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### FOLLOW-UP SUBMITTAL FOR P&Z SUBMITTAL ZON17-00597

DATE: February 5, 2018

**PROJECT NAME:** 1961 VAL VISTA REDEVELOPMENT

**PROJECT NARRAVTIVE:** 

The site is approximately 0.916 net acres or ±39,906' SF and is currently an operating Circle K gas station. The gas station consists of one building approximately 1,262' SF, ten (10) pumps for refueling under a canopy approximately 17.7' ft. in height and 4,402' SF, and approximately three (3) underground storage tanks for fuel. Prior to implementing our redevelopment plan, all existing improvements will be removed in accordance with Arizona Department of Environmental Quality UST guidelines and procedures. All environmental concerns will be alleviated during this process and a letter from the ADEQ indicating No Further Action (NFA) will be obtained (if required). Once the site has been remediated to standards permissible for commercial development, we proposed to construct a 5,680' SF multi-tenant commercial building with a drive-through for restaurant and general retail uses. The two proposed uses are permitted in the Limited Commercial (C-2) zoning district. and are service restaurant (with drive-thru) and general retail. A total of 32 parking spaces will be provided and 9 stalls for drive-thru stacking.

**EXISTING DECLARATION:** In response to Staff comments received January 11,2018, it is important to note the existing covenants & restrictions that encumber the property. The site is part of Baseline Commercial Center (Lot 2, according to Book 307 of Maps, Page 31, records of Maricopa County, AZ). As a part of that original development there was a Declaration recorded in 1986 that restricts the future redevelopment of that Lot 2 to fit a building within a specific building area (see attached Exhibit A). Lot 3 of the original Baseline Commercial Center has since been subdivided many times and there are currently 64 APNs and 12 separate land owners (see attached Exhibit A\_1). This restricted building area significantly impacts the future redevelopment of the site as it relates to the Mesa 2040 General Plan. It is extremely difficult to formulate a design layout that satisfies all the criteria for the General Plan due to the recorded covenants. We do believe that our current design significantly improves the quality of retail in the area and includes many of the critical attributes sought after in the General Plan.

### **RESPONSE TO STAFF COMMENTS:**

- 1. Citizen Participation Plan A revised Citizen Participation Plan with a list of all land owners within 1,000 feet and all HOAs and registered neighborhoods within 1 mile has been resubmitted.
- 2. Notification Letters will be delivered to City of Mesa Development Services 2 weeks prior to our hearing.
- 3. Mesa 2040 General Plan -
  - We have 2 added sidewalks at the southwest corner of the property to better encourage pedestrian activity to our development. Enhanced hardscape features have also been added to the southeast corner to improve the aesthetics and be a

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better complement to the adjacent corners of the intersection at Val Vista and Baseline. 1 additional sidewalk has also been added at the north property line to encourage pedestrian connectivity from the adjacent in-line strip center to the north of the site. It is also important to note, regarding Mesa 2040 General Plan, there are no residential dwellings adjacent or in close proximately to the subject property. The nearest residential area is more than 700' ft away and separated from our site by a large commercial development with multiple buildings.

- Another significant concern raised by Staff regarding our original layout were to two (2) dead-end drive aisles. We attempted to address Staff's concerns by adding multiple turn-around stalls, along with other minor site modifications to improve traffic circulation for the site. Staff suggested additional modifications could be made to better improve the layout. The current site plan eliminates the dead-end drive aisles and significantly improves the overall vehicular circulation of the site. The current site plan is also more open and therefore encourages pedestrian connective through and around our site by utilizing numerous connections points.
- 2 bicycle racks have been added in the front foundation setback area to encourage citizens using that mode of active transportation and bicycle enthusiast to view our site as a friendlier environment to visit and one that supports that that lifestyle.
- 4. Landscape Design We have significantly enhanced the landscape area at the southwest corner of the property, and also added hardscape features. This plan will greatly improve the sense of place and help serve as a gateway corner as you enter the city limits of Mesa. Installation and irrigation information will be provided in our Construction Documents.

#### **CONCLUSION:**

We believe that our revised site plan is a much stronger design and layout that will significantly improve vehicular circulation and reduce trip-time durations. Given that our site is not backed by any residential developments, the revised layout encourages pedestrian connectivity and adds multiple points of ingress and egress for pedestrian traffic. Bicycle connectivity has also improved with the added bike racks and multiple points of access. The current design will be a great compliment to the surrounding shops and serve as a quality retail destination for the citizens in the surrounding community into the future.

I appreciate your time in advance, and if you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (317) 574-7448 or email me at <a href="mailto:mrykovich@thomasenglish.com">mrykovich@thomasenglish.com</a>.

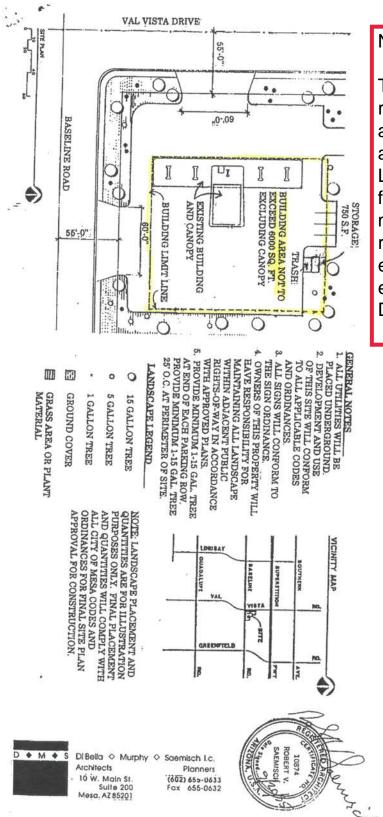
Sincerely,

Mark J. Rykovich, CCIM

**Development Manager** 

# **EXHIBIT A**

# **EXISTING DECLARATION - SITE PLAN**



## NOTE:

This is an exhibit of a recorded document. The area highlighted in yellow and labeled "BUILDING LIMIT LINE" is the limitations for where a future building may be developed/ redeveloped. See attached exhibit A\_1 for all the parcels encompassed within this Declaration.

Revised
EXHIBIT C

