City of Mesa | Board of Adjustment

Study Session Minutes



Mesa Council Chambers Lower Level – 57 E 1st St Date: <u>December 7, 2022</u> Time: <u>5:00 p.m.</u>

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Chair Alexis Wagner Vice Chair Nicole Lynam Boardmember Heath Reed Boardmember Ethel Hoffman* Boardmember Troy Glover Boardmember Adam Gunderson Boardmember Chris Jones

(*Boardmembers and staff participated in the meeting through the use of audio conference equipment)

STAFF PRESENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

Evan Balmer Sean Pesek Jennifer Merrill Alexis Jacobs

1 Call meeting to order.

Chair Wagner declared a quorum present and the Study Session was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

- **2 Staff Update:** Future Training
- 3 Review and discuss items listed on the Public Hearing agenda for December 7, 2022.
- *3-a Staff member Alexis Jacobs presented case BOA22-00240 to the Board.

See attached presentation

- *3-b Case BOA22-00919 continued to January 4, 2023.
- *3-c Staff member Sean Pesek presented case BOA22-01119 to the Board.

See attached presentation

*3-d Staff member Jennifer Merrill presented case BOA22-01142 to the Board

See attached presentation

4 Adjournment.

Vice Chair Lynam moved to adjourn the Study Session and was seconded by Boardmember Hoffman. Without objection, the Study Session was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Evan Balmer

Evan Balmer,

On behalf of Zoning Administrator (Mary Kopaski-Brown)





BOA22-00240





Request

 Variance from the required minimum covered parking spaces







Location

- East of South Sossaman
 Road
- South of East Southern
 Avenue







General Plan

Neighborhood

- Safe places for people to live, feel secure and enjoy their surroundings
- Existing use complies with the goals of this character area







Zoning

• Single Residence-6 (RS-6)







Site Photo



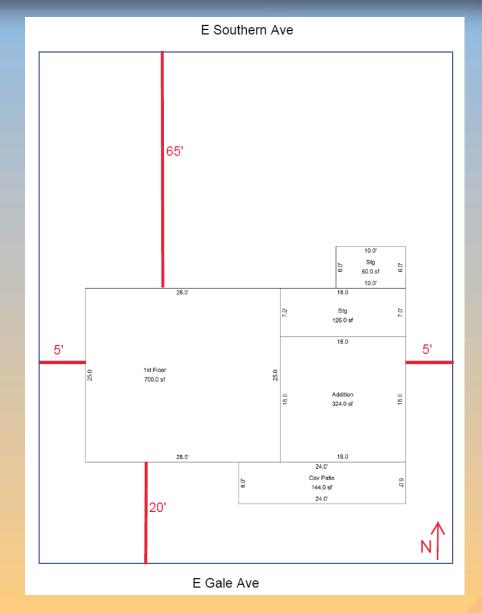
Looking north towards the site





Site Plan

- Consistent with the setback requirements of Section 11-5-3 of the MZO
- Existing 324 square foot addition is the nonconforming carport conversion

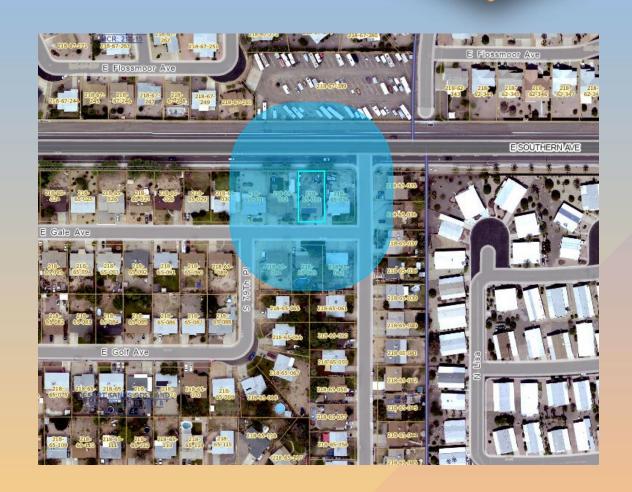






Citizen Participation

- Notified property owners within 150 feet
- Staff has not been contacted by neighbors







Approval Criteria

Section 11-80-3

- ✓ There are special circumstances applicable to the property including its size, shape, topography, location, or surroundings, and
- ✓ Special circumstances are pre-existing and will not be created by the property owner; and
- ✓ The strict application of the Zoning Ordinance will deprive such property
 of privileges enjoyed by other property owners in the same zoning
 district; and
- ✓ Approval will not be a grant of special privileges that is inconsistent with the limitations upon other properties in the area and zoning district





Findings

- ✓ Complies with the Mesa 2040 General Plan
- ✓ Meets the Variance criteria of Section 11-80-3 of the MZO

Staff recommends Approval with Conditions





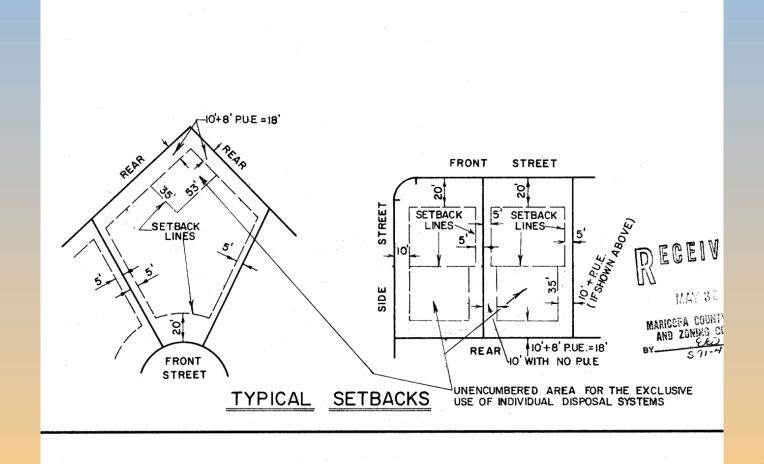
Properties circled and in same zip code and have enclosed livable space. These residence do not have covered Parking:

- 7837 E Gale Ave
- 7909 E Gale Ave
- 7951 E Gale Ave
- 1207 S 80th St.













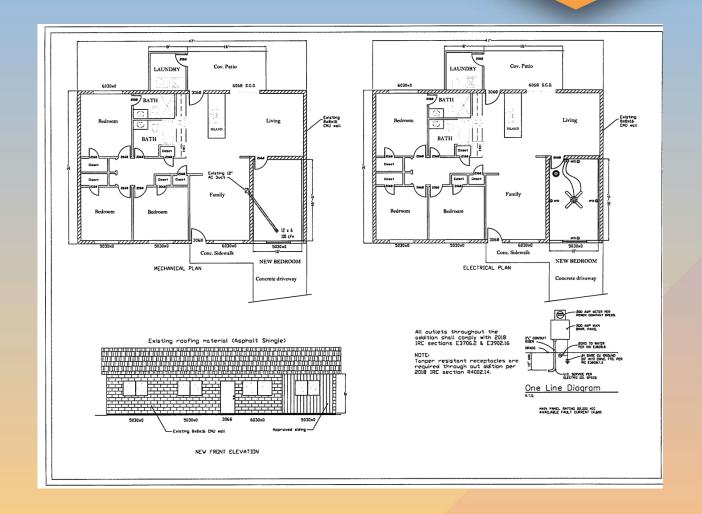
BOA22-01119





Request

 Variance for relief from the minimum covered parking space requirement







Location

- 121 E Garnet Avenue
- East of Center Street
- South of Southern Avenue



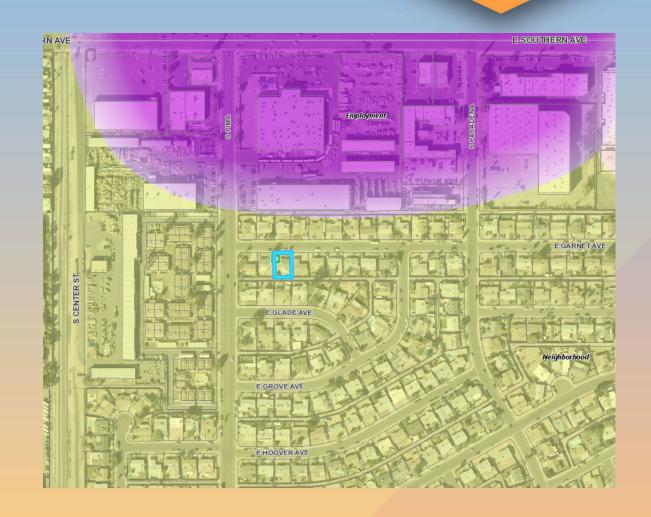




General Plan

Neighborhood

- Safe places for people to live
- Wide range of housing options allowed
- Existing use complies with the goals of this character area







Zoning

- Single Residence-6 (RS-6)
- Single residential allowed by right
- Existing home is a nonconforming structure







Site Photos



February 2019





Site Photos



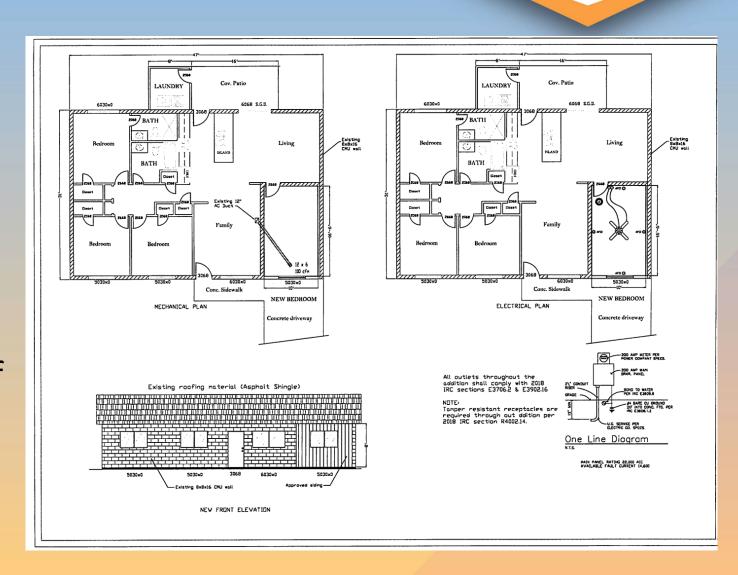
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Site Plan

- Restore damaged home to pre-loss condition
- 1,270 square feet of livable area
- 1,789 square feet under roof







Citizen Participation

- Notified property owners within 150 feet
- Staff has not been contacted by neighbors







Approval Criteria

Section 11-80-3 Variance Criteria

- There are special circumstances applicable to the property, including its size, shape, topography, location, or surroundings, and
- ✓ That such special circumstances are pre-existing, and not created by the property owner or appellant; and
- ✓ The strict application of the zoning Ordinance will deprive such property of privileges enjoyed by other property of the same classification in the same zoning district; and
- ✓ Any variance granted will assure that the adjustment authorized shall not constitute a grant of special privileges inconsistent with the limitations upon other properties in the vicinity and zone in which such property is located.





Findings

- ✓ Complies with the 2040 Mesa General Plan
- ✓ Meets required findings for a Variance in Section 11-80-3 of the MZO

Staff recommends Approval with Conditions





BOA22-01142





Request

SUP for a Comprehensive
 Sign Plan (CSP)







Location

- West of Center Street
- Northwest corner of Main Street and Macdonald







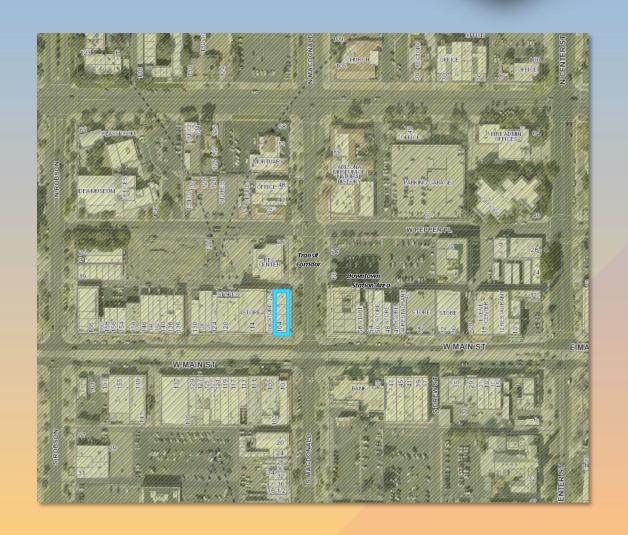
General Plan

Downtown Transit Corridor /
Station Area

 Pedestrian oriented development

Historic Downtown area of Central Main Street Area Plan

Maintain historic character







Zoning

 Downtown Core with Downtown Events overlay (DC-DE)







Site Photos





Looking north towards the site

Looking northwest towards the site





Proposed CSP

- Increase sign area for wall signs
- Increase placement height for wall signs
 - No parapet changes



East building elevation





Sign Plan







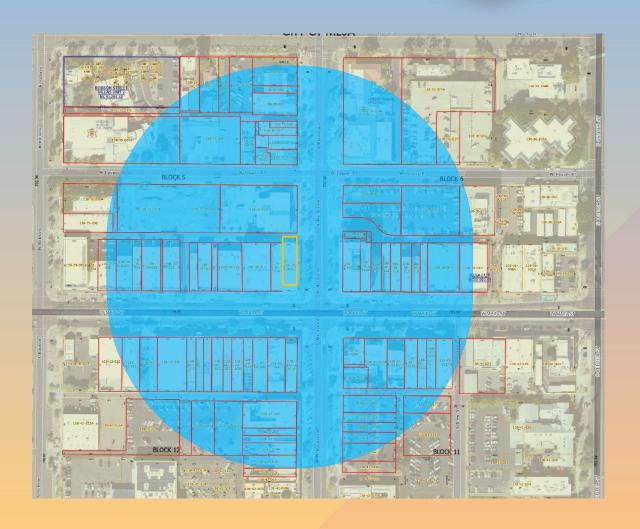
East building elevation





Citizen Participation

 Notified property owners within 500 feet







Approval Criteria

Section 11-43-6.D CSP Criteria

- ✓ The site contains unique or unusual physical conditions that would limit or restrict normal sign visibility.
- ✓ The development exhibits unique characteristics of land use, that represent a clear variation from conventional development.
- ✓ The proposed signage incorporates special design features that reinforce or are integrated with the building architecture.





Approval Criteria

Section 11-70-5.E SUP Criteria

- Project will advance the goals and objectives of the General Plan and other City plan and/or policies;
- ✓ Location, size, design, and operating characteristics are consistent with the purposes of the district where it is located and conform with the General Plan and any other applicable City plan or policies;
- Project will not be injurious or detrimental to the surrounding properties, the neighborhood, or to the general welfare of the City; and
- ✓ Adequate public services, public facilities and public infrastructure are available.





Findings

- ✓ Complies with the Mesa 2040 General Plan
- ✓ Meets the CSP criteria of Section 11-46-3.D of the MZO
- ✓ Meets the SUP findings of Section 11-7-5.E of the MZO

Staff recommends Approval with Conditions