

Liberty Road Apartments

Adjustment Class-2 Application

June 22, 2021

Proposal:

The subject property is 3.09 acres in size, zoned RMII, and located at 5871 Liberty Road S (083W16C/Tax Lot 600). The applicant is proposing a development consisting of 66-apartment units as shown on the site plans.

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The applicant is requesting an adjustment greater than 20% adjustment to Sec. 702.020(e)(5) Façade and building design:

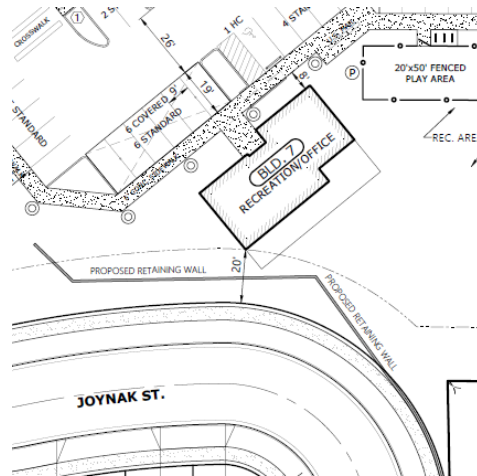
“(5) To orient buildings to the street, any ground-level unit, cluster of units, interior lobbies, or portions thereof, located within 25 feet of the property line abutting a street shall have a building entrance facing that street, with direct pedestrian access to adjacent sidewalks.”

Adjustment Criteria-SRC 250.005(d)(2) Criteria:

- (A) The purpose underlying the specific development standard proposed for adjustment is:**
- (i) Clearly inapplicable to the proposed development; or**
 - (ii) Equally or better met by the proposed development.**
- (B) If located within a residential zone, the proposed development will not detract from the livability or appearance of the residential area.**
- (C) If more than one adjustment has been requested, the cumulative effect of all the adjustments result in a project which is still consistent with the overall purpose of the zone.**

Applicant Findings:

- (A)** The purpose of this requirement is to provide a pedestrian friendly development with buildings entrances facing the street. The applicant is requesting an adjustment to allow Building 7 to provide a single accessway to the proposed internal sidewalks instead of the sidewalk onto Joynak as shown on the site. Due to the topography of the site and the required retaining wall south of Building 7, a pedestrian path to Joynak Street is not feasible.



All buildings face the interior of the lot. The rear side of Building 1 faces Joynak Street and is located within 25 feet of the property line. The rear side of Buildings 4 and 5 face Liberty Road and is located within 25 feet of the property line. The side of Building 2 faces Big Mountain Avenue and is located within 25 feet of the property line. The side of Building 7 faces Joynak Street and is located within 25 feet of the property line. The street side and rear of these buildings (rear/side) will be designed to be visually appealing, by providing similar design as is being provided for the front building facade for all buildings. In order to be consistent with the front facade of the building; windows, offsets, and architectural features will be incorporated in the portions of the building facing the right-of-way.

All buildings within the development have direct pedestrian access onto sidewalks. The internal pedestrian circulation system consists of hard 6-foot-wide surfaced sidewalks that provide easily identifiable and safe connections between the residential units, parking, recreation areas, manager's apartment, and the trash disposal area. The pedestrian system connects the buildings to the public sidewalk system within Liberty Road, Big Mountain Avenue, and Joynak Street, via the proposed internal sidewalk system.

Proposed and existing sidewalks will further enhance the pedestrian connections and circulation to and from the site. The proposed sidewalks to and from the site will provide pedestrian circulation to the entrances of the buildings.

One of the requirements in SRC 702.020(d)(4) is "To ensure safe pedestrian access to and throughout the development site, pedestrian pathways shall be provided that connect to and between buildings, common open space, and parking areas, and that connect the development to the public sidewalks". The proposal still meets the requirement of SRC 702.020(d)(4) by providing a sidewalk connection from within the project to the public sidewalks.

Due to the topography of the site and the required retaining wall south of Building 7, a pedestrian path to Joynak Street is not feasible. However, Building 7 has adequate pedestrian access to the internal sidewalks and amenities.

Proposed pedestrian sidewalk connections are illustrated on the tentative site plan. The proposed development provides safe and convenient bicycle and pedestrian access

from within the development to adjacent residential areas. Therefore, the internal access for Building 7 is equally or better met by the proposal.

- (B) The apartment development will provide landscaped areas throughout the site along with pedestrian paths/sidewalks throughout, along with visual appealing buildings. All of which will create a pedestrian friendly development. Buildings not facing the street will have no effect on the proposed use or surrounding uses.
- (C) There are more than one adjustment being requested for this proposal. The adjustments do not have any effect on the project.