



Application for **SPECIAL USE PERMIT**

Department of Planning and Development Review

Land Use Administration Division

900 E. Broad Street, Room 511

Richmond, Virginia 23219

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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: 3122 Parkwood Avenue

Date: 3/3/2022

Tax Map #: W0001404036 Fee: \$300

Total area of affected site in acres: 0.069

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

Zoning

Current Zoning: R-5

Existing Use: Vacant

Proposed Use

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

Construction of one (1) new two-family detached dwelling.

Existing Use: Vacant

Is this property subject to any previous land use cases?

Yes

No



If Yes, please list the Ordinance Number: BZA-2018-011, BZA-1947-128

Applicant/Contact Person: Will Gillette / Mark Baker

Company: Baker Development Resources

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City: Richmond

State: VA

Zip Code: 23219

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Property Owner: Canvas Development llc

If Business Entity, name and title of authorized signee: Kyle Johnston

(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: PO Box 7075

City: Richmond

State: VA

Zip Code: 23221

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

March 7, 2022

*Special Use Permit Request
3122 Parkwood Avenue, Richmond, Virginia
Map Reference Number: W000-1404/036*

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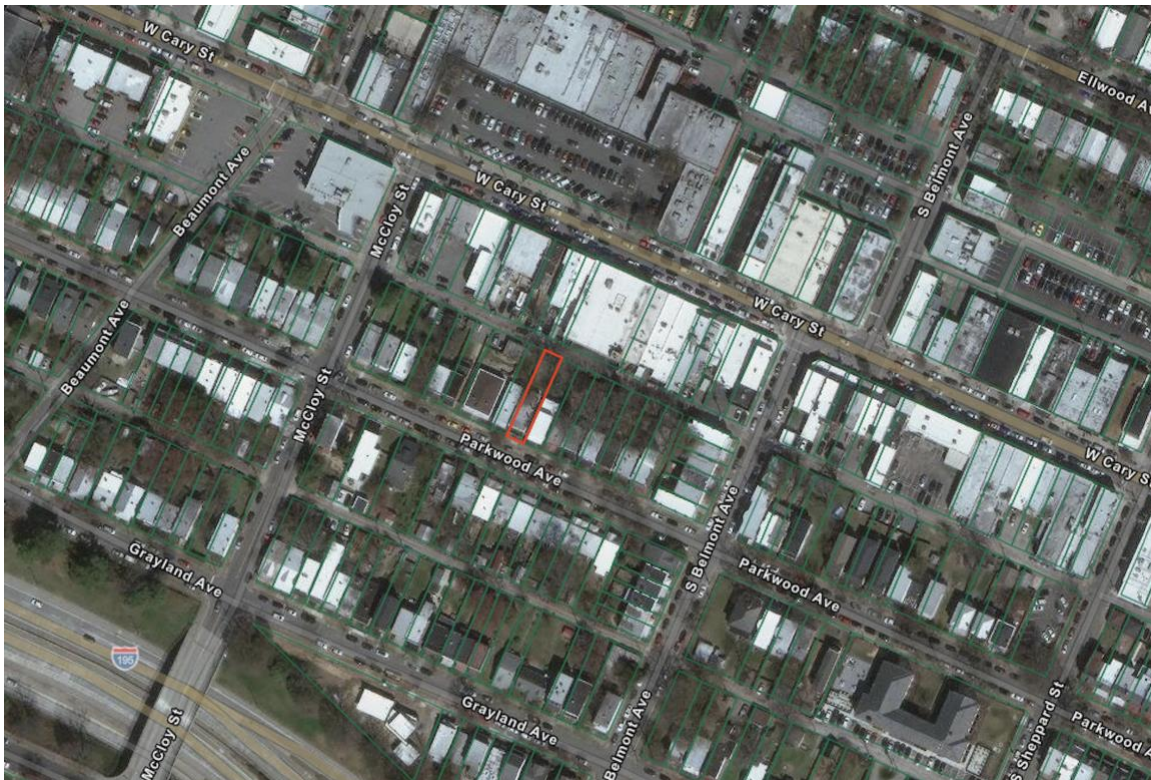
Introduction

The property owner is requesting a special use permit (the "SUP") for 3122 Parkwood Avenue (the "Property"). The SUP would authorize the construction of one two-family detached dwelling on the currently unimproved Property. The two-family use is not permitted by the underlying R-5 Single-Family Residential zoning district, and therefore, a SUP is required.

Existing Conditions

SITE DESCRIPTION AND EXISTING LAND USE

The Property is located on the north side of Parkwood Avenue between S Belmont Avenue and McCloy Street. The Property is referenced by the City Assessor as tax parcel W000-1404/036. The Property is 25' wide by 120' in depth and contains approximately 3,000 square feet of lot area. The Property was previously improved with a single-family dwelling which was removed in 2019. Access is provided at the rear 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. Single- and two-family detached dwellings are the most common uses found in the area. The abutting property to the west is developed with a single-family dwelling while the property to

the east is occupied by a two-family dwelling. A wide range of commercial uses can be found immediately to the north across the alley in the Carytown commercial corridor.

EXISTING ZONING

The Property and those to the east, south, and west are zoned R-5. Properties to the north, along Cary Street are zoned UB Urban Business. Further east, beyond S Sheppard Street lies a R-6 Single- and two-family Residential district.

MASTER PLAN DESIGNATION

The Richmond 300 Master Plan (the “Master Plan”) suggests “Neighborhood Mixed-Use” for the Property. The Master Plan describes this land use designation as “existing or new highly-walkable urban neighborhoods that are predominantly residential with a small, but critical, percentage of parcels providing retail, office, personal service, and institutional uses.” Recommended development styles are described as featuring “a variety of building types that are close to one another and create a unified street wall. The building size, density, and zoning districts for these areas vary depending on historical densities and neighborhood characteristics. Single-family, two-family, and small multi-family buildings are contemplated as the primary uses in these areas.”

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:

- 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.

There is also supporting guidance offered in the Inclusive Housing, Thriving Environment, and Equitable Transportation chapters, such as the below objectives:

- Allow the development of middle housing...within a half-mile of high-frequency transit stops (Inclusive Housing).
- Increase the number of Richmonders living in a development pattern that encourages density and reduces dependency on single-occupancy vehicles. (Thriving Environment).

Proposal

PROJECT SUMMARY

The applicant is proposing to construct a new two-family detached dwelling on the Property.

PURPOSE OF REQUEST

The Property consists of a single lot of the original Park Place Subdivision resulting in its width of 25'. The Property is comparable to or larger than, both in width and lot area, many other lots within the block. While the two-family use is commonly found in the area, including several instances on the same block as the subject Property, it is not permitted by the underlying zoning 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 than might otherwise be guaranteed with a by right development.

PROJECT DETAILS

The new two-family detached dwelling would be two stories in height and is intended to be consistent with the historic development pattern found throughout the neighborhood. The units would be configured as flats and each would contain three bedrooms and two bathrooms, totaling approximately 1,231 square feet of floor area. The exterior design would be traditional in style and would be consistent with the character of the area. The building would be designed with a single entrance to have the appearance of a single-family detached dwelling from the street.

The new dwelling would be clad in quality building materials including cementitious lap siding in order to ensure durability. A full-width front porch and two full-width covered rear porches would engage the street and provides usable outdoor living space. The building'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 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 building is 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 two-family detached dwelling. The building has 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 type in the vicinity.

The proposed development would help encourage a pedestrian friendly traditional streetscape in the block and contribute to the vibrancy of the block through the addition of street life in the form of a street-oriented full width front porch along Parkwood Avenue. The traditional building form 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.