

August 12, 2024

Planning Division City of Mesa 55 N. Center St. Mesa, AZ 85211

RE: Extra Space Storage, 4450 E Southern Ave. Mesa, AZ
Parcel: 140-51-721 (Existing mini storage / RV storage) 311,416 S.F. (7.15AC)

Dear Staff,

Please accept this narrative for a proposed free standing mini storage building (Bldg. 'E') to replace a portion of onsite R.V. storage at the existing mini storage complex located at 4550 E. Southern Ave., (NE corner of Greenfield Rd. and Southern Ave.) This site has been a mini-storage and RV storage facility since 1986.

Per 2016 zoning case BA16-050, the existing zoning of this parcel is RS-6/PAD & LC. This request includes a proposed land division to create two parcels which will better accommodate current site RV storage & mini storage uses.

The first parcel to be 'LC/PAD', CUP, will include the existing mini storage and manager's buildings, and incorporate the new matching mini storage "Bldg. E".

The second parcel will comprise the remaining land, currently zoned 'RS-6, PAD', which will remain RV storage and storm water retention basin.

Since its inception as a part of the Sunland Village planned area subdivision, this property was originally allocated to provide RV storage for the residents of Sunland Village. As the property has matured, the nature of the onsite architecture has developed into a progression of regular, predictable, and understated forms, to lend this use to quietly blend into the existing residential fabric of the neighborhood. The conversion from existing RV storage to mini storage has continued to enhance the neighborhood by providing a more flexible type of (single story) storage while simultaneously removing the less appealing type of storage (i.e. recreation vehicles), from sight. This solution meets the intent of a Planned Area Overlay, in that it further organizes the two types of onsite storage in a comprehensive and thoughtful way while minimizing any effect on the neighborhood. The new mini storage building (Bldg. 'E') is planned as a single story (+/-25,000 SF) metal building to match the existing buildings, 'B', 'C', & 'D', in both style and construction. Buildings 'B' and 'C' were constructed in 2017, and building 'D' in 2022.

With respect to MZO Section 11-6-3, (size, massing, roof articulation, materials, etc.) alternative compliance is requested to match previously reviewed, approved, & constructed buildings onsite. It has been demonstrated (by 2017's P&Z & DRB board discussions along with neighbor's input via those CPPs) that this form of storage is more desirable to the existing RV storage with respect to reduced traffic & associated noise levels and the aesthetic difference between a clean single story building, verses open vehicular storage. By matching the existing mini storage buildings as closely as possible, the proposed project (accepting previously borne out findings) is aesthetically more complementary to the site by avoiding an irregularity in form, better fits into the context of the area by retaining a modest stature, improves the overall architectural appeal of the area via the conversion of storage types from exposed to enclosed, and meets the design objectives as described in the City's General Plan by adding to a clean, well-maintained physical facility which further limits potential of blight via

transitory open storage. Buildings 'B', 'C', & 'D', and proposed building 'E' are air conditioned and have fully automatic fire sprinkler systems.

This project decreases open RV storage and increases available interior mini storage services to neighborhood. By matching existing architecture, general development standards applied in 2017 and continued here will provide equal quality and further the inconspicuous nature on site while simultaneously avoiding an anomalous condition which would draw attention to this site. The resulting effect onsite converts open RV storage into a far more unassuming, quieter use on site. The overall modest aesthetic of this building will be reinforced through the addition of screen walls to hide A/C units, and by ensuring the portal walls (each side of overhead doors) mimic the tilt panel look seen on building 'A'. Portal walls of buildings 'B', 'C', & 'D' mimic concrete tilt-up portal walls of Bldq. 'A'

Further improvements shall be made to ensure screening from Southern Ave., and adjacent residential properties. This includes:

- -Screening of existing open wrought iron fence with perforated metal panels over existing steel frames at a portion of existing site walls.
- -Existing wood fencing to be replaced with CMU fence walls as shown on site plan.
- -Existing gate to remain at Flower Circle to receive perforated metal panel screening to match main entry gates. Other gates at Flower Circle to be replaced with CMU fence wall to match existing.
- -All units on east sides of buildings shall be screened to 12" above units.
- -Fire riser equipment to be painted to match building main color.

Accommodation of the proposed building will require only minor reconfiguration of existing onsite drainage, converting existing asphalt paved area to new roofed building area. A vehicular cross access easement can be established between LC/PAD zoning and the existing RS-6/PAD zoning.

Parking reduction of one space less than required is requested to avoid unnecessary constriction of limited existing space at entry. No additional parking is needed as existing spaces are ample for this business. No additional spaces have been identified by owner as needed to function.

All existing on site landscaping has been reviewed and approved under zoning regulations adopted at times of development. With respect to what will be the new 'Parcel 1', all existing mature plant material, in existing perimeter landscape buffers, shall be protected and maintained during construction.

Existing ingress/egress for the site shall remain from the main entrance at Southern Avenue. Secondary Fire Dept. access will remain at the existing gate at Flower Circle.

During review, staff has indicated that a 'PAD' overlay be pursued to accommodate differences between current zoning standards for an 'LC' zone and onsite conditions that have developed under previous years' adopted zoning ordinances. This overlay will allow for the project to exist as a further continuation of existing enclosed mini storage (vs exposed RV storage) without creating an anomalous building onsite that would disrupt circulation and potentially create confusion navigating the site.

These standards, and proposed overlay standards, are itemized as follows:

Base Zone vs PAD Overlay Comparison Table

	'LC' Zone Requirement	Proposed 'PAD' Standard
(PRS-Site Plan #2)		90.5%
Lot Coverage-	80%	(Existing paved area to become
Sec. 11-6-3.A: Development Standards		building footprint)
(PRS-Fencing #2)	Front yard wall 3.5' High	Existing 8' high front masonry
Front Yard Fence Wall-	max.	fence wall to remain
Sec. 11-30-4(B)(1) Fences		
(ZON-#10-3)	Solid waste enclosure shall	Existing solid waste enclosure to
Trash and Refuse Collection Areas-	not be located in	remain in existing landscape

Sec. 11-30-12-Enclosure Location	landscape area	area
(ZON-#11-1-Parking)	Parking shall be screened	No screen wall existing;
Parking-	with wall 32" to 40" high	mature landscaping to remain
Sec. 11-30-9(H) Screening		undisturbed.
(ZON-#11-3-Parking)	Parking shall be 50' set	Existing H/C parking is 36'-10"-
Parking-	back from property line	to remain
Sec. 11-32-4(A) Parking Setback		Remaining parking is 65'-0"
(ZON-#11-5-Parking)	4 spaces plus 2 for	5 existing striped spaces-
Parking-	manager's quarters	to remain- (many parking areas
Table 11-32-3(A) Parking Required		inside existing site)
(ZON-#14-4a-Landscaping)	15' landscape yard on	No existing landscape setback
	property line at R/W	
(ZON-#14-7-Landscaping)	8' x 15' landscaped parking	Existing absent and/or non-
Sec. 11-33-4(B) Landscape Islands	islands at end of each row	conforming islands to remain
	One tree & three shrubs	Existing absent and/or non-
Sec. 11-33-4(D) Landscape Islands	for every 15' of island	conforming islands to remain
(ZON-#14-9-Landscaping)	Landscape area equal to	No existing landscape areas at
11-33-5(B) Landscape Area in	25% length of bldg.	existing storage bldgs.
Foundation Base- At Storage Bldgs		
(ZON-#14-10-Landscaping)	15' foundation base	Existing 4' mature foundation
11-33-5(1) Landscape Area in	landscaping at walls with	base landscaping to remain
Foundation Base- At Office Bldg	public entrance	

(PRS-Landscaping #10) Landscaping- At Storage Bldgs Foundation Base along Exterior Walls 11-33-5(A)(2)	5' wide foundation base	Match existing buildings on site- No foundation base adjacent to drive aisles.
(PRS-Landscaping #14) Landscaping- At Office Bldg Landscape Area in Foundation Base 11-33-5(B)	(1) tree per 50 linear feet or less of exterior wall- (10% 36" box -all other 24" box)	Existing mature landscaping to remain.
Landscaping- Perimeter Landscaping- Southern Ave ROW MZO Table 11-33-3.A.4	1 tree and 6 shrubs per 25 linear feet of street frontage	Existing mature landscaping to remain.
Landscaping- Perimeter Landscaping- Adjacent to Single Family 11-33-3(B)(1)	25' landscape yard	No yard available on east & North property lines- existing drive aisles- to remain
Landscaping- Perimeter Landscaping- Adjacent to Single Family 11-33-3(B)(1)	Landscape yard to be decomposed granite	No yard available on east & North property lines- existing drive aisles- to remain
Landscaping- Perimeter Landscaping- Adjacent to Non-Single Family 11-33-3(B)(2)	15' landscape yard	No yard available on west property line- existing drive aisles- to remain
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Alternative Compliance Request Table

(PRS-Elevations #5)	Roof Articulation	**Request Alternate
Site Planning and Design Standards		Compliance**
Sec. 11-6-3(B)(2)		iv. The proposed alternative is
		aesthetically more
		complementary to the site,
		better fits into the context of
		the area, improves the overall
		architectural appeal of the area
		and/or meets or exceeds the
		design objectives as described
		in the City's General Plan.
		Proposed building to match
		existing buildings B, C, & D, on
		site
(PRS-Elevations #6)	a. Pre-engineered metal	**Request Alternate
Site Planning and Design Standards	buildings are not allowed	Compliance**
11-6-3(B)(5)	in the commercial and	iv. The proposed alternative is

(PRS-Elevations #6) Site Planning and Design Standards 11-6-3(B)(5)	mixed-use districts.	aesthetically more complementary to the site, better fits into the context of the area, improves the overall architectural appeal of the area and/or meets or exceeds the design objectives as described in the City's General Plan.
		Proposed building to match existing buildings B, C, & D, on site
(PRS-Elevations #6) Site Planning and Design Standards 11-6-3(B)(5)	c. To reduce the apparent massing and scale of buildings, facades shall incorporate at least three (3) different and distinct materials.	**Request Alternate Compliance** iv. The proposed alternative is aesthetically more complementary to the site, better fits into the context of the area, improves the overall architectural appeal of the area and/or meets or exceeds the design objectives as described in the City's General Plan. Proposed building to match existing buildings B, C, & D, on site

(PRS-Elevations #6) Site Planning and Design Standards 11-6-3(B)(5)	d. No more than fifty percent (50%) of the total facade may be covered with one (1) single material.	**Request Alternate Compliance** iv. The proposed alternative is aesthetically more complementary to the site, better fits into the context of the area, improves the overall architectural appeal of the area and/or meets or exceeds the design objectives as described in the City's General Plan. Proposed building to match existing buildings B, C, & D, on site
(PRS-Elevations #6) Site Planning and Design Standards 11-6-3(B)(5)	h. All Side Architecture. Architectural detailing on facades may vary depending on visibility and orientation; however, all publicly visible facades shall provide equivalent architectural detailing commensurate with the main façade.	**Request Alternate Compliance** iv. The proposed alternative is aesthetically more complementary to the site, better fits into the context of the area, improves the overall architectural appeal of the area and/or meets or exceeds the design objectives as described in the City's General Plan. Proposed building to match existing buildings B, C, & D, on site
Site Planning and Design Standards 11-6-3(B)(5)	a. Base and Top Treatments. All facades shall have a recognizable "base" and "top".	**Request Alternate Compliance** iv. The proposed alternative is aesthetically more complementary to the site, better fits into the context of the area, improves the overall architectural appeal of the area and/or meets or exceeds the design objectives as described in the City's General Plan. Proposed building to match existing buildings B, C, & D, on site

Council Use Permit

The current zoning ordinance requires a CUP for a mini storage use in a LC zone.

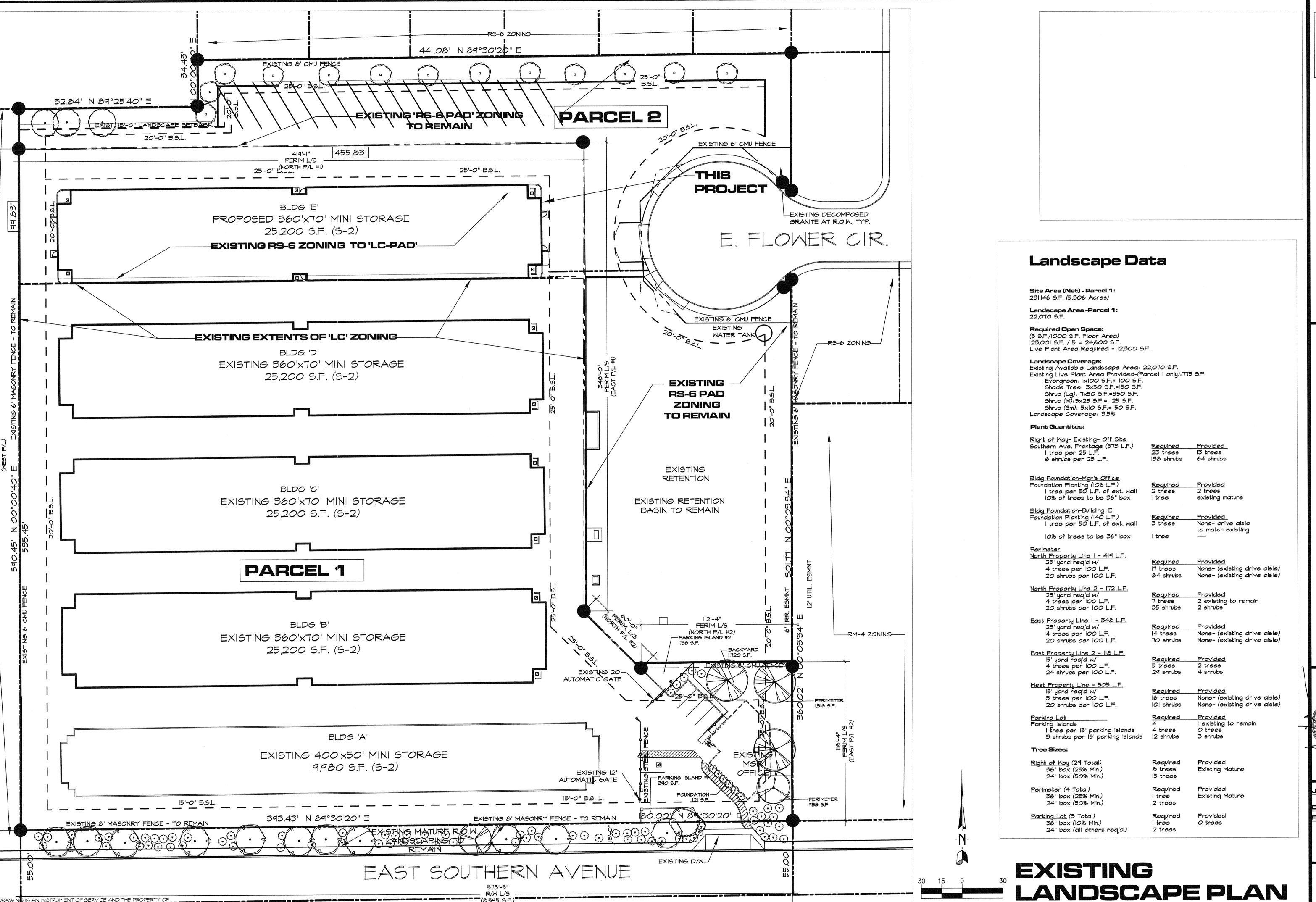
Stipulations for compliance with CUP requirements are as follows:

A CUP shall only be granted if the approved body determines that the project conforms to all the following criteria in Section 11-70-6(D) of the MZO and listed below:

- a. Approval of the proposed project will advance the goals and objectives of and is consistent with the policies of the General Plan and any other applicable City plan and/or policies:
 Response: This proposed project will better improve underdeveloped and underutilized areas of the site with matching mini storage units which will further provide this service to serve the surrounding residential trade area with minimal disturbance.
- The location, size, design, and operating characteristics of the proposed project are consistent with the purposes of the district where it is located and conform with the General Plan and with any other applicable City plan or policies;
 Response: As an extension of the current use of the property, this project will further establish the
 - Response: As an extension of the current use of the property, this project will further establish the current business as a stable presence in the neighborhood and create an extension of well-established services available to local residents.
- c. The proposed project will not be injurious or detrimental to the adjacent or surrounding properties in the area of the proposed project or improvements in the neighborhood or to the general welfare of the City; Response: This project shall have no unfavorable effects on neighboring properties. The replacement of existing paved outdoor RV storage area with new matching mini storage building will further improve the property while removing a portion of the site's less favorable outdoor storage type and continue to allow existing RV storage along the North property line which has existed since 1986.
- d. Adequate public services, public facilities and public infrastructure are available to serve the proposed project.

Response: All required infrastructure exists readily available onsite and is as close as nearest adjacent building.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions at 480-797-7548.
Sincerely,
Tim Nielsen
Architect



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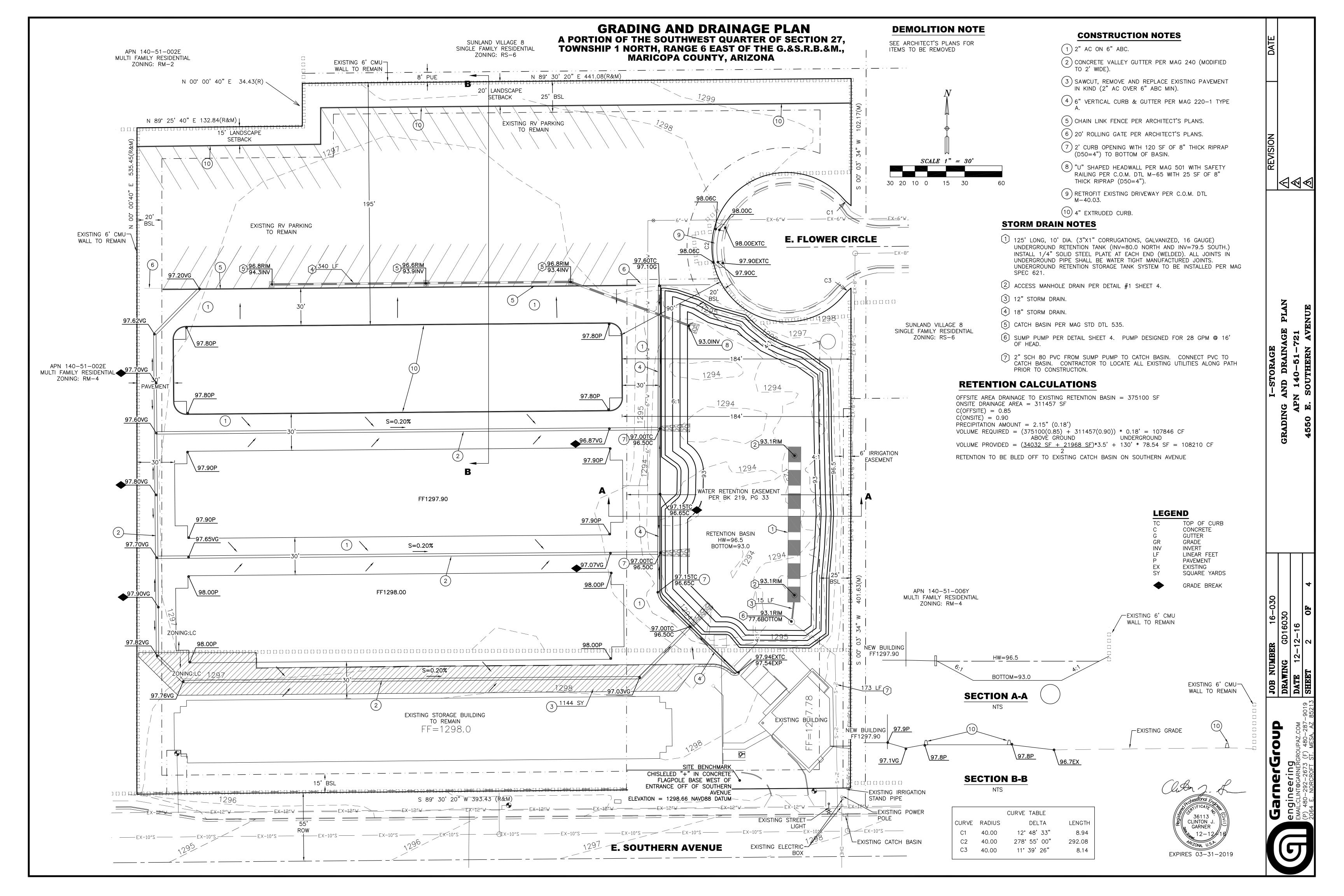
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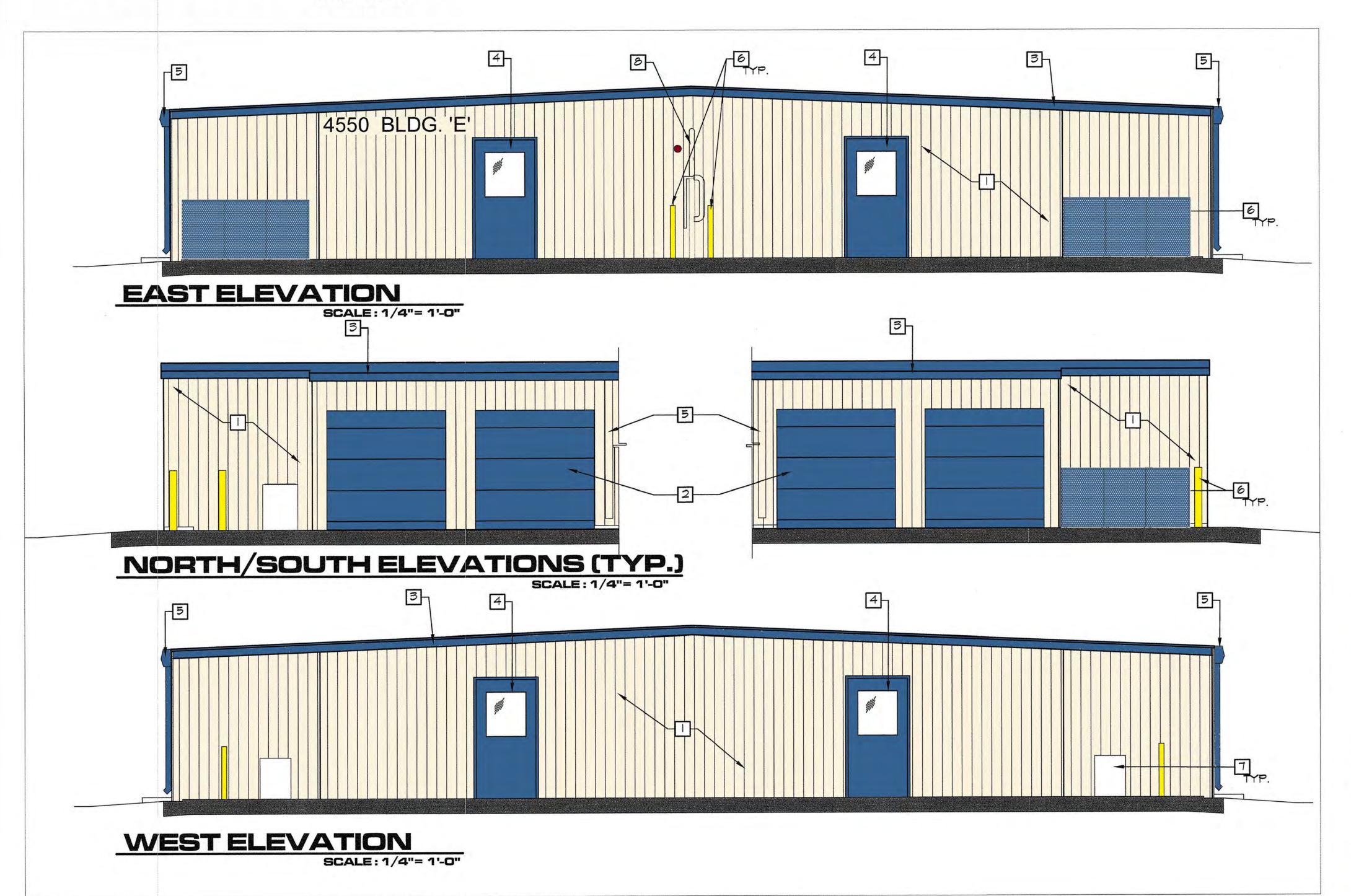
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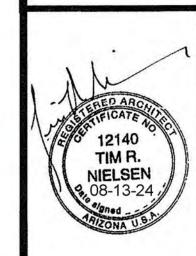


KEYNOTES

- Pre-fabricated & pre-finished steel siding. 2. Pre-finished overhead doors and hollow
 - metal frames.
- 3. Pre-finished roof trim.
- Fre-finished roof trim.
 Hollow metal egress doors and frames.
 Pre-finished gutter & downspout.
 4" Steel (conc. filled) pipe bollard.
 Ground mounted HVAC unit.
 Fire Riser apparatus.

Color Selection Exist	
Component	Color
Wall Panels	Ash Gray
Door Trim (Head/ Jamb Trim)	Ash Gray
Doors	McEiroy Metal- Regal Blue
Roof Panels, Eave Trim, Gutters, Ridge Cap	McEiroy Metai- Regal Blue
Downspout	McEiroy Metal- Regal Blue





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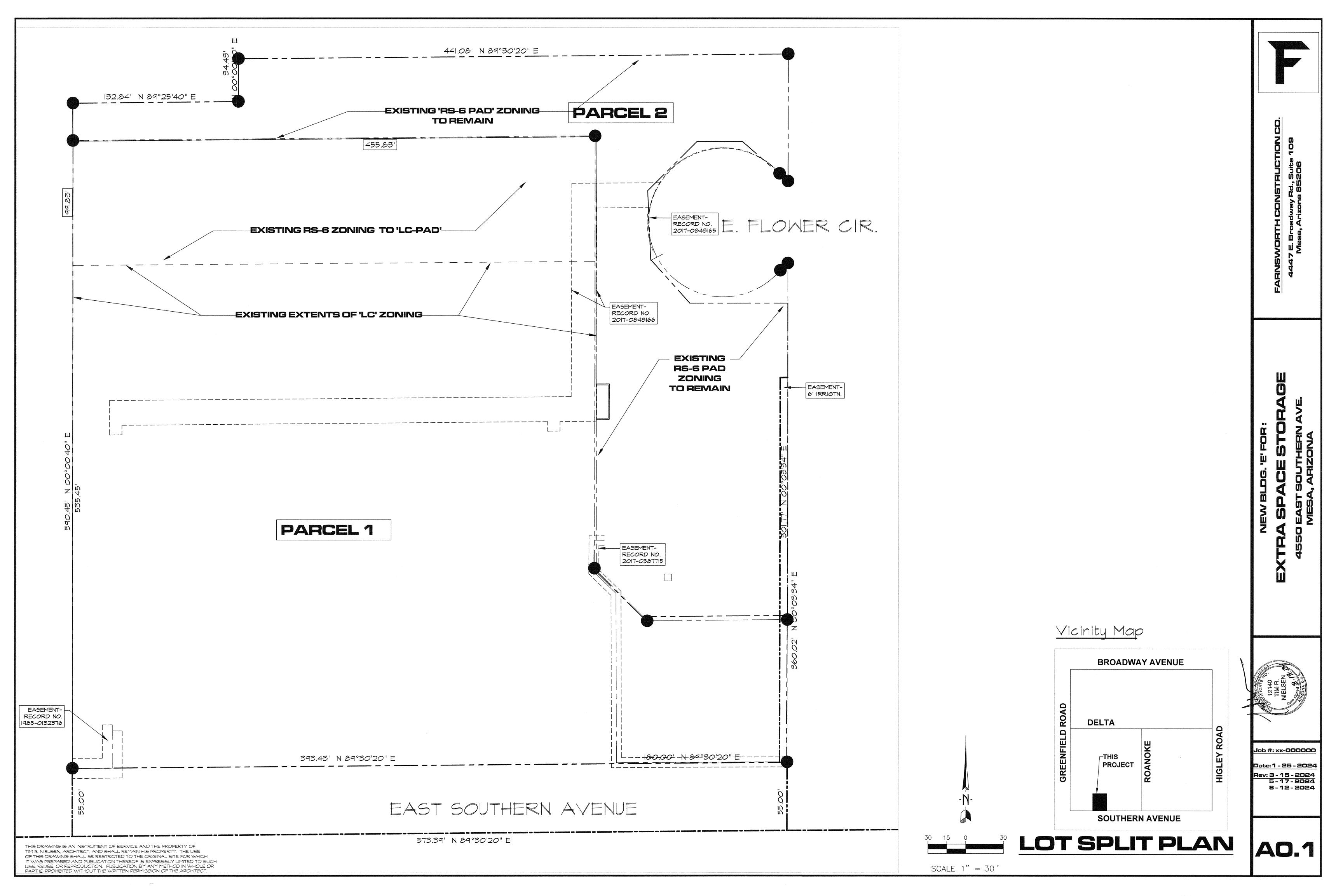














Citizen Participation Plan for: Extra Space Storage – Building 'E'

Date: December 5, 2023

Purpose: The purpose of this Citizen Participation Plan is to inform citizens, property owners, neighbor associations, agencies, schools and businesses in the vicinity of the site of an application for Extra Space Storage This site is located at 4550 East Southern Ave., east of the Northeast corner of Greenfield Road and Southern Ave., and is an application for a Re-zone and Council Use Permit to allow the conversion of existing RV storage area to expand the existing mini storage use on site. This plan will ensure that those affected by this application will have an adequate opportunity to learn about and comment on the proposal.

Contact:

Tim Nielsen 4447 E. Broadway Rd., Suite 109 Mesa, Arizona 85206 (480) 797-7548 email: trn.arch@gmail.com

Pre-application Meeting: The pre-application meeting with City of Mesa planning staff was held on November 23, 2021. Staff reviewed the application and recommended that adjacent residents, and nearby registered neighborhoods be contacted.

Action Plan: In order to provide effective citizen participation in conjunction with their application, the following actions will be taken to provide opportunities to understand and address any real or perceived impacts their development that members of the community may have.

- A contact list will be developed for citizens and agencies in this area including:
 - All property owners within 500' of the project.
- 2. All persons listed on the contact list will receive a letter describing the project, project schedule, site plan and invitation to contact applicant via phone and/or email to discuss the project, ask questions, and state concerns. A list will be kept of all communications, and any comments will be given to the City of Mesa Planner assigned to this project.
- 3. Presentations will be made to groups of citizens or neighborhood associations upon request.

Schedule:

Pre-application meeting – <u>November 23, 2021</u>
Application Submittal – <u>December 5, 2023</u>
Submittal of Citizen Participation Report and Notification materials – TBD Planning and Zoning Board Hearing – TBD City Council Hearing - TBD

Citizen Participation Report For Extra Space Storage- Bldg. 'E' Case # ZON23-00994

Date of Report: October 10, 2024

Overview: This report provides results of the implementation of the Citizen Participation Plan for Extra Space Storage, Bldg 'E'. This site is located at 4550 E. Southern Ave., (within the 4400 to 4600 blocks of East Southern Avenue (north side) and within the 4500 block of East Flower Circle (west side)). and is an application for a Rezone from Single Residence-6 with a Planned Area Development overlay (RS-6-PAD) and Limited Commercial (LC) to Limited Commercial with a Planned Area Development overlay (LC-PAD), Council Use Permit, and Major Site Plan Modification. This request will allow for the expansion of a mini storage facility. This report provides evidence that citizens, neighbors, public agencies and interested persons have had adequate opportunity to learn about and comment on the proposed plans and actions addressed in the application. Comments, sign-in lists, petitions, letters, summary sheets, and other materials are attached.

Contact:

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Notification Correspondence and Telephone Calls:

- 1. The DRB notification letter and exhibits were mailed out the week of 9/23/24 to all parcels within 500' of the project and all registered neighborhoods within ½ mile including site plan, landscape plan, and building elevations/rendering, where citizens were invited to discuss the applicant's proposal
- 2. The P&Z notification letter and exhibits were mailed out the week of 10/8/24 to all parcels within 1000' of the project and all registered neighborhoods within ½ mile including site plan, landscape plan, and building elevations/rendering, where citizens were invited to discuss the applicant's proposal [comments and other feedback are as follows];
- 3. Phone calls pertaining to letters mailed/ meeting from:

 Phone calls received as of the date of this report are summarized below.

Results:

There are +/- 500 contacts on the contact list as of the date of this Citizen Participation Report (see attached)

1. Summary of citizens' concerns, issues and problems:

- Helen Lewis (602-266-2994)
 - ~Called to inform us that their company no longer owns the McDonalds on the S.E. corner of Southern Ave and Greenfield Rd; It has been sold a couple of times since they've owned it. I checked the County Assessor's website and the new owner's address hasn't been updated.
- Gail Graves (480-894-1918)
 - ~Lives in Greenfield Glen, called wondering if we were going to do anything with the Circle K on the N.E. corner of Southern and Greenfield. When I described "where and what" our project was... she was in support.
- Jim Turnbull (480-353-1691)
 - ~He lives off Flower Circle. He was calling on behalf of some of his neighbors. He was verifying that the scope of work was going to be an additional mini storage building. He was wondering if this was going to increase traffic. I told him the gate controls on Flower Circle can have "controlled access" only for residents of Sunland Village to minimize traffic. He seemed to be satisfied with that answer. He appreciated my timely call back.
- Catherine Possley (480-347-7906)
 - Lives adjacent to the North property line. Questioned the height of existing fence.

2. How citizens' concerns, issues, and problems, were addressed:

- Confirm with Owner that any vehicles moving through the existing gate at Flower Circle is limited to residents of Sunland Village. This is typically accomplished via gate code.
- Field verified fence wall heights on North property line.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 480-797-7548 to discuss.

Regards,

Tim Nielsen

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