

DOCKET ITEM \#8
Special Use Permit \#2021-00094
401 High Street

| Application | General Data |  |
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| Public Hearing and consideration of a <br> request for Special Use Permit for the <br> redevelopment of a substandard lot <br> with a single-family dwelling. | Planning Commission <br> Hearing: | City Council <br> Hearing: |
| Address: <br> 401 High Street | Zone: | December 18, 2021 |
| Applicant: <br> Mike Dameron | Small Area Plan: | R-12/ Residential Single <br> Family |

Staff Recommendation: APPROVAL subject to compliance with all applicable codes, ordinances and the recommended permit conditions found in Section III of this report.

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PROJECT LOCATION MAP

## I. DISCUSSION

The applicant, Mike Dameron of Windmill Hill, LLC, requests Special Use Permit (SUP) approval to construct a single-family dwelling on a developed, substandard lot at 401 High Street. The existing lot is substandard as it does not meet the R-12 zone's minimum lot width and lot frontage requirements.

## SITE DESCRIPTION

The Zoning Ordinance classifies the subject property at 401 High Street as a developed, substandard, lot of record. The corner lot has a nine-foot grade change across the site, has 88.5 feet of frontage along High Street, 105.35 feet of frontage along Orchard Street, and a lot size of 13,344 square feet. Single-family dwellings immediately surround the subject property. A onestory Spanish Eclectic style dwelling with a gross floor area of approximately 3,075 square feet and a detached garage of approximately 245 square feet currently occupies the site.


Figure 1 - Subject Property (dwelling pictured to be demolished)

## BACKGROUND

On September 24, 2021, the applicant submitted a special use permit application to construct a two-story single-family dwelling with a detached garage on a substandard lot. Because the subject property is substandard and is developed with a dwelling, Zoning Ordinance sections 12-900 and 12-901 apply. These sections set requirements for the expansion, replacement, or redevelopment of a developed substandard lot. Because the applicant proposes redevelopment, Zoning Ordinance
section 12-901(C) applies and requires SUP approval ensuring the proposed development will be compatible with the existing neighborhood character in terms of bulk, height and design.

City Real Estate Assessment records indicate the existing house was constructed in 1922. Despite its age, the existing structure is not considered a protected historic structure nor is it within a historic district. It was communicated to the applicant that the existing dwelling could have an addition or be replaced pursuant to $12-901(\mathrm{~A})$ and (B), respectively, but the applicant elected to apply for SUP approval for redevelopment pursuant to 12-901(C). The applicant stated that after a thorough inspection of the property, there were multiple areas of concern, including above and below grade water infiltration and structural deficiencies present with the existing foundation and foundation walls. From both an architectural and structural perspective, it was determined the best route forward was to proceed with a new build.

Upon staff review of the initial plan submittal in late September 2021, staff communicated with the applicant about minor corrections and providing more information about the surrounding dwellings in the neighborhood to assess neighborhood compatibility more accurately. The applicant submitted revised drawings on November 3, 2021 that included:

- Revised floor area calculations;
- Accurate and consistently applied average pre-construction grade;
- Accurate building height;
- Building heights of surrounding dwellings; and
- A neighborhood compatibility assessment.

The revised drawings were reviewed by staff and considered by the North Ridge Citizens’ Association (NRCA) prior to the applicant providing a presentation of the proposed project at the November 8, 2021 NRCA meeting. The applicant was notably responsive to concerned neighbors answering all questions in the meeting and emails and also met on site to discuss the proposal. More on the neighbors' concerns are featured in the "Additional Considerations" section below.

## PROPOSAL

The applicant requests SUP approval to construct a two-story dwelling with a detached garage. It would have 3,679 square feet of net floor area and would measure 28.8 feet in height from average pre-construction grade to the midpoint of the dwelling's gable roof.


Figure 2 - Proposed Dwelling along High Street
The applicant's proposed design exhibits a mix of styles but mostly includes Queen Anne, Folk Victorian and Colonial Revival elements such as wrap-around porch, use of wood siding, and asymmetrical building form with a variety of hipped, gabled, and intersecting gabled roofs. Figures 3 through 6, below, show the proposed elevations.


Figure 3 - Proposed South Elevation (Primary Front along High Street)


Figure 4 - Proposed East Elevation (Secondary Front along Orchard Street)


Figure 5 - Proposed North Elevation (Side)


Figure 6 - Proposed West Elevation (Side)

The dwelling would measure approximately 64.8 feet by 40.75 feet with a footprint of about 2,265 square feet, including the front porch. It would provide a primary front yard of 35.2 feet along High Street; a secondary front yard of 28.75 feet along Orchard Street; a west side yard of 18.8 feet; and a north side yard of 50.9 feet measured to the one-story portion of the proposed dwelling, 55.6 feet to the two-story portion, and 8.25 feet to the garage. Figure 8, below, shows the proposed site plan.


Figure 7 - Proposed Site Plan

## PARKING

Zoning Ordinance section 8-200(A)(1) requires two off-street parking spaces for a single-family dwelling. The applicant would improve the existing curb cut and driveway located in the secondary
front yard along Orchard Street to provide access to the free-standing one-car garage. While the proposed driveway would be approximately 20 feet shorter than the existing driveway, it would provide space for both required standard parking spaces in a tandem parking arrangement when one vehicle is not parked in the garage.

## ZONING

The subject property is zoned R-12/Residential Single. For single-family dwellings, the R-12 zone requires a minimum lot width of 95.0 feet and a minimum lot frontage of 60.0 feet. The subject property provides only 88.5 feet of lot width and lot frontage along its primary frontage, High Street. Zoning Ordinance section 12-901 classifies the subject property as a substandard lot because it does not provide the R-12 zone's lot minimum lot width and lot frontage requirements.

The existing lot and proposed dwelling would meet all R-12 zoning requirements besides lot width and lot frontage. The following table provides a summary of all zoning regulations as they pertain to the subject property and proposed dwelling:

Table 1 - Zoning Analysis

|  | Required/Permitted | Provided /Proposed |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lot Area | 12,000 Sq. Ft. | 13,344 Sq. Ft. |
| Lot Width | $\text { Min. } 95.0 \mathrm{Ft} .$ <br> (for corner lot measured at the building line) | Primary - High Street 88.5 Ft . <br> Secondary - Orchard Street 105.7 Ft . |
| Lot Frontage | $\begin{gathered} \text { Min. } 60.0 \mathrm{Ft} . \\ \text { (measured at the front lot line) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Primary - High Street } \\ 88.5 \mathrm{Ft} . \\ \text { Secondary - Orchard Street } \\ 105.35 \mathrm{Ft} . \end{gathered}$ |
| Front Yard | Primary - High Street <br> Min. 35.0 Ft. <br> (all front yards of lots in contextual block face, including the existing lot in question, is greater than 35.0 Ft .) <br> Secondary - Orchard Street <br> Min. 24.2 Ft. <br> (between the range established by the front yards within the contextual block face) | Primary - High Street <br> 35.2 Ft. (Dwelling) <br> 39.3 Ft. (Porch) <br> Secondary - Orchard Street <br> 28.75 Ft. (Dwelling) <br> 26.3 Ft. (Porch) <br> 28.8 Ft . (Garage) |


| Side Yard <br> (West) | Min. 14.15 Ft. (Dwelling) <br> (1:2 height to setback ratio, $10 \mathrm{Ft} . \mathrm{min}$.) <br> 3.0 Min. Ft. (Garage) | 18.8 Ft. (Dwelling) <br> 32.75 Ft . (Garage) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Side Yard (North) | Min. 7.4 Ft. (Dwelling - One-story portion) <br> Min. 13.25 Ft. (Dwelling - Two-story portion) <br> (1:2 height to setback ratio, 10 Ft . min.) 3.0 Min. Ft. (Garage) | 50.9 Ft . (Dwelling - One-story portion) <br> 55.6 Ft. (Dwelling - Two-story portion) <br> 8.25 Ft. (Garage) |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Net Floor } \\ & \text { Area } \end{aligned}$ | 4,003.2 Sq. Ft. <br> 0.30 Floor Area Ratio (FAR) | $\begin{gathered} 3,679.0 \mathrm{Sq} . \mathrm{Ft} . \\ 0.28 \mathrm{FAR} \end{gathered}$ |
| Maximum Height | 30.0 Ft. (Dwelling) <br> 13.5 Ft (Garage) | 28.8 Ft . (Dwelling) <br> 13.25 Ft . (Garage) |
| Maximum <br> Threshold <br> Height | 3.5 Ft (Maximum within contextual block face) | 3.5 Ft . |

## MASTER PLAN DESIGNATION

The proposed single-family residential use is consistent with the Northridge/Rosemont Small Area Plan which designates this area for low-density residential development.

## II. STAFF ANALYSIS

Staff supports the applicant's proposal to develop this substandard lot with a new two-story dwelling and free-standing garage. As required by Zoning Ordinance section 12-901(C), the proposed dwelling would be compatible with the existing neighborhood in terms of height, bulk, and design.

## HEIGHT

Staff finds the proposed dwelling to be compatible with neighborhood character in terms of height. In this case, the heights for adjacent houses on both sides of High Street, the primary frontage, as well as heights of buildings on the same side of Orchard Street, the secondary frontage, were examined (Figure 8). The height of the dwellings on these properties, as measured to the mid-point of the roof, is shown in Table 2, below.

Table 2 - Dwelling Heights

| 507 High Street | 21.7 Ft. |
| :--- | :--- |
| 503 High Street | 18.7 Ft. |
| 501 High Street | 17.7 Ft. |
| 405 High Street | 23.7 Ft. |
| 504 High Street | 26.0 Ft. |
| 502 High Street | 22.6 Ft. |
| 500 High Street | 23.3 Ft. |
| 406 High Street | 19.0 Ft. |
| 1702 Orchard Street | 31.0 Ft. |
| 1806 Orchard Street | 18.9 Ft. |
| 1810 Orchard Street | 24.9 Ft. |
| 400 Lloyds Lane | 18.9 Ft. |
| Average | $\mathbf{2 2 . 2 ~ F t .}$ |
| Proposed Dwelling at <br> 401 High Street | $\mathbf{2 8 . 8 ~ F t .}$ |

While the proposed dwelling height is larger than the average height of surrounding properties, it is within the range of heights presented in this sampling. The proposed dwelling height for the closest portion of the structure to High Street, the primary frontage, would be 1.3 feet lower than the tallest portion of the structure. This height difference paired with certain massing and design elements presented in greater detail in the following sections minimize any potential looming effect over the street. Furthermore, the proposed dwelling would be situated directly across the street from a 31 -foot structure, measured to the mid-point of the roof, on 1702 Orchard Street. Additionally, while the property at 405 High Street is shorter than the proposed dwelling at 401 High Street, the existing dwelling at 405 High Street is positioned at an average grade of 144.5 feet, which is four feet above the proposed dwelling's average pre-construction grade of 140.5 feet. Comparing ridge to ridge with average grade, the proposed dwelling would be 1.5 feet taller than the existing dwelling on 405 High Street. Figure 9 demonstrates the height relationship between 401 High Street and its western neighbor at 405 High Street with the roof lines highlighted in blue. Figure 9 also demonstrates an approximate distance of 42.8 feet from the existing dwelling on 405 High Street to the proposed dwelling on 401 High Street, a dimension comparable to an average public street and 5.2 feet larger than the existing distance between the existing dwelling on 405 High Street and the existing dwelling on 401 High Street (shown in green). This additional separation from 405 High Street dilutes the impact of the increased height.


Figure 9 - High Street Elevations of Proposed Dwelling with Western Neighboring Property
Along the secondary frontage, Orchard Street, the proposed dwelling steps down as it approaches the property at 1806 Orchard Street, as seen in Figure 10. The roof lines of the proposed dwelling and garage on 401 High Street and the existing dwelling on 1806 Orchard Street are shown in blue. While the existing structure on 1806 Orchard Street is shorter in overall height than the proposed dwelling, it is situated at an average grade of 140.5 feet, which is the same as the existing average pre-construction grade for the main structure of 401 High Street and four feet higher than the average pre-construction grade of the proposed garage. There would be 75.9 feet between the proposed two-story dwelling and the existing dwelling on 1806 Orchard Street and 33.2 feet of distance between the proposed garage and the existing dwelling on 1806 Orchard Street, which is ample distance to soften the impact of the proposed height of both structures. Moreover, the portion of the proposed dwelling closest to Orchard Street and aligned with the existing dwelling at 1806 Orchard Street measures 18.4 feet to the midpoint of the gable, which is 0.5 feet shorter than the height measured to the mid-point of the roof of the existing dwelling on 1806 High Street. Figure 10 demonstrates the height relationship among the two properties.


Figure 10 - Orchard Street Elevations of Proposed Dwelling with Northern Neighboring Property

## BULK

Staff finds the applicant's proposal compatible with neighborhood character in terms of bulk. The proposed dwelling would share High Street with other two-story dwellings, and it would share the Orchard Street side with 1.5 and two-story dwellings. In terms of mass and scale, the proposed dwelling's above grade living space (first and second floor) would be comparable to that of others along High Street and Orchard Street as seen Table 3. Not only would the above ground living space be within the range of the sampling below, it would be less than its western neighbor at 405 High Street and its southern neighbor at 1702 Orchard Street. Additionally, with 3,679 square feet of net floor area, the proposed dwelling would be 324 square feet below the maximum floor area permitted by the R-12 zone.

Table 3 - Above Grade Living Area*

| 507 High Street | 3,772 Sq. Ft. |
| :--- | :--- |
| 503 High Street | 5,713 Sq. Ft. |
| 501 High Street | 4,253 Sq. Ft. |
| 405 High Street | 4,021 Sq. Ft.. |
| 504 High Street | 2,876 Sq. Ft. |
| 502 High Street | 1,942 Sq. Ft. |
| 500 High Street | 2,304 Sq. Ft. |
| 406 High Street | 3,507 Sq. Ft. |
| 1702 Orchard Street | 4,150 Sq. Ft. |
| 1806 Orchard Street | 1,304 Sq. Ft. |
| 1810 Orchard Street | 2,808 Sq. Ft. |
| 400 Lloyds Lane | 1,755 Sq. Ft. |
| Average | 3,200 Sq. Ft. |
| Proposed Dwelling at <br> 401 High Street | $\mathbf{3 , 9 2 1 ~ S q . ~ F t . ~}$ |

*Per Real Estate Assessment

Lastly, the proposed dwelling demonstrates varied massing along all facades. Of particular exposure is the southern and eastern facades along High Street and Orchard Street. The southern façade along High Street portrays three distinct masses: a forward positioned portion about a third of the width of the façade with a bay window; the stepped back portion of the main structure with wrap-around porch and dormer; and a tertiary portion towards the rear of the structure with a slightly higher ridge and an accentuated chimney stack. A majority of the massing on this façade is just under 14 feet in height which helps to achieve depth without sacrificing an inviting scale along the street. The eastern façade along Orchard Street includes a fourth mass along the rear of the structure that incorporates a step-down effect through the use of a dormer and bay window. The four major masses on this façade incorporate additional levels of articulation, which provides more dimension, depth and interest to the structure while softening the overall bulk. Also, these four masses appear sequential much like that of other dwellings in the neighborhood who have
constructed meaningful additions over time. Figure 11, below, shows the proposed south and east elevations with shading to show the varied massing proposed. Figures 12 shows compatible varied massing of existing dwellings along High Street on corner lots with comparable siting and exposure as the proposed dwelling on 401 High Street. The existing dwelling at 500 High Street, in particular, shares similar massing with the proposed dwelling with a gabled mass with chimney stack and secondary mass with wrap-around porch.


Figure 11 - Varied Massing of Proposed Dwelling (South Elevation on Left; East Elevation on Right)


Figure 12 - Corner Lots at 406 and 500 High Street with Varied Massing
In comparison to the proposed dwelling's western neighbor, the proposed dwelling is 0.6 feet shorter in width than the existing dwelling on 405 High Street along the High Street frontage while also on a 9 -foot wider lot. In other words, the existing dwelling on 405 High Street takes up 54.5 percent of the lot width while the proposed dwelling on 401 High Street takes up 48.4 percent of
the lot width. Additionally, because 401 High Street is a corner lot, the proposed detached garage is easily situated to the rear of the main structure, limiting any additional bulk along the primary frontage of High Street. In comparison, the two-car detached garage on 405 High Street communicates more mass seen from this primary frontage than the proposal to the east. Figure 13 demonstrates this bulk comparison.


Figure 13 - Bulk Comparison of 405 and 401 High Street

## DESIGN

Staff finds the proposed design to be compatible with the established neighborhood character. High Street and Orchard Street include an eclectic mix of styles including Queen Anne, Folk Victorian, Tudor Revival, American Foursquare, Colonial Revival, and modern, many of which are shown in Figure 14. The proposed dwelling would share a western property line with a Folk Victorian style home with front porch ( 405 High Street), and it would share a northern property line with a Colonial Revival style home (1806 Orchard Street).


Figure 14 - Variety of Styles along High Street and Orchard Street
The proposed dwelling mostly demonstrates design elements of Queen Anne, Folk Victorian and Colonial Revival styles, such as the asymmetrical or "L-shaped" building form with a variety of hipped and gabled roofs, a large wrap-around porch offering outdoor living space, wood siding from the brick base to the roof, and a dominant chimney with symmetrical windows on either side of the stack. Many of these design features are exemplified in neighboring homes along High Street and Orchard Street, as seen in Figure 15.

Characteristic of Queen Anne and Folk Victorian styles is an asymmetrical, "L-shape" building layout. This configuration offers the opportunity for a wrap-around porch, a friendly design gesture, facing the corner of High Street and Orchard Street. Two entrances to the front porch, one from the High Street side and one from the Orchard Street side, suggests a welcoming porosity and reinforces the connection between the dwelling and the street, a feature shared among many other dwellings with porches along High Street.


Figure 15 - Style Elements in the Proposed Design

Lastly, the free-standing garage is compatible with both the main structure and others found in visible locations along High Street and Orchard Street in terms of materials, bulk, height, and design. The proposed garage is a 350 square foot single-car garage measuring 13.25 feet in height (Figure 16). Figure 17 shows other free-standing garages ranging from 300 to 500 square feet and with access and visibility from either High Street, Orchard Street or Ruffner Road. These existing garages are either accessed from within the property (1803 Orchard Street), from an alley (500 High Street) or directly from the street ( 303 High Street), demonstrating a lack of conformity when it comes to access and what view is presented to the street. In each case, a different façade is facing the street. In the case of the proposed garage on 401 High Street, it would be accessed using an existing curb cut from Orchard Street, and the building would be at a slight angle from the street rather than head-on, a unique yet thoughtful placement given the topography of the lot. In this location, the structure would sit slightly lower on the lot than the main structure, which presents an opportunity to not only connect the two structures with a charming, uncovered patio space but to also reinforce connection with the street through a set of stairs similar to the adjacent porch (Figure 18).


Figure 16 - Proposed Free-standing Garage


Figure 17 - Free-standing Garages Positions along High Street and Orchard Street


Figure 18 - Proposed Free-standing Garage with Patio Connection to Main Structure

## ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

As noted above, staff notified the North Ridge Citizens’ Association of the initial proposal and worked with the applicant to forward the revised submission dated November 3, 2021 to them, as well. In addition to meeting with the NRCA on November 8, 2021, the applicant met on-site with neighbors to discuss the proposal and walk the lot. The applicant staked-out the lot to help those in attendance perceive the size of the proposed footprint as well as setbacks from neighboring property and High Street and Orchard Street. Staff met with members of the NRCA virtually on November 10, 2021, as well as the neighbor at 405 High Street on November 12, 2021. A letter from the NRCA is forthcoming and will be attached to docket materials prior the public hearing.

Presented at the exchanges noted above were concerns from the neighbors regarding the proposed height and bulk of the proposed structure, the removal of existing mature trees, general stormwater run-off, and future construction parking and staging.

## Height and Bulk

Staff walked members of the NRCA through the ways in which staff evaluates height, setbacks and floor area ratio against the requirements of the zoning ordinance and discussed how the proposal is meeting the requirements of the $\mathrm{R}-12$ zone.

## Trees and Shrubs

The site currently has 18 trees with $40 \%$ tree canopy coverage, and the applicant proposes to remove all but three along the High Street frontage. The three to be saved include a mature Southern Magnolia and two American Hollies. Although several trees to be removed are mature and in good condition, they would be located in the area of disturbance and therefore impossible to protect during future construction. That said, upon hearing of the neighbor's concerns, the applicant agreed to plant two additional oaks. Condition \#5 requires the applicant to plant the two oak trees to re-establish a minimum $40 \%$ crown coverage on the property.

Of additional concern with some neighbors and staff is the existing mature hedge located mostly within the public right-of-way on High Street (Figure 19). The hedge currently creates a thick screen that limits access to the site and visibility at the intersection of High Street and Orchard Street. Staff recommends Condition \#2 to ensure the hedge is removed, eliminating the encroachment into the public right-of-way, improving the vision clearance at the corner, and creating a more inviting and open aesthetic on this prominent corner lot.


Figure 19 - Existing Hedge along High Street

## Stormwater

Members of the NRCA and the neighbors at 405 High Street expressed concern about water flow during major rain events. The applicant noted their willingness to work with other property owners in coming up with a solution to the broader issue and would be incorporating on site detention measures to ensure that post development water overflow will be equal to or less than predevelopment as required with all grading plans. Staff reiterated that all land disturbing activities over 2,500 square feet are subject to grading plan reviews, a process independent of the SUP review, and must comply with the City's water quantity requirements which require the amount of runoff after development to be less than the amount of runoff prior to development. Increases in runoff from development of single-family homes are mitigated to the maximum extent practicable by providing stormwater detention facilities. Changes in the direction of runoff is mitigated to the maximum extent practicable through grading, piping of downspouts, or detention. Single family homes are exempt from water quality treatment.

## Construction Parking and Staging

One member was concerned with potential future on-site construction parking and staging. The applicant must comply with all City Code requirements for construction parking and staging. The applicant notes that all trucks will be parked on site or on the 401 High Street side of Orchard Street. They also mentioned that the project is estimated to be complete within 12 months and gave their direct contact information to concerned parties.

## CONCLUSION

Staff found that the proposed dwelling's height, bulk and design would be compatible with the established neighborhood character. Subject to the conditions contained in Section III of this report, staff recommends approval of the SUP request.

## III. RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS

Staff recommends approval subject to compliance with all applicable codes and ordinances, and the following conditions:

1. The dwelling's bulk, height, and design, including materials, shall be substantially consistent with the application materials submitted November 3, 2021 to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning and Zoning. (P\&Z)
2. Applicant shall remove all shrubs along the subject parcel's frontage on High Street, including those within the public right of way and vision clearance area. (T\&ES) (P\&Z)
3. Applicant shall be responsible for repairs to the adjacent City right-of-way if damaged during construction activity. (T\&ES)
4. No permanent structure may be constructed over any existing private and/or public utility easements. It is the responsibility of the applicant to identify any and all existing easements on the plan. (T\&ES)
5. Two additional oak trees shall be planted, contributing to a minimum of $40 \%$ tree canopy coverage. The tree plan indicating a $40 \%$ minimum canopy coverage shall be included on the grading plan. (P\&Z)

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Staff Note: In accordance with section 11-506(c) of the Zoning Ordinance, construction or operation shall be commenced and diligently and substantially pursued within 36 months of the date of granting of a special use permit by City Council or the special use permit shall become void.

## IV. CITY DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

Legend: C - code requirement R - recommendation S - suggestion F - finding

## Transportation \& Environmental Services:

R-1 Applicant shall remove all shrubs along the subject parcel's frontage on High Street, including those within the public right of way and vision clearance area. (T\&ES)

R-2 Applicant shall be responsible for repairs to the adjacent City right-of-way if damaged during construction activity. (T\&ES)

R-3 No permanent structure may be constructed over any existing private and/or public utility easements. It is the responsibility of the applicant to identify any and all existing easements on the plan. (T\&ES)
C-1 A GRADING PLAN showing all improvements and alterations to the site shall be required prior to any land disturbing activities and must be approved prior to issuance of a building permit. (5-6-224) (T\&ES)

C-2 New curb cuts require separate approval from the City. (Sec. 5-2-14) (T\&ES)
C-3 An erosion and sediment control plan must be approved by T\&ES prior to any land disturbing activity greater than 2500 square feet subject to the Exceptions described in Section 5-4-5. An erosion and sediment control bond shall be posted prior to release of the grading plan. (Sec.5-4-1.1) (T\&ES)

C-4 The applicant shall comply with the provisions of Article XIII Environmental Management Ordinance of the City of Alexandria. (T\&ES)

C-5 All improvements to the City right-of-way such as curbing, sidewalk, driveway aprons, etc. must be City standard design. (Sec.5-2-1) (T\&ES)

C-6 Flow from downspouts, foundation drains, and sump pumps shall be discharged to the storm sewer per the requirements of Memorandum to Industry 05-14 that is available on the City of Alexandria's web site. The downspouts and sump pump discharges shall be piped to the storm sewer outfall, where applicable per the requirements of Article XIII of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance (AZO). Where storm sewer is not available applicant must provide a design to mitigate impact of stormwater drainage onto adjacent properties and to the satisfaction of the Director of Transportation \& Environmental Services. (Sec.5-6-224)

C-7 All secondary utilities serving this site shall be placed underground. (Sec. 5-3-3) (T\&ES)
C-8 Pay sanitary sewer connection fee prior to release of Grading Plan. (Sec. 5-6-25) (T\&ES)
C-9 Any work within the right-of-way requires a separate permit from T\&ES. (Sec. 5-361) (T\&ES)

C-10 The applicant shall comply with the City of Alexandria's Noise Control Code, Title 11, Chapter 5, which sets the maximum permissible noise level as measured at the property line. (T\&ES)

## Code Enforcement:

C-1 A building permit and plan review are required prior to the start of construction.

Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities:
F-1 Plan will not impact publicly owned trees.

## Police Department:

No comments received.

## Fire Department:

No comments or concerns.

## APPLICATION

# SPECIAL USE PERMIT \# SUP2021-00094 

PROPERTY LOCATION:
401 High Street Alexandria VA 22302
TAX MAP REFERENCE:
042.02-04-17

ZONE: $\qquad$
APPLICANT:
Name: Windmill Hill, LLC

Address: $\qquad$ PROPOSED USE: Residential Single Family

THE UNDERSIGNED, hereby applies for a Special Use Permit in accordance with the provisions of Article XI, Section 4-11-500 of the 1992 Zoning Ordinance of the City of Alexandria, Virginia.
$\square$
THE UNDERSIGNED, having obtained permission from the property owner, hereby grants permission to the City of Alexandria staff and Commission Members to visit, inspect, and photograph the building premises, land etc., connected with the application.

THE UNDERSIGNED, having obtained permission from the property owner, hereby grants permission to the City of Alexandria to post placard notice on the property for which this application is requested, pursuant to Article IV, Section 4-1404(D)(7) of the 1992 Zoning Ordinance of the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

THE UNDERSIGNED, hereby attests that all of the information herein provided and specifically including all surveys, drawings, etc., required to be furnished by the applicant are true, correct and accurate to the best of their knowledge and belief. The applicant is hereby notified that any written materials, drawings or illustrations submitted in support of this application and any specific oral representations made to the Director of Planning and Zoning on this application will be binding on the applicant unless those materials or representations are clearly stated to be non-binding or illustrative of general plans and intentions, subject to substantial revision, pursuant to Article XI, Section 11-207(A)(10), of the 1992 Zoning Ordinance of the City of Alexandria, Virginia.


## PROPERTY OWNER'S AUTHORIZATION

As the property owner of 401 High Street Alexandria VA 22302 _ I hereby
(Property Address)
grant the applicant authorization to apply for the Single Family use as (use)
described in this application.

Name: Windmill Hill, LLC
Please Print
Address: 2401 Mt. Vernon Avenue Unit B Alexandria VA 22301


Phone 703-989-7399
mike@wmhhomes.com
Date: $\underline{09 / 29 / 2021}$

1. Floor Plan and Plot Plan. As a part of this application, the applicant is required to submit a floor plan and plot or site plan with the parking layout of the proposed use. The SUP application checklist lists the requirements of the floor and site plans. The Planning Director may waive requirements for plan submission upon receipt of a written request which adequately justifies a waiver.
[ $\cdot$ ] Required floor plan and plot/site plan attached.
[ ] Requesting a waiver. See attached written request.
2. The applicant is the (check one):
[r] Owner
[ ] Contract Purchaser
[ ] Lessee or
[ ] Other: $\qquad$ of the subject property.

State the name, address and percent of ownership of any person or entity owning an interest in the applicant or owner, unless the entity is a corporation or partnership, in which case identify each owner of more than three percent.
Mike Dameron - 50\% ownership of Windmill Hill, LLC
Leigh Dameron - 50\% ownership of Windmill Hill, LLC

# OWNERSHIP AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT <br> Use additional sheets if necessary 

1. Applicant. State the name, address and percent of ownership of any person or entity owning an interest in the applicant, unless the entity is a corporation or partnership, in which case identify each owner of more than three percent. The term ownership interest shall include any legal or equitable interest held at the time of the application in the real property which is the subject of the application.

| Name | Address | Percent of Ownership |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 1. Mike Dameron - Windmill Hill, LLC | 2401 Mt. Vernon Avenue Unit B Alexandria VA 22301 | $50 \%$ |
| ${ }^{2}$ Leigh Dameron - Windmill + | 2401 Mt. Vernon Avenue Unit B Alexandria VA 22301 | $50 \%$ |
| 3. |  |  |

2. Property. State the name, address and percent of ownership of any person or entity owning an interest in the property located at 401 High Street Alexandria VA 22302 (address), unless the entity is a corporation or partnership, in which case identify each owner of more than three percent. The term ownership interest shall include any legal or equitable interest held at the time of the application in the real property which is the subject of the application.

| Name | Address | Percent of Ownership |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| ${ }^{1}$ Mike Dameron - Windmill Hi | 2401 Mt. Vernon Avenue Unit B Alexandria VA 22301 | $50 \%$ |
| ${ }^{2}$ Leigh Dameron - Windmill + | 2401 Mt. Vernon Avenue Unit B Alexandria VA 22301 | $50 \%$ |
| 3. | 2401 Mt. Vernon Avenue Unit B Alexandria VA 22301 |  |

3. Business or Financial Relationships. Each person or entity indicated above in sections 1 and 2, with an ownership interest in the applicant or in the subject property are require to disclose any business or financial relationship, as defined by Section 11-350 of the Zoning Ordinance, existing at the time of this application, or within the12-month period prior to the submission of this application with any member of the Alexandria City Council, Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals or either Boards of Architectural Review. All fields must be filled out completely. Do not leave blank. (If there are no relationships please indicated each person or entity and "None" in the corresponding fields).

For a list of current council, commission and board members, as well as the definition of business and financial relationship, click here.

| Name of person or entity | Relationship as defined by <br> Section 11-350 of the Zoning <br> Ordinance | Member of the Approving <br> Body (i.e. City Council, <br> Planning Commission, etc.) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| ${ }^{1}$ N/A |  |  |
| 2. |  |  |
| 3. |  |  |

NOTE: Business or financial relationships of the type described in Sec. 11-350 that arise after the filing of this application and before each public hearing must be disclosed prior to the public hearings.

As the applicant or the applicant's authorized agent, I hereby attest to the best of my ability that the information provided above is true and correct.


Signature

If property owner or applicant is being represented by an authorized agent such as an attorney, realtor, or other person for which there is some form of compensation, does this agent or the business in which the agent is employed have a business license to operate in the City of Alexandria, Virginia?
[ $\_$] Yes. Provide proof of current City business license
[ ] No. The agent shall obtain a business license prior to filing application, if required by the City Code.

## NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

3. The applicant shall describe below the nature of the request in detail so that the Planning Commission and City Council can understand the nature of the operation and the use. The description should fully discuss the nature of the activity. (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)
This corner lot is located in R-12 zoning with a required lot width of 95'. The parcel currently has a lot width of 88.5 '. Windmill Hill, LLC is proposing to demolish the existing single family home and detached garage and construct a new single family
home in accordance with all required $\mathrm{R}-12$ zoning ordinances short of 88.5 ' lot width.
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## USE CHARACTERISTICS

4. The proposed special use permit request is for (check one):
[] a new use requiring a special use permit,
[ ] an expansion or change to an existing use without a special use permit,
[] an expansion or change to an existing use with a special use permit,
[r] other. Please describe:Single Family Residence - same use.
5. Please describe the capacity of the proposed use:
A. How many patrons, clients, pupils and other such users do you expect?

Specify time period (i.e., day, hour, or shift).
0
B. How many employees, staff and other personnel do you expect? Specify time period (i.e., day, hour, or shift).
0
6. Please describe the proposed hours and days of operation of the proposed use:

Day:
N/A
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
7. Please describe any potential noise emanating from the proposed use.
A. Describe the noise levels anticipated from all mechanical equipment and patrons.

N/A
B. How will the noise be controlled?

N/A
$\qquad$
8. Describe any potential odors emanating from the proposed use and plans to control them:

N/A
9. Please provide information regarding trash and litter generated by the use.
A. What type of trash and garbage will be generated by the use? (i.e. office paper, food wrappers) Residential Waste
B. How much trash and garbage will be generated by the use? (i.e. \# of bags or pounds per day or per week)
Residential Waste
C. How often will trash be collected?

1 per week per city trash collection
D. How will you prevent littering on the property, streets and nearby properties? N/A
10. Will any hazardous materials, as defined by the state or federal government, be handled, stored, or generated on the property?
[ ] Yes. [r] No.
If yes, provide the name, monthly quantity, and specific disposal method below:
11. Will any organic compounds, for example paint, ink, lacquer thinner, or cleaning or degreasing solvent, be handled, stored, or generated on the property?
[ ] Yes. [r] No.

If yes, provide the name, monthly quantity, and specific disposal method below:
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
12. What methods are proposed to ensure the safety of nearby residents, employees and patrons? Erosion controls and safety fence during construction.
$\qquad$
$\qquad$

## ALCOHOL SALES

13. 

A. Will the proposed use include the sale of beer, wine, or mixed drinks?
[ ] Yes
[r] No

If yes, describe existing (if applicable) and proposed alcohol sales below, including if the ABC license will include on-premises and/or off-premises sales.
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$

## PARKING AND ACCESS REQUIREMENTS

14. A. How many parking spaces of each type are provided for the proposed use:

## 2

$\qquad$
Standard spaces Compact spaces
Handicapped accessible spaces.
Other.

| Planning and Zoning Staff Only |
| :--- |
| Required number of spaces for use per Zoning Ordinance Section 8-200A |
| Does the application meet the requirement? |
| [ ] Yes [ ] No |

B. Where is required parking located? (check one)
[r] on-site
[ ] off-site
If the required parking will be located off-site, where will it be located?

PLEASE NOTE: Pursuant to Section 8-200 (C) of the Zoning Ordinance, commercial and industrial uses may provide offsite parking within 500 feet of the proposed use, provided that the off-site parking is located on land zoned for commercial or industrial uses. All other uses must provide parking on-site, except that off-street parking may be provided within 300 feet of the use with a special use permit.
C. If a reduction in the required parking is requested, pursuant to Section 8-100 (A) (4) or (5) of the Zoning Ordinance, complete the PARKING REDUCTION SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION.

## [ ] Parking reduction requested; see attached supplemental form

15. Please provide information regarding loading and unloading facilities for the use:
A. How many loading spaces are available for the use? $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$

| Planning and Zoning Staff Only |
| :--- |
| Required number of loading spaces for use per Zoning Ordinance Section $8-200$ |
| Does the application meet the requirement? |
| [ ] Yes [ ] No |

B. Where are off-street loading facilities located? N/A
C. During what hours of the day do you expect loading/unloading operations to occur? N/A
D. How frequently are loading/unloading operations expected to occur, per day or per week, as appropriate?

N/A
16. Is street access to the subject property adequate or are any street improvements, such as a new turning lane, necessary to minimize impacts on traffic flow?

N/A

## SITE CHARACTERISTICS

17. Will the proposed uses be located in an existing building?
[] Yes [r] No
Do you propose to construct an addition to the building?
[] Yes
[] No

How large will the addition be? $\qquad$ square feet.
18. What will the total area occupied by the proposed use be?
$\qquad$ sq. ft. (existing) + $\qquad$ sq. ft. (addition if any) $=3,755$ sq. ft. (total)
19. The proposed use is located in: (check one)
[ ] a stand alone building
[r] a house located in a residential zone
[ ] a warehouse
[ ] a shopping center. Please provide name of the center: $\qquad$
[ ] an office building. Please provide name of the building: $\qquad$
[ ] other. Please describe: $\qquad$

## End of Application



## Department of Planning \& Zoning

 Special Use Permit Application Checklist
## Supplemental application for the following uses:

$\square$ Automobile Oriented
$\square$ Parking ReductionSigns
$\checkmark$ Substandard Lot
$\square$ Lot modifications requested with SUP use

## Interior Floor Plan

Include labels to indicate the use of the space (doors, windows, seats, tables, counters, equipment)

## If Applicable

$\sqrt{ } \sqrt{ }$ Plan for outdoor uses

## Contextual site image

$\checkmark$ Show subject site, on-site parking area, surrounding buildings, cross streets



TOTAL SITE AREA $=13,344$ SF OR 0.3063 AC


AVERAGE EX. GRADE \& DWELLING DETAIL
(SCALE: $1^{\prime \prime}=10^{\prime}$ )

| DWELLING HEIGHT CALCULATION |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| AVERAGE EX. <br> GRADE | ROOF EAVE <br> ELEVATIONS | PEAK ROOF <br> (HIGHEST RIDGE) <br> ELEVATION | ROOF <br> MIDPOINT <br> (ROOF HEIGHT) <br> ELEVATION | PROPOSED <br> DWELLING <br> HEIGHT |
| 140.5 | 165.3 | 173.3 | 169.3 | 28.8 |

SETBACK REQUIREMENTS FOR DWELLING

| BUILDING SIDE | AVERAGE <br> GRADE | BUILDING <br> HEIGHT | ZONING <br> SETBACK | SETBACK <br> REQUIRED | SETBACK <br> PROVIDED |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| *FRONT-(HIGH STREET) | 140.8 | N/A | N/A | $* * 35.0^{\prime}$ | $35.2^{\prime}$ |
| *FRONT-(ORCHARD STREET) | 139.7 | N/A | N/A | $24.2^{\prime}-28.7^{\prime}$ | $28.7^{\prime}$ |
| SIDE-(EAST) | 141.7 | $27.6^{\prime}$ | $1: 2$, MIN. 10' | $13.8^{\prime}$ | $19.4^{\prime}$ |
| REAR-(NORTH) | 139.4 | $25.9^{\prime}$ | $1: 1$, MIN. 10' | $25.9^{\prime}$ | $50.9^{\prime}$ |

*FRONT SETBACK IS ESTABLISHED BY THE CONTEXTUAL BLOCK FACE STUDY, SEE SHEET 5.
**SINCE RANGE EXCEEDS 35', A RESIDENTIAL USE SHALL PROVIDE A FRONT YARD SETBACK OF AT LEAST 35'.


AVERAGE GRADE AND GARAGE DETAIL (SCALE: $1^{\prime \prime}=10^{\prime}$ )

GARAGE HEIGHT DETAIL


| SPOTS | EXISTING- <br> ELEVATION |
| :---: | :---: |
| A | 135.6 |
| B | 136.9 |
| C | 137.2 |
| D | 136.4 |
| SUM: | 546.1 |
| AVERAGE | 136.5 |


| GARAGE HEIGHT CALCULATION |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| AVERAGE | ROOF EAVE | PEAK ROOF <br> EX. GRADE <br> ELEVATIONS <br> ELEVATION | ROOF MIDPOINT <br> (ROOF HEIGHT) <br> ELEVATION | PROPOSED <br> DWELLING <br> HEIGHT |  |
| 136.5 | 145.6 | 153.8 | 149.7 | 13.2 |  |

YARD PARKING REQUIREMENT

| REQUIRED <br> YARD AREA | YARD AREA <br> (SQ. FT.) | PARKING AREA <br> (SQ. FT.) | ALLOWABLE RATIO | PARKING RATIO <br> PROPOSED |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| FRONT YARD (ORCHARD ST) | 4,320 | 470 | $50 \%$ | $10.9 \%$ |
| REAR YARD | 2,292 | 9 | $50 \%$ | $0.4 \%$ |


| BLOCK STUDY FOR SUP |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Front Setback and Threshold Data |  |  |  |  |  |
| \#401 High Street (RCF \#21-129) |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Setback Data |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Setback Fro |  |  |  |  |
| HIGH STREET | Property Lin |  |  |  |  |
| 507 HIGH STREET | 44.8' |  |  |  |  |
| 503 HIGH STREET | 50.3 ' |  |  |  |  |
| 501 HIGH STREET | $57.4^{\prime}$ |  | USE BETWEEN 44.8' AND 57.4' |  |  |
| 405 HIGH STREET | 48.5' |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ORCHARD STREET |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1806 ORCHARD STREET | 24.2' |  |  |  |  |
| 1810 ORCHARD STREET | $25.4{ }^{\prime}$ |  | USE BETWEEN 24.2' AND 28.7' |  |  |
| 400 LLOYDS LANE | $28.7{ }^{\prime}$ |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Threshold/Height Data |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A |  | B |  | C |  |
|  |  | Building |  | (C-B) |  |
|  |  | Height |  | Distance |  |
|  |  |  |  | Ground to |  |
| Address \# |  |  |  | 1st Floor |  |
| 507 HIGH STREET |  | 21.7' |  | 1.2 |  |
| 503 HIGH STREET |  | 18.7' |  | 4.9 |  |
| 501 HIGH STREET |  | 17.7' |  | 2.9 |  |
| 405 HIGH STREET |  | 23.7' |  | 3.5 |  |
| 1806 ORCHARD STREET |  | 18.9' |  | 2.3 |  |
| 1810 ORCHARD STREET |  | $24.9{ }^{\prime}$ |  | 2.9 |  |
| 400 LLOYDS LANE |  | 18.9' |  | 2.9 |  |
| 1702 ORCHARD STREET |  | $31.0^{\prime}$ |  |  |  |
| 406 HIGH STREET |  | 19.0' |  |  |  |
| 500 HIGH STREET |  | 23.3 ' |  |  |  |
| 502 HIGH STREET |  | 22.6 ' |  |  |  |
| 504 HIGH STREET |  | $26.0^{\prime}$ |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | MAXIMUM THRESHOLD HEIGHT 4.9 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |






## NEW SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE 401 High Street Alexandria, VA 22302








1) $\frac{\text { GARAGE-FRONt ELEVATION }}{1 / 4=1-0^{\prime \prime}}$


(3) $\frac{\text { GARAGE-SIDE ELEVATION }}{1 / 4-1-01}$

(4) GARAGE-SIDE FACING HOUSE


## SITE CONTEXT AND CHARACTER DEFINING FEATURES:

FORM: Rectangular building forms with steeply pitched front or side gable roof forms. Roof slopes range from 8:12 to 12:12 Surounding homes vary in height from $11 / 2$ stories to $21 / 2$ stories high. Dormers always align with windows below.
MATERIALS: Exterior walls are predominantly brick or lap siding with some flagstone accents. Roof materials are shingles, slate, and standing seam metal. There is often a decorative cornice trim at roof eaves.
DOOR \& WINDOW PATTERNS. Double hung windows with $1 / 1,6 / 1$, or $6 / 6$ light patterns. Paneled or louvered shutters are common. Front door centered between porch columns. Windows have a similar size, rhythm, and alignment on all elevations

ARCHITECTURAL DETAILS: Masonry chimneys are often located at gable ends. Porch columns are round or square with Colonial cap and base trim. Vertical porch balusters in metal or wood.

LANDSCAPE FEATURES: Prominant mature trees and lush landscaping are a feature of almost every lot in the neighborhood.

New construction designed to retain the character of the neighborhood.

1. Site survey - Photo neighboring properties to understand the visual qualitites that give the nighborhood its character.
2. House location - New house is sited in nearly the same location as the existing. It is shifted $5^{\prime}-0^{\prime \prime}$ farther away from the closest neighbor on High St. The existing driveway access off of Orchard Rd is the same. The wrap-aroud porch is designed to address oure is from a walkway on Orchard St, similar to the xisitng configuration

The goal of these design considerations is to minimiz damage to the existing landscape. All major trees in healthy condition will remain. Three new trees will be planted and are shown on the Landscape Plan. The best way to make a new house fit into an established neighborhood is to preserve as much of the existing landscaping as possible.
3. Garage location - The new garage will be closer to Orchard St. to preserve more open space between adjacent neighbors. The garage location and planting walls are used to create privacy for the outdoor a leva ind ang from the to mini stize and give it a distinctive character that feels appropriate to the neighborhood.
4. Building form - The new home has roof pitches that vary from 10:12-12:12 to be similar in proportion with surrounding homes. The roof forms along
Orchard St. are broken into small building modules that provide variation in wall setbacks and roof form. This provides interest and keeps the building in scale with the homes facing Orchard St
5. All materials and architectural details included in the design of 401 High Street are reflected in the local context.

