaining 31,049 square feet will retain its existing zoning. The Planning Department notes all of the structures in their entirety would be located in the MU-4 zone.

The revised petition does not differ greatly in terms of the zoning relief requested. Staff notes the most apparent change is an increase in floor area ratio (FAR) from 1.92 to 2.49 and a change in lot area per unit from 725 to 581 square feet. Those changes are due to applying the dimensional regulations of the MU-4 zone only to the portion of the site to be rezoned. By seeking to rezone only a portion of the site, the effect is the same as removing a third of the lot, which increases the ratio.

The Planning Department believes the location is appropriate for the MU-4 zone and consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. Most notably, the project will contribute to the Newtonville village by increasing amenities and points of interest. In addition, the petition will significantly improve the safety and accessibility of the pedestrian experience at the intersection of Washington and Walnut Streets. Lastly, the project will promote growth in a village center and increase the diversity of housing choices with affordable as well as deed restricted units.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION:

When reviewing this request, the Council should consider whether:

- The specific site is an appropriate location for the proposed mix of uses and structures. (§7.3.3.C.1.)
- The proposed project as developed and operated will not adversely affect the neighborhood. (§7.3.3.C.2.)
- There will be no nuisance or serious hazard to vehicles or pedestrians. (§7.3.3.C.3.)

- Access to the site over streets is appropriate for the types and numbers of vehicles involved. (§7.3.3.C.4.)
- The site planning building design, construction, maintenance or long-term operation of the premises will contribute significantly to the efficient use and conservation of natural resources and energy. (§7.3.3.C.5.)
- The proposed structures are compatible in visual scale to their surroundings, do not adversely affect its surroundings by creating shadows or blocking views, and advances the purposes of the Mixed Use 4 District. (§4.2.5.A.2.)
- The proposed density creates a beneficial living environment for the residents, does not adversely affect the traffic on roads in the vicinity, and better achieves the purposes of this district than strict compliance with these standards. (§4.2.5.A.3.)
- The proposed plan can better protect the surrounding community from shadows and blocked views, support pedestrian vitality, and encourage the purposes of the Mixed Use 4 district than strict compliance with the setback requirements. (§4.2.5.A.4.)
- The design of the buildings and the site plan comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the rules and regulations of the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board (MAAB). (§4.2.5.A.5.)
- The proposed design better enables appropriate use of the site, supports pedestrian vitality, and achieves the purposes of the Mixed Use 4 district than strict compliance with the standards. (§4.2.5.A.6.)
- The proposed mix of uses will encourage an active, pedestrian-oriented streetscape throughout the day and week, that the proposed mix of uses fulfills a demonstrated need for the uses within the vicinity, and the proposed uses are not inconsistent with the purposed of the Mixed Use 4 district and the City's *Comprehensive Plan*. (§4.2.5.B.)
- Literal compliance with the parking requirements of the Newton Zoning Ordinance (NZO) is impracticable due to the nature of the use, or the location, size, width, depth, shape, or grade of the lot, or that such exceptions would be in the public interest or in the interest of safety or protection of environmental features. (§5.1.13.)
- Literal compliance with the number, size, location, and height of signs where it is determined that the nature of the use of the premises, the architecture of the building or its location with reference to the street is such that free-standing signs or exceptions should be permitted in the public interest. (§5.2.13.)

I. CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SITE AND NEIGHBORHOOD

A. Neighborhood and Zoning

The project site is located at the northwest intersection of Washington and Walnut Streets in Newtonville. The site is zoned Business 1 and Business 2. Abutting the site to the north are Multi-Residence 1 and 3 zoning districts with single-family and multi-family residences, respectively. To the east and west along Washington Street are more Business 1 and 2 zones which have uses similar to that of the project site. Lastly, the center of the Newtonville commercial district is to the south on both sides of Walnut Street and is generally zoned Business and improved with commercial uses (**Attachments A & B**).

The site directly abuts several properties to the north which lie in the Newtonville Local Historic District. The District is an example of residential suburban development known for its well preserved Victorian architecture, ranging from simple Greek Revival to detailed Colonial Revival. When the District was created, the site was left out most likely because of its location within a commercial zone. However, a one-year demolition delay was placed on some of the structures due to their architectural history and integrity; those delays have since expired and the petitioner can legally demolish them.

The area is proximately located to the Massachusetts Turnpike and MBTA Commuter Rail (Newtonville Station) with access into Boston's South Station. Walnut Street, Lowell Avenue and Washington Street provide good local and regional access including access to multiple bus routes including an express bus into Boston.

B. Site

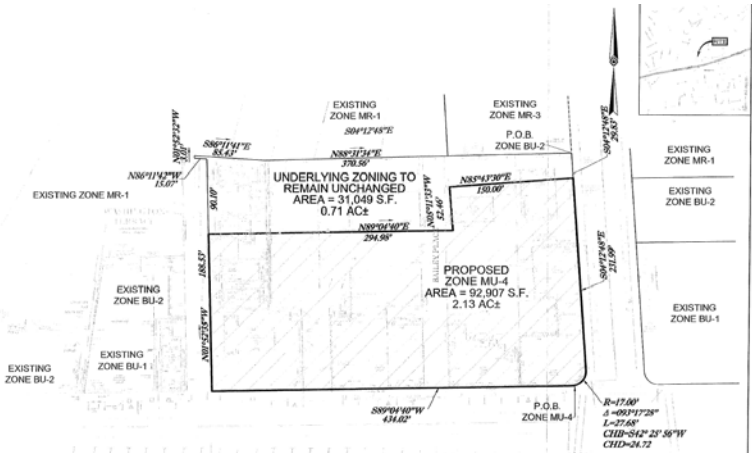
The subject site totals approximately 123,956 square feet (2.85 acres) and has frontage on the north side of Washington Street and on the west side on Walnut Street, as well as on Washington Terrace. The fifteen parcels comprising the site are within the Business 1 and 2 zones with a number of commercial buildings, surface parking lots, an automobile service station, and two- and three-family residential buildings. The site is also bounded by Washington Terrace (a private way) to the west. The site is generally level.

Existing uses on the site include 20 residential units, approximately 45,000 square feet of commercial uses which include retail uses, restaurant uses and the Boston Ballet School, and approximately 13,000 square feet of office space.

II. PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND ANALYSIS

A. Land Use

The applicant is seeking to rezone approximately 92,907 square feet of the site from Business 1 and 2 to MU-4; the remaining 31,049 square feet of the parcel will retain its existing zoning. The change of zone will be approximately 29 feet from the northern property line along Walnut Street and approximately 90 feet from the northern property line at the Washington Terrace side of the site. The entirety of the structures will be located in the MU-4 zone, while the surface parking area will be split among the two zones.



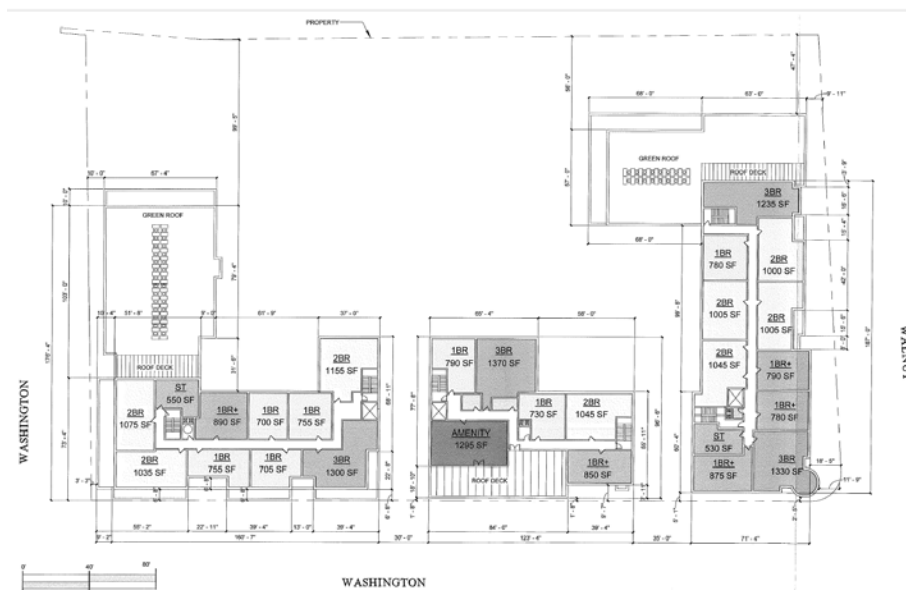
The applicant is proposing to build a new mixed use development incorporating 160 residential units and approximately 43,860 square feet of retail, personal service, health club, restaurants, and medical office use. These proposed uses were part of the initial petition and the Planning Department believes they will contribute to the village environment.

B. Building and Site Design

The petitioner is proposing to redevelop the lot into a mixed-use site with three buildings containing: 160-units of rental housing; approximately 43,860 square feet of commercial/retail space; 351 parking stalls (243 underground stalls for residents and 108 surface stalls for public use); numerous site amenities including a 2,030 square foot community center and over 17,000 square feet of public plaza space; and streetscape improvements including wider sidewalks, street trees and pedestrian crossings. The footprint of the mixed-use buildings, which are arranged in the shape of a "U", is concentrated on the south and east sides of the parcel (Washington and Walnut Streets), with the remainder of the site being used for at-grade public parking and open space. The placement of the buildings is such that there are minimal setbacks from the property lines on either Washington or Walnut Street as expected

in a MU-4 district. However, there is a 26 foot setback from the rear property line to the north along Walnut Street and an 89 foot setback from the west building to the northern property line.

The design utilizes a combination of four- and five-story structures. The west building will have five stories along Washington Street and step down to four stories as the structure approaches the northern boundary of the site. The same is true for the east building which has five stories and steps down to four as it approaches the residences to the north. The fourth floors of the east and west buildings will be 47 and 89 feet from the northern boundary, respectively. Both of these wings will have roof decks, green roofs, and are designed to support photovoltaic panels. As a result, the majority of the fifth story units are located on the Washington Street frontage. Staff notes that the first floor of the west building is left open to allow for a commercial loading area, trash area, bike racks, and six parking stalls. This area will be partially screened from Washington Terrace by a decorative element.



C. Traffic and Parking

The proposed site layout provides an east-west vehicular travel pattern through the site. One curb cut is located at the northeast corner of the site off Walnut Street and there are two other curb cuts at the western boundary on Washington Terrace. All drive aisles are 24 feet wide which allows for two-way travel. The interior of the site contains 108 surface parking stalls which are primarily for patrons of the commercial tenants. There is a proposed 243-stall underground parking facility accessed via a ramp internal to the site for use by the building's residential tenants as well as the public. The 200 stalls reserved for the residents are separated by a security gate. Lastly the garage has a dedicated space to store up to 90 bicycles for the residents in

addition to the surface bike racks for the public.

The petitioner submitted a traffic study conducted by Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. (VHB) which was peer-reviewed by an independent transportation engineer selected by the City. The peer review confirmed the methodology and analysis of the VHB study that the petition will have minimal impact on traffic and that the proposed transportation improvements to the intersection of Washington and Walnut Streets will improve existing conditions, even with this project.

D. Site Improvements & Mitigation

The petitioner has agreed to a number of improvements at the intersection of Washington and Walnut Streets in order to offset any potential impacts to the area which will benefit vehicular as well as pedestrian travel. Vehicular updates include upgrading the traffic signal at Washington and Walnut Streets, coordinating signalization with the signal at Lowell Avenue and Washington Streets, and restriping the Walnut Street southbound approach to include a second lane at the Washington and Walnut intersection. Pedestrian updates include curb bump-outs at the Washington and Walnut intersection along with enlarged and ADA-compliant sidewalks with audible and visual countdown indicators at the crosswalks.

Beyond these improvements aimed at the intersection, the petitioner has agreed to install bike lanes on both sides of Walnut Street from Foster Street to Newtonville Avenue, a bike-share station at a location to be determined by the City, and streetscape improvements consistent with the improvements on the west side of Walnut Street. Additionally, the petitioner is offering to underground the utilities on the south side of Washington Street. The Planning Department notes these additional improvements are estimated at a cost of \$700,000. The petitioner has stated these improvements can be constructed in accordance with the special permit, or a payment of \$700,000 can be furnished to the City; a breakdown of these improvements is included in schedule D of the draft council order **(Attachment D)**.

Lastly, the petitioner has consulted with the Utilities Division and has agreed to an infiltration and inflow ratio for the development of 8:1 which translates to a net payment of \$782,880.

E. Transportation Demand Management

In order to minimize traffic and reduce dependency on cars, the petitioner has offered to provide incentives and programs to Washington Place residents. These programs consist of subsidies for those commuting to and from the site by the MBTA, as well as bicycle and ride-sharing services. The monthly stipend would reimburse residents based on the number of cars per household and be available to all units. The petitioner will also appoint a Transportation Demand Management Coordinator who will work with both the residents and City of Newton to monitor

these TDM efforts. The TDM Coordinator will meet on an annual basis with the City of Newton Traffic Engineer and conduct a survey of residential and commercial tenants usage of these alternative modes and present the findings to the City of Newton Transportation Director and Director of Planning and Development. The details of these plans are laid out in Schedule E of the draft council order.

F. Lighting, Utilities, and Shadows

The petitioner has submitted a Photometric Plan for this project and the Planning Department believes the site, particularly the parking area, is over-lit and suggests the petitioner work to reduce the lighting levels. Additionally, the petitioner should clarify the height of the proposed light poles. The petitioner has stated all utilities will be located underground. Lastly, the petitioner provided a shadow study that shows no significant increase in shadows over existing conditions or other by-right alternatives.

G. Landscape Screening

The petitioner is proposing a large increase in landscaping for the site. A dense row of deciduous and evergreen trees as well as fencing are proposed along the northern boundary. This mix of species will help screen the structures from the residences to the north, while also providing a canopy to mitigate the heat island effect. There are also deciduous trees to be planted along Washington Terrace, Washington Street, and Walnut Street. The public plaza between the middle and east buildings will contain potted plants, shrubs, a “green wall” and Flowering Dogwoods. Lastly, the islands in the surface parking area will contain shrubs as well as one deciduous tree per island. The Planning Department asks the petitioner confirm the size of all trees at installation and height of fencing at the northern boundary. Otherwise, staff believes the level of landscaping is sufficient.

H. Signage

The petitioner has requested waivers from the Newton Zoning Ordinance as to the number, size, location, and height of signs and to permit one or more freestanding signs. The Planning Department recommends the petitioner submit a comprehensive sign package to the Urban Design Commission for review and approval, should this project be approved.

I. Affordable and Fair Housing Policy

The petitioner has specified that 15% of the units (24 units) will be affordable to low-and moderate income residents and shall be eligible for inclusion on the State’s Subsidized Housing Inventory (SHI), in compliance with the City’s Inclusionary Zoning requirements. These units will be permanently deed restricted as affordable to residents earning up to 80% of the Boston Metro Area Median Income (AMI). Specifically, out of the 24 units, 50% will be based on monthly rents that are affordable to families which earn no greater than 50% of the median income for

Metropolitan Boston, and the remaining 50% available to those earning no greater than 80% of the median income. An additional 10% of the units (16 units) would be permanently deed restricted to “middle income” households, those earning between 80 to 120% of AMI. The remaining units are proposed as market rate.

Unit Mix	# of Units	% of Total	# Inclusionary Units	# of Middle Income Units
Studios	16	10%	2	2
One Bedroom	75	47%	12	7
Two Bedroom	63	39%	9	6
Three Bedroom	06	4%	1	1
Total	160	100%	24	16

The Planning Department notes the unit mix, including number and location of affordable units are intended to comply with the City’s Local Preference Policy and Fair Housing Rules and Regulations. As such, the petitioner submitted an Affirmative Fair Marketing and Resident Selection Plan. This plan is outlined in Schedule H of the draft council order.

J. Accessibility

The project is required to be compliant with ADA and MAAB regulations. All units are expected to be adaptable to those with disabilities and built to ADA and MAAB requirements. Regarding parking, the petitioner is exceeding the amount of ADA stalls required in the surface parking area, while meeting the requirement in the underground garage.

K. Fiscal Impact

The petitioner has submitted a fiscal impact analysis which estimates the net annual fiscal benefit to the City of \$160,989. The report estimates between 24 and 26 school-aged children to reside on site. The Planning Department notes the number of school children that may reside in a project is not a consideration the Council may make as part of the special permit process.

L. Project Phasing and Construction Management

Should this project be approved, a comprehensive Construction Management Plan (CMP) will be required prior to the issuance of any building permits, and will be reviewed by the Commissioners of Inspectional Services, the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Planning and Development. Staff recommends construction activities and updates with local businesses and the Newtonville Area Council shall be part of the CMP.

M. Sustainability and Conservation of Natural Resources

The petitioner has submitted a Sustainability Design Narrative detailing several of the measures taken to meet this criterion which are outlined in Schedule I of the draft council order. In sum, the site is expected to exceed the LEED Gold Certification. As such, staff believes the petitioner has successfully this criterion and notes it shall be an attachment to the Council Order.

III. TECHNICAL REVIEW

A. Technical Considerations (Chapter 30, Newton Zoning Ordinance)

The Zoning Review Memorandum provides an analysis of the proposal with regard to zoning (**Attachment C**).

B. Newton Historical Commission Review

The petitioner applied for the total demolition of every structure on site. Six of these structures were deemed historically significant and preferably preserved by the Newton Historic Commission and there was a one year delay placed on their demolition. Those delays expired in September of 2016 and the petitioner can legally demolish the structures.

C. Engineering Review

The petitioner has coordinated with the Engineering Division throughout the review process. Should this project be approved, this petition will be reviewed for conformance with the City of Newton Engineering Standards prior to the issuance of any building permits.

D. Fire Department Review

The Fire Department has met with the petitioner and reviewed the proposed plans. All buildings and the garage will be sprinkled. The plans will be reviewed again prior to the issuance of any building permits should this project be approved.

E. Urban Design Commission Review

The Urban Design Commission has reviewed the project and provided comments on two occasions. The petitioner has incorporated many of these comments into the current plans. The Planning Department notes the comments were largely focused on design and therefore did not spend much time on the proposed signage. The Planning Department recommends the petitioner submit a comprehensive sign package for review and approval, should this project be approved.

IV. PETITIONER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The petitioner should respond to the issues raised in this memorandum and other

questions raised at the public hearings as necessary. Written responses to all significant issues should be provided for analysis by the Planning Department prior to being scheduled for additional public hearings. The Planning Department will prepare an updated memo prior to any future public hearings.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment A:** Zoning Map
- Attachment B:** Land Use Map
- Attachment C:** Zoning Review Memorandum, dated April 4, 2017
- Attachment D:** Draft Council Order, last revised February 9, 2017

Washington Place Zoning Map

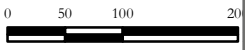
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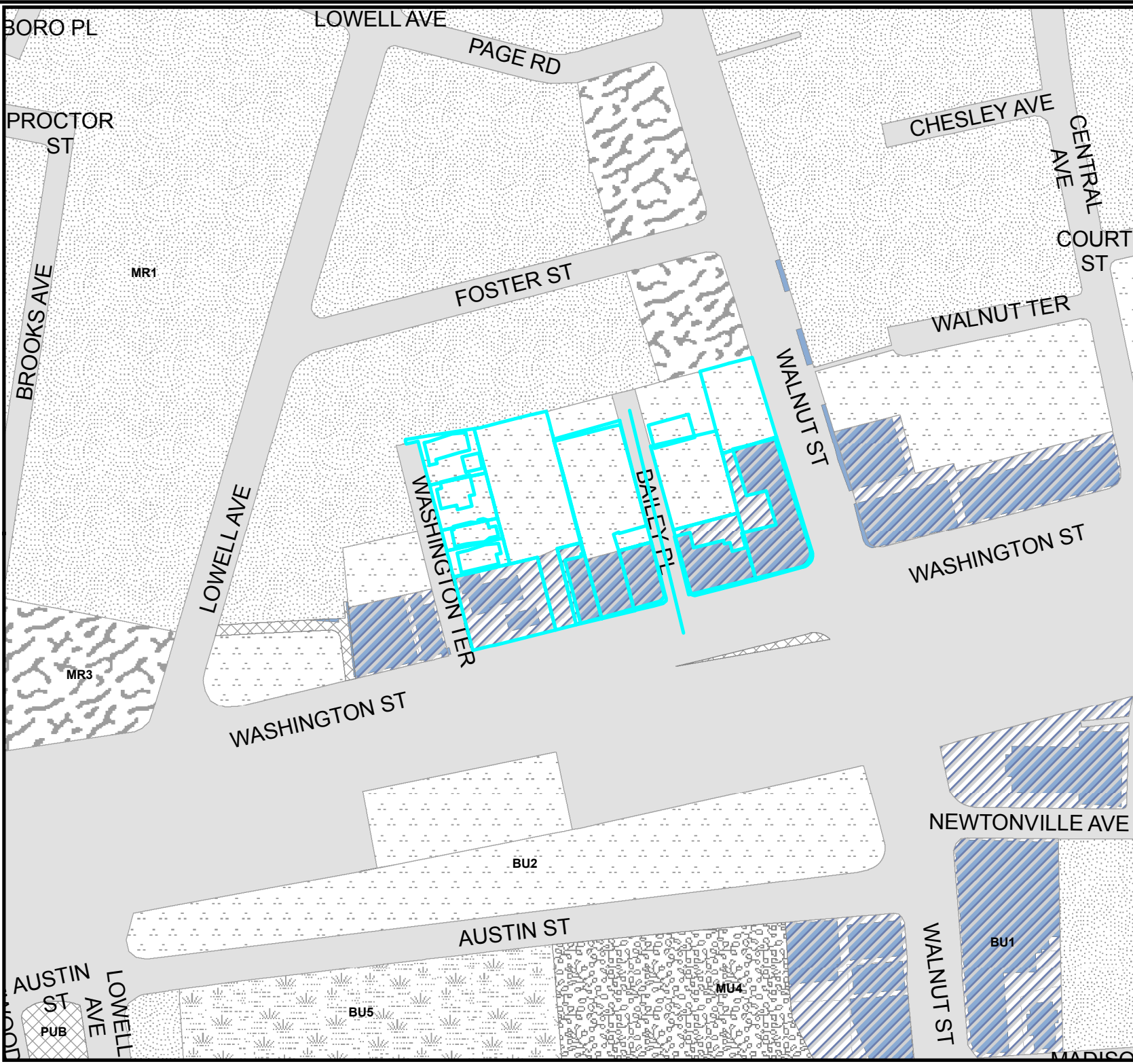
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Attachment A



Washington Place Land-Use Map

City of Newton, Massachusetts

Legend

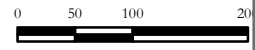
Land Use

- Single Family Residential
- Multi-Family Residential
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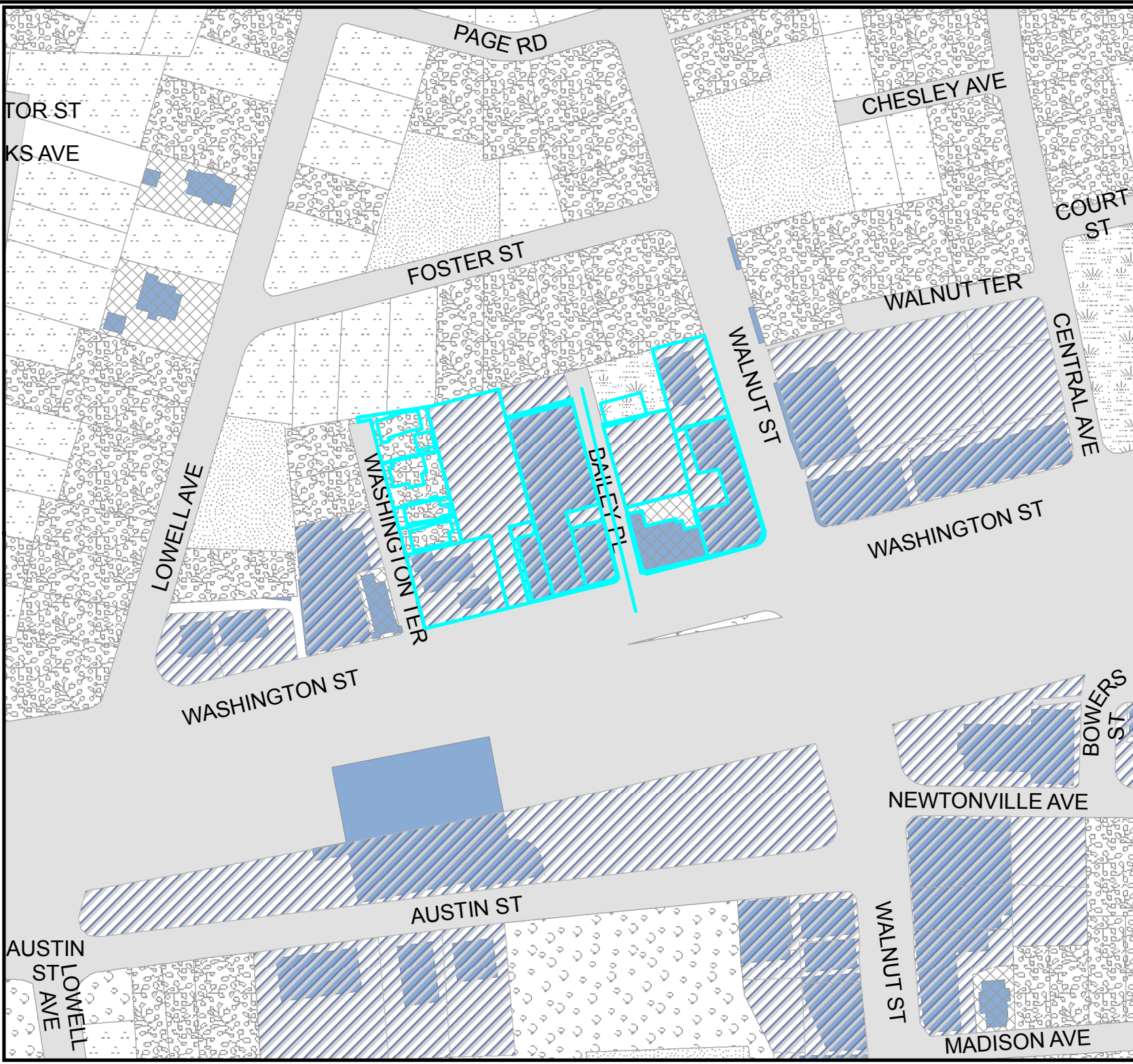
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Attachment B





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Attachment C

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ZONING REVIEW MEMORANDUM

Date: April 4, 2017

To: John Lojek, Commissioner of Inspectional Services

From: Jane Santosuosso, Chief Zoning Code Official
Alexandra Ananth, Chief Planner for Current Planning

Cc: Stephen J. Buchbinder, attorney
Mark Lolich, LLC and Mark Newtonville, LLC
Barney S. Heath, Director of Planning and Development
Ouida Young, Associate City Solicitor

RE: Request for a mixed-use development consisting of 43,860 square feet of commercial space, 160 dwelling units and parking, and to rezone a portion of the site to MU4

Applicant: Mark Lolich, LLC and Mark Newtonville, LLC	
Site: 241-261 Walnut Street, 845-875 Washington Street, 0-22 Bailey Place, 6-22 Washington Terrace	SBL: 21029 0010, 21029 0011, 21029 0012, 21029 0013, 21029 0014, 21029 0015, 21029 0016, 21029 0017, 21029 0018, 21029 0019, 21029 0019A, 21029 0020, 21029 0021, 21029 0022, 21029 0023
Zoning: BU1, BU2 and Public Use	Lot Area: 123,956 square feet
Current use: Commercial, parking and residential	Proposed use: Mixed use with commercial, residential and parking

BACKGROUND:

The project site known as the "Orr Block" is comprised of fifteen separate lots and a private way known as "Bailey Place" totaling 123,956 square feet and is located in the Business 1, Business 2 and Public Use zoning districts. The project site is bound by Walnut Street to the east, Washington Street to the south and Washington Terrace to the west. The current uses on the site include restaurant, commercial, surface parking and four two-family dwellings. The bulk of the buildings on the project site were built circa 1900, with two built after 1950.

There have been four special permits issued for the various lots comprising the project site. Board Order #796-61 authorized an addition on a gas station at 241 Walnut Street, which no longer exists. Board Orders #127-79 and #381-84 authorized a free standing sign at 241 Walnut Street. Finally, Board

Order #293-00 authorized the extension of a nonconforming structure at 857-869 Washington Street, as well as a parking waiver and allowing parking on an adjacent lot.

The applicant is proposing to raze the existing buildings and build a new 231,475 square foot five-story mixed use development incorporating 160 residential units and 43,860 square feet of retail, personal service, restaurants, and/or office space. The proposal includes 351 on-site parking stalls within a below-grade garage and surface parking. The applicant intends to achieve this project by seeking a zone change for a portion of the site to Mixed Use 4.

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

- Zoning Review Application, prepared by Stephen J. Buchbinder, attorney, dated 3/31/2017
- Parking Calculation, submitted 3/31/2017
- Landscape Plan, prepared by Ground, Inc, dated 4/4/2017
- Enlarged Plaza Plan, prepared by Ground, Inc, dated 4/4/2017
- Site Plans, prepared by Bohler Engineering, dated 4/4/2017
 - General Notes Sheet
 - Existing Conditions Plan
 - Area Plan
 - Proposed Site Plan
 - Beneficial Open Space Plan
 - Site Directional Signage Plan
 - Grading & Drainage Plan
 - Utility Plan
 - Soil Erosion & Sediment Control Plan
 - Soil Erosion Control Notes & Detail Sheet
 - Site Lighting Photometric Plan
 - Detail Sheets C8, C9.1, C8.2, C8.3
- Landscape Plan, prepared by Ground, Inc, dated 4/4/2017
- Enlarged Plaza Plan, prepared by Ground, Inc, dated 4/4/2017
- Signage Elevations G1.10 and G1.11, prepared by Prellwitz Chilinski Associates, Inc, dated 4/4/2017
- Architectural Plans, prepared by Prellwitz Chilinski Associates, Inc, dated 4/4/2017
 - Underground Parking Plan
 - Ground Floor Plan
 - Second Floor Plan
 - Third Floor Plan
 - Fourth Floor Plan
 - Fifth Floor Plan
 - Roof Plan
 - 4th Floor Setback Relief
 - Building Elevations
 - Building Elevations

ADMINISTRATIVE DETERMINATIONS:

1. The current zoning for the parcels included in the project site is Business 1, Business 2 and Public Use (Bailey Place). The applicant proposes a rezoning of 92,907 square feet of the site closest to Washington Street and Walnut Street to Mixed Use 4. The zoning of the remaining 31,049 square feet of the site will remain unchanged. This rezoning creates a split lot, dividing the lot into two separate zoning districts (exclusive of Bailey Place, which is understood to be discontinued as a private way if the development moves forward). The proposed structure and approximately half of the proposed surface parking will be located in the MU4 zoning district, with the remaining surface

parking located in the BU2 district. For the purposes of this memo, the MU4 provisions will be applied to the relief required for the structure. The accessory parking located in the portion of the site zoned BU2 is allowed by right.

2. The applicant is proposing 231,475 square feet of gross floor area within the proposed structure. Section 4.2.2.B.1 requires a special permit for proposed buildings which contain 20,000 square feet or more of gross floor area in a mixed use district.
3. Section 4.2.5.A.2 states that the City Council may grant a special permit to allow for up to five stories in an MU4 district, where four stories is the maximum allowed by right.
4. Section 4.2.5.A.2 also allows the City Council to grant a special permit to allow for up to 60 feet of height in an MU4 district by special permit, where 48 feet is the maximum allowed by right.
5. The total square footage of lot area of the site in the MU4 zoning district is 92,907 square feet. Pursuant to Section 4.2.5.A.2, the required lot area per unit in an MU4 zoning district is 1,000 square feet. Section 4.2.5.A.3 allows for a reduction in the lot area per unit by special permit. The applicant is proposing 581 square feet of lot area per unit, which requires a special permit. Because a reduction in lot area per unit is not allowed by right or by special permit in the BU2 zoning district, the portion of the lot (31,049 square feet) found in the BU2 district is not included in the lot area per unit calculation.
6. The applicant proposes a floor area ratio of 2.49. Pursuant to Section 4.2.3, the maximum allowable FAR for a five-story building in the MU4 district by special permit is 2.50. The maximum by-right FAR in the MU4 district is 1.50 in a three-story building. The applicant proposes an FAR of 2.49 in a five-story building, requiring a special permit.
7. Section 4.2.5.A.4.c states that a building greater than 40 feet in height must be set back one foot from the adjacent lot line for each additional foot in height. The applicant proposes a building with 60 feet in height, requiring a 20 foot setback for the portion of the building between 40 and 60 feet. Section 4.2.5.A.4 allows the Council to grant a special permit to waive the additional setback requirement of Section 4.2.5.A.4.c.
8. Per Section 4.2.5.A.6.a, there must be at least one entrance every 50 feet of frontage facing a public way. Where the applicant has not determined the tenancy of each commercial space, a special permit waiver from this provision is requested pursuant to Section 4.2.5.A.6.
9. Section 4.2.5.A.6.b requires that a minimum of 60% of the street-facing building façade between two feet and eight feet in height above the street-level floor must consist of clear windows that allow views of indoor space or display areas. Where the applicant has not determined the tenancy of each commercial space, a special permit waiver from this provision is requested pursuant to Section 4.2.5.A.6.
10. Section 4.4.1 requires a special permit to allow for retail sales uses over 5,000 square feet in the MU4 zoning district. The applicant requests this special permit to allow for flexibility for tenants.

11. Section 4.4.1 requires a special permit for restaurants with more than 50 seats in the MU4 zoning district. The applicant requests this special permit to allow for flexibility for tenants.
12. Section 4.4.1 requires a special permit for personal service uses over 5,000 square feet in the MU4 zoning district. The applicant requests this special permit to allow for flexibility for tenants.
13. Section 4.4.1 requires a special permit for a stand-alone ATM in the MU4 zoning district. The applicant requests this special permit to allow for flexibility for tenants.
14. Section 4.4.1 requires a special permit for health clubs on the ground floor in the MU4 zoning district. The applicant requests this special permit to allow for flexibility for tenants.
15. Section 4.4.1 requires a special permit for health clubs above or below the ground floor in the MU4 zoning district. The applicant requests this special permit to allow for flexibility for tenants.
16. Section 4.4.1 requires a special permit for animal services in the MU4 zoning district. The applicant requests this special permit to allow for flexibility for tenants.
17. Pursuant to Section 4.4.1, residential units above the ground floor are allowed by right.
18. Sections 4.4.1 and 4.2.5.A.7 require a special permit for street-level office uses. The applicant requests a special permit to allow for office uses on the street level.
19. Section 5.2.13 provides exceptions to the provisions for signs found within the Zoning Ordinance. This section allows the Council to grant special permits for free-standing signs on each street frontage, as well as exceptions to the number of building signs for each tenant. To the extent necessary, the applicant requests a waiver from this section to allow for flexibility in signage for tenants.
20. The project proposes a mix of uses on the site, including 160 upper-level residential units, with street level commercial spaces. The exact mix of commercial tenants and the space each tenant will occupy is not yet established. To ensure that an adequate parking demand is established, the parking calculation for the commercial uses at the site is based on a projection of a mix of uses designed to provide the highest intensity use of the site (with regard to parking demand). The applicant contemplates a mix of four restaurants, a health club and retail sales or service establishment uses.

Residential Uses:

The 160 proposed residential units require 320 parking stalls per Section 5.1.4.A (two stalls per each residential unit). This section also allows a reduction in the parking requirement for a multi-family dwelling from two stalls per unit to 1.25 stalls per unit by special permit. Utilizing this special permit provision, the total parking requirement for the residential portion of the proposed project may be reduced to **200 stalls**.

Retail Uses:

Section 5.1.4.A requires one parking stall per 300 square feet of retail space, plus one stall per each three employees working at the busiest shift. The applicant anticipates two retail spaces on site.

Retail 1: 12,885 square feet, 26 employees; requiring a total of 53 parking stalls

Retail 2: 2,150 square feet, 5 employees; requiring a total of 10 parking stalls

The combined total retail parking requirement is **63 parking stalls** per Section 5.1.4.A.

Restaurant Uses:

Section 5.1.4.A requires one stall per each three seats in a restaurant, plus one stall per each three employees on the busiest shift. The applicant anticipates four restaurants on site.

Restaurant 1: 2,255 square feet, 91 seats, seven employees; requiring a total of 34 stalls

Restaurant 2: 3,750 square feet, 150 seats, 15 employees; requiring a total of 55 stalls

Restaurant 3: 4,900 square feet, 196 seats, 20 employees; requiring a total of 73 stalls

Restaurant 4: 2,150 square feet, 86 seats, 7 employees; requiring a total of 32 stalls

The combined proposed restaurant uses will require **194 parking stalls** per Section 5.1.4.A.

Health Club Use:

The applicant proposes a health club use in the 11,000 square foot commercial space. Pursuant to Section 5.1.4.A, a health club requires one stall per 150 square feet of space, plus one stall for every three employees. The applicant anticipates 18 employees in the 11,000 square foot space, which would require **80 parking stalls** pursuant to Section 5.1.4.A.

Community Use/Office:

The applicant proposes an community use/office space on the second floor of the proposed building. It is anticipated that this space will have 2,030 square feet. Section 5.1.4.A requires one parking stall per 250 square feet. The total community use/office use parking requirement is **9 parking stalls**.

Medical Office Use:

Section 5.1.4.A requires one stall per every 200 square feet of medical office space and one stall for every three laboratory employees. The applicant anticipates 4,660 square feet dedicated to medical office and up to six laboratory employees, which requires a total of **26 parking stalls** per Section 5.1.4.A.

The commercial uses on site require a combined 372 parking stalls. Section 5.1.4.C allows for up to a one-third reduction in the parking requirement in the case of a development with three or more uses. With the one-third reduction, the commercial uses require a total of **248 parking stalls**. The residential units on site require 200 stalls. The total combined parking requirement for the residential and commercial uses on the site is **448 stalls**. There are 351 stalls proposed to be built on the property between surface parking and below-grade garage parking. The applicant requests a **waiver of 97 parking stalls** for the site.

21. Section 5.1.8.A.1 requires that no outdoor parking shall be located within any front or side setbacks. The surface parking is located at the rear of the property, accessed from Washington Terrace and Walnut Street. Per the submitted plans, the proposed parking appears to meet all of the setback requirements of 5.1.8.A.1. However, to the extent necessary, the applicant requests relief from this section.
22. Section 5.1.8.A.2 states that no outdoor parking shall be located within five feet of a building containing residential units. Three parking stalls are located within five feet of the building on the western side of the property. A waiver from this section is required.
23. The minimum dimensional requirement for parking stalls is 9 feet wide by 19 feet deep per Sections 5.1.8.B.1, 5.1.8.B.2 and 5.1.10.B.3. The applicant proposes stalls which measure 18 feet deep, which requires a waiver per Section 5.1.13. All stalls meet the required width of 9 feet.
24. Section 5.1.8.B.6 states that end stalls restricted on one or both sides by curbs, walls, fences or other obstructions require maneuvering space at the aisle end of at least five feet in depth and nine feet in width. The applicant seeks a waiver from this provision per Section 5.1.13.
25. Section 5.1.8.D.2 requires that entrance and exit drives be no wider than 25 feet. The proposed entrance from Washington Terrace is 35 feet wide, and the entrance from Walnut Street is proposed at 38.3 feet. A special permit is required to allow the greater widths.
26. Section 5.1.9.B requires interior landscaping for surface parking containing at least twenty stalls. The applicant is proposing 2.1% of the parking area with landscaping and requests a waiver from this section in its entirety pursuant to Section 5.1.13 to allow for a reduction in the interior landscaping requirements, including total percentage of planting area, tree caliper and bumper overhang areas.
27. All parking facilities which are used at night are required to have security lighting maintaining a minimum intensity of one-foot candle on the entire surface of the parking facility per Section 5.1.10.A.1. The applicant requests a waiver from this provision per Section 5.1.13.
28. Section 5.1.10.B.5 requires curbing, wheel stops, guard rails or bollards at the edges of surfaced areas to protect landscaping. The applicant requests a waiver from this provision per Section 5.1.13.
29. Section 5.1.12 provides the requirements for off-street loading facilities. This section requires one loading bay for retail uses from 5,000 to 50,999 square feet, and one bay for offices of the same size range. The applicant intends to provide one loading bay, and requests a waiver from the requirement of the second bay per Section 5.1.12.
30. The applicant has not yet submitted a comprehensive sign package for the proposed development. To the extent necessary, the applicant requests the relief found in Section 5.2.13 to allow exceptions to the number of signs, and for the size, location and height of any proposed signs on the property.

31. Section 5.11.4 requires that a project requiring a special permit for residential or mixed use development, including residential development beyond that allowable as of right or totaling more than two new additional units, be subject to the inclusionary housing provisions. The ordinance requires that the project provide no fewer than 15% of the number of dwelling units proposed to be added by the development. The applicant is proposing to provide 24 affordable units out of the 160 units, which is 15% of the total, in accordance with the Ordinance.

MU4 Zone	Required	Proposed
Lot Size	10,000 square feet	123,956 square feet
Frontage	80 feet	+/- 340 feet
Setbacks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Front • Rear 	<10 feet 20 feet (30 feet BU2)	0 feet 46 feet
Lot Area Per Dwelling Unit	1,000 square feet	581 square feet
Total Gross Floor Area		231,475 square feet
Building Height (by Special Permit)	36 feet (60 feet)	60 feet
Max Number of Stories (by Special Permit)	3 (5)	5
FAR (by Special Permit)	1.5 (2.5)	2.49
Beneficial Open Space	5%	10.7%

Zoning Relief Required		
<i>Ordinance</i>	<i>Required Relief</i>	<i>Action Required</i>
	Rezone a portion of the parcels to Mixed Use 4	
§4.2.2.B.1	To allow a building in excess of 20,000 square feet of gross floor area	S.P. per §7.3.3
§4.2.5.A.2	To allow building height of 60 feet and five stories	S.P. per §7.3.3
§4.2.2.A.2, §4.2.5.A.3	To reduce required lot area per unit to 581 square feet per unit	S.P. per §7.3.3
§4.2.3, §4.2.5.A.2	To allow for an FAR of 2.49	S.P. per §7.3.3
§4.2.5.A.4.c, §4.2.5.A.4	Waive the setback requirement for buildings taller than 40 feet	S.P. per §7.3.3
§4.2.5.A.6.a, §4.2.5.A.6	Waive the requirement for at least one entrance every 50 feet of frontage	S.P. per §7.3.3
§4.2.5.A.6.b, §4.2.5.A.6	Waive the façade transparency requirements	S.P. per §7.3.3
§4.4.1	To allow retail sales uses over 5,000 square feet, restaurants with more than 50 seats, personal service uses over 5,000 square feet, stand-alone ATMs, health club on the ground floor, health club above or below the ground floor, animal services, and street-level office uses	S.P. per §7.3.3

§5.1.4.A	To allow a reduction in the residential parking to 1.25 stalls per unit	S.P. per §7.3.3
§5.1.4.C	To allow up to a one-third reduction in parking for more than three uses	S.P. per §7.3.3
§5.1.4, §5.1.13	To allow a waiver of 97 parking stalls	S.P. per §7.3.3
§5.1.8.A.1, §5.1.8.A.2, §5.1.13	To allow outside parking within front and side setbacks and within five feet of a structure containing residential units	S.P. per §7.3.3
§5.1.8.B.1, §5.1.8.B.2, §5.1.10.B.3, §5.1.13	To waive the dimensional requirements for parking stalls	S.P. per §7.3.3
§5.1.8.D.2, §5.1.13	To waive the maximum width for entrance and exit drives	S.P. per §7.3.3
§5.1.8.B.6, §5.1.13	To waive end stall maneuvering space requirements	S.P. per §7.3.3
§5.1.9.B, §5.1.13	To waive the interior landscaping requirements for parking facilities	S.P. per §7.3.3
§5.1.10.A.1, §5.1.13	To waive the lighting requirements for parking facilities	S.P. per §7.3.3
§5.1.10.B.5 §5.1.13	Waive the requirement for curbing, wheel stops, guard rails and bollards	S.P. per §7.3.3
§5.1.12, §5.1.13	Allow for only one loading bay	S.P. per §7.3.3
§5.2, §5.2.13	Waive the number, size, location and height of signs allowed	S.P. per §7.3.3

CITY OF NEWTON
IN CITY COUNCIL
February _____, 2017

Comment [AA1]: Consider re-lettering the Schedules in the order in which they appear.

ORDERED:

That the Council, finding that the public convenience and welfare will be substantially served by its action, that the use of the Site will be in harmony with the conditions, safeguards, and limitations set forth in the Zoning Ordinance, and that said action will be without substantial detriment to the public good, and without substantially derogating from the intent or purpose of the Zoning Ordinance, grants approval of the following SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL for a mixed use development consisting of three interconnected buildings which incorporate 160 residential units (approximately 180,000 square feet), not exceeding 45,000 square feet of retail sales, service establishment, restaurant, health club, and/or medical office space, not less than 2,000 square feet of office/community space, and not less than 350 on-site parking stalls outside at grade within the Project Site or within a below-grade garage, all in accordance with the recommendation of the Land Use Committee and the reasons given by the Committee therefore, through its Chairman, Councilor Marc C. Laredo.

Procedural Background

The proposed development (the "Project") for Washington Place (the "Site") was submitted by Mark Newtonville, LLC (the "Petitioner") and reflects efforts to diversify Newton's housing stock, provide affordable housing choices, encourage pedestrian-oriented development with a mix of residential and business uses, and enhance the quality of life in Newtonville and Newton's village commercial centers, all in accordance with Newton's *Comprehensive Plan*.

The special permit/site plan application for the Project was filed with the City Clerk on May 9, 2016. Notice of the public hearing was published on May 24, 2016 and May 31, 2016 in *The Boston Globe*, on June 1, 2016 in the *Newton Tab*, and re-noticed and re-published on November 18, 2016, November 25, 2016, December 28, 2016, and January 4, 2017 in *The Boston Globe* and on November 23, 2016 and December 28, 2016 in the *Newton Tab*, and mailed to all parties in interest in compliance with the Newton Zoning Ordinance and M.G.L. c. 40A, Section 11. The Land Use Committee ("LUC") of the City Council opened the public hearing on June 7, 2016 and continued the public hearing on July 12, 2016, September 13, 2016, October 6, 2016, November 1, 2016, November 29, 2016, December 15, 2016, January 12, 2017, January 31, 2017, February 7, 2017, and February 28, 2017 [insert any future dates]. Over the course of the hearings presentations were made by the Petitioner and its Project team

including its attorney, Stephen J. Buchbinder of Schlesinger and Buchbinder, LLP; Damien Chaviano of Mark Development, LLC; its architects, David Chilinski and Steven Allen of Prellwitz Chilinski Associates, Inc.; its landscape architect, Shauna Gillies-Smith of Ground, Inc.; its fiscal consultant, John Connery of Connery Associates; its transportation consultant, Randy Hart of Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. (“VHB”); its sustainability consultant, Lauren Baumann, of New Ecology; and its lighting consultant, Carrie Hawley of HLB Lighting. Presentations were also made by City staff including Alexandra Ananth, Chief Planner of Current Planning for the Planning and Development Department, and the City’s transportation consultant and peer reviewer, Michael Santos of Howard Stein Hudson.

The LUC received extensive oral and written testimony from the public and written reports from the City’s professional consultants and various City boards, commissions, and departments, including the Planning and Development Department, the Department of Public Works, the Planning and Development Board, the Urban Design Commission, and the Newtonville Area Council. During the review process, supplemental materials and testimony have been submitted in response to requests by the Council and the public. All testimony, written reports, and supplemental materials prepared by the Petitioner and its consultants, and the City and its staff, consultants, boards, and commissions, as well as public testimony and supplemental materials submitted by the public, are included in the record of the Council’s proceedings, and provide factual and technical background for the Findings and Conditions set forth within the body of this order.

Following a final presentation by the Petitioner and City staff, as well as public testimony, the public hearing was closed on February 28, 2017. On February 28, 2017, the LUC voted to recommend approval of the Project to the Council as follows: [Check final dates]

Finding that all applicable provisions of the Zoning Ordinance have been complied with and taking into consideration the testimony and evidence provided by all interested parties, the Council GRANTS approval of this Special Permit/Site Plan Approval based on the following findings, as recommended by the LUC of the Council:

With regard to how the Project furthers the purposes of the MU-4 District and meets the requirements of §7.3.3.C.1.-5., for those uses or dimensional waivers requiring special permits:

1. The Council finds pursuant to the requirements of §4.2.1.C.1.-5. that the proposed useProject is not inconsistent with the purposes of the MU-4 district or and the Newtonville *Comprehensive Plan*, including the Mixed Use Centers Element adopted in November 2011, in that:
 - a. The Project will allow the development of buildings and uses appropriate to the Newtonville village commercial center and aligned with the vision of the City’s as described in the *Comprehensive Plan* by providing a compact development with residences, shops, public gathering spaces, and mixed use development opportunities in a commercial village

~~commercial center. (§4.2.1.C.1)~~

- b. The ~~massing of the Project along two blocks on the north side of the Massachusetts Turnpike and at the corner of Washington and Walnut Streets as well as matching the Project's streetscape improvements to those streetscape improvements being made along Walnut Street south of the Turnpike with help visually connect Newtonville's commercial village commercial center which is bifurcated by the Turnpike, and streetscape improvements associated with the Project will help to connect the businesses and residences on Washington Street and Walnut Street to that portion of Newtonville village south of the Massachusetts Turnpike. (§4.2.1.C.2)~~
- c. The Project will allow sufficient density and intensity of uses ~~through the mixture of housing and commercial uses~~ to promote a lively pedestrian environment, ~~public transit, and variety of businesses that serve the needs of the community and streetscape throughout the day and week.~~ (§4.2.1.C.3)
- d. The Project will ~~expand the diversity of housing options available in the City provide 160 mixed income rental housing units with proximity to a variety of services and public transit, increasing the quantity and diversity of housing resources in the City.~~ (§4.2.1.C.4)
- e. The Project ~~will promote the health and well-being of residents by encouraging physical activity, use of alternative modes of transportation, and creating a sense of place and community is located so as to encourage both the use of public transportation and walking within the Newtonville area.~~ (§4.2.1.C.5)
- f. ~~The petitioner submitted neighborhood views and a 3D massing model, and the Council finds that the Project's architectural characteristics and massing are respectful to the surrounding neighborhood village context including the adjacent Newtonville Historic District, and "should not damage the valued qualities of that which exists in the vicinity,"⁴ or cause adverse impacts from shadows or the blocking of views.~~

Comment [OCMY2]: Deleted pending possible reconsideration following review of the 3D model.

2. ~~The Council finds that all 160 residential units will conform to the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board (MAAB) requirements for "Group 1" units and are visitable by those in a wheelchair. In addition, per MAAB guidelines, 5% of the units will conform to "Group 2A" unit requirements and will be designed for immediate use and occupancy by anyone in a wheelchair, and with the ability to adapt additional components of the units upon need, at the Petitioner's sole cost and expense. This will add to the diversity~~

⁴ Newton Comprehensive Plan, November 2007, Section 2, Excellence in Place Making, page 2-7.

of Newton's housing stock, thereby increasing housing choices and opportunities in the City.

3. The Council finds that the ~~proposed~~ residential units fill a need for smaller, accessible, ~~energy efficient~~ residential units as ~~demonstrated~~ identified by multiple sources including in the City's Housing Needs Analysis and Strategic Recommendations Report dated June 2016, the Metropolitan Area Planning Council's Population and Housing Demand Projections for Metro Boston, and the two Demographic Trends and Projections Reports prepared by The Dukakis Center for the City of Newton. ~~Furthermore, t~~

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2-4. The Council finds that the ~~petitioner~~ Petitioner has taken ~~additional~~ steps to alleviate the increasing costs of housing in Newton by providing two income tiers of affordability as follows:

- a. The first tier of affordability per Newton's Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance will set aside 15% of the total residential units as Inclusionary Units affordable to households earning up to 80% of Area Median Income ("AMI") as designated by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), adjusted ~~to for~~ family size (the "Inclusionary Units") in perpetuity. The ~~project~~ Project will consist of 12 units for households earning at or below 50% of AMI and 12 units for households earning at or below 80% of AMI. This results in a blended rate of no more than 65% of AMI.
- b. The second tier of affordability provides an additional 10% of the total residential units affordable to households earning between 80% and 120% AMI (the "Middle Income Units") in perpetuity. The Inclusionary Units and the Middle Income Units will sometimes be referred to hereinafter as the "Deed Restricted Units."

3-5. ~~By including both tiers of affordability, the~~ The Council finds that by including both tiers of affordability there will be ~~an opportunity~~ potential for upward mobility within the ~~project~~ Project, as residents ~~will~~ may be afforded the option to transition from one tier to the next, where they would have otherwise been required to relocate or pay market rate rents if their income exceeded the cap on the Inclusionary Units.

4-6. The Council finds that to the extent allowed by the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), the Petitioner will seek permission to set aside 70% of the Deed Restricted Units as ~~local~~ Local preference ~~Preference units~~ Units.

5-7. The Council finds that the ~~specific~~ Site is an appropriate location for the ~~proposed~~ mixed-use building as the ~~Project~~ as the site plan maximizes the benefits of its Newtonville commercial village center location by expanding needed housing choices, diversifying commercial options in the village, connecting the Site to the village through

intersection and streetscape improvements, and maximizing the number of parking stalls available on-site to the greatest extent consistent with appropriate site planning. ([§7.3.3.C.1](#))

~~6-8.~~ The Council finds that the use as developed and operated will not adversely affect the neighborhood as the Project will enhance the long term economic stability [of the commercial village center](#), ~~and the~~ vitality [and walkability](#) of the village, and will create an ~~attractive~~ [approximately 9,000 square foot accessible](#) public gathering space. ([§7.3.3.C.2](#))

~~7-9.~~ The Council finds that through improvements to the intersection of Walnut and Washington Streets for vehicles and pedestrians as well as the consolidation of site driveways at the Project Site, there will be no nuisance or serious hazard to vehicles or pedestrians. ([§7.3.3.C.3](#))

~~8-10.~~ [Access to the site over streets is appropriate for the types and numbers of vehicles involved.](#) The Petitioner conducted studies [peer reviewed by the City](#) which conclude that the traffic generated by this Project are accommodated by improvements that the Petitioner will make at ~~their~~ [its](#) sole cost and expense at the intersection of Washington and Walnut Streets, ~~and the Project with improvements will not negatively impact traffic at this intersection.~~ [The City contracted with Howard Stein Hudson \(HSH\) to perform a critical review of the petitioner's Traffic Impact and Access Study. In general, HSH agrees with the analysis performed by the petitioner and finds that the project will have minimal impact on surrounding roadways. Furthermore, HSH believes the proposed improvements at the intersection of Washington and Walnut Streets are sufficient to mitigate the impact of the project on surrounding roadways.](#) ([§7.3.3.C.4](#))

~~9.~~ The Council finds that the site planning, building design, construction, maintenance, and long-term operation of the Project will contribute significantly to the efficient use and conservation of natural resources and energy. The Project is located in a village center close to multiple transit options and with the benefits of a walkable [commercial](#) village center. ~~In accordance with the memorandum from New Ecology dated November 22, 2016, attached hereto as Schedule I, careful attention will be paid to design and construct a high R value, durable, environmentally sensitive building. Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing systems will be chosen and sized to meet the minimal heating and cooling loads and to ensure occupant comfort. The building shall achieve LEED Gold for Homes Midrise Version 3 certification, and proper commissioning, optimization, and education for building management and tenants shall be ensured to operate the building at the designed level of performance.~~ ([§7.3.3.C.5](#) and [§7.4.5.B.8](#))

~~10.~~ The Council finds that ~~the proposed redevelopment will expedite the environmental cleanup of the site in accordance with state regulations and a Soil Management Plan will be prepared and submitted to the City by a licensed site professional that will document soil cleanup.~~

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11. ~~The Council finds that 24 Inclusionary Units, 16 Middle Income Units, and 120 market rate units will be adaptable to allow for full accessibility as may be needed, which will add to the diversity of Newton's housing stock, thereby increasing housing choices and opportunities in the City.~~

With regard to the special permit to allow retail sales establishments over 5,000 square feet, restaurants with more than 50 seats, personal service establishments over 5,000 square feet, standalone ATMs, health club(s) at or above the ground floor, animal service uses, and /or street-level medical office uses pursuant to §4.4.1.:

12. The Council finds that the Site is an appropriate location for retail sales establishments over 5,000 square feet, restaurants with more than 50 seats, personal service establishments over 5,000 square feet, standalone ATMs, health club(s) at or above the ground floor, animal service uses, and /or street-level medical office uses, as the proposed uses are appropriate for the commercial center of the village and will encourage an active, pedestrian-oriented streetscape throughout the day and week, that the proposed uses fill a demonstrated need for the uses within the vicinity, and that the proposed uses are not in consistent with the purposes of the MU-4 district and or the City's ~~the~~ *Comprehensive Plan*.

With regard to the special permit to allow a building in excess of 20,000 square feet of gross floor area, pursuant to §4.2.2.B.1.:

13. The Council finds that the size of the interconnected buildings are not inconsistent with the MU-4 district or the Mixed Use Centers Element of the *Comprehensive Plan*, ~~which identifies Mixed Use Centers as "complexes of substantial size, perhaps a quarter-million square feet of floor area or more"² incorporating both residential and commercial uses. This element that was added to the *Comprehensive Plan* in November 2011 states that "The future livability of the City can be further enhanced through the creation of a number of well located and well designed new mixed use centers."³ The proposed site plan and buildings are compatible with the neighborhood context, improve the pedestrian environment, create beneficial open space, and the proposed mix of uses will enhance the commercial and civic vitality of the Newtonville commercial village center vicinity.~~

With regard to the special permit to allow a building height of 60 feet and 5 stories, and to waive the setback requirement for buildings taller than 40 feet pursuant to §4.2.5.A.2 and §4.2.5.A.4.c.:

14. The height and number of stories is allowable by special permit in the MU-4 district and ~~The~~ the Council finds that the building height of 60 of up to 60 feet and 5 stories will not adversely affect the neighborhood as the proposed structure is compatible in visual

Comment [OCMY3]: LUC review of findings stopped at this finding.

² Newton Comprehensive Plan, 3A. Mixed Use Centers, November 2011, page 3A-1.

³ Newton Comprehensive Plan, 3A. Mixed Use Centers, November 2011, page 3A-1.

scale to its Newtonville commercial village center surroundings, is appropriate given the width of the street, does not adversely affect its surroundings by creating shadows or blocking views-, and advances the purposes of the MU-4 district. ~~of surrounding properties, is appropriately located on the site so as to concentrate the height and mass on Washington Street and scale downward as the building approached its residential abutters, and advances the purposes of the MU-4 district. The varied 4-5 story height with the tower emphasizing the corner is in keeping with existing landmarks in Newtonville including the Masonic Hall, and the height and number of stories is allowable by special permit in the MU-4 district.~~

Comment [OCMY4]: LUC to look again at shadow study to see when and where shadows may occur and consider shadows from potential by-right development.

~~14-15.~~ The waiver of the setback requirement for the portions of the buildings taller than 40 feet is appropriate as the varied 4-5 story height and predominant massing on Washington Street is appropriate at this corner location and scales downward as the building approaches its residential abutters.

With regard to the special permit to allow floor area ratio ("FAR") of not more than 1.90 pursuant to §4.2.3.:

~~15-16.~~ The Council finds that the proposed FAR of not more than 1.90 is not inconsistent with the MU-4 district or the Comprehensive Plan. The proposed FAR is less than the maximum permitted by special permit in either the MU-4 district (2.5) or the Business 2 district (2.0). The Council finds that the FAR of not more than 1.90 is appropriate for the site and not inconsistent with the MU-4 district or the City's Comprehensive Plan.

With regard to the special permit to waive the lot area per dwelling unit requirement, pursuant to §4.2.5.A.3.:

~~16-17.~~ The Council finds that the proposed density of approximately 775 square feet of lot area per unit creates a beneficial living environment for the residents, does not adversely affect the traffic on Washington Street or Walnut Street, increases housing choices and opportunities in the City, and better achieves the purposes of the MU-4 district than strict compliance with these standards.

With regard to the special permit to waive the front setback requirement, pursuant to §4.2.5.A.4.:

~~17-18.~~ The Council finds that the waivers from the front setback requirement better protects the surrounding community from shadows and blocked views, supports pedestrian vitality, and encourages the purposes of this district. are appropriate in order to provide an improved streetscape that supports pedestrian vitality and encourages the purposes of the MU-4 district.

With regard to the special permit to waive entrance requirements, pursuant to §4.2.5.A.6.:

~~18-19.~~ The Council finds that a waiver of the requirement for an entrance every 50 feet on the building frontage facing Walnut Street, Washington Street, and Washington Terrace

better enables appropriate use of the Site, supports pedestrian vitality, and better achieves the purposes of the MU-4 district than strict compliance with these standards.

With regard to special permits for the number of parking stalls and various requirements for the design of parking facilities, pursuant to §5.1.4.A.; §5.1.4.C.; §5.1.8.A.; §5.1.8.B.1.2.; §5.1.9.B.; §5.1.10.; §5.1.12.; and §5.1.13.:

~~19,20.~~ The Council finds that exceptions to the parking requirements, including a waiver for not more than 97 required parking stalls, to locate parking within a setback, and within five feet of a residential structure, to waive the dimensional requirements for some parking stalls, to waive the screening requirements for parking lots, to waive the interior landscaping requirements, and to waive the off-street loading requirements, are in the public interest or in the interest of safety, and that such exceptions are in the interest or protection of environmental features for the following reasons:

- a) The Project will provide 243 parking stalls in the underground garage and 109 parking stalls above ground. Six handicap stalls will be provided in the outdoor parking lot and 7 additional handicap stalls will be provided in the underground garage. The Petitioner is proposing 1.25 parking stalls per residential unit and a 1/3 reduction of the commercial parking requirement in addition to a waiver not to exceed 97 stalls. The ~~small (<less than~~ 900 square ~~feet~~) average size of the units will likely attract tenants who have only one automobile per unit and use public transit, making a parking waiver appropriate at this site. Covered bicycle parking will also be provided in the below-grade garage to encourage bike use. The Petitioner intends to have car-sharing services provided on-site and has submitted a ~~robust~~ Transportation Demand Management Plan and Transportation Demand Management Subsidy Program hereto attached as Schedules E and F.
- b) The parking for the market rate residential units will be charged separately and in addition to the rent so as to encourage reduced parking demand car ownership and parking demand while encouraging increased transit usage. ~~The rent for the Inclusionary Units will include one parking stall at no additional charge for those households with a car.~~
- c) The commercial and residential uses are complementary and will allow for shared usage of the garage at different times. Accordingly, the Council concludes that the number of parking stalls required by the Zoning Ordinance would be more than necessary to meet the realistic parking demand.
- d) The location of parking within property boundary setbacks and within five feet of a residential structure makes for the most efficient layout of the parking lot and helps to maximize the number of stalls that will be available.
- e) The allowance for reduced size-length of parking stalls (from 19 feet to 18 feet)

will not create a nuisance or hazard to vehicles ~~because the stalls will be well marked as intended for use by smaller vehicles, uniform in size to the extent possible, and larger stalls will be available. A turning template demonstrated that maneuvering aisles and parking stalls are sufficient.~~

- f) The Petitioner will dedicate at least two stalls to Zipcar or other similar services, ~~install charging stations for electric vehicles both in the surface lot and in the garage,~~ and have at least 30 at-grade bike parking stalls and covered bike storage for at least 160 bicycles in the garage below.
- g) The ~~Council finds that the~~ waiver for some parking lot interior landscape screening helps maximize the number of parking stalls that will be available to the public, and that a sufficient number of trees will be added to the Site in more perimeter locations so as to improve the streetscape, perimeter screening, and public plaza area.
- h) ~~That provisions for on-street and off-street loading facilities are sufficient to service the buildings and related uses on the site. The waiver for off-street loading facilities is justified as turning templates illustrate the building can be serviced by larger vehicles.~~
- i) ~~The waiver to allow for reduced parking lot lighting is in the public interest and in the interest of abutting residential properties.~~
- h)j) ~~The waiver for curbing, wheel stops, guard rails and bollards is appropriate given the proposed layout of the parking lot.~~

With regard to the special permit to waive of the number, size, location, and height of signs pursuant to § 5.2.13

~~20.21.~~ The Council finds that the nature of the use of the premises, the architecture of the buildings, and the ~~project's~~ Project's location at the intersection of Washington Street and Walnut Street, justifies exceptions to the limitations imposed by §5.2 on the number, size, location, and height of signs. The Petitioner will submit a Comprehensive Sign Package for all signage to the Urban Design Commission for review.

With regard to the site plan approval criteria under §7.4.5.B.1.-~~87~~.:

~~21.~~ The Council finds that the Project has been designed to ensure the safety of vehicular and pedestrian movement within the Site and in relation to adjacent streets, properties, and improvements, including regulation of the number, design and location of access driveways and the location and design of handicap parking. ~~for the following reasons:~~

a) ~~22.~~ The two aAccess driveways have been designed with pedestrian safety and vehicular sight lines in mind including include stop signs, open viewing, low planters, and wide sidewalks, and have been located as far away from the intersection as is practical.

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[\(§7.4.5.B.1\)](#)

~~22-23.~~ The Council finds that the methods for disposal of [sewage, refuse and other wastes](#), ~~and that the methods of waste water and~~ regulating surface water drainage are adequate for the following reasons:

- a) The City Engineering Division has reviewed submitted plans and raised no ~~major~~ concerns with respect to this Project. The Engineering Division will review ~~any-all~~ plans submitted for building permits for compliance with City of Newton Engineering Division design standards prior to the issuance of any building permits.
- b) The Petitioner will be making a \$782,880 contribution to the City of Newton for municipal sewer Inflow and Infiltration improvements. [\(§7.4.5.B.2\)](#)

~~23-24.~~ The Council finds that provisions for ~~on-on~~ street and off-street loading facilities are sufficient to service the buildings [and related uses on the site](#). [\(§7.4.5.B.3\)](#)

~~24-25.~~ The Council finds that [screening of parking areas and structures on the site from adjoining premises](#) is sufficient [based on the landscape plans referenced in Condition #1](#) ~~ly screened from abutting properties by landscaping and fencing~~. [\(§7.4.5.B.4\)](#)

~~25-26.~~ The Council finds that the Project avoids unnecessary topographical changes, ~~and that the installation of the building foundation with its underground garage should not negatively impact abutters~~. ~~Additionally, proposed landscaping will enhance the Site and streetscape~~. [\(§7.4.5.B.5\)](#)

~~26-27.~~ The Council finds that all ~~utilities~~ [utility service lines](#) on site will be undergrounded. [\(§7.4.5.B.6\)](#)

~~27-28.~~ The Council finds that the proposed site design and massing is appropriate in the context of the ~~neighborhood~~ [Newtonville commercial village center location](#) and will serve to [improve connections to the south side of Newtonville](#) ~~the Site to the village by interconnected buildings~~ with an active pedestrian streetscape designed to invite the public into the site and with pedestrian improvement designed to be consistent with the Walnut Street streetscape south of the Massachusetts Turnpike. The Petitioner has incorporated a number of building treatments and design elements that enhance the appearance of the structure, including articulating the façade to proportion building elements to a human scale and setting the fifth story back from the street in certain locations. ~~The height of the structure is in keeping with surrounding iconic village buildings including the Masonic Hall, and the tower element is appropriate at this intersection~~. [\(§7.4.5.B.6\)](#)

~~28-29.~~ The Council finds that [the Petitioner worked with the community to design a Project that mitigates the removal of many of](#) the existing buildings on site ~~are not original or~~

have been significantly altered so that they are not considered historical resources.
(§7.4.5.B.7)

~~29. [Don't need - See Finding 16]~~

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30. The Council finds the Project will provide public benefits to the residents of Newton as the Project includes 2,000 sq. ft. of accessible community space to be used by a local non-profit organizations engaged in the arts throughhand community education, which will be a public benefit both to the residents of the Project as well as the broader Newtonville community.
31. In light of the findings set forth above and the following conditions imposed by this Council Order, the City Council finds that the public convenience and welfare of the City will be served, and the criteria of §4.2.1.C. 1.-5.; §4.2.2. B.1.; §4.2.5.A; §4.2.5. A. 1.-4. and 6; §5.1.4. A; §5.1.4. C.; §5.1.8.A.; §5.1.8. B. 1., and 2.; §5.1.9. B.; §5.1.10.; §5.1.12.; §5.1.13.; and §7.4.5. B. 1.-8. for granting special permits/site plan approval will be satisfied.

PETITION NUMBER: #179-16

PETITIONER: Mark Newtonville, LLC , its successors and assigns

LOCATION: 22 Washington Terrace, 16-18 Washington Terrace, 10-12 Washington Terrace, 6-8 Washington Terrace, 875 Washington Street, 869 Washington Street, 867 Washington Street, 861-865 Washington Street, 857-859 Washington Street, 845-855 Washington Street, 245-261 Walnut Street (a/k/a 835-843 Washington Street), 241 Walnut Street, Bailey Place, 22 Bailey Place, 14-18 Bailey Place, and an unnumbered lot on Bailey Place, also identified as Section 21, Block 29, Lots 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 19A, 20, 21, 22, and 23, Ward 2, currently zoned Business 1, Business 2, and Public Use (the Project Site)

OWNER: Mark Newtonville, LLC, Mark Lolich, LLC, and Sunoco, LLC, their successors and assigns

ADDRESS OF OWNER: 57 River Street, Suite 106, Wellesley, MA 02481

TO BE USED FOR: A mixed use development in excess of 20,000 square feet consisting of three interconnected buildings with building heights of not more than 60 feet and five stories, total

gross floor area not exceeding 235,000 square feet incorporating 160 residential units, not exceeding 45,000 square feet of commercial space, not less than 2,000 square feet of community space, not less than 350 on-site parking stalls outside at grade or within a below-grade garage, and related site improvements; to authorize uses including retail of more than 5,000 square feet, personal service of more than 5,000 square feet, restaurants over 50 seats, standalone ATMs, health club establishments at or above ground floor, animal service, and street level office

CONSTRUCTION: Masonry structure over a structural steel and concrete base

EXPLANATORY NOTES: Special permits, site plan approval, and parking waivers for the Project, all as more specifically set forth in Schedule A, attached hereto, and as further referenced in the Findings.

ZONING: MU-4

Approved subject to the following Conditions.

General Conditions

1. All buildings, parking areas, driveways, walkways, landscaping, and other site features associated with this Special Permit/Site Plan Approval shall be located and constructed consistent with the plans identified in Schedule B, and which are hereby incorporated by reference.
2. The Petitioner shall merge the existing parcels to one new lot either prior to the issuance of the first building permit (other than a demolition permit) or within thirty (30) days from the issuance of such building permit. Proof of recording a plan with the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds shall be submitted to the Department of Planning and Development, the Inspectional Services Department, and the City Solicitor's office.
3. This Special Permit/Site Plan Approval shall be deemed to have been (i) vested, for the purposes of utilizing the benefits of the change of zone authorized by Council Order #180(2)-16, upon the submission to the City of an application for a building permit (other than a demolition permit) for all or any portion of the Project; and (ii) vested and exercised, with respect to the entire Project, once construction under this Special Permit/Site Plan Approval has begun for any portion of the Project.

4. Prior to the issuance of any building permits, the Petitioner shall submit stamped and signed engineered plans for the reconstruction of the intersection at Walnut and Washington Streets as described on Schedule G attached hereto, for review and approval by the Director of Planning and Development and the Commissioner of Public Works in consultation with the Director of Transportation, and the City Engineer, for continuity with the Newtonville Streetscape Project south of the Massachusetts Turnpike and consistency with the City's Complete Streets Policy. These improvements will be completed by the Petitioner at its sole cost and expense.
5. Prior to the issuance of any building permits, the Petitioner shall submit stamped and signed engineered streetscape design plans for the improvements to Walnut and Washington Streets adjacent to the project site, for review and approval by the Director of Planning and Development and the Commissioner of Public Works in consultation with the Director of Transportation, and the City Engineer, for continuity with the Newtonville Streetscape Project south of the Massachusetts Turnpike and consistency with the City's Complete Streets Policy.
6. Prior to the issuance of any building permits, the Petitioner shall submit stamped and signed engineered streetscape design plans for the improvements on the east side of Walnut Street for review and approval by the Director of Planning and Development and the Commissioner of Public Works in consultation with the Director of Transportation, and the City Engineer, for continuity with the Newtonville Streetscape Project south of the Massachusetts Turnpike and consistency with the City's Complete Streets Policy.
7. Prior to the issuance of **any final** certificates of occupancy, and at the Petitioner's sole cost and expense, the Petitioner shall complete the reconstruction of the intersection of Washington Street and Walnut Street as described on Schedule G attached hereto. The City Engineer shall also inspect and approve the improvements upon **completion**.
8. Prior to the issuance of **any** final certificates of occupancy, and at the Petitioner's sole cost and expense, the Petitioner shall design and construct bike **facilities** on both sides of Walnut Street from Newtonville Avenue north to Foster Street. The design of the bike facilities shall be reviewed and approved by the Director of Planning and Development and the Commissioner of Public Works in consultation with the Director of Transportation, and the City Engineer, for consistency with the Newtonville Streetscape Project and consistency with the City's Complete Streets Policy.
9. Prior to the issuance of **any** final certificate of occupancy, the petitioner shall complete all offsite improvements as described in Schedule D attached hereto, the estimated cost of which is approximately \$700,000.
10. Prior to the issuance of **any** certificates of occupancy, **temporary or final**, for the residential portion of the site, the petitioner shall pay an amount of \$782,880 to the City, which sum represents an 8:1 ratio for municipal sewer Inflow and Infiltration

Comment [OCMY5]: The phasing of construction between the Project and the intersection improvements needs to be looked at, esp. in terms of possible constructability issues, i.e., weather. The Petitioner is proposing that temporary certificates of occupancy for one (1) commercial tenant and 50% of the residential tenants be permitted prior to completion of the intersection improvements. Under discussion.

Comment [U6]: This is vague; are we referring to the bike lanes?

improvements in accordance with a memorandum from Associate City Engineer John Daghlian dated November 29, 2016, attached hereto as Schedule C.

11. Prior to the issuance of **any** certificates of occupancy, temporary or final, for the residential portion of the site, the Petitioner shall fund a Transportation Demand Management Subsidy Program (the "TDM Subsidy Program") in the amount of \$300,000. The details of the TDM Subsidy Program are set forth in Schedule E. The Transportation Demand Management Plan is attached as Schedule F.
12. In accordance with the City's Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance (§5.11.4), and as proposed in the Preliminary Washington Place Inclusionary Housing Plan (IHP) dated January 18, 2017 as described as Schedule H attached hereto, the Project shall include a total of 15% Deed Restricted units for low- and moderate-income households (Inclusionary Units totaling ~~24~~**twenty-four** units) that shall be made available to households earning up to 80% of Area Median Income (AMI), as designated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, adjusted for household size. As proposed in the Preliminary IHP, twelve of these units shall be made available to households earning up to 80% AMI, and twelve of these units shall be made available to households earning up to 50% AMI. Monthly housing costs (inclusive of heat, hot water, electricity, water and sewer, and one parking space) shall not exceed 30% of the applicable monthly income limit for that unit. The maximum number of the Inclusionary Units shall be designated as Local Preference units, as permitted and defined by the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD).
13. In addition to the Inclusionary Units, and as proposed in the Preliminary (IHP), the Project shall further include 10% Deed Restricted units for Middle Income Households (Middle Income Units, totaling ~~16~~**sixteen** units) that shall be made available to households earning between 80% and 120% of AMI, as designated by HUD, adjusted for household size. As proposed in the IHP, eight Middle Income units shall be made available to households earning up to 80% **AMI and 100%** AMI, and eight of the Middle Income Units shall be made available to households earning up to **100% AMI and 120%** AMI. For the purposes of calculating rents, monthly housing cost **calculations** for the Middle Income Units **will not include an allowance for utilities that are not included in the rent, should be calculated in the same manner as the monthly housing costs for the Inclusionary Units detailed in Condition 12, with the necessary adjustments for the applicable income limit and bedroom count.**
14. To the extent permitted by applicable regulations of DHCD, the Inclusionary Units shall be eligible for inclusion on the State's Subsidized Housing Inventory (SHI) as Local Action Units through DHCD's Local Initiative Program. Prior to the issuance of any building permits for the **construction of the** Project, the Petitioner, City, and DHCD will enter into a Regulatory Agreement and Declaration of Restrictive Covenants, in a form approved by the Law Department, that will establish the affordability restriction for the Inclusionary Units in perpetuity.

Comment [OCMY7]: Staff does not agree with approach and prefers to have the same manner of calculation the monthly housing costs for both the inclusionary and Middle Income units.

Comment [NR8]: Intent here is to distinguish between Demo permit and New Construction.

15. The Middle Income Units will be subject to an Affordable Housing Use Restriction, in a form approved by the Law Department, which shall be substantially similar in form and intent to the Regulatory Agreement and Declaration of Restrictive Covenants that governs the Inclusionary Units. The restriction shall be in perpetuity and shall be executed between the Petitioner and the City prior to the issuance of any building permits for the construction of the project.
16. Prior to the issuance of any building permits, the Petitioner shall provide a final Inclusionary Housing Plan and Affirmative Marketing and Resident Selection Plan for review by the Director of Planning and Development. The Inclusionary Housing Plan and Affirmative Marketing and Resident Selection Plan must meet the requirements of DHCD's guidelines for Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing and Resident Selection and be consistent with §5.11.9. of the Newton Zoning Ordinance. The Inclusionary Housing Plan and Affirmative Marketing and Resident selection plan should include both the Inclusionary Units and the Middle Income Units and treat the units the same with respect to Affirmative Marketing and advancing Fair Housing in Newton. In accordance with DHCD's current guidelines, the units will be Affirmatively Marketed and leased through a lottery.
17. The project shall include at least six three bedroom units. At least one of these units will be restricted as an Inclusionary Unit (made available to households earning up to 80% of AMI, as designated by HUD), at least one unit will be restricted as a Middle Income Unit (made available to households earning between 80% and 120% of AMI, as designated by HUD), and the remainder may be made available at market rates.
18. All 160 residential units will conform to the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board (MAAB) requirements for "Group 1" units. In addition, per MAAB guidelines, 5% of the units will be designed as "Group 2A" units, which are designed spatially for immediate wheelchair use.
19. In accordance with the memorandum from New Ecology dated November 22, 2016, attached hereto as Schedule J, careful attention will be paid to design and construct a high R-value, durable, environmentally sensitive building. Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing systems will be chosen and sized to meet the minimal heating and cooling loads and to ensure occupant comfort. The building shall achieve LEED Gold for Homes Midrise Version 3 certification, and proper commissioning, optimization, and education for building management and tenants shall be ensured to operate the building at the designed level of performance.

Comment [NR9]: Intent here is to distinguish between Demo permit and New Construction.

Conditions Related To Construction

20. All construction activity shall be limited to 7AM-6PM Monday through Friday and 8AM-5PM on Saturdays excluding holidays, unless extended or restricted by the Commissioner of Inspectional Services or the Commissioner of Public Works. Interior work may occur at other times when the building is fully enclosed.
21. The Petitioner shall communicate regular construction updates to the Newtonville Area Council and all immediate abutters during construction as appropriate.
22. Not less than two (2) months prior to the commencement of any Site Work and/or other construction activities related to the work approved through this Special Permit, including any demolition activities requiring a building permit, a Construction Liaison Committee shall be established consisting of two (2) designees of the Petitioner; two (2) immediate abutters and one (1) resident from each of the following neighborhood streets: XXXXXX; and the Ward 2 Councilors and any other interested Councilors. The City Council shall appoint the resident neighborhood members. Meetings of the Liaison Committee will be open to the public, and the Committee will establish such agenda and procedures as it shall see fit.

The purposes of the Liaison Committee shall be:

- To enhance and insure communication as to the status and progress of the construction of the Project by the Petitioner.
- To provide a forum for initial presentation of a construction schedule and any significant changes to schedule or changes of plans for which public review is appropriate.
- To provide a public forum for presentation of supplementary permit requests to the extent required.
- To receive and deal with construction-specific issues including, without limitation, noise, dust, parking and traffic; to monitor implementation of the final Construction Management Plan; and to receive notices and communications from the Department of Inspectional Services and the Planning and Development Department.

The Liaison Committee shall meet regularly (monthly for the first six (6) months of the construction period, and thereafter, every three (3) months, unless there is consensus within the Liaison Committee that no meeting is necessary) until at least six (6) months after the initial occupancy of the final building to be completed. The first meeting shall be convened jointly by the Petitioner and the Ward 2 Councilors. The Liaison Committee shall work by consensus, but nothing in the establishment of the Liaison Committee shall inhibit any member, including the Petitioner, from engaging in any lawful activities.

The Liaison Committee shall, at a minimum, give written notice to the City Clerk, the Commissioner of Inspectional Services and the Director of Planning and Development of its meetings, and such notice shall be posted on the construction activity website that the Petitioner shall be required to establish pursuant to its Construction Management Plan.

23. The Petitioner shall comply in all material respects with the final Construction Management Plan to be submitted for review and approval to the Commissioner of Inspectional Services, in consultation with the Director of Planning and Development, the Fire Department, the Commissioner of Public Works, and the City Engineer. The Final Construction Management Plan shall include, but not be limited to, the following provisions:
 - a. 24-hour contact information for the general contractor of the Project. This contact information shall be provided to the Commissioner of Inspectional Services and to the Newton Police Department, shall be posted on a construction activity website to be established by the Petitioner, and shall be posted on the job site.
 - b. The proposed schedule of the Project, including the general phasing of the construction activities.
 - c. Site plan(s) showing the proposed location of contractor and subcontractor parking, on-site material storage area(s), on-site staging areas(s) for delivery vehicles, and location of any security fencing.
 - d. Proposed truck route(s) that minimize travel on local streets.
 - e. Proposed methods for dust control including but not limited to: covering trucks for transportation of excavated material; minimizing storage of debris on-site by using dumpsters and regularly emptying them; using tarps to cover piles of bulk building materials and soil; and locating a truck washing station to clean muddy wheels on all truck and construction vehicles before exiting the Site.
 - f. Proposed methods of noise control, in accordance with the City of Newton's Noise Ordinance. Staging activities should be conducted in a manner that will minimize off-site impacts of noise. Noise producing staging activities should be located as far as practical from noise sensitive locations.
 - g. A plan for rodent control during construction.
 - g-h. Provide a pre-construction survey at no charge to the owners of any abutting property that consent to such survey.
24. The Petitioner shall be responsible for securing and paying police details that may be necessary for traffic control throughout the construction process as required by the Police Chief.
25. The Petitioner shall be responsible for repairing any damage to public ways and property caused by any construction vehicles. All repair work shall be done prior to the issuance of a final Certificate of Occupancy, unless the Commissioner of Public Works determines that

the damage to the public way is so extensive that it limits the use of the public way. In such case the repair work must be initiated within one month of the Commissioner making such determination and shall be conducted consistent with City Construction Standards, and shall be completed within an appropriate time frame, as determined by the Commissioner.

26. At the Petitioner's sole expense, the Petitioner shall locate all utility service lines on site and along the Project's frontage on Washington Street and Walnut Street underground, subject to necessary approvals from utility companies.

Conditions Precedent To The Issuance Of Any Building Permits

27. No building permit shall be issued pursuant to this Special Permit/Site Plan approval until the Petitioner has: **Think about critical path, construction phasing and prior conditions that need to be added here.**
- a. Recorded a certified copy of this Council order with the Registry of Deeds for the Southern District of Middlesex County.
 - b. Filed a copy of such recorded Council order with the City Clerk, the Department of Inspectional Services, and the Department of Planning and Development.
 - c. Obtained a written statement from the Department of Planning and Development that confirms the final building permit plans and façade elevations are consistent with plans approved in Condition #1.
 - d. Obtained a written statement from the Department of Planning and Development and the Commissioner of Public Works that confirms that final plans for the reconstruction of the intersection at Walnut and Washington Streets, the improvements to Walnut and Washington Streets adjacent to the project site, and the improvements to the east side of Walnut Street including bike facilities, are consistent with the Newtonville Streetscape Project and the City's Complete Streets Policy.
 - e. Submitted a final Inclusionary Housing Plan for review and approval by the Director of Planning and Development that is certified as compliant by the Director of Planning and Development with the information required to be included in such Plan pursuant to §5.11.9. of the Zoning Ordinance.
 - f. Submitted final engineering, utility, and drainage plans, and an Operations and Maintenance plan for Stormwater Management, for review and approval by the City Engineer. A statement certifying such approval shall have been filed with the City Clerk, the Commissioner of Inspectional Services, and the Director of Planning and Development.
 - g. Submitted a final Construction Management Plan (CMP) for review and approval

Comment [OCMY10]: Consider which of these would be required at the demo permit stage rather than actual construction permit stage.

Comment [OCMY11]: Consider whether timing of this should be prior to issuance of building given that subsection j requires Regulatory Agreements to be executed.

by the Commissioner of Inspectional Services in consultation with the Director of Planning and Development, the Fire Department, the Commissioner of Public Works, the City Engineer, and the Director of Transportation.

- h. Submitted sample building façade materials and colors for review and approval by the Director of Planning and Development.
- i. Submitted a LEED Checklist to the Director of Planning and Development for review and approval, indicating which points the Project intends to realize in order to achieve LEED Gold [for Homes Midrise Version 3](#) certification.
- j. Submitted to the Law Department copies of fully executed Regulatory Agreements and Affordable Housing Restriction for all Deed Restricted Units, as described in Condition 12 and Condition 13.

Comment [U12]: Could this be moved to Condition 26? No, ocmy, but not needed for issuance of demo permit. Clarify this point.

Conditions Precedent To The Issuance Of Any Occupancy Permits

28. No occupancy permit for the use covered by this Special Permit/Site Plan approval shall be issued until the Petitioner has:

Comment [U13]: I would propose issuance of temporary certificates of occupancy for (1) commercial tenants, and (2) 50% of residential tenants prior to completion of all Schedule D improvements.

- a. Filed with the City Clerk, the Department of Inspectional Services, and the Department of Planning and Development a statement by a registered architect and civil engineer certifying compliance with Condition #1.
- b. Submitted to the Department of Inspectional Services, the Department of Planning and Development, and the Engineering Division final as-built survey plans in digital format.
- c. Completed the payment to the City for municipal sewer Inflow and Infiltration improvements [as required in Condition 10.-](#)
- d. Completed all off-site improvements as described in [Schedule D](#).
- e. Funded a Transportation Demand Management program with \$300,000 as described in [Schedule E](#). ~~along with any and all TDM obligations and requirements.~~
- f. Filed with the Department of Inspectional Services and the Department of Planning and Development a statement by the City Engineer certifying that all engineering details for the project site have been constructed to standards of the City of Newton Public Works Department.
- g. Filed with the Department of Inspectional Services and the Department of Planning and Development a statement by the City Engineer certifying that all engineering details including the reconstruction of the intersection at Washington and Walnut Streets, the Walnut Street and Washington Street Streetscape improvements adjacent to the project site, the improvements to the east side of Walnut Street, including bike facilities, have been constructed to standards of the City of Newton Public Works Department.

Comment [OCMY14]: Not sure that I would agree with prior comment, but do believe we need to consider timing of Project completion and intersection completion.

- h. Submitted to the Department of Planning and Development and the Health Department a final environmental report from a Licensed Site Professional documenting that the Site can be used for residential apartments.
- i. Filed evidence of that the criteria for LEED Gold certification has been satisfied.
- j. Filed with the Department of Inspectional Services a statement by the Director of Planning and Development approving final location, number, and type of plant materials, final landscape features, fencing, and parking areas.
- k. Provided evidence satisfactory to the Law Department that the Regulatory Agreements for all Deed Restricted Units have been recorded at the Southern Middlesex District Registry of Deeds or Southern Middlesex Land Court, as appropriate.
- l. Deed Restricted units shall be constructed and occupied coincident with market rate units, such that no more than three market rate units may receive occupancy permits until the corresponding affordable unit has received its occupancy permit.
- m. The Commissioner of Inspectional Services may issue one or more certificates of temporary occupancy for all or portions of the building constructed subject to this special permit prior to installation of landscaping or exterior hardscape improvements required in Condition ~~31XXX~~, provided the Petitioner shall first have filed with the Director of Planning and Development a bond, letter of credit, cash, or other security in the form satisfactory to the Director of Planning and Development in an amount not less than 135% of the value of the aforementioned remaining site improvements to ensure their completion.

Ongoing Conditions To Be In Effect For So Long As The Project Authorized By This Special Permit/Site Plan Approval Exists

29. The cost of residential tenant parking shall be charged separately from residential tenant rents so as to minimize car ownership by residential tenants, provided, however, that one parking stall shall be provided for the household of each Inclusionary Unit which needs a parking stall without charge to the tenant of such unit. ~~Consistent with the intent of the TDM and the goal of reducing automobile traffic, households occupying an Inclusionary Unit that do not require a parking space shall be allowed to forego the parking space; households that forego the parking space shall be entitled to a coinciding reduction in their monthly rent, equal to the monthly rent of the parking space.~~

30. ~~Should the City adopt a Transportation Demand Management Ordinance within three (3) years of the issuance of final certificates of occupancy for the Project, the Petitioner shall meet with the Director of Planning and Development and the Director of Transportation to discuss whether the Transportation Demand Management Ordinance applies to the Project~~

Comment [U15]: Is this above and beyond the Pilot Program which we have proposed?

Comment [OCMY16]: Question raised as to whether this reduction in rent applies to inclusionary units without cars that receive a TDM subsidy.

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~~and if so, how the Project can comply with the Ordinance as well as any requirements in this Special Permit, including the requirements set out in Sechedule F.~~

Comment [OCMY17]: Delete – can't retroactively apply to Project. Potential Home Rule amendment issues.

~~31-30.~~ All landscaping associated with this Special Permit/Site Plan Approval shall be installed and maintained in good condition. Any plant material that becomes diseased or dies shall be replaced on an annual basis with similar material.

~~32-31.~~ The Petitioner shall be responsible at its sole cost for trash and recycling disposal for the Project. The trash and recycling disposal shall be scheduled at such times to minimize any disruption of the on-site parking.

~~33-32.~~ A Comprehensive Sign Package including all tenant signage shall be submitted for review by the Urban Design Committee.

~~34-33.~~ Managed or valet parking is permitted pursuant to a professionally-prepared Parking Management Plan, which shall be maintained on file and available for review upon request by the Director of Planning and Development or the Director of the Transportation Division of Public Works. Valet parking must be located within the Project site.

Comment [OCMY18]: Question raised as to whether valet off-site parking that is not on street or in a municipal lot might be possible and if so, under what circumstances.

~~35-34.~~ No changes to the Project shall be permitted, except as otherwise set forth in this Special Permit/Site Plan Approval, unless they are consistent with the Special Permit Plan Set. Consistency determinations shall be subject to review and approval by the Commissioner of Inspectional Services but shall not require approval of the Council. When making a request for a consistency determination, the Petitioner shall submit updated construction sequencing plans and a memorandum for the Commissioner of Inspectional Services demonstrating that such changes (i) do not constitute a reallocation or reconfiguration of square footage among uses in the Project or otherwise allowed in the MU-4 district such that no increase in the parking waiver approved hereunder is required; (ii) do not require additional zoning relief (other than the categories of relief granted and/or modified pursuant to the Special Permit/Site Plan Approval; and (iii) maintain the same percentage of useable open space as shown on the Special Permit Plan Set. If the Commissioner of Inspectional Services grants any consistency ruling pursuant to this Condition, he shall provide a copy to the Land Use Committee of the Council. The Land Use Committee shall not be required to vote or to approve the consistency request. Law to review.

~~36-35.~~ At its sole expense and within 12 months of the issuance of final certificates of occupancy, the Petitioner shall complete a post occupancy traffic study to document and assess (i) the actual traffic characteristics, volumes, and operating conditions of the Project including safety and crash results; (ii) evaluate the success and refine the elements

of the TDM Measures including parking utilization and residential and commercial tenant mode shares; and (iii) assess traffic volumes and operating conditions at the intersection of Walnut and Washington Streets. Traffic counts shall be performed under average-month conditions while public schools are in regular session. The results shall be submitted to the City prior to the end of the calendar year in which the study is completed. If the results indicate the actual measured traffic volumes associated with the Project as constructed and occupied exceed the trip estimates presented in the Traffic Impact Assessment by more than 10 percent of the projected trip generation for the then occupied uses as measured at the two primary driveways serving the Project or the intersection of Walnut and Washington Streets, then the Petitioner shall correct the problem by implementing mitigation measures, including but not limited to the following:

- a. Appropriately adjust the traffic signal timing, phasing and coordination for the Walnut and Washington Streets intersection; **Who does this and for how long?**
- b. Implement refinements to on-site traffic flow and parking management;
- c. Expand or modify the elements of the Transportation Demand Management Plan measures in order to increase use of public transportation and/or other alternatives to automobile travel, subject to review of the Director of Planning and Development in consultation with the City's Director of Transportation.

37.36. At least 2,000 square feet of accessible community space as shown on Plan A1.13, Second Floor, shall be made available for lease to a local non-profit organization engaged in the arts through community education. The Owner shall lease such space to the non-profit organization for **\$1.00 per year rent a minimal fee** plus the cost of utilities actually consumed for such space. **The Owner may also require that the non-profit lessee to maintain insurance coverage.** The terms of the lease shall require the non-profit lessee to provide programming for the use of such space and also require the non-profit lessee to allow other local non-profits or community groups to use such space at least one evening a week and/or at such other times as are convenient for the non-profit lessee. The Owner shall consult with the City's Cultural Affairs office to help find the original local non-profit organization, and any replacement lessee should the original local non-profit be unable to continue the lease at any time in the future while this special permit is being exercised.

38.37. The Petitioner and its predecessors agree to not lease commercial space in the Project to any banks. This condition does not prohibit ATM machines. **Work on details of this condition.**

Comment [U19]: Lessee must carry insurance; also must be responsible for cleaning of community space.

SCHEDULE A

Relief Sought

Dimensional Standards

1. development of more than 20,000 square feet pursuant to Section 4.2.2.B.1
2. lot area less than 1,000 square feet per unit pursuant to Section 4.2.5.A.3
3. building height of 60' pursuant to Sections 2.2.3 and 4.2.5.A.2
4. 5 story building pursuant to Section 4.2.3 and 4.2.5.A.2
5. floor area ratio of not more than 1.90 pursuant to Section 4.2.3

Design Standards

6. waiver of the height setback requirement of Section 4.2.5.A.4.c for buildings greater than 40' pursuant to Section 4.2.5.A.4
7. waiver of the transparency and entrance requirements of Section 4.2.5.A.6.a-c

Uses

8. retail sales use of over 5,000 square feet pursuant to Section 4.4.1
9. restaurant of over 50 seats pursuant to Section 4.4.1
10. personal service use of over 5,000 square feet pursuant to Section 4.4.1
11. standalone ATM pursuant to Section 4.4.1
12. health club at or above ground floor pursuant to Section 4.4.1
13. animal services pursuant to Section 4.4.1

Parking Facility

14. 1.25 parking stalls per residential unit pursuant to Section 5.1.4.A
15. reduction of the overall parking requirement by 1/3 pursuant to Section 5.1.4.C

16. waiver of 97 parking stalls pursuant to Section 5.1.13
17. waiver of the parking stall dimensions required by Sections 5.1.8.B.1 and 2
18. waiver of parking stall setback requirements pursuant to Section 5.1.8.A
19. waiver of dimensional requirements for entrance and exit driveways pursuant to Section 5.1.8.D
20. waiver of end stall maneuvering space requirements of Section 5.1.8.B.6
21. waiver of the 5% interior landscaping requirement of Section 5.1.9.B.1
22. waiver of the interior planting area requirements of Section 5.1.9.B.2
23. waiver of the tree requirements of Section 5.1.9.B.3
24. waiver of the bumper overhang requirements of Section 5.1.9.B.4
25. waiver of the 1-foot candle lighting requirements of Section 5.1.10.A.1
26. waiver of the curbing, wheel stop, guard rail or bollard requirements of Section 5.1.10.B.5
27. waiver of the number of off-street loading facilities required pursuant to Section 5.1.12
28. waiver of the number, size, location and height of signs pursuant to Section 5.2.13

SCHEDULE B

Plans

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SCHEDULE C

CITY OF NEWTON
Department of Public Works
ENGINEERING DIVISION

MEMORANDUM

To: Alderman Mark Laredo, Land Use Committee Chairman

From: John Daghlian, Associate City Engineer

Re: Special Permit – Washington Place

Date: November 29, 2016

CC: James Mcgonagle, Commissioner DPW
Ted Jerdee, Director of Utilities
Lou Taverna, PE City Engineer
Nadia Khan, Committee Clerk
Alexandria Ananth, Chief Planner
Michael Gleba, Sr. Planner

In reference to the above application, Engineering & Utilities Divisions had a meeting with the applicant's consultants in regards to I & I for the proposed development.

Washington Place will use exceptionally water-efficient fixtures and appliances all of which will be EPA WaterSense or Energy Star rated appliances (dish washers, washing machine); and based on actual flow rates presented the follow flow rates were agreed to the following:

WASHINGTON PLACE						
29-Nov-16						
Infiltration & Inflow Breakdown						
Type of Use	Square Footage	Per 1,000	Flow Rate Gal/Day	# of Seats	# Bedrooms	Total Daily Flow
Commerical	31,550	31.55	50			1,578
Restaurant	7,625	7.63	50	177		381
Office Space	2,030	2.03	75			152
Residential	-		61		226	13,786
Gallons per day =						15,897
Requested Contribution calculation						
$\$8.40/\text{Gallon}(\text{treatment \& transmission cost}) \times 8 \times 17,094 \text{ gallons} =$						\$1,068,278
Additionally with the reduction of daily from based on actual meter reading totalling 4,247 gpd						
Adjusted Contribution:						
	Treatment Transmission Cost	Reduction Rate	Flow Rate Reduced Gal/Day	Adjusted Contribution		
	\$ 8.40	8	-4,247	\$ (285,398.40)		
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Total Assessment:	\$1,068,278					
Less	\$285,398					
Net Contribution	\$782,880					

If you have any questions please call me.

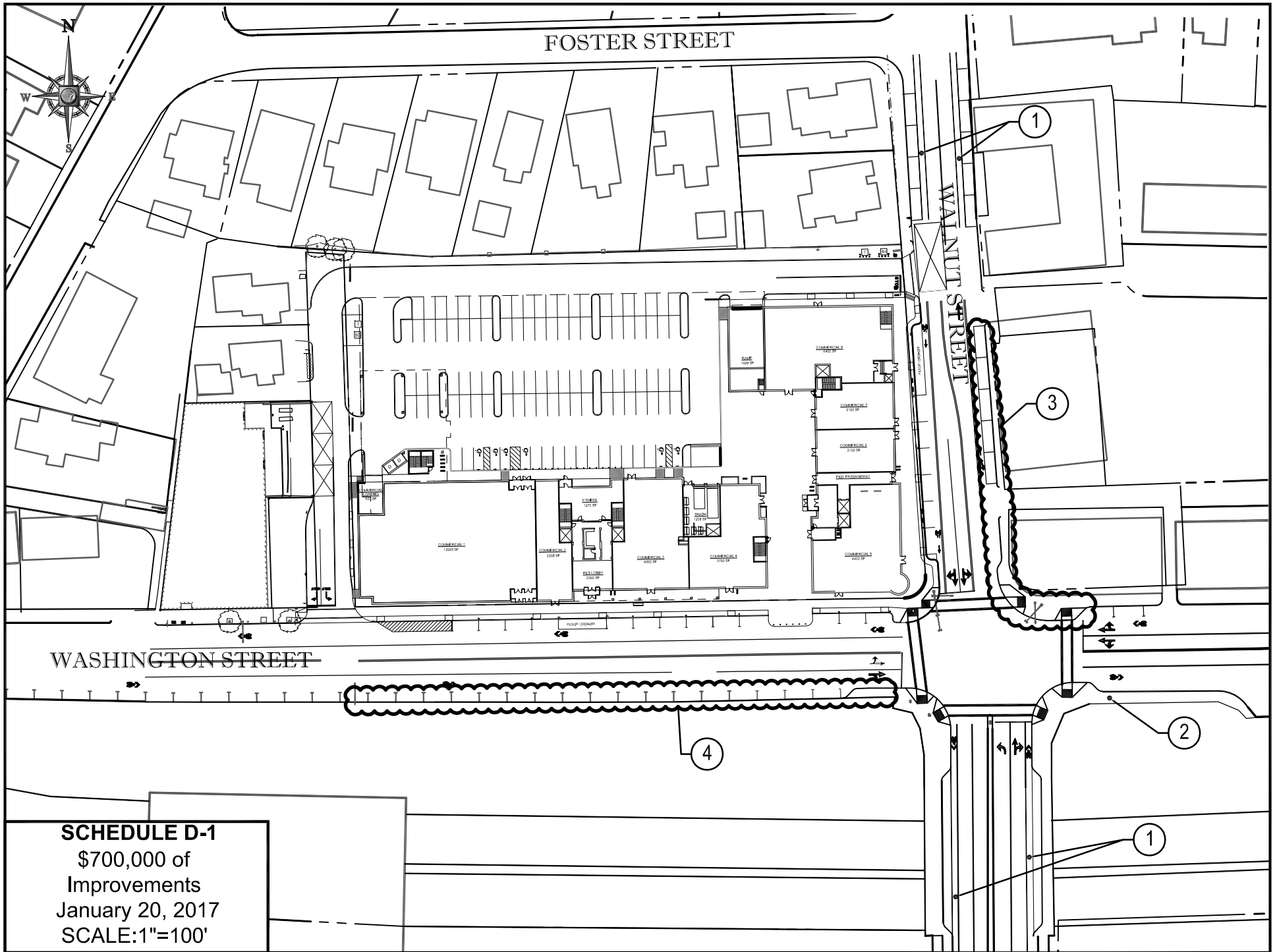
SCHEDULE D

\$700,000 of Improvements

The Petitioner has agreed to fund and construct certain offsite improvements, over and above the Washington Street/Walnut Street intersection improvements set forth in Schedule G, which offsite improvements have an estimated cost of approximately \$700,000. The Petitioner will construct the following improvements even if the cost of the same exceeds \$700,000.

1. Provide bike facilities on both sides of Walnut Street that extend from Foster Street across the bridge to Newtonville Avenue.
2. Install a bike sharing station at a location to be agreed upon by the Petitioner and the Director of Transportation.
3. Provide streetscape improvements on the east side of Walnut Street (pavers, lighting, trees) (consistent with the similar improvements on the west side of Walnut Street adjacent to the site) from Washington Street up to and including the frontage of the Bram Building.
4. Bury the utility lines on the south side of Washington Street from opposite Washington Terrace to Walnut Street. This is more of a benefit for the residents of Washington Place and less of a benefit for Newtonville as a whole. Consider other options including some of the ideas in the 1/30/17 memo from the NAC such as two new modern bus shelters at the intersection.

Alternatively, at the option of the City, the Petitioner will pay the sum of \$700,000 to the City, and the City then would be responsible for the construction of the above listed improvements.



FOSTER STREET

WALNUT STREET

WASHINGTON STREET

SCHEDULE D-1
\$700,000 of
Improvements
January 20, 2017
SCALE: 1"=100'

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SCHEDULE E

Transportation Demand Management Subsidy Program (the "TDM Subsidy Program")

Transportation reimbursement to include the following (the figures are estimates):

- 1) Commuter Rail Passes (\$200 / month)
- 2) Subway – T Passes (\$85/month)
- 3) Bus Passes (\$130 - \$170/month)
- 4) Bike Share Passes (TBD)
- 5) Ride Sharing: Zip-Car, BRIDJ, LYFT, etc. (TBD)

The Developer has created a Transportation Subsidy Program within the TDM to discourage car usage by providing a transportation subsidy for those choosing to commute to and from the site by alternative modes of transportation. The subsidy will reimburse residents up to 90% of the monthly cost *per* alternative mode of transportation, up to a combined monthly total of \$200.

For example, if a residential unit elects not to rent a parking space and instead purchases both a monthly subway pass (\$85) and a monthly buss pass (\$130), the tenant would be entitled to a reimbursement of $(\$85 \times 90\% = \$76.50) + (\$130 \times 90\% = \$117.00) = \$193.50$. As noted below, the reimbursement amount to a residential unit is determined based on the number of parking spaces rented and whether or not a tenant qualifies as an affordable renter or market rate tenant.

Transit Subsidy Program	Affordable Units	Market Units
Monthly Stipend (Based on Usage)	Up to \$200	Up to \$200
0 Cars per Household	90% Stipend	90% Stipend
1 Car per Household	75% Stipend	50% Stipend
2 Car per Household	35% Stipend	15% Stipend

SCHEDULE F

Washington Place
Draft Transportation Demand Management Plan
January 19, 2017

Mark Development will implement a Transportation Demand Management Plan (“TDM”) at Washington Place in order to minimize traffic, reduce dependency on cars and promote a healthier environment. To achieve these goals, Washington Place will include various incentives and programs aimed at encouraging walking, bicycling, public transit and other sustainable modes of transportation to the site. The Transportation Demand Management Plan will contain the following elements:

I. Informational Services:

- A specific person on the Washington Place staff will be designated as the traffic demand management coordinator (the "TDM Coordinator").
- The TDM Coordinator will be responsible for coordinating efforts between the City of Newton and Washington Place to reduce single occupancy vehicles (“SOV”).
- The TDM Coordinator will meet on an annual basis with the City of Newton Traffic Engineer to provide an update on the status of the continuing efforts of the TDM, as well as to notify the City of Newton of any new or proposed changes to the program.
- Every two years, the TDM Coordinator will conduct a survey of the residential and commercial tenants and provide those detailed findings and discuss mode sharing goals with the City of Newton’s Director of Transportation and the Director of the Planning Department Traffic Engineer.
- The TDM Coordinator will be available at any time to discuss with the City’s Director of Transportation any traffic issues which may arise from the project.

II. Nearby Transit Services

- Commuter Rail (Framingham/Worcester Line): Newtonville Stop (<.25 miles)
- Bus lines (.004 miles):
 - 553 (Downtown Boston via Newton Corner & Central Square)
 - 554 (Waverley Square – Downtown Boston)
 - 556 Express (Waltham Highlands – Downtown Boston via Newton Corner)
 - 59 (Watertown Square – Needham via Newtonville)

III. Bicycle Accommodations

- Washington Place will include 30 dedicated street level bike parking and repair space for the general public and users of the ground floor commercial space.
- Washington Place will include dedicated weather-protected bike parking and storage in the below grade parking facility at a 1:1 ratio for each residential household. This parking will be secured from the general public and convenient to tenants of the building.
- Mark Development will provide the funding for 1 – 2 bike share stations, with at least 1 station to be installed at the site, at location(s) to be agreed on with the City of Newton Planning Department and the Director of Transportation at a cost not to exceed \$130,000. This cost includes both the purchase and installation of the bike stations.
- Mark Development will be installing dedicated bike facilities on both sides of Walnut Street extending from Foster Street across the bridge.

IV. Pedestrian Links

- Washington Place will provide significant improvements to the streetscape, which are intended to promote walkability along Washington Street and Walnut Street. Examples include:
 - Increasing the width of sidewalks by 7' – 10' along Walnut Street and along Washington Street respectively, allowing for an additional 5,000 SF of walking space.
 - Closing the five existing curb cuts.
 - A 35' opening along Washington Street, which will serve as the entry point to a 9,000 SF plaza creating a pedestrian connection between the north and south sides of the project.
 - Creating a pedestrian connection to the plaza from Walnut Street.

V. Sustainable Transport Initiatives:

- Mark Development will commit to decouple the cost of parking from the rent of the residential units to further discourage car usage.
- Car sharing: Washington Place will include no less than 2 dedicated parking spaces for Zip Car. Mark Development will also explore ride sharing partnerships with service providers including, but not limited to, BRIDJ and Lyft.
- Preferential parking spaces for car pools and van pools will be included.
- Electric Charging Stations: Washington Place will include two charging stations for electric vehicles, one at the street level and one below grade in the parking garage.

VI. Transportation Subsidy Program:

- Mark Development will create a TDM Subsidy Program for Washington Place, and commit to funding \$300,000 towards reducing dependency on cars, particularly SOVs. The plan will work as follows:
 - Each household will have the ability to receive up to \$200 per month for the use of alternative modes of transportation. Alternative modes that would qualify include, but are not limited to, are as follows (combinations are acceptable):
 - Commuter Rail Passes (Monthly)
 - Subway/ T-passes (Monthly)
 - Bus Passes (Monthly)
 - Bike Share Passes (TBD)
 - Ride Sharing (TBD)
- To encourage reduced parking demand and incentivize use of public transit, the Developer has created a Transportation subsidy program for residential tenant that elect an alternative mode(s) of transportation to commute to and from the site. The subsidy will reimburse residents up to 90% of the monthly cost *per* alternative mode of transportation, up to a combined monthly total of \$200.
- For example, if a residential unit elects not to rent a parking space and instead purchases both a monthly subway pass (\$85) and a monthly buss pass (\$130), the tenant would be entitled to a reimbursement of $(\$85 \times 90\% = \$76.50) + (\$130 \times 90\% = \$117.00) = \$193.50$. As noted below, the reimbursement amount to a residential unit is determined based on the number of parking spaces rented and whether or not a tenant qualifies as an affordable renter or market rate tenant.

A sample Subsidy Program is provided in the chart below. Final details to be determined with input from the City.

Transit Subsidy Program	Affordable Units	Market Units
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VII. Marketing Programs:

- Included with each rental package will be a one-page marketing summary which defines the Washington Place Pilot Transportation subsidy.
- Washington Place will maintain a commuter information center with a posted transit service schedule and corresponding costs as well as any ride sharing services being offered.
- All households will be sent a reminder of the program at least once per year and information of the program shall be posted on the site's website

VIII. Monitoring and Reporting Plan

- In order to determine future requirements for traffic demand management measures, Mark Development will produce a survey for both residential and commercial tenants every two years and provide a summary of the results to the City's Director of Transportation and the Director of the Planning Department.
- Mark Development will also track the usage of the Transportation Program and provide the results to the City of Newton Director of Transportation and the Director of the Planning Department. This tracking will be in effect up until the point that the \$300,000 funding has been spent.
- Mark Development will encourage commercial tenants to promote ride-sharing and use of public transportation with their tenants. The commercial tenants will further be encouraged to create incentives among employees to rideshare or take public transportation. Such language shall be incorporated into any commercial leases for the project.

SCHEDULE G

Washington Street and Walnut Street Intersection Improvements

The proposed improvements to the intersection, which are separate and distinct from the offsite improvements set forth in Schedule D, are as follows. Each numbered item below is reflected on a plan attached as Schedule G-1.

1. Replace existing signalization with a modern traffic signal.
2. Install curb bump-outs on all four corners.
3. Install ADA compliant crosswalks with audible and visual countdown indicators.
4. Update pavement striping to include a second lane along the Walnut Street southbound approach to the intersection.
5. Coordinate signalization on adjacent traffic signal at Lowell Avenue.
6. Reconfigure Walnut Street bridge to consist of two lanes northbound and southbound.
7. Consolidate existing curb cuts on Washington Street and Walnut Street (five in total) into one access/egress at Washington Terrace and one access/egress on Walnut Street.
8. Create a "slip" on Walnut Street to facilitate left hand turns into the site.
9. Install DO NOT BLOCK intersection signage and pavement markings at Walnut Street site access and adjacent driveway.

Preliminary Washington Place Inclusionary Housing Plan

Washington and Walnut Street, Newton, MA (the "Subject Property")

June 7, 2016, Updated January 18, 2017

This document is submitted in connection with the Special Permit Application to the City of Newton dated May 9, 2016, as amended, by Mark Newtonville, LLC (the "Developer") for the Subject Property. The Developer has engaged LDS Consulting Group, LLC of 233 Needham Street, Newton, MA to assist with this matter.

As proposed, the subject property will include 160 residential rental units. The following sets forth the Developer's proposed Inclusionary Housing Plan in accordance with the City's Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance, Section 5.11 of the Zoning Ordinances (the "Ordinance"). As required by Section 5.11.4 of the Ordinance, the Developer will set aside no fewer than 15% of the residential units as inclusionary units. Therefore, the Developer has proposed that 12 units shall be for households earning at or below 50% of AMI and 12 units shall be for households earning at or below 80% of AMI, for a total of 24 affordable housing units. This is a total 15% of all residential units and results in a blended rate of no more than 65% AMI as required by the Ordinance. Please see the table below for additional detail as to unit type and affordability:

Washington Place (12 Units – 15%)					
AMI	Studio	1-Bed	2-Bed	3-Bed	Total
50%	1	6	5	0	12
80%	1	6	4	1	12
Total	2	12	9	1	24

The approximate size of these units and location of the units are set forth on the attached plan prepared by PCA and dated 1/17/2017. The Developer notes that the size and location of units may change over time. Nevertheless, it is its intent to comply with all Fair Housing Rules and Regulations and evenly disburse the affordable units throughout the three buildings.

The next charts set forth the current income limits by level of affordability as set forth by HUD for the City of Newton which is located in the 2016 Boston-Cambridge-Quincy HUD area ("BCQ").

2016 Boston-Cambridge-Quincy HUD Income Limits						
AMI	1 Person	2 Person	3 Person	4 Person	5 Person	6 Person
50%	\$34,350	\$39,250	\$44,150	\$49,050	\$53,000	\$56,900
80%	\$51,150	\$58,450	\$65,750	\$73,050	\$78,900	\$84,750

We have set forth an estimate of the gross rent and rent net of tenant paid utilities based on today's rent limits set forth by HUD for the BCQ and based on the City of Newton utility allowance schedule for high rise units dated October 1, 2016. We have assumed that the utility allowance ("UA") covers the cost of heat, hot water, and electricity that will be paid by the tenant. Rents will be reviewed and approved as part of the Local Action Unit (LAU) application and Regulatory Agreement.

2016 Maximum Allowable Rents (12 Units)				
50%	Avg. Sq. Ft	Gross	UA	Net
Studio	583	\$858	\$84	\$774
1-Bed	732	\$920	\$106	\$814
2-Bed	1,051	\$1,103	\$139	\$964
3-Bed	1,315	\$1,275	\$163	\$1,112
80%	Avg. Sq. Ft	Gross	UA	Net
Studio	583	\$1,278	\$84	\$1,194
1-Bed	732	\$1,370	\$106	\$1,264
2-Bed	1,051	\$1,643	\$139	\$1,504
3-Bed	1,315	\$1,899	\$163	\$1,736

For a household with a Section 8 voucher, the rent and income will be as established by the Newton Housing Authority with the approval of HUD and in accordance with LAU standards.

It is the intent of the Developer that the Inclusionary Housing Units be qualified as "Local Action Units" pursuant to the requirements of the Comprehensive Permit Guidelines of DHCD, and therefore will take all steps necessary to make them eligible to be counted on the City of Newton Subsidized Housing Inventory.

In accordance with Section 5.11.9.B.4, to the extent allowed by the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development ("DHCD"), the Developer will set aside 70% of their units as local preference units. In the event this Development results in the displacement of individuals who qualify for a unit in terms of household size and income, first preference shall be given to those displaced applicants, unless such preference would be unallowable under the rules of any source of funding for the project.

In addition, the Developer will provide housing for up to three affordable units for "displaced renters" earning at or below 80% of AMI during the construction period. The Developer has already identified three income qualified households in the existing buildings earning between 30% and 80% of AMI. To the extent they meet typical renter qualifications in addition to income such as a credit check and CORI check, the Developer will provide temporary housing for those

three households to live in during construction. Assuming these households still qualify for an affordable unit when the Development is ready for occupancy, they will be given first preference as noted above.

After the displace renters, preference shall be given for qualified applicants in the following order:

1. Any other qualified applicants who fall within any of the following equally weighted categories:
 - a. Individuals or families who live in the City;
 - b. Households with a family member who works in the City, has been hired to work in the City, or has a bona fide offer of employment in the City; and
 - c. Households with a family member who attends public school in the City.

Preferences for dwelling units having features that are designed, constructed, or modified to be usable and accessible to people with visual, hearing, or mobility disabilities shall be given to qualified applicants in the following order:

1. First preference for initial occupancy shall be given to applicants who are displaced as a result of the project and who need the features of the unit;
2. Then to households that include a family member needing the features of the unit and having preference under one or more of the three categories listed above (Section 5.11.9.C.2);
3. Then to households that include a family member needing the features of the unit but that do not have a preference under one of the three categories listed in Section 5.11.9.C.2.; and
4. then to households having preference under one or more of the three categories listed in Section 5.11.9.C.2.

Above and beyond the affordable housing mandated under the IZB, the Developer voluntarily agrees to provide an additional 10% or 16 of its units to middle income households earning between 80% -120% of AMI, with an average income of 100% of AMI. These units will not be required to be Local Action Units and therefore will not be counted on the City of Newton’s SHI. The units count by unit type is noted below:

Washington Place Middle Income “MI” Unit Mix					
	Studio	1-Bed	2-Bed	3-Bed	Total
Middle Income (10%)	2	7	6	1	16

The range of incomes by number of person per unit allowed under this program for 2016 with lowest to highest income are noted below:

2016 Boston-Cambridge-Quincy HUD Income Limits						
AMI	1 Person	2 Person	3 Person	4 Person	5 Person	6 Person
80%	\$51,150	\$58,450	\$65,750	\$73,050	\$78,900	\$84,750
100%	\$68,700	\$78,500	\$88,300	\$98,100	\$106,000	\$113,800
110%	\$75,570	\$86,350	\$97,130	\$107,910	\$116,600	\$125,180
120%	\$82,440	\$94,200	\$105,960	\$117,720	\$127,200	\$136,560

We have set forth an estimate of the gross rent and rent net of tenant paid utilities based on today's rent limits set forth by HUD for the BCQ and based on the City of Newton utility allowance schedule for high rise units dated October 1, 2016. We have assumed that the utility allowance ("UA") covers the cost of heat, hot water, and electricity that will be paid by the tenant. Rents will be reviewed and approved as part of the Local Action Unit (LAU) application and Regulatory Agreement.

AMI	Avg. Sq. Ft	Gross	UA	Net
Studio	583	\$1,716	\$84	\$1,632
1-Bed	732	\$1,840	\$106	\$1,734
2-Bed	1,051	\$2,206	\$139	\$2,067
3-Bed	1,315	\$2,550	\$163	\$2,387

No less than six months prior to the issuance the first certificate of occupancy, the Developer shall finalize the attached Affirmative Fair Marketing and Resident Selection Plan and have it approved by DHCD. The Developer agrees to execute and record a covenant with the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds that limits the rental of affordable units to eligible households in accordance with Section 5.11.9.G.2.

The Developer also agrees to provide an annual compliance report to the City of Newton's Director of Planning and Development.

Washington Place Affordable Summary:

Affordable Unit Count & Mix:

Washington Place Overall Affordable Unit Mix					
AMI	Studio	1-Bed	2-Bed	3-Bed	Total
50%	1	6	5	0	12
80%	1	6	4	1	12
100%	2	7	6	1	16
Total	4	19	15	2	40

Affordable Rents:

Washington Place Affordable NET Rents (IZ + MI)				
AMI	Studio	1-Bed	2-Bed	3-Bed
50%	\$774	\$814	\$964	\$1,112
80%	\$1,194	\$1,264	\$1,504	\$1,736
100%	\$1,632	\$1,734	\$2,067	\$2,387

Exhibit 1 – Floors Plans Showing Affordable Unit Locations

Affordable Units are Designated with an “A”



Exhibit 2 – Affirmative Fair Marketing and Resident Selection Plan





Washington Place Sustainability Narrative Mark Development

November 22nd, 2016

Sustainable Design

Sustainability, energy efficiency, and a focus on quality design that translates to occupant comfort are driving forces behind our vision for Washington Place. Mark Development understands the importance of a holistic, integrated design approach in achieving such ambitious goals, and has assembled a design team that has the experience and expertise necessary to realize this vision. Energy use reduction is a critical local and global challenge, and Washington Place is being designed with that challenge in mind.

Building Envelope

Careful attention will be paid to design and construction of high R-value, durable, environmentally sensitive building assemblies. Continuous insulation wrapping both the exterior wall and roof assemblies will be a critical component of this design. The team will also focus closely on air sealing of the exterior envelope, and the demising walls between apartments. This starts with the development of comprehensive air barrier details, and continues into construction with careful air barrier inspections, testing, and verification.

Improved resiliency resulting from this design and construction approach provides additional tenant, environmental, and financial benefits. A well-insulated building envelope will mean that the building will maintain habitable temperatures longer in the case of a power outage and allow for extended sheltering-in-place.

Mechanical systems

These advanced building envelopes will be complemented by mechanical systems that have been chosen and sized to meet the minimal heating and cooling loads and ensure comfort. Rather than designing large central heating and cooling systems, individual, apartment level boilers and fan coils will be used. This design allows for compact high efficiency equipment, and the added benefit of redundancy should an individual system need repairs or maintenance.

Domestic hot water production and distribution are notoriously inefficient, even in new buildings. New Ecology has measured actual system efficiencies in buildings with central domestic hot water systems in the 20-50% range. The majority of the losses are the result of inefficient circulation of hot water throughout a building. The typical inefficiencies of the distribution system will be counteracted by supplying domestic hot water at the apartment level, using the same high efficiency boilers that are being used to heat the space. Low flow, high performance fixtures that meet or exceed the EPA WaterSense standards will also be integrated to reduce water and energy use while maintaining tenant comfort.

Lighting and Electricity

Appliances will be top performers in function, design, energy, and water efficiency. Electrical load will be reduced through smart lighting design that takes full advantage of the efficient, reliable, and attractive LED fixtures and lighting controls that are now available. The Washington Place team will build on the positive impacts of this efficiency by incorporating electrical, structural, and other design elements that make the building "solar ready" for renewable energy systems. This is a critical component to the long term economic sustainability of the project.

Indoor Air Quality

Of equally important consideration are the indoor air quality impacts of our approach. Mark Development is committed to providing individuals and families with a living environment that enhances their lives and health. We will accomplish this through two methods: ventilation and material selection. Ventilation systems will be designed to provide fresh supply air directly to each apartment. Toxins and contaminants will be minimized through careful specification of low VOC and no added urea formaldehyde materials.

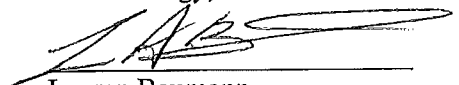
Site Design

Landscaping and site improvements will further emphasize the social and environmental priorities of this project. Outdoor spaces will be designed to encourage social engagement, turf will not be used on the project, and plantings will be drought tolerant and appropriate for the microclimates specific to each planting area. A focus on alternative and improved modes of transportation includes plenty of short term and long term bike parking, Zip Car availability on the property, and designated spots and charging stations for low emitting vehicles and electric cars.

Certification and Operation

As we tally the benefits of the integrated approach we have outlined above, the result is a project that far exceeds the minimum requirements related to LEED certification, and allows for the level of LEED Gold certification. Beyond certifications, we expect the investment in a highly sustainable design and construction process to yield significant operating and durability related dividends. At the same time, we actively acknowledge the role and importance of proper commissioning, optimization, and education to accomplish these goals. We will spend time and resources educating tenants about how to best take advantage of the comfort, health, and energy savings benefits of their apartments. We will ensure that our maintenance and management teams understand the building systems, and have the training they need to operate the building at the designed level of performance.

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