MEMORANDUM

To: Design Review Board
From: Tony Leavitt, Senior Planner
Date: July 27, 2018
File No.: DRV18-00312
Subject: CONTINENTAL DIVIDE MIXED USE PROJECT DESIGN RESPONSE CONFERENCE

I. MEETING GOALS

At the August 6, 2018 Design Review Board (DRB) meeting, the DRB should continue the Design Response Conference from July 2nd and determine if the project is consistent with the design guidelines contained in Design Guidelines for the Rose Hill Business District and the Design Guidelines for Residential Development, as adopted in Kirkland Municipal Code (KMC) Section 3.30.040.

Due to the fact that the review of the projects under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) is not complete, the Design Response Conference will need to be continued to a future meeting date.

At the July 2nd Meeting, the DRB requested that the applicant submit the following items:

- Include two design options for the gateway feature area. The building at the corner of 132nd and 85th needs additional treatment.
- Look at ways to decrease the impacts on neighboring properties - specifically the properties to the north. This could include minimizing the amount of windows and balconies on this façade.
- Include additional information regarding the treatment of the 132nd Avenue blank wall including full landscape renderings.
- Provide seating areas and other amenities near the bus stop and sidewalks.
- Provide a pedestrian connection between the north building exit and 131st Avenue NE.
- Windows need to be more residential in nature. Create variety and decrease size to match neighboring residential uses.
- Increase the amount of vertical and horizontal modulation, specifically along the longer east and north facades. Varying roof heights and forms would help to create the look of smaller buildings. Increase depth and width of horizontal modulations.
• The masonry material on the commercial façade needs more texture and interest.

• Provide a detailed landscaping plan.

The applicant has submitted revised plans that are included as Attachment 3.

II. PROPOSAL

The subject property is located at 8505 132nd Avenue NE (see Attachment 1). The applicant is proposing to construct a four story mixed use building. The main building will have a single story commercial space along NE 85th Street and transition to 3 stories of residential units above a parking level. A single story commercial building will be located near NE 85th Street (see Attachment 3).

The proposal includes a request for minor variations to allow encroachments into the required front yard setback along NE 85th Street.

III. SITE

The subject property is 2.26 acres (98,429 square feet) in size and consists of 8 existing parcels zoned RH (Rose Hill Business District) 8. The site currently contains multiple single family residences and associated accessory structures. All existing structures will be demolished as part of the proposal.

The majority of the site is relatively flat with the only significant grade in the southeast corner of the site.

The property has street frontage along NE 85th Street, 132nd Avenue NE and 131st Avenue NE.

The following list summarizes the zoning designation, uses, and allowed heights of properties adjacent to the subject property:


East: Residential development (The Pointe) located in Redmond

West and South: RH8. Single-family and commercial uses to the west. Office use to the south. Maximum height of 35 feet.

Photographs prepared by the applicant that show the surrounding properties are contained in Attachment 2.

IV. CONCEPTUAL DESIGN CONFERENCE

A Conceptual Design Conference was held on December 4, 2017. The DRB provided direction to the applicant in preparation for the Design Response Conference. At the meeting, the DRB discussed:

A. How the design guidelines affect or pertain to the proposed development.

B. Which guidelines applied to the proposed development; and

C. The application materials that are needed for the Design Response Conference.

The DRB's feedback from the conference is summarized in Section V.B below under the DRB's discussion on the various design topics.

V. DESIGN RESPONSE CONFERENCE

Guidelines for Residential Development, the following information summarizes key guidelines that apply specifically to the project or project area. See also Section VI for information regarding zoning regulations and how they affect the proposed development.

A. **Design Guidelines**

1. **General**
   The following is a list of key design issues and/or design techniques that should be addressed with this project as identified in the design guidelines.
   - Building Scale
     - Vertical and horizontal modulation
     - Architectural scale
     - Roof forms
   - Pedestrian-Orientation
     - Plazas
     - Pedestrian friendly building fronts
     - Blank wall treatment
   - Landscaping
   - Building Location and Orientation
   - Building material, color, and detail


B. **Compliance with Design Guidelines**

1. **Scale**
   a. **DRB Discussion**

   At the Conceptual Design Conference, the DRB expressed a preference for the applicant’s preferred design. The DRB requested the following items for submittal:
   - Increase modulation on the main building and commercial building. Specifically, the long north and east facades need to be addressed.
   - Additional work on the building roof forms to make them more residential in nature and some continuity between the interior and exterior roof forms.
   - Work on the “gateway” feature in the southeast corner of the site. Incorporate design elements to activate the corner.
   - Additional work on the transition from the commercial to residential portions in the southeast corner.
   - Provide solar studies to illustrate shadow impact on adjacent properties.
   - Treatment of blank walls including the parking garage.
   - Ensure that the commercial spaces along NE 85th include pedestrian oriented facades.
At the July 2nd Meeting, the DRB requested that the applicant address the following items at the August 6th Meeting:

- Include two design options for the gateway feature area. The building at the corner of 132nd and 85th needs additional treatment.
- Look at ways to decrease the impacts on neighboring properties - specifically the properties to the north. This could include minimizing the amount of windows and balconies on this façade.
- Include additional information regarding the treatment of the 132nd Avenue blank wall including full landscape renderings.
- Windows need to be more residential in nature. Create variety and decrease size to match neighboring residential uses.
- Increase the amount of vertical and horizontal modulation, specifically along the longer east and north facades. Varying roof heights and forms would help to create the look of smaller buildings. Increase depth and width of horizontal modulations.

b. Supporting Design Guidelines

The Design Guidelines contain the following policy statements that address the use of these techniques:

- Incorporate entry gateway features in new development on NE 85th Street at 120th and 132nd Avenues. Gateway features should incorporate some or all of the following: a. Distinctive landscaping including an assortment of varieties of roses. b. Artwork (e.g. vertical sculpture incorporating historical information about Rose Hill). c. A gateway sign with the City logo. d. Multicolored masonry forming a base for an entry sign. e. Decorative lighting elements.
- Encourage design treatments that emphasize street corners through the use of building location and design, plaza spaces, landscaping, distinctive architectural features, and/or signage.
- Encourage all buildings located at or near street corner to incorporate special architectural elements that add visual interest and provide a sense of human proportion and scale. This could include a raised roofline, turret, corner balconies, bay windows, special awning or canopy design, and/or distinctive use of building materials (see the following examples).
- Incorporate transparent windows and doors and weather protection features along all non-residential facades adjacent to a sidewalk or internal pathway. Weather protection features could include awnings, canopies, marquees, or other permitted treatments.
- Site and orient multi-story buildings to minimize impacts to adjacent single family residents. For example, if a multistory building is located near a single family property, provide landscaping elements and/or minimize windows and openings to protect the privacy of adjacent homes.
- Avoid blank walls near sidewalks, major internal walkways, parks, and pedestrian areas.
- Mitigate the intrusive qualities of parking garages. Along streets, pedestrian pathways, and in pedestrian areas, ground-level commercial
uses should be incorporated into parking structures. Extensive landscaping should be used to screen the parking garage near residential areas and in high visibility locations.

- Incorporate fenestration techniques that indicate the scale of the building.
- Encourage vertical modulation on multi-story buildings to add variety and to make large buildings appear to be an aggregation of smaller buildings.
- Encourage a variety of horizontal building modulation techniques to reduce the architectural scale of the building and add visual interest.
- For Office buildings, utilize design techniques to break up long continuous walls. A combination of horizontal building modulation, change in fenestration, and/or change in building materials should be used to accomplish this.
- Encourage a variety of roofline modulation techniques.
- Encourage a combination of architectural building elements that lend the building a human scale.
- Encourage buildings in the East End to utilize architectural styles common to neighboring residential areas.
- Locate and orient buildings towards streets, plazas or common open spaces, and major internal pathways.
- Configure buildings to create focal points especially on larger sites.
- Configure development to provide opportunities for coordinated pedestrian and vehicular access.

c. **Staff Analysis**

*As requested by the DRB, the applicant has provided detailed plans for review (see Attachments 2 and 3).*

The DRB should provide input on the following items:

- Does the building provide enough horizontal and/or vertical modulation when viewed from key vantages?
- Are the building corners and gateway feature adequately treated?
- Are the roof forms modulated enough and compatible with neighboring residential?
- Is the building sited and oriented to appropriately minimize the impacts to adjoining single family residences?
- Analysis of the requested minor variations is included in Section V.C below.

2. **Open Space and Landscaping**

a. **DRB Discussion**

At the Conceptual Design Conference, the DRB had the following recommendations regarding open space and landscaping:

- Provide detailed landscaping plans for the site including the courtyard, buffer areas and the northern common area.
At the July 2nd Meeting, the DRB requested that the applicant address the following items at the August 6th Meeting:

- Provide seating areas and other amenities near the bus stop and sidewalks.
- Provide a pedestrian connection between the north building exit and 131st Avenue NE.
- Provide a detailed landscaping plan.

b. **Supporting Design Guidelines**

The Design Guidelines and Zoning Regulations contain the following guideline addressing the visual quality of landscapes:

- KZC Chapter 95 requires that a landscape plan be approved as part of the Design Review Process.
- Encourage special landscaping elements on all street corners in the Rose Hill Business District. Such landscaping elements should incorporate a variety of plant types and textures that add seasonal interest.
- Provide pedestrian amenities along all sidewalks, interior pathways, and within plazas and other open spaces.
- Design all buildings abutting a public sidewalk or major internal pathways to provide direct pedestrian access to the sidewalk or pathway.
- Provide pedestrian plazas in conjunction with nonresidential uses.
- Position plazas in visible locations on major internal circulation routes, close to bus stops, or where there are strong pedestrian flows on neighboring sidewalks.
- Incorporate plenty of benches, steps, and ledges for seating. A combination of permanent and moveable seating is encouraged. Seating areas should be provided with views of amenities, landscaping elements, or people watching.
- Provide landscaping elements that add color and seasonal interest. This can include trees, planting beds, potted plants, trellises, and hanging plants.
- Incorporate common open space into multi-family residential uses.
- Provide private open space for multi-family residential units.
- Locate vehicular parking areas to the side or rear of buildings, to the extent possible. This is most important on street corners and in the Neighborhood Center, where a concentration of storefronts along the street is desired.
- Take advantage of topography to hide parking underneath buildings.

c. **Staff Analysis**

*The DRB should review the landscape treatment around the building, within the courtyard area and public plaza, and at the gateway. Landscaping should be placed in areas to help mitigate building massing and enhance the pedestrian experience along the project frontages.*
The DRB should provide input on the following items:

- What changes, if any, are needed to the landscape plan?
- Are there other opportunities for landscaping?

### 3. Building Materials, Color, and Details

**a. DRB Discussion**

This topic was not discussed in detail at the Conceptual Design Conference.

At the July 2nd Meeting, the DRB requested that the applicant increase the texture and interest of the masonry material on the commercial façade.

**b. Supporting Design Guidelines**

The Design Guidelines contain the following policy statements that address the use of these techniques:

- Encourage the integration of ornament and applied art with the structures and the site environment. For example, significant architectural features should not be hidden, nor should the urban context be overshadowed. Emphasis should be placed on highlighting building features such as doors, windows, eaves, and on materials such as wood siding and ornamental masonry. Ornament may take the form of traditional or contemporary elements. Original artwork or hand-crafted details should be considered in special areas. Ornament and applied art can be used to emphasize the edges and transition between public and private space, and between walls to ground, roof to sky, and architectural features to adjacent elements. Ornament may consist of raised surfaces, painted surfaces, ornamental or textured banding, changing of materials, or lighting.

- Utilize a variety of quality building materials such as brick, stone, timber, and metal, to add visual interest to the buildings and reduce their perceived scale. Masonry or other durable materials should be used near the ground level.

- Limit the use of concrete block, metal siding, and stucco or similar materials including Exterior Insulation and Finish System (EIFS) on all visible building facades from the street and pedestrian routes and near primary entrances. Such materials should be trimmed properly and used in conjunction with other preferred materials. EIFS should be sheltered from extreme weather by roof overhangs or other methods.

- The use of a range of colors compatible within a coordinated color scheme should be encouraged.

**c. Staff Analysis**

Attachment 2, Sheet 19 contains color elevation drawings and callouts for the proposed building materials. The applicant has been directed to bring larger material samples to the DRB meeting. The DRB should provide feedback to the applicant regarding the proposed materials and colors.

### C. Minor Variations

**1. Applicant’s Request**
a. KZC Section 142.37.1.a allows an applicant to request minor variations to the minimum required setback in the RHBD zone.

b. The DRB may grant a minor variation only if it finds that the following are met (KZC Section 142.37.4):
   - The request results in superior design and fulfills the policy basis for the applicable design regulations and design guidelines;
   - The departure will not have any substantial detrimental effect on nearby properties and the City or the neighborhood.

c. A 10' setback is required along NE 85th Street. The applicant has requested the following minor variations:
   - 8.167 foot encroachment for the standalone commercial building.
   - 1.5 foot encroachment for the main building.
   - Approximately 575 square feet of total setback encroachment.

The applicant's response to the minor setback variation criteria above can be found in Attachment 2, Sheet 27.

2. Staff Analysis

The applicant's request is supported by the design guidelines for Building Location and Orientation in the East End of the RHBD Design District. The specific design guideline encourages development to locate and orient buildings towards the street with parking to the side or the rear.

At a minimum this should include:
   - Non-residential facades located directly adjacent to the sidewalk or buildings featuring a modest landscaped front yard area or plaza area between the sidewalk and the façade.
   - Primary building entries and windows facing the street.
   - Landscaping trimmed to maintain visibility between the sidewalk and the building.

VI. KEY ZONING REGULATIONS

The applicant's proposal is also subject to the applicable requirements contained in the Kirkland Municipal Code, Zoning Code, Fire and Building Code, and Public Works Standards. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure compliance with the various provisions contained in these ordinances. Attachment 4, Development Standards, is provided to familiarize the applicant with some of these additional development regulations. These regulations and standards are not under the review authority of the DRB and will be reviewed for compliance as part of the building permit review for the project.

In terms of zoning, development on the subject property is subject to the regulations in RH 8 (see Attachment 5) as well as other applicable KZC sections. The following regulations are important to point out as they form the basis of any new development on the site. Below are some of the key zoning standards that apply to the development followed by staff comment in italics.

A. Permitted Uses: Retail, office, and residential (stacked dwelling units) are allowed in this zone. Residential may not be located on the ground floor of a structure.
Staff Comment: The applicant is proposing ground floor commercial space along NE 85th Street and stacked residential units behind. Staff is working on a zoning code interpretation that would allow a residential use and associated parking on the ground floor along 131st Avenue NE and 132nd Avenue NE based on the fact these street are residential in nature and do not support retail.

B. Setbacks: A minimum 10 foot front yard setback is required along NE 85th Street. The required front yard setbacks from 131st Avenue NE and 132nd Avenue NE are 20 feet. The rear setback (from the north property line) is 15 feet. Any structure within 30 feet of the northern property line is limited to 50 feet in width if it exceeds 15 feet in height. The DRB can approve required yard (setback) minor variations per KZC Section 142.37.

Staff Comment: A 10 foot front yard setback is required along NE 85th Street. The applicant has requested a minor variation to the setback requirement pursuant to KZC Section 142.37. See Section V.C above.

C. Height: The maximum building height is 35 feet above average building elevation, except maximum building height is 30 feet within 30 feet of an RSX zone. KZC Section 115.60.2.d allows a peaked roof structure an additional 5 feet of height if the slope of the roof is equal to or greater than three (3) feet vertical to 12 feet horizontal.

Staff Comment: The applicant has submitted initial building height calculations that show compliance with the height limitation. Additionally the applicant is taking advantage of the five foot height bonus for peaked roof structures.

D. Lot Coverage: RH8 zoning regulations allow a maximum 70% lot coverage.

Staff Comment: The applicant has submitted initial calculations that show compliance with this requirement. Staff will confirm compliance with the building permit review.

E. Parking: Office and retail uses must provide one parking space for each 300 square feet of gross floor area. Restaurant uses must provide one parking space for each 100 square feet of gross floor area. The KZC requires the following parking standards for stacked dwelling units:

- 1.2 stalls per studio unit
- 1.3 stalls per 1 bedroom unit
- 1.6 stalls per 2 bedroom unit
- 1.8 stalls per 3 or more bedroom unit
- Guest Parking: A minimum 10% of the total number of required parking spaces shall be provided for guest parking and located in a common area accessible by guests. If the required number of guest parking spaces results in a fraction, the applicant shall provide the number of spaces equal to the next higher whole number.

Staff Comment: Staff has not yet evaluated the proposed project for compliance with the City’s parking regulations. The applicant must demonstrate compliance with the City’s parking requirements as part of any building permit.

F. Landscaping: Based on the proposed uses on the subject property and the adjoining developments, the following land use buffers are required:

- North buffer: 15 feet
• West buffer: 5 feet adjoining the office use and 15 feet adjoining the low density residential use.

G. Affordable Housing Requirements: The project is required to provide at least 10 percent of the units as affordable housing units as defined in KZC Chapter 5.

   **Staff Comment:** Staff has not yet evaluated the proposed project for compliance with the City’s Affordable Housing Regulations. The review will occur as part of the building permit.

VII. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Prior to the finalization and distribution of this memo, Staff received numerous comment emails and letter. The emails and letters are included as Attachment 6.

VIII. **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Vicinity Map
2. Applicant’s Plans dated July 2, 2018
3. Applicant’s Revised Plans dated August 6, 2018
4. Development Standards
5. RH 8 Use Zone Chart
6. Public Comment Letters
DESIGN RESPONSE CONFERENCE

8505 132nd Avenue NE

July 2, 2018
PROJECT TEAM & OUR PREVIOUS WORK

Use of modulation and patterns to add visual interest

Active outdoor spaces

Reduction of massing into smaller forms

Active building entries, use of overhangs, canopies

Fenestration patterns

Residential scale matching the neighborhood

Use of color, materials and textures

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Featured projects shown designed or developed by members of the project team.
SECTION 1
PROJECT OVERVIEW

PROJECT INFORMATION
- Site Area
  - Approx. 98,429 sf
- Residential Units
  - Approx. 133
- Office Space
  - Approx. 7,500 sf
- Parking Stalls
  - Approx. 200

PROJECT OBJECTIVES
The Continental Divide is a mixed-use development that will serve as a gateway to the Rose Hill District.

This project is designed to serve the developing Rose Hill District by creating a mixed-use community of high quality design. The project will be responsive to the unique needs of its residents and will enhance the neighborhood with excellent walkability and an enriched streetscape design.

The project site area is approximately 98,429 SF. The proposed building is comprised of 3 wood frame levels over 1 level of parking.

The vehicle entrance for the office buildings and visitors will be located from 131st Ave NE with the commercial buildings located facing NE 85th St providing a pedestrian facade. The commercial structures will provide a buffer from the commercial street while creating an entry courtyard for the residential building.

The residential complex will be located to the north of the site with a 30' wide landscaped buffer providing a transition between the multifamily development and the single-family neighborhood. Vehicle access will be provided from both 131st and 132nd Avenues NE while the pedestrian entrance will be accessed from the landscaped courtyard.

Through its scale, modulation and material selection, the proposed building will reflect characteristics of the area’s recent & historical development, offering a vibrant, enduring asset to the community.
SECTION 2
CDC UPDATE REVIEW

"ENTRY COURT" DESIGN
FROM LAST MEETING
IMPLEMENTING BOARD’S GUIDELINES

STREET FRONTAGE
- Gateway corner detailing
- Pedestrian-friendly building fronts
- Parking screened from street

RESIDENTIAL BUILDING EVOLUTION
- Reduce scale of long facades
- Context sensitive architectural style
- Provide a clear entry from courtyard

GROUND LEVEL RELATIONSHIPS
- Residential open space
- Landscape buffer to single family
STREET FRONTAGE | GATEWAY CORNER DETAILING

- Commercial building activates the corner
- Indicates the beginning of a more neighborhood scale
- Visible entries start a pedestrian oriented language

- Eyebrow canopies and the shed roofs above frame the public way
- A landscape gateway element will indicate the beginning of the “East End” neighborhood

^VIEW OF SOUTHEAST CORNER

^VIEW OF SOUTHEAST CORNER LOOKING DOWN THE STREET
COMMUNITY GATEWAY ELEMENTS

PROPOSED OFFICE
GATEWAY TO COMMUNITY
COVERED CANOPY

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ATTACHMENT 2
PROJECT DRAWINGS FROM JULY 2 DRB MEETING
Pedestrian Oriented Facade

- Small scale commercial shops are brought right to the sidewalk.
- Periodic shop entrances activate the street.
- Trees and planting buffer the sidewalk from the street.
- The parking is screened from the sidewalk.
- Open courtyard connects the building entrance to the sidewalk.
- Zoning Departure per KZC 92.10.3.e.1, Diagram 92.10.A & Design Guidelines Fig. 19
Rose Hill Business District Design Guidelines

East End NE 85th Street Frontage

h. Encourage development to locate and orient buildings towards the street with parking to the side or the rear. At a minimum this should include:

- **Non-residential facades located directly adjacent to the sidewalk or buildings featuring a modest landscaped front yard area or plaza area between the sidewalk and the façade.**
- Primary building entries and windows facing the street.
- Landscaping trimmed to maintain visibility between the sidewalk and the building.

Office and residential developments are encouraged to locate and orient buildings towards an interior open space or courtyard, where space allows. In this scenario, primary building entries may orient towards the open space provided there is direct visibility into the open space from the sidewalk. Windows should be provided on the street façade.

Buildings may be located towards the rear of the property provided they meet landscaping, parking, pathway, and façade standards along the front (see Figure 19).
KZC 92.10 Site Design

e. RHBD East End – NE 85th Street Building Frontage Options and Preferences

1) Preferred Option: Buildings may be located adjacent to the sidewalk on NE 85th Street if they contain a pedestrian-oriented facade (see Figure 92.10.A);

2) Second Option: Locate and orient building towards the sidewalk on NE 85th Street. In this option, the development features a 10-foot minimum landscaped front yard, a clear pathway between the sidewalk and the building, and a building entry and windows facing the street.

3) Least Preferred Option: Locate the building at the rear of the property with parking between NE 85th Street and the building as long as the following standards are applied:
PUBLIC / SEMI-PUBLIC OPEN SPACE

PROPOSED OFFICE AND SEATING

NE 85TH STREET
Figure 6. Multi family residential buildings feature a combination of modulation and articulation techniques to reduce their perceived scale and to add visual interest.
RESIDENTIAL BUILDING EVOLUTION | RESIDENTIAL BUILDING SCALE

1. HIERARCHY OF ELEMENTS

2. ASSEMBLED PIECES

MERIT HOMES | DRC PRESENTATION | 07.02.2019
CONTEXT SENSITIVE ARCHITECTURAL STYLE

- Form is broken down to smaller elements with a residential scale.
- Roof forms add personality and interest

- The axon view shows the hierarchy of elements shown in the diagram on the previous page:
  1. Individual bays
  2. Larger groupings defined by the gabled roofs
  3. The apartment block which is revealed as points of entry and connector pieces between the groupings.
Allowable Building Setback

Proposed Building Setback
The building entry is clearly articulated as a distinct element.

Entry location creates a logical connection to the open space and the sidewalk.

Entry is clearly identifiable without dominating the facade so that the building feels like a row of townhouses instead of a big apartment block.

The lobby connects to the amenity space on the North side.
RESIDENTIAL OPEN SPACE

COURTYARD AREA

OUTDOOR SEATING AND BBQ AREA

PROPOSED MULTIFAMILY APARTMENTS

PRIVATE DECKS

RAISED PLANTER WITH SEAT WALL

OFFICE/GUEST PARKING

PROPOSED OFFICE

PUBLIC PLAZA
APPENDIX | ZONING AND AREA SUMMARY

GROSS AREAS MEASURED TO OUTSIDE FACE OF EXTERIOR WALLS

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THANK YOU!
BUILDING PLANS - GROUND LEVEL

30' SIDE YARD SETBACK

20' SIDE YARD SETBACK

Lobby

Entry

Parking

Retail

Retail
BUILDING PLANS - PARKING LEVEL

PROJECT DRAWINGS FROM JULY 2 DRB MEETING

ENCORE architects
BUILDING PLANS - UPPER LEVEL PLAN
APPENDIX | CONTEXT PHOTOS

^A. 13131 NE 85TH ST (OFFICE BUILDING)

^B. 13111 NE 85TH ST (DAYCARE CENTER)

^C. 13027 NE 85TH ST (RETAIL STORE)

^D. 13021 NE 85TH ST (SINGLE FAMILY - C/I USE)
APPENDIX | CONTEXT PHOTOS

^I. 8534 131ST AVE NE (SINGLE FAMILY)

^J. 8531 132ND AVE NE (SINGLE FAMILY)

^K. VIEW LOOKING NORTH/EAST (PROJECT SITE TO WEST)
DESIGN RESPONSE CONFERENCE
8505 132nd Avenue NE
August 6, 2018

PROJECT SITE
Corner accentuating roof line
Guideline 3

Residential Scale fenestration patterns
Guideline 17

Horizontal Modulation based on unit size. Changes of roofline, color and materials.
Guideline 16

Sloped and Gabled roof forms.
Guideline 16

Recessed entry with canopy
Guideline 3

Wider masonry form to anchor corner
Guideline 17

Blank wall set back over 20' from sidewalk. Extensive landscaping within the setback. Modulation and changes in building material and color.
Guideline 8

Vertical Modulation
Guideline 17

34' Landscaped Buffer
Guideline 5

Masonry monument sign with gateway sign with City logo. Landscaping to incorporate an assortment of varieties of roses.
Guideline 1

Extensive landscaping to screen garage. Parking located to rear and side of building.
Guideline 15

Continental Divide - DRC 2 - 8.6.17
Recessed entry with canopy
Guideline 3

Orient Buildings toward the street with parking in the rear.
Guideline 5

Primary Building entries and windows facing the street.
Guideline 5

Pedestrian seating, planter beds, decorative paving
Guideline 10

Brick facade at Commercial frontage
Guideline 19

Continental Divide - DRC 2 - 8.6.17
Commercial Parking located to rear. Guideline 5

Entrances oriented to street.

Pedestrian Amenity space adjacent to Bus Stop.

Recessed corner entry.

Convenient pedestrian access between the street, bus stops, entry and open spaces. Guideline 11

Extensive Landscape corner - See Landscape Plans.
CORNER OF NE 85TH ST & 131ST AVE NE
Residential Scale fenestration patterns
Guideline 17

Horizontal Modulation based on unit size. Changes of roofline, color and materials.
Guideline 16

Sloped and Gabled roof forms.
Guideline 16

Vertical Modulation
Guideline 17

Recessed entry with canopy
Guideline 3

Unit patios and balconies facing street.
Residential Scale fenestration patterns. Guideline 17

Sloped and Gabled roof forms. Guideline 16

Horizontal Modulation based on unit size. Changes of roofline, color and materials. Guideline 16

Vertical Modulation Guideline 17
Over 30' landscape buffer to enhance privacy
Existing Conditions

Proposed Conditions

Continental Divide - DRC 2 - 8.6.17
ZONING CODE STANDARDS

95.51.2.a Required Landscaping. All required landscaping shall be maintained throughout the life of the development. The applicant shall submit an agreement to the city to be recorded with King County which will perpetually maintain required landscaping. Prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy, the proponent shall provide a final as-built landscape plan and an agreement to maintain and replace all landscaping that is required by the City.

95.52 Prohibited Vegetation. Plants listed as prohibited in the Kirkland Plant List shall not be planted in the City.

100.25 Sign Permits. Separate sign permit(s) are required. In JBD and CBD cabinet signs are prohibited.

105.32 Bicycle Parking. All uses, except single family dwelling units and duplex structures with 6 or more vehicle parking spaces must provide covered bicycle parking within 50 feet of an entrance to the building at a ratio of one bicycle space for each twelve motor vehicle parking spaces. Check with Planner to determine the number of bike racks required and location.

105.18 Entrance Walkways. All uses, except single family dwellings and duplex structures, must provide pedestrian walkways between the principal entrances to all businesses, uses, and/or buildings on the subject property.

105.18 Overhead Weather Protection. All uses, except single family dwellings, multifamily, and industrial uses, must provide overhead weather protection along any portion of the building, which is adjacent to a pedestrian walkway.

105.18.2 Walkway Standards. Pedestrian walkways must be at least 5’ wide; must be distinguishable from traffic lanes by pavement texture or elevation; must have adequate lighting for security and safety. Lights must be non-glare and mounted no more than 20’ above the ground.

105.18.2 Overhead Weather Protection Standards. Overhead weather protection must be provided along any portion of the building adjacent to a pedestrian walkway or sidewalk; over the primary exterior entrance to all buildings. May be composed of awnings, marquees, canopies or building overhangs; must cover at least 5’ of the width of the adjacent walkway; and must be at least 8 feet above the ground immediately below it. In design districts, translucent awnings may not be backlit; see section for the percent of property frontage or building facade.

105.19 Public Pedestrian Walkways. The height of solid (blocking visibility) fences along pedestrian pathways that are not directly adjacent a public or private street right-of-way shall be limited to 42 inches unless otherwise approved by the Planning or Public Works Directors. All new building structures shall be setback a minimum of five feet from any pedestrian access right-of-way, tract, or easement that is not directly adjacent a public or private street right-of-way. If in a design district, see section and Plate 34 for through block pathways standards.

105.58 Parking Lot Locations in Design Districts. See section for standards unique to each district.

105.65 Compact Parking Stalls. Up to 50% of the number of parking spaces may be
designated for compact cars.

**105.60.2 Parking Area Driveways.** Driveways which are not driving aisles within a parking area shall be a minimum width of 20 feet.

**105.60.3 Wheelstops.** Parking areas must be constructed so that car wheels are kept at least 2’ from pedestrian and landscape areas.

**105.60.4 Parking Lot Walkways.** All parking lots which contain more than 25 stalls must include pedestrian walkways through the parking lot to the main building entrance or a central location. Lots with more than 25,000 sq. ft. of paved area must provide pedestrian routes for every 3 aisles to the main entrance.

**105.77 Parking Area Curbing.** All parking areas and driveways, for uses other than detached dwelling units must be surrounded by a 6” high vertical concrete curb.

**105.96 Drive Through Facilities.** See section for design criteria for approving drive through facilities.

**110.52 Sidewalks and Public Improvements in Design Districts.** See section, Plate 34 and public works approved plans manual for sidewalk standards and decorative lighting design applicable to design districts.

**110.60.5 Street Trees.** All trees planted in the right-of-way must be approved as to species by the City. All trees must be two inches in diameter at the time of planting as measured using the standards of the American Association of Nurserymen with a canopy that starts at least six feet above finished grade and does not obstruct any adjoining sidewalks or driving lanes.

**115.25 Work Hours.** It is a violation of this Code to engage in any development activity or to operate any heavy equipment before 7:00 am. or after 8:00 pm Monday through Friday, or before 9:00 am or after 6:00 pm Saturday. No development activity or use of heavy equipment may occur on Sundays or on the following holidays: New Year’s Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day. The applicant will be required to comply with these regulations and any violation of this section will result in enforcement action, unless written permission is obtained from the Planning official.

**115.45 Garbage and Recycling Placement and Screening.** For uses other than detached dwelling units, duplexes, moorage facilities, parks, and construction sites, all garbage receptacles and dumpsters must be setback from property lines, located outside landscape buffers, and screened from view from the street, adjacent properties and pedestrian walkways or parks by a solid sight-obscuring enclosure.

**115.47 Service Bay Locations.** All uses, except single family dwellings and multifamily structures, must locate service bays away from pedestrian areas. If not feasible must screen from view.

**115.75.2 Fill Material.** All materials used as fill must be non-dissolving and non-decomposing. Fill material must not contain organic or inorganic material that would be detrimental to the water quality, or existing habitat, or create any other significant adverse impacts to the environment.

**115.95 Noise Standards.** The City of Kirkland adopts by reference the Maximum Environmental Noise Levels established pursuant to the Noise Control Act of 1974, RCW 70.107. See Chapter 173-60 WAC. Any noise, which injures, endangers the comfort, repose, health or safety of persons, or in any way renders persons insecure in life, or in the use of property is a violation of this Code.

**115.115 Required Setback Yards.** This section establishes what structures, improvements and activities may be within required setback yards as established for each use in each zone.

**115.115.3 Rockeries and Retaining Walls.** Rockeries and retaining walls are limited to a maximum height of four feet in a required yard unless certain modification criteria in this section are met. The combined height of fences and retaining walls within five feet of each other in a required yard is limited to a maximum height of 6 feet, unless certain modification criteria in this section are met.

**115.120 Rooftop Appurtenance Screening.** New or replacement appurtenances on existing
buildings shall be surrounded by a solid screening enclosure equal in height to the appurtenance. New construction shall screen rooftop appurtenances by incorporating them into the roof form.

**Prior to issuance of a grading or building permit:**

**27.06.030 Park Impact Fees.** New residential units are required to pay park impact fees prior to issuance of a building permit. Please see KMC 27.06 for the current rate. Exemptions and/or credits may apply pursuant to KMC 27.06.050 and KMC 27.06.060. If a property contains an existing unit to be removed, a “credit” for that unit shall apply to the first building permit of the subdivision.

**Prior to occupancy:**

**95.51.2.a Required Landscaping.** All required landscaping shall be maintained throughout the life of the development. The applicant shall submit an agreement to the city to be recorded with King County which will perpetually maintain required landscaping. Prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy, the proponent shall provide a final as-built landscape plan and an agreement to maintain and replace all landscaping that is required by the City.

**110.60.5 Landscape Maintenance Agreement.** The owner of the subject property shall sign a landscape maintenance agreement, in a form acceptable to the City Attorney, to run with the subject property to maintain landscaping within the landscape strip and landscape island portions of the right-of-way. It is a violation to pave or cover the landscape strip with impervious material or to park motor vehicles on this strip.
FIRE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

Contact: Grace Steuart at 425-587-3660; or gsteuart@kirklandwa.gov

ACCESS

The project fronts on 3 rights of way. The distance between 132nd and 131st is approximately 350 feet. The fire department has no additional requirements for vehicular access; access as proposed with a pedestrian pathway across the north side, is adequate. (i.e. a fire lane across the north part of the project is not required).

HYDRANTS

2 new hydrants are required to be installed; one on 131st near the northern property line; and one on 132nd, near the northern property line. Both new hydrants as well as the existing hydrant on 132nd shall be equipped with a 5” Storz fitting.

FIRE FLOW

Fire flow requirement is based on size of building and type of construction. For a 135,000 square foot building and based on worst case scenario for type of construction (V-1hr); from Table B105.1 of the IFC, the fire flow requirement will be 1,800 gpm.

Fire flow on NE 85th and 132nd Ave NE is 6500 gpm, which is adequate.

However, fire flow on 131st is less than 1,500 gpm due to 4" lines. The fire flow on NE 131st must be improved to at least 1,800 gpm.

FIRE SPRINKLERS

A sprinkler system is required to be installed throughout the large building and garage.

A separate permit is required from the Fire Department prior to installation. Submit three sets of plans, specifications and calculations for approval; or submit electronically. All plans shall be designed and stamped by a person holding a State of Washington Certificate of Competency Level III certification. The system shall be installed by a state licensed sprinkler contractor. REF RCW 18.60 State of Washington.

A dedicated sprinkler riser room is required and it shall be placed on an exterior wall. The underground line shall run from the outside directly up into the riser room (meaning, it shall not run under the slab for any distance nor through unheated space which would require the use of heat tape or insulation). If the riser room has direct access from the outside, a PIV is not required. The sprinkler riser room may be used for other mechanical equipment, but not for the main electrical room nor shall it be used for storage; it may be used to house the fire alarm panel.

NOTE: TWO PERMITS are required from the Fire Department for installation of the fire sprinkler system, one for the underground and one for the sprinkler system itself. No work shall be performed on the sprinkler system without a Fire Department permit.

The civil drawings may be used as reference but do not constitute permission to install the fire sprinkler underground. The underground permit is NOT over-the-counter, so should be applied for well in advance of the anticipated date of start of construction.
(If the small office building on the corner of NE 85th and 131st Ave NE is under 5,000 square feet, has no residential component, and it not connected to the underground parking, fire sprinklers are not required in this specific building.)

FIRE ALARM

A fire alarm system is required to be installed throughout the large building/garage. A separate permit is required from the Fire Department prior to installation. Submit three sets of plans and specifications for approval; or the permit may be applied for electronically at MyBuildingPermit.com. The system shall comply with Washington State Barrier Free requirements regarding installation of visual devices and pull stations. The specific requirements for the system can be found in Kirkland Operating Policy 10.

(If the small office building does not require a fire sprinkler system (see above), then a fire alarm system is also not required.)

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

Portable fire extinguishers are required per Section 906 of the IFC. Travel distance to a fire extinguisher shall not exceed 75 feet as measured along the route of travel.

KEY BOX

A Key box is required (Knox Box). It shall be installed in an approved accessible location no higher than six feet above grade. In most cases it will be located at the front entrance to the building. The box may be purchased on-line at www.knoxbox.com; or by filling out an order form which is available from the Fire Department office. Contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at 425-587-3650 for more information.

BUILDING RADIO COVERAGE

This is not a requirement for a radio system per se, only giving information that the building "may" need a radio system because it is not exempted outright from the requirement (via any of the below thresholds). During the construction process, the building shall be evaluated for radio coverage. If it is determined that a radio system is required, a fire department construction permit is required for installation.

IFC 510.1 (KMC amended) Emergency Responder Radio Coverage. All new buildings shall have approved radio coverage for emergency responders within any building meeting any of the following conditions.
1. There are more than five stories above grade plane (as defined by the International Building Code, Section 202);
2. The total building area is 50,000 square feet or more;
3. The total basement area is 10,000 square feet or more;
Exception:
1. Buildings and area of buildings that have minimum radio coverage signal strength levels of the King County Regional 800 MHz Radio System within the building in accordance with Section 510.4.1.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

PUBLIC WORKS CONDITIONS

Public Works Staff Contacts
Land Use and Pre-Submittal Process:
Building and Land Surface Modification (Grading) Permit Process:
John Burkhalter, Development Engineer Supervisor
Phone: 425-587-3846 Fax: 425-587-3807
E-mail: jburkhalter@kirklandwa.gov

General Conditions:
1. All public improvements associated with this project including street and utility improvements, must meet the
City of Kirkland Public Works Pre-Approved Plans and Policies Manual. A Public Works Pre-Approved Plans and
Policies manual can be purchased from the Public Works Department, or it may be retrieved from the Public Works
Department’s page at the City of Kirkland’s web site.

2. This project will be subject to Public Works Permit and Connection Fees. It is the applicant’s responsibility to
contact the Public Works Department by phone or in person to determine the fees. The applicant should anticipate
the following fees:
- Water, Sewer, and Surface Water Connection Fees (paid with the issuance of a Building Permit)
- Side Sewer Inspection Fee (paid with the issuance of a Building Permit)
- Septic Tank Abandonment Inspection Fee
- Water Meter Fee (paid with the issuance of a Building Permit)
- Right-of-way Fee
- Review and Inspection Fee (for utilities and street improvements).
- Building Permits associated with this proposed project will be subject to the traffic, park, and school impact
fees per Chapter 27 of the Kirkland Municipal Code. The impact fees shall be paid prior to issuance of the Building
Permit(s). Any existing buildings within this project which are demolished will receive a Traffic Impact Fee credit,
Park Impact Fee Credit and School Impact Fee Credit. This credit will be applied to the first Building Permits that
are applied for within the project. The credit amount for each demolished building will be equal to the most currently
adopted Fee schedule. In addition, the Project has a $35,775 impact fee credit for the land they gave as
right-of-way for the NE 85th Street Corridor Improvements Project.

3. Performance and Maintenance Securities:
   - There is a standard right of way Performance Security ranging from $10,000.00 to 30,000.00 (value determined
     based on amount of right-of-way disruption). This security will be held until the project has been completed.
   - Once the Project has been completed there will be a condition of the permit to establish a two year
     Maintenance Security. Value to be determined.

4. Prior to submittal of a Building or Zoning Permit, the applicant must apply for a Concurrency Test Notice.
   Contact Thang Nguyen, Transportation Engineer, at 425-587-3869 for more information. A separate Concurrency
   Permit will be created.

5. After Concurrency has passed a certificate will be issued that will read as follows: CERTIFICATE OF
   CONCURRENCY: This project has been reviewed and approved for water, sewer, and traffic concurrency. Any
   water and sewer mitigating conditions are listed within the conditions below. Any traffic mitigating conditions will be
   found in an attached memorandum from the Public Works Traffic Engineering Analyst to the Planning Department
   Project Planner. Upon issuance of this permit, this project shall have a valid Certificate of Concurrency and
   concurrency vesting until the permit expires. This condition shall constitute issuance of a Certificate of Concurrency
   pursuant to chapter 25.12 of the Kirkland Municipal Code.

6. All civil engineering plans which are submitted in conjunction with a building, grading, or right-of-way permit
must conform to the Public Works Policy G-7, Engineering Plan Requirements. This policy is contained in the

7. All street improvements and underground utility improvements (storm, sewer, and water) must be designed by
a Washington State Licensed Engineer; all drawings shall bear the engineers stamp.

8. All plans submitted in conjunction with a building, grading or right-of-way permit must have elevations which are
based on the King County datum only (NAVD 88).

9. A completeness check meeting is required prior to submittal of any Building Permit applications.

10. Prior to issuance of any commercial or multifamily Building Permit, the applicant shall provide a plan for
    garbage storage and pickup. The plan shall conform to Policy G-9 in the Public Works Pre-approved Plans and be
    approved by Waste Management and the City.

11. The required tree plan shall include any significant tree in the public right-of-way along the property frontage.
Sanitary Sewer Conditions:

1. The existing sanitary sewer main within the public right-of-way along the front of the property is adequate to serve all the lots within the proposed project.

2. The following is the status of the Emergency Sewer Program Liens according to our records for each property associated with this development. These Liens will need to be paid off prior to issuance of any permit. Some of these may have been paid off since 2013, but I didn’t recheck their status for this meeting.

   - 8525 132nd Ave NE Released
   - 8519 132nd Ave NE Released
   - 8505 132nd Ave NE Lien - $19,387.06
   - 8526 131st Ave NE Lien - $14,735.44
   - 8520 131st Ave NE Released
   - 13104 NE 85th St Released
   - 13112 NE 85th St Released
   - 13112 NE 85th St Lien - $19,387.06

3. Provide a side sewer stub sized to accommodate the Project.

4. All side sewer stubs serving the property shall be PVC type pipe per Public Works Pre-approved Plans Sanitary Sewer Design Criteria. Any side sewer not meeting this standard shall be removed and replaced.

5. Any businesses serving food or drink are required to have grease interceptor on the waste line prior to discharge to the City sewer system. The interceptor shall be sized per the Uniform Plumbing Code (minimum).

Water System Conditions:

1. The existing water main in the public right-of-way along the front of the subject property is adequate to serve domestic needs, but needs some upgrades to meet fire flow requirements. We will have RH2 model the system to provide a minimum of 2500 gpm in our system adjacent to the Project per Fire Department requirements. The specific area of concern is 131st Ave NE which only has a flow of approximately 1,500 gpm. The results will need to be incorporated into your Civil Design and constructed prior to Building Permit final.

2. Provide water service(s) from the water main to serve the Project; City of Kirkland will set the water meter(s). The water meter size is determined when the Building Permit is submitted and shall be sized per the Uniform Plumbing Code. Residential units typically require ¾” meters, but may be served by one large meter.

3. The existing water service shall be abandoned unless otherwise approved by the Development Engineer or Construction Inspector.

4. In mixed-use projects each use shall have a separate water meter, e.g., the retail use shall have a separate water meter from residential use.

Surface Water Conditions:

1. Provide temporary and permanent storm water control in accordance with the 2016 King County Surface Water Design Manual (the Manual) and the City of Kirkland Addendum (Policy D-10).

2. To determine the drainage review level required, the target impervious surface area is the maximum allowable lot coverage area for the project, plus any offsite improved impervious areas. See Policies D-2 and D-3 in the Public Works Pre-Approved Plans for drainage review information, or contact Kirkland Surface Water staff at (425) 587-3800 for assistance. The Kirkland Drainage Review Flow Chart is a helpful tool to determine a project’s...
drainage review level. Drainage review levels are summarized below:

- **Full Drainage Review**
  - Any non-residential project that creates more than 2,000 sf of new and/or replaced impervious surface, or greater than 7,000 sf of land disturbing activity will trigger a Full Drainage Review.
  - For single family residential projects that do not fall under Simplified Drainage Review, they will be a Full Drainage Review.

3. If a stormwater detention system is required, it shall be designed to Level 2 standards. Historic (forested) conditions shall be used as the pre-developed modeling condition.

4. Evaluate the feasibility and applicability of dispersion, infiltration, and other stormwater Low Impact Development (LID) facilities per the 2016 King County Surface Water Design Manual. If feasible, stormwater LID facilities are required. If LID is determined to be infeasible, a Surface Water Adjustment is required for the project. Also, if LID is infeasible, pervious pavement cannot be used to reduce overall impervious lot coverage.

5. Special inspections may be required for LID facilities on this project. Provide documentation of inspections by a licensed geotechnical professional that the facility will function as designed.

6. If the project will create or replace more than 5,000 square feet of new impervious area that will be used by vehicles (PGIS - pollution generating impervious surface). Provide stormwater quality treatment per the 2016 King County Surface Water Design Manual. The enhanced treatment level is required for multi-family residential, commercial, and industrial projects.

7. Because this project site is one acre or greater, the following conditions apply:
   - Amended soil requirements (Pre-Approved Plan CK-E.12) must be used in all landscaped areas.
   - If the project meets minimum criteria for water quality treatment (5,000 sf pollution generating impervious surface area), the enhanced level of treatment is required if the project is multi-family residential, commercial, or industrial. Enhanced treatment targets the removal of metals such as copper and zinc.
   - The applicant is responsible to apply for a Construction Stormwater General Permit from Washington State Department of Ecology. Provide the City with a copy of the Notice of Intent for the permit. Permit Information can be found at the following website: http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/construction/
   - Among other requirements, this permit requires the applicant to prepare a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and identify a Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Lead (CESCL) prior to the start of construction. The CESCL shall attend the City of Kirkland PW Dept. pre-construction meeting with a completed SWPPP.
   - Turbidity monitoring by the developer/contractor is required if a project contains a lake, stream, or wetland.
   - A Stormwater Pollution Prevention and Spill (SWPPS) Plan must be kept on site during all phases of construction and shall address construction-related pollution generating activities. Follow the guidelines in the 2016 King County Surface Water Design Manual for plan preparation.

8. Provide a level one off-site analysis (based on the King County Surface Water Design Manual, core requirement #2).

9. Provide an erosion control report and plan with Building or Land Surface Modification Permit application. The plan shall be in accordance with the 2009 King County Surface Water Design Manual.

10. Construction drainage control shall be maintained by the developer and will be subject to periodic inspections. During the period from May 1 and September 30, all denuded soils must be covered within 7 days; between October 1 and April 30, all denuded soils must be covered within 12 hours. Additional erosion control measures may be required based on site and weather conditions. Exposed soils shall be stabilized at the end of the workday prior to a weekend, holiday, or predicted rain event.

11. Provide collection and conveyance of right-of-way storm drainage.

12. Provide a plan and profile design for the storm sewer system.
Provide a 15’ wide access easement to the storm detention control manhole; easement must be improved with 10’ of asphalt and drainage control to protect against erosion.

Street and Pedestrian Improvement Conditions:

1. The subject property abuts 132nd Ave NE, NE 85th St and 131st Ave NE. These streets are Arterial, Arterial and Neighborhood Access type streets, respectively. Zoning Code sections 110.10 and 110.25 require the applicant to make half-street improvements in rights-of-way abutting the subject property. Section 110.30-110.50 establishes that this street must be improved with the following:

   A. 132nd Ave NE Improvements:
      • Remove curb, gutter and sidewalk, and install an 8 foot wide buffered bike lane, Type A curb, 4.5’ wide planter with street trees 30’ on center, and a 5’ wide sidewalk. (condition revised after discussions with RJ and JP; 5 foot bike lane to remain with current curb alignment and provide/enhance 8 foot sidewalk with street trees 30 foot on-center in 4x6 tree wells).
      • The curb radius at the intersection with 85th may remain as is to maintain the existing 5’ wide bike lane.

   B. NE 85th Street Improvements:
      • Replace and cracked or broken curb, gutter and sidewalk.
      • Replace curb cuts and replace curb, gutter and sidewalk accordingly.
      • The City of Kirkland is open to exploring the possibility of parallel parking along the NE 85th St frontage and would want to review a comprehensive traffic study before granting any approval. Please contact Thang Nguyen for details of the study requirements. In addition, the following improvements would be required.
         o Move the face of curb back 8 feet to allow for the parking lane.
         o Provide a 7 foot wide sidewalk, 6.5 foot wide planter with street trees 30 foot on-center, and pedestrian lighting every 60 feet on-center.
         o Dedicate sufficient right-of-way to encompass the improvements.

   C. 131st Ave NE Improvements:
      • Install curb and gutter 18 feet from centerline of right-of-way to face of curb.
      • Provide a 4.5 foot planter strip with street trees 30 foot on-center and a 5 foot sidewalk.
      • Dedicate 5 foot of right-of-way along the frontage.

2. When three or more utility trench crossings occur within 150 lineal ft. of street length or where utility trenches parallel the street centerline, the street shall be overlaid with new asphalt or the existing asphalt shall be removed and replaced per the City of Kirkland Street Asphalt Overlay Policy R-7.
   • Existing streets with 4-inches or more of existing asphalt shall receive a 2-inch (minimum thickness) asphalt overlay. Grinding of the existing asphalt to blend in the overlay will be required along all match lines.
   • Existing streets with 3-inches or less of existing asphalt shall have the existing asphalt removed and replaced with an asphalt thickness equal or greater than the existing asphalt provided however that no asphalt shall be less than 2-inches thick and the subgrade shall be compacted to 95% density.

3. Meet the requirements of the City of Kirkland Driveway Pre-Approved Policy R-4.
   • Driveways along 132nd Ave NE and 131st Ave NE shall be located a minimum of 150 feet north of the intersections with 85th measured from the face of curb. The presubmittal documents are not dimensioned so this could not be verified. All driveways will be reviewed during SEPA as part of the traffic and parking analysis.
   • No driveways from 85th are allowed.

4. For Multi-family projects, the garage access serving more than 1 unit shall be at least 20 ft. wide. This comment is in reference to any parking garage not individual garages for townhomes that may be requested.

5. All street and driveway intersections shall not have any visual obstructions within the sight distance triangle. See Public Works Pre-approved Policy R.13 for the sight distance criteria and specifications.

6. It shall be the responsibility of the applicant to relocate any above-ground or below-ground utilities which conflict with the project associated street or utility improvements.

7. Underground all new and existing on-site utility lines and overhead transmission lines.
8. Underground any new off-site transmission lines.

9. Zoning Code Section 110.60.9 establishes the requirement that existing utility and transmission (power, telephone, etc.) lines on-site and in rights-of-way adjacent to the site must be underground. The Public Works Director may determine if undergrounding transmission lines in the adjacent right-of-way is not feasible and defer the undergrounding by signing an agreement to participate in an undergrounding project, if one is ever proposed. In this case, the Public Works Director has determined that undergrounding of existing overhead utility on NE 85th Street, 132nd Avenue NE and 131st Avenue NE is feasible at this time and the undergrounding of off-site/frontage transmission lines should not be deferred with a Local Improvement District (LID) No Protest Agreement.

10. New LED street lights may be required along the 131st Avenue NE and 132nd Avenue NE Project frontages per Puget Power design and Public Works approval. Contact the INTO Light Division at PSE for a lighting analysis. If lighting is necessary, design must be submitted prior to issuance of a grading or building permit.

11. A striping plan for the street must be submitted with the building or grading permit.
Section 53.82 – GENERAL REGULATIONS

The following regulations apply to all uses in this zone unless otherwise noted:

1. Refer to Chapter 3 KZC to determine what other provisions of this code may apply to the subject property.

2. Development creating four or more new dwelling units that includes lots or portions of lots adjoining 131st Avenue NE or 132nd Avenue NE that are located more than 120 feet north of NE 85th Street shall provide at least 10 percent of the units as affordable housing units as defined in Chapter 112 KZC. See Chapter 112 KZC for additional affordable housing incentives and requirements.

3. For structures located within 30 feet of a parcel in a low density zone (or a low density use in PLA 17), KZC 115.136 establishes additional limitations on structure size.

4. On lots that are not abutting NE 85th Street or are not consolidated with at least one lot abutting NE 85th Street, development shall be subject to the permitted uses and regulations in the RSX zone, except that isolated parcels may be developed independently with office use.

5. If the lot area of the subject property is equal to or greater than 18,000 square feet, maximum building height is 35 feet above average building elevation, except maximum building height is 30 feet within 30 feet of an RSX zone, on lots located more than 120 feet north of NE 85th Street, between 132nd Avenue NE and parcels abutting 131st Avenue NE.

6. The ground floor of all structures on the subject property shall be a minimum of 15 feet in height. This requirement does not apply to:
   a. The following uses: vehicle service stations, automotive service centers, private lodges or clubs, stacked dwelling units, churches, schools, day-care centers, mini-schools or mini-day-care centers, assisted living facilities, convalescent centers or nursing homes, public utilities, government facilities or community facilities.
   b. Parking garages.
   c. Additions to existing nonconforming development where the Planning Official determines it is not feasible.

7. Within required front yards, canopies and similar entry features may encroach; provided, that the total horizontal dimension of such elements may not exceed 25 percent of the length of the structure.

8. Some development standards or design regulations may be modified as part of the design review process. See Chapters 92 and 142 KZC for requirements.

9. The Public Works Official shall approve the number, location and characteristics of driveways on NE 85th Street in accordance with the driveway and sight distance policies contained in the Public Works Pre-Approved Plans manual. Taking into consideration the characteristics of this corridor, the Public Works Official may:
   a. Require access from side streets; and/or
   b. Encourage properties to share driveways, circulation and parking areas; and/or
   c. Restrict access to right turn in and out; or
   d. Prohibit access altogether along NE 85th Street.

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10. Drive-through and drive-in facilities are not permitted in this zone.

11. See Chapters 100 and 162 KZC for information about nonconforming signs. KZC 162.35 describes when nonconforming signs must be brought into conformance or removed.

12. For lighting requirements associated with development see KZC 115.85(2).

13. Prior to any of the following uses occupying a structure on a property adjoining a residential zone, the applicant shall submit a noise study prepared by a qualified acoustical consultant for approval by the Planning Official:
   a. Establishments expected to operate past 9:00 p.m.
   b. Retail establishment providing entertainment, recreational or cultural activities.
   c. Veterinary offices.
   d. Any establishment where animals are kept on site.
   e. Establishments involving a large truck loading dock for deliveries.

The study shall verify that the noise expected to emanate from the site adjoining any residential-zoned property complies with the standards specified in KZC 115.95(1) and (2) and WAC 173-60-040(1) for a Class B source property and a Class A receiving property.

14. A City entryway feature shall be provided on the parcel located at the northwest corner of the intersection of NE 85th Street and 132nd Avenue, or adjacent parcel under common ownership with such parcel. Entryway features shall include such elements as: a sign, art, landscaping and lighting. See Chapter 92 KZC, Design Regulations.

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### Section 53.84 Use Zone Chart

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| .010 | Office Use  | Office Use D.R., Chapter 142 KZC. | None | 10' adjacent to NE 85th St., otherwise 20'. | 0' | 15' | 70% | A | D | If a medical, dental or veterinary office, then 1 per each 200 sq. ft. of gross floor area. Otherwise, 1 per each 300 sq. ft. of gross floor area. | 1. The following regulations apply to veterinary offices only:  
   a. May only treat small animals on the subject property.  
   b. Outside runs and other outside facilities for the animals are not permitted.  
   2. Ancillary assembly and manufacture of goods on the premises of this use are permitted only if:  
      a. The ancillary assembled or manufactured goods are subordinate to and dependent on this use.  
      b. The outward appearance and impacts of this use with ancillary assembly or manufacturing activities must be no different from other office uses. |
| .020 | Restaurant  | 1 per each 100 sq. ft. of gross floor area. | 1. May not be located above the ground floor of a structure.  
2. Gross floor area for each individual use may not exceed 4,000 sq. ft. | E | 1 | 100 sq. ft. of gross floor area. | See KZC 105.25. | 1. Gross floor area for each individual use may not exceed 4,000 sq. ft. |
| .030 | Entertainment, Cultural and/or Recreational Facility | Entertainment, Cultural and/or Recreational Facility | See KZC 105.25. | 1 | 1 | 300 sq. ft. of gross floor area. | 1. The following uses are not permitted in this zone:  
   a. Vehicle service stations.  
   b. Automotive service centers.  
   c. Uses with drive-in facilities or drive-through facilities.  
   d. Retail establishments providing storage services unless accessory to another permitted use.  
   e. A retail establishment involving the sale, service or rental of motor vehicles, sailboats, motor boats, recreation trailers, heavy equipment and similar vehicles; provided, that motorcycle sales, service or rental is permitted if conducted indoors.  
   f. Storage and operation of heavy equipment, except delivery vehicles associated with retail uses.  
   g. Storage of parts unless conducted entirely within an enclosed structure.  
2. This use may not be located above the ground floor of a structure except for personal service establishments that provide services involving the care of a person, or of a person's apparel, such as laundry and dry cleaning services, beauty shops, barber shops, shoe repair shops and tailors may be located above the ground floor; provided, that the use of exterior areas adjoining residential uses is prohibited. |
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### USE ZONE CHART

#### Section 53.84

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3. Gross floor area for each individual use may not exceed 4,000 sq. ft.

4. A delicatessen, bakery, or other similar use may include, as part of the use, accessory seating if:
   a. The seating and associated circulation area does not exceed more than 10 percent of the gross floor area of the use; and
   b. It can be demonstrated to the City that the floor plan is designed to preclude the seating area from being expanded.

5. Retail establishments selling marijuana or products containing marijuana are not permitted on properties abutting the school walk routes shown on Plate 46.

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**Stacked Dwelling Units**


D.R., Chapter 142 KZC.

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- **10’ adjacent to NE 85th St., otherwise 20’**
- **30’ above average building elevation.**

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1. This use may not be located on the ground floor of a structure.

2. Chapter 115 KZC contains regulations regarding home occupations and other accessory uses, facilities and activities associated with this use.

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**Assisted Living Facility, Convalescent Center or Nursing Home**


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1. No parking is required for day-care or school ancillary to the use.

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**Kirkland Zoning Code 292.50**

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### Section 53.84 USE ZONE CHART

#### Zone RH 8

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#### Development standards will be determined on a case-by-case basis. See KZC 45.50 for required review process.
Hello Mr Leavitt,

My name is Junyan Lin. I'm the home owner of 8535 132nd Ave NE Kirkland WA 98033, which is directly to the north of project DRV18-00312. I'd like to get more information about this project, as detailed as possible.

I'm very concerned about the proposal.

1. We have mostly single family houses around this area. Adding 133 residential units is a very significant increase to the residential population. What is the plan to update infrastructure including traffic, school, etc to support the new families? The traffic is already very bad at the 85th St/132nd Ave intersection in the morning, especially Sundays.
2. There are quite a few beautiful old trees on the lot of DRV18-00312, which is a huge bonus for the overall environment of this area. I noticed that a couple of trees have already been removed around the corner of 85th St and 132nd Ave last year. How many more trees are going to be removed? It took so much time for trees to grow to this big. And we have all sorts of birds and squirrels living on those trees. Please be considerate, save the trees and protect our environment.
3. A much taller building right behind my house could potentially a big threat to my privacy. I have skylights in the bathroom! This was never a concern when all surrounded houses are about the same height.

Looking forward to more information for this project. And if possible, would you please keep me updated on the subject? Thank you so much for your time.

Best regards,
Junyan Lin
HI, I am not in support. In 2014 this developed had 6 parcels changed from residential to RH 8 via a CAR. So of these 8 parcels, 6 were originally zoned RSx 7.2. Now they are want to change a office zoning max 30 ft in height to high density mixed use 4 story building!

I believe the city needs to understand the impact to the community and the area for traffic purposes.

Susan Davis
12923 NE 101st Place
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spicker76@yahoo.com Have a GREAT day! : )
Hello Tony,
I appreciate your time to answer my questions today. As a 22-year resident on this street, I have extreme concerns about this project and am unable to attend the July 2 meeting.

To recap, my questions and concerns include:

- When were the residential properties, specifically 8526 and 8520, rezoned from residential to commercial? I was aware of the plan for commercial on 85th, but was not aware that it advanced into our neighborhood.
  - What density were they rezoned to?
  - Have any other properties on our street been rezoned?
- Myself and my neighbors did not receive any prior notice of this Design Review meeting or development plans for this property.
- The density of a project with this excessive size is out of place in the North Rose Hill neighborhood.
- As a teacher at Mark Twain Elementary, I am very aware of the current overcrowding issue and a project of this size will have a tremendous impact on this school.
- As a participant in the Solarize Kirkland project, my investment in green energy will be significantly impacted with a 4-story building 30ft from my property.
- I am concerned about the intense odor and noise that will come from the pet relief area located next to my property.
- Upkeep of the property is an additional concerns since the City of Kirkland currently does not respond to property maintenance concerns of vehicles parked on front yards, vehicle storage on the street and trash cans out 24/7 of many of the rental properties in the area.
- Since the 85th street upgrade and the addition of the double yellow line, it is difficult to turn north on to our street off of 85th. Morning and afternoon rush hour traffic makes it tremendously difficult to leave or enter 131st. I can't imagine how we will access 85th or our neighborhood with the increase of 200+ cars for this multi-use project. On days that City Church/Church Home are in session, it is also difficult to get in or out of our street, 85th and 132nd.
- With Northwest Animal Eye Specialists on the corner at 13020, our street has become increasingly congested with employee and customers parking down 131st and NE 87th St. Frequently, we can't not park in front of our own home while mail and trash services are also blocked. I am concerned with the additional overflow parking that the 134 units will create.

Thank you for your time to address these concerns.

Lynn Armstrong
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Kirkland WA 98033
425-301-4142
Cr8tive@frontier.com
Mr. Leavitt,

I am opposed to the approval of the project with the permit number listed in the subject line. Adding more congestion to 85th, adding more children to the schools in the area and the fact that Rose Hill is talking about the storm runoff all all things that will be impacted by another mega build.

Please keep me informed as to this project.

Mrs. Nancy Hartnell
6/22/18

To: Kirkland Design Review Board

RE: Continental Divide Mixed Use DRV18-00312
   8505 132nd Ave NE

From: Ron and Yvonne Stoehr
       8805 130th Ave NE
       Kirkland WA 98033

As a North Rose Hill resident whose residential access to 132nd Ave NE is between the megachurch and 85th, we are acutely aware of the traffic patterns at the corner of 85th Ave NE and 132nd Ave NE. In hopes to mitigate further congestion at the intersection and improved walkability, we would like the board to consider the following:

- Construction of a right turn lane when traveling south on 132nd Ave NE turning west onto 85th
- Lengthening the current right lane traveling south on 132nd at the 85th approach
- A westbound exit from the new construction directly onto 85th
- Continuation of a sidewalk from 132nd onto NE 88th St so our neighborhood residents can safely walk to the new businesses to be put in with the housing
- Family friendly retail and dining that will improve the neighborhood walk score

Thank You,
Ron & Yvonne Stoehr
Hello Tony, Mayor and City Council Members,

Thank you for this opportunity to voice my concerns with the Continental Divide proposal. I have added additional questions and concerns to my original email for the Public Comment meeting and hope they will be carefully considered prior to making a decision that could significantly impact our Rose Hill neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Lynn Armstrong

Jun 21 at 11:03 AM

Hello Tony,

I appreciate your time to answer my questions today. As a 24-year resident on this street, I have extreme concerns about this project and am unable to attend the July 2 meeting.

To recap, my questions and concerns, and additional ones, are listed below:

- When were the residential properties, specifically 8526 and 8520, rezoned from residential to commercial? I was aware of the plan for commercial on 85th, but was not aware that it advanced into our neighborhood. (2014-2015)
- What density were they rezoned to? (no limit)
- Have any other properties on our street been rezoned?
- Are other properties in our neighborhood able to be rezoned and subdivided?
- I and my neighbors did not receive any prior notice of this Design Review meeting or development plans for this property. The first we heard of it was the signage on the property. (notices were send 6/18 to neighbors within 300 ft.)
- The density of a project with this excessive size is out of place in the North Rose Hill neighborhood.
- As a teacher at Mark Twain Elementary, I am very aware of the current overcrowding issue and a project of this size will have a tremendous impact on this school.
- As a participant in the Solarize Kirkland project, my investment in green energy will be completely or significantly impacted with a 4-story building 30ft from my property, and I am asking for solar access protection.
- I am concerned about the intense odor and noise that will come from the pet relief area located next to my property.
- The noise from open windows (babies crying, occupants shouting, loud music/TVs, dogs barking…) and from vehicles (car alarms, delivery trucks, squealing tires, loud stereos and bass, revving engines…) from a mixed use property will impact our quiet street.
- Upkeep of the property is an additional concerns since the City of Kirkland currently does not respond to property maintenance concerns of vehicles parked on front yards, vehicle storage on the street and trash cans out 24/7 at many of the rental properties in the area.
- Trash and rodent control is a concern since construction of large lots displaces the annoying critters. When 8531 132nd was developed, the rodents became a problem on my property.
- Since the 85th street upgrade and the addition of the double yellow line, it is difficult to turn north on to our street off of 85th. Morning and afternoon rush hour traffic makes it tremendously difficult to leave or enter 131st. Many times I have had to
turned west and go around the block to travel east to work. I can't imagine how we will access 85th or our neighborhood with the increase of 200+ cars for this multi-use project. On days that City Church/ChurchHome are in session, it is also difficult to get in or out of our street 131st, 85th and 132nd.

• With Northwest Animal Eye Specialists on the corner at 13020, our street has become increasingly congested with employee and customers parking down 131st and NE 87th St. Frequently, we cannot park in front of our own home while mail, fire hydrants, trash services are also blocked. I am concerned with the additional overflow parking that the 134 units will create.

I ask that you deny the request of the developer to build the Continental Divide mixed-use plan of 134 units that is excessive and out of place in the North Rose Hill neighborhood. It will have a terrible impact on the livability of my property and neighborhood.

Thank you for your time to consider and addressing these concerns.

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From: Mary Yax <maryyax@cbbain.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 27, 2018 10:04 AM
To: Tony Leavitt
Subject: Continental Divide Mixed Use DRV18-00312

I am a homeowner in The Pointe at 8624 133rd Avenue NE, Redmond, WA 98052. My mailing address is POB 268, Mercer Island, WA 98040. My email address is maryyax@cbbain.com and my phone is 206-612-8722.
I received notice about the project. I have had concern for the amount of traffic being experienced on 132nd Avenue NE. It has become more and more difficult to exit my complex and head south on 132nd.

My questions and concerns are:

1. Additional traffic on NE 85th and also 132nd
2. Seeking mitigation for traffic at NE 87th and 132nd NE. My suggestion mark the roadway so that southbound traffic on 132nd does not block the exit from NE 87th. Most folks exiting my complex turn south on 132nd BUT then turn west on NE 85th, thus not impacting time waiting for southbound traffic on 132nd (of which most take turn lane and head east on NE 85th).
3. Size of commercial space? What type of business do you anticipate?
4. Size of residential units? Smallest size unit? Largest size unit? Will the units be rental or purchase? Expected rent? Expected asking price, if for sale? Any required qualifications or limits on residents in any of the units?
5. Parking lot for how many cars? Garage space for how many cars? How many parking spaces are allocated per unit?
6. Ingress and Egress for parking lot and garage from 131st Avenue NE ONLY?

Would appreciate answers to my questions. I found it very difficult to get on the computer site to review the permit and details. That is why the email. Also I want to be on any list that is being kept for additional information to be sent out to concerned neighbors. Thank you.

Mary Yax
206-612-8722
Coldwell Banker Bain
Hello Tony – just a quick question regarding the proposal to build 134 residential units with parking via surface parking lot and a garage accessed from 131st Avenue NE and 132 Avenue NE.

Is there any plan to update the junction with 85th there to handle the additional traffic? Purely self-interest here as a resident in The Pointe just opposite, which is already almost impossible to leave in the mornings due to backed up traffic on 132nd and traffic turning into 132nd from 85th.

Of course this is assuming traffic from the new development will be allowed to exit onto 132nd. If only onto 85th it wouldn’t be so much of an issue.

Lights, roundabout or something? If there are any plans I’d appreciate a pointer!

Thanks

Richard.
Tony Leavitt

From: Joel Corley <joelcorley@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 29, 2018 3:53 PM
To: Tony Leavitt
Subject: Permit # DRV18-00312 - 85th & 132nd Project Public Comment

Tony,

I am a homeowner in the area and my home is an easy walk to this proposed site. I just wanted to make a few comments about this project. Most of it pertains to traffic.

- I think a multi-use development in this location could make for an interesting and beneficial improvement to the neighborhood if done well.

- I am sad to see so many more trees lost along this intersection. When I moved in it was much more heavily wooded and now only the trees in the green space surrounding The Pointe will remain.

- I have an impression from the drawings that the commercial spaces are rather small, which might limit its usefulness.
  - The apparent size would seem to appeal mostly small, professional businesses.
  - I wonder if the commercial spaces would be adequate as I would not want to see such a prominent location sit vacant or house businesses that are only marginally useful to the local residents.
  - Hopefully your department will take care to ensure a balance is achieved in this regard.

- I am most concerned about the additional traffic this development will create on 132nd Ave NE north of NE 85th St.
  - Heading south during rush hour in the morning traffic often backs up past Mark Twain Park and sometimes to Lake Washington Institute of Technology. Most of this traffic is turning left. Adding an exit that residents will use to attempt to enter this congestion seems quite problematic.
  - Taking a small amount of space from the corner to add a dedicated right turn lane could be helpful; but does not totally address the problem.
  - This intersection (132 Ave NE southbound) needs two left turn lanes as it stands today to accommodate existing traffic patterns. (Similar to 148th Ave NE northbound at Redmond Way.) These patterns will only be worsened by adding in excess of 133 new commuters plus the business traffic to the traffic flow.
  - Northbound becomes congested in the evenings as people return home from work, but southbound is still fairly heavy traffic.
  - If vehicles attempt to turn left from the northbound lane into this development, it will cause much more serious traffic backups along 85th going westbound.
  - Something needs to be done to encourage residents and visitors to take the 131st Ave NE entrance whenever possible. For instance, the 132nd Ave NE garage ramp could be marked as exit-only with left and right turn lanes out of the garage and requiring entrance from 131st Ave NE only. (Obviously not ideal, since southbound traffic does not present a problem here.)

Sincerely,
Joel Corley,
The Pointe Homeowner,
Bicycle Commuter and
Microsoft Engineer...
Hello Tony,

I live at The Pointe along with 80 additional homeowners. Our community is located at the Northeast Corner of 85th and 132nd. The 81 homeowners have been concerned for some time about the increased traffic on 132nd. It has been increasingly difficult to exit left out of our community because of our close location to 85th. Traffic can be backed up all the way from 85th to 100th along 132nd Street.

We request the board consider the following:

1. Widen 132nd Street along the property line of the new development past the “exit” out of The Pointe
2. Add a turn “Right” lane from 132nd St. onto 85th and have the lane extend past the “exit” out of The Pointe
3. Lengthen the turn “Left” lane past the “exit” out of The Pointe
4. Add Cross Hatches in the roadway preventing drivers from blocking the “exit” out of The Pointe.

Thank you including The Pointe homeowners concerns to the Design Review Board.

Gloria

Gloria Bernard, Board President
The Pointe HOA
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Gloria Bernard <gloriabernard214@aol.com>
Saturday, June 30, 2018 11:54 AM
Tony Leavitt
File No. DRV18-00312
Reid Borsuk & Sarah Yao
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We are the owners of 8543 132nd Ave NE, writing in regards to Permit No. DRV18-00312 – “Continental Divide Mixed Use.” Our property shares a portion of the Subject Property’s northern boundary, the proposed structure would become our direct neighbor to our south.

While we understand the goals of the Rose Hill Business District and applaud the effort to bring more pedestrian oriented commercial business to East End 85th street frontage, we have substantial reservations about the height, proximity, and bulk of this proposed structure to our low density residential home. Additionally, the traffic impact to 132nd Ave NE should be highlighted.

**Height**

RH-8 zoning caps buildings at 35 feet in height when located 30 ft or further from a low-density property, this proposed structure is located 32 feet 4 inches from my property line. Unfortunately, this height is calculated as average building elevation and the subject property has a substantial north-south slope (10 ft total) as well as a smaller east-west slope. Both conspire to cause the elevation distance between our current ground floor and the top of the proposed structure to be a whopping 50 feet! (Current property elevation is 390 ft above sea level, proposed structure has highest point at 440.40 ft for a ‘5” Roof HT Bonus’) (See meeting packet page 26). This point of maximum elevation is also nearest the 5 homes.

Presumably this 5 foot bonus is being requested under KCZ 115.60.2 (d), this section allows that “if a structure [...] has a peaked roof, the peak may extend [...] Five (5) feet, if the slope of the roof is equal to or greater than three (3) feet vertical to 12 feet horizontal.” (em added)

Crucially, the elevations show many roofs that do not meet the definition of a peaked or gabled roof over the 435.40 traditional height limit. This includes the long flat roofs on the East Elevation at points C and H, and the shed/mono-plane style roofs throughout (see for ex. North Elevation, at points 12, 8, 5, and 3).

Additionally, features other than a roof peak and associated structural walls are being placed above the 435.40 limit, including the triangular windows at the top of the east elevation.

Further, the Sun Study published by Merit Homes suggests that our property, as well as the property of 4 other neighbors, will be shaded for the entire day at least at one point in the year (See meeting packet page 47), also as Attachment 3. Note that this was produced using the earlier, lower elevation. The rendering for the winter solstice, “December 21st” shows that our home will have the back yard and most of our windows entirely in shade from 10am-2pm and presumably the entire day. This is of particular concern to us as we have a small garden at the southernmost
edge of our property, closest to the proposed structure. Although sunlight is less in demand for plants in December, it’s also then that it’s at its most valuable with our limited Seattle sun.

We also empathize with our neighbor, Lynn Armstrong, whose solar panels may be occluded by the proposed structure.

We believe it is inappropriate to have such a tall structure located a short 32 feet 4 inches from single family homes. This proposed structure must adhere to roof shape requirements for “bonus” height and stop placing privacy violating windows above their height restriction. Additionally, the proposed structure should either be shortened at the northernmost edge in order to more appropriately blend in with the surrounding neighborhood or be positioned far further south with additional buffer elements softening the transition to normal height structures.

**Proximity**

KZC 92.10.4 provides that “Multi-story buildings on sites adjacent to a low-density zone in RHBD and TLBD shall be configured and designed to minimize privacy impacts on adjacent low density uses. For example, a development may meet this requirement by orienting upper floors towards the street and/or towards interior courtyards.”

This proposed structure does the exact opposite, it features 3 stories of balconies facing the northern low-density residential neighborhood. It’s inappropriate to have balconies located 34 ft above a neighboring property (our property at 390, level 3 balconies at 423.50) only 32 feet 4 inches away. That’s over 45 degrees!

KZC 95.42 requires 15 foot wide landscape buffers for this proposed structure, and specifically states in KZC 95.42.4 that “The applicant shall provide the required buffer along the entire common border between the subject property and the adjoining property.”

Yet along the northern buffer zone the parking garage access driveway encroaches and eliminates this buffer by being only 7 feet 3 inches from the property line. Additionally, this driveway will channel and guide underground noise to neighboring properties due to the concrete parking garage walls. Lastly the developer has chosen to locate a trash staging area along this boundary, 7 feet 3 inches away (see meeting packet page 31), and this will have substantial noise and smell impact to neighboring low-density homes, including mine.

This structure must follow the Design Guidelines and not orient upper floors and balconies towards their low-density neighbors.

This structure must ensure that required landscaping buffer requirements are respected in their garage access placement.

We request that the garbage and recycling staging area be relocated to either the East or West property boundaries. We also request that a prohibition on locating air conditioners and other noise generating equipment along the proposed structure’s northern façade and property line be imposed.

**Bulk**

The Rose Hill Business District Design Guidelines clearly state that in order to moderate bulk and mass of structures, no façade shall exceed 120 feet on any street or public open space (KZC 92.30.3). We believe the walking path and pet relief area proposed on subject property meets the definition of a public open space. On this border the proposed structure is a full 300 feet long and virtually flat in profile except for a few feet of depth variation.

Even if that path is not considered open space, the proposed structure is 245 feet, 3 inches long along 132nd Ave NE. It is 153 feet, 5 inches long along 131st Ave NE.

This structure should come into conformance with the well written Design Guidelines and break up the bulk of their structure. We believe that the request for a variance to KZC 92.30.3 must be denied as it does not fulfill the policy basis for the design guidelines and has substantial detrimental effect to 5 nearby properties, including my own.

**Traffic**
132nd Ave NE is currently a road at capacity during rush hours. For reference, our driveway is located immediately north of the structure’s proposed 132nd garage entrance. It is already virtually impossible to turn left onto 132nd northbound during rush hour, and we can only even get into the left hand turn lane of 132nd by the grace of other drivers and generally are forced to travel straight on 132nd southbound and return to 85th via some other route.

We encourage the commission to consider easing access to the proposed structure via 131st. This would require giving the 131st and 85th intersection additional access, such as a coordinated light cycle with 132nd and 85th that permits people on 131st the time to make a protected turn. Restricting access to the 132nd Ave entrance during peak times is another option.

Re-zoning

Like all 4 other houses in my development and my neighbor Lynn Armstrong, I never received notice of the public comment period about the Re-zoning discussions for these lots on July 14th, 2015. Although I know that is the Planning Committees responsibility and not the responsibility of the Design Review Board, the zoning of my neighboring properties was a critical factor in my purchase decision and I researched that data prior to purchase.

All of these factors will have a substantial impact on the property values of the 5 neighbors to this proposed structure. This will be greater the closer the structure is forced against the property lines.

Summary of code issues

- This proposed structure must adhere to roof shape requirements (IE: eliminate flat & shed/mono-plane style roofs) above standard heights and stop placing privacy violating windows in the “bonus” height area.
- This proposed structure must follow the Design Guidelines and not orient upper floors and balconies towards their low-density neighbors.
- This proposed structure must ensure that required landscaping buffer requirements are respected in their garage access placement.
- The request for a variance to KZC 92.30.3 should be denied as it does not fulfill the policy basis for the design guidelines and has substantial detrimental effect to 5 nearby properties, including my own.

Summary of homeowner issues

- The proposed structure should either be shortened at the northernmost edge in order to more appropriately blend in with the surrounding neighborhood or be positioned far further south with additional buffer elements softening the transition to normal height structures.
- The garbage and recycling staging area should be relocated to either the East or West property boundaries.
- A prohibition on locating air conditioners and other noise generating equipment along the proposed structure’s northern façade and property line should be imposed.
- We encourage the commission to consider easing access to the proposed structure via 131st or find alternative traffic mitigation strategies.

Reid Borsuk & Sarah Yao
Tony Leavitt

From: Diana Moore <Diana@TheBestAgent4U.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 01, 2018 6:12 PM
To: Tony Leavitt
Subject: Permit No. DRV18-00312

Tony,

I am extremely concerned about this development on the corner of 131st & NE 85th st. There is no way that this many people can enter & exit onto 131st st.

I live at 13022 NE 87th St, 4 houses down from this site and as it is....it is already extremely difficult most of the time, to get out of my neighborhood. There are already numerous cars from the commercial business just on the opposite corner (NW Animal Eye Clinic) that park on our “residential” street. They block the width of the street so that only one car can pass at a time.

Then, just trying to get across the intersection to turn left or right is already mind boggling with the amount of traffic. We only have 1 way to get out of our neighborhood. In an emergency the residents in our single family homes will be trapped!

Even when they redid the left turn area onto the street (from the re-paving)....I had sent an email to the city of Kirkland with suggestions on making it easier for us to turn left & quite the opposite was done. They added extra barriers to the left turn lane (132nd), making our left turn into the middle lane shorter. They did not paint a line on the opposite side of the middle lane making it impossible to tell how far out our cars are sticking out (especially with the glare when it is wet or at night). The only thing we can do now is make a sharp left into the middle lane & sit there & wait for traffic to clear, craning our necks (I have a bad neck as it is). I have almost been hit many times by a crazy road rage person wanting to turn left at the signal just speeding out of nowhere honking & looking like they will smash into me. Maybe you should have the Kirkland staff come & make left & right turns at all hours of the day? Then you will see that there is not any more space for more people especially the 500+ more people/autos this development will add.

We also need a left turn & right turn white line on the 131st side. Many people just drive up to the right side to turn left, leaving anyone wanting to turn right waiting for them to go.

And just try to turn left on a church day Sunday when cars are backed up in the middle lane way past our street, They do not leave a gap for us to turn out & just continually block the intersection signal after signal.

Now this development will not only leave us trapped in our neighborhood, it will also change our quality of life. More noise, more trash coming down our street, (which will end up directly in front of my house), more stray pets getting loose or dumped off, less sunshine, (the way the sun rises & sets here will be blocked by the 4 stories & we already have a moss problem), it will make our property values drop tremendously. As a single woman I need my property to be valuable because of my income. This could financially devastate me. I honestly do not see any positives for me or my neighborhood allowing this many people in a condensed development such as this, when there is only one way in & one way out!

I have also spoken to other neighbors here & I agree with everything that was sent to you by Lynn Armstrong. She is forced to be right next door to this awful, awful plan.

As well, this is the first I have heard of it, just this last week. It’s like a dirty little secret the city has kept away from us so that the plan is already made without consideration to the neighborhood. Everybody on our streets should have been notified especially with the only one exit into or out of the neighborhood. It affects all of us, not just people 300 feet away.

I am against this development & it should be denied.

Warm Regards,

Diana Moore
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Permit No. DRV18-00312

Hello Tony,

We are the owners of 8539 132nd Ave NE. We purchased this property in June 2015. The reasons we choose to buy a house here are: 1) not too many people live here so that we have privacy; 2) there are a lot of tall trees, and environment is natural and quiet. However, the development of Permit No. DRV18-00312 will severely impact our original intention. Please allow us to list some questions, concerns and suggestion below:

- We concern about education because we have a 3-year-old grandson. After the increase of more than 100 households, is it possible for schools around here to make sure all the kids can get into the schools and also make sure they get the same quality of education as before?

- 132nd Ave has already been a very busy road during rush hours. After adding more than 100 households, there must be a serious traffic problem near this area. So, we are wondering if there is any solution to deal with poor traffic.

- The north balconies and windows of this 4-story apartment are facing directly to our backyard and house. It will severely affect our privacy, which will make our life inconvenient. We strongly require that the side facing our property should not have any balconies, and the windows should be small and as less as possible. In addition, there should be tall big trees between the new building and our properties to make sure everyone’s privacy.

- The 4-story building will affect our day lighting severely. Especially during the winter, our backyard cannot get sunlight. This will affect the growth of plant, and affect our grandson to play outside. Therefore, we recommend: 1) the new
apartment should be built as far as possible from our yard. 2) The side of new building near our house should be built 2 stories, and the side near 85th St can be built 4 stories.

- The planning of this apartment put the pet and garbage area near our house side. The noise and bad smell, and possible bugs and mice will impact our living environment a lot. Therefore, we require that to properly settle the pet and garbage area to other place.

- We love tall and big trees, so we recommend keeping the original trees as many as possible, and plan to build more green area.

We do not oppose government and developer to develop properly. We hope the developer could solve any possible problem that will bother our life. Please consider our suggestion, and keep our natural, beautiful and quiet living environment. Thanks!

Sincerely,

Guangchang Xu & Dan Xu

July 1st, 2018
Hi Tony,

This is Qianru Deng, a resident and property owner at North Rose Hill (13013 NE 87th St). My husband and I learned about the planned development of 8 lots near 85th St & 132nd Ave (Permit No. DRV18-00312). I am sending my comments to you as I won't be able to attend the public meeting on 7/2. Our representatives, Yuan Gao and James Liu, will be attending the meeting for us.

As residents near the subject 8 lots, we strongly appeal the City of Kirkland not to proceed with this development, for the following reasons:

1. Personally, this will affect our property value and traffic on 131st Ave.

2. The adjacent neighborhood (on 131st and 132nd Ave) is a highly residential neighborhood. Four of the eight lots proposed to be developed used to be RSX 7.2 (Residential); however, all four got rezoned to RH 8 (Office) in 2014/2015. As residents in this area, we were never aware of this rezoning, nor given a chance to provide any feedbacks. Now that we started digging up historic information, the application/approval for amending zoning surfaced (link). According to this document, the applicant, at the time of application, only requested re-zoning of two properties they owned at the time: 8520 131st Ave NE and 8519 132nd Ave NE. Kirkland Department of Planning & Community Development, however, appeared to have expanded the study area to include four more properties (8519, 8526, 8527 131St Ave NE & 8525 132nd Ave NE) and ended up amending the zoning of these four properties from RSX7.2 to RH8 as well. I don't believe the owners of these four properties were listed as applicants for this zoning amendment, and I am not even sure if they were made aware of the re-zoning or offered a chance to protest the re-zoning. Following the re-zoning, the City also amended the zoning code (Section 53.82) to target this development in 2015. I question the legitimacy of the zoning amendment, and would like to better understand the procedures of how this zoning amendment got approved.

3. The construction and permanent traffic brought by this development will be a nightmare for us existing residents, especially the two child care facilities near the site of proposed development (one at 8535 131st Ave NE, and the other at 13111 NE 85th St). The proposed development sounds like a large, multi-year construction project, the construction traffic of which will largely impact the safety & operation of these two child care facilities. Not to mention that, after the development, the proposed garage entrance will be right across street from the driveway of the facility on 131st Ave, and (with 134 residential units) the traffic volume via 131st Ave NE will be significantly higher, which will permanently impact the operation of this child care. Also, the mere increase in traffic volume will make it a nightmare for all the residents on 87th st and 131st Ave (both are dead-end streets) to get in and out. For other neighbors in the area, the crossroad section at 85th St & 132nd Ave is already congested and simply cannot handle any significant increase in traffic volume.

4. With an addition of 130+ residential units, does the City's infrastructure (water, sewer, telecommunication, power, etc) have sufficient capacity to support this development? What would the development do to the already established residents?
I understand that the City's wants to develop this gateway area, but due to the makeup and residential nature of the neighborhood, the subject area does not appear to be a good candidate for such a large commercial development project. The development will much negatively impact our lives as existing residents. Please consider rejecting the permit and not to proceed with the proposed development.

Thank you!

Qianru Deng
13013 NE 87th St
Kirkland, WA 98033
Tony,  
Regretfully I will be unable to attend the public meeting on July 2nd regarding Merit Homes project. I would like to be on record that the Public Notice contained a significant omission as to the traffic configuration for this project. This in turn misled neighbors to believe this project would not effect the heavy traffic on 132nd Avenue NE. I brought this omission to your attention on the morning of June 28th. The City has taken no effort to correct this omission and the handouts that folks can get on site are still incorrect as of the evening of July 1, 2018.

Also in Section III SITE it is stated that the properties east of the subject project are zoned multifamily. This is not correct. The 80 residences directly east of this project are zoned R5 - single family urban.

Mary Yax  
206-612-8722  
8624 133rd Avenue NE Redmond, WA
Dear Tony,

I hope that you are considering all of the concerns from people in the area regarding the proposed Merit Homes project on 132nd and 85th. From what I have read, it seems like the project will only add further congestion to the area without considering the impact. I hope you are looking at the FULL impact of this project, as well as any others to this community.

Sincerely,
Stacy Piedmonte
Hello Mr. Leavitt,
I just heard about Merit Homes Design Review for the proposed project on 132nd Ave NE/ NE 85 St. Is this review open to the public? I am very concerned about such a huge building going up in this location. Traffic is already a nightmare at high commute times at that intersection. Many mornings traffic is backed up to NE 100th St, or even further north. So many new homes have already been built on 132nd Ave and traffic is increasingly worsening.
Thanks for your response.
Lori Constable
13320 NE 117th Way
98052
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Hello Tony,

I'm the owner of 8531 132nd ave ne. Since my English is not very good, I can only briefly explain the inconvenience caused to my family by DRV18-00312:

● Traffic: The current traffic on 132nd Ave is already quite busy. I drive my children to school every morning, and it takes us several minutes to just turn into 132nd and then 85th Street. With 130+ families moving in, and their garage exit right next to us, the morning traffic jam on 132nd Ave is going to be way worse and significantly impact our daily commute.

● Privacy: The planned building is not only too close to my property, too tall, but also has many windows and balconies directly facing my house. My whole family feels that they will be under the supervision of hundreds of people 24/7 and have no privacy at all. This puts huge pressure on us, especially my teenage children.

● Sunlight: With the construction of this building, we will have almost no sunlight in winter time in the backyard, which will not only be harmful to our plants, but also seriously impacts our physical and mental health. Sun exposure is extremely important in Seattle's long and gloomy winter. The south-facing sunny backyard was a huge reason I bought this property.

● Environmental impact: The unreasonable density of this project can cause significant impact to the surrounding environment, including air, noise, electromagnetic radiation and other pollution, that affects our daily lives.

● School: I have school age children. Adding 130+ more families to our already overcrowded schools is a huge concern.
Property value: The air, sound, and electromagnetic radiation pollution and damage to natural environment caused by the construction of this building and the 130+ families will reduce value of our property. CERCLA, issued by the US Congress in 1980, requires real estate developers to compensate us.

Gailian Qin
Dear Mr. Leavitt,

I am writing to express my concern about the Merit Homes multi-story building being proposed for the corner of NE 85th and 132nd Avenue NE. 132nd Ave NE can not handle the additional influx of cars from a multi-story office complex. I live on 132nd, and over the last several years my commute time has doubled- all due to existing traffic growth on 132nd. I am also concerned because I have small children and 132nd is becoming a real hazard for children and families with the increased traffic. Please consider existing residents before allowing a commercial multi-story space, or any multi-story space, on that corner.

Thank you,

Laura Hmelo

Laura Hmelo, Ph.D.
https://www.linkedin.com/in/laurahmelo/
Hello Tony,

My original email was meant to request more detailed information regarding to Permit DRV18-00312. However I didn't receive any response. I was surprised when a neighbor showed me that my email has been included as public comments in the latest document he found online. I want to clarify here, my original email didn't include all my comments regarding to this project, because at that time, I didn't have enough information of this project. And thanks to my great neighbors I now have more understanding of what is planned. So here I'm writing to provide more feedback regarding to Permit DRV18-00312.

While I appreciate City and Merit Homes' effort to clean up the corner of 85th St and 132nd Ave and adding a welcoming entry for Kirkland, the current design of this project is not appropriate for this neighborhood.

- Mass of this building is out of place and not aesthetically pleasing: Throughout the whole rose hill neighborhood are 1-2 story tall single family houses and similar size business buildings. The proposed building is over 400 feet above sea level, over 240 feet long along 132nd Ave and the north side is over 300 feet long, which is gigantic comparing everything else. Our neighborhood is quiet, low density residential area that is very welcoming for families. Dropping a monstrous building in the middle of this area is going to damage the charm of our neighborhood. I believe the design for the project should consider how well it fit into its surrounding environment.
- This neighborhood is not capable to handle the density of proposed population: Again, this area is full of single family houses today. Adding 130+ families is going to dramatically increase the population. Traffic on 85th, 131st and 132nd is already overloaded today. Every morning, 132nd Ave is so packed that I have to wait for someone being nice and letting me squeeze in. Sometimes I can't not get into the left turn lane on 132nd at all that I was forced to go south and try to get around. Also I've talked to one neighbor who is a teacher at our elementary school and confirmed that our school is not capable to accommodate the increase.
- The current design severely violates my privacy: according to my neighbor's estimation, the building is 50 feet tall from our point of view(consider the elevation differences). And there are tons of windows and balconies (!) placed on the north side of the building, directly looking at my house. This is absolutely outrageous. When I bought this house, it was in the middle of a quiet low density low height residential area. In merely 3 years, it's going to be put up for exhibition and 130+ families are going to be invited (by setting up the windows and balconies) to monitor my daily life. This is not acceptable. I understand that the current design puts a green belt between the building and the houses to its north, and I appreciate the effort, but given how tall the building is and how close it's to our houses, the green belt (especially for the first 5 years or so) can provide very limited protection to our privacy in reality.
- The current design takes away important sunlight access from my house: According to the sun study, my backyard and my house will have almost no sunlight in winter time. I can't emphasis enough on how important sunlight is to my garden and my health considering the long gloomy Seattle winter.
• The placement of pet relief and trash stage area is too close to nearby residential area: This will cause the odor, noise and pest issues to the nearby neighbors.
• Dozens of invaluable mature trees will be destroyed: I believe city and people of Kirkland will agree with me how invaluable those tall healthy mature trees currently standing on the site of this project are. They're here way before us, provide homes to small animals and protect/improve the surrounding environment for decades. We sure can plant more trees but they're not comparable to the existing ones, not for a few decades.

Therefore I urge City of Kirkland and Merit homes to reconsider the design of this mixed use project: Reduce the overall mass, height and density of this project; on the north side of the building, eliminate the balconies, reduce the amount of windows and angle them away from existing residents; relocate the pet relief and trash staging area, try best to preserve significant trees, plant more taller trees (especially along the north side) and protect the overall environment of our neighborhood.

Thank you,
Junyan Lin
8535 132nd Ave NE
Kirkland WA 98033

From: Junyan Lin <junyan_lin@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2018 5:51 PM
To: tleavitt@kirklandwa.gov
Subject: DRV18-00312

Hello Mr Leavitt,

My name is Junyan Lin. I'm the home owner of 8535 132nd Ave NE Kirkland WA 98033, which is directly to the north of project DRV18-00312. I'd like to get more information about this project, as detailed as possible.

I'm very concerned about the proposal.

1. We have mostly single family houses around this area. Adding 133 residential units is a very significant increase to the residential population. What is the plan to update infrastructure including traffic, school, etc to support the new families? The traffic is already very bad at the 85th St/132nd Ave intersection in the morning, especially Sundays.
2. There are quite a few beautiful old trees on the lot of DRV18-00312, which is a huge bonus for the overall environment of this area. I noticed that a couple of trees have already been removed around the corner of 85th St and 132nd Ave last year. How many more trees are going to be removed? It took so much time for trees to grow to this big. And we have all sorts of birds and squirrels living on those trees. Please be considerate, save the trees and protect our environment.
3. A much taller building right behind my house could potentially a big threat to my privacy. I have skylights in the bathroom! This was never a concern when all surrounded houses are about the same height.

Looking forward to more information for this project. And if possible, would you please keep me updated on the subject? Thank you so much for your time.

Best regards,
Junyan Lin
I am a home owner here at The Pointe, my name is Michael Monsos, my address is 8602 134th Ct NE Redmond WA 98052. My Email address is flyman219@outlook.com We have lived here at The Pointe since 2005. I am very concerned at the scope of this project and it’s impacts on our neighborhood.

I have several concerns of the proposed building under review, some of which I will state here.

1. A four story building is out of scale to this area’s architecture. The overall size of this building seems far beyond anything else in the area. Going from six single family detached homes to a 134 unit Apartment Complex is quite a stretch. This density is far more than anything in this area.

2. 134 units would most likely add 200 or more round trips to the already troublesome corner of NE85th and 132nd Ave NE (married couples, shared rentals, two car requirements). It is already a challenge to try to enter or leave The Pointe most any time of the day due to the excessive traffic on 132nd Ave NE we experience already.

3. Unless there is a light added to the intersection at 131st Ave NE and NE 85th residents who need to go to Redmond will need to exit the property via the eastside egress driveway, to 132nd AVE NE southbound to try to make it to the left turn lane. 132nd Ave NE at NE 85th is already backed up for blocks southbound in the mornings with commuters. Adding another 134 housing units with a garage egress about 100’ north of this intersection will not only be a problem but dangerous as residents try to push into already heavy traffic stopped by the light.

4. If this is kept a pet friendly rental property, the closest place to “walk the dog” on grass and in a park like residential setting is “The Pointe”. I do see they are planning a small area for pet walking but nothing near what 134 units would require. I’d rather not see our neighborhood become the preferred “nice” dog walking trails.

5. In addition to the residential generated traffic there will be commercial traffic generated by the offices on the first level to add to the congestion of this area.
6. I do realize the property will be developed but I hope that it will be done to a more appropriate scale, having less impact on the already poor traffic conditions, neighboring views, property values and impacts of non-resident dog walkers on our neighborhood’s common areas.

Michael Monsos  
8602 134th Ct NE  
Redmond, WA 98052  
“The Pointe”
I would like to go on record against the Merit building proposal on 85th and 132nd. I use these roads for commuting to work and already face backups on 132nd at 4:15pm!! I did the survey for the City of Kirkland some time back and expressed disappointment in the over development of residential houses and the destruction of great starter homes in the area. We now have million dollar tract homes thanks to Merit. Affordable housing is gone for my children!

Regards,

Cindy Hogan
36 year resident of Kirkland

10703 127th Ave NE
My name is Jennifer Hayles and I am a Kirkland resident living off of 132nd. My daily commute takes me down 132nd, turning right onto NE 85th street and I am VERY concerned about the property being planned by Merit Homes on that corner. A massive, 4 story building with retail space and 134 residential units is going to impact an already overburdened and unsafe intersection in a massive way. The back up from all directions of that intersection already stretches for miles during rush hour. Cramming more people into a smaller area appears to be the way city planning thinks Kirkland should grow - allow massive construction companies come from far and wide to tear down one perfectly good small family home, to replace it with 2 or 3 enormous, unaffordable monoliths, to the benefit of no one but the construction companies, and the permit offices.

Kirkland is a small town. No one who lives in Kirkland wants it to be a massive, sprawling, population dense urban landscape. The only people who want Kirkland to become that are the people looking to profit from it. The growth is becoming out of control and unmanageable. The streets and stop lights aren't being upgraded to handle the impact of this population density. Where will the people living in this building park? I can't imagine you truly believe that 3 bedroom apartments necessitate less than 2 vehicles per residence? With the kind of public transportation (or lack thereof) in place here? The noise pollution is becoming excessive. Is there a plan in place to leave ANY single story, small family residences in tact in Kirkland? Is any attention being paid to the increasing vacancy rates of apartments in Seattle? What is the City of Kirkland going to say to its residents if you build too many million dollar houses and ridiculously priced apartments and condos vs number of people who want to live in an expensive, gridlocked, charmless city? After spending years inconveniencing them and making them put up with the noise and the traffic.

The construction companies (particularly Merit Homes, who you are already allowing to build dozens of homes along 132nd) do little to nothing to ease the burden on our community. Daily there are workers parking to capacity in residential neighborhoods, where they arrive early in the morning, smoke, leave garbage and food on the sidewalks, swear loudly, enter and leave the roadway unsafely, move heave equipment without using flaggers or even warning other drivers that a backhoe is about to enter the roadway, sit there for a good long while, then back slowly in somewhere else. Their dump trucks and cranes destroy the streets. They park on the sidewalks. Why are we allowing companies that care so little about the community of Kirkland, and the future of our town, to profit off of it?

I do not approve of the project going up on the corner of 132nd and NE 85th, and would like to know what I can do to make sure my concerns are voiced to the appropriate people.

Kindly,
Jennifer Hayles
Hi Tony,

I’m contacting you regarding file #DRV18-00312, which is currently being reviewed for development. I have lived in Rose Hill my entire 39 years of life and must tell you that I am absolutely against this project. The obscene amount of traffic and congestion it will undoubtedly add to 132nd, NE 85th and the surrounding streets is beyond what we tax-paying neighbors are able and willing to deal with. I was diagnosed with a brain tumor 2 years ago and now must uproot my children and the only home they know because we can no longer afford to live here. And that is in part due to the HUGE LACK of affordable housing in Kirkland. Mark and Merit Homes are consistently adding to that problem and if you allow this project to move forward as-is, you are acting in a severely negligent, greedy, selfish and irresponsible manner. You are helping to push out REAL people with REAL families who work REAL hard to pay REAL taxes and it’s gotten us nowhere. You are helping destroy the very home that WE have built and loved and provided for all these years so that people like you and Mark could have a place to work and live. I don’t know if or how long you’ve lived in Kirkland, but I have spent my entire life here and am beyond saddened to see what our city is allowing. I have known Mark from Merit for many years. In fact, I cheered him on as he grew his business. A decision I now regret. Unfortunately, he’s let his greed lead him in life and I just hope you choose not to do the same. Please say NO to this development.

Best regards,

Casey Hedglin
Tony Leavitt

From: Patty Emerson <pearlsandcrystals@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, July 02, 2018 6:47 PM
To: Tony Leavitt
Cc: David Emerson
Subject: Merit Homes Project Rose Hill

Dear Tony Leavitt:

We are opposed to Merit Homes building the four-story commercial/residential building on the corner of NE 85th St and 132nd Ave NE for two reasons.

1) Inadequate infrastructure. NE 85th St is already congested throughout the day. It used to only be gridlocked during rush hour, now it is congested almost all day. Adding a 134 unit apartment complex to the corner of NE 85th St and 132nd Ave NE is only going to make matters worse.

2) Unqualified builder. Merit Homes is currently unable to safely manage all of their construction projects so it would be very dangerous for them to take on such a large project. We currently live next to one of their construction sites and have first-hand experience of their unsafe building practices. Here is a list of the things Merit Homes has done so far.

- Failure to keep a clean construction site from day one. There was garbage all over the job site that ended up on the surrounding neighbors' property because they did not have a dumpster on site for weeks. They got dumpsters after neighbors complained about the garbage. After they got the dumpsters, they said they would be emptied out every week. Sometimes it is weeks before they are emptied so garbage over flows and ends up everywhere.

- Failure to notify residents that electricity would be cut. None of the neighbors were notified that electricity would be cut while they installed a new transformer.

- Struck a gas line causing gas to pour into the air for about 30 minutes. The gas line they struck was about 10 feet from our home. We could hear the gas rushing into the air from inside our home. Everyone was afraid there would be an explosion.

Given these issues by Merit Homes, it would be a disaster for them to build a four story commercial/residential building. We felt the need to speak up because we do not want anyone harmed because of this proposed project. Merit Homes has clearly demonstrated that they do not care about the community.

Please keep this information confidential because we are concerned about retaliation.

Sincerely,
Patty & David Emerson
Please note my objection to a 4-story multi-use building on the corner of 85th and 132nd Streets.

The traffic currently is horrible, especially during certain hours. The accidents on this corner are numerous. Adding more to this corner will only add more congestion and more accidents.

This seems like horrible planning on Kirkland’s part.

Lynn Peterson
We request that the City of Kirkland reconsider allowing a large 2-4-story, 180 unit+ building on the corner of 85th and 132nd. I live off of 132nd north of Churchome (was City Church) and have 2 young sons. We moved to Rose Hill in 2005 and fell in love with the community. That community seems to be vanishing before our eyes! We no longer live in “that community” due to the excessive building of homes stacked on one-another and the traffic has quadrupled x 10! Where will these people park? There is not enough traffic flow at that intersection to allow even 10 homes on that corner. Very unsafe and super congested intersection.

We are literally afraid every time our children walk to school across 132nd and they can no longer ride their bikes safely on that road due to so much traffic. We can’t even get out of the street onto 132nd without waiting for a long while for a safe break in the traffic flow. The light on 85th/132nd is always backed up and especially during the week. As I attempted to drive to a meeting in Redmond that used to take me 11 minutes flat – now takes me a good 18-20 minutes due to sitting at several traffic lights on that specific corner!

The other day I imagined how convenient it would be for us if the City would lengthen the right turn lane off 132nd onto 85th street or add another turn lane on the corner there for the CURRENT BAD TRAFFIC SITUATION. Now to hear it could be even worse??!!! I simply cannot imagine it worse! A business on that corner of any sort, much less an entire building would be a very low desirable home location. Merit homes sounds like a “big money” builder!! Do they really need to ruin our great community for the sake of the big dollar and what about City of Kirkland! Are they going to allow this? Aren’t the new fees for the use of parks, the parking fees throughout the city ie by USbank – etc, and property tax dollars enough?

Please hear our voices, this is getting a bit out of control! We deserve to remain in a city more like Medina...where the very wealthy want to live. Nice homes, nice, safe community, small town feel, not congested, desirable living. This town is much to small for these tall buildings. It changes who you attract here to include those who can afford to live here and pay taxes. Also, those who can contribute to the revenue of the City and the businesses. Someone on a neighborhood post today said the City of Kirkland is turning this City into the slums, once the potential dwellers of that building cannot afford to live in that building, HUD will have those units converted into low income, which often tends to lack maintenance, etc. Hmmm...now I understand what they were referring to...about slums...and fast!

Hopeful,
Lanelle Martin
Cell: 206.498.4905

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service that is not intended for sending confidential or sensitive information. Please do not include social security numbers, account numbers, or any other personal or financial information in the content of the email when you respond.
I live in The Pointe in Redmond (81 units) located on the corner of 132nd and 85thNE. It is almost impossible to make a left turn out of our street as it is now. Most of the time we have to turn right and circle back to 85th. Ridiculous. Who planned that? Do reps from Redmond AND Kirkland make these plans?

I read about this at 7:15pm so meeting is already underway.

Is it possible to have your team available to talk to our homeowners?

Sent from my iPhone
Margie Anton
To whom it may concern,

I’m writing to express my concern about the new proposed project as a current resident in this neighborhood. We have had so much new constructions in this area and the traffic has been quite heavy. Please avoid this kind of proposals to add huge amount of traffic and disturb the peace.

Thanks,
Lingjun
Hello Mr. Leavitt,

I read through the planning document regarding the apartment building on 85th and 132nd (https://www.kirklandwa.gov/Assets/Planning/Planning+PDFs/Design+Review+Board/Continental+Divide+Mixed+Use+Project+DRB+Meeting+Packet+07022018++DRV18-00312.pdf) and I did not find much of anything specific regarding traffic impact of the units on the neighborhood.

Is that in a separate document, did I miss the section, or is that not a part of this process?

Thanks,
Greg Heino
9421 130th AVE NE
Kirkland, WA
98033
July 6, 2018

City of Kirkland
Planning and Building Department
123 Fifth Avenue
Kirkland, WA 98033

Re: Multi-Use Complex
NW Corner of 85th Street & 132nd Avenue NE

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter on behalf of myself and my neighbors owning property at The Pointe and within the Rose Hill Community. This project should not be approved as presented in the Design & Review Board meeting on July 2, 2018. Below are bullet points of many issues that should be considered by all departments that have the decision-making segments.

General Concerns:

- Technically, The Pointe is within the City of Redmond. However, only those in the PUD received notice per the 300-foot rule for notification. Every property owner within The Pointe will be impacted and should be included in notification and have the ability to express opinions.
- Although most residents in the quadrant in question have desires to see this property developed in a way that benefits the community, the plan presented to the Design Board came as a shock in the scope and scale. It was expected to have commercial buildings on the frontage of 85th. However, the addition of the 134 residential units was not properly disclosed during the rezoning phase.

Design and Materials:

- It is distressing enough to see the “Merit” style small residential units pop up all throughout the Rose Hill area. They are not a pleasing design and completely out of the realm of a more classic Pacific Northwest style. There are other low lot line buildings that have been done that integrate better visually. A couple examples (addresses are linked to street map) are: 8818 – 132nd Avenue NE, 13116 NE 90th Street, 13110 – 85th Street commercial building.
- The “Merit” style does not have longevity. In 10 years, it is my opinion that it will be much less desirable and become more of an eye-sore.
- Materials used might be cost effective for the developer but look cheap and without thought as to color, texture, and appeal.
- Roof lines and wall designs are harsh and do not fit the neighborhood.
- This project will NOT enhance property values but will cause a decline to those owning properties closest to this massive project.
- The 132nd Avenue design looms large over street and appeal. Now at 4 stories, this is out of scope for the community. Note that there are NO buildings in this height range and levels from...
1405 East to downtown Redmond. Height on building and condos are due to land elevation/sloping/hillside. Parking level, which shows more concrete than material more pleasing is completely unacceptable. Not to mention that a grated garage door entrance was "snuck" into the design. See below in traffic and impact.

Traffic and Density:

- Homeowners in The Pointe and homeowners in the Rose Hill area are already experiencing serious traffic problems due to new development and increased residential land use via acquisition of larger parcels broken up into small-lot projects.
- Business and residential density in Redmond and Kirkland/I-405 have caused traffic jams and potential hazards on 85th. This surprise high density project at the NW corner will only intensify and create more problems.
- Homeowners are suspect that the density of this project has been a bait and switch plan to increase overall return on investment and income stream. Are the residents to pay the price in their property values to the benefit of the developer? 134 units plus commercial is far too dense and large. There are no buildings of this magnitude in the Rose Hill Area and is completely out of place.
- The parking spaces in the design does not support the project. This will force some residents, commercial use and visitors to park elsewhere. The impact to The Point is problematic with our visitor parking pads but the residents on the 131st Avenue NE will be blocked in as they have only one way in and out of the area.
- A conservative estimate of 1000+ addition car trips per day in and out of the project will create even more issues to the already problematic traffic issues to the intersection. Even on Sunday, when a neighborhood is expected to have less traffic and be quieter, the church on 132nd causes such heavy traffic that for the last few years, a traffic cop has been needed at the intersection. A thorough traffic study needs to take place.

In the personal response by the property developer in the July 2, 2018 meeting, it was stated that this project would be the "gateway" to the Rose Hill area and provide benefit via more residential with some of the units in the affordable housing category. As a homeowner, I want facts, not fiction. Is the developer bottom line more important than the aesthetics, traffic impact and visual appeal to the neighborhood?

Respectfully,

Michele Westmorland
8612 – 133rd Avenue NE
Redmond, WA 98052
The Pointe
Ph: 425-896-8113
I am requesting at this time to become a party of record for this permit. I would like to receive any and all notifications of public hearings and any other pertinent information on this permit.

I reside at The Pointe which is directly across the street from this project. This project is huge and does not fit into the design of the neighborhood.

I am especially interest in the traffic issues for this project which would also be part of the design.

Thank you. Please contact me by email if you need further information.

Jennifer Holms
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Redmond WA 98052
jholms@comcast.net
Hello Tony,

This is regarding Permit No. DRV18-00312 for the proposal of redevelopment at 8505 132nd Ave NE. I am concerned about the impact that redeveloping this site to provide 134 units of homes and commercial/office space would have to the traffic along 132nd Ave NE and the impact to the neighborhood schools (Twain Elementary, Rose Hill Middle School and Lake Washington High School).

The traffic along 132nd Ave NE is already very congested in the peak morning commute and afternoon commute hours. Many people use 132nd Ave NE as an arterial road to get from Redmond/Bellevue to Juanita and it is very difficult to make a left turn from one of the east/west streets onto 132nd Ave NE as there is almost no break in traffic at all. I live along this corridor and if I am heading home from Costco, instead of taking the shortest route home (via NE 100th St) I must take a long way home (and add to traffic on NE 85th St) since the left turn from NE 100th St to 132nd Ave NE is so difficult. Traffic is also very busy on Sunday mornings due to the large amount of Churchome church traffic.

As I understand it, Twain Elementary is already completely full and using 2 portable classrooms. There’s already a large development planned at the Petco site which seems to fall in the current Twain boundary. Where will all of the kids go? There is a severe lack of services in the area for childcare (0-5), aftercare (elementary aged) and classroom spaces for children. I have read that LWSD does not have any plans for new elementary schools in the area.

Thank you for your consideration.

Stephanie Chow