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# Development Flex Rezone & Conditional Use Permit Application Project Narrative for BeeHive Blaine

**Location:** Outlot A, Ball Road Addition

Anoka County, MN

**Applicant:** BeeHive Homes of Blaine, MN

<u>Architect:</u> ALT Architecture, Inc.

<u>Civil Engineer:</u> Sambatek, Inc.

**Proposal:** BeeHive Homes is proposing to construct a single-story, 14,235 SF assisted living facility for

the supervised care of 24 residents. The project is an Institutional I-2, Class B3 - Supervised Living Facility, per the Minnesota State Building Code. The facility operates as a residential

home and provides individual care for a small number of residents.

The property is currently within the PBD: Planned Business District zoning district. The applicant will undergo a rezone of this property to DF: Development Flex zoning district.

The current use is vacant land.

The proposed use will be assisted living.

The request is for a rezone to DF: Development Flex and Conditional Use Permit to establish

district standards.

<u>Site Access:</u> The project proposes to add an access point near the southeast corner of the property,

approximately 100 feet from the roundabout at Ball Road. The access will be directly across

from the existing access to the Goodwill property.

<u>Parking:</u> The facility provides 24HR custodial care for memory-care residents. Due to the nature of care

for this population, residents will not have a vehicle on-property but may have a family

member visiting periodically; 1 parking spot per resident room is provided. Staffing for a facility of this size is limited to 5 to 8 employees during the day with 2 to 3 employees overnight. The application requests a total of 30 parking spots calculated for the maximum number of vehicles

located on the property.

# **Operations:**

The assisted living facility is a 24HR custodial care facility for memory-care residents. Residents are provided with meals, housing and limited recreation located within a secure fence adjacent to facility. Visitation hours are limited from 7am to 8pm, daily. Daytime shifts require 5 to 8 employees while the evening shift requires 2 to 3 employees. There are 24 resident rooms onsite. The facility operates as a residential home with limited services to the site; no semi-trucks or delivery vehicles require access to the site. Deliveries are limited to the hours of operation. Entire facility is secure with delayed egress for the protection of residents unable to self-preserve in emergency situations.

# **Landscaping & Screening:**

Landscape requirements will be met. A variety of coniferous, deciduous, and ornamental trees will be provided throughout the site. Trees will be a hardy mix of native of non-native species.

<u>Lighting:</u> Lighting will be LED on poles with concrete bases. Lighting will be in conformance with City

Code and located/shielded to avoid overlap to adjacent properties.

<u>Signage:</u> One monument sign is being requested to the north of the proposed access point as indicated

in the plans.

# **Development Flex Standards:**

The Development Flex zoning distract has no fixed standards. All standards shall be established in the conditional use permit. In determining appropriate standards, the regulations will be reviewed against the PBD: Planned Business District standards.

		PBD Standards	Requested DF Standards
	Front Yard (along Ball Road)	Fifty (50) feet	Complies
Building Setbacks	Front Yard (along private drive)	Fifty (50) feet	Complies
	Side Yard (north)	Fifteen (15) feet	Complies
	Side Yard (west)	Fifteen (15) feet	Complies
	Front Yard (along Ball Road)	Thirty (30) feet	Complies
Parking Setbacks	Front Yard (along private drive)	Thirty (30) feet	Fifteen (15) feet
	Side Yard (north)	Fifteen (15) feet	Complies
	Side Yard (west)	Fifteen (15) feet	Complies
Building Size (minimum)		Five thousand (5,000) square feet	Complies
Minimum Parking	Requirements	N/A	One (1) per residential unit
Open S	pace	The minimum area of permeable surface shall be thirty percent (30%) of the total project area.	Complies
Heig	ht	No height limitation	Complies

# Requested Modifications From PBD Standards to DF Standards:

Generally, performance standards for this project comply with the PBD standards. Two modifications are requested, however.

# Parking Setbacks along the private drive:

PBD standards require a 30-foot parking setback along the front yard. This project has been identified by the City as having two front yards. One along Ball Road and one along the private drive. The project is proposing to construct 22 parking stalls along the private drive. It is requested that this parking setback be reduced to 15-feet to allow for construction of these stalls. This will allow for the site to minimize disturbance. Additionally, the 15-foot parking setback along this property line will match surrounding developments that share parking along this private drive.

### Minimum Parking Requirements:

Parking requirements for an Assisted Living use are not explicitly identified within the zoning code, rather would defer to the required parking for the most similar use. In this case, the project is proposing a minimum parking requirement of 1 stall per unit. Due to the assisted living use, the parking spaces will be primarily used by employees and visitors since the residents typically do not own or operate vehicles.

#### <u>Development Flex Rezone & Conditional Use Permit Review Criteria:</u>

That the proposal shall provide for a wider range of housing types, price ranges and styles than could be accomplished under the existing zoning.

The current zoning district, PBD: Planned Business Development does not allow assisted living uses, nor does it allow for any type of senior housing. The PBD district does allow for multifamily residential, however. Rezone to DF: Development Flex will allow for the assisted living use.

That the proposal shall provide amenities and facilities and open spaces greater than the minimum requirements under existing zoning.

The existing zoning, PBD: Planned Business District has a minimum open space standard of 30%. The project is proposing to have open space totaling 74%.

That the proposed development is compatible with the purposes and intents of this ordinance and with the comprehensive plan.

The property is designated as PI/PC: Planned Industrial/Planned Commercial in the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. This land use would allow an assisted living use.

That the proposal shall in no way be detrimental to the environment. Scenic aspects and natural features, such as streams, trees, topography, and geological features, shall be protected and preserved to the greatest extent possible.

The project will preserve existing, natural features to the greatest extent possible. There are wetlands within the site that will be avoided, and tree removal is being limited to what is necessary for construction of the building and site amenities.

That the proposal shall not impose any undue burden upon the public services and facilities, such as fire and police protection, schools, streets, water systems, sanitary sewer systems, and storm sewer systems.

There are existing utilities in the area which are adequate to serve the proposed development. Sanitary sewer, storm sewer, water, electric, and gas are existing and available in the perimeter streets of Ball Road, or within the site already. The proposed development will connect to these utilities.

That the proposed development is designed in such a manner to form a desirable and unified environment within its own boundaries, and also which will not be detrimental to future land uses in the surrounding areas.

The project is intended to be cohesive with the existing natural landscape. Proposed overstory trees will help blend the site and back to the existing landscape and screening on the south side of the property will provide a visual barrier from the residential zoning district to the south.

That the proposal be consistent with all other applicable City and State regulations. The project will meet all applicable City Code and State requirements.

We respectfully request City support for the enclosed application by BeeHive Homes of Blaine, MN for Rezone and Conditional Use Permit for the proposed BeeHive Blaine project. We look forward to reviewing this application with the City in the weeks ahead.

Sincerely,

Brian Frank, PE Sambatek, Inc.

#### BeeHive Blaine Neighborhood Meeting Summary

#### 12/9/21

A neighborhood meeting was held on December 8, 2021 at 6:30 PM to allow for neighbors surrounding the project to discuss with the developer. There was one registration for the meeting. The applicant and consultant waited for one hour for the registrant to join the meeting, but the registrant did not join. The meeting was ended after one hour.

The consultant followed up with the registrant and let them know that if they had any questions, they could call the applicant. The registrant made note that they thought the meeting was on Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. Upon review of the notification letter, the date was incorrectly reported. The applicant and consultant are making arrangements to meet with the registrant to review the project and answer any questions they may have.

Additionally, prior to the meeting, the applicant received one phone call from a separate individual who was curious about the project. The individual was excited to hear about the proposed project and appreciated the applicants time to discuss.

#### Update 12/14/21

The applicant and consultant met with the registrant at 6:30 PM on December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021. There were several questions asked regarding the site, schedule, and overall business.

There was a question on how the project will fit within the nature preserve in the area. It was noted that wetland impacts are being avoided with this project, but there are significant impacts to trees onsite to allow for the building, parking lot and stormwater management. It was also noted that the project is fulfilling tree replacement requirements and the applicant noted that there is a desire to plant additional trees.

Another question related to schedule of the project. The applicant provided an overview of the current construction schedule and anticipated opening date.

There was one concern raised regarding traffic. It was noted that folks driving to Walmart tend to drive fast down this street and wondering if traffic calming could be introduced on the street. The concern was general in nature and more so with concern of safety for vehicles entering and exiting the project. There was not an identified concern on increased traffic resulting from this project. The applicant did give an overview of operations with regard to when vehicles would be anticipated to be coming or going from this site due to shift changes.

Lastly, there was a general question on the BeeHive brand. The applicant provided an overview of who BeeHive is, their locations, and their mission.