Application for SPECIAL USE PERMIT
Department of Planning and Development Review Land Use Administration Division 900 E. Broad Street, Room 511

Application is hereby submitted for: (check one)
$\square$ special use permit, new
$\square$ special use permit, plan amendment
$\square$ special use permit, text only amendment

## Project Name/Location

Property Address: 1609 Pollock Street Date: 5/11/2023
Tax Map \#: N00-510-79/009 Fee:
Total area of affected site in acres: 0.235
(See page 6 for fee schedule, please make check payable to the "City of Richmond")

## Zoning

Current Zoning: R-6
Existing Use: Vacant

## Proposed Use

(Please include a detailed description of the proposed use in the required applicant's report) Three (3) new two-family detached dwellings
Existing Use: Vacant
Is this property subject to any previous land use cases?
Yes
$\square$
No
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If Yes, please list the Ordinance Number: BZA-059-1997, BZA-071-1954, BZA-040-2019

## Applicant/Contact Person: Will Gillette / Mark Baker

Company: Baker Development Resources
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City: Richmond State: VA

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Telephone: _(804 ) 874-6275
Fax: $\qquad$ ) $\qquad$
Email: markbaker@bakerdevelopmentresources.com
Property Owner: Sava Capital LLC
If Business Entity, name and title of authorized signee:
(The person or persons executing or attesting the execution of this Application on behalf of the Company certifies that he or she has or have been duly authorized and empowered to so execute or attest.)

Mailing Address: 2405 Westwood Ave


Email: construction@cavacompanies.com
Fax: $\qquad$ )

## Property Owner Signature:



The names, addresses, telephone numbers and signatures of all owners of the property are required. Please attach additional sheets as needed. If a legal representative signs for a property owner, please attach an executed power of attorney. Faxed or photocopied signatures will not be accepted.

NOTE: Please attach the required plans, checklist, and a check for the application fee (see Filing Procedures for special use permits)

# APPLICANT'S REPORT 

May $11^{\text {th }}, 2023$
1609 Pollock Street, Richmond, Virginia
Map Reference Numbers: N005-1079/009,

| Submitted to: | City of Richmond <br> Department of Planning and Development Review <br> Land Use Administration <br> 900 East Broad Street, Suite 511 <br> Richmond, Virginia 23219 |
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## Introduction

The property owner is requesting a special use permit (the "SUP") for 1609 Pollock Street (the "Property"). The SUP will authorize the construction of three (3) two-family detached dwellings. While the two-family detached use is permitted by the underlying R-6 Single-Family Attached Residential zoning district, certain feature requirements cannot be met and therefore, a SUP is required.

## Existing Conditions

## SITE DESCRIPTION AND EXISTING LAND USE

The Property is located on the southern line of Pollock Street between Dill Avenue and $4^{\text {th }}$ Avenue. The lot is currently vacant and is 85 feet in width and 120 feet in depth, containing approximately 10,229 square feet of lot area. Access is provided along one side of the Property by means of an east-west alley.


The properties in the immediate vicinity are developed with a wide range of uses and building forms. Residential uses, including single-family and two-family dwellings, are commonly found in the vicinity. In addition, there are several churches and commercial uses found southeast along Dill, clustered around the Six Points intersection. Though many of the properties in the area have
been developed, there are still several vacant lots in the vicinity, including one across the street from the subject Property.

## EXISTING ZONING

The Property and those in the immediate vicinity are zoned R-6 Single-Family Residential. To the southeast, along Dill Road there are properties zoned UB and UB-2 Urban Business, which are also within the PE-8 Meadowbridge Road and Six Points Parking Exempt Overlay District. Additionally, to the south, along Shockoe Creek, there are properties zoned Institutional.

## MASTER PLAN DESIGNATION

The request is consistent with the Richmond 300 Master Plan (the "Master Plan"), which suggests "Residential" for the Property. The Master Plan suggests this future land use designation allow for a variety of housing types that are consistent with the scale, density, and design of what exists in the vicinity. This designation also encourages developments to reinforce a gridded street pattern in order to increase connectivity. Single-family dwellings, duplexes, and small multi-family buildings are contemplated uses in the Residential future land use designation (p. 54).

In addition to the Property-specific guidance offered by the Vision and Core Concepts chapter, there are a number of other goals elsewhere within the Master Plan that support this request:

- Page 109 (Equitable Transportation Chapter), Objective 6.1 to "Increase the number of residents and jobs at Nodes and along enhanced transit corridors in a land development pattern that prioritizes multi-modal transportation options."
- b. Develop housing at all income levels in and near Nodes and along major corridors (see strategies Goal 14).
- Page 136 (Diverse Economy Chapter), Objective 11.1 to "Increase the areas of appropriately zoned land near various transportation modes and housing to retain, create, and attract employers."
- d. Encourage the development of a variety of quality housing types to house employees across the economic spectrum (see Goal 14).
- Page 150 (Inclusive Housing Chapter), Objective 14.1 to "Increase city-wide awareness of the importance of integrating housing at all income levels into every residential neighborhood so every household has housing choice throughout the city."
- Page 152 (Inclusive Housing Chapter) (see map on p. 153), Objective 14.5 to "Encourage more housing types throughout the city and greater density along enhanced transit corridors and at Nodes (shown in Figure 38 [p.153]) by amending the Zoning Ordinance."
- Page 155 (Inclusive Housing Chapter), Objective 14.8 to "Develop inclusionary and equitable housing options for our gentrifying neighborhoods to prevent involuntary displacement."
- Page 159 (Thriving Environment Chapter) Objective 15.1 to "Reduce air pollution related to transportation."
- a. Increase the number of Richmonders living in a development pattern that encourages density and reduces dependency on single-occupancy vehicles (see Goal 1, Goal 8, Goal 14).
- Page 86 (High-Quality Places Chapter), Objective 1.4, to "maintain and improve primarily residential areas by increasing their linkages to...corridors... and maintaining high-quality design standards."
- Page 100 (High Quality Places Chapter), Objective 4.1, to "create and preserve highquality, distinctive, and well-designed neighborhoods and nodes throughout the City," as the request introduces thoughtfully designed new construction in a manner not otherwise assured by-right.


## Proposal

## PROJECT SUMMARY

The applicant is proposing to divide the parcel into three lots and construct a two-family detached dwelling on each of the newly created lots.

## PURPOSE OF REQUEST

The currently vacant Property is a single lot of record comprising parts of Lot 12-15 from the original Highland Park subdivision. The owner is proposing to divide the Property into three lots and construct a two-family detached dwelling on each of the newly created lots. While the twofamily use is commonly found in the area, like many nearby parcels, the lot area and setback requirements cannot be met, and therefore a SUP is required to permit the proposed development.

In exchange for the SUP, the intent of this request is to ensure the development of a high-quality infill dwelling. The overall project will be appropriately dense and efficient as contemplated by the Richmond 300 Master Plan. At the same time, it will remain respectful to the historic development pattern in the vicinity thereby remaining consistent with the predominant character of the area. Finally, the quality assurances conditioned through the SUP will guarantee a higher quality development and better neighborhood compatibility than might otherwise be guaranteed with a by right development.

## PROJECT DETAILS

The proposed dwellings would each be $16^{\prime}$ in width, 75 feet in depth, and two stories in height. The new two-family detached dwellings are intended to be consistent with the historic development pattern found throughout the neighborhood. The units would be configured as flats and each contain three bedrooms and one bathroom, totaling approximately 1,137 square feet of floor area per unit. The exterior design would be traditional and consistent with the character of the area and other proposed dwellings. The building would be designed with a single entrance to have the appearance of a single-family detached dwelling from the street. Two parking spaces, accessible from the adjacent alley, are proposed for each dwelling.

The new dwelling would be clad in quality building materials including cementitious lap siding in order to ensure durability. A full-width front porch would engage the street and provide usable outdoor living space. The proposed dwelling's massing and architectural style is designed to be compatible with nearby dwellings and is consistent with the historical homes found in the neighborhood.

## Findings of Fact

The following are factors indicated in Section 17.11 of the Charter and Section 114-1050.1 of the Zoning Ordinance relative to the approval of special use permits by City Council. The proposed special use permit will not:

- Be detrimental to the safety, health, morals and general welfare of the community involved.

The proposed special use permit for high-quality infill construction will not impact the safety, health, morals and general welfare of the nearby neighborhoods.

- Tend to create congestion in streets, roads, alleys and other public ways and places in the area involved.

The proposed special use permit will not result in significant traffic impacts to nearby residential neighborhoods. The negligible traffic generation on the existing street will create no congestion on streets, roads, alleys or any other public right of way.

- Create hazards from fire, panic or other dangers.

The Property will be developed in a manner consistent with the requirements of the building code and in accordance with the requirements of Fire and Emergency Services. The City's codes applicable to this development are designed to eliminate such hazards.

- Tend to overcrowding of land and cause an undue concentration of population.

The proposed special use permit will not tend to over crowd the land or create an undue concentration of population.

- Adversely affect or interfere with public or private schools, parks, playgrounds, water supplies, sewage disposal, transportation or other public requirements, conveniences and improvements.

The special use permit will not adversely affect the above referenced City services. To the contrary, the proposal will provide positive fiscal (tax) benefits that will enhance the City's ability to provide these services to the proposed development.

- Interfere with adequate light and air.

The light and air available to the subject and adjacent properties will not be affected. The proposed buildings are of compatible massing and spacing to the existing in the vicinity. As a result, this request will not interfere with the provision of adequate light and air to the adjacent buildings.

## Summary

In summary we are enthusiastically seeking approval for the construction of the proposed twofamily dwellings. The buildings have been thoughtfully designed in order to provide appropriate, high-quality, infill residential development. The request offers compatibility with the City's Master Plan in terms of use. The request would upgrade the Property while maintaining a desirable variation in housing style and density in the vicinity. The proposed development would help encourage a pedestrian friendly traditional streetscape and contribute to the vibrancy of the block through the addition of street life in the form of street-oriented full width front porches along Pollock Street. The traditional building forms would provide the much-desired traditional neighborhood design which is appropriate to this area of the City. Finally, the quality assurances conditioned through the SUP would guarantee a higher quality development than might otherwise be developed by right.

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Per Section R310 of the 2015 VA Residential Code, basements, habitable attics, and every sleeping room must have at least one operable emergency escape and rescue opening. The sill height shall be not more than 44 " to the bottom of the clear opening. Openings not on grade level shall have a min. net clear opening of 5.7 sf .
The min clear opening height shall be $244^{\prime \prime}$. The min clear mening width shall be 20".
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2ND FLOOR PLAN






