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Arris II Apartments Blaine, MN March 12, 2021

Introduction

Site and History

The Arris II Apartments will bring a new housing development to approximately 2 acres of land. The property consists of 2 separate one acre parcel, which will be combined, and is located at 9440 & 9460 Ulysses Street NE, adjacent to The Berkshire and Northern Tool.

The site was originally designed for additional commercial development. However, after marketing the site for years, no viable options or users were willing to commit to the site. In 2020, a concept plan was brought forward and was received well by City Staff and City Council and the process to re-guide the use of this property began.



RENDERING OF ARRIS II APARTMENTS

Proposed Development

The proposal for this property is to create a new, three story apartment building, with underground parking. The proposed unit count would be 64 units. The current plan has 119 parking stalls, with 57 underground stalls and 62 surface stalls.

The building will be designed to include a mix of studio/alcove, 1-bedroom, 2-bedroom and 3-bedroom units. Amenities within the building will include those typically found in current developments in nearby communities and the adjacent building. These would include a community/party room, exercise/yoga room, mail/package room, management/leasing office and exterior dog run.

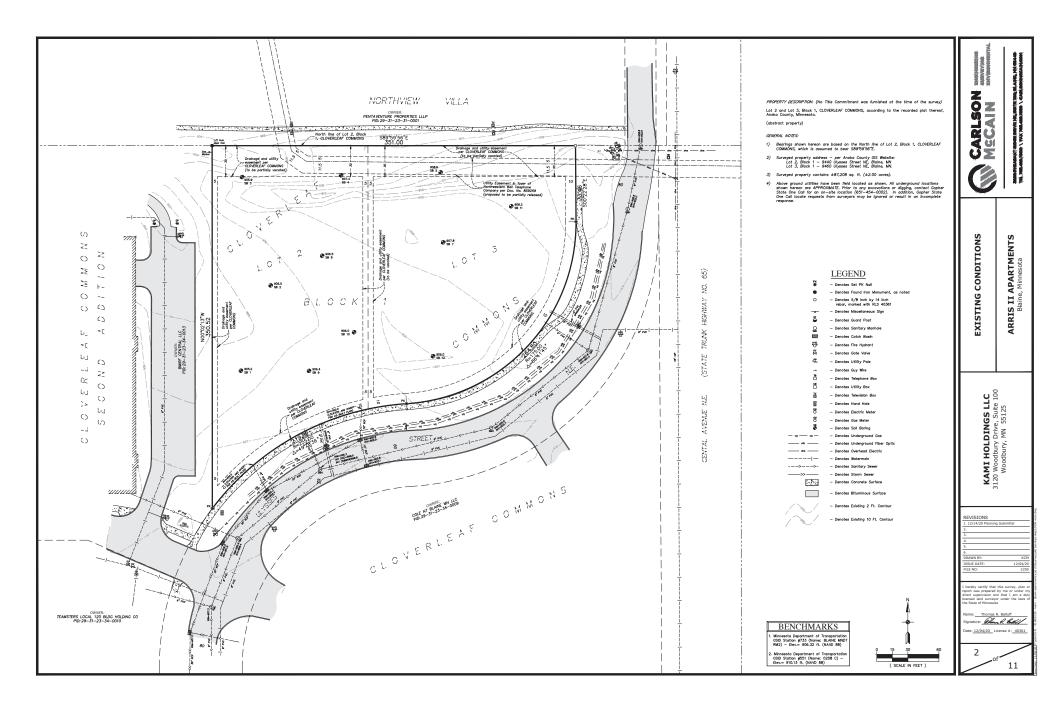
A market study has been completed showing the need for added market rate housing in the immediate area and provided guidance on unit mix, size and rental rates.

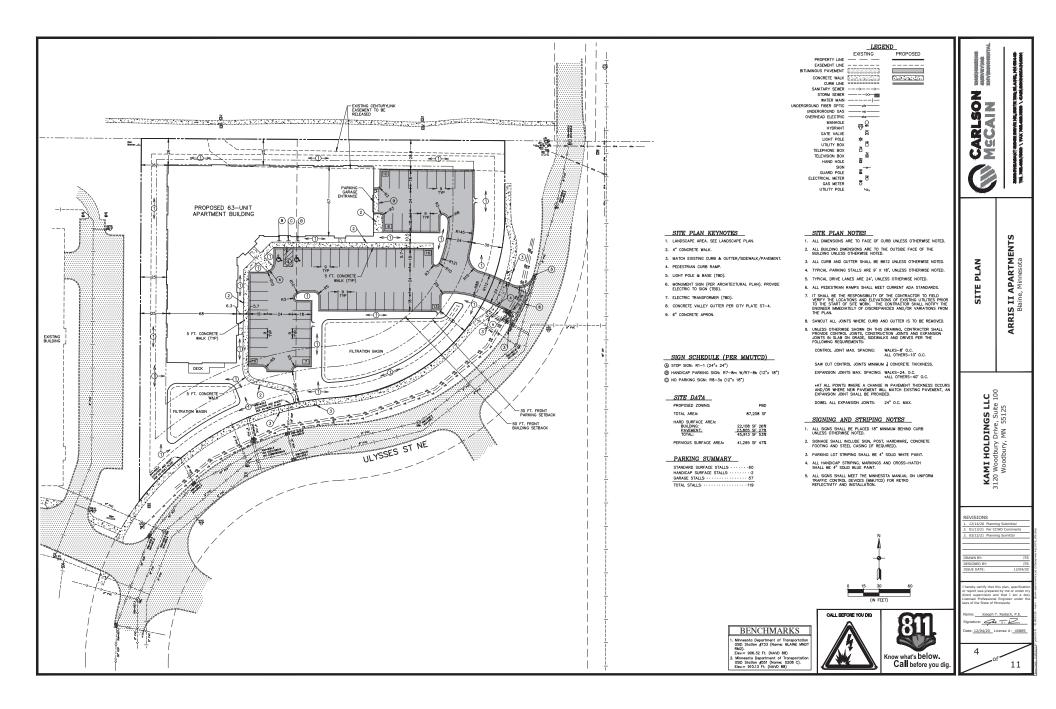
The building design includes the use of masonry (stone/brick), siding (cement board or other similar product), glass and balconies. Color and final exterior design was selected to blend with the adjacent Berkshire. Final details will be added as the project moves toward permitting for construction. Building is designed with 3 stories of residential units above a covered parking garage area. As was done with The Berkshire, the covered parking will mostly be at grade due to the higher water table in the area. The height of the building at the parapet is 45.5 feet with areas for the architectural features extending another 4-6 feet.

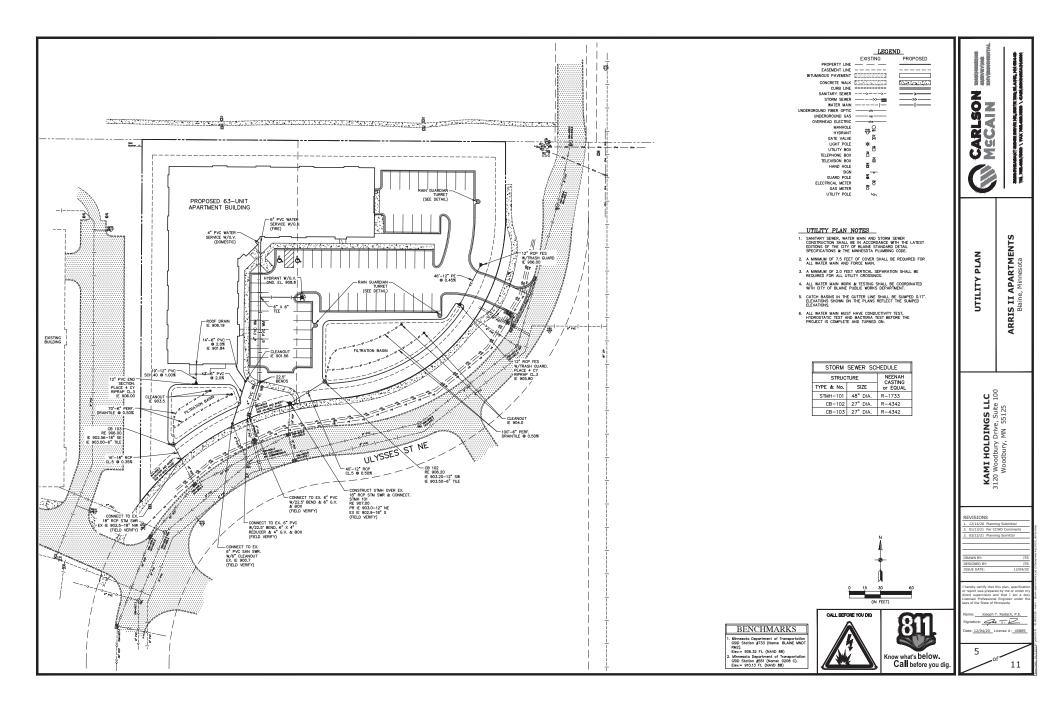
Site work includes the addition of new plantings, trees, turf and sidewalks. Appropriate buffers are accounted for for the property to the north. The properties to the south and west are part of the overall development and this design is incorporated into the overall plan for access and continuity of movement and design.

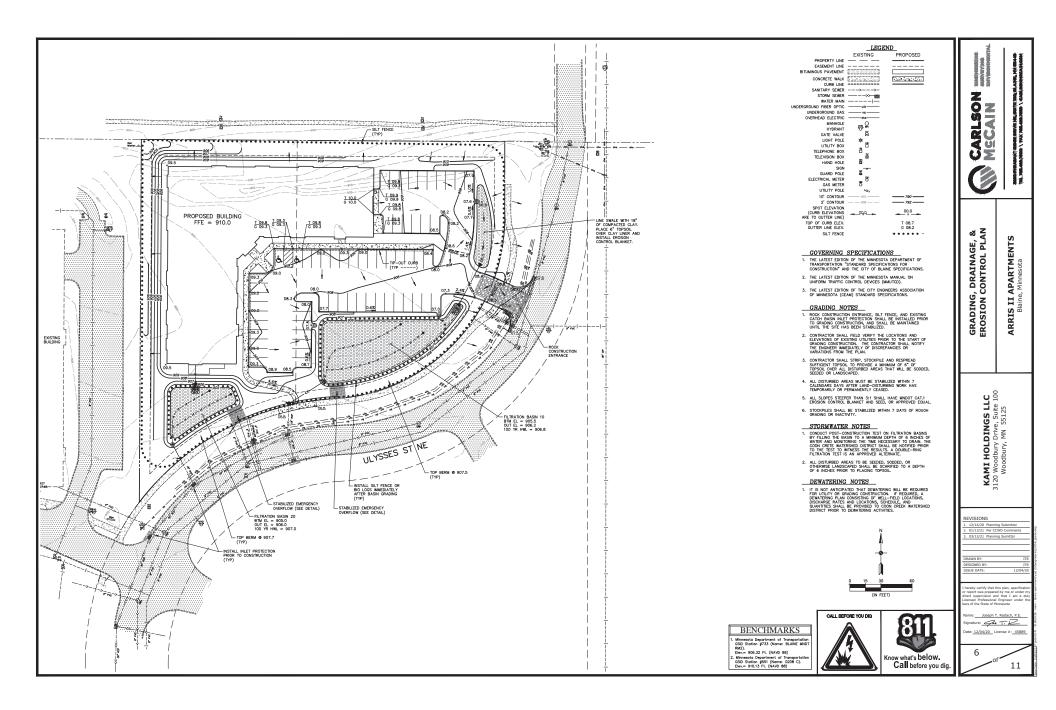
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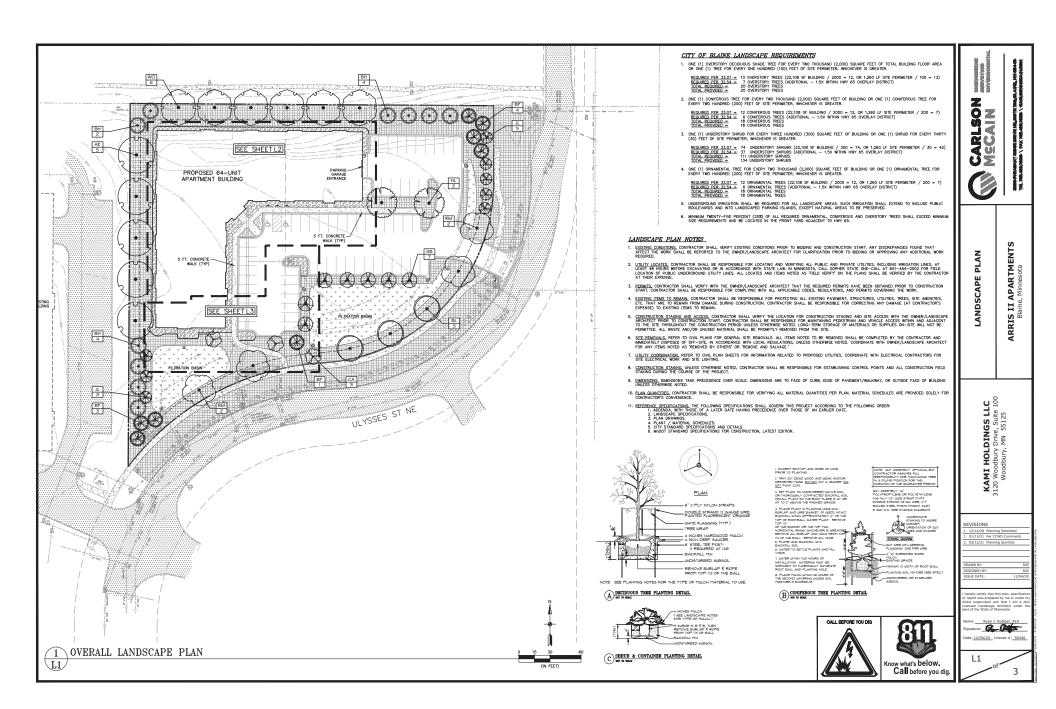
Given the current status of the site, the first request is for a Land Use Amendment to change the permitted use to High Density Residential from the current commercial designation. In addition, there is also a request for a Conditional Use Permit for the proposed building, use and development. Although there are two lots today, there is no new platting, but rather a merger of lots will be processed through the City and County to make this a single lot. Last, as part of the lot merger, the interior easements along the interior lot line (which will be removed with the merger) will be vacated. The overall lot perimeter easement areas will remain for the benefit of the City.

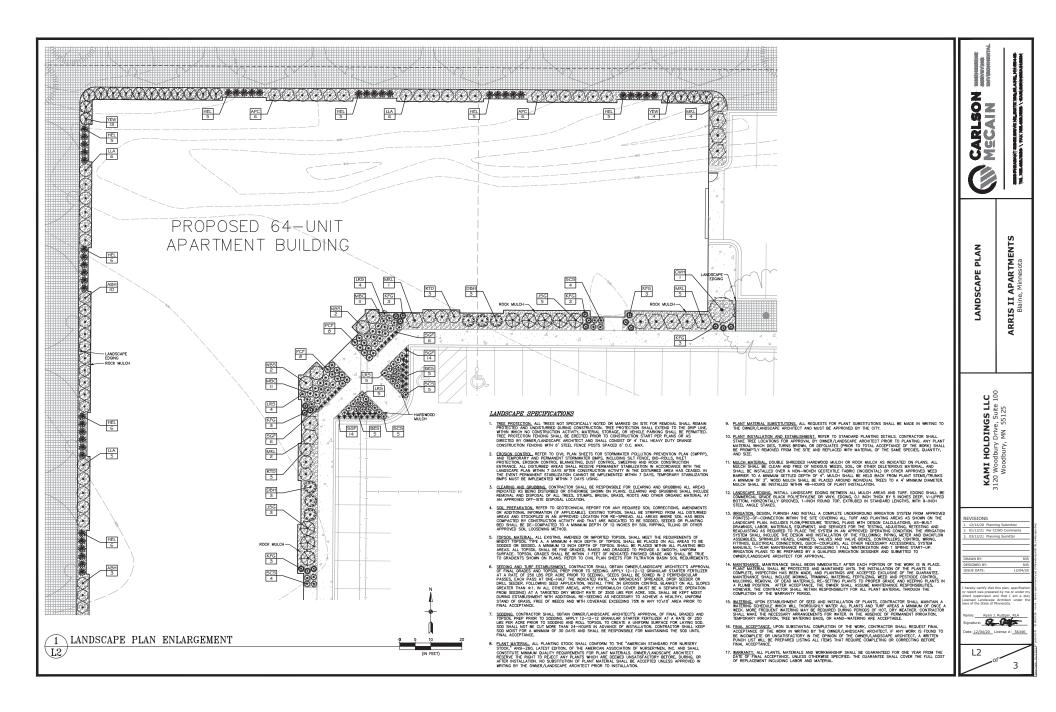






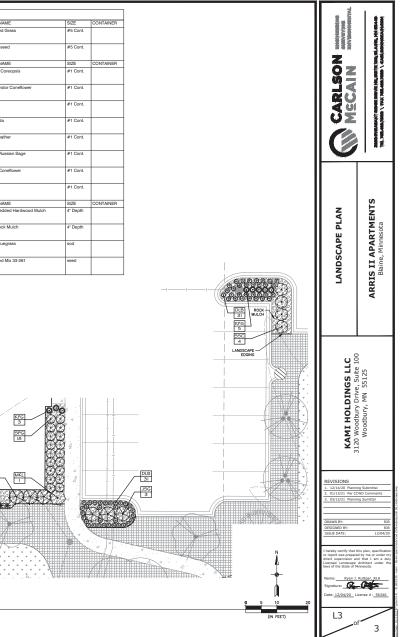


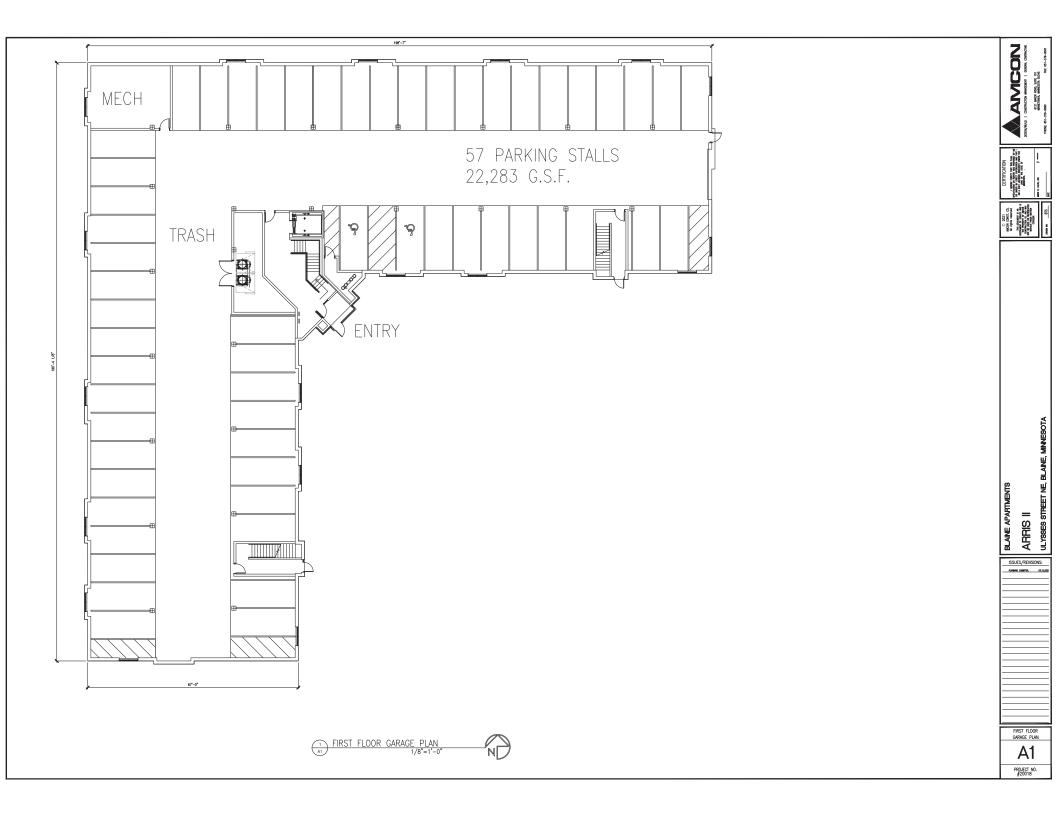


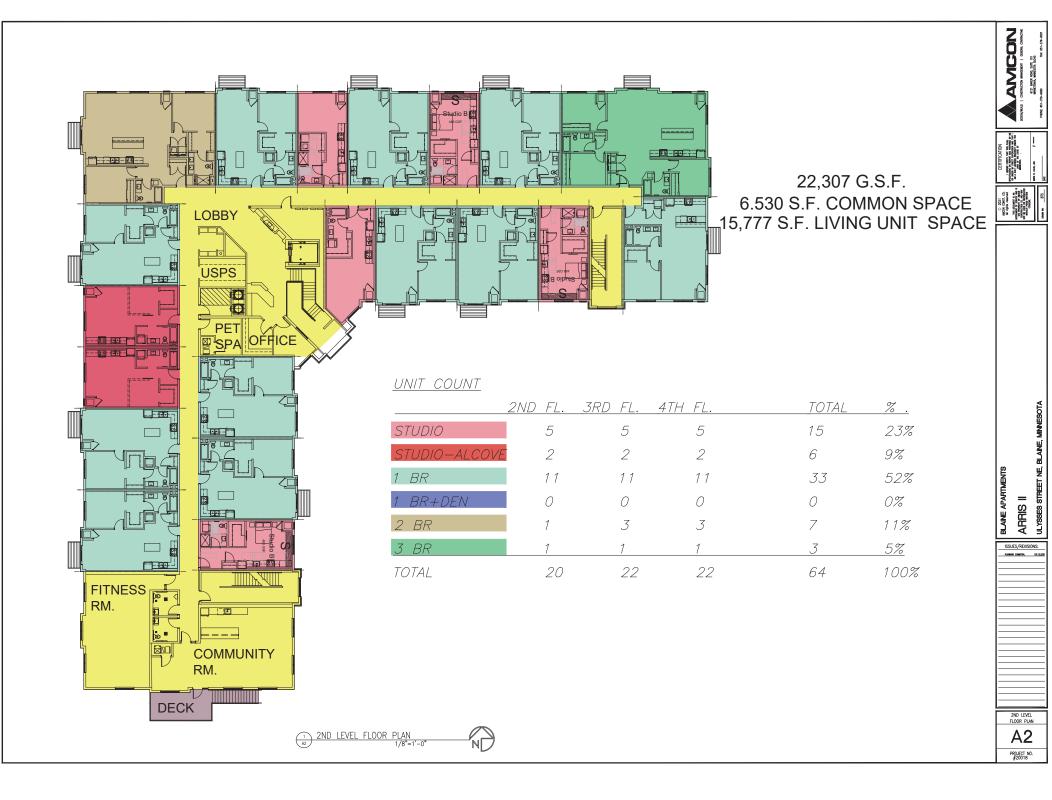


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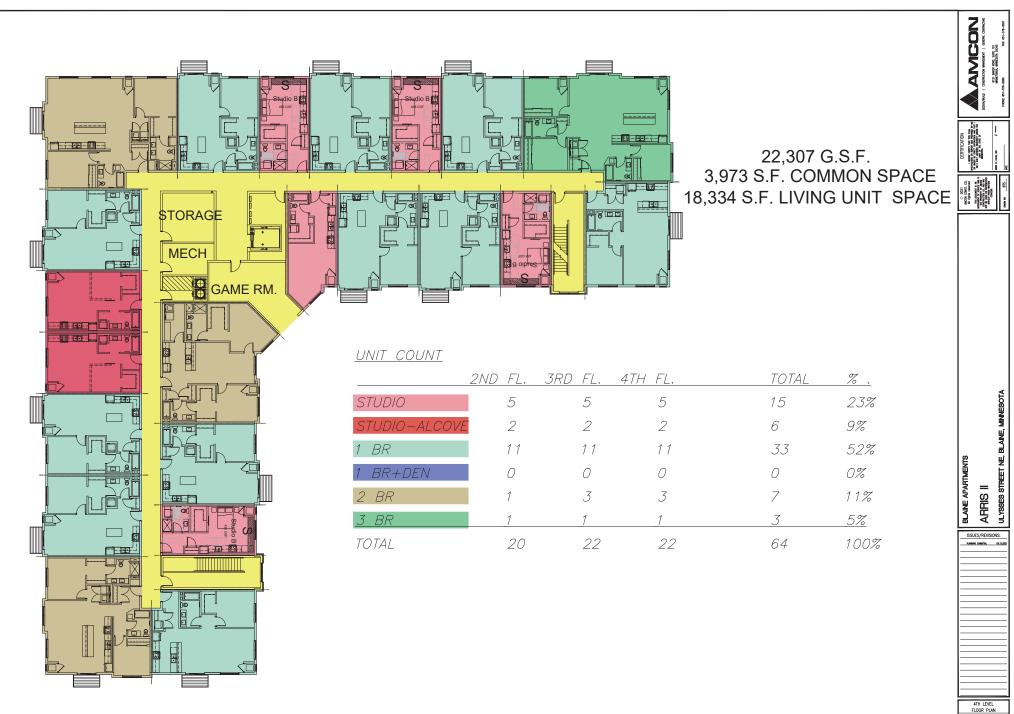








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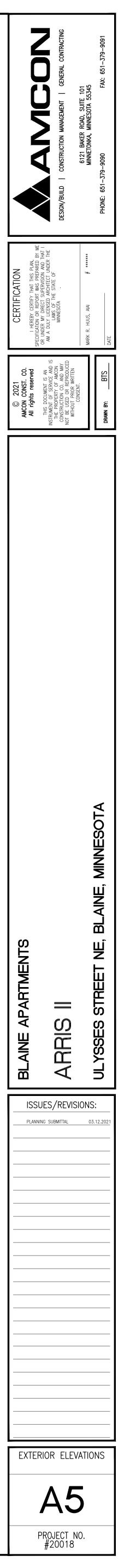
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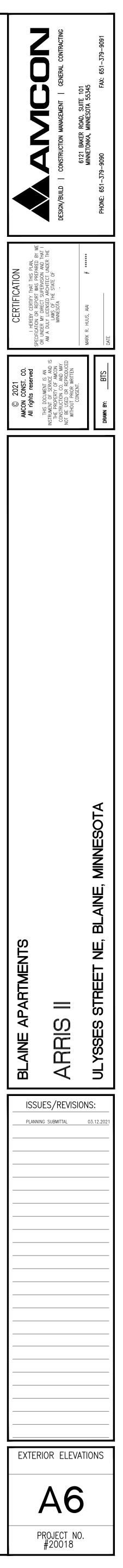
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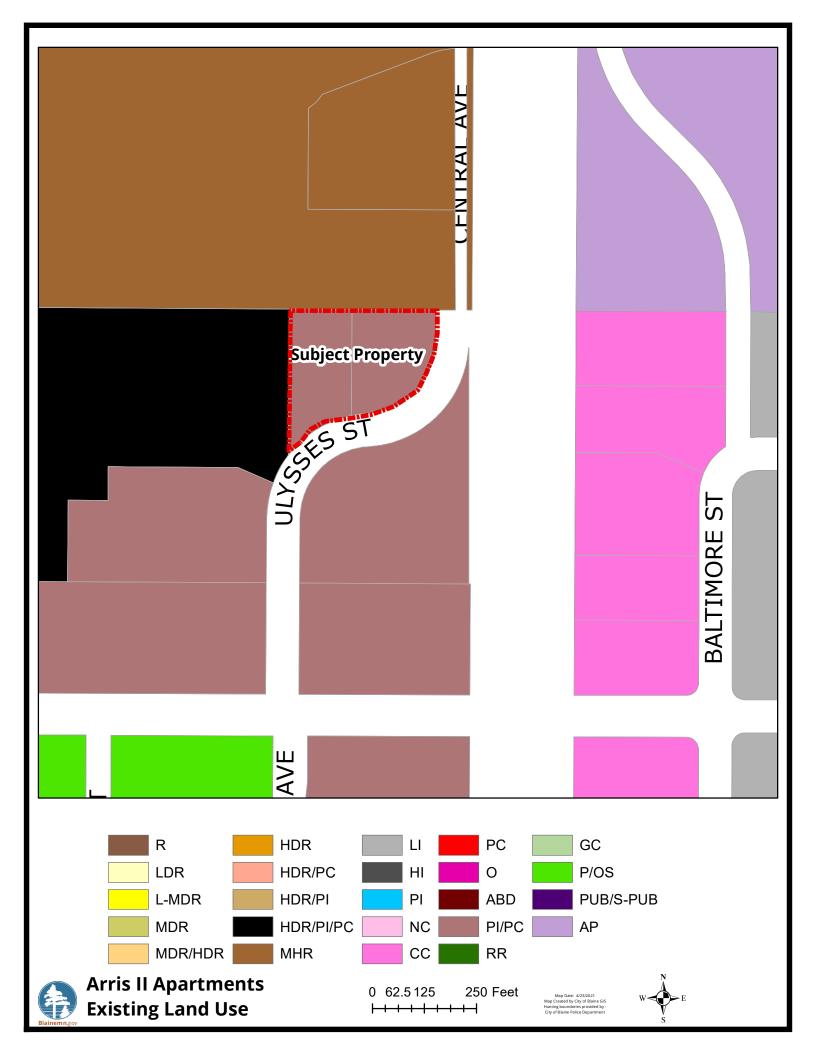
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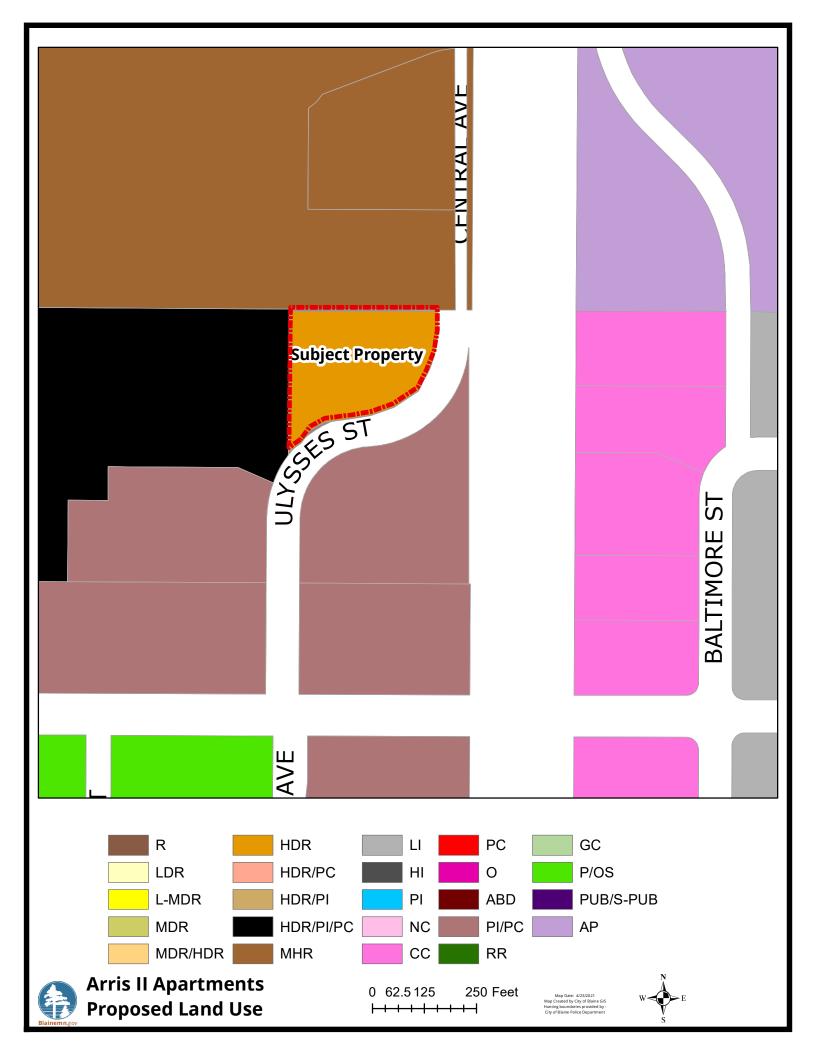












MEMO TO:	Elizabeth Showalter
RE:	Blaine Arris II Apartments Neighborhood Meeting
DATE:	June 6, 2021 6-7 p.m.
From	Paul Tucci

On Tuesday April 6th, a Neighborhood Meeting was held for the residents in the area of the proposed Arriss II Apartments on Ulysses Avenue in Blaine. There were two participants at the meeting, Mark Ouellette and Carl Greig for the meeting.

The following were issues that they brought up:

- Traffic concern, especially with the location of the access point. They thought at that point on the curve it would be difficult to make the movements in and out. I explained that the original proposed site plan had two access points but City engineering staff required access as it is shown based on the arc of the road and the location of the access. We will have the sight lines open so residents leaving the facility can have good vision to any oncoming traffic.
- Mr. Greig brought up that there would be some sunlight blocking by this building. He lives adjacent to the north. I explained we are about 10-12 feet shorter then the Berkshire and that did not seem to be a concern of the neighbors when that was proposed.
- Mr. Greig expressed concern about damage to his unit due to vibration of work. Said his unit sits
 on blocks and was worried those would be damaged by the work. Not sure ho to address this.
 The site is relatively flat and there will not be any piling or other extraordinary work to cause
 high levels of vibration.

The meeting lasted about 30 minutes. The notice letter provided a number to contact ownership with questions.

Showalter, Elizabeth

From: Sent: To: Subject: Mark Ouellette <ouellettem01@gmail.com> Monday, April 12, 2021 6:58 PM Showalter, Elizabeth Arris II questions

I really have two concerns

1. When they do the ground work I know there will be a lot of vibration. I was house bound when they did the Berschier building. That was further away then the 45 feet for this project. My concern is my home is on blocks and I'm worried that they may crumble due to the vibrations. I did ask this on the zoom meeting with the developer. I suggested that I could get someone to check prior to the work and then again after. The person running the call said he would not accept that and would need his own inspector. I'm not sure what I need to do for this, but it is a big concern

2. The access is on a blind curve. I asked if there was a traffic study done, the person running the meeting did not know. Our access is just north and we have had close calls turning north with cars coming from the south around the curve. I heard that the city requested that access. These apartments I'm sure will have families. School busses will have a hard time exiting with the current access.

Thanks Mark Ouellette 1336 95th av Blaine, MN 763.486.8970