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Item No.: Consent

Date:

4915 Auburn Avenue, Sketch Plan No. 320180170 & Preliminary Plan No. 120180210

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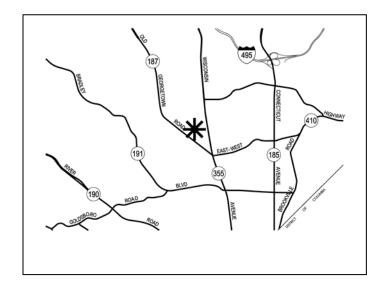
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Staff Report Date: 6.13.18

Description

- Construction of a mixed-use project of up to 175,000 total square feet, including up to 180 dwelling units, and up to 12,500 square feet of non-residential uses;
- Current use: commercial;
- Located in the southwest quadrant of the intersection of Norfolk Avenue and Auburn Avenue in Downtown Bethesda;
- 0.73 acres zoned CR 3.0, C 3.0, R 2.75, H110 in the 2017 Bethesda Downtown Sector Plan;
- Applicant: Auburn Building Associates, LP;
- Acceptance date: May 7, 2018.



Staff Recommendation: Approval of the extension request.

Section 59.7.3.3.C of the Zoning Ordinance and Section 50.4.1.E of the Subdivision Regulations provide a 90-day limit for sketch plan hearings and 120-day limit for preliminary plan hearings, respectively. The Planning Board may, however, extend these periods. Based on the Application's acceptance date of May 7, 2018, both the Sketch Plan and Preliminary Plan review periods will expire during the Planning Board's summer recess (August 5 and September 4, 2018, respectively).

The Applicant has requested, in an application, dated June 12, 2018, that the Sketch Plan application run concurrently with the Preliminary Plan and both review periods be extended to October 5, 2018. This is the first extension request associated with the subject project.

Staff recommends **APPROVAL** of the extension request.

Attachment A: Applicant's extension request



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June 12, 2018

VIA ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

The Honorable Casey Anderson, Chair Montgomery County Planning Board Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission 8787 Georgia Avenue Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Re: 4915 Auburn Avenue

Preliminary Plan No. 120180210 and Sketch Plan

No. 320180170 (the "Applications")

Dear Chairman Anderson:

Auburn Building Associates, LP (the "Applicant") is the Applicant of the above referenced Preliminary and Sketch Plan Applications. On behalf of the Applicant, and pursuant to Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance Section 7.3.4.C, we respectfully request an extension of the time in which the Planning Board is required to hold a public hearing on the above referenced Applications, which were formally accepted on May 7, 2018.

Staff has requested that we file this extension and the Applicant desires for both Applications to be heard concurrently, to ensure the most efficient use of the Planning Department and Planning Board's resources. Accordingly, because the Sketch Plan is reviewed on a 90-day clock, as compared to the Preliminary Plan's 120-day review period, the Applicant is requesting this extension. Furthermore, Planning Board hearing for the Sketch Plan would fall within the Planning Board's August Recess and thus, would have required an extension until early September regardless.

Accordingly, the Applicant is requesting a full extension until October 5, 2018 to accommodate the Planning Board's August Recess and to allow for concurrent review of the Applications. Although the Applicant is requesting a two month extension, per the request of Staff, the Applicant has been assured that the case will be heard by the Planning Board at its September 27th hearing.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Mr. Casey Anderson June 12, 2018 Page 2

Very truly yours,

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Elizabeth C. Rogers

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Effective: December 5, 2014

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