



Application for **SPECIAL USE PERMIT**

Department of Planning and Development Review
Land Use Administration Division
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Application is hereby submitted for: (check one)

- special use permit, new**
- special use permit, plan amendment**
- special use permit, text only amendment**

Project Name/Location

Property Address: _____ Date: _____

Tax Map #: _____ Fee: _____

Total area of affected site in acres: _____

(See **page 6** for fee schedule, please make check payable to the "City of Richmond")

Zoning

Current Zoning: _____

Existing Use: _____

Proposed Use

(Please include a detailed description of the proposed use in the required applicant's report)

Existing Use: _____

Is this property subject to any previous land use cases?

Yes No If Yes, please list the Ordinance Number: _____

Applicant/Contact Person: _____

Company: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _() _____ Fax: _() _____

Email: _____

Property Owner: _____

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: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _() _____ Fax: _() _____

Email: _____

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 10th, 2022

*Special Use Permit Request
4704 Grove Avenue, Richmond, Virginia
Map Reference Number: W019-0273/012*

Submitted to:

City of Richmond

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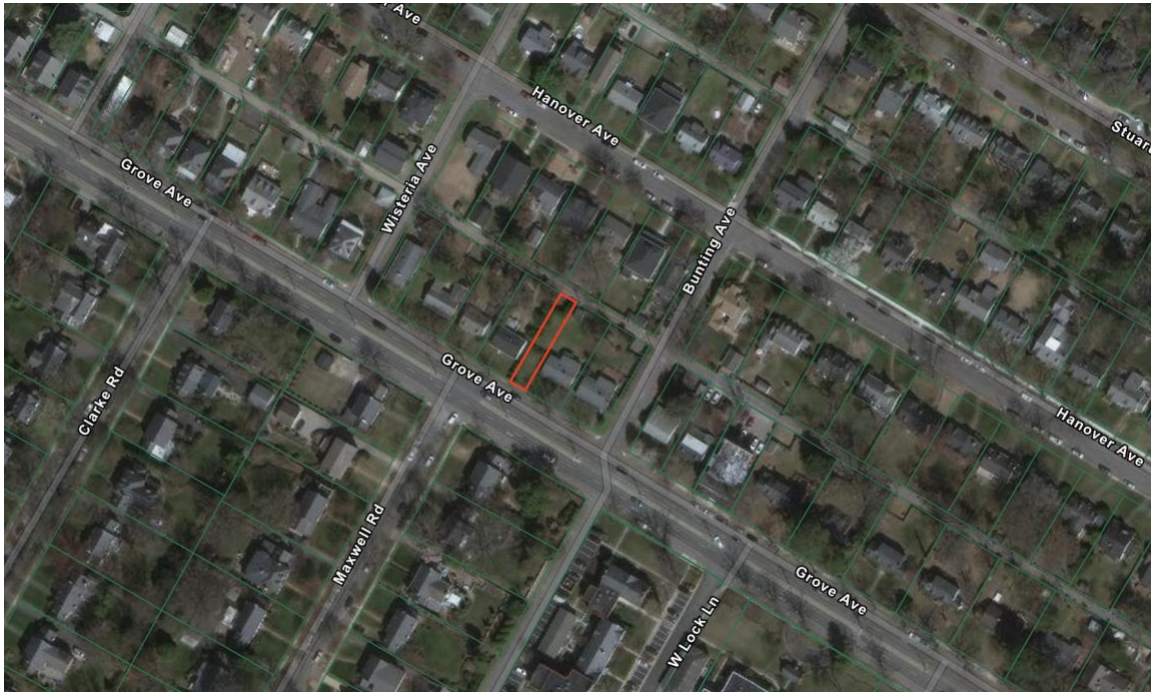
Introduction

The applicant is requesting a special use permit (the "SUP") for the property known as 4704 Grove Avenue (the "Property"). The SUP would authorize the construction of a single-family detached dwelling on the currently vacant parcel. While the single-family use is permitted by the underlying R-5 Single-Family Residential zoning district, the applicable feature requirements for lot width and area cannot be met. Therefore, the SUP is required.

Existing Conditions

SITE DESCRIPTION AND EXISTING LAND USE

The Property is located on the north side of Grove Avenue between Wisteria and Bunting Avenues. It is referenced by the City Assessor with a tax parcel number of W019-0273/012. The Property is 25 feet in width and 130 feet in depth, contains approximately 3,250 square feet of lot area, and is currently unimproved. Access is provided by an east-west alley located to the rear of the Property.



The properties in the vicinity primarily contain single-family detached dwellings, though two-family dwellings can be found in the area. In addition, across Grove Avenue to the southeast lie the Lock Lane Condominiums which contain more than 50 multi-family dwelling units.

EXISTING ZONING

The Property and the surrounding properties on the northern line of Grove Avenue are zoned R-5 Single-Family Residential, which permits single-family detached dwellings. To the south, across Grove Avenue lies a R-3 zoning district. The Lock Lane Condominiums, located across Grove Avenue and to the east are zoned R-48. Along Grove Avenue, to the east and west can also be found RO-1 and R-53 zoning districts.

MASTER PLAN DESIGNATION

The Richmond 300 Master Plan (the “Master Plan”) suggests “Residential” use 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 that developments reinforce a gridded street pattern to increase connectivity. Single-family dwellings are the contemplated primary use 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. In the High-Quality Places chapter, there are number of supporting objectives, such as (generally):

- Ensure that building materials are durable, sustainable, and create a lasting addition to the built environment, and provide maximum adaptability for environmental change, change of use, and efficiency.
- Allow and encourage a variety of architectural styles.
- Implement urban design and architecture strategies that maintain and enhance the unique character of Richmond’s residential districts.

Proposal

PURPOSE OF REQUEST

The SUP would permit the construction of a new, single-family detached dwelling. The new dwelling would be located on the existing parcel which is 25 feet in width and contains roughly 3,250 square feet of lot area. The Property is an original subdivision lot (Lot 18 of Block 9) of the Colonial Place Annex Subdivision. While it is an original subdivision lot, it does not meet the current R-5 lot area and width requirements. All other aspects of the underlying zoning requirements, including the requirement that off-street parking be provided, would be met.

PROJECT DETAILS/DESIGN

The proposed dwelling would be two stories in height and would be of a modern and distinctive design as recommended by Objective 4.1 (b) and (h) in the High-Quality Places chapter of the Richmond 300 Plan. The two-story dwelling would include approximately 2,016 square feet of finished floor area and consist of three bedrooms and two-and-one-half bathrooms. The proposed floor plans are modern and efficient, and designed to meet the needs of families in today's market. The first floor will contain an open kitchen and living area while the second floor will contain three bedrooms including a primary bedroom suite with en suite bath and walk-in closet. A covered rear porch is included in the design and would provide additional outdoor living space for the occupants. An off-street parking space is proposed for the dwelling which will be accessible from the rear alley.

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 SUP will not impact the safety, health, morals and general welfare of the nearby neighborhoods. The proposed site improvements and density are compatible with the existing development in the vicinity. This request would simply permit the efficient utilization of the Property by allowing for new development to occur. The improvement of the Property in conjunction with the high quality/benefits provided by the SUP will provide positive impacts in terms of health, welfare, etc., and furthermore will add to the vibrancy of the neighborhood.

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

The proposed SUP will not result in significant traffic impacts to nearby residential neighborhoods. The traffic generation for one additional dwelling will be negligible, especially within the context of a walkable neighborhood. As such, the SUP will not create 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 SUP will not tend to overcrowd 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 SUP would not adversely affect the above referenced City services. To the contrary, the proposal would provide positive fiscal (tax) benefits that would 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 massing of the proposed structures is similar to what the underlying zoning district and feature regulations applicable to single-family detached dwellings allow for by-right on legally nonconforming lots of substandard width.

Summary

In summary we are enthusiastically seeking approval for the construction of a new, single-family detached dwelling on the Property. The SUP represents an ideal, small-scale urban infill development for this location. In exchange for the SUP, the quality assurances conditioned therein would guarantee the construction of a quality residence consistent with Master Plan guidance. This would contribute to the overall vibrancy of the block through the provision of an appropriate urban form and use that is consistent with the existing dwellings in the surrounding neighborhood.