PLANNING TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF

• c(1) & c(2) Bulk Variances (Lot Size & Depth, Setbacks) – R2 Zone

Borough of Sea Bright UNIFIED PLANNING BOARD

Mountain View Villas, LLC Lot Size & Setback Variances Mountain View Way Block 33, Lot 20.02; Block 34 Lots 3.03, 3.04









The site for the proposed subdivision is located on the west side of Ocean Avenue at the northern tip of the Borough near the bridge at Route 36 and is within an R-2 Zone adjacent to an R-4 zoned property.

R-1	RESIDENTIAL		B-1	CENTRAL BUSINESS
R-2	RESIDENTIAL		8-2	RIVERFRONT BUSINESS
R-3	DOWNTOWN RESIDENCE		B-3	OCEANFRONT BUSINESS
R-4	MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL		B-R	BUSINESS RESIDENTIAL
C-P	COASTAL PROTECTION	M	BOR	DUGH OF SEA BRIGHT

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SURROUNDING AREA

Context

The subject site consists of the lots along Mountain Vew Way between the Lands End condominium to the south and a newly constructed multifamily development on what was formerly "Gator's" motel, club and marina site in the R-4 Zone to the north.



3 SURROUNDING AREA

Context

The Tax Map (Sheet 19) shows the current site as Block 33, Lot 20.02; Block 34 Lots 3.01, 3.02 and 3.03; and Block 23, Lot 130 (beach access). However the lots to be subdivided are now 3.03 and 3.04.



SURROUNDING AREA

Context

A Minor Subdivision was approved by the Board in July of 2017 and filed in October of 2017. Lots 3.01 and 3.02 were subdivided to create Lots 3.04, 3.05 and 3.06. The highlighted area shows that this application involves Block 34, Lots 3.03 and 3.04; Block 33, Lot 20.02; and Block 23, Lot 130 (beach access).



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R2 Zone Consistency

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Proposed Subdivision

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BLOCK 34		LOT 20.02	LOT 20.03	LOT 20.04	1	BLOCK 34	1	LOT 3.03	LOT 3.04
	REQUIRED	PROPOSED	PROPOSED	PROPOSED			REQUIRED	PROPOSED	PROPOSED
OT AREA: MIN.	4000 S.F.	2800 S.F. V.	3113 S.F. V	6947 S.F.		LOT AREA: MIN.	4000 S.F.	14,597 S.F.	3916 S.F. V
OT WIDTH	50 FT.	60 FT.	70 FT.	60 FT.		LOT WIDTH	50 FT.	80 FT.	50 FT.
OT DEPTH: MIN.	60 FT.	40 FT. V.	40 FT, V.	106.25 FT.		LOT DEPTH: MIN.	60 FT.	179.94 FT.	80 FT.
RONT YARD SETBACK	25 FT.	SFT.V.	5 FT. V	25 FT.		FRONT YARD SETBACK	25 FT.	25 FT.	8 FT. V
IDE YARD: MIN.	7 FT.	13 FT.	22 FT.	7 FT.		SIDE YARD: MIN.	7.FT.	8 FT.	8 FT.
IDE YARD: BOTH	15 FT.	30 FT.	N/A	15 FT.		SIDE YARD: BOTH	15 FT.	16 FT.	N/A
EAR YARD	15 FT.	7.FT. V.	7 FT. V.	16 FT.		REAR YARD	15 FT.	17 FT.	16 FT.
UILDING HEIGHT	35 FT (2.5 STY.)	35 FT (2.5 STY.)	35 FT (2.5 STY.)	35 FT(2.5 STY).		BUILDING HEIGHT	35 FT (2.5 STY.)	35 FT (2.5 STY.)	35 FT (2.5 STY.)
UILDING COVERAGE: MAX.	50%	39.63%	40%	25.84%	1	BUILDING COVERAGE: MAX.	50%	17.22%	33.54%
OT COVERAGE: MAX.	70%	49.71%	49.52%	33.43%		LOT COVERAGE: MAX.	70%	21.63%	46.96%
ROSS FLOOR AREA: MIN.	800 S.F.	970.31 S.F.	1061.46 S.F.	1530 S.F.		GROSS FLOOR AREA: MIN.	800 S.F.	1769.76 S.F.	1044 S.F.
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Mountain View Villas at Sea Bright, LLC proposes to subdivide three (3) lots into five (5) single family residential properties and a public access lot on Block 23, Lot 130. The three (3) lots to be subdivided are Block 33, Lot 20.02, and Block 34 Lots 3.03 and 3.04. There is also an additional lot that will remain in its current configuration that serves as public beach access Block 23, Lot 130. On this lot is a proposed beach walkover. Also proposed is a private roadway that forms a hammerhead, and a public access easement to the river with benches.

Setbacks & Density

Surrounding Area

The west side of Ocean Avenue in Sea Bright has a number of neighborhoods zoned R-2 with typical lot configurations comparable to the proposed subdivision governed by the location of interior roadways. The lot density in the neighborhood along Waterview Way is higher than is proposed on Mountain View Way.





Surrounding Area



Site Images – Existing Conditions (Ocean Avenue)

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Views of Lot 20.01 (left dwelling), Lot 1 (center) and Lot 2 (right) along Ocean Avenue.



⁹ Site Images – Existing Conditions (Ocean Avenue)

View from Ocean Avenue of property line between the Lands End Condominiums and Lot 20.01.



Site Images – Existing Conditions

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View of existing bungalows along the north side of Mountainview Avenue.



Existing Zoning

§ 130-49C(2). R2 Residential Zone.

- a. Permitted Primary Uses.
 - 1. Single-family dwelling unit.
 - 2. Churches.
 - 3. Public parks. [Added 4-17-1989]

§ 130-50C – Schedule of Lot and Building Requirements

					Minimum Yard Requirements (feet)		Maximum	Maximum	Maximum	Minimum		
		Minimum	Minimum	Minimum			Building	Building	Lot	GFA		
		Lot Area	Lot Width	Lot Depth		Either	Both		Height ^{2,3}	Coverage	Coverage	(total)
L	Zone	(square feet)	(feet)	(feet)	Front	Side	Sides	Rear	(feet)	(percentage)	(percentage)	(square feet)
	R-2	4,000	50	60	25	7	15	15	35/2 1/2 story	50%	70%	880

Hardship (c1) and "Flexible c" (c2) Conditions:

Hardship (c1)

- The lot sizes and depths are dictated by the existing road ROW of Mountain View Way.
 - The location of the ROW dictates a lot depth of 80 feet on the north side and 40 feet on the south side, while the R-2 Schedule of Lot and Building Requirements dictates a depth of 60 feet on both sides;
 - The constriction of lot depth results in a hardship in meeting both front and rear setbacks on the south side (Proposed Lots 20.03 and 20.04) for purposes of a reasonable building footprint for a single-family dwelling;

Benefits Outweigh Detriments (c2) – Hammerhead Street Extension

- The need for hammerhead street extension to provide access to Lots 3.03 and 20.04 creates a
 radius in Lot 3.04 that causes the need for lot area relief and the second "front yard" with an 8 foot
 nonconforming setback.
- The extension of Mountain View Way to the water would have allowed more lot area for Lots 20.02 and 20.03, but the hammerhead provides for a more beneficial and functional road.
 - "a. To encourage municipal action to guide the appropriate use or development of all lands in this State, in a manner which will promote the public health, safety, morals and general welfare".
 - "g. To provide sufficient space in appropriate locations for a variety of agricultural, residential, recreational, commercial and
 industrial uses and open space, both public and private, according to their respective environmental requirements in order to
 meet the needs of all New Jersey citizens".
- The proposed subdivision provides an orderly lot configuration that is consistent with other R-2 neighborhoods and will allow the current condition of underutilization to be dramatically improved.
 - "i. To promote a desirable visual environment through creative development techniques and good civic design and arrangement".

¹³ 2017 Master Plan & Reexamination June 29, 2017

Relevant Recommendations:

- 1. "Single Family-2 (R-2): This land use district corresponds to the R-2 zone district. It is located on the western side of the borough and encompasses about 11.4 percent of the total land area. It is recommended that duplexes not be permitted in the R-2 zone. Existing multifamily areas within the R-2 land use district have been removed and reclassified as being in the R-5 land use district, which is discussed below."
 - The proposed subdivision results in five building lots that are consistent in layout with the 2017 minor subdivision and the single-family emphasis of the Master Plan.

2017 Master Plan & Reexamination



2. The regulatory recommendations in the Master Plan propose that Lands End be rezoned to R5 to recognize the highdensity multifamily use recommendation above, but the lots along Mountain View Way are recommended to remain R-2, sandwiched between an R-4 and R-5 Zone.



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¹⁵ Negative Criteria:

NO SUBSTANTIAL ADVERSE IMPACT ON PUBLIC WELFARE:

- The Board must determine that the grant of the Variances will not adversely impact the surrounding area:
 - The subject property is surrounded by higher density multifamily uses and is less dense than similar neighborhoods in the R-2 Zone.
 - The lot area and depth relief allows for a reasonable footprint without overcrowding, as the other setbacks are met.
 - The front and rear yard relief for Lots 20.02 and 20.03 is a result of the 40-foot lot depth, will be uniform along Mountain View Way and there are no other single-family homes fronting Mountain View Way that would be adversely impacted.

Negative Criteria:

NO SUBSTANTIAL IMPAIRMENT OF ZONE PLAN & ORDINANCE:

- The Board must determine that the grant of the Variances will not substantially impair the purpose and intent of the Master Plan and land development standards:
 - The proposed single-family use on the proposed lots is consistent with the recommendations of the 2017 Master Plan and the R2 Zone be restricted to single-family uses.
 - The proposed subdivision would result in a lot configuration that is consistent with other R2 neighborhoods and eliminate an unproductive and visually unattractive condition prone to misuse for collecting discarded refuse and trash.

Conclusions:

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- The proposed subdivision is consistent with the size of other lots in the area. The lot density that would result from the grant of the relief would be less than the closest R2 neighborhood along Water View Way.
- The ROW of Mountain View Way dictates the unbalanced lot depths of 80 feet on the north side and 40 feet on the south side rather than conforming 60 feet on each. The blocks are sandwiched between two multifamily developments and the 40-foot depth is a hardship in meeting front and rear setbacks for Lots 20.2 and 20.03.
- The hammerhead road design results in a beneficial road layout that outweighs the front yard setback relief that it causes for Lot 3.04 by making it a corner lot with two front yards.
- The requested relief can be granted without substantial detriment to surrounding properties and without substantial adverse impact on the Zone (Master) Plan.