



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

Land Use and Neighborhoods Committee

Agenda

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

9:30 AM

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A. Call To Order

B. Approval of the Agenda

C. Public Comment

(10 minutes)

D. Items of Business

1. [CF 314461](#) **Application of Martin Liebowitz and 34th and Spring, LLC for an extension of the contract rezone of the property at 1106 34th Avenue. Original contract rezone application approved through CF 314325 and Ordinance 125433.**

Attachments: [Extension Request](#)
[Recommendation 3036784-LU \(10/29/20\)](#)

Supporting Documents: [Central Staff Memo](#)

Public Hearing, Briefing, and Discussion

Presenter: Ketil Freeman, Council Central Staff

Council consideration of CF 314461 is governed by the Council's Quasi-judicial Rules. To comply with those rules and the Appearance of Fairness Doctrine, Councilmembers may only hear testimony from parties-of-record. Parties-of-record were provided emailed notice of the opportunity to comment on November 18, 2020. Parties of record will each have up to two (2) minutes to provide oral comment to the committee.

2. Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) and Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE) Tree Protections Update

Supporting Documents: [SDCI/OSE Report](#)

Briefing and Discussion (20 minutes)

Presenters: Sandra Pinto Urrutia, Office of Sustainability and Environment; Chanda Emery and Mike Podowski, Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections

3. Extension of Interim Floodplain Regulations

Briefing and Discussion (20 minutes)

Presenters: Maggie Glowacki, Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections; Ketil Freeman, Council Central Staff

E. Adjournment



Legislation Text

File #: CF 314461, **Version:** 1

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To: Johnny Harris, SDCI

CC: Lish Whitson, Council Staff

From: Martin Liebowitz

Date: 6/30/2020

RE: EXTENSION NARRATIVE- for Rezone Extension

Request for Rezone Extension – CF 314325

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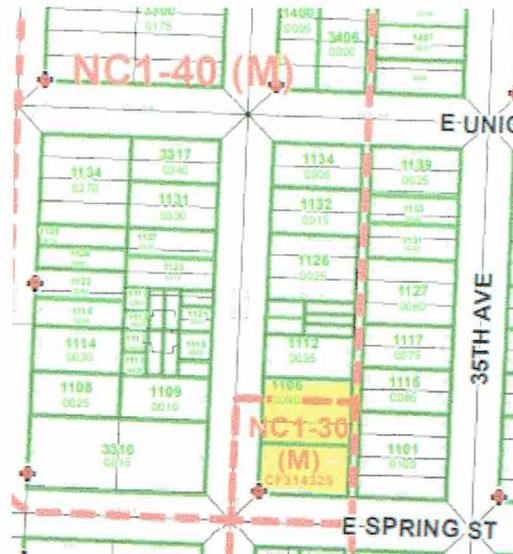
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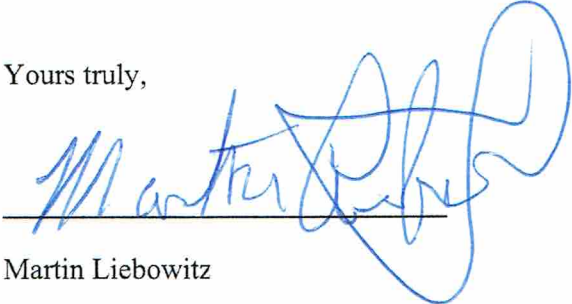
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The criteria the Council must consider in extending the rezone support this action. First, the rezone is in conformance with applicable regulations. *See* SMC 23.76.060.E.1. The PUDA requires compliance with the Mandatory Housing Affordability program and SMC Chapters 23.58B and 23.58C. This is in conformance with current rezone requirements. *See* SMC 23.34.004.B. A master use permit for new development will also be subject to the current land use code.

Second, there is good reason to support the extension. The applicant desires to move forward with a development project that takes advantage of the current zoning designation, but has been unable to find a development partner given the economic recession and uncertainty created by the COVID-19 pandemic. Further, changed circumstances in the area continue to support the rezone. The original rezone was to match adjacent NC1-30 zoning. Since then, the immediately

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Yours truly,



Martin Liebowitz

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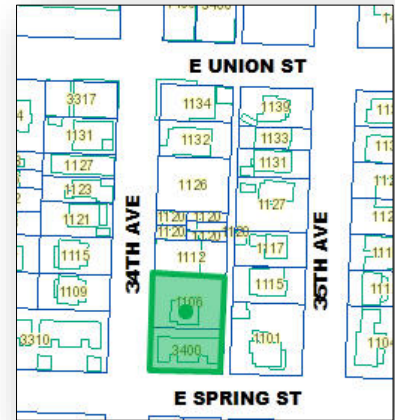
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Public Comments

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DIRECTOR’S ANALYSIS, DETERMINATION AND RECOMMENDATION

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PUDA AMENDMENT

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23.76.060 - Expiration and extension of Council land use decisions

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- 1. The Council may not extend the time limit for a Type IV land use decision for a project that is not in conformance with applicable regulations, including land use and environmentally critical areas regulations, in effect at the time application for an extension is made.*
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The request for the Property Use and Development Agreements (PUDA) amendment and extended time limit is within the spirit and general purpose of the prior decision of the Council and is consistent with the uses and development standards approved in the prior decision of the Council.

The applicant explains that he had been unable to find a development partner given the economic recession and uncertainty created by the COVID-19 pandemic. The original rezone was to match adjacent NC1-30 zoning. Since then, the northern adjacent zoning was updated to NC1-40 (M). To allow the rezone to expire and to revert to LR2 zoning would not be in keeping with the pattern

of development intensity established for the block. There are no modifications in development standards proposed or contemplated as part of this request.

The request would not result in significant adverse impacts that were not anticipated in the prior recommendation to Council and would not result in changes to the prior decision by the Council. Impacts would remain unchanged.

After reviewing the request and general criteria set forth in SMC 23.76.058, **the Director has determined that the amendment sought is a minor amendment.** Therefore, this determination is considered a Type I non-appealable decision.

The applicant will also need to secure from the City Council an extension of the zoning designation established by the concurrent contract rezone as provided in SMC 23.76.060.E. Because the Council may extend that time limit for no more than two years, the extension of the related PUDA should be for the same period.

SDCI recommends **approval of the requested extension**, limited to the duration of any Council extension of the underlying contract zone designation.

Colin R. Vasquez, Senior Land Use Planner _____ Date: 10/29/2020
Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections

CRV:

Vasquez/3036784-LU

December 7, 2020

MEMORANDUM

To: Land Use and Neighborhoods Committee
From: Ketil Freeman, Analyst
Subject: Clerk File 314461 - Application of Martin Liebowitz and 34th and Spring, LLC for an extension of the contract rezone of the property at 1106 34th Avenue. Original contract rezone application approved through CF 314325 and Ordinance 125433.

On December 9, the Land Use and Neighborhoods (LUN) Committee will hear public comment and discuss an application by Martin Liebowitz (the Applicant) on behalf of 34th and Spring, LLC to extend a contract rezone approved by the City Council in 2017. Materials related to the requested extension are filed in [Clerk File \(CF\) 314461](#).

This memorandum (1) provides background information on the rezone and extension request; (2) describes the type of action and criteria the Council uses in considering a rezone extension; and (3) discusses next steps for Committee action on CF 314461.

Background

In 2017 the Council passed [Ordinance 125433](#), which:

- Rezoned an approximately 11,000 square foot site in the Madrona neighborhood from Lowrise 2 (LR2) multifamily residential to Neighborhood Commercial 1 with a 30-foot height limit and M Mandatory Housing Affordability (MHA) suffix (NC130 (M)); and
- Accepted a Property Use and Development Agreement (PUDA) that imposes conditions on future development of the site.

The rezone application did not have an associated permit application for a development project.

The rezone site is located at the northeast corner of the intersection of 34th Avenue and Spring Street. The site is currently developed with a single-family house and a four-plex. Zoning to the east of the site is Single-family 5000 (SF 5000). The LR2 zoning extends south across East Spring Street. The area immediately north of the site and west of the site across 34th Street is zoned commercial. The height and density of adjacent zoning, except SF 5000 zoning, was increased in 2018 through [Ordinance 125791](#), which implemented the MHA program citywide.

The Applicant, who has been unable to find a development partner for the site due to the pandemic, applied to the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) for a two-

year rezone extension in July 2020. On October 29, 2020, SDCI recommended that the Council approve the extension. See attachment 1.

Type of Action and Extension Criteria

A Council decision on contract rezone extensions is quasi-judicial. However, unlike most quasi-judicial decisions, for which the Hearing Examiner holds an open record hearing and establishes a record for the Council's review, for extension requests SDCI first determines whether the request is for a major or minor amendment to a PUDA. If SDCI determines the request is for a minor amendment, SDCI's recommendation is submitted directly to the Council without review by the Hearing Examiner or opportunity for appeal, which is the case for this extension.

Because there is no open record hearing at the Hearing Examiner, the Council may hear comment from parties-of-record on the rezone extension. Parties of record include those persons who submitted comments to SDCI. Comments received by SDCI are attached (see attachment 2).

[Seattle Municipal Code Section 23.76.060.E](#) provides three criteria for Council consideration of contract rezone extensions:

1. The reason or basis for the application for the extension and whether it is reasonable under the circumstances;
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3. Whether additional time is reasonably necessary to comply with a condition of approval adopted by the Council that is required to be fulfilled prior to expiration of the Council land use decision.

The SDCI recommendation to approve the extension is based on (1) how the pandemic has negatively impacted the real estate industry and (2) the changed circumstance for the neighborhood from passage of the MHA implementation legislation, which increased height and density for most adjacent properties.

Next Steps

The LUN Committee will discuss and may vote on the rezone extension request at its January 13, 2021 meeting. Approval of the extension would require an ordinance extending the contract rezone term and accepting an amended PUDA. A draft bill and amended PUDA are attached. The bill could be introduced prior to the next meeting to allow Committee action. See attachment 3.

Attachments:

1. SDCI Recommendation. October 29, 2020.
2. Extension Request and Combined Public Comment
3. Draft Bill and PUDA amendment

cc: Dan Eder, Interim Director
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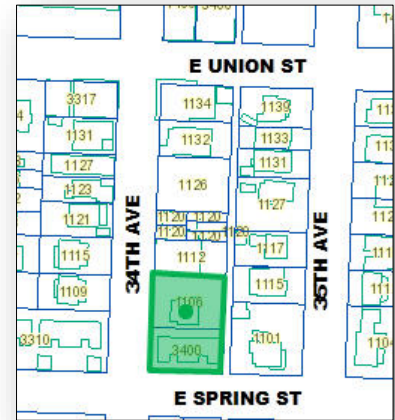
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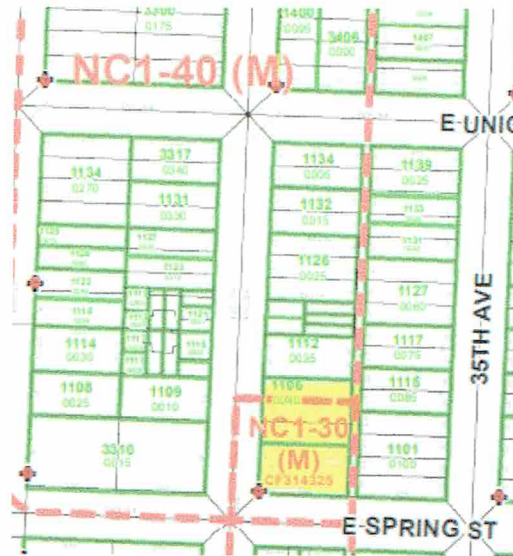
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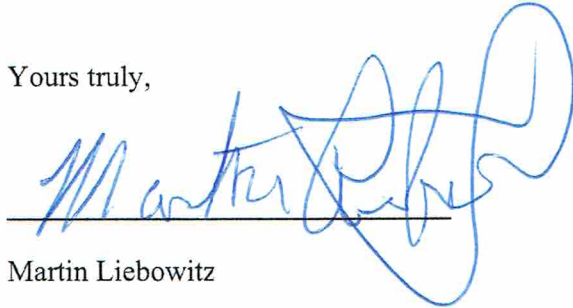
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The criteria the Council must consider in extending the rezone support this action. First, the rezone is in conformance with applicable regulations. *See* SMC 23.76.060.E.1. The PUDA requires compliance with the Mandatory Housing Affordability program and SMC Chapters 23.58B and 23.58C. This is in conformance with current rezone requirements. *See* SMC 23.34.004.B. A master use permit for new development will also be subject to the current land use code.

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Yours truly,



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Martin Liebowitz", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

Martin Liebowitz

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CURRENT RESIDENT
1131 34TH AVE
SEATTLE WA 98122

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Name: Brianne

Address: 1131 34th ave Seattle

Zip: 98122

Email Address: b.ingertila@comcast.net

Comment: This would be an absolute devastation to the small, quaint neighborhood of madrona. The Liebowitz family does nothing to help better the community. They have a horrible reputation up here with how they treat the commercial and residential tenants. They are some of the shadiest people I've ever come across and only care about their \$. They have kicked out single mothers for noise complaints over newborn babies crying. Later to find out their apartment was never insulated correctly. They put competing businesses right next to each other trying to run other tenants out. They have had several harassment complaints. They cheat contractors out of not paying them correctly. Their buildings are so cheaply and terribly built and are an eye sore on the street. Please do not let this family ruin our neighborhood.



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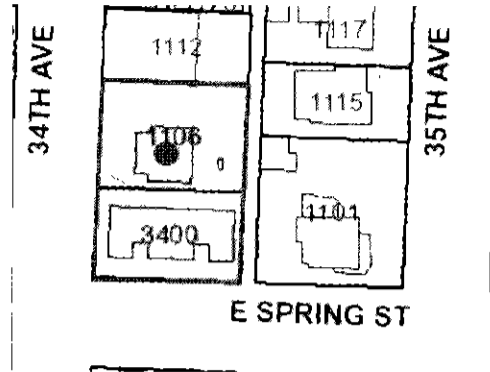
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Name: Helen Payton

Address: 918 34th Ave

Seattle Zip: 98122

Email Address: jakosp44@gmail.com

Comment:

Marty Liebowitz has proven that he plans well and subsequently initiates great plans in Madrona and on MtK. I appreciate his foresight in developing this property and believe it will complement other structures in the neighborhood.



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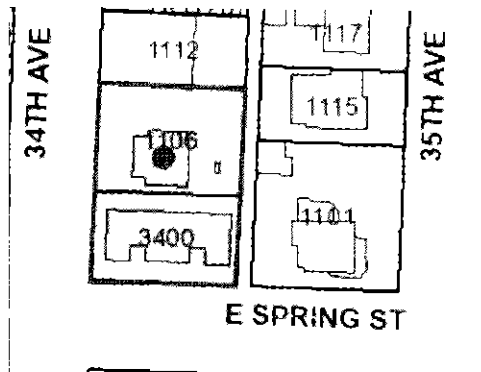
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Name: Jon MacLeod

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Comment: _____



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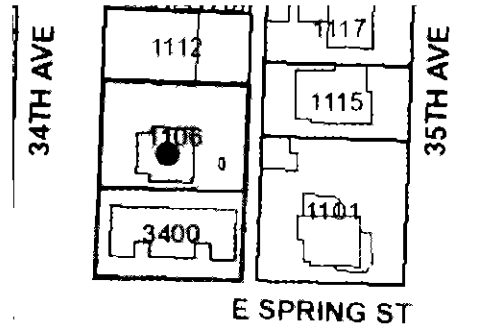
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Dear Colin:

This rezone would create dangerous conditions on 34th & Marion. This project is a very short block from St. Teresa School. Marion is a very narrow street, really only room for one direction at a time, difficult at the best of times, as is 35th Avenue north of Marion. During drop-off and pick-up of children from school, it is extremely congested, virtually impassable.

Parking in the neighborhood, just for the people who live there, is already very tight even at night. Add in numerous restaurants, e.g., Red Cow, Hi-Spot, Turkuaz, Madrona Arms, Soleil, Cupcake Royale, etc., etc., plus many other local businesses, e.g., dentist, yoga studio, wine shop, etc., and there often isn't a spot to be found within a two, often three, block radius of 34th & Union.

A much bigger building, 30' high, at a very congested intersection, and adjacent to very narrow streets, will make an already difficult situation much worse, and much more dangerous for the many small children crossing 34th and crossing Marion to and from St. Teresa and Madrona Playfield.

Marty Liebowitz has done a number of large apartment projects in the Madrona business district, but one more is one too many. This rezone project by itself may seem innocuous, but there is a cumulative effect, a tipping point, in a process that at the start did improve the neighborhood, but now becomes a big negative on the quality of life and the safety of children. Enough is enough.

Mr. Liebowitz can build a very nice building and make a profit without exceeding the current height limit.

Sincerely,


Jon MacLeod
1107 36th Avenue

From: Leila Kirske
To: [PRC](#)
Subject: Fwd: Response re: Land Use Action #3036784-LU
Date: Sunday, July 19, 2020 9:17:09 AM
Attachments: [Rezone letter July 2020.docx](#)

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From: **Leila Kirske** <lkirske@gmail.com>
Date: Sat, Jul 18, 2020 at 9:08 PM
Subject: Response re: Land Use Action #3036784-LU
To: Vasquez, Colin <Colin.Vasquez@seattle.gov>, <prc@seattle.go>

Attached please find my letter in opposition to the proposed rezone. Please include me on the distribution of correspondence on this project.

Best regards,

Leila Kirske

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Per 23.34.074 - Neighborhood Commercial 1 (NC1) zones, function are designed to achieve convenience retail sales and services to a residential neighborhood. The area surrounding 34th & Union is a dense residential neighborhood that is not a destination site for retail shopping. There is inadequate weekday daytime population to support more than a handful of businesses. Further, retail needs are supported by nearby shopping centers – Union & MLK and Capitol Hill. As the area is well supported by the #2 and #3 bus lines, the majority of retail needs is served by a short bus ride to Capitol Hill or downtown Seattle.

As noted in my previous letter, existing commercial sites have not been absorbed. To be specific, a large retail space continues to be vacant, more than two years after the exit of the last tenant. Further, newly constructed live-work buildings have not enhanced the community as the majority are closed to the public, with blinds drawn. The majority of these spaces are used as residential facilities. A couple sites appear to have businesses operating on the main floor, however none offer services to the neighborhood community. The livability and walkability of the neighborhood has not been enhanced by these developments. Increasing the number of such developments by up-zoning will be a detriment to the neighborhood.

The function of NC1 is to support or encourage a small shopping area that provides primarily convenience retail sales and services to the adjoining residential neighborhood. The zoning specifies the ability to create a number of small neighborhood serving businesses which continuous storefronts in an atmosphere that is attractive to pedestrians. However these characteristics cannot be effectively met by the up-zoning request. The neighborhood is unable to absorb the capacity of commercial space and many storefronts have remained empty for years at a time. Or contain businesses that are not open to the public. Many businesses close their doors within a year. Currently, the commercial/multi-family building across from the proposed site has parking access on 34th Avenue which breaks up the

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Rezone of the property and a further increase to commercial development would negatively impact the community which has not been able to support commercial properties to date, let alone the potential increase once 33rd Avenue is developed and activated. Neighbors surrounding this small commercial area have become increasingly negatively impacted due to increased traffic and lack of parking. Most concerning are the narrow streets and the inability of fire and emergency vehicles to enter 34th Avenue at Spring and support the residents in the area.

Thank you for your consideration.

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- Aside from the arterial on 34th avenue, the surrounding streets are extremely narrow and cannot accommodate further increases in vehicular circulation. Existing traffic already heavily utilizes single family residential streets, which can only accommodate one direction at a time. These streets, particularly, 35th Avenue and the side streets of Spring and Union are so narrow that automobile traffic can barely pass through. Oftentimes cars are required to travel in reverse in order to address oncoming vehicles. On more than one occasion, emergency and fire vehicles have not been able to support resident emergency calls in the areas surrounding 35th & Union. Neighbors without off-street parking are routinely displaced, having to park 2 or more blocks from their homes. This is both an inconvenience and a safety issue.
- The area is currently adequately supported by existing or projected facilities and services used by residents. The area is bordered by two parks, Al Larkin and Madrona Elementary.

The St. Therese Park is also frequently utilized by residents. Garfield community center is approximately one mile away. Bus service by the #2 and #3 provides easy access to the Garfield community center, downtown Seattle, as well as Lake Washington.

Per 23.34.074 - Neighborhood Commercial 1 (NC1) zones, functions are designed to achieve convenience retail sales and services to a residential neighborhood. The area surrounding 34th & Union is a dense residential neighborhood that is not a destination site for retail shopping. There is an inadequate weekday daytime population to support more than a handful of businesses. Further, retail needs are supported by nearby shopping centers – Union & MLK and Capitol Hill. As the area is well supported by the #2 and #3 bus lines, the majority of retail needs is served by a short bus ride to Capitol Hill or downtown Seattle.

As noted in my previous letter, existing commercial sites have not been absorbed. To be specific, a large retail space continues to be vacant, more than two years after the exit of the last tenant. Further, newly constructed live-work buildings have not enhanced the community as the majority are closed to the public, with blinds drawn. The majority of these spaces are used as residential facilities. A couple sites appear to have businesses operating on the main floor, however none offer services to the neighborhood community. The livability and walkability of the neighborhood has not been enhanced by these developments. Increasing the number of such developments by up-zoning will be a detriment to the neighborhood.

The function of NC1 is to support or encourage a small shopping area that provides primarily convenience retail sales and services to the adjoining residential neighborhood. The zoning specifies the ability to create a number of small neighborhoods serving businesses with continuous storefronts in an atmosphere that is attractive to pedestrians. However these characteristics cannot be effectively met by the up-zoning request. The neighborhood is unable to absorb the capacity of commercial space and many storefronts have remained empty for years at a time. Or contain businesses that are not open to the public. Many businesses close their doors within a year. Currently, the commercial/multi-family building across from the proposed site has parking access on 34th Avenue which breaks up the walkability of the environment and does not support the door-to-door retail atmosphere attractive to pedestrians.

Locational Criteria for NC1 states that it is most appropriate on land that is generally characterized by being outside of urban villages or isolated or peripheral to the primary business district and with limited transit service. The site does not meet this characteristic as it is supported by more robust commercial and retail services at 23rd & Union, MLK and Union, MLK and Cherry. Further, the area is well served by the #2 and #3 buses which run frequently as well as the #8 which can be accessed at MLK and Union.

Finally, the petitioner has not provided plans to support their development. With such an open-ended request, there is no guarantee that the resulting structures will assimilate respectfully into the neighboring landscape. Over the past 20 years, the landowner has allowed the property to decay and un maintained landscaping is a fire hazard and haven for rodents.

Rezone of the property and a further increase to commercial development would negatively impact the community which has not been able to support commercial properties to date, let alone the potential increase once 33rd Avenue is developed and activated. Neighbors surrounding this small commercial area have become increasingly negatively impacted due to increased traffic and lack of parking. Most concerning are the narrow streets and the inability of fire and emergency vehicles to enter 34th Avenue at Spring and support the residents in the area.

Thank you for your consideration.

Leila Kirske

On Wed, Jul 22, 2020 at 8:24 AM PRC <PRC@seattle.gov> wrote:

Hello Leila,

Please submit any comments either in the body of the email or in PDF format. We are unable to attach Word documents to our file system, and this format is inaccessible to community members who may lack the software.

Thank you,



Public Resource Center

Land Use Division

City of Seattle [Department of Construction and Inspections](#)

From: Vasquez, Colin <Colin.Vasquez@seattle.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 7:16 AM
To: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; Leila Kirske <lkirske@gmail.com>
Subject: Response re: Land Use Action #3036784-LU

From: Leila Kirske <lkirske@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 18, 2020 9:08 PM
To: Vasquez, Colin <Colin.Vasquez@seattle.gov>; prc@seattle.gov
Subject: Response re: Land Use Action #3036784-LU

CAUTION: External Email

Attached please find my letter in opposition to the proposed rezone. Please include me on the distribution of correspondence on this project.

Best regards,

Leila Kirske

From: pepitre82@yahoo.com
To: [PRC](#)
Subject: (Shaping Seattle) Comment about Project 3036784-LU at 1106 34TH AVE
Date: Thursday, October 15, 2020 9:34:53 AM

This property obstructs the alley way and hinders both business and personal access. The owner of this property has put up a fence that blocks the alley access and has allowed tenants to park at the south end of the alley in way that does not allow access traveling North. For this project to gain clearance, the owner of these parcels of land must be required to open the alley and to stop hindering traffic to businesses and residences.

WRITTEN COMMENT

From: Sarah Banks
sarahb@saranjan.com

7/27/2020

To: SDCI
PRC@seattle.gov

RE: Project Number 3036784-LU
Address: 1106 34th Avenue, Seattle, WA

I support this Application. Extending the time period for this rezone, due to delays resulting from the Covid-19 crises, should be approved. The small Madrona Business District needs help in maintaining its vitality. A new mixed-use building at this location will contribute to this goal, by adding additional residential and commercial space to the District.

Yours truly,
Sarah Banks

PRC

From: Jania Garcia <janiag@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2020 7:45 PM
To: PRC
Subject: written comment supporting rezone extension for project # 3036784-LU

Categories: Matthew

CAUTION: External Email

WRITTEN COMMENT
Supporting Rezone Extension Application

From: Jania Garcia
janiag@gmail.com
1608 B 37th Ave.
Seattle WA 98122

Date: 7/27/2020

To: SDCI
PRC@seattle.gov

Attn: Colin Vasquez

Concerning: Project Number 3036784-LU
Address: 1106 34th Avenue, Seattle, WA

Please extend the time period for this contract rezone for an additional 3 years.

According to the SEPA Application from the original application for this rezone, NC zoning is the most appropriate zoning classification for this site. Small business districts need an adequate quantity of mixed-use zoned property to allow them to thrive and be vibrant places to visit and shop. Maintaining the NC zoning of this site to match the adjacent NC zoning on the rest of the block would help accomplish this goal.

Thank you,
Janina Garcia

WRITTEN COMMENTS
(In Support of Application)

Date: 7/27/2020

To: Colin Vasquez
SDCI, Seattle Department of Construction & Inspection
PRC@seattle.gov

RE: Project Number 3036784-LU
1106 34th Avenue, Seattle, Wa.

My name is Scott Enderle. I lived in the Madrona Business District for a number of years and now manage several buildings in the neighborhood. I am writing to support this Application to extend the time on this Contract Rezone.

With all the chaos created in the design and construction industries by the Covid-19 pandemic in Seattle, it is necessary for the City to give developers more time to design their projects and submit their MUP applications, as well as provide additional time on already approved building permits.

Currently, understanding the economics of real estate development is impossible due to the Pandemic- renters are unable to pay their monthly rent, and retailers are going bankrupt. Hence, creating a proforma for new projects is difficult and risky. Trying to figure out the financials for new projects, by developers and financial institutions alike, is very difficult. It's important for the City to provide the necessary and permitted time extensions for Contract Rezones until this Pandemic has passed.

Please approve this application to extend the time in this Contract Rezone. I would suggest you extend the time for a period of 3 years following King County getting to Phase 4 of the Governor's Phased Approach to Reopening.

Thank you,
Scotty Enderle
swfenderle@gmail.com

WRITTEN COMMENT
In Support of the Application

From: Malcolm Harker
Email: Headludd@mail.com

Date: 7/27/2020

To: SDCI
Re: Application for Renewal of Contract Rezone
Project Number: 3036784-LU
Address: 1106 34th Avenue, Seattle, WA

I am writing in support of this Application. This site should match the zoning at the rest of this 2 block Commercial district (East side of 34th Ave. between E. Pike St. and E. Spring St.). All sites in this two block area are zoned neighborhood commercial (NC) except for this one. The old residential zoning (LR2) is inappropriate. This is clearly a mapping error- the site should have been remapped long ago to NC to reinforce the small Madrona Business District. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the applicant should be afforded more time to produce his building design and submit his MUP application. I suggest an additional 3 year extension is appropriate, considering a vaccine for Covid will not be available for most US citizens until next August, 2021 at the earliest.

Yours truly,
Malcolm Harker

PRC

From: STEVEN PELTIN <peltin@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 11:18 PM
To: PRC
Subject: Application #3036784-LU

CAUTION: External Email

Written Comments

In Support of Application

To: SDCI

Date: 7/27/2020

PRC@seattle.gov

Attn: Colin Vasquez

RE: Project Number 3036784-LU

1106 34th Avenue, Seattle, Wa.

Dear Mr. Vasquez,

I don't know whether you remember me, but I am certain that we have spoken over the course of the last ten years that I have been a gift shop owner in the Madrona neighborhood of Seattle. I hope that this letter finds you in good health and bearing up as well as possible during this difficult time.

I write to you now to express my support for a three-year extension on the application for project #3036784-LU, which will be located at 1106 34th Avenue when it is completed. I have no doubt that the new building, which Madrona resident Marty Liebowitz is designing, will contribute significantly to the vibrance of the Madrona community, providing both additional retail space and more residential units along the pleasantly bustling 34th Street business corridor. Unfortunately, as has been the case for many people, the current coronavirus pandemic has caused unforeseen delays in Marty's work — he needs more time to design his new building, but he definitely wants to build!

As someone who has been a business owner in Madrona for a decade, I have seen how the neighborhood has benefitted as more business and residential spaces have become available, and I believe that NC zoning is the most appropriate for this site by allowing for both uses. Please extend the time for this Contract Rezone.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read my comments, and stay safe!

Sincerely,

Nena Peltin

peltin@comcast.net

Owner of Nena Gifts, Gallery & Vintage in Madrona

Date: July 27, 2020

To: SDCI
prc@seattle.gov
Attn: Colin Vasquez

Re: Project #3036784-LU
1106 34th Ave
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mr. Vasquez:

I am writing in support of an extension for the time period for the contract rezone: Project #3036784-LU for an additional three years. COVID-19 has caused many architects to reduce their workloads so that they may safely socially distance and work on a limited basis from home.

Additionally, the recent MHA Law was approved a year after this applicant received his final approval for the contract rezone from the Seattle City Council, causing the applicant to wait a year to start his design, as the contract rezone approval included a payment provision to the MHA Affordable Housing Fund. Both the timing of the MHA approval by Council, and the arrival of the pandemic have contributed to the applicant's need for additional time to design his building. I support this.

Also, according to the SEPA application form, the original application for this rezone, NC zoning, was found by SDCI to be the most appropriate zoning classification for this site. To this I also agree. Small business districts need an adequate quantity of mixed-use zoned property to allow them to thrive and be vibrant places to visit and shop. Rezoning this site to match the adjacent NC zoning on the rest of the block would help accomplish this goal.

I support extending the time period for this contract rezone for an additional period of three years.

Sincerely,
Frida Weisman
fridaweisman@gmail.com

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AN ORDINANCE approving the extension of a contract rezone approved by Ordinance 125433 and accepting an amended Property Use and Development Agreement for a property located at 1106 34th Avenue. (Petition by Martin Leibowitz, C.F. 314461, SDCI Project 3036784-LU)

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WHEREAS, on October 9, 2017, the City Council passed Ordinance 125433 on October 9, 2017, approving a contract rezone for a property located at 1106 34th Avenue (Property) and accepting a Property Use and Development Agreement (PUDA); and

WHEREAS, the PUDA imposed conditions and covenants on future development of the Property; and

WHEREAS, Martin Leibowitz now seeks to extend the expiration date for the PUDA and contract rezone, by two additional years, in order to complete the development of the Property; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) subsection 23.76.060.E, the City Council may extend the time limit on a Type IV land use decision by up to two years; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) recommended that the Council approve the extension request on October 29, 2020;

WHEREAS, the SDCI recommendation is filed in Clerk File 314461;

WHEREAS; the City Council, pursuant to SMC subsection 23.76.060.E.2, finds the extension request to be reasonable and in the public interest; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The zoning designation established by Ordinance 125433 is extended for two years from the effective date of this ordinance.

1 Section 2. The Council accepts the Property Use and Development Agreement
2 amendment attached to this ordinance as Exhibit A.

3 Section 3. The City Clerk is authorized and directed to file this ordinance and amended
4 PUDA in the King County Recorder’s Office; to file, upon return of the ordinance from the King
5 County Recorder’s Office, the original of this ordinance at the City Clerk’s Office; and to deliver
6 copies of the same to the Director of the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections and
7 to the King County Assessor's Office.

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1 Section 4. This ordinance, effectuating a quasi-judicial decision of the City Council and
2 not subject to mayoral approval or disapproval, shall take effect and be in force 30 days from and
3 after its passage and approval by the City Council.

4 Passed by the City Council the _____ day of _____, 2021,
5 and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this _____ day of
6 _____, 2021.

7 _____
8 President _____ of the City Council

9 Filed by me this _____ day of _____, 2021.

10 _____
11 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

12 (Seal)

Amendment to Property Use and Development Agreement

<i>When Recorded, Return to:</i>	
THE CITY CLERK 600 Fourth Avenue, Floor 3 PO Box 94728 Seattle, Washington 98124-4728	

AMENDED PROPERTY USE AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

Grantor(s):	(1) Martin Liebowitz	(2) 34th and Spring LLC
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional grantors on page _____		
Grantee:	(1) The City of Seattle	
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional on page _____		
Legal Description <i>(abbreviated if necessary):</i>	THE SOUTH 25 FEET OF LOT 2 AND LOT 3, BLOCK 2, MARION HIGHLANDS ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SEATTLE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN VOLUME 15 OF PLATS, PAGE 61, RECORDS OF KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON	
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional legal description on page _____:		
Assessor's Tax Parcel ID #:	5157700040 (part) and 5157700055	
Reference Nos. of Documents Released or Assigned:		

THIS AMENDMENT (the "Amendment") to the PROPERTY USE AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT recorded under King County Recording Number 20171116000748 (the "PUDA") is executed this ____ day of ____, 2021, in favor of the CITY OF SEATTLE (the "City"), a Washington municipal corporation, by the 34th and Spring LLC, a Washington limited liability company (the "Owners").

All terms not defined herein shall have the same meaning as in the PUDA.

1. A new Section 9 is added to the PUDA to read as follows:

Section 9. Notwithstanding the expiration provision in Section 3, this Agreement is extended for an additional period of two years from the effective date of the ordinance accepting this Amendment and extending the rezone.

2. No Other Changes. Except as set forth herein, the PUDA shall remain in full force and effect.

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[Signature Pages Follow]

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SIGNED this ____ day of January, 2021.

OWNERS:

34TH AND SPRING LLC,
a Washington limited liability company

By: _____

Name: _____

Its: _____

By: _____

Martin Liebowitz

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STATE OF WASHINGTON

} ss.

COUNTY OF KING

I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that _____ is the person who appeared before me, and said person acknowledged that (he/she) signed this instrument, on oath stated that (he/she) was authorized to execute the instrument and acknowledged it as the _____ of 34th and Spring LLC, a Washington limited liability company, to be the free and voluntary act of such party for the uses and purposes mentioned in the instrument.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Printed Name
Notary Public in and for the State of Washington,
residing at
My Commission Expires

STATE OF WASHINGTON

} ss.

COUNTY OF KING

I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that Martin Liebowitz is the person who appeared before me, and said person acknowledged that he signed this instrument and acknowledged it to be his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes mentioned in the instrument.

Given under my hand and official seal this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Printed Name
Notary Public in and for the State of Washington,
residing at
My Commission Expires

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Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) and Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE) Tree Protections Update



Date: November 25, 2020
To: Councilmember Dan Strauss, Chair, Land Use and Neighborhoods Committee
From: Nathan Torgelson, SDCI Director; and Jessica Finn Coven, OSE Director
Subject: Tree Protections Update – 3Q 2020 Report

The City Council adopted [Resolution 31902](#) on September 16, 2019, directing SDCI and OSE staff to explore strategies to protect existing trees, increase Seattle’s tree canopy cover, and balance City goals to support future growth and density as provided in the City’s Comprehensive Plan. The resolution also directs SDCI and OSE to provide quarterly reports to the Chair of the Land Use and Neighborhoods (LUN) Committee on progress made. SDCI and OSE delivered the 1Q report to the LUN Committee on February 12, 2020 to share the project scope. The 2Q report was delivered remotely on July 22, 2020 to share progress made and next steps. This is the third report of 2020 which summarizes the actions accomplished to date including the status of the 2020 Urban Forestry Management Plan (UFMP) Update and the proposed draft Director’s Rule 13-2020.

Progress on the Urban Forest Management Plan update (UFMP)

The UFMP sets the goals and framework to guide Seattle’s urban forestry policies and programs. The City’s urban forestry team moved the draft 2020 Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP) to the public comment period, which will be open through November 30. Staff kicked off this phase with a briefing to the Urban Forestry Commission on October 14.

The team shared the [draft plan](#), [executive summary](#), a webinar-style [presentation](#), and an online [comment form](#) with the public. The team reached back out to community members engaged during the Phase 1 (inclusive engagement) effort; key stakeholders that participated in listening sessions; and broadly shared the information through the Urban Forestry Commission bulletin, the Trees for Seattle Newsletter, and OSE’s newsletter.

Once the team receives public comment, it will incorporate it into the plan in December and will produce a revised plan for Mayoral approval. SDCI will then conduct a SEPA review and will issue a Determination. The team expects to share the plan with Council in the Spring 2021.

Progress Made on Tree Protection Updates in 3Q 2020

SDCI, OSE, and partners continue to work to improve tree protections, including on specific strategies as outlined in [Resolution 31902](#). Highlights are outlined below.

Updates to Director’s Rule for Exceptional Trees

The proposed draft [Director’s Rule 13-2020](#) was published this summer and went through an extended public comment period. At that time, SDCI received over 800 public comment emails and letters with the vast majority in support of increased tree protections and many were requesting SDCI to go further with code changes. SDCI is in the process of reviewing and responding to stakeholder comments on the proposed DR 13-2020.

Fully Funded Lidar Project

SDCI and IT worked to bring together multiple departments to contribute a total of \$72,000 to fund the 2021 lidar acquisition project which is a 3D aerial scan of the earth’s surface that has many applications including measurement of tree canopy. With the City’s commitment to this project, we anticipate that

Department of Natural Resources will be successful in the next step to win the federal grant that will allow this project to move forward next year.

Greater Permit Review Coordination

This work has benefitted from having two additional SDCI arborists available to assist in the review of permit applications involving tree protection or removal and advise on enforcement cases. Recently, one of SDCI's arborists retired and we were able to maintain that key position through the hire of another experienced and certified arborist.

Updated Education and Information

Staff is preparing to issue a letter about tree regulations to tree service providers. The letter will provide updated information about the current regulations and best practices to help inform how to do tree work in Seattle.

Tracking Tree Removal and Replacement

SDCI GIS analysts are working to capture tree-related information from approved permit applications starting from July 2019. Staff have updated the SDCI Tree Tracker Worksheet to continue to expediate this process through the end of 2020.

Racial Equity Analysis

SDCI and OSE are evaluating the outstanding strategies identified in [Resolution 31902](#) through a racial equity lens. Staff is considering whether any additional or alternative strategies may be better suited to address environmental disparities in BIPOC neighborhoods. SDCI hired a temporary staff to apply the City's Racial Equity Toolkit to this work.

Seattle Home Fair Presentation on Tree Regulations

SDCI staff, including inspectors and arborists, will provide a presentation on tree regulations for the virtual Seattle Home Fair on January 30th. The purpose of the presentation will be to assist property owners in learning more about the tree codes such as what they need to know about exceptional trees, tree removal limits and how to protect trees when planning for remodels and detached accessory dwelling units.

Copy: Aly Pennucci and Yolanda Ho, City Council Central Staff



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Extension of Interim Floodplain Regulations