

#### Application for SPECIAL USE PERMIT

Department of Planning and Development Review Land Use Administration Division 900 E. Broad Street, Room 511 Richmond, Virginia 23219 (804) 646-6304 http://www.richmondgov.com/

Application is hereby submitted for: (check one)  special use permit, new		
special use permit, plan amendment		
Project Name/Location		
Property Address: 2519 Hermitage Road & 1613 Rhoamiller St  Parcel I.D. #: N0001296001, N0001296006 Fee:		Date: <u>12/20/23</u>
Total area of affected site in acres: 1.865		
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(See <b>page 6</b> for fee schedule, please make check payable to the " <b>City of</b>	Richmond")	
Zoning		
Current Zoning: B-7		
Richmond 300 Land Use Designation; Industrial Mixed-Use		
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Proposed Use (Please include a detailed description of the proposed use in the required applicant's report)		
Addition of an exterior fenced dog recreation area adjacent to the alley at the rear of the Property.		
Existing Use: Light Industrial - kennel/humane center/animal shelter		
Is this property subject to any previous land use cases?  Yes No  If Yes, please list the Ordinance Number:		
Applicant/Contact Person: Will Gillette / Mark Baker		
Company: Baker Development Resources		
Mailing Address: 530 East Main Street, Suite 730		
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Property Owner: RICHMOND SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS		
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Property Owner Signature: , CED		
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NOTE: Please attach the required plans, checklist, and a check for the application fee (see Filing Procedures for special use permits)

photocopied signatures will not be accepted.

## **APPLICANT'S REPORT**

December 27th, 2023

Revised: January 10th, 2024

Special Use Permit Request

2519 Hermitage Road & 1613 Rhoadmiller Street, Richmond, Virginia

Map Reference Number: N000-1296/001 & N000-1296/006

Submitted to: City of Richmond

Department of Planning and Development Review

Land Use Administration 900 East Broad Street, Suite 511 Richmond, Virginia 23219

Submitted by: Baker Development Resources

Mark Baker

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### Introduction

The property owner is requesting a special use permit (the "SUP") for the parcels known as 2519 Hermitage Road and 1613 Rhoadmiller Street (the "Property"). The SUP would authorize the construction of a new fenced dog recreation area located at the rear of the Property. While kennels operated in conjunction with pet shops, veterinary clinics, and animal hospitals are permitted by the underlying B-7 Mixed-Use Business zoning district, they are required to be located within enclosed and air-conditioned buildings, and therefore, a SUP is required for an outdoor fenced recreation area. No changes are proposed to the existing structures on the Property.

## **Existing Conditions**

#### SITE DESCRIPTION AND EXISTING LAND USE

The Property is located at the southwestern corner of the intersection of Hermitage Road and Rhoadmiller Street and is referenced by the City Assessor as tax parcels N000-1296/001 and N000-1296/006. The two parcels have a total of roughly 316 feet of frontage along Rhoadmiller Street and 261 feet of frontage along Hermitage Road and contain approximately 81,372 square feet of lot area. The Property is currently occupied by the SPCA who utilize the building as a humane center and animal shelter. The rear of the Property is accessible by an east-west alley.



The properties in the area contain a range of uses and forms. Properties along Rhoadmiller Street are generally occupied with warehouse and light industrial uses. To the south of the Property,

along Overbrook Road, are several large apartment buildings. To the northeast lies property owned by the City of Richmond and Virginia Commonwealth University which is part of the City's "Diamond District" redevelopment area.

#### **EXISTING ZONING**

The Property and those located nearby are zoned B-7 Mixed-Use Business. To the east of Hermitage Road lay parcels zoned TOD-1 Transit Oriented Nodal and to the south along Overbrook Road are four parcels zoned B-5 Central Business.

#### TRANSPORTATION

Located adjacent to the Property along Hermitage Road is the Hermitage and Rhoadmiller bus stop which serves the #14 bus line. The Pulse bus rapid transit (BRT) can be accessed by the #14 line or by a .7 mile (roughly 15 minute) walk to the Allison Street BRT station on Broad Street.

#### MASTER PLAN DESIGNATION

The Richmond 300 Master Plan (the "Master Plan") suggests "Industrial Mixed-Use" for the Property. This land use category is described as "formerly traditional industrial areas that are transitioning to mixed-use because of their proximity to growing neighborhoods and changes in market conditions." The Master Plan suggests this future land use designation allow for a "mix of building types" that encourage more individuals to live, work, and play in the area.

Hermitage Road is designated as "Major Mixed-Use Streets" which are describe by the Richmond 300 plans as being streets which "carry high volumes of vehicles, pedestrians, and bicycles, through commercial and mixed-use areas."

## **Proposal**

#### PROJECT SUMMARY

The proposed development includes the enclosure of part of the asphalt parking area at the rear of the Property with a brick curb wall and fence and the development of the enclosed area as a daytime recreation area for the animals living within the shelter. Twenty parking spaces will be provided off the existing alley.

#### PURPOSE OF REQUEST

The subject Property is currently occupied with a humane center and animal shelter operated by the SPCA as permitted by the B-7 zoning regulations. The proposed fenced dog recreation area at the rear of the existing structure requires a SUP as the B-7 regulations require that "all facilities be located within completely enclosed and air-conditioned buildings which are soundproof to the extent that sounds produced by animals are not audible outside the buildings." In all other respects the proposed enclosure will meet the underlying zoning.

#### PROJECT DETAILS

The applicant is proposing to enclose and improve a portion of the asphalt parking area at the rear of the existing building. The proposed improvements would permit the dogs residing in the shelter to recreate outside in a fenced area which includes a dog run area which would be shaded from the sun. The proposed recreation area would be fenced with a brick curb wall and fence. Twenty offstreet parking spaces, accessible from the rear alley, would be provided for the use of SPCA patrons and staff.

## **Findings of Fact**

The following are factors included in Section 17.11 of the Charter and Section 30-1050.1 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 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 related to the proposed SUP and the proposed off-street parking will result in 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.

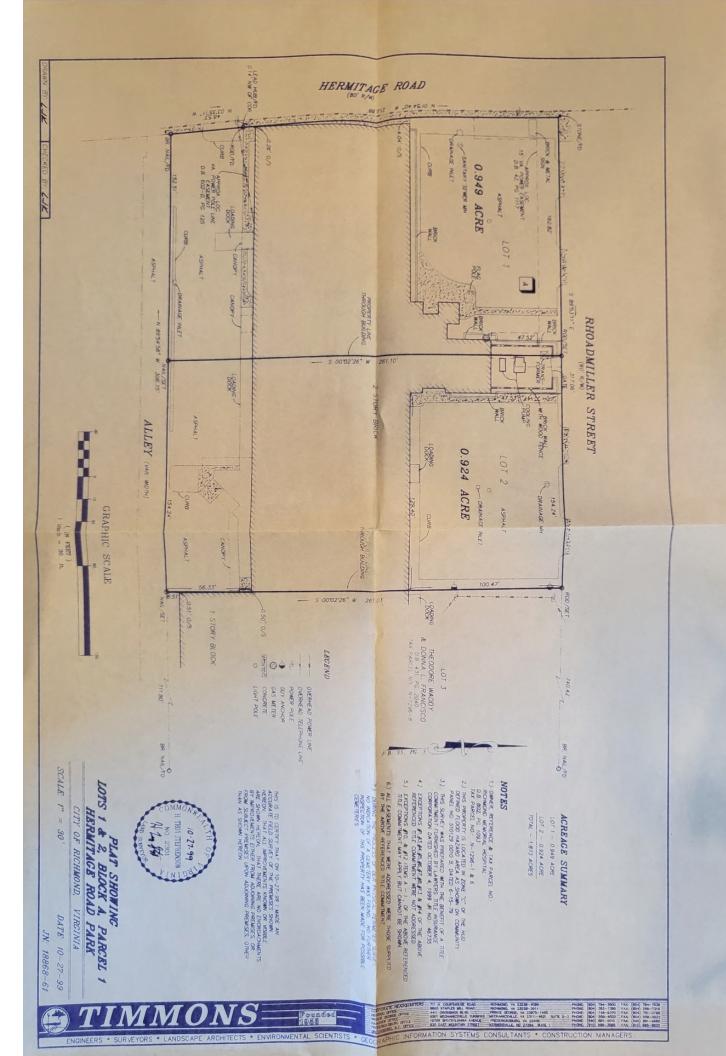
 Adversely affect or interfere with public or private schools, parks, playgrounds, water supplies, sewage disposal, transportation or other public requirements, conveniences and improvements. The special use permit would not adversely affect the above referenced City services.

#### • Interfere with adequate light and air.

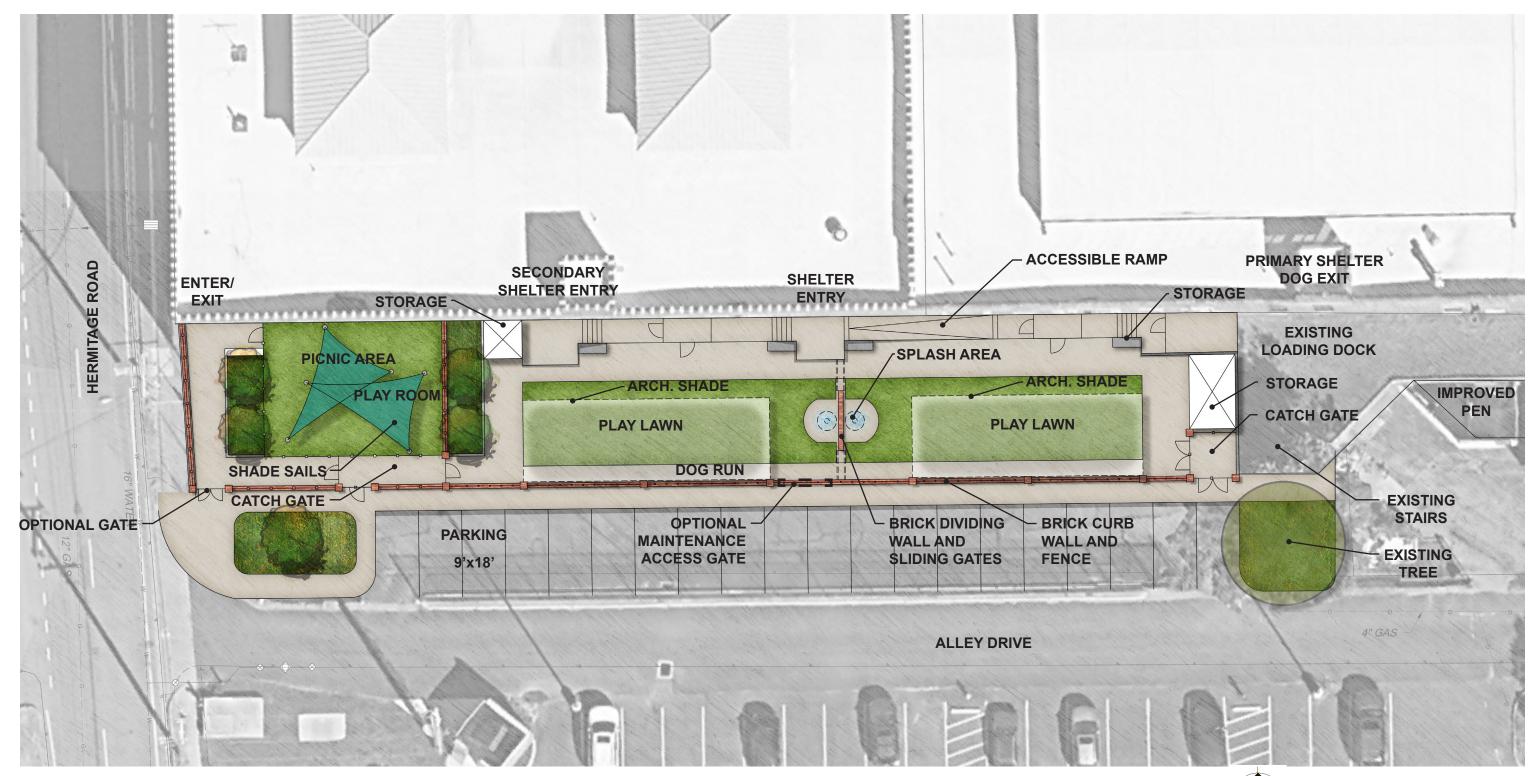
The proposed development will not interfere with adequate light and air available to the subject and adjacent properties.

## **Summary**

In summary we are enthusiastically seeking approval for the construction of the proposed new fenced dog recreation area located at the rear of the Property. The request would contribute to the ongoing revitalization of the neighborhood, upgrading the Property for its current use without affecting the nearby buildings. Finally, the quality assurances conditioned through the SUP would guarantee a higher quality development than might otherwise be developed.



## Final Concept Design:





# City of Richmond Department of Planning & Development Review

**Special Use Permit** 

LOCATION: 2519 Hermitage Road

APPLICANT: Richmond SPCA

Represented by Baker Development Resources

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2

PROPOSAL: To authorize the special use of the properties known as 2519 Hermitage Road and 1613 Rhoadmiller Street for the purpose of an animal shelter, upon certain terms and conditions.

For questions, please contact David Watson at 804-646-1036 or David Watson@rva.gov

