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Comment Response - Mystique Way Development

Dear Megan:

Please find our responses to the comments that were outlined in your review memo regarding the Mystique Way Amendment. The comments are listed below followed by our responses in italics.

1. Ensure buildings are separated by a distance equivalent to the height of the higher building or 30 feet, whichever is greater.

Response: All buildings are separated by a minimum of 30'. The proposed buildings are less than 30' high.

2. Industrial District landscape requirements shall be met by having side and rear lot lines planted with evergreen trees in staggered rows with the base of the trees no more than 10 feet apart and the width of the buffer no less than 15 feet (or grant waiver because of existing conditions).

Response: A 15' wide landscaped buffer has been added to all areas where a natural existing buffer does not exist. Evergreen trees are proposed as requested.

3. Provide loading spaces on the plan (if applicable)

Response: The buildings are not served by tractor trailer trucks. Box trucks load/unload in the parking lot and product is wheeled in and out via dolly. The buildings do not have a loading dock. No dedicated loading spaces are necessary.

4. Per Sec. 60-607(12)(c) of the Auburn Code of Ordinances, a bumper shall be added to parking stalls where applicable.

Response: Bumpers have been added where spaces directly abut buildings and heavily landscaped areas.

5. Provide additional parking information, namely where the Employees for buildings 2-5 and 9 will park.

Response: We've shown how the parking lot in front of Existing Building #1 can easily contain at least 22 vehicles.

6. A stormwater management plan shall be provided for the facilities after construction to ensure they are adequately maintained.

Response: A stormwater inspection & maintenance plan has been created for the project, see Attachment 1.

7. All applicable bonding and inspection fees shall be paid before the start of construction.

Response: Comment acknowledged.

8. Provide additional information regarding financial capacity for the remainder of the improvements on the site (under application).

Response: The applicant has provided financial capacity information under a separate cover.

9. A 15-foot easement shall be provided to Auburn Water and Sewer for the public water main on Mystique Way.

Response: The central road is located within a 60' wide (min.) access easement. The description of this proposed easement has been changed to also provide rights to the Auburn Water and Sewer Department for maintenance of the public water main. See C-1.0 for easement location.

10. Address all concerns raised by the Fire Department regarding access and fire hydrant distances.

Response: We have performed an Autoturn analysis of the area in question. Exhibit #2 shows the results. As you can see, a 43' long ladder truck has no difficulty maneuvering to the rear parking lot.

We also provided Exhibit #3 to show that the project has the proper hydrant spacing and proximity to all buildings. The exhibit shows a 400' radius circle centered on each hydrant.

The fire chief was concerned about the condition of the existing access road nearest the existing units located at the end of the road. That access road is a temporary driveway. The road will be constructed per the details shown on our plan set. It will be properly compacted and then paved. Once completed, all access roads, parking lots and driveways will be easily accessible to traffic. 11. An addressing plan shall be approved before building permits are issued.

Response: Comment acknowledged. An addressing plan will be applied for today.

12. A traffic assessment is required to show that the total peak hour trips is less than 100.

Response: A traffic assessment has been prepared by Bill Bray, P.E. of Traffic Solutions. It will be submitted under separate cover.

CLOSURE

We respectfully request to meet with the Planning Board at the next available meeting.. In the interim, please contact me at (207) 926-5111 or jeff@terradynconsultants.com if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely, TERRADYN CONSULTANTS, LLC

Jeff Amos, P.E. President

Enclosures:

Exhibit 1: Maintenance of Stormwater Facilities Exhibit 2: Autoturn of Ladder Truck Exhibit 3: Fire Hyrdant Spacing Exhibit 1938



