



City Council

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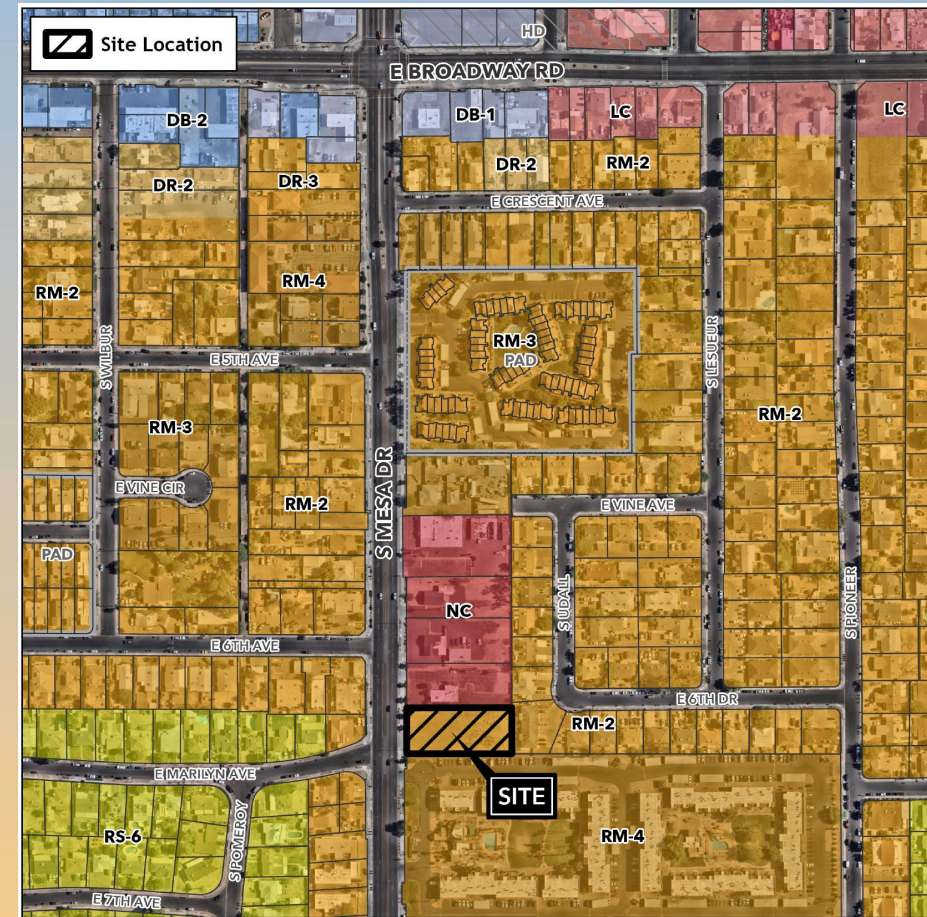
- Rezone from RM-2 to RM-4 with a BIZ Overlay
- Site Plan Review for a 15-unit multiple residence development





Location

- South of Broadway Road
- East of Mesa Drive





General Plan

Urban Residential

- Diverse mixture of uses where commercial, residential, and public/semi-public uses coexist
- Multi-family residential is a principal land use
- RM-4 is allowed in the Urban Residential Placetype





Zoning

- Existing: RM-2
- Proposed: RM-4-BIZ
- Multiple Residences with a max. density of 30 dwelling units per acre (du/ac) are permitted in the RM-4 District.
- Proposed density: 25.9 du/ac





Site Photo



Looking east from Mesa Drive



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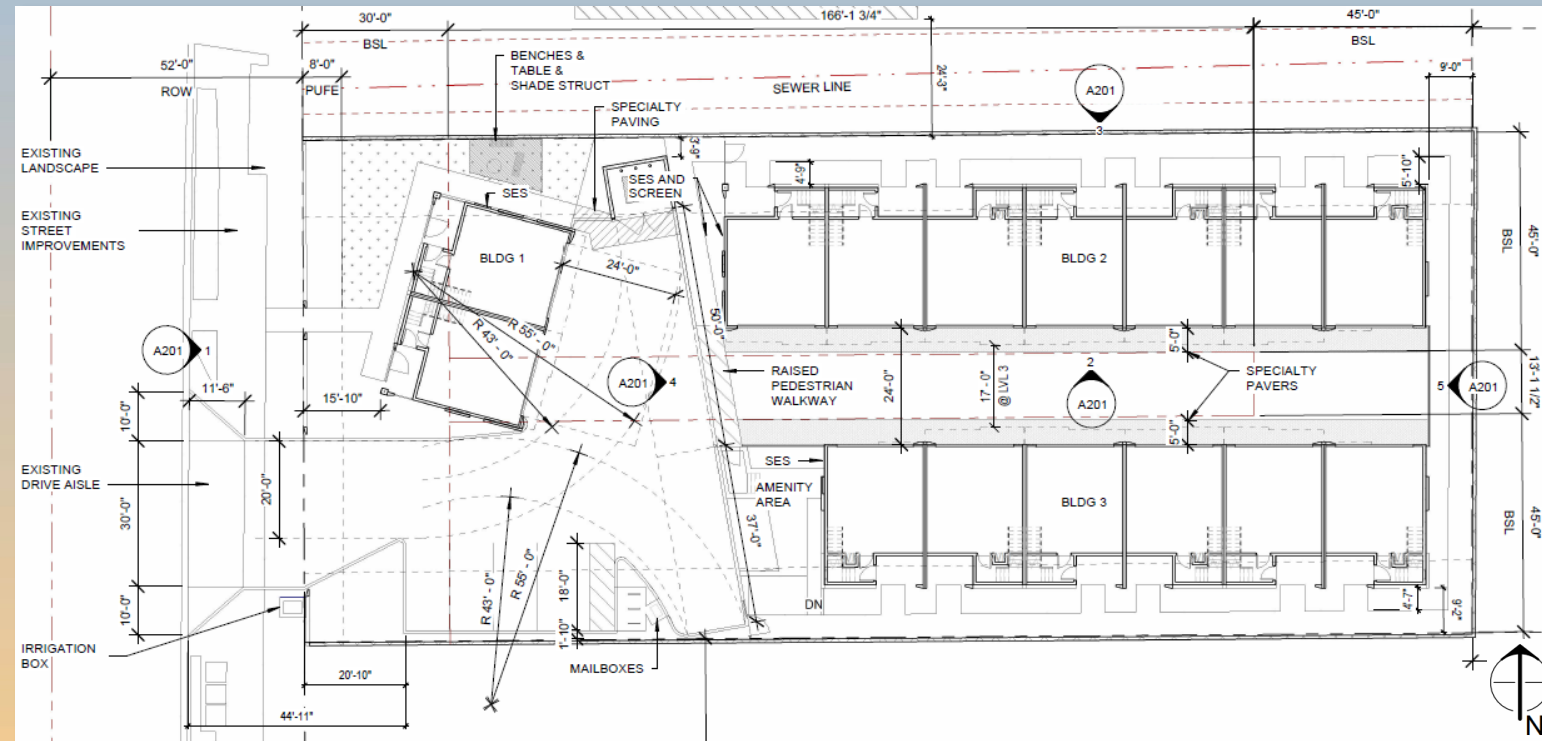


Looking southeast from Mesa Drive



Site Plan

- Three 3-story buildings
- 15 townhome units
- Access from Mesa Dr
- 24-ft-wide central drive provides access to garages
- Pedestrian walkways
- Amenity area
- 30 garage spaces + 4 guest spaces (32 required)





Bonus Intensity Zone Overlay

Criteria (MZO Ch. 21):

1. Provide distinctive, superior quality design
 - Distinctive & sustainable design, context, quality open space & exceeding standards
2. Environmental performance standards
 - Various site selection & site design criteria
3. Meet or exceed nationally recognized environmental standards (Green Globes, LEED, etc.)



Bonus Intensity Zone Overlay

Development Standard	MZO Required	PAD Proposed
<u>Maximum Lot Coverage</u> (% of lot)	70%	79%
<u>Minimum Yards</u> Front and Street Facing Side (6-lane arterial – S. Mesa Dr.) - Interior Sides and Rear: 3 or more units on lot	30 feet Multiple Story: 15 feet per story (45 feet total)	15'-10" 0' to shade structure; 3 feet per story for buildings (9 feet total)
<u>Minimum Separation Between Buildings on Same Lot</u> - Three-Story building	35-feet	17-feet



Bonus Intensity Zone Overlay

Development Standard	MZO Required	PAD Proposed
<u>Attached Garages</u> – MZO Section 11-5-5(B)(4)(f)(iii)	When multiple garage doors are located within one (1) building, the maximum number of garage doors adjacent to one another shall be limited to three (3), unless there is a break in the building façade between garage doors. The break shall contain a major architectural feature, such as a building entrance or equivalent feature.	When multiple garage doors are located within one (1) building, the maximum number of garage doors adjacent to one another shall be limited to seven (7), unless there is a break in the building façade between garage doors. The break shall contain a major architectural feature, such as a building entrance or equivalent feature.
<u>Setback of Cross Drive Aisles</u> – MZO Section 11-32-4(A)	Parking spaces along main drive aisles connecting directly to a street and drive aisles that cross such main drive aisles shall be set back at least 50 ft from the property line abutting the street.	Parking spaces along main drive aisles connecting directly to a street and drive aisles that cross such main drive aisles shall be set back at least 20 ft from the property line abutting the street.



Bonus Intensity Zone Overlay

Development Standard	MZO Required	PAD Proposed
<u>Landscaping for Non-Single Residence Uses Adjacent to Other Non-Single Residence uses or districts – MZO Section 11-33-3(B)(2)(a)(ii)</u>	Properties that are not part of a group C-O-I Development, as defined in Chapter 87, must provide a 15-foot landscape yard except where a cross-access drive aisle occurs within the required landscape yard.	Properties that are not part of a group C-O-I Development, as defined in Chapter 87, must provide a 1'-10" landscape yard except where a cross-access drive aisle occurs within the required landscape yard.
<u>Plant Material within Foundation Base – MZO Section 11-33-5(B)(4)</u>	Trees shall be in planters that are at least 8 feet wide. Other plant material shall be in planters that are at least 3 feet wide.	Trees shall be in planters that are at least 4-1/2 feet wide. Other plant material shall be in planters that are at least 3 feet wide.



Site plan of the proposed parking lot showing four numbered areas (1, 2, 3, 4) and various features like spillways and concrete walls. The plan includes dimensions and slopes.

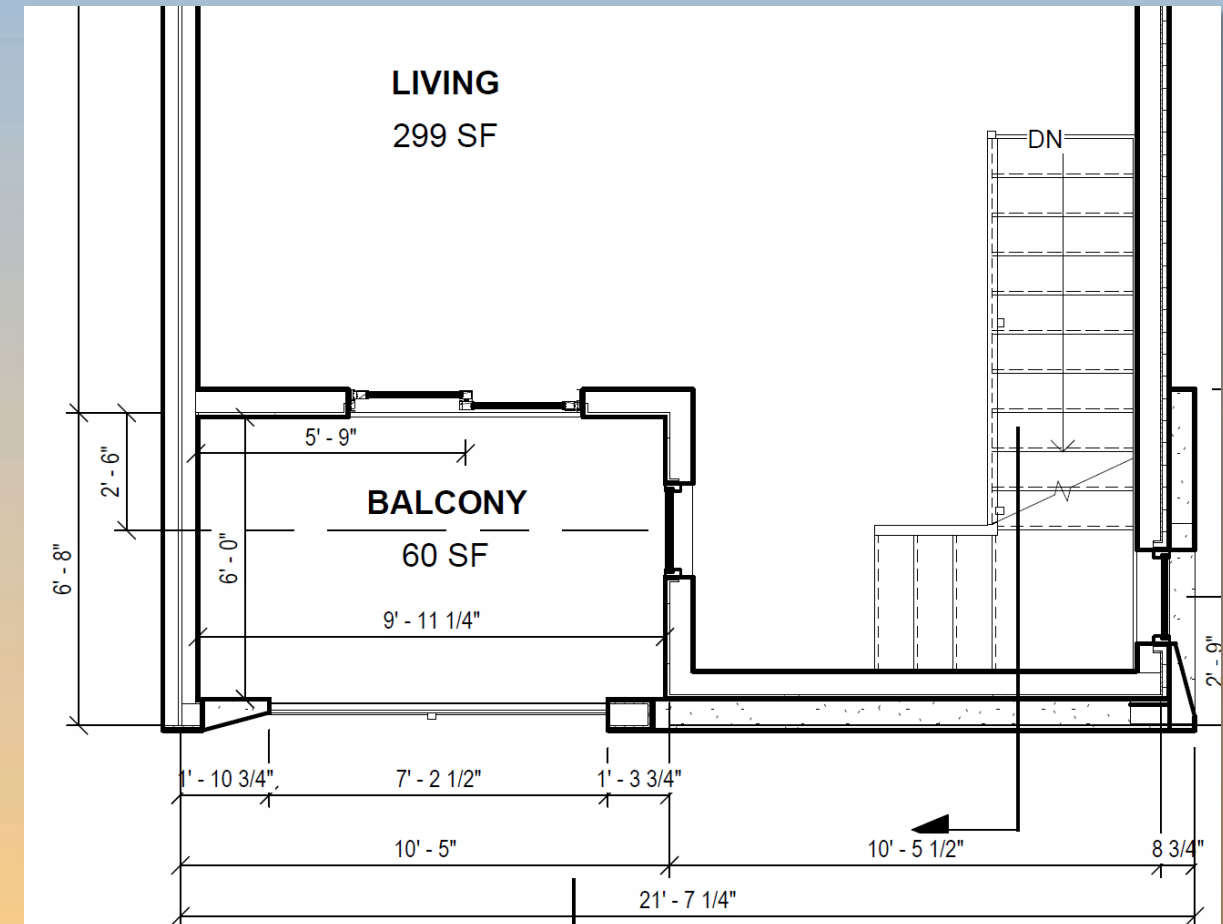
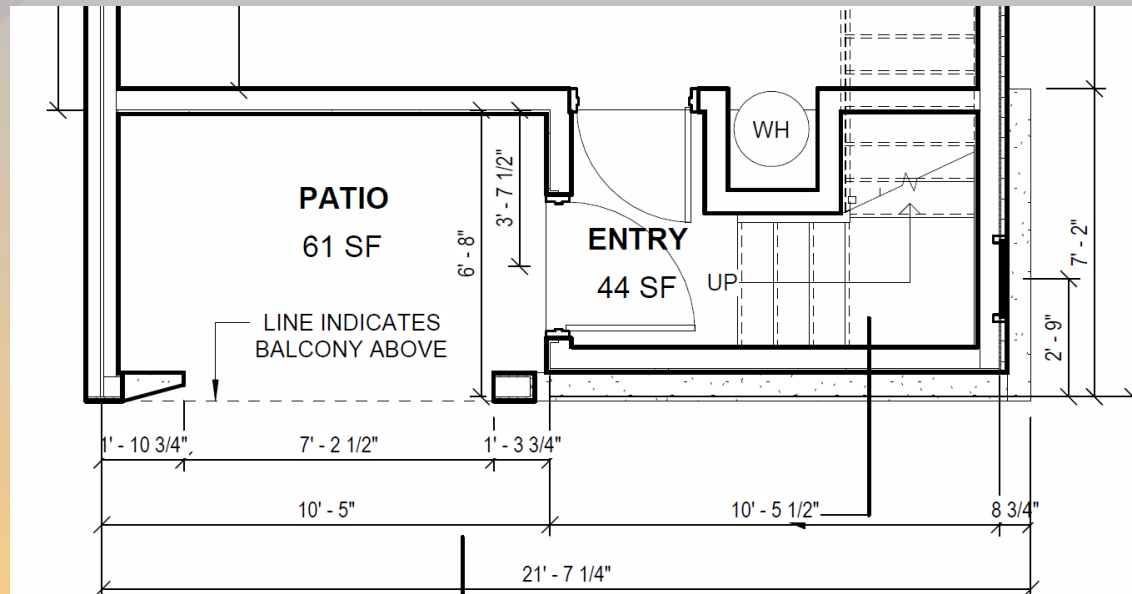
Key features and dimensions:

- Area 1:** Located at the bottom right, with a slope of $-2' - 0"$.
- Area 2:** Located in the center-left, with a slope of $-0' - 8"$.
- Area 3:** Located at the top center, with a slope of $-1' - 0"$.
- Area 4:** Located in the center-right, with a slope of $-2' - 0"$.
- Dimensions:**
 - Overall width: $15' - 10 \frac{1}{2}"$
 - Overall height: $15' - 2"$
 - Bottom width: $13' - 9"$
 - Right side width: $24' - 0"$
 - Top left width: $4' - 6"$
 - Internal width: $8' - 0"$
 - Internal width: $1' - 0"$
 - Internal width: $1' - 12"$
- Slopes:**
 - $-1' - 8"$
 - $-1' - 3"$
 - $-0' - 8"$
 - $-1' - 0"$
 - $0' - 0"$
 - $-2' - 0"$
- Structures:**
 - COVERED OVERFLOW SPILLWAY CHANNEL:** Located at the top left.
 - OVERFLOW SPILLWAY:** Located at the top right and bottom right.
 - CAST-IN-PLACE CONCRETE PLANTER WALLS:** Located along the right side.



Bonus Intensity Zone – Private Open Space

- 120 square feet of private open space (100 sq. ft. required)





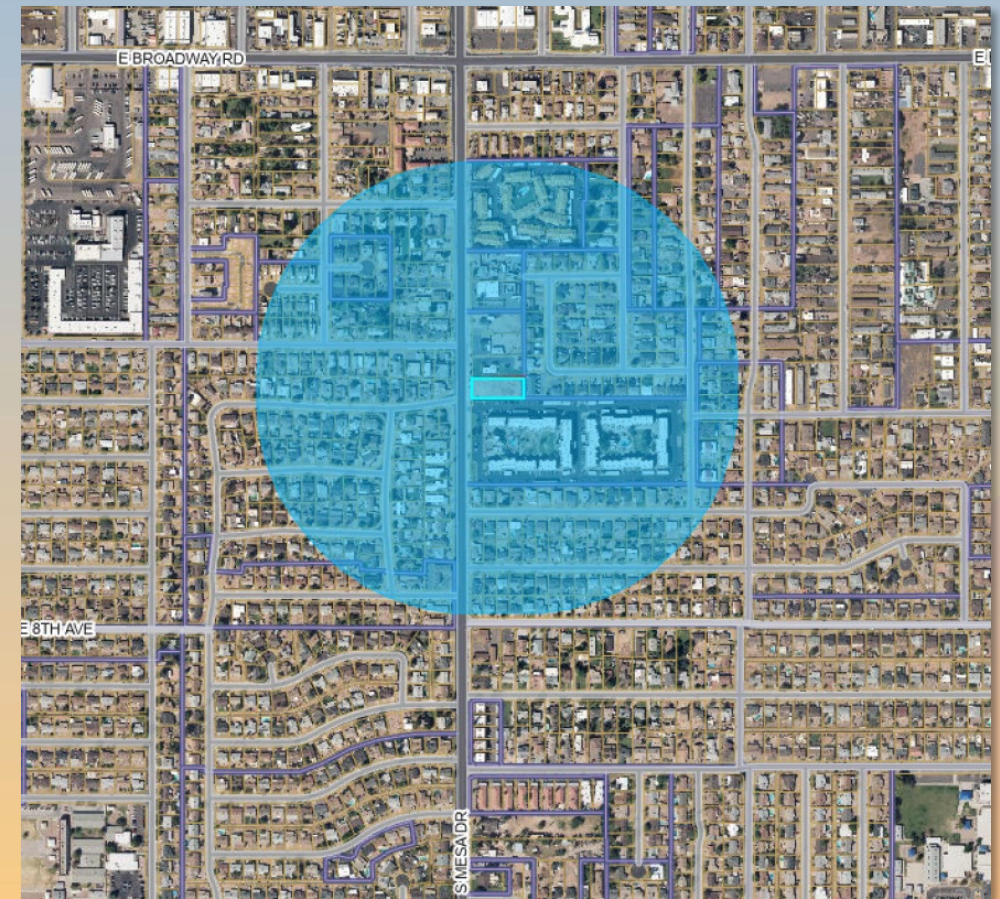
Elevations





Citizen Participation

- Notified property owners within 1,000', HOAs and registered neighborhoods
- Neighborhood meeting on January 16, 2025
 - No neighbors attended
- Staff received one phone call from adjacent neighbor expressing concerns about density and height





Findings

- ✓ Complies with the 2050 Mesa General Plan
- ✓ Criteria in Chapters 21 & 69 for BLZ & Site Plan Review

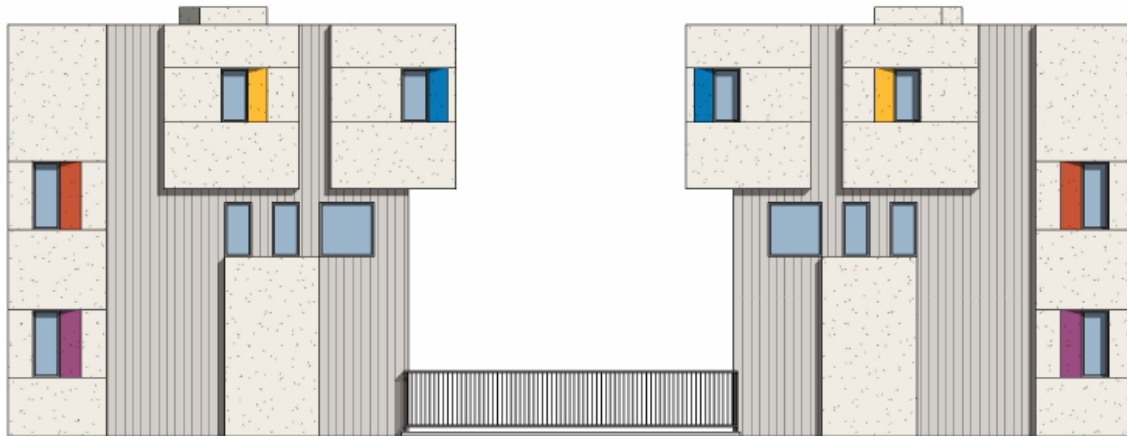
***Staff recommend Approval with Conditions
Planning and Zoning Board recommends Approval with Conditions (5-0)***



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Elevations



⑤ REAR ELEVATION
1" = 10'-0"

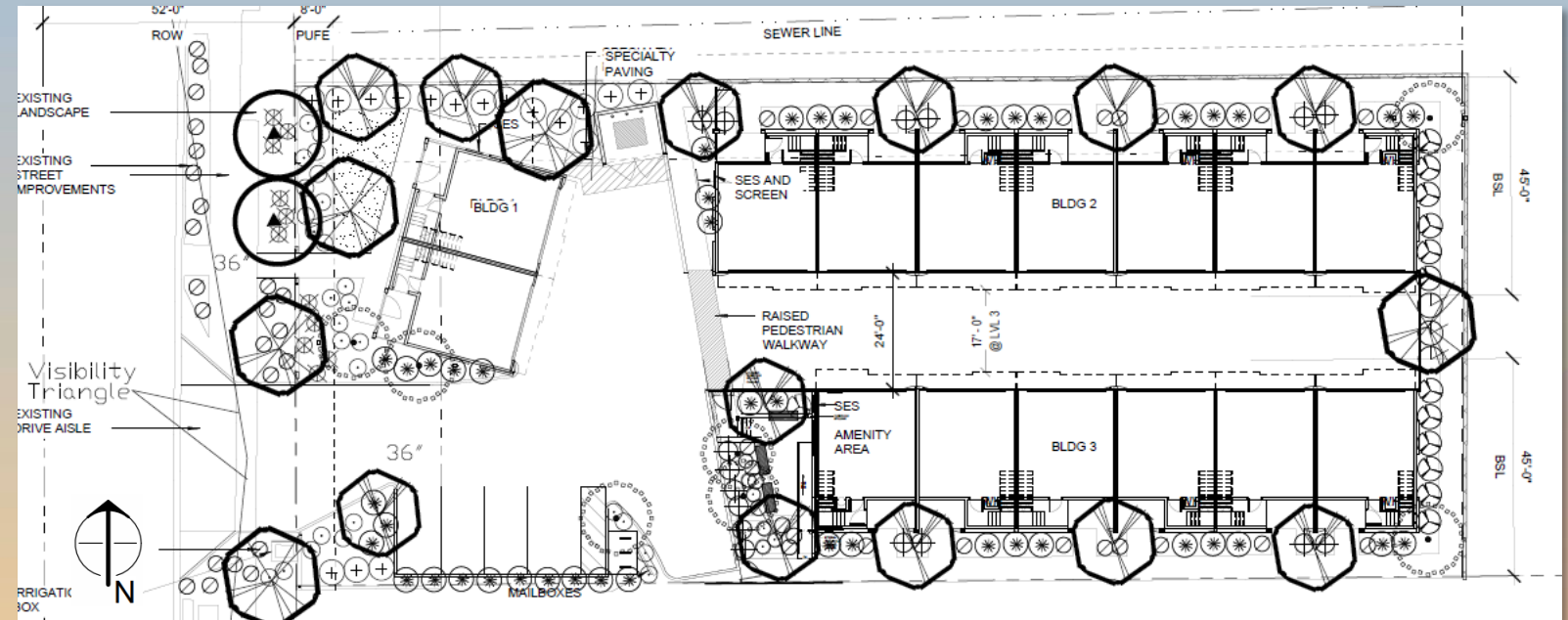


④ DRIVE AISLE WEST ELEVATION
1" = 10'-0"



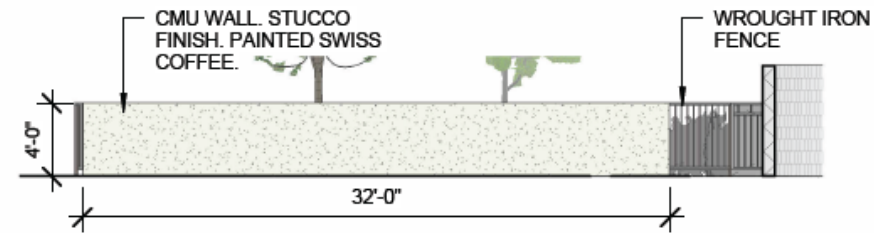
Landscape Plan

PLANT MATERIAL LEGEND				
KEY	SYMBOL	BOTANICAL/COMMON NAME	SIZE (Height, Canopy & Caliper)	QUANT.
EXISTING TREES				
(A)		Pistacia a. 'Red Push' Red Push Pistache	Existing to remain in place 25' 30' (707 S.F.)	2
TREES				
(1)		Pistacia a. 'Red Push' Red Push Pistache	Mature 25' 30' (707 S.F.) 24" Box 10' 4" 1.5" 4 36" Box 12' 8" 3" 1	1
(2)		Pistacia lentiscus Mastic Tree	Mature 25' 24' (79 S.F.) 36" Box 10' 5" 3" 7 Double-Staked Typ.	7
(3)		Eucalyptus papuana Ghost Gum Eucalyptus	Mature 35' 25' (491 S.F.) 24" Box 9' 4" 1.25" 11 36" Box 13' 8" 2.75" 1 Double-Staked Typ.	1
LARGE SHRUBS				
(4)		Leucophyllum laevigatum Chihuahuan Sage	5 Gallon	37
(5)		Olea europaea 'Little Olive' Little Olive	5 Gallon	45
(6)		Nerium o. 'Pettie Pink' Pettie Pink Oleander	5 Gallon	17
MEDIUM AND SMALL SHRUBS				
(7)		Rosmarinus officinalis 'Prostratus' Dwarf Rosemary	5 Gallon	10
(8)		Callistemon c. 'Little John' Little John Bottle Brush	5 Gallon	27
(9)		Muhlenbergia capillaris 'Regal Mist' Regal Mist Deer Grass	5 Gallon	11
GROUNDCOVERS				
(10)		Lantana m. 'New Gold' New Gold Lantana	1 Gallon	43
ACCENTS				
(11)		Tecoma 'Orange Jubilee' Orange Jubilee	5 Gallon	25
(12)		Muhlenbergia rigida 'Nashville' Nashville Deer Grass	5 Gallon	4
(13)		Justicia californica Chuparosa	5 Gallon	4
(14)		Dietes bicolor Fortnight Lily	5 Gallon	5
LANDSCAPE MATERIALS				
(15)		Decomposed Granite Desert Gold	1/2" size screened 2" Deep	
(16)		Concrete Header	4" x 6", Curbstyle 2" Deep	
(17)		Midiron Bermuda	Sod 345 S.F.	

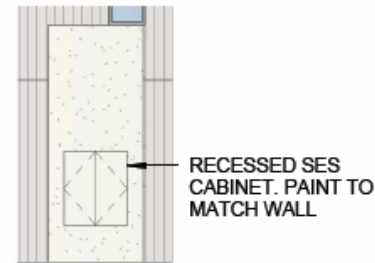




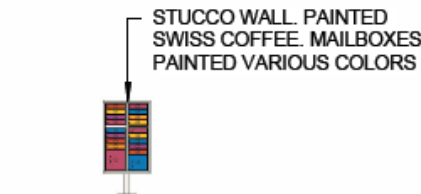
Site Details



⑤ AMENITY WALL
1/8" = 1'-0"



④ SES ELEVATION
1/8" = 1'-0"



③ MAILBOXES
1/8" = 1'-0"



DRB Work Session Elevations

