PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES STAFF REPORT

For Planning Commission Meeting of August 16, 2011

SUBJECT: Pittsfield Retail Site Plan for City Council Approval (3590 Washtenaw Avenue) File No. SP11-011

PROPOSED CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MOTION

The Ann Arbor City Planning Commission hereby recommends that the Mayor and City Council approve the Pittsfield Retail Site Plan, subject to preliminary approval from the Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner prior to City Council approval, and subject to recording of a permanent off-site parking easement prior to issuance of permits for the addition.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that this petition be **approved** because, if the proposed conditions are met, the development would comply with local, state and federal laws and regulations; would limit the disturbance of natural features to minimum necessary to allow a reasonable use of the land; would not cause a public or private nuisance; and would not have a detrimental effect on public health, safety or welfare.

LOCATION

The site is located on the south side of Washtenaw Avenue, just west of Yost Street and east of Pittsfield Boulevard (South Area, Malletts Creek Watershed).

DESCRIPTION OF PETITION

The petitioner seeks to construct a 9,500 square foot, single-story addition to the existing 15,769 square foot retail building. The existing building currently houses one business (Dollar Tree), and the new space is designated for an additional tenant. The building addition will replace an existing unenclosed canopy area used by the former tenant (Frank's Nursery) for outdoor sales and storage.

The parcel is part of a larger retail center composed of five parcels. All parcels are owned by the same owner and share access to parking and adjacent streets. All existing curb cuts will remain, and only the easternmost parcel (adjacent to Yost) will be affected by the proposed development.

A total of 80 parking spaces are required after construction of the addition. A total of 59 parking spaces will be provided on the site and 21 parking spaces will be provided on the adjacent site through a permanent recorded parking easement (as required in Chapter 59, Section 5:167), which must be recorded prior to issuance of permits. Class A and Class C bicycle parking spaces will be provided adjacent to the parking lot.

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A new public sidewalk will be constructed in the Yost Boulevard right-of-way fronting the site. The petitioner will convert the existing 22-foot service drive on the north part of the site from pavement to turf and construct a new 10-foot wide non-motorized path. This service drive rightof-way easement is adjacent to the Washtenaw Avenue right-of-way, which is under control of the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and currently is used as a parking lot aisle. All plans for right-of-way improvements will be coordinated with MDOT, which is currently designing pedestrian improvements along Washtenaw Avenue adjacent to this site.

The stormwater treatment system is under the jurisdiction of the Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner (WCWRC). This treatment will be provided using a series of underground pipes and bioswales located within the parking lot. First flush, bankfull and 100year storm detention are all provided onsite as required by City Code. The petitioner had recently received approval from the WCWRC for the stormwater system, however recent changes in the City's landscape ordinance necessitate additional modifications to the bioswales and subsequently an additional review by the WCWRC. The approval of the WCWRC will be required before this plan will be placed on a City Council agenda. The bioswales will be planted with native vegetation, including trees, and will also act as the required interior parking lot landscaping.

There is a 24-foot wide easement for public right-of-way on the south part of this site, to the rear of the existing building. Due to the location of this alley easement between the commercial buildings and adjacent residential uses, a conflicting land use buffer is not required.

	LAND USE	ZONING
NORTH	Commercial	C3 (Fringe Commercial District)
EAST	Commercial	C3 (Fringe Commercial District)
SOUTH	Single-Family Residential	R1C (Single-Family Dwelling District)
WEST	Commercial	C3 (Fringe Commercial District)

SURROUNDING LAND USES AND ZONING

		EXISTING	PROPOSED	REQUIRED
Zonin	g	C3 (Fringe Commercial District)	C3	C3
Gross	s Lot Area	75,794 sq ft	75,794 sq ft	6,000 sq ft MIN
Floor Lot A	Area in % of rea	21% (15,769 sf)	32% (24,500 sf)	200% (159,824 sf) MAX
Ş	Front	170ft (Washtenaw) 100 ft (Yost) 10 ft (Alley)	170 ft (Washtenaw) 10 ft (Yost)	10 ft MIN 25ft MAX (at least one frontage on corner lot)
Setbacks	Side(s)	0 ft (West)	0 ft (West)	0 ft MIN
Ň	Rear	10 ft	10 ft (existing building) 52 ft (proposed building)	0 ft MIN
Heigh	nt	25 ft/1 story	25 ft/1 story	55 ft/4 stories MAX
Parkii Autor	ng - nobiles	90 spaces	59 spaces (on site) 21 spaces (parking easement)	80 spaces MIN
Parkiı Bicyc	•	None	4 spaces – Class B 4 spaces – Class C	8 spaces MIN total (50% Class B, 50% Class C)

COMPARISON CHART

HISTORY

The proposed addition and related parcel are part of a larger retail center (containing four additional parcels) constructed in the 1950's before site plans were required. A small addition at the rear of the building was approved and constructed in 1979. A site plan was approved in 1999 for a 2,790 square foot greenhouse addition in the area of the current canopy. This greenhouse was never constructed.

PLANNING BACKGROUND

The <u>City of Ann Arbor Master Plan: Land Use Element</u> identifies this parcel as part of the South Area and recommends continued commercial uses. The <u>Land Use Element</u> also includes design recommendations for retail centers, including the use of masonry, building awnings, extensive landscaping, minimized vehicular parking, non-motorized connections and amenities, reduced setbacks along the street, and the opportunity for mixed uses (flex space).

The <u>Non-motorized Plan</u> recommends bicycle lanes and a sidewalk/walkway along this segment of Washtenaw Avenue, in addition to non-motorized facilities underneath the US-23 overpass, connecting to Pittsfield Township. The MDOT non-motorized improvement project, currently under design, will provide this connection under US-23 and is slated for construction next

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spring. The petitioner will provide new public sidewalks along the Yost Boulevard and Washtenaw Avenue frontages as part of this project.

The <u>Washtenaw Avenue Corridor Redevelopment Strategy</u> recommends pedestrian and transitfriendly redevelopment along this segment of Washtenaw Avenue. A new AATA "SuperStop" will be installed this fall on the west end of the shopping center, near Pittsfield Boulevard.

The <u>Washtenaw County Access Management Plan</u> recommends consolidating curb cuts in this segment of Washtenaw Avenue. As a part of the non-motorized improvement project design, MDOT will assess whether curb cuts in this segment should be closed.

STAFF COMMENTS

<u>Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner (WCWRC)</u> – Plans have been resubmitted to the WCWRC for review. Preliminary plan approval is required from the WCWRC before City Council approval.

Forestry - The street tree escrow for this site is \$460.85.

<u>Systems Planning</u> - No footing drain disconnections or equivalents will be required. Staff is working with MDOT to coordinate proposed improvements (including the 10 foot wide non-motorized path) along Washtenaw.

<u>Planning</u> – The petitioner made modifications to the bioswales to reduce their depth to three feet, consistent with the new Landscape Ordinance requirements. As a result, the plan will need additional review by the WCWRC. As noted above, a permanent parking easement for 21 parking spaces must be recorded before plan proceeds to City Council for action.

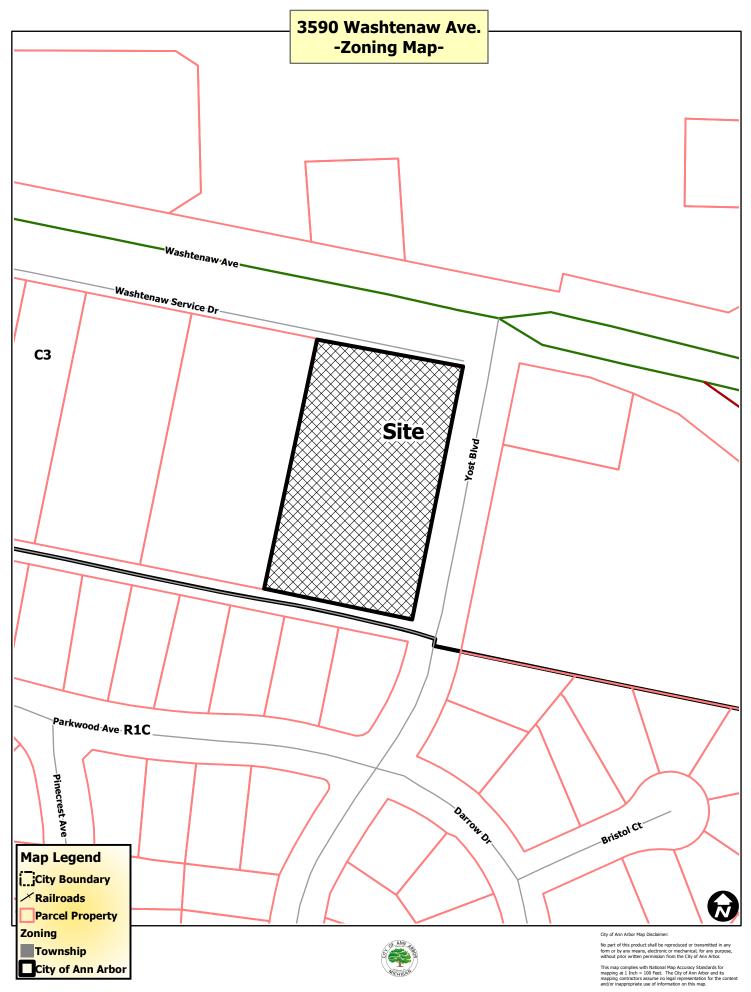
Prepared by Matt Kowalski Reviewed by Wendy Rampson

- Attachments: Parcel/Zoning Map Aerial Photo Site Plan Landscape Plan Elevations
- c: Petitioner: Renken Associates 230 Collingwood Suite 160B Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Petitioner's Representative:

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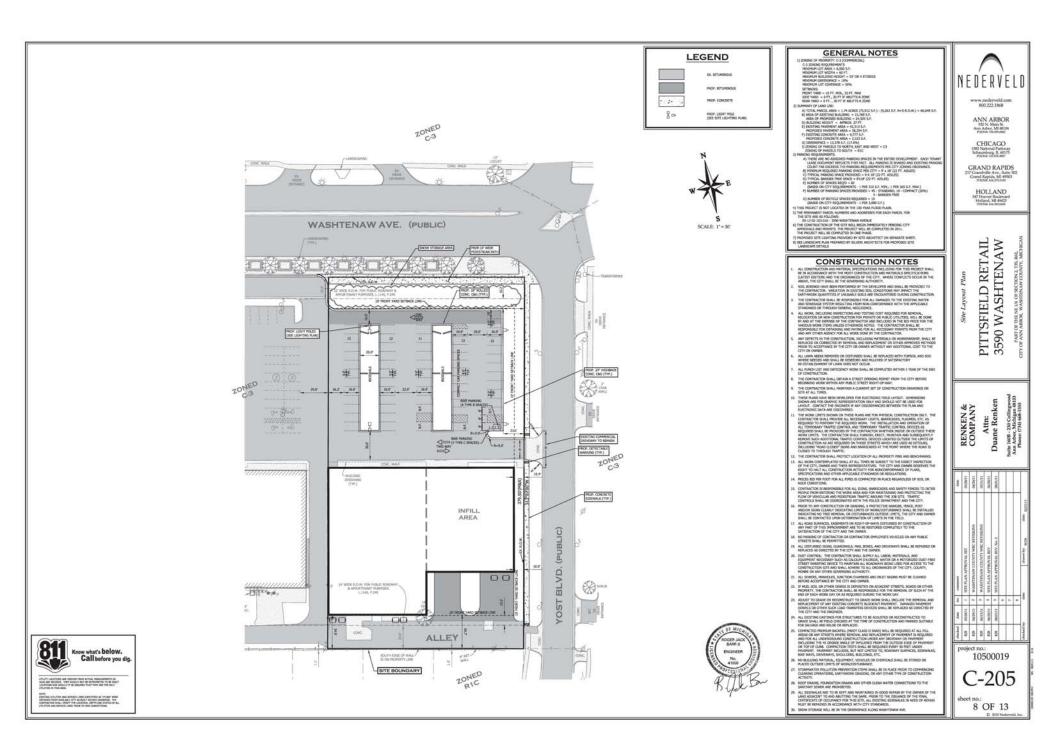


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The topography on site is fairly level overall, with a slight change in grade from east (high point) to west (low point). The grade at the east ROW to Yost lifed, also slopes down.

This site does not support any endurgered species habitat. It is arban in character-all landscape ans are maintained and the alkey property line is paved to the existing fences. There is no 100 year flood plain located on this site. See chart and plan for landmark tree list and location. There are no steep slopes on or within 50° of this site. There are no existing watercourses, wetlands or woodlands located on site or within 50° of the site.

LANDSCAPE NOTES

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40% EverOlade Kentucky Bluegrass 10% J-5 Cheverge Feacue 16% Ecostar Hard Feacue 35% Audobon Creeping Ried Feacue

Acceptable Supplier: Jacklin Seed 615-579-4172

- Seed shall be applied at a rate of five pounds (4 lbs) per 1000 sq ft. Mulch lawn areas within 24 hours with two (2) tons of straw per acre.
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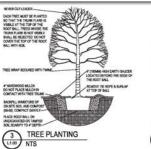
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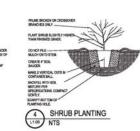
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COMMON NAME

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Silky Dogwood

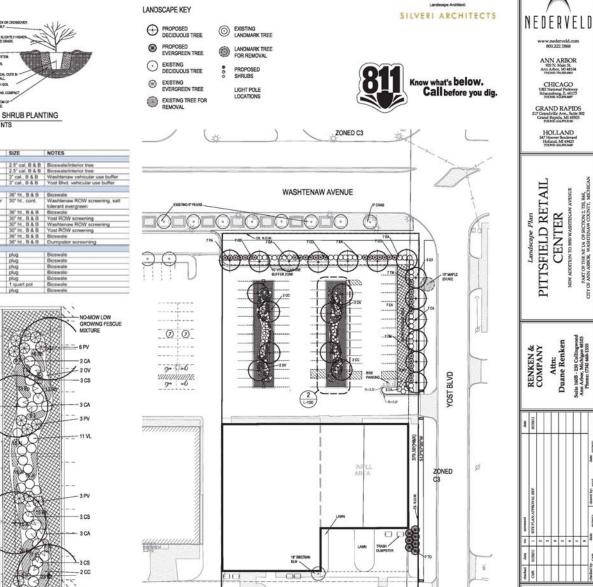
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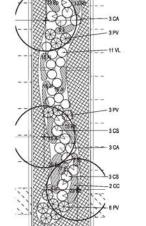
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