

## CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

### Development Conditions

1. **Site Development.** Except as modified herein, the project shall be in substantial conformance with the plans and materials submitted by the applicant, stamped “**Exhibit A**” (dated October 2, 2023) and attached to the subject case file. No change to the plans will be made without prior review by the Department of City Planning, Valley Project Planning Division, and written approval by the Director of Planning. Each change shall be identified and justified in writing. Minor deviations may be allowed in order to comply with the provisions of the LAMC or the project conditions.
2. **Landscape Plan.** Revised landscape plans shall be submitted to show the size and location of all plants. The landscape plan shall indicate landscape points for the Project as required by Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.40, et seq. and Landscape Ordinance Guidelines “O”. All open areas not used for buildings, driveways, parking areas, recreational facilities or walks shall be landscaped, including an automatic irrigation system, and maintained in accordance with a final landscape plan prepared by a licensed landscape architect or licensed architect, and submitted for approval to the Department of City Planning. The final landscape plan shall be in substantial conformance with the submitted Landscape Plans dated October 2, 2023, and stamped as “**Exhibit A.**”
  - a. Landscaping as shown on the applicant’s plans, “**Exhibit A**” Sheet A-112, shall be corrected to be consistent with “**Exhibit A**” Sheet G-101. Specifically, the applicant shall show 2,690 square feet of landscaping on the ground floor. An additional 394 square feet of landscaping shall be shown on the second floor within the common open space area, for a total of 3,084 square feet of landscaping.
3. **Soil Depth and Volume.** The landscape architect shall ensure that landscaped open space area on the second floor shall provide adequate soil depth and volume to support plant and tree roots. A minimum of 42 inches of soil depth shall be provided for trees planted on the second floor. Further guidance can be found by referring to the Los Angeles City Planning Urban Design Studio Soil Depths Design Resource 2, Fall 2019.
4. **Decorative Wall.** A wall system with trellises and a decorative metal green screen shall be constructed along all facades including the alleyway facing facade that are not used for driveways and/or entryways. The trellises shall include live plantings, where appropriate, and a maintenance plan of the wall shall be submitted for review and approval by the Director of Planning prior to building permit sign-off.
5. **Lighting.** Lighting fixtures shall be installed on the project site so as to illuminate the adjacent alleyway in the following manner:
  - These lighting fixtures shall be shielded and down-cast in a manner that prevents the illumination of adjacent properties and the night sky (unless otherwise required by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) or for other public safety purposes).
  - Lighting fixtures shall accent and complement architectural details.
  - Lighting fixtures for the purpose of alleyway illumination shall not be taller than 15 feet above grade.

6. **Heat Island Effect.** To reduce the heat island effect, a minimum of 50 percent of the area of pathways, patios, driveways or other paved areas shall use materials with a minimum initial Solar Reflectance value of 0.35 in accordance with ASTM (American Society of Testing Materials) standards.
7. **Trees in the Public Right-of-Way.** Replacement trees shall be planted for each tree removed with the exception of the historic street trees which shall be protected in place as conditioned herein. New trees planted within the public right-of-way shall be spaced not more than an average of 30 feet on center, unless otherwise permitted by the Urban Forestry Division, Bureau of Public Works.
8. **Stormwater/Irrigation.** The project shall implement on-site stormwater infiltration as feasible based on the site soils conditions, the geotechnical recommendations, and the City of Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety Guidelines for Storm Water Infiltration. If on-site infiltration is deemed infeasible, the project shall analyze the potential for stormwater capture and reuse for irrigation purposes based on the City Low Impact Development (LID) guidelines.
9. **Solar-ready Buildings.** The Project shall comply with the Los Angeles Municipal Green Building Code, Section 99.05.211, to the satisfaction of the Department of Building and Safety.
10. **Solar Power.** The project shall provide photovoltaic solar panels on a minimum of 15% of the building's total roof area.
11. **Solar Power.** Where power poles are available, electricity from power poles and/or solar-powered generators rather than temporary diesel or gasoline generators shall be used during construction.
12. **Signs.** There shall be no off-site commercial signage on construction fencing during construction.
13. **Utility Connections.** New utility connections shall be undergrounded to the best extent possible.
14. **Pedestrian-First Orientation.** A minimum 4 foot wide pathway abutting the front door of the alley-facing units is required.

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15. **Landscape Plan.** All landscaped areas shall be maintained in accordance with a landscape plan, including an automatic irrigation plan, prepared by a licensed landscape architect in accordance with LAMC Sections 12.40 and 12.41. The final landscape plan shall be reviewed and approved by the City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning during the building permit process.
16. **Lighting.** Outdoor lighting shall be designed and installed with shielding and directed downward to illuminate only the subject property, such that the light source cannot be seen from adjacent residential properties, the public right-of-way, nor from above. Uplighting shall be prohibited.

**17. Glare**

- The exterior of the proposed structure shall be constructed of materials such as, but not limited to, high-performance and/or non-reflective tinted glass (no mirror-like tints or films) and pre-cast concrete or fabricated wall surfaces to minimize glare and reflected heat.
- All exterior windows shall be low-reflective, non-glare glass.
- All exterior lighting fixtures shall be shielded and directed downward to illuminate only the Project property. Uplighting shall be prohibited.

**18. Habitat Modification (Nesting Native Birds, Non-Hillside or Urban Areas).** The project will result in the removal of vegetation and disturbances to the ground and therefore may result in take of nesting native bird species. Migratory nongame native bird species are protected by international treaty under the Federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) of 1918 (50 C.F.R Section 10.13). Sections 3503, 3503.5 and 3513 of the California Fish and Game Code prohibit take of all birds and their active nests including raptors and other migratory nongame birds (as listed under the Federal MBTA).

- Proposed project activities (including disturbances to native and non-native vegetation, structures and substrates) should take place outside of the breeding bird season which generally runs from March 1- August 31 (as early as February 1 for raptors) to avoid take (including disturbances which would cause abandonment of active nests containing eggs and/or young). Take means to hunt, pursue, catch, capture, or kill, or attempt to hunt, pursue, catch, capture or kill (Fish and Game Code Section 86).
- If project activities cannot feasibly avoid the breeding bird season, beginning thirty days prior to the disturbance of suitable nesting habitat, the applicant shall:
  - a. Arrange for weekly bird surveys to detect any protected native birds in the habitat to be removed and any other such habitat within properties adjacent to the project site, as access to adjacent areas allows. The surveys shall be conducted by a qualified biologist with experience in conducting breeding bird surveys. The surveys shall continue on a weekly basis with the last survey being conducted no more than 3 days prior to the initiation of clearance/construction work.
  - b. If a protected native bird is found, the applicant shall delay all clearance/construction disturbance activities within 300 feet of suitable nesting habitat for the observed protected bird species until August 31.
  - c. Alternatively, the Qualified Biologist could continue the surveys in order to locate any nests. If an active nest is located, clearing and construction within 300 feet of the nest or as determined by a qualified biological monitor, shall be postponed until the nest is vacated and juveniles have fledged and when there is no evidence of a second attempt at nesting. The buffer zone from the nest shall be established in the field with flagging and stakes. Construction personnel shall be instructed on the sensitivity of the area.
  - d. The applicant shall record the results of the recommended protective measures described above to document compliance with applicable State and Federal laws pertaining to the protection of native birds. Such record shall be submitted and received into the case file for the associated discretionary action permitting the project.

**19. Tree Removal (Non-Protected Trees)**

- Prior to the issuance of any permit, a plot plan shall be prepared indicating the location, size, type, and general condition of all existing trees on the site and within the adjacent public right(s)-of-way.
- All significant (8-inch or greater trunk diameter, or cumulative trunk diameter if multi-trunked, as measured 54 inches above the ground) non-protected trees on the site proposed for removal shall be replaced at a 1:1 ratio with a minimum 24-inch box tree. Net, new trees, located within the parkway of the adjacent public right(s)-of-way, may be counted toward replacement tree requirements.
- Removal or planting of any tree in the public right-of-way requires approval of the Board of Public Works. Contact Urban Forestry Division at: 213-847-3077. All trees in the public right-of-way shall be provided per the current standards of the Urban Forestry Division the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Street Services.

**20. Tree Removal (Street Trees)**

- Removal of street trees (i.e., trees in the public right-of-way) requires approval by the Board of Public Works.
- The required Tree Report shall include the location, size, type, and condition of all existing trees in the adjacent public right-of-way and shall be submitted for review and approval by the Urban Forestry Division of the Bureau of Street Services, Department of Public Works (213-847-3077).
- All trees in the public right-of-way shall be provided per the current Urban Forestry Division standards.

**21. Tree Protection Zone.** The Historic Street Trees should be protected by establishing a Tree Protection Zone (TPZ). The TPZ should encompass the grass parkway, curb to sidewalk, in front of the properties on Sherman Way. The TPZ for the Palm on Caldas Avenue should encompass the grass parkway, from curb to sidewalk, and 6 feet north and south of the palm. For the Crepe Myrtle, the TPZ should also encompass the grass parkway, from sidewalk to curb, to the edge of the crown's dripline north and south of the tree. The following TPZ recommendations should be followed:

- a. The TPZ fencing should be 4 feet tall at the edge of the TPZ. Orange mesh (hurricane) or chain link fencing should be used. The TPZ fence will remain in place during all grading and construction activities in the area.
- b. No heavy equipment shall be used or stored within the TPZ.
- c. No stockpiling of soils or construction materials within the TPZ.
- d. Irrigation shall remain on during project (i.e., during construction). Notify the Consulting Arborist if changes occur.
- e. No additional water shall be added without direct Arborist approval.
- f. Notify Consulting Arborist if hardscape demolition or trenching is to occur within 10 feet of TPZ fence line.

- g. The following root protections are to be followed if trenching operations are required within the TPZ or sidewalk replacement occurs:
- Exploratory hand digging to locate major roots where possible.
  - Roots should be cut cleanly with a sharpened, sterilized pruning tool.
  - Roots that are 3 inches or larger that need to be pruned will be cut cleanly with a saw (chainsaws and reciprocating saws are allowed). No roots will be chopped with an axe or power equipment.
  - Roots discovered to be damaged below the surface during trenching activities will be traced back 4-6 inches above the break and cut cleanly before the end of the workday. Moist native soil will then re-cover the exposed root.
  - No damaged or cut roots are to be left exposed overnight.
- h. Overhanging limbs should be evaluated for potential future equipment and/or vehicle contact. Contact Consulting Arborist for mediation measures.
- i. No limbs or branches are to be pruned without prior approval of the Consulting Arborist.
- j. No use of or idling of equipment with exhaust pipes near overhanging limbs or branches.

## **22. Tribal Monitors**

Prior to commencing any ground disturbance activities at the Project site, the Applicant, or its successor, shall retain archeological monitors and tribal monitors that are qualified to identify subsurface tribal cultural resources. Ground disturbance activities shall include excavating, digging, trenching, plowing, drilling, tunneling, quarrying, grading, leveling, removing peat, clearing, driving posts, augering, backfilling, blasting, stripping topsoil or a similar activity at the project site. Any qualified tribal monitor(s) shall be approved by the Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians. Any qualified archaeological monitor(s) shall be approved by the Department of City Planning, Office of Historic Resources ("OHR").

The qualified archeological and tribal monitors shall observe all ground disturbance activities on the project site at all times the ground disturbance activities are taking place. If ground disturbance activities are simultaneously occurring at multiple locations on the project site, an archeological and tribal monitor shall be assigned to each location where the ground disturbance activities are occurring. The on-site monitoring shall end when the ground disturbing activities are completed, or when the archaeological and tribal monitor both indicate that the site has a low potential for impacting tribal cultural resources.

Prior to commencing any ground disturbance activities, the archaeological monitor in consultation with the tribal monitor, shall provide Worker Environmental Awareness Program (WEAP) training to construction crews involved in ground disturbance activities that provides information on regulatory requirements for the protection of tribal cultural resources. As part of the WEAP training, construction crews shall be briefed on proper procedures to follow should a crew member discover tribal cultural resources during ground disturbance activities. In addition, workers will be shown examples of the types of resources that would require notification of the archaeological monitor and tribal monitor. The Applicant shall maintain on the Project site, for City inspection,

documentation establishing the training was completed for all members of the construction crew involved in ground disturbance activities.

In the event that any subsurface objects or artifacts that may be tribal cultural resources are encountered during the course of any ground disturbance activities, all such activities shall temporarily cease within the area of discovery, the radius of which shall be determined by a qualified archeologist, in consultation with a qualified tribal monitor, until the potential tribal cultural resources are properly assessed and addressed pursuant to the process set forth below:

- a. Upon a discovery of a potential tribal cultural resource, the Applicant, or its successor, shall immediately stop all ground disturbance activities and contact the following: (1) all California Native American tribes that have informed the City they are traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic area of the proposed project; (2) and OHR.
- b. If OHR determines, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21074 (a)(2), that the object or artifact appears to be a tribal cultural resource in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, the City shall provide any affected tribe a reasonable period of time, not less than 14 days, to conduct a site visit and make recommendations to the Applicant, or its successor, and the City regarding the monitoring of future ground disturbance activities, as well as the treatment and disposition of any discovered tribal cultural resources.
- c. The Applicant, or its successor, shall implement the tribe's recommendations if a qualified archaeologist retained by the City and paid for by the Applicant, or its successor, in consultation with the tribal monitor, reasonably conclude that the tribe's recommendations are reasonable and feasible.
- d. In addition to any recommendations from the applicable tribe(s), a qualified archeologist shall develop a list of actions that shall be taken to avoid or minimize impacts to the identified tribal cultural resources substantially consistent with best practices identified by the Native American Heritage Commission and in compliance with any applicable federal, state or local law, rule or regulation.
- e. If the Applicant, or its successor, does not accept a particular recommendation determined to be reasonable and feasible by the qualified archaeologist or qualified tribal monitor, the Applicant, or its successor, may request mediation by a mediator agreed to by the Applicant, or its successor, and the City. The mediator must have the requisite professional qualifications and experience to mediate such a dispute. The City shall make the determination as to whether the mediator is at least minimally qualified to mediate the dispute. After making a reasonable effort to mediate this particular dispute, the City may (1) require the recommendation be implemented as originally proposed by the archaeologist or tribal monitor; (2) require the recommendation, as modified by the City, be implemented as it is at least as equally effective to mitigate a potentially significant impact; (3) require a substitute recommendation be implemented that is at least as equally effective to mitigate a potentially significant impact to a tribal cultural resource; or (4) not require the recommendation be implemented because it is not necessary to mitigate an significant impacts to tribal cultural resources. The Applicant, or its successor, shall pay all costs and fees associated with the mediation.
- f. The Applicant, or its successor, may recommence ground disturbance activities outside of a specified radius of the discovery site, so long as this radius has been reviewed by both the qualified archaeologist and qualified tribal monitor and determined to be reasonable and appropriate.

- g. The Applicant, or its successor, may recommence ground disturbance activities inside of the specified radius of the discovery site only after it has complied with all of the recommendations developed and approved pursuant to the process set forth in paragraphs b through e above.
- h. Copies of any subsequent prehistoric archaeological study, tribal cultural resources study or report, detailing the nature of any significant tribal cultural resources, remedial actions taken, and disposition of any significant tribal cultural resources shall be submitted to the South Central Coastal Information Center (SCCIC) at California State University, Fullerton and to the Native American Heritage Commission for inclusion in its Sacred Lands File.
- i. Notwithstanding paragraph h above, any information that the Department of City Planning, in consultation with the City Attorney's Office, determines to be confidential in nature shall be excluded from submission to the SCCIC or provided to the public under the applicable provisions of the California Public Records Act, California Public Resources Code, section 6254(r), and handled in compliance with the City's AB 52 Confidentiality Protocols.

### **Administrative Conditions**

- 23. Approval, Verification and Submittals.** Copies of any approvals, guarantees or verification of consultations, review or approval, plans, etc., as may be required by the subject conditions, shall be provided to the Department of City Planning for placement in the subject file.
- 24. LAMC Requirements.** All other use, height and area regulations of the Municipal Code and all other applicable government/regulatory agencies shall be strictly complied with in the development and use of the property, except as such regulations are herein specifically varied or required.
- 25. Code Compliance.** The area, height and use regulations of the zone classification of the subject property shall be complied with, except where conditions herein are more restrictive.
- 26. Covenant.** Prior to the issuance of any permits relative to this matter, a covenant acknowledging and agreeing to comply with all the terms and conditions established herein shall be recorded in the County Recorder's Office. The agreement (standard master covenant and agreement form CP-6770) shall run with the land and shall be binding on any subsequent owners, heirs or assigns. The agreement with the conditions attached must be submitted to the Development Services Center for approval before being recorded. After recordation, a certified copy bearing the Recorder's number and date shall be provided to the Department of City Planning for attachment to the subject case file.
- 27. Definition.** Any agencies, public officials or legislation referenced in these conditions shall mean those agencies, public officials, legislation or their successors, designees or amendment to any legislation.
- 28. Enforcement.** Compliance with these conditions and the intent of these conditions shall be to the satisfaction of the Department of City Planning and any designated agency, or the agency's successor and in accordance with any stated laws or regulations, or any amendments thereto.

- 29. Building Plans.** Page 1 of the grant and all the conditions of approval shall be printed on the building plans submitted to the Department of City Planning and Department of Building and Safety.
- 30. Project Plan Modifications.** Any corrections and/or modifications to the Project plans made subsequent to this grant that are deemed necessary by the Department of Building and Safety, Housing Department, or other Agency for Code compliance, and which involve a change in site plan, floor area, parking, building height, yards or setbacks, building separations, or lot coverage, shall require a referral of the revised plans back to the Department of City Planning for additional review and final sign-off prior to the issuance of any building permit in connection with said plans. This process may require additional review and/or action by the appropriate decision-making authority, including the Director of Planning, City Planning Commission, Area Planning Commission, or Board.
- 31. Mitigation Monitoring Program (MMP).** The project shall be in substantial conformance with the mitigation measures in the attached MMP and attached to the subject case file. The implementing and enforcing agencies may determine substantial conformance with mitigation measures in the MMP. If substantial conformance results in effectively deleting or modifying the mitigation measure, the Director of Planning shall provide a written justification supported by substantial evidence as to why the mitigation measure, in whole or in part, is no longer needed and its effective deletion or modification will not result in a new significant impact or a more severe impact to a previously identified significant impact. If the project is not in substantial conformance to the adopted mitigation measures or MMP, a modification or deletion shall be treated as a new discretionary action under CEQA Guidelines, Section 15162(c) and will require preparation of an addendum or subsequent CEQA clearance. Under this process, the modification or deletion of a mitigation measure shall not require a modification to any project discretionary approval unless the Director of Planning also finds that the change to the mitigation measures results in a substantial change to the project or the non-environmental conditions of approval.
- 32. Mitigation and Construction Monitor.** During the construction phase and prior to the issuance of building permits, the applicant shall retain an independent Construction Monitor (either via the City or through a third-party consultant), approved by the Department of City Planning, who shall be responsible for monitoring implementation of project design features and mitigation measures during construction activities consistent with the monitoring phase and frequency set forth in this MMP. The Construction Monitor shall also prepare documentation of the applicant's compliance with the project design features and mitigation measures during construction every 90 days in a form satisfactory to the Department of City Planning. The documentation must be signed by the applicant and Construction Monitor and be included as part of the applicant's Compliance Report. The Construction Monitor shall be obligated to immediately report to the Enforcement Agency any non-compliance with the mitigation measures and project design features within two businesses days if the applicant does not correct the noncompliance within a reasonable time of notification to the applicant by the monitor or if the non-compliance is repeated. Such non-compliance shall be appropriately addressed by the Enforcement Agency.

### 33. Indemnification and Reimbursement of Litigation Costs.

The applicant shall do all of the following:

- i. Defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City from any and all actions against the City, in whole or in part, relating to or arising out of the City's processing and approval of this entitlement, including but not limited to, an action to attack, challenge, set aside, void, or otherwise modify or annul the approval of the entitlement, the environmental review of the entitlement, or the approval of subsequent permit decisions, or to claim personal property damage, including from inverse condemnation or any other constitutional claim.
- ii. Reimburse the City for any and all costs incurred in defense of an action related to or arising out of the City's processing and approval of the entitlement, including but not limited to payment of all court costs and attorney's fees, costs of any judgments or awards against the City (including an award of attorney's fees), damages, and/or settlement costs.
- iii. Submit an initial deposit for the City's litigation costs to the City within 10 days' notice of the City tendering defense to the Applicant and requesting a deposit. The initial deposit shall be in an amount set by the City Attorney's Office, in its sole discretion, based on the nature and scope of action, but in no event shall the initial deposit be less than \$50,000. The City's failure to notice or collect the deposit does not relieve the Applicant from responsibility to reimburse the City pursuant to the requirement in paragraph (ii).
- iv. Submit supplemental deposits upon notice by the City. Supplemental deposits may be required in an increased amount from the initial deposit if found necessary by the City to protect the City's interests. The City's failure to notice or collect the deposit does not relieve the Applicant from responsibility to reimburse the City pursuant to the requirement in paragraph (ii).
- v. If the City determines it necessary to protect the City's interest, execute an indemnity and reimbursement agreement with the City under terms consistent with the requirements of this condition.

The City shall notify the applicant within a reasonable period of time of its receipt of any action and the City shall cooperate in the defense. If the City fails to notify the applicant of any claim, action, or proceeding in a reasonable time, or if the City fails to reasonably cooperate in the defense, the applicant shall not thereafter be responsible to defend, indemnify or hold harmless the City.

The City shall have the sole right to choose its counsel, including the City Attorney's office or outside counsel. At its sole discretion, the City may participate at its own expense in the defense of any action, but such participation shall not relieve the applicant of any obligation imposed by this condition. In the event the Applicant fails to comply with this condition, in whole or in part, the City may withdraw its defense of the action, void its approval of the entitlement, or take any other action. The City retains the right to make all decisions with respect to its representations in any legal proceeding, including its inherent right to abandon or settle litigation.

For purposes of this condition, the following definitions apply:

"City" shall be defined to include the City, its agents, officers, boards, commissions, committees, employees, and volunteers.

“Action” shall be defined to include suits, proceedings (including those held under alternative dispute resolution procedures), claims, or lawsuits. Actions includes actions, as defined herein, alleging failure to comply with any federal, state or local law.

Nothing in the definitions included in this paragraph are intended to limit the rights of the City or the obligations of the Applicant otherwise created by this condition.