

The Whitley Phase 2 (former Towne Motel)

REZ #2024-00004 DSUP #2024-10017 ENC #2024-00008

Planning Commission Public Hearing

April 1, 2025



Agenda



- 1. Summary
- 2. Background
- 3. Project updates
- 4. Requests
- 5. Key findings and insights
- 6. Recommendation



Summary

Request

 Major amendment to the previously approved hotel (partially constructed prior to pause) to allow for a multi-unit dwelling

Planning Commission Action

To recommend approval of the REZ, DSUP, SUPs and ENC

Key Elements

 Approvals required for new use while retaining same general site layout, building height and massing, and FAR



Background Information

- Located in the OTNSAP, adjacent to the BMNP, and the Old & Historic Alexandria District*
- Owner of adjacent project, (the Whitley Phase 1) is redeveloping the site



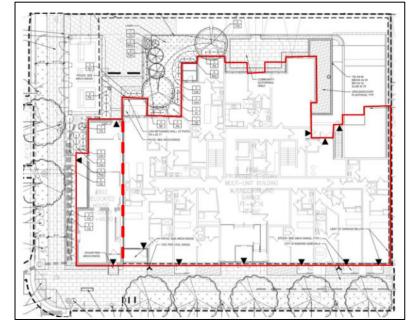
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Project Updates

- Updated architecture and more building articulation
- Removal of a curb cut on Washington St. for improved streetscape
- Unit entrances at street level for pedestrian level activation
- Relocated garage entrance off rear alley to allow for more underground parking
- Meeting open space requirement with atgrade and above-grade open space for future residents

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Site layout



Proposed N. Washington Street rendering



Rezoning

From CD-X to CRMU-X

DSUP with Site Plan

- SUPs for 2.5 FAR, bonus density for affordable housing, two-space parking reduction
- Modification for crown coverage (6% reduction)

Encroachment

- Balconies on Washington Street frontage
- Historic building front facade

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Key Findings and Insights

Highlights:

- Schools: Three new students generated
- Transportation: Removal of a curb cut and improvements to vehicular and pedestrian safety
- Stormwater: 72% phosphorus reduction from existing; exceeding the required reduction by 42%

Benefits:

- More housing, including an affordable one-bedroom for-sale unit
- Streetscape improvements and updated architecture
- Completion of a stalled construction site
- Compliance with current City policies: Green building, public art, affordable housing, TMPs

Outreach: BAR concept review (1.15.25), community meeting (1.9.25) and AHAAC* meeting (3.6.25)



Staff recommends approval subject to conditions of:

- 1. REZ #2024-00004
- 2. DSUP #2024-10017
- 3. ENC #2025-00008



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