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DATE: January 27, 2023

STAFF REPORT

TO: Helena Board of Adjustment

FROM: Michael Alvarez, City Planner II

SUBJECT:

Consideration of:

- 1. A variance from Section 11-23-10 to increase the number of allowable freestanding signs from 1 to 2;
- 2. A variance from Section 11-23-10 to increase the allowable height of a freestanding sign from 34' to 45' for the northern freestanding sign;
- 3. A variance from Section 11-23-10 to increase the allowable area of a freestanding sign from 150sf to 192sf for the southern freestanding sign;
- 4. A variance from Section 11-23-10 to increase the allowable height of a freestanding sign from 34' to 37' for the southern freestanding sign;

for a property with a legal description of Lots 2 and 3 of Block 1 on COS #3100615 of the Nob Hill Subdivision, City of Helena, Lewis and Clark County, Montana.

This property is located at 3196 Colonial Dr.

The reason for the variance is to allow for wayfinding from the interstate.

OVERVIEW

GENERAL INFORMATION

DATE OF APPLICATION: Application received December 14, 2022

PUBLIC HEARING DATE: Board of Adjustment - 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 07, 2023

PROPERTY OWNER (Lot 1): PTNH LLC

MAILING ADDRESS: 7 Clover View Dr. Helena, MT 59601-0252 CONTACT NUMBER:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

PROPERTY OWNER (Lot 2): PEC DESIGN-BUILD CORPORATION MAILING ADDRESS: 3400 CENTENNIAL DR. HELENA, MT 59601 CONTACT NUMBER: EMAIL ADDRESS:

REPRESENTATIVE:	Melanie Ruff
MAILING ADDRESS:	185 S State St, Ste 800, Salt Lake City, UT 84111
CONTACT NUMBER:	(385)343-4137
EMAIL ADDRESS:	melanie.ruff@maverik.com

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 2885 N Sanders St, Helena, MT 59601

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot 8A on COS #3395855 of the Custer Landing Major Subdivision, City of Helena, Lewis and Clark County, Montana.

GENERAL LOCATION: This property is generally located on the east side of N Sanders St. Sportsman's Warehouse is across the street to the west and Winco is to its east.

PRESENT LAND USE: vacant land.

ADJACENT LAND USE AND ZONING:

North: undeveloped, Hwy I-15, B-2 zoning South: Senior Living Facility, multiple dwelling-unit, B-2 zoning East: undeveloped, Hwy I-15, B-2 zoning West: Commercial (various), B-2 zoning, (farther west single dwelling-unit neighborhood, R-2 zoning),

PRESENT ZONING: B-2

VARIANCE PROPOSALS:

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HISTORY OF APPLICABLE PERMITTING ACTION:

• Vacant land

ZONING EVALUATION for the property legally addressed as 3196 Colonial Dr, Helena, MT, located in a B-2 zoning district.

ZONING REQUIREMENT	Applicable ZONING REGULATION	PRESENT CONDITION	PROPOSAL	VARIANCE REQUIRED
City Code: §11-23-10 B-2 A	One freestanding sign permitted	N/A	Two freestanding signs	Yes
§11-23-10 B-2 A	Height of a freestanding sign shall not exceed thirty four feet (34')	N/A	One freestanding sign to have a height of 45'	Yes
§11-23-10 B-2 A	Total area of a freestanding sign shall not exceed one hundred fifty (150) square feet	N/A	One freestanding sign to have an area of <192sf	Yes
§11-23-10 B-2 A	Height of a freestanding sign shall not exceed thirty four feet (34')	N/A	One freestanding sign to have a height of 37'	Yes

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT VARIANCE CRITERIA

Section 11-5-5 of the Helena Zoning Ordinance includes certain criteria that must be reviewed as part of the variance procedure.

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2. The variance will not significantly reduce or impair the peaceful use of existing property or improvements in the vicinity and the zoning district in which the subject property is located; and 3. Strict compliance with the provisions of this title would create unnecessary hardship or practical difficulty.

In evaluating the standards above, the board of adjustment may consider the following factors:

1. Special conditions and circumstances that are unique to the applicant's site, including the size of the property, unusual or extreme topography, or unusual shape of the property.

2. The height, location, or dimensions of existing structures located on the site or in the vicinity of the site.

3. Whether there is a prevalence of nonconformities in the vicinity of the site that are similar to the variance requested.

4. The subsequent imposition of zoning restrictions creating nonconforming lots or parcels, and governmental actions beyond the applicant's control.

5. Whether a literal interpretation of the provisions of this Title would deprive the property owner of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties similarly situated in the same district under the terms of this Title.

6. The extent to which the hardship or difficulty results from the actions of the applicant.

7. Whether granting the variance requested will confer an unreasonable special privilege to the subject property that is not available to other properties similarly located in the same zoning district.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

As of Friday, January 27, 2023, no public comments have been received for the variance.

City Attorney's Office:

It is the recommendation of the City Attorney's Office, that staff does not make a recommendation to approve or deny a variance.

CONCLUSION

Montana law states the Board of Adjustment has authority to consider "...upon appeal in specific cases such variance from the terms of the ordinance as will not be contrary to the public interest, where, owing to

special conditions, a literal enforcement of the provisions of the ordinance will result in unnecessary hardship and so that the spirit of the ordinance shall be observed and substantial justice done." (76-2-323 MCA)

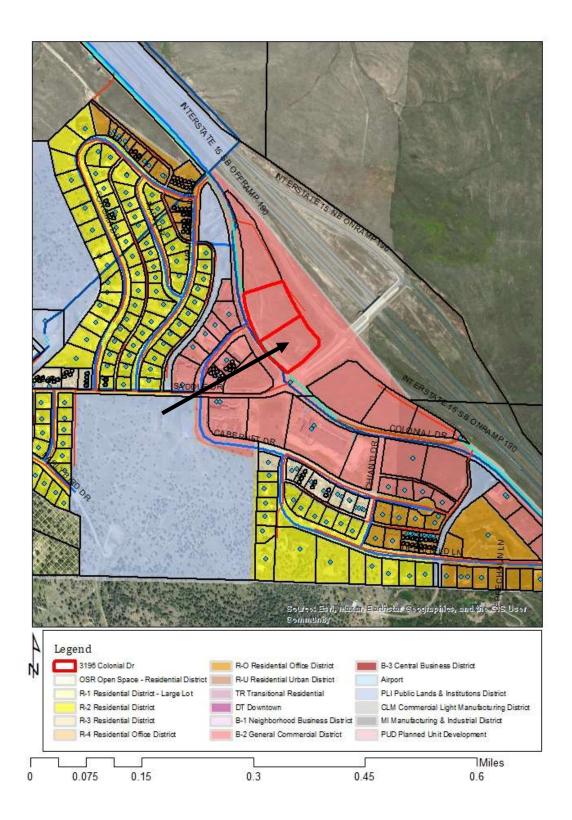
Motion:

Move to <u>Approve or Deny</u>

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If the Board of Adjustment approves the requested variance, the following condition is recommended:

<u>Sign Permit:</u> A sign permit must be obtained within one (1) year.





Kyle Holland, Planner II Community Development Department 316 North Park Avenue, Room 445 Helena, MT 59623

Phone: 406-447-8492 Fax: 406-447-8460 Email: <u>kholland@helenamt.gov</u>

Date: May 22, 2023

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Variances from district dimensional standards requirements are being proposed in your area. Please review the enclosed description, and vicinity map. You may respond to the proposal at the public hearing or submit written comments prior to the June 06, 2023 Board of Adjustments public hearing to the City Planning Division, 316 North Park, Helena MT 59623.

The Helena Board of Adjustments will hold a public hearing on the variance request on <u>Tuesday, June</u> <u>06, 2023</u> at <u>5:30 p. m. via Zoom at https://zoom.us/j/95139091644</u>, Meeting ID: 951 3909 1644. Dial in at (346) 248-7799 or find your local Zoom phone number by going to <u>https://zoom.us/u/abx78Gko9e.</u>

Interested parties are encouraged to attend this meeting. We may not be able to reach all who may be interested in this application, and we encourage you to talk to your neighbors about this proposal.

PROPOSAL:

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This was a previously tabled item from the February 07, 2023 meeting. A variance to increase the square footage of the sign to 192 square feet was approved at that time.

ADDRESS:

This property is located at 3196 Colonial Dr.

GENERALLY LOCATED:

This property is generally located on the north corner of Saddle Dr and Colonial Dr.

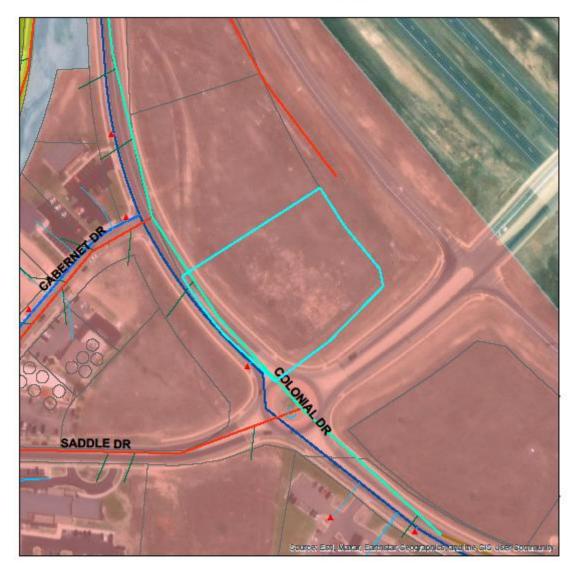
If you have questions concerning the proposed change, please contact the City Planning Division of the Community Development Department at 447-8459.

Sincerely,

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Kyle Holland, Planner II Community Development Department City-County Building 316 N. Park Ave, Rm 403 Helena, MT 59601

3196 Colonial Dr





Legend

R-2 Residential District B-2 General Commercial District PLI Public Lands & Institutions District

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BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT VARIANCE APPLICATION

Community Development Department, Planning Division 316 North Park Avenue, Room 445, Helena, MT 59623 406-447-8490; **citycommunitydevelopment@helenamt.gov** Date received:

APPLICATION FEE: \$125.00 (PAYABLE TO THE CITY OF HELENA) ALL FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

PROPERTY	OWNER: Primary Contact? 🗆		
Name:	See attached	Primary Number:	
Address:	See attached	Other Phone:	
Email:			
APPLICANT	(If different from property owner): Prin	nary Contact? 🗹	
Name:	Melanie Ruff	Primary Number:	385-343-4137
Address:	185 S State Street, Ste 800, SLC, UT	Other Phone:	
Email:	melanie.ruff@maverik.com	Company:	Maverik Inc.
AUTHORIZE	DREPRESENTATIVE: Primary Contact?	°□	
Name:		Primary Number:	
Address:		Other Phone:	
Email:		Company:	

Section A: PLEASE PROVIDE THE INFORMATION REQUESTED BELOW.

Address of Property	3134, 3196 Colonial Drive	e, Helena, MT 59601	1	
	Address	City	State	Zip Code
Legal Description (BI Lots 2& 3, COS	ock & Lots, Subdivision, C #3100615	OS#) NOB Hill Subd	livision, S 34, T10 N, R0)3 W, Block 1
Geocode	8"N, 111°58'37.28"W			
The most recent dee	d for impacted property			
Lot or Parcel Size (so	quare feet) <u>197,326.8 SF</u>			
Current and propose	d use of structure or prop	erty: <u>Vacant</u> ; Propo	sed Fuel and Convenie	nce Store
Current Zoning Distri	ct B-2 General Commerc	ial District		
Are there other relate	ed Land Use Applications	being submitted: Ye	es 🗹 No 🗌	
Submit proof of curre	ent paid taxes			
	te plan and supporting da posed variance to the sta		site plan must clearly sh	ow the existing

Section B: INDICATE WHICH VARIANCE(S) IS (ARE) BEING REQUESTED AND THE EXTENT OF THE VARIANCE.

EXAMPLE: [X] Reduce Front Lot Line Setback: *From the required 10 feet to 3 feet.*

Please provide all the information requested in the Application. An incomplete application may delay the review of your request. Please note: "N/A" is not an acceptable answer alone and requires an explanation if used.

Dimensional Criteria:

	Reduce front lot line setback Front lot line setback #2 (con Reduce garage entrance set Reduce side lot line setback: Reduce rear lot line setback: Exceed building height limitation	ner lot): back:
<u>Lot</u>	<u>Coverage/Area Criteria</u> :	
	Lot coverage percentage: Front porch lot coverage per Lot area per dwelling unit:	centage:
Lan	dscaping Criteria:	
	Reduce or eliminate landsca Reduce or eliminate screenir	
<u>Parl</u>	king Criteria:	
	Exceed the maximum parkin Reduce the amount of requir Reduce or eliminate loading Reduce or eliminate required Reduce size of parking space	ed on-site parking spaces: berths: bicycle spaces:
<u>Sigr</u>	<u>n Criteria</u> :	
	Sign area (square footage): Sign height: Sign location: Number of signs:	45' tall pole sign

□ Other:

Section C: BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS VARIANCE REVIEW CRITERIA.

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These are the standards your application for variance will be judged on. Your answers in section D should speak to the review criteria.

It is the applicant's burden of proof to show that a variance should be granted. As part of your application, you are required to provide information for each of the following factors including all alternatives considered. Failure to provide adequate responses or requested documentation may result in a returned application.

Section D: EVALUATION FACTORS

1. Special conditions and circumstances that are unique to the applicant's site, including the size of the property, unusual or extreme topography, or unusual shape of the property.

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we added 11' feet of pole below the interstate level to meet our grade and to ensure the traffic has a

safe exit from the interstate. Please see the attached topography.

2. The height, location, or dimensions of existing structures located on the site or in the vicinity of the site.

Ex: How is the proposed variance compatible with the other structures located on the site or in the vicinity of the site? On the site plan you provide, please represent accurately and to scale the height, location, and dimensions of existing structures.

The existing site is vacant. Immediately adjacent to the proposed pole sign location is the interstate

offramp and a vacant parcel across from Saddie Drive.

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Is the need for a variance request a result of government action? For example, the front yard setbacks were increased after construction of the structure, thereby creating the non-conformity. Explain.

<u>No.</u>

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For example, would the denial of the variance deny the property owner the right to safe placement of a garage where garages are typical? If so, explain.

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6. The extent to which the hardship or difficulty results from the actions of the applicant. Explain the extent of the circumstances that are creating hardship or difficulty in compliance with the City Code and list alternatives and options considered by the applicant. Provide supporting documentation.

The proposed site is 11' below the grade of the interstate. See attached

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- Do you think a rebuttable presumption, as identified in City Code Section 11-5-5(E), should apply to your property, yes or no? For example, do you have an existing non-conforming structure that you wish to rebuild in the same location? If yes, show the original footprint of the building. Provide documentation that proves the existence of the prior nonconformity. Document that the nonconformity can be in compliance with building and fire codes. No.
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Signed:	Pat McCutcheon	dotloop verified 11/15/22 4:21 PM PST 76JO-XBNH-XOLX-G4SI	Date:	11/15/22
	Property Owner	Pat McCutcheon		
Applicant:	M	- RA	Date:	10/18/2022
	(If different from	Owner)		

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RECEIVED By April Sparks at 4:30 pm, Jan 17, 2023

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Legal Description (Block & Lots, Subdivision, COS#) NOB Hill Subdivision, S 34, 110 N, R03 W, Block 1 Lots 2& 3, COS #3100615

□ Geocode_46°34'26.28"N, 111°58'37.28"W

□ The most recent deed for impacted property

□ Lot or Parcel Size (square feet) ______

Current and proposed use of structure or property: ______Vacant ; Proposed Fuel and Convenience Store

Current Zoning District B-2 General Commercial District

	Are there other related	Land Use Applications	being submitted:	Yes 🗹 No 🗌
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□ Submit proof of current paid taxes

□ 1 copy of a scaled site plan and supporting data/documents. The site plan must clearly show the existing standard and the proposed variance to the standard.

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<u>Par</u>	king Criteria:	
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	Reduce the amount of require	ed on-site parking spaces:
	Reduce or eliminate loading b	erths:
	Reduce or eliminate required	bicycle spaces:
	Reduce size of parking space	:
<u>Sig</u>	n Criteria:	
\checkmark	Sign area (square footage): 1	91.9SF for the double faced pole sign
✓		45' tall pole sign ^{37'} tall double face pole sign

□ Sign location:

☑ Number of signs:

Total Signs on site: 10

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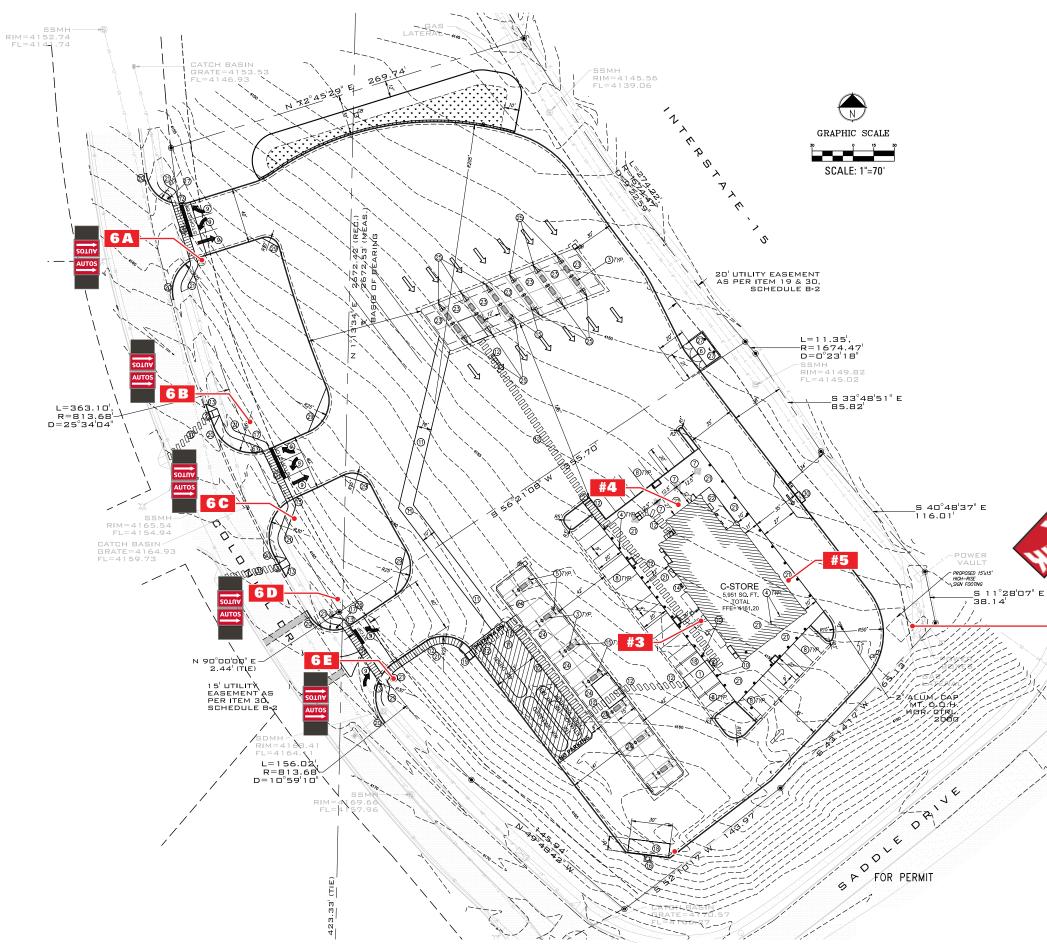
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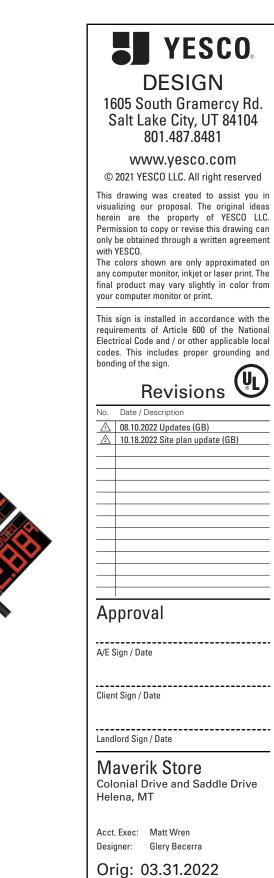
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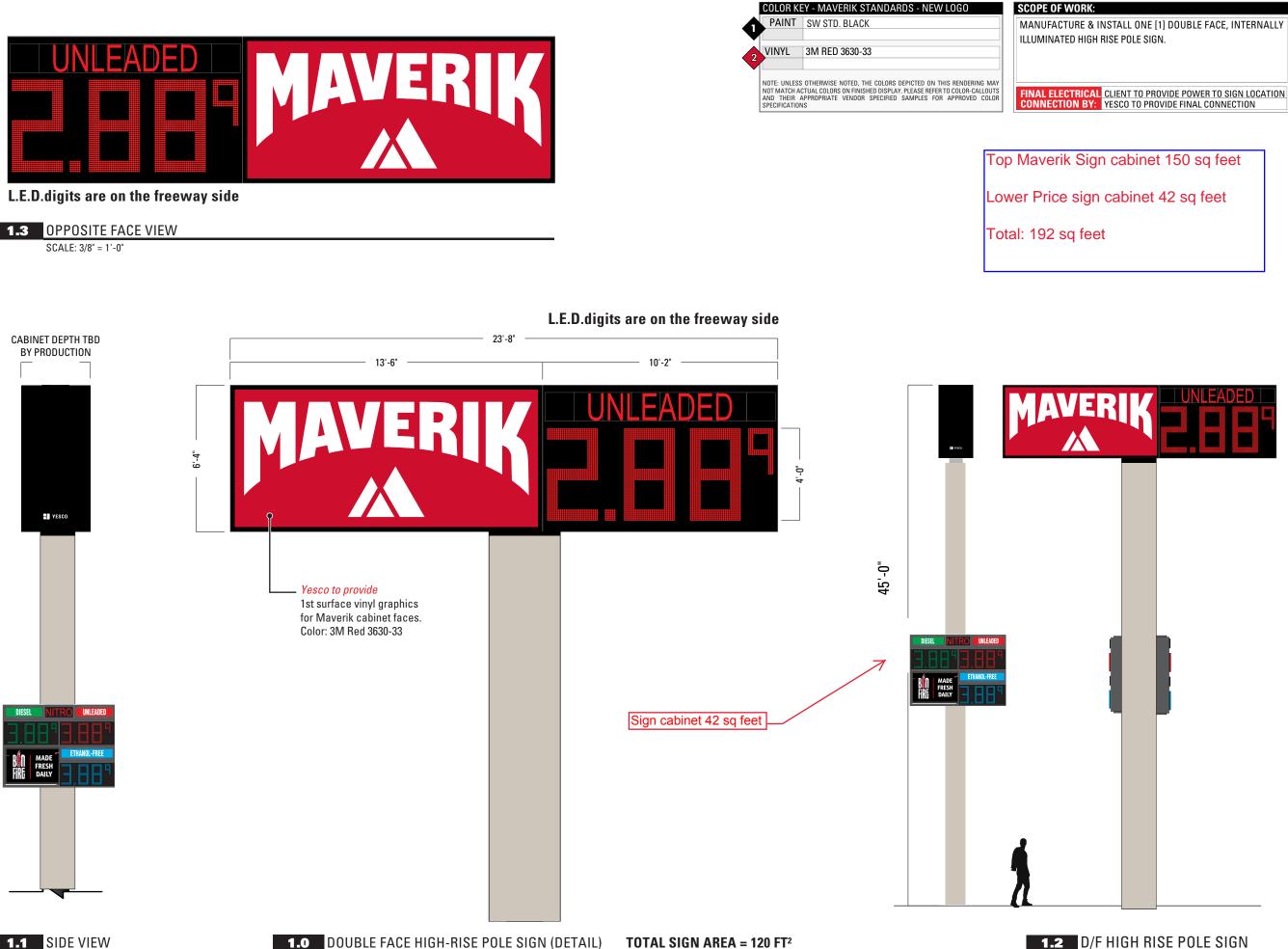




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No. Date / Description

🛆 08.10.2022 Revised sign size and OAH (GE 10.18.2022 No changes (GB)

Approval

-----A/E Sign / Date

Client Sign / Date

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RETURN TO HATCO (Russ) #06750A

WARRANTY DEED

FOR VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, the receipt of which is acknowledged, the undersigned, Nob Hill Properties, LLC, of 825 Custer Ave., Helena, MT 59601 hereby grants to PEC Design-Build Corporation, of 25 Neill Ave., Helena, MT 59601 real property in the City of Helena, Lewis and Clark County, Montana, described as follows:

> All of Nob Hill Subdivision Phase IV, in the City of Helena, Lewis and Clark County, Montana, as shown on the plat filed under Doc. No. 3100615 of the Records of the Clerk and Recorder of Lewis and Clark County, Montana, EXCEPTING Lot 1 in Block 18 and Lot 1 in Block 6.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD unto the Grantee, and Grantee's heirs, successors, and assigns, forever, SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING:

- Reservations and exceptions in patents from the United States and the State of (a) Montana. (b)
- All restrictions, dedications, rights of way and easements of record. (c)
- Mineral and royalty reservations and conveyances of record. (d)
- Building, use, zoning, sanitary and environmental restrictions, and waivers of (e)
- Taxes and assessments for 2006 and subsequent years.

EXCEPT with reference to the items referred to in paragraphs (a) to (e) inclusive, this deed is given with the usual covenants expressed in Section 30-11-110, MCA.

Dated: April 18, 2006

Nob Hill Properties, LLC

Robert J. Peccia, Managing Member



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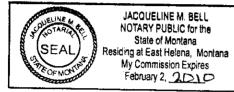
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This instrument was acknowledged before me on 4128, 2006 by Robert J. Peccia, as the Managing Member of Nob Hill Properties, LLC.

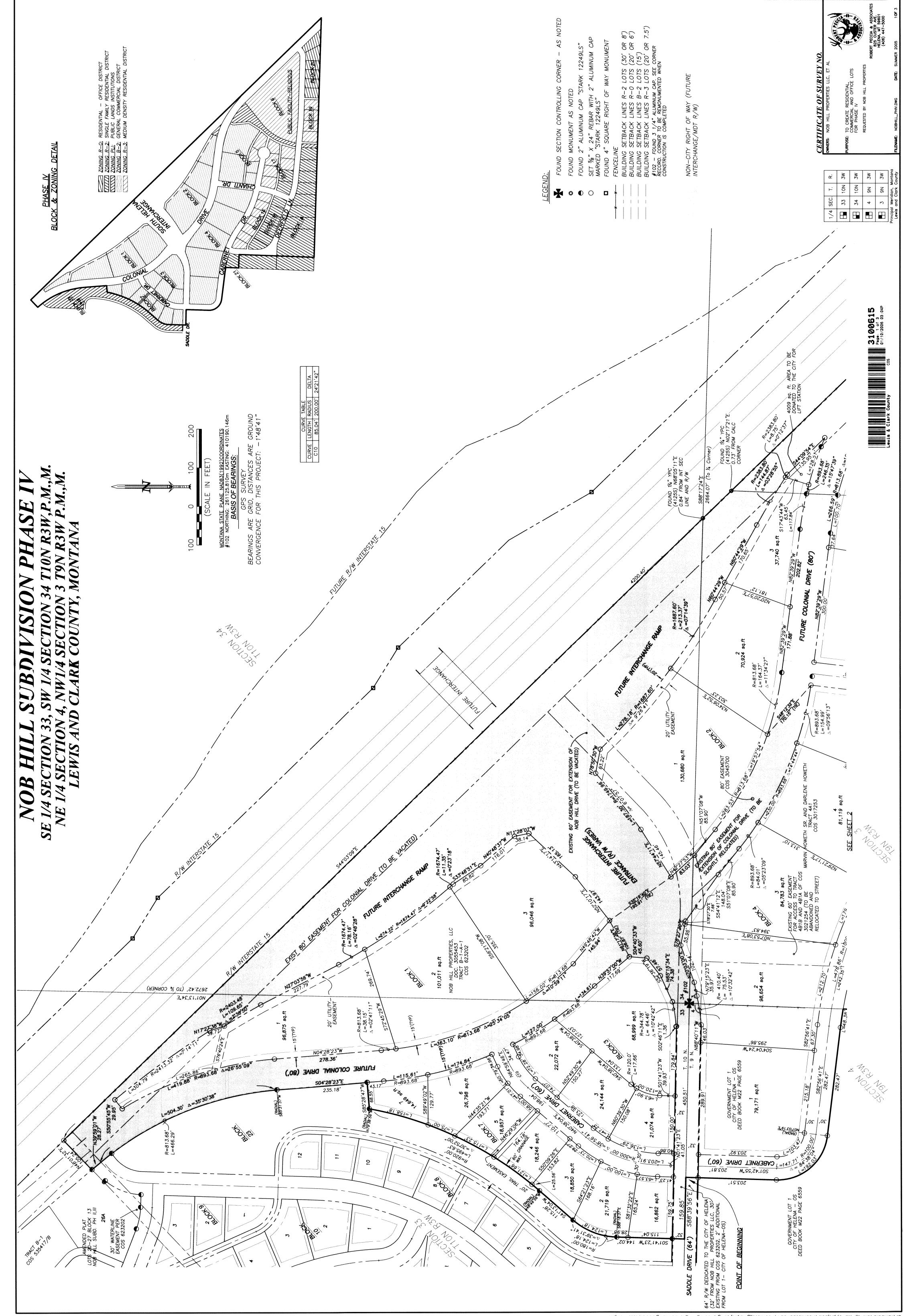
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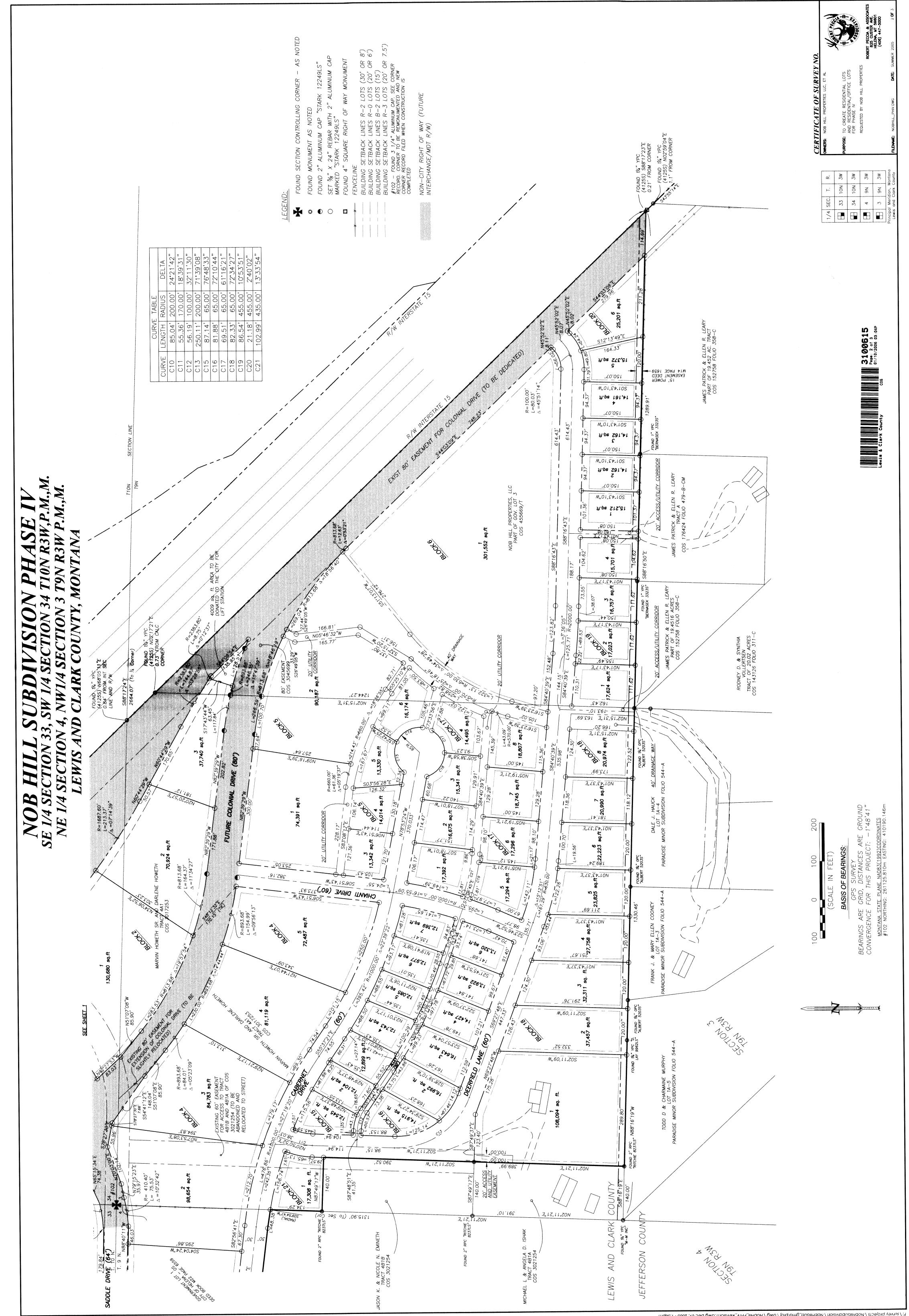


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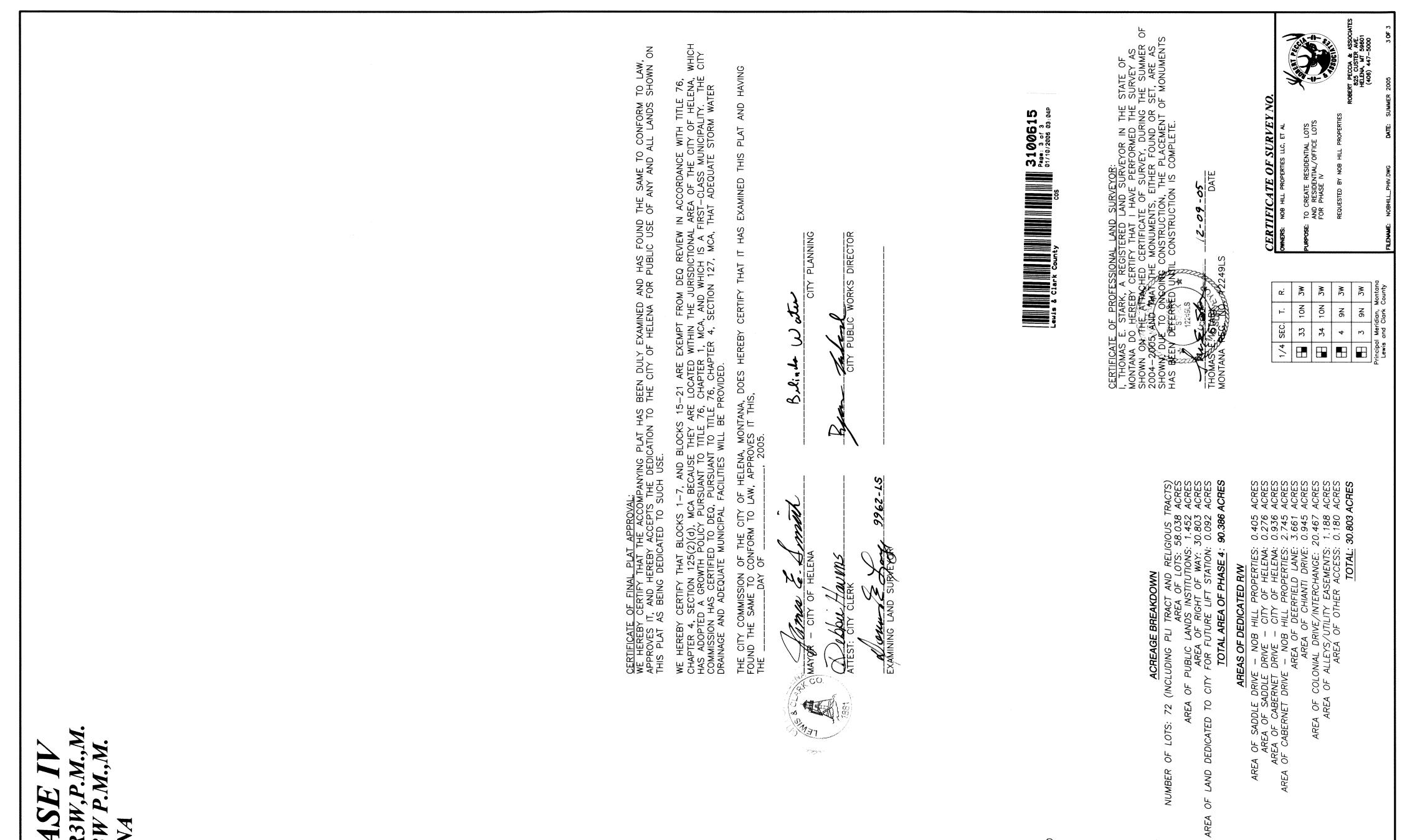




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CORPORATION WARRANTY DEED

For Value Received, **PEC DESIGN-BUILD CORPORATION**, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Montana, grantor, does hereby grant, bargain, sell, convey and confirm unto **PTNH**, **LLC**, grantees, the following described real estate, to wit:

Lot 3 in Block 1 of Nob Hill Subdivision Phase IV in the City of Helena, Lewis and Clark County, Montana, as shown on the plat filed under Doc. No. 3100615.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said premises, with their appurtenances unto the said Grantee(s), (his,her,their) heirs and assigns forever, And the said Grantor does hereby covenant to and with the said Grantee(s), that it will WARRANT and DEFEND the title to the premises hereby conveyed against the claim of every person whatsoever, claiming by, through or under the said Grantor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Grantor pursuant to a resolution of its Board of Directors has caused its corporate name to be hereunto subscribed by its (Vice) President and its corporate seal to be affixed by its (Assistant) Secretary this _____ day of ______, 2007.

CORPORATE SEAL

PEC DESIGN-BUILD CORPORATION

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BY:______

STATE OF MONTANA

COUNTY OF LEWIS AND CLARK

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Project Reviews City of Helena

Description: Maverik - Colonial & Saddle

Project Number: ZBOA2212-003

Applied: 12/27/2022	Approved:	Site Address: 3196 COLONIAL DR
Closed:	Expired:	City, State Zip Code: HELENA, MT 59601
Status: RECEIVED		Applicant: Melanie Ruff
Parent Project:		Owner: PTNH LLC
		Contractor: <none></none>

Details:

LIST OF REVIEWS						
SENT DATE	RETURNED DATE	DUE DATE	ТҮРЕ	CONTACT	STATUS	REMARKS
Review Group: AUT	0					
12/27/2022		12/30/2022	DIRECTOR REVIEW	Christopher Brink		
Notes:						
Review Group: ZON	IING					
1/6/2023	1/9/2023	1/20/2023	BUILDING	Kim Mack	SEE COMMENTS	
Notes:						
1/6/2023		1/20/2023	CITY ATTORNEY	Attorney Bucket		
Notes:						
1/6/2023	1/17/2023	1/20/2023	FIRE	Lou Antonick	SEE COMMENTS	
Notes: 1. FIRE: The proposed design is approved but must not affect Fire Department access or Fire Department operations for the site or occupancy.						
1/6/2023		1/20/2023	HCC			
Notes:						
1/6/2023	1/26/2023	1/20/2023	PARKS	Craig Marr	NO COMMENT	
Notes:						
1/6/2023		1/20/2023	PLANNING	Planning Bucket		
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1/6/2023		1/20/2023	POLICE	Police Bucket		
Notes:						
1/6/2023	1/10/2023	1/20/2023	PUBLIC WORKS	JAMIE CLARK	SEE COMMENTS	
Notes:						
No justification seems to be provided for the variance request. There is nothing like this in the area at present.						
1/6/2023		1/20/2023	ZONING ENFORCEMENT	Planning Bucket		
Notes:						



Michael Alvarez

From:	larry o'donnell <larry.odonnell.mt@gmail.com></larry.odonnell.mt@gmail.com>
Sent:	Wednesday, February 1, 2023 12:43 PM
То:	Michael Alvarez
Subject:	In regards to proposed variances to property located at 3196 Colonial Drive

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Michael and City of Helena,

We received a notice about a public hearing in regards to a property located at 3196 Colonial Drive.

Would like to submit comments on the proposal.

GENERAL COMMENTS: The notice for public hearing does not state what the current zoning is on the property. Or what the existing covenances are covering the property in regards to the propoal. Where is the location on the property that the proposal will impact. Are the decribed locations correct as described in the proposal?

This is the first commercial property of this kind built in the neighborhood. Want to insure that it meets the standards of the neighborhood of the residents that have purchased in the neighborhood. Otherwise it will adversely effect property values.

Based on the location/elevation on the property for the proposal thhe two sign location maybe reversed, or should be reversed.

PROPOSAL:

Item 4:

1 A variance form Section 11-23-10 to increase the number of allowable freestanding signs from 1 to 2, for a property with a legal description of Lots 2 and 3 of Block 1 on COS #3100615 of the Nob Hill Subdivision, City of Helena, Lewis and Clark County, Montana.

COMMENTS: The increase does not state where these added signs are to be located on the property. What is the intended use ...?

Are these signs to be located with in the "interstate highway corridor" ? If so then, they need to fall within the provsions.... Do they?

2 A variance from Section 11-23-10 to increase the allowable height of a freestanding sign from 34' to 45' for the northern freestanding sign, for a property with a legal description of Lots 2 and 3 of Block 1 on COS #3100615 of the Nob Hill Subdivison, City of Helena, Lewis and Clark County, Montana.

COMMENTS: First, reading through the current "Section 11-23-10" does not reflect a current allowable height of 34'. So wonder where the number of 34' is coming from?

Second, if the height was allowed to be increase it will obstruct view from the current neighborhood and effect my property value.

Third, is the current elevation of the stated property going to remain as it currently is ? If the elevation of the stated property is filled to accomodate the proposed plan, then it will also impact the stated elevation and/or height of the freestanding sign's elevation.

3 A variance from Section 11-23-10 to increase the allowable area of a freestanding sign from 150sf to 192sf for the southern freestanding sign, for a property with a legal description of Lots 2 and 3 of Block 1 on COS # 3100615 of the Nob Hill Subdivision, City of Helena, Lewis and Clark County, Montana.

COMMENTS: Current Section 11-23-10, states that a freestanding sign conform to (100) square feet. Where has it been allowed to be increase to the 150sf?

The square footage is starting to approach the size of a stand billbord demension.

4 A variance from Section 11-23-10 to increase the allowable height of a freestanding sign from 34' to 37' for the southern freestanding sign, for a property with a legal description of Lots 2 and 3 of Block 1 on COS # 3100615 of the Nob Hill Subdivision, City of Helena, Lewis and Clark County, Montana.

COMMENTS: The height was allowed to be increase it will obstruct view from the current neighborhood and effect my property value.

Can this be done in Email, Fax or must it be delivered in person?

Looking for some direction before the submittal end date of Jan 31, 2023

Larry O'Donnell 965 Mendocino Dr. Helena, MT 59601 City Planning Division

Attn: Michael Alvarez 316 North Park, Room 445 Helena, MT.

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Re: Item 4: Proposed Variances for property at 3196 Colonial Dr.

I have objections to the granting of the variances #1, #2, #4 and, to a lesser extent, #3.

It is my understanding that a Maverik brand service station/truck stop/convenience store is proposed for these properties, Lots 2 and 3 of Block 1 on COS #3100615 of the Nob Hill Subdivision. I would assume from past examples, that the developer intends to install 2 large, tall, constantly lit, 24 hours per day, 7 days each week signs advertising the fact that this 5 acre commercial facility just off I-15 is a gas station.

Surely, that can be done with one permissible sign visible to prospective customers. And I would suggest that, if a large, tall, "wayfinding" sign is really necessary, it be placed on the <u>South</u> end of the property near the I-15 Exit 190 where it can be visible from everywhere. Placing a second and taller than allowed sign on the north end of the property appears to violate the intent of city code Section 11-23-1. It would not "achieve the proper relationship of signs to their environment, "or "enhance the outward appearance of the community as a whole." Also, this proposed second, proposed 45 foot, constantly lit sign will be right outside our bedroom windows.

There are several businesses in the immediate area; dentists, engineering firms and Associates, accounting and attorney offices, eye care, and others which don't appear to need variances from our local sign ordinances in order to attract customers. Their existing signs are compliant, functional, visually acceptable, and not offensive to the "appearance of the community as a whole." And their customers still seem able to find them.

Is it not possible to break the "Anytown USA" appearance of our community here? Where is it written that every freeway exit must have at least one gas station/convenience store with multiple large, brightly lit advertising signs visible for miles? In this day of GPS and Google Maps, can we not think about alternatives to the old "Route 66" ways of getting around?

It will be clearly obvious to all southbound I-15 and Colonial Drive traffic that a 5-acre Maverik station is nearby. A more subtle sign on the south end of the property or even a wayfinding sign on the Northbound I-15 lanes south of Exit 190 would be more than enough to direct northbound traffic to the exit. Have you not seen Highway Department signs at other freeway exits indicating specific restaurants, motels, or fuel nearby? See also the I-15 Exit 194 at Custer Avenue.

And let's not forget that the future development of the Padbury Ranch property to the east and a likely connecting road from Mountain Meadows to I-15 via Exit 190 will overlook whatever you approve in terms of lighting and signage for the Maverik proposal.

I also trust that in your deliberations, you adhere to the purpose and intent of Section 10-1-1 regarding light pollution and assure compliance with the city's effort to advance the "dark skies" concept of promoting people's "enjoyment of the night sky". Recently, NW Energy has retrofitted all of the Nob Hill streetlights and the Montana DOT has complied with its Exit 190 lighting in an effort to minimize light pollution.

In summary, I do not support the issuance of these variances for the reasons stated here. I encourage you to set a good example for our community development in doing what you can to enhance the attractiveness of what will become one of Helena's major entry points.

Respectfully,

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