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Staff Report

Conditional Use Review, Site Plan Review, Major Variance, and Tentative Replat

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Application Information

Review Body: Hearings Board (Type III review)

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Address/Location: 137 41st Avenue SE, Albany, OR 97322

Map/Tax Lot: Linn County Assessor's Map No: 11S-03W-19A Tax Lots 1000 & 1100

Zoning: Light Industrial (LI) District

Overlays: None

Total Land Area 1.78 acres

Existing Land Use: Vacant

Neighborhood: South Albany

Surrounding Zoning: North: Heavy Industrial (HI) zone

East: Light Industrial (LI) zone South: Light Industrial (LI) zone West: Light Industrial (LI) zone

Surrounding Uses: North: Industrial Business

East: Industrial Business South: Industrial Business

West: Vacant

Prior History: None

Summary

The proposal is for Conditional Use approval for the construction of an 8,000 square foot building containing a fitness facility and warehouse, Site Plan review approval for 15 self-storage containers, an office with an attached dwelling unit, and 32 recreational vehicle parking spaces; a Major Variance to allow off-street parking between the proposed fitness facility and the front property line; and a replat to consolidate two lots into one.

The Conditional Use review is a Type III procedure reviewed by the Hearings Board and require public notice and a public hearing. The Major Variance application is a Type II procedure reviewed at the staff level with public notice, and the Site Plan Review application and Replat are a Type I-L procedure reviewed at the staff

level with public notice. This report evaluates the proposal for conformance with the applicable Site Plan Review for New Construction criteria in Section 2.450 and 2.455, Tentative Plat criteria in Section 11.180, and Major Variance criteria in Section 2.696 in the ADC. Since these are concurrent applications, all are being reviewed by the Hearings Board under the Type III procedure.

In summary, the proposed development application satisfies applicable review criteria; therefore, the staff recommendation is APPROVAL with CONDITIONS.

Notice Information

A notice of Public Hearing was mailed to property owners located within 300 feet of the subject property on December 20, 2024. The Notice of Public Hearing was posted on the subject property on December 27, 2024. No written testimony has been received as of the date of this report.

Appeals

Within five days of the hearing board's final decision on this application, the Community Development Director will provide a written notice of decision to the applicant and any other parties entitled to notice. Any person who submitted written comments during a comment period or testified at the public hearing has standing to appeal the Type III decision of the hearings board to the city council by filing a notice of appeal and associated filing fee within ten days from the date the City mails the notice of decision.

Analysis of Development Code Criteria – Conditional Use

Albany Development Code (ADC) includes the following approval review criteria for Conditional Use applications (ADC 2.250). Code criteria are written in **bold** followed by findings, conclusions, and conditions of approval where conditions are necessary to meet the review criteria. Staff also acknowledge the applicant's written response provided to these criteria (Attachment C).

Criterion 1

The proposed use is consistent with the intended character of the base zone and the operating characteristics of the neighborhood.

Findings of Fact

- 1.1 <u>Proposed use.</u> The applicant proposes to construct an 80-foot by 100-foot fitness facility with associated site, utility, and parking lot improvements.
- 1.2 <u>Intended character of the base zones.</u> The subject property is located within the Light Industrial (LI) zoning district. ADC 4.020(7) states "the LI district is intended primarily for a wide range of manufacturing, warehousing, processing, assembling, wholesaling, specialty contractors and related establishments. Uses will have limited impacts on surrounding properties. This district is particularly suited to areas having good access to highways and perhaps to rail. LI may serve as a buffer around the HI district and may be compatible with nearby residential zones or uses."
- Conditional uses. The proposed fitness gym is classified as "Indoor Entertainment and Recreation" in ADC 22.100 and is allowed in the LI zoning district with conditional use approval. Indoor Entertainment and Recreation Uses are also subject to 4.060(7)(d), which requires exercise and health clubs or gyms to be considered through a Conditional Use Type III review and must meet the additional criteria in Special Condition (11)(b). According to ADC 2.230, "Certain uses are conditional uses instead of being allowed outright, although they may have beneficial effects and serve important public interests. The proposed use is subject to the conditional use regulations because it they may have significant adverse effects on the environment, overburden public services, change the desired character of an area, or create major nuisances. A review of the proposed use is necessary due to the potential individual or cumulative impacts they may have on the surrounding area or neighborhood. The conditional use process provides an opportunity to allow the use when there are minimal impacts, to allow the use but impose conditions to address identified concerns, or to deny the use if the concerns cannot be resolved." The conditional use process provides an opportunity to review projects for potential impacts and impose conditions to address any identified concerns.

- 1.4 Special Conditions. As stated above, exercise and health clubs or gyms must meet additional criteria in Special Condition (11)(b) as follows:
 - a. The street system has adequate capacity to accommodate the use through the horizon year of the current Transportation Systems Plan based on the proposed trip generation; and
 - b. The development will not alter the existing building of site in a way that would discourage or preclude its later conversion back to an industrial use; and
 - c. The new commercial user shall acknowledge that industrial uses have a right to operate free from the new use complaining about externalities typical of industrial uses.

The applicant states that the street system has adequate capacity to accommodate the use through the horizon year of the current Transportation Systems Plan based on the trip generation analysis outlined in the Tentative Plat section of this report. The site is currently vacant, but the proposed building will not alter the site in a way that would discourage or preclude its later conversion back to an industrial use. The applicant notes that the new commercial user will acknowledge that industrial uses have a right to operate from the new use complaining about externalities typical of industrial uses. Prior to submittal of a building permit, the applicant must submit the acknowledgement in writing.

1.5 Operating characteristics of the neighborhood. The subject property is located in the South Albany Neighborhood and Marion Industrial Park. The sites in the Marion Industrial Park located to the east, west and south of the subject property are predominantly developed with commercial and industrial warehousing, manufacturing, and related office uses. The abutting property to the north is an undeveloped property zoned Heavy Industrial (HI) and owned by the Oregon Metallurgical Corporation.

Conclusions

- 1.1 The proposed development is allowed with Conditional Use Type III review approval in the LI zoning district per ADC 4.050.
- 1.2 The proposal will not have an impact on the operating characteristics of the neighborhood because the primary use of the property will be consistent with the surrounding area.
- 1.3 As proposed, the use is consistent with the intended character of the base zones and the operating characteristics of the neighborhood.
- 1.4 This criterion is met with the following conditions.

Conditions

- **Condition 1 Site Improvements.** Prior to occupancy of the proposed buildings, all proposed and required site improvements shall be constructed and completed in accordance with approved plans.
- **Condition 2 Special Conditions.** Prior to submittal of any building permits, the property owner must provide acknowledgement in writing that industrial uses have a right to operate from the new use complaining about externalities typical of industrial uses. The signature on the acknowledgement must be notarized.

Criterion 2

The proposed use will be compatible with existing or anticipated uses in terms of size, building scale and style, intensity, setbacks, and landscaping or the proposal calls for mitigation of differences in appearance or scale through such means as setbacks, screening, landscaping or other design features.

Findings of Fact

- 2.1 <u>Definition of compatible</u>. "Compatible" does not mean "the same." *Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*, Eleventh Edition, defines "compatible" as "(1) capable of existing together in harmony."
- 2.2 <u>Proposed Use</u>. The proposal is to construct an 8,000 square foot (80 feet by 100 feet) warehouse building with two tenant suites; one of which is to be used as a fitness facility.

- 2.3 Existing and Anticipated Uses. The subject site is currently vacant and undeveloped. The site is relatively flat and contains two BPA (Bonneville Power Administration) easements that diagonally transverse the property. Industrial uses and industrial tenant spaces are located to the south, east, and west of the subject property. Heavy industrial-zoned land owned by Oregon Metallurgical Corporation borders the subject property to the north. There is still considerable infill development potential on the HI-zoned lots; however, at the present time, no plans are being reviewed. The applicant is not aware of any other anticipated uses on abutting properties.
- 2.4 <u>Building Size, Scale, and Style.</u> ADC 4.090, Table 1 contains the development standards for properties located within the LI zoning district. The applicant is proposing to construct one 80-foot by 100-foot warehouse building with two tenant suites, one of which is a fitness facility. The building will be placed in the center of the site with a height of approximately 27 feet to the peak of the roof. The proposed building is the same height or less than existing buildings within the industrial park. The building style is industrial in architecture with an open floor plan, high ceilings, minimalist aesthetics, and exposed materials and utilities.
- 2.5 <u>Intensity and Lot Coverage of the Proposed Development.</u> ADC 4.090, Table 1 contains the development standards for properties located within the LI zoning district. The LI zoning district does not have a maximum lot coverage standard. The subject property consists of 1.78 acres and is currently vacant. The total proposed lot coverage of the subject site is approximately 78 percent which is consistent with the LI zoning district.
- 2.6 <u>Building and Parking Lot Setbacks.</u> ADC 4.090, Table 1 contains the development standards for properties located within the LI zoning district. The proposed warehouse building with two tenant suites, one of which is a fitness facility will be oriented to the center of the site, approximately 90 feet from the front property line, 61 feet and 58 feet from the side property lines, and 112 feet from the rear property line. The proposed parking lot will be located between the fitness facility building and the public right-of-way. The parking lot will be approximately 24 feet from the front property line, 5 feet and 65 feet from the side property lines, and 173 feet from the rear property line.
- 2.7 <u>Landscaping.</u> Staff refer to the findings provided in response to Criterion Six pertaining to Article 9 in the Site Plan Review section of this report, which are incorporated herein by reference.
- 2.8 <u>Buffering and Screening.</u> Staff refer to the findings provided in response to Criterion 6 pertaining to Article 9 in the Site Plan Review section of this report, which are incorporated herein by reference.
- 2.9 <u>Parking Lot Landscaping</u>. Staff refer to the findings provided in response to Criterion 6 pertaining to Article 9 in the Site Plan Review section of this report, which are incorporated herein by reference.
- 2.10 <u>Irrigation</u>: Staff refer to the findings provided in response to Criterion 6 in the Site Plan Review section of this report pertaining to Article 9, which are incorporated herein by reference.

Conclusions

- 2.1 The proposal shows the proposed development will meet the minimum development standards of the zoning district.
- 2.2 Based on the observations above, the proposed development will be compatible with existing or anticipated uses in terms of size, intensity, setbacks, lighting, and landscaping.

Criterion 3

The transportation system is capable of supporting the proposed use in addition to the existing uses in the area. Evaluation factors include street capacity and level of service, on street parking impacts, access requirements, neighborhood impacts, and pedestrian safety.

Findings of Fact and Conclusion

3.1 Staff refer to the findings provided in response to Criterion Eight pertaining to Article 12 in the Site Plan Review section of this report, which are incorporated herein by reference.

Public services for water, sanitary and storm sewer, water management, and for fire and police protection, are capable of servicing the proposed use.

Findings of Fact and Conclusions

- 4.1 For public utilities, staff refer to the findings provided in response to Criterion Seven pertaining to Article 12 in the Site Plan Review section of this report, which are incorporated herein by reference.
- 4.2 The applicant states that the site is served by the Albany Police Department.

Fire Department

- 4.3 Approved fire apparatus roadways must extend to within 150 feet of all exterior portions of any structure that will be built on the property as measured by an <u>approved</u> route of travel around the exterior of the structure. (OFC 503.1.1)
- Dead-end fire apparatus roads in excess of 150 feet in length shall be provided with an approved area for turning around fire apparatus (OFC 503.2.5 and D103.4)
- 4.5 This proposed project is located within a "Protected Area" as defined by Oregon Fire Code (OFC) Appendix B, Section B102 and this area is currently served by a public water system. The Fire Flow required shall be as specified in Appendix B of the fire code. (OFC 507.3)
 - The fire flow demand could not be estimated from the submitted material. Future plans shall indicate the fire flow demand. Additional hydrants than are shown on the Land Use documents may be required.
- 4.6 IF FIRE SPRINKLERED: Location of any Fire Department Connections (FDCs) that may serve any fire sprinkler system(s) protecting your buildings shall be installed at a location approved by the Albany Fire Department and shall be provided with approved STORZ fitting. The FDC shall be located a distance equal to at least 1½ times the height of the building, when possible, near the site entrance as not to obstruct subsequent arriving fire apparatus, and within 40 feet of a fire hydrant (public fire hydrants whenever possible). (OFC 903.3.7 and Albany Fire Department requirements.)
- 4.7 Gates securing access to the private fire apparatus access roads required for this project shall comply with all of the following criteria (OFC D103.5):
 - a. The minimum gate width shall be 20 feet.
 - b. Gates shall be of the swinging or sliding type.
 - c. Construction of gates shall be of materials that allow manual operation by one person.
 - d. Gate components shall be always maintained in an operative condition and replaced or repaired when defective.
 - e. Electric gates shall be equipped with a means of opening the gate by fire department personnel for emergency access. Emergency opening devices shall be approved by the fire code official.
 - f. Manual opening gates shall not be locked with a padlock or chain and padlock unless they are capable of being opened by means of a key box containing the key(s) to the lock is installed at the gate location.
 - g. Locking device specifications shall be submitted for approval by the fire code official.
 - h. Electric gate operators, where provided, shall be listed in accordance with UL 325.
 - i. Gates intended for automatic operation shall be designed, constructed, and installed to comply with the requirements of ASTM F 2200.

The site plan reviewed for this meeting did not clearly indicate that a security fence and road access gate was going to be provided; however, the fire department anticipates that this will be a design feature of this project. If this gate is going to be an automatic opening type, the automatic gate opener shall be capable of being activated by <u>all</u> the following:

- 1. An approved OPTICOM sensor,
- 2. A Knox key switch, and;
- 3. A manual means in the event of power/mechanical failure. This shall include an adjacent pedestrian gate with a Knox-style lock to provide firefighter access.

The proposal will not have significant adverse impacts on the livability of nearby residentially zoned lands due to: (a) Noise, glare, odor, litter, and hours of operation; (b) Privacy and safety issues.

Findings of Fact

- 5.1 The property located to the north is zoned Heavy Industrial (HI) and is undeveloped. Properties to the east, west, and south are zoned Light Industrial (LI) and are developed with industrial and warehouse buildings.
- 5.2 <u>Noise</u>. Noise will primarily originate from vehicles entering and leaving the facility to and from 41st Avenue SE. Noise impacts are not anticipated.
- 5.3 <u>Glare</u>. Site lighting will be provided with all-mounted fixtures on all buildings or from light poles in the parking lot. Front and side glare shields will be placed on all lighting fixtures to reflect the light from the fixtures onto the buildings and access aisles. No light is expected to reflect on adjacent properties, streets, or into the sky.
- 5.4 <u>Odors</u>. The applicant does not propose any uses that would create odors from the property.
- 5.5 <u>Litter</u>. Litter will be controlled by employees on the site. An enclosed refuse container area will be provided on-site.
- 5.6 <u>Hours of operation</u>. Hours of operation are anticipated to be Monday through Sunday, 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- 5.7 <u>Privacy/Safety</u>. The proposed site plan includes landscaping, buffering, and screening. The site will also be served by a security and monitoring system, enclosed by a security fence, and will contain an on-site security dwelling.

Conclusion

- 5.1 The impacts due to glare, litter, noise, odors, hours of operation, and safety are not expected to affect the surrounding uses.
- 5.2 This criterion is met without conditions.

Criterion 6

Activities and developments within special purpose districts must comply with the regulations described in Articles 4 (Airport Approach), 6 (Natural Resources), and 7 (Historic), as applicable.

Findings of Fact and Conclusion

6.1 Staff refer to the findings provided in response to Criterion Three pertaining to Articles 4, 6, and 7 in the Site Plan Review section of this report, which are incorporated herein by reference.

Analysis of Development Code Criteria – Site Plan Review

Albany Development Code (ADC or Development Code) includes the following approval review criteria in Section 2.450 (identified below). Development Code criteria are shown in *bold italic* followed by findings and conclusions. Certain findings explain how the proposed development can meet review criteria through conditions of approval, where determined feasible.

Criterion 1

The application is complete in accordance with the applicable requirements.

Findings of Fact and Conclusions

- 1.1 In accordance with ADC 1.160, the application was deemed complete as of November 26, 2024.
- 1.2 This criterion is met without conditions.

The application complies with all applicable provisions of the underlying zoning district including, but not limited to, setbacks, lot dimensions, density, lot coverage, building height, and other applicable standards.

Findings of Fact and Conclusions

- Zoning. The subject property is located within the Light Industrial (LI) zoning district. ADC 4.020(7) states "the LI district is intended primarily for a wide range of manufacturing, warehousing, processing, assembling, wholesaling, specialty contractors and related establishments. Uses will have limited impacts on surrounding properties. This district is particularly suited to areas having good access to highways and perhaps to rail. LI may serve as a buffer around the HI district and may be compatible with nearby residential zones or uses."
- 2.2 <u>Minimum Lot Size.</u> There is no minimum lot size in the Light Industria (LI) zone. The property will be 77,589 square feet in size (1.78 acres).
- 2.3 <u>Lot Coverage.</u> ADC Table 4.190-1 identifies that there is no maximum lot coverage in the LI zone. The applicant's narrative states the proposed buildings and paved areas throughout the site total 60,709 square feet, approximately 78 percent of the site.
- 2.4 <u>Density/Intensity/Height</u>. ADC Table 4.190-1 states that there is no maximum building height in the LI zone. The proposed elevation drawings show a building height of approximately 28 feet at the peak of the roof.
- 2.5 <u>Setbacks</u>. The LI zoning district has a minimum 15-foot front setback, and no interior setback requirements.
 - <u>Front Setback.</u> The proposed structures will be a minimum of 50 feet from the front property line.
 - <u>Interior Setbacks.</u> The proposed structures will be a minimum of 2.5 feet from the east property line and 22 feet from the west property line. The proposed structures will be a minimum of 102 feet from the rear property line.
- 2.6 <u>Maximum Parking Spaces</u>. Staff refer to the findings provided in response to Criterion 6, below, pertaining to Article 9, Table 9.020-1, describing the off-street parking space requirements, which are incorporated herein by reference.
- 2.7 <u>Open Space, Landscaping, Buffering, and Screening</u>. Staff refer to the findings provided in response to Criterion 6 below pertaining to Article 9, which are incorporated herein by reference.
- 2.8 <u>Screening of Refuse Containers</u>. Staff refer to the findings provided in response to Criterion 6 below pertaining to Article 9, which are incorporated herein by reference.
- 2.9 <u>Conclusion:</u> These review criteria are met.

Criterion 3

Activities and developments within special purpose districts comply with the regulations described in Articles 4 (Airport Approach), 6 (Natural Resources), and 7 (Historic), as applicable.

Findings of Fact and Conclusions

- 3.1 <u>Article 4: Airport Approach District</u>. Figure 4.410-1 of the ADC shows the subject property is not located within the Airport Approach District.
- 3.2 <u>Article 6 Floodplain Overlay District:</u> Comprehensive Plan Plate 5: Based on the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM # 41043C0526G, dated September 29, 2010) the subject property is located outside of the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), otherwise known as the 100-year floodplain.
- 3.3 <u>Article 6 Hillside Development Overlay District:</u> According to Chapter 11, Plate 7 of the Comprehensive Plan, the subject property is not located in the Hillside Development District.
- 3.4 <u>Article 6 Riparian Corridor Overlay District:</u> The subject property is not located within a Riparian Corridor Overlay District.

- 3.5 <u>Article 6 Significant Wetlands Overlay District:</u> The subject property is not located within a Significant Wetlands Overlay District.
- 3.6 <u>Article 6 Habitat Assessment Overlay District:</u> The subject property is not located within the Habitat Assessment Overlay District.
- 3.7 <u>Historic and Archaeological Resources</u>. According to Chapter 11, Plate 9 of the Comprehensive Plan, the properties are not located in a historic district, nor are there any known archaeological resources on site.

The application complies with all applicable Design Standards of Article 8. Findings of Fact and Conclusions

- 4.1 Applicability. According to ADC 8.310 and 8.315, standards of ADC 8.320 through 8.390 apply to the development.
- 4.2 <u>Relationship to Historic Overlay Districts</u>. As previously stated, the subject property is not located within a historic district and does not contain a historic resource. Accordingly, this standard is not applicable.
- 4.3 <u>Entrance Orientation and Parking Location</u>. ADC 8.330 states that the purpose of the entrance orientation and parking location standards is to help create an attractive streetscape and pleasant pedestrian environment that is conductive to walking, and to help further Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles such as natural surveillance of public spaces.
- ADC 8.330(1) requires the building to be oriented to existing or new public streets with a direct connection from the street sidewalk to building entrances. ADC 8.330(1)(a) requires at least one main entrance to be designed to include a minimum of three (3) architectural features from the list. The proposed fitness gym/warehouse building includes a canopy over the main entrance, columns that frame the doorway, and transom windows. A pedestrian walkway is proposed that provides connection to 41st Ave SE. The proposed on-site office and dwelling is considered an accessory structure, which is exempt from these regulations. Based on these facts; this standard is met.
- 4.5 ADC 8.330(2) requires that off street parking must be located to the side or rear of the building and not between the building and the street, unless additional standards are met. The applicant states that due to BPA easements transecting the property, development is restricted to areas outside the easements, therefore, development on site is limited and parking is proposed between the proposed fitness facility/warehouse and the front property line. A Major Variance has been requested.
- 4.6 Parking Lot Buffer. ADC 8.330(3) states that where a landscape buffer is required pursuant to subsection (2), a minimum 10-foot-wide landscape buffer meeting the landscaping standards in ADC 9.240 must be placed between the parking area and the street, running the length of the parking area. In zoning districts that require a landscaped front setback, the parking lot buffer requirement may be met by the required front setback standards if landscape plantings are provided at the same or greater density. Because the parking lot is proposed between the building and the street due to site constraints, the applicant has proposed to landscape the front setback in accordance with ADC 9.410(2). This standard is met.
- 4.7 <u>Façade design, articulation, and windows.</u> ADC 8.345 contains the requirements for façade design, articulation, and windows. ADC 8.345(2) states that regulated facades must include a minimum of two types of architectural features. The applicant has proposed a weather protection awning extending at least four feet in horizontal distance from the main entrance and an awning and offset providing visual relief on the facade. Based on these facts, this standard is met. Per Table 8.345-1, ground floor window percentages are not applicable to development within the LI zoning district. The proposed on-site office and dwelling is considered an accessory structure, which is exempt from these regulations. Based on these facts, this standard is met.
- 4.8 <u>Pedestrian Amenities.</u> ADC 8.360 contains the standards for pedestrian amenities. The proposed building is approximately 8,000 square feet, which requires a pedestrian amenity score of three points.

- The applicant proposes three sidewalk planters and a weather protection awning, totaling four points. Based on these facts, this standard is met.
- 4.9 <u>Compatibility Standards</u>. ADC 8.390 contains compatibility standards for commercial and institutional development with adjacent uses. The applicant states that the proposed building and storage spaces are not anticipated to generate any undesirable on-site or off-site impacts. Based on these facts, this standard is met.
- 4.10 <u>Conclusion</u>: As proposed, all applicable design standards in Article 8 are met.

The application complies with all applicable Design Standards of Article 10.

Findings of Fact and Conclusion

- 5.1 Article 10 pertains to manufactured homes, manufactured home parks, and RV parks. These uses do not pertain to the proposal.
- 5.2 <u>Conclusion:</u> This standard is not applicable.

Criterion 6

The application complies with all applicable On-Site Development and Environmental Standards of Article 9.

Findings of Fact and Conclusions

- 6.1 <u>Maximum Parking</u>. ADC Table 9.020-1 allows 1 space per 300 square feet for fitness gyms, 1 space per 2 employees plus 1 per 300 square feet of patron serving area for warehouse/open storage uses, and Self-Serve Storage Units allows 1 space per 100 units, with a minimum of 3, plus 1 per employee/caretaker. Based on the proposed uses, a maximum of 96 parking spaces is allowed. The applicant proposes 18 parking spaces, meeting the standard.
- Bicycle Parking. ADC Table 9.030-1 requires the greater of 2 spaces or 1 per 1,000 square feet of exercise area for fitness gyms, the greater of 2 spaces or 1 space per 15,000 square feet, and the greater of 2 spaces or 1 space per 20 units for Self-Service Storage. Based on the proposed uses, a minimum of 7 bicycle parking spaces is allowed. The applicant proposes 7 bicycle parking spaces, 6 standard spaces, and 1 cargo bike space sized to accommodate cargo and standard bicycles. Over 50 percent of the proposed bicycle parking will be sheltered and have direct access to the public right-of-way.
- 6.3 <u>Carpool/Vanpool Spaces</u>. The applicant has proposed one Carpool/Vanpool space. This standard is met.
- 6.4 <u>Electrical Vehicle Charging Capacity</u>. ADC 9.050 requires no less than 20 percent of all vehicle parking spaces serving non-residential developments to be served by electrical service capacity for a level 2 electric vehicle charging station. The applicant has proposed 4 EV spaces, one of which serves the ADA parking space.
- 6.5 <u>Parking Area Improvements.</u> ADC 9.100 provides standards for parking area improvements for commercial developments.
- 6.6 ADC 9.100(3) requires parking areas to have a durable, dust-free surface. The applicant's site plan indicates the entirety of the parking area will be paved.
- 6.7 ADC 9.100(4) requires all parking lots provide a drainage system to dispose of stormwater runoff. Findings regarding the proposed stormwater system are found in this section under Criterion Seven and incorporated here by reference.
- 6.8 ADC 9.100(5) requires perimeter curbing around all parking areas. The applicant's site plan indicates perimeter curbing has been provided along the entirety of the parking lot. This standard is met.
- 6.9 ADC 9.100(6) requires wheel bumpers be used when parking stalls front a sidewalk, alleyway, street, or property line. If the sidewalk is widened to seven feet six inches to allow for vehicle encroachment, no wheel bumpers are required. The applicant's site plan indicates seven-foot-wide sidewalks with six-inch curbs along parking stalls adjacent to the proposed building.

- 6.10 ADC 9.100(7) requires parking spaces be located and served by an aisle or turnaround so their use will require no backing movements or other maneuvering in a street right-of-way other than an alley. The site plan indicates the parking lot is served by a travel aisle. This standard is met.
- 6.11 ADC 9.100(8) requires parking stalls to be permanently and clearly striped. The site plan indicates the parking lot will be striped.
- 6.12 ADC 9.100(9) requires parking lots to connect to adjacent existing or future parking areas. All abutting sites have direct access to a public street and no shared parking lots are proposed with this development.
- 6.13 ADC 9.100(10) requires conformance with the parking lot landscaping standards found in ADC 9.150. These are discussed in the findings below.
- 6.14 ADC 9.120(11) allows up to 40 percent of the required parking stalls to be compact, which would allow for a maximum of 7 compact spaces. No compact spaces are proposed.
- 6.15 ADC 9.120(12) requires accessible parking be provided in conformance with the Oregon Specialty Code. As indicated on the applicant's site plan, accessible parking and an accessible route to the building are proposed with the development. Conformance with the Oregon Specialty Code will be assessed at the time of building permits.
- 6.16 ADC 9.120(13) requires lighting to be arranged to reflect light away from any abutting or adjacent properties. The applicant states that any new lighting will be arranged to reflect light away from any abutting or adjacent properties.
- 6.17 ADC 9.120(14) requires walkways and accessways to be provided in all new off-street parking lots and additions to connect sidewalks adjacent to new development to the entrances of new buildings. The site plan indicates a sidewalk will be provided from the right-of-way to building and parking lot. This standard is met.
- 6.18 Off-Street Parking Lot Design and Circulation. ADC 9.120 that all off-street parking lots over 1,000 square feet (contiguous) must be designed in accordance with the standards in this Article and the City standards for parking stalls and drive aisles as set forth in Table 9.120-1: Parking Lot Design, and supplemental drawings in Figures 1 and 2. The submitted plans show conformance with these standards. This standard is met.
- 6.19 ADC 9.130(1) requires all new or improved surface parking areas more than 0.25 acres (10,890 square feet) to be improved with solar panels, public buildings, or tree canopy. The proposed parking lot is 5,634 square feet; therefore, it is not subject to these provisions.
- 6.20 <u>Landscaping.</u> ADC 9.140(2) requires all required front and interior setbacks (exclusive of access ways and other permitted intrusions) shall be landscaped before an occupancy permit will be issued unless the landscaping is guaranteed in accordance with ADC 9.190. ADC 9.140(2)(d) states that when the yard adjacent to a street of an industrially zoned property is across a right-of-way from other industrially or commercially zoned property, only 30 percent of such setback area must be landscaped. The required front setback in the LI zone is 15 feet, and there are no required interior setbacks.
 - South Property Line: The south (streetside) property boundary is 107 feet minus the 25-foot accessway and 63-foot storm detention facility which equates to a 1,070 feet buffer area. At least one row of either four (4) 10-foot-tall deciduous trees spaced not more than 30 feet apart or seven (7) 5-foot-tall evergreen trees spaced not more than 15 feet apart; five (5) five-gallon shrubs or ten (10) one-gallon shrubs; and the remaining area treated with ground cover (e.g., lawn, bark, rock, ivy, and evergreen shrubs. The proposed plantings exceed the required amount of landscaping.
- 6.21 <u>Buffering.</u> The subject property will contain both commercial and industrial uses. The proposed industrial uses (self-service storage) will be located adjacent to the Heavy Industrial zone; therefore, no buffer is required along the rear property line. The commercial uses are located between the proposed industrial use and the existing right-of-way. ADC 9.210, Table 9.210-1 does not require landscape buffer and screening between a parking lot with at least 5 spaces and a LI zoning district. Therefore, no buffer and screening is required.

- 6.22 ADC 9.150(1) states parking areas shall be divided into bays of not more than 12 parking stalls and the end of each parking bay shall be a curbed planter at least five feet wide. The applicant's site plan shows conformance with this section.
- 6.23 ADC 9.150(2) requires both sides of a parking lot entrance to be bordered by a minimum five-foot-wide landscape planter strip meeting the same landscaping provisions as planter bays. This standard is met.
- 6.24 ADC 9.150(3) requires parking areas to be separated from the exterior wall of a structure by pedestrian walkways or loading areas, or by a five-foot strip of landscaping. As shown on the applicant's site plan, the buildings are separated from parking areas by a five-foot-wide pedestrian walkway.
- 6.25 ADC 9.160 requires all landscaped areas must be provided with an irrigation system unless a licensed landscape architect, landscape construction professional, or certified nurseryman provides documentation that the plants do not require irrigation. As a condition of approval, the applicant shall submit a landscaping and irrigation plan for review and approval prior to issuance of any building occupancy.
- 6.26 <u>Environmental Standards</u>. ADC 9.440 9.500 includes environmental standards related to noise, visible emissions, vibrations, odors, glare, heat, insects, rodents, and hazardous waste. No adverse environmental impacts are anticipated with this development.
- 6.27 <u>Conclusion:</u> As proposed and conditioned, all applicable Article 9 standards are met with the following conditions.

Conditions

- **Condition 3 Bicycle Parking.** Before the City will issue any certificate of occupancy for the proposed structure(s), the applicant shall provide evidence that required bicycle parking meets the standards of ADC 9.030(4)(g) by installing secured parking racks for each space.
- **Condition 4 Parking.** A separate parking lot permit must be obtained for the proposed development, detailing the conformance to ADC 9.120 and 9.130. Before the City will issue any certificate of occupancy for the proposed structures, the parking lot shall be installed and approved.
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Criterion 7

The Public Works Director has determined that public facilities and utilities are available to serve the proposed development in accordance with Article 12 or will be made available at the time of development.

Findings of Fact and Conclusions

Sanitary Sewer

- 7.1 City utility maps show an 8-inch public sanitary sewer main in 41st Avenue SE. The subject site is not currently connected to the public sewer system.
- 7.2 ADC 12.470 requires all new developments to extend and/or connect to the public sanitary sewer system if the property is within 300 feet of a public sewer line.
- 7.3 The applicant's preliminary site plan indicates that the proposed development will connect to the public main for a new sewer lateral to serve this development. An Encroachment Permit from the City of

- Albany's Public Works Engineering Division is required before work is started on the new sewer lateral construction.
- 7.4 Albany Municipal Code (AMC) 10.01.080 (2) states that before the City will issue a Building Permit, the applicant must pay to the City the necessary System Development Charges (SDCs) and any other applicable fees for connection to the public sanitary sewer system.

Water

- 7.5 City utility maps show a 12-inch water main in 41st Avenue SE. The property is currently not connected to the public water system.
- 7.6 ADC 12.410 requires all new development to extend and/or connect to the public water system if the property is within 150 feet of an adequate public water main.
- 7.7 The applicant is proposing to make a connection to the existing 12-inch water main in 41st Avenue SE for a new fire hydrant and install new water services for the development. Making a connection to the public water system will require the applicant to obtain a Permit for Private Construction of Public Improvements before beginning this work.

Storm Drainage

- 7.8 City utility maps show an 18-inch public storm drainage main in 41st Avenue SE.
- 7.9 Forty-first Avenue SE is improved to city standards with curb, gutter, and sidewalks along the subject site frontage.
- 7.10 It is the property owner's responsibility to ensure that any proposed grading, fill, excavation, or other site work does not negatively impact drainage patterns to, or from, adjacent properties. In some situations, the applicant may propose private drainage systems to address potential negative impacts to surrounding properties. Private drainage systems that include piping will require the applicant to obtain a plumbing permit from the Building Division prior to construction. In addition, any proposed drainage systems must be shown on the construction drawings. The type of private drainage system, as well as the location and method of connection to the public system must be reviewed and approved by the City of Albany's Engineering Division.
- 7.11 ADC 12.530 states that a development will be approved only where adequate provisions for storm and flood water run-off have been made, as determined by the City Engineer.
- 7.12 The applicant has submitted a preliminary drainage report that shows the installation of an on-site stormwater system connecting to the public drainage system in 41st Avenue. Proposed drainage report shows two detention ponds with individual outlets to the public system. These combined outfall discharges exceed pre-development flow rates. Final design details for these storm drainage facilities will be reviewed in conjunction with the public works permits. An Encroachment Permit from the City of Albany's Public Works Engineering Division is required before work is started on the new storm lateral construction.
- 7.13 AMC 12.45.030 and 12.45.040 require that a post-construction stormwater quality permit shall be obtained for all new development and/or redevelopment projects where more than 5,000 square feet of impervious surfaces will be created or replaced.

Conclusions

- 7.1 Public sanitary sewer, water, and storm drainage facilities are in place and adequate to serve the proposed development.
- 7.2 Before the applicant can make a new sewer service connection to the public sewer system an Encroachment Permit must be obtained from the City of Albany's Engineering Division.
- 7.3 The applicant must obtain a Permit for Private Construction of Public Improvements through the City's Engineering Division for the proposed fire line.

- 7.4 The applicant shall construct stormwater detention facilities to provide storm and flood-water controls. Before the City will issue any occupancy permit for the proposed project, the applicant must construct stormwater detention facilities that comply with the City's Engineering Standards.
- 7.5 Storm water quality facilities are being constructed for the proposed development. These facilities must be constructed according to City of Albany standards.

Conditions

- Condition 7 Before the applicant can make a new sewer and storm service connections to the public sewer and storm systems, an Encroachment Permit must be obtained from the City of Albany's Engineering Division.
- Condition 8 Before the City will issue any occupancy permit for the proposed project, the applicant must obtain a Stormwater Quality Permit from the City of Albany's Engineering Division and construct stormwater detention and stormwater quality facilities that comply with the City's Engineering Standards with post-development release rates that meet predevelopment release rates or approved by the City Engineer.
- Condition 9 Before the City will issue any occupancy permit for the proposed project, the applicant must obtain a Site Improvement permit from Public Works Department for connecting to the public water main for proposed fire hydrant.

Criterion 8

The Public Works Director has determined that transportation improvements are available to serve the proposed development in accordance with Article 12 or will be available at the time of development.

Findings of Fact and Conclusions

- 8.1 The project is located at 137 41st Avenue. The project will construct 8,000-square foot fitness gym and warehouse building, 540-square foot onsite security office and dwelling building, 32 recreational vehicle parking spots, and 12 self-storage pods.
- 8.2 ADC 12.290 requires all new development to install public sidewalks along its frontage. In this case, there is not sufficient right-of-way behind the curb and gutter to allow for the installation of sidewalk to city standards. The applicant has proposed dedication of an additional four feet of right-of-way to allow for the installation of the sidewalk.
- 8.3 Forty-first Avenue is classified as a local street and is, with exception of sidewalk, improved to city standards along the frontage of the development site. Improvements include curb and gutter, a vehicle travel lane in each direction, and on street parking along both sides of the street.
- 8.4 The site currently has a driveway off 41st Avenue. Access to the site will be provided by a new driveway to 41st Avenue.
- 8.5 The applicant did not submit a trip generation estimate or Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) with the application. Albany's threshold for submittal of a trip generation estimate is 50 peak hour trips. Developments that generate 100 or more peak hour trips are required to submit a TIA.
- 8.6 Staff has estimate site trip generation based on Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) trip generation rates. Trip generation for the proposed use was estimated by using ITE trip rates for category 150 "Warehousing", category 151, "Mini-Warehouse" and category 492 "Fitness Club". The proposed use was estimated to generate 9 trips during the peak PM traffic hour.
 - ITE 150- 4,000 square feet, 1 peak PM traffic hour
 - ITE 151- 32 recreation vehicle spots and 12 self-storage containers, 1 PM traffic hour
 - ITE 492- 4,000 square feet, 7 peak PM traffic hour
- 8.7 Albany's Transportation System Plan does not identify any congestion or capacity issues occurring along the frontage of the site.

Conclusion

- 8.1 Except for a sidewalk, the site's street frontage along 41st Avenue is improved to city standards.
- 8.2 Access to the site will be provided by a new driveway. Existing driveway shall be removed and replaced with standard full height curb and gutter.
- 8.3 Based on ITE trip generation rates the proposed development will generate 9 trips during peak PM traffic hour.
- 8.4 The development is not projected to generate sufficient trips to require submittal of a trip generation estimate or TIA. Albany's TSP does not identify any congestion of capacity issues occurring adjacent to the site.

Conditions

- **Condition 10 Transportation.** Prior to final occupancy, the applicant shall install public sidewalk to city standards along the frontage of the site on 41st Avenue.
- Condition 11 Transportation. Prior to final occupancy, the application shall remove the existing driveway to the site and replace with standard full height curb and gutter. Install a new driveway approach at the location shown on the approved tentative plat map.

Criterion 9

The proposed post-construction stormwater quality facilities (private and/or public) can accommodate the proposed development, consistent with Title 12 of the Albany Municipal Code.

Findings of Fact and Conclusion

9.1 See Findings under Criterion Seven (above) related to stormwater quality standard in response to this review criterion. These findings are incorporated herein by reference.

Criterion 10

The proposal meets all existing conditions of approval for the site or use, as required by prior land use decision(s), as applicable.

Findings of Fact and Conclusion

- 10.1 There were no prior vested land use decisions for this property.
- 10.2 All conditions have been met.

Criterion 11

Sites that have lost their nonconforming status must be brought into compliance and may be brought into compliance incrementally in accordance with Section 2.370.

Findings of Fact and Conclusion

11.1 The site is not considered nonconforming. This criterion is not applicable.

Analysis of Development Code Criteria –

Site Plan Review Non-Residential Development

Section 2.455 of the ADC includes the following review criteria applicable to non-residential development, which must be met for this application to be approved. Development code criteria are written in bold followed by findings, conclusions, and conditions of approval where conditions are necessary to meet the review criteria.

Criterion 1

The transportation system can safely and adequately accommodate the proposed development.

Findings of Fact and Conclusions

1.1 Transportation findings and conclusions under Site Plan Review Criterion 8 (above) are incorporated here by reference.

Based on the findings and conclusions under Site Plan Review Criterion 8, the existing transportation system can safely and adequately accommodate the proposed development. This criterion is met.

Criterion 2

Parking areas and entrance-exit points are designed to facilitate traffic and pedestrian safety and avoid congestion.

Findings of Fact and Conclusions

- 2.1 Access to the site will be provided by driveway from 41st Avenue SE.
- 2.2 Pedestrian access will be provided from 41st Avenue SE through the property to the building.
- 2.3 As proposed, parking areas and entrance-exit points are designed to facilitate traffic and pedestrian safety and avoid congestion.
- 2.4 This criterion is met.

Criterion 3

The design and operating characteristics of the proposed development are reasonably compatible with surrounding development and land uses, and any negative impacts have been sufficiently minimized. Findings of Fact and Conclusions

- 3.1 The proposed uses on the site are allowed in the LI zoning district with conditional use and site plan review approval.
- 3.2 The design of the building uses similar finish materials to what is used in nearby commercial buildings.
- 3.3 The applicant states the proposed uses on the site are similar to adjacent businesses and will not create off-site impacts such as excessive traffic, noise, or light pollution.
- 3.4 The subject property abuts properties located within the HI zoning district to the north, and the LI south, east and west. There are no residentially zoned properties or properties in residential use surrounding the proposed development.
- 3.5 As proposed, the design and operating characteristics of the proposed development are reasonably compatible with surrounding development and land uses. This criterion is met.

Analysis of Development Code Criteria – Major Variance

Albany Development Code (ADC or Development Code) includes the following approval review criteria in Section 2.690 (identified below). Development Code criteria are shown in **bold italic** followed by findings and conclusions. Certain findings explain how the proposed development can meet review criteria through conditions of approval, where determined feasible.

Criterion 1

The property has unique or peculiar physical circumstances such as, irregular shape, width or depth; or exceptional natural physical conditions such as topography, trees, native vegetation, wetlands, riparian areas, wildlife habitat, or drainage ways.

Findings of Fact

1.1 Two BPA easements diagonally transverse the subject property. One easement is located along the front of the property, and the other is located along the rear of the property. The terms of the easements prohibit structures within the boundaries of the easements; therefore, the site's net buildable area is limited to approximately 40 percent of the total site area.

Conclusion

1.1 The property has unique physical circumstances due to existing easements which prohibit structures within their boundaries.

The proposal will be consistent with the purpose, overview, and description for the zone in which the property is located, and with the purpose of the Significant Natural Resource Districts, if applicable; and

Findings of Fact

- 2.1 The purpose/description of the Light Industrial zoning district, which is as follows: "The LI district is intended primarily for a wide range of manufacturing, warehousing, processing, assembling, wholesaling, specialty contractors and related establishments. Uses will have limited impacts on surrounding properties. This district is particularly suited to areas having good access to highways and perhaps to rail. LI may serve as a buffer around the HI district and may be compatible with nearby residential zones or uses."
- 2.2 The proposed development is consistent with the LI zone and the proposed uses will have limited impacts on surrounding properties.
- 2.3 There are no identified natural resources on the subject property.

Conclusion

2.1 The proposal is consistent with the purpose and description for the zone in which it is located.

Criterion 3

If more than one Major Variance is requested, the cumulative effect of the variances results in a project that is still consistent with the purpose, overview and description of the zone; and

Findings of Fact and Conclusions

3.1 The applicant is only applying for one variance; therefore, this criterion does not apply.

Criterion 4

The requested Major Variance is the minimum necessary to address the peculiar or unusual conditions of the site; and

Findings of Fact

4.1 There are two BPA easements that diagonally transverse the subject site, along the front and rear property lines. The terms of the easements prohibit structures within the easement boundaries, limiting the buildable area to approximately 40 percent of the site. Due to the location of the BPA easements, parking areas to the side or rear of buildings is not feasible.

Conclusion

4.1 The proposed variance to allow parking between the building and the right-of-way is the minimum necessary to allow development of the property.

Criterion 5

Any impacts resulting from the Major Variance are mitigated to the extent practical; or

Findings of Fact

- 5.1 The applicant has proposed landscaping in excess of the requirements to mitigate impacts of the parking area between the building and the street.
- 5.2 The proposed buffer and on-site landscaping will be designed with CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) principles to create natural surveillance of public spaces as well as to help create an attractive streetscape.

Conclusion

The proposed mitigation strategies will adequately address potential impacts of approving the variance to allow the parking, loading, and travel aisles between the building and the public right-of-way.

Application of the regulation in question would preclude all reasonable economic use of the site.

Findings of Fact

5.1 The applicant states orientation of the parking lot to the side of the proposed fitness center would reduce the amount of available on-site parking and prohibit the proposed self-service storage containers and on-site office and dwelling unit. Due to the constraints the BPA easements place on the property, prohibiting structures within the easement boundaries, the location of the parking in an area other than between the building and the street would result in a loss of all RV storage spaces, precluding reasonable economic use of the site.

Conclusion

5.2 The proposed configuration of the uses on the subject property will allow reasonable economic use of the site

Analysis of Development Code Criteria - Replat

The ADC includes the following review criteria for a tentative plat (ADC 11.180), which must be met for these applications to be approved. Code criteria are written in **bold** followed by findings, conclusions, and conditions of approval where conditions are necessary to meet the review criteria.

Tentative Plat Review Criteria

Criterion 1

The proposal meets the development standards of the underlying zoning district, and applicable lot and block standards of this section.

Findings of Fact

- 1.1 The subject properties include portions of Lot 5 and Tract B of Block 1, Marion Industrial Park. The subject properties are identified on Linn County Assessor Map No. 11S-03W-19A Tax Lots 1000 and 1100 (Attachment A). The sites have been assigned an address of 137 41st Avenue SE. The site is currently vacant.
- 1.2 The underlying zoning district of the subject property is Light Industria. (LI). The LI district is intended primarily for a wide range of manufacturing, warehousing, processing, assembling, wholesaling, specialty contractors and related establishments.
- 1.3 There is no minimum lot size in the LI zone. Tax lots 1000 and 1100 will be combined for a total area of 1.78 acres.
- 1.4 According to ADC Table 4.190-1, the minimum setback standards in the LI zoning district are as follows: 15-foot front setback and no interior setback. There is no maximum building height is 45 feet and no maximum lot coverage.
- 1.5 The applicant proposes to construct a non-residential building, therefore lot and block standards listed in ADC 11.090 are not applicable.

Conclusions

- 1.1 The proposal meets the standards of the underlying zoning district and brings the lots more into conformance with regulations.
- 1.2 This criterion is satisfied without conditions.

Criterion 2

Development of any remainder of property under the same ownership can be accomplished in accordance with this Code.

Findings of Fact

2.1 The proposed replat removes the common property lines between two properties. There is no remainder property under the same ownership.

Conclusion

2.1 The above criterion is satisfied, as there is no remainer property to consider.

Criterion 3

Adjoining land can be developed, or is provided access that will allow its development, in accordance with this Code.

Findings of Fact

- 3.1 This review criterion has been interpreted by the city council to require only that adjoining land either have access, or be provided access, to public streets.
- 3.2 ADC 12.060 requires that development must have frontage on, or approved access to, a public street currently open to traffic.
- 3.3 ADC 12.110 states new streets may be required to be located where the City Engineer determines additional access is needed to relieve, or avoid, access deficiencies on adjacent or nearby properties.
- 3.4 The subject properties and all adjoining lots have access to public streets. No new streets are proposed by this application.

Conclusions

- 3.1 All the adjoining land has, and will continue to have, access to public streets.
- 3.2 This criterion is met without conditions.

Criterion 4

The proposed street plan affords the best economic, safe, and efficient circulation of traffic possible under the circumstances.

Findings of Fact

- 4.1 ADC 12.060 requires public streets adjoining new development be improved to City standards. No new development is proposed as part of this replat.
- 4.2 No new or interior streets are proposed with the replat.

Conclusions

- 4.1 No new development or new interior streets are proposed with the replat.
- 4.2 This criterion is satisfied without conditions.

Criterion 5

The location and design allow development to be conveniently served by various public utilities.

Findings of Fact and Conclusion

5.1 Staff refer to the findings provided in response to Criterion Seven pertaining to Article 12 in the Site Plan Review section of this report, which are incorporated herein by reference.

Criterion 6

Activities and developments within special purpose districts must comply with the regulations described in Articles 4 (Airport Approach), 6 (Natural Resources), and 7 (Historic), as applicable.

Findings of Fact

6.2 Staff refer to the findings provided in response to Criterion 3 pertaining to Articles 4, 6, and 7 in the Site Plan Review section of this report, which are incorporated herein by reference.

Overall Conclusion

As proposed and conditioned, the application for Conditional Use Review, Site Plan Review, Major Variance, and Tentative Plat satisfies all applicable review criteria as outlined in this report.

Conditions of Approval

- **Condition 1 Site Improvements.** Prior to occupancy of the proposed buildings, all proposed and required site improvements shall be constructed and completed in accordance with approved plans.
- **Condition 2** Special Conditions. Prior to submittal of any building permits, the property owner must provide acknowledgement in writing that industrial uses have a right to operate from the new use complaining about externalities typical of industrial uses. The signature on the acknowledgement must be notarized.
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Options for the Hearings Board

The hearings board has three options with respect to the proposed conditional use:

- Option 1: Approve the request as proposed and conditioned; or
- Option 2: Approve the request with amendments; or

Option 3: Deny the request.

Staff Recommendation

Based on the analysis provided in this report, staff recommends the hearings board choose Option 1 and approve with conditions the proposed Conditional Use review for the construction of an 8,000 square foot building containing a fitness facility and warehouse, Site Plan review approval for fifteen self-storage containers, an office with an attached dwelling unit, and thirty-two recreational vehicle parking spaces; a Major Variance to allow off-street parking between the proposed fitness facility and the front property line; and a tentative replat to consolidate two lots into one at 137 41st Avenue SE.

If the hearings board follows this recommendation, the following motion is suggested:

I move to approve the proposed Conditional Use Review, Site Plan Review, Major Variance, and Tentative Replat as conditioned under planning file CU-01-24, SP-23-24, VR-09-24, and RL-05-24. This motion is based on the findings and conclusions in the December 31, 2024, staff report and the findings in support of the application made by the hearings board during deliberations on this matter.

Attachments

- A. Location Map
- B. Site Plan
- C. Building Elevations
- D. Applicant's Narrative

Acronyms

ADC Albany Development Code AMC Albany Municipal Code CU Conditional Use (Review)

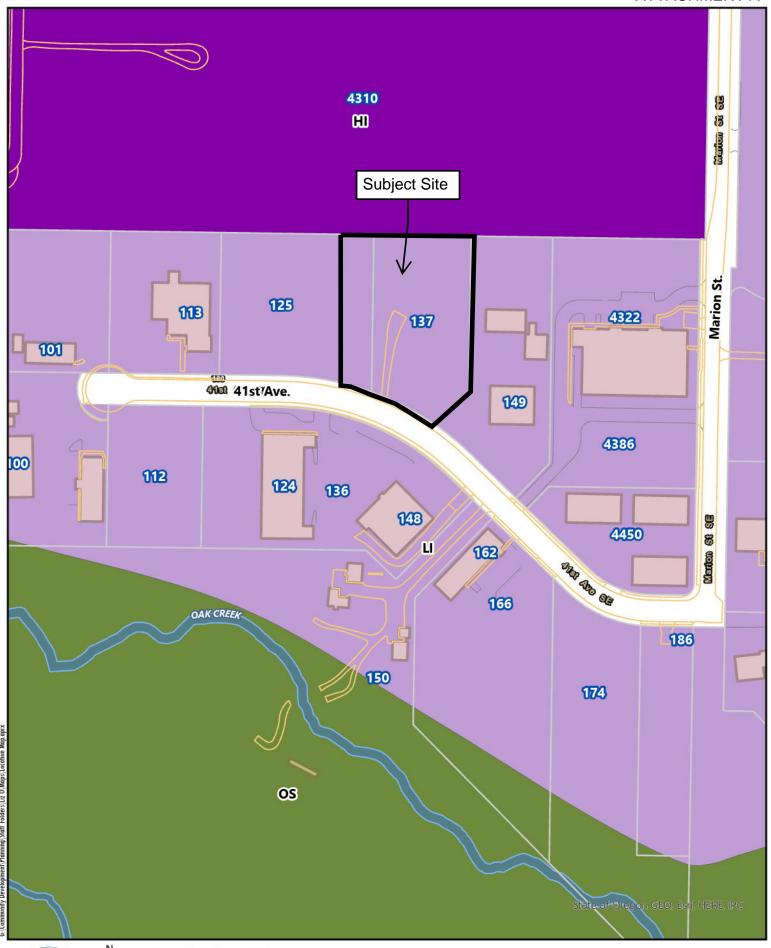
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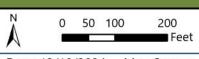
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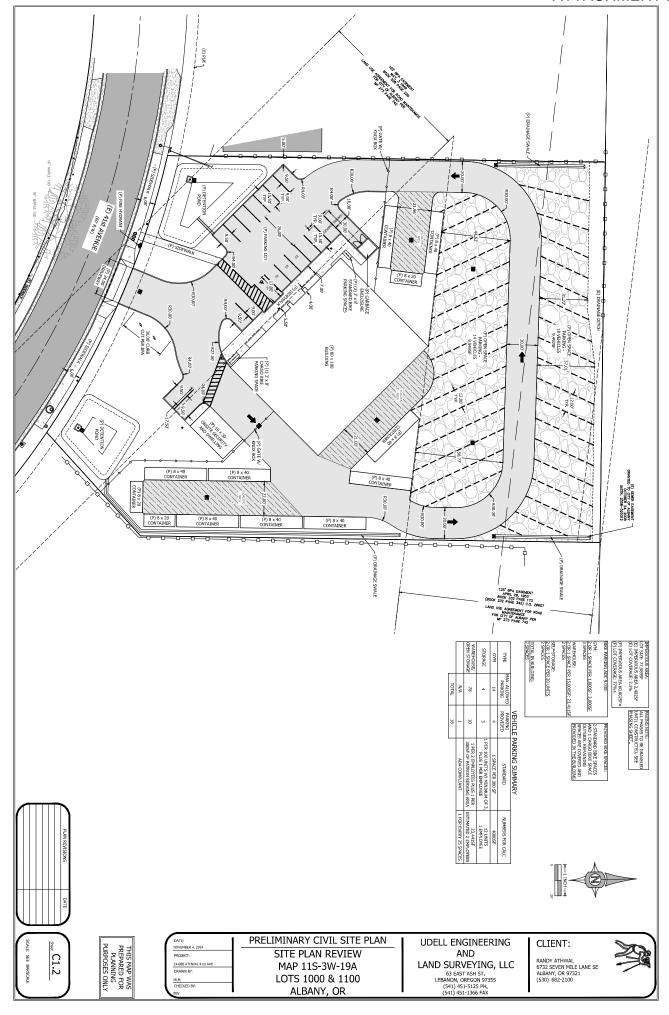


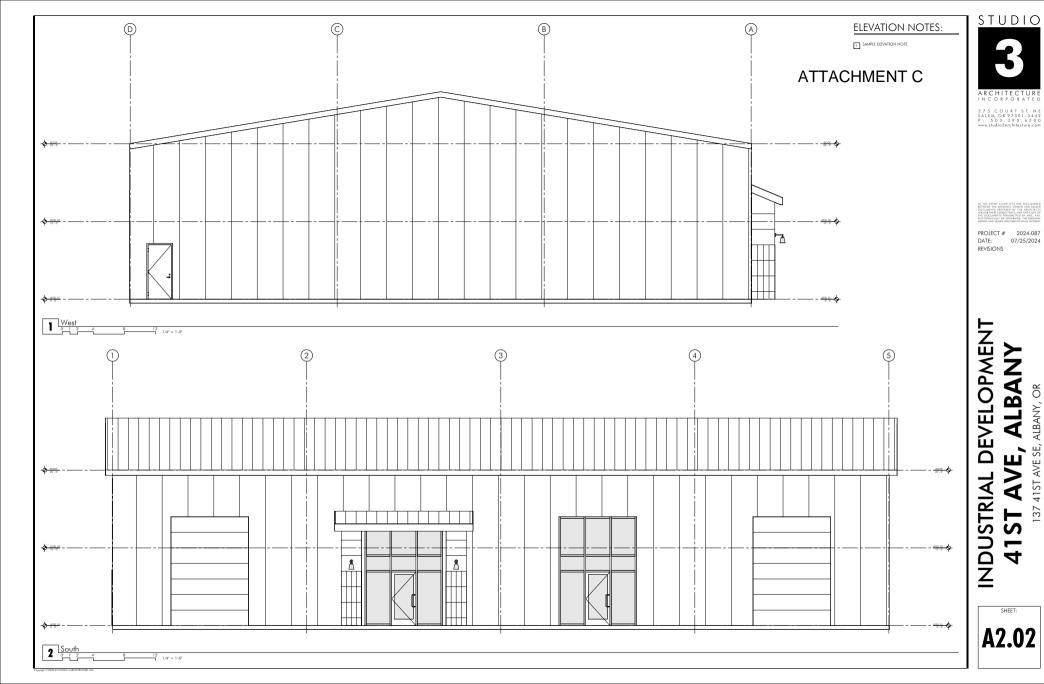


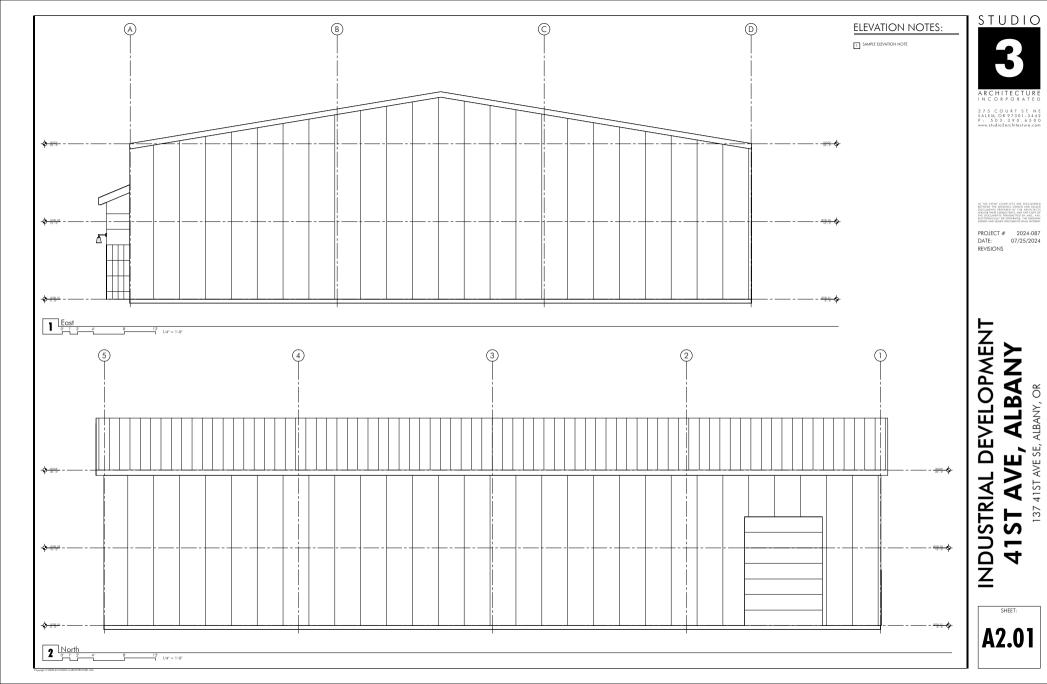
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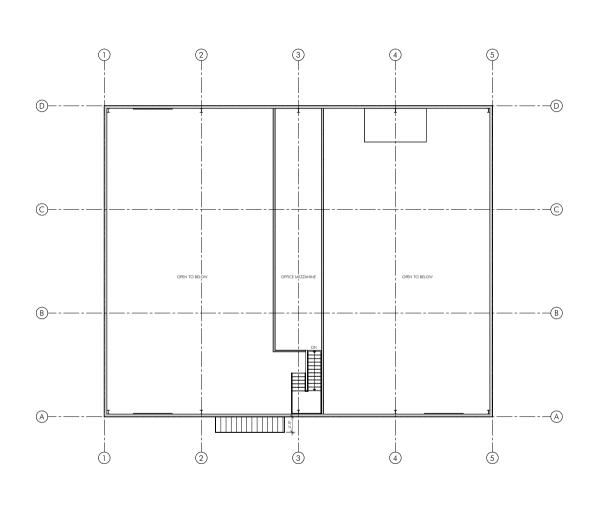
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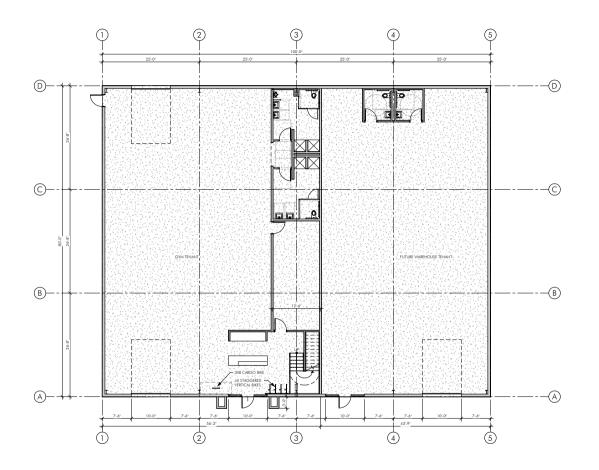
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 C. REPAIR ADJACENT CONSTRUCTION AND FINISHES DAMAGED DURING REMOVAL WORK.

 D. PATCH AS SPECIFIED FOR PATCHING NEW WORK.
- 10. REMOVE DEBRIS, JUNK, AND TRASH FROM SITE.
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REPLAT, SITE PLAN REVIEW, CONDITIONAL USE, AND MAJOR **VARIANCE APPLICATIONS**

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Site Location: 137 41st Avenue SE, Albany, OR 97322

Linn County Assessor's Map No.: 11S-03W-19A Tax Lots 1000 and 1100

Site Size: ±1.38-acre

Unimproved Existing Land Use:

Zone Designation: Light Industrial (LI) District

Comprehensive Plan Designation: Industrial

Surrounding Zoning: North: Heavy Industrial (HI) District

> South: Light Industrial (LI) District Light Industrial (LI) District East: West: Light Industrial (LI) District

North: Industrial Surrounding Uses:

> South: Industrial East: Industrial West: Unimproved



I. Executive Summary

The applicant requests approval of a phased development consisting of the following applications:

- 1. A Replat to consolidate Lot 5 and Tract B of Block 1, Marion Industrial Park.
- 2. A Conditional Use application to construct a fitness facility (in Phase 1).
- 3. A Major Variance to ADC 8.330(2) to allow off-street parking between the proposed fitness facility and front property line due to Bonneville Power Administrative (BPA) easement building restrictions.
- 4. A Site Plan Review application to construct self-serve storage, warehouse tenant space and recreational vehicle parking storage spaces, and a dwelling unit attached to a business along with associated site, utility, and parking lot improvements.

The site is located at 137 41st Avenue SE and zoned Light Industrial (LI) with an Industrial Comprehensive Plan designation.

II. Tentative Plat Decision Criteria

ADC 11.180 includes the following review criteria for a tentative plat, which must be met for this application to be approved. Code criteria are written in **bold** and are followed by findings and conclusions.

Criterion 1

The proposal meets the development standards of the underlying zoning district, and applicable lot and block standards of this Article.

Findings

- 1.1 This application is for a Tentative Replat to consolidate Lot 5 and Tract B of Block 1, Marion Industrial Park.
- 1.2 The subject properties have an assigned address of 137 41st Avenue SE and identified as Linn County Assessor's Map No. 11S-03W-19A Tax Lots 1000 and 1100.
- 1.3 The underlying zoning designation of the subject properties is Light Industrial (LI). Per ADC 4.020(8) the LI district is intended primarily for a wide range of manufacturing, warehousing, processing, assembling, wholesaling, specialty contractors and related establishments.
 - The subject properties are currently unimproved. Findings for proposed new development are found in the Site Plan Review and Conditional Use sections below and incorporated herein by reference.
- 1.4 The lots and blocks standards listed in ADC 11.090 are only applicable to single-dwelling or middle housing land divisions.



Per ADC 22.400 a land division is defined as follows: The legal creation of a lot or parcel of land through the process of subdividing or partitioning land per ORS 92.010; or through recording a condominium plat as defined in ORS Chapter 100.; or if there were no applicable planning, zoning or land division ordinances or regulations, by deed or land sales contract.

Per ADC 22.400 a middle housing land division is defined as follows: A partition or subdivision of a lot or parcel on which the development of middle housing is allowed under ORS 197.758 (2) and the partition or subdivision is processed in accordance with the provisions of ORS Chapter 92 and ADC 11.610 - 11.630. The lot or parcel that is the subject of the land division is referred to as the middle housing parent lot; a lot created by the division is referred to as a middle housing child lot.

Per ADC 22.400 a single dwelling (Detached Unit) is defined as follows: A single detached building containing one dwelling unit on a lot. Dwelling units on individual lots that are part of a cottage cluster are not single-dwelling unit detached for the purposes of this Code.

As outlined in the Site Plan Review and Conditional Use sections below, no single dwellings are proposed nor are any middle housing land divisions; therefore, the standards listed in ADC 11.090 are not applicable.

Conclusions

- 1.1 The proposal meets the standards of the underlying zoning district.
- 1.2 The lot and block standards are only applicable to replat pertaining to industrial development.
- 1.3 This criterion is met without conditions.

Criterion 2

Development of any remainder of property under the same ownership can be accomplished in accordance with this Code.

Findings

- 2.1 The site is owned in its entirety by the applicant
- 2.2 The proposal is to consolidate two properties into one unit of land.
- 2.3 There is no other remainder of property under the same ownership.

Conclusions

- 2.1 All property included in this replat is under the same ownership, and there is no remainder of land to consider with this application.
- 2.2 This criterion is met without conditions.



Adjoining land can be developed or is provided access that will allow its development in accordance with this Code.

Findings

- 3.1 ADC 12.060 requires that development have frontage on or approved access to a public street currently open to traffic. This review criterion has been interpreted by the city council to require only that adjoining land either have access, or be provided access, to public streets.
- 3.2 ADC 12.060 requires that development must have frontage on, or approved access to, a public street currently open to traffic.
- 3.3 ADC 12.110 states new streets may be required to be located where the City Engineer determines additional access is needed to relieve or avoid access deficiencies on adjacent or nearby properties.
 - a. Property to the north has access to Marion Street SE.
 - b. Properties to the east, south, and west have access to 41st Avenue SE.

Conclusions

- 3.1 All adjoining properties have access to public streets through the existing transportation system, and the proposed replat will not remove that access.
- 3.2 This criterion is met without conditions.

Criterion 4

The Public Works Director has determined that transportation improvements are available to serve the proposed subdivision or partition in accordance with Article 12 or will be available at the time of development.

Findings

- 4.1 The subject properties have an assigned address of 137 41st Avenue SE and identified as Linn County Assessor's Map No. 11S-03W-19A Tax Lots 1000 and 1100.
- 4.2 The submitted land use application is for a tentative replat to consolidate Lot 5 and Tract B of Block 1, Marion Industrial Park.
- 4.3 ADC 12.060 requires that development have frontage on or approved access to a public street currently open to traffic.
- 4.4 41st Avenue is classified as a local street and is, except for a sidewalk and landscape strip, improved city standards along the frontage of the subject property. Improvements include curb and gutter, a vehicle travel lane in each direction, on-street bike lanes, and on-street parking along both sides of the road.



- 4.5 ADC 12.290 requires all development for which land use applications are required, and all expedited and middle housing land divisions, must include sidewalks adjacent to public streets.
- 4.6 Access and sidewalk improvements along the 41st Avenue frontage is proposed with this application. As shown on the Preliminary Civil Site Plan, the size and location of these improvements complies with the city's design standards.
- 4.7 Trip generation rates are outlined in Tables 1 and 2 below.

Table 1 - Trip Generation Rates

		Trip Ends Rate (trips per t.s.f)		In/Out Split (percent)		
ITE Land Use & Code	Ind. variable	PM Peak Hour	Daily	PM Peak Hour	Daily	Passby Percent
Health/Fitness Club* 492	t.s.f.	3.45	34.50	57/43	50/50	0%
Mini Warehouse 151	t.s.f.	0.15	1.41	47/53	50/50	0%
Mini Warehouse 151	100's of Units	1.68	17.96	50/50	50/50	0%

^{*}No daily rate is available for fitness clubs. Assumed that daily is 10 times p.m. peak hour.

Table 2 - Trip Generation Forecast

	Size	PM Peak Hour Trip Ends			
ITE Land Use	(units)	In	Out	Total	Daily
Health/Fitness Club 492	8 t.s.f.	16	12	28	276
Passby Trips (O percent)		0	0	0	0
Mini Warehouse 151	0 t.s.f.	0	0	0	0
Passby Trips (O percent)		0	0	0	0
Mini Warehouse 151	0.38 100's of Units	0	0	1	7
Passby Trips (0 percent)		0	0	0	0
TOTALS					
Passby		0	0	0	0
Non Passby		16	12	28	283
Total		16	12	28	283

- 4.8 The development will not generate enough trips to require submittal of a trip generation analysis or Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA). The threshold for requiring submittal of a trip generation analysis is 50 peak hour trips. The threshold for submittal of a TIA is 100 peak hour trips.
- 4.9 Albany's Transportation System Plan (TSP) does not identify any capacity or safety issues occurring along the street frontages of this development.

Conclusions

- 4.1 The site has frontage on 41st Avenue and is, except for a sidewalk and landscape strip, improved city standards along the frontage of the subject property. Access and sidewalk improvements along the 41st Avenue frontage is proposed with this application. The size and location of these improvements complies with the city's design standards.
- 4.2 The development is not projected to generate enough trips to require submittal of a trip generation estimate or traffic impact analysis.
- 4.3 Albany's TSP does not identify any capacity or safety issues occurring along the frontage of this site.
- 4.4 This criterion is met without conditions.

Criterion 5

The Public Works Director has determined that public facilities and utilities are available to serve the proposed subdivision or partition in accordance with Article 12 or will be made available at the time of development.

Findings

Sanitary Sewer

- 5.1 City utility maps show an 8-inch public sanitary sewer main in the 41st Avenue right-of-way along the frontage of the subject property.
- 5.2 As shown in the preliminary utility plan, a new service lateral will either be installed or financially guaranteed prior to recordation of the final plat.
- 5.3 ADC 12.470 requires all new developments to extend and/or connect to the public sanitary sewer system if the property is within 300 feet of a public sewer line.
- 5.4 AMC 10.01.080(2) states that before the City will issue a Building Permit, the applicant must pay to the City the necessary System Development Charges and any other applicable fees for connection to the public sanitary sewer system.
- All sewer mains intended to serve multiple properties must be public, installed in public rights-of-way or public utility easements. The normal routing for the sewer main extensions shall be in a dedicated street right-of-way (AMC 10.01.110(2)(b)). All parcels shall have independent sanitary sewer laterals.
- 5.6 The proposed replat will not negatively affect public sanitary sewer service or impact sewer service availability for future development on the created parcel.



Water

- 5.7 City utility maps show a 12-inch public water main in the 41st Avenue right-of-way along the frontage of the subject property.
- As shown in the preliminary utility plan, a new service line will either be installed or financially guaranteed prior to recordation of the final plat.
- 5.9 ADC 12.410 requires all new developments to extend and/or connect to the public water system if the property is within 150 feet of an adequate public main. Fire hydrants, mains, and related appurtenances shall be installed as required by the City Fire Marshal.
- 5.10 The proposed parcel must connect to the public water system upon development.
- 5.11 The proposed replat will not negatively affect public water service or impact water availability for future development on the created parcel.

Storm Drainage

- 5.12 City utility maps show an 18-inch public storm drainage main in the 41st Avenue right-of-way along the frontage of the subject property.
- 5.13 As shown on the preliminary utility plan, a connection to the existing public storm main will either be installed or financially guaranteed prior to recordation of the final plat.
- 5.14 ADC 12.530 states a development will be approved only where adequate provisions for storm and flood water run-off have been made, as determined by the City Engineer. Roof drains shall be discharged to a collection system approved by the City Engineer and/or the Building Official. Also, no storm water may be discharged to the public sanitary sewer system.
- 5.15 AMC 12.45.030 and 12.45.040 require that a post-construction stormwater quality permit shall be obtained for all new development and/or redevelopment projects on a parcel(s) equal to or greater than one acre, including all phases of the development, where more than 8,100 square feet of impervious surfaces will be created or replaced.
- 5.16 Because more than 5,000 square feet of impervious surfaces will be created or replaced, the applicant must obtain a stormwater quality permit and construct stormwater quality facilities that meet all City Engineering Standards pertaining to stormwater quality.
- 5.17 The applicant has submitted a preliminary drainage plan that shows a private storm lateral from 41st Avenue to the subject property and a private detention system. Final design details for these storm drainage facilities will be reviewed in conjunction with the partition. Before any work is done on or around a public storm drainage main the applicant must obtain an Encroachment Permit from the City's Engineering Division.

Conclusions

- Public sanitary sewer and water facilities are in place and adequate to serve the proposed development.
- The applicant shall construct stormwater detention facilities to provide storm and flood-water controls. Before the City will issue any occupancy permit for the proposed project, the applicant must construct stormwater detention facilities that comply with the City's Engineering Standards. Before the City issues any occupancy permit for the proposed



- project, the applicant will construct stormwater detention facilities that comply with the City's Engineering Standards.
- 5.3 The applicant will obtain a stormwater quality permit for or the project and construct stormwater quality facilities that satisfy the City's Engineering Standards.
- 5.4 Before the applicant can make a new sanitary sewer service connection to the public sanitary sewer system an Encroachment Permit must be obtained from the Public Works Department.
- 5.5 Before the applicant can make a new storm drainage service connection to the public storm drainage system an Encroachment Permit must be obtained from the Public Works Department.
- 5.6 This criterion is met without conditions.

Activities and developments within special purpose districts must comply with the regulations described in Article 4 (Airport Approach), 6 (Natural Resources), and 7 (Historic), as applicable.

Findings

- 6.1 <u>Article 4: Airport Approach District</u>. According to Figure 4.410-1 of the ADC, the subject property is not located in the Airport Approach District.
- 6.2 <u>Article 6: Topography.</u> *Comprehensive Plan, Plate 7: Slopes,* According to Plate 7 of the Comprehensive Plan, the subject property is outside the Hillside Development District.
- 6.3 <u>Article 6: Floodplains</u>. *Comprehensive Plan Plate 5: Floodplains*. According to the FEMA FIRM Community Panel No. 41043C0526G, dated September 29, 2010, the subject property is in Zone X, Area of Minimal Flooding and is outside of the Special Flood Hazard Area (aka 100-year floodplain).
- 6.4 <u>Article 6: Significant Natural Vegetation and Wildlife Habitat</u>. *Comprehensive Plan Plate 3:*Natural Vegetation and Wildlife Habitat, does not show any areas of vegetation or wildlife habitat on the property.
- 6.5 <u>Article 6: Riparian Corridor</u>. The subject property is not located within the Riparian Corridor Overlay District.
- 6.6 <u>Article 6: Wetlands</u>. *Comprehensive Plan Plate 6: Wetland sites,* the subject property is not located within a Significant Wetlands Overlay District.
- 6.7 <u>Article 7: Historic Districts.</u> Comprehensive Plan Plate 9: The subject site is not located in a historic district. There are no known archaeological sites on the property.

Conclusions

6.1 No development is proposed that would impact special purpose overlay districts.



6.2 This criterion is met without conditions.

III. Conditional Use Code Criteria

Section 2.250 of the ADC includes the following review criteria, which must be met for this application to be approved. Development code criteria are written in **bold** followed by findings, conclusions, and conditions of approval where conditions are necessary to meet the review criteria.

Criterion 1

The proposed use is consistent with the intended character of the base zone and the operating characteristics of the neighborhood.

Findings of Fact

- 1.1 <u>Proposed Use</u>. The applicant proposed construction of a fitness facility (in Phase 1).
- 1.2 <u>Intended character of the LI zoning district</u>. The proposed development will occur on a site that is zoned Light Industrial (LI). Surrounding properties to the south, east, and west are also zoned LI. Surroundings properties to the north are zoned Heavy Industrial (HI).
 - According to ADC 4.020(8), the LI district was established for the following purpose: "The LI district is intended primarily for a wide range of manufacturing, warehousing, processing, assembling, wholesaling, specialty contractors, and related establishments. Uses will have limited impacts on surrounding properties. This district is particularly suited to areas having good access to highways and perhaps to rail. LI may serve as a buffer around the HI district and may be compatible with nearby residential zones or uses."
- 1.3 Conditional Uses. According to ADC 2.230, "The City does not allow some uses outright, although they may have beneficial effects and serve important public interests. These uses are subject to the Conditional Use regulations because they may have adverse effects on the environment, overburden public services, change the desired character of an area, or create major nuisances. A review of these proposed uses is necessary due to the potential individual or cumulative impacts they may have on the surrounding area or neighborhood. The Conditional Use review process provides an opportunity to allow the use when it will have minimal impacts, to allow the use but impose conditions to address identified concerns, or to deny the use if the concerns cannot be resolved."
- 1.4 Operating Characteristics of the Neighborhood. The subject property is in the South Albany Neighborhood and Marion Industrial Park. The sites in the Marion Industrial Park are predominantly developed with commercial and industrial warehousing, manufacturing, and related office uses which are consistent with the light industrial nature of the zoning. To the north is a vacant parcel owned by Oregon Metallurgical Corporation zoned Heavy Industrial.

While there are variables associated with surrounding land uses, typical "site active" occurs between standard business hours and vehicle trips are generally related to employee, limit customers, and deliveries. Properties also have outdoor spaces on the sides, front, and rear portions of the property that are used for landscaping, storage, and parking.



1.5 Operating Characteristics of the Proposed Use. The subject property will be entirely served from 41st Avenue. The proposed development will be compatible with existing or anticipated industrial uses in size, building scale, and style. Parking will be compatible with the adjoining or abutting properties due to the buffering and screening. Site lighting will be provided. Lighting will be provided from wall-mounted fixtures on all of the buildings or from light poles in the parking lot. Front and side glare shields will be placed on all lighting fixtures to reflect the light from the wall-mounted or pole fixture onto the buildings and access aisles within the development. No lighting will reflect on adjacent properties, streets, or into the night sky.

Conclusions

- 1.1 The proposed use is consistent with the intended character of the base zone and the operating characteristics of the neighborhood.
- 1.2 The conditional use process provides an opportunity to review projects for potential impacts and impose conditions to address any identified concerns.
- 1.3 This criterion is satisfied without conditions.

Criterion 2

The proposed use will be compatible with existing or anticipated uses in terms of size, building scale and style, intensity, setbacks, and landscaping or the proposal mitigates difference in appearance or scale through such means as setbacks, screening, landscaping or other design features.

Findings of Fact

- 2.1 Definition of Compatible. "Compatible" does not mean "the same." Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, Eleventh Edition, defines "compatible" as "(1) capable of existing together in harmony."
- 2.2 <u>Existing and Anticipated Uses</u>. The subject property is presently vacant and undeveloped. The land is relatively flat. Two BPA easements diagonally transverse the property: one along the rear of the property and the other along the front of the property.
- 2.3 Industrial uses and industrial tenant spaces are located to the south, east, and west of the subject property. Heavy industrial-zoned land owned by Oregon Metallurgical Corporation borders the subject property to the north. There is still considerable infill development potential on the HI-zoned lots; however, at the present time, no plans are being reviewed. The applicant is not aware of any other anticipated uses on abutting properties.
- 2.4 <u>Building Size, Scale, and Style</u>. The proposed development will consist of one (1) 80-foot by 100-foot warehouse building with two tenant suites; one of which is to be utilized as a fitness facility.

Building scale focuses on the size and proportion of a building in relation to its immediate environment and the human figure typically in correlation to the public right-of-way. In



this case, the warehouse building with fitness facility tenant space will be oriented to the center of the site approximately 90-feet/122-feet from the front property line, 61-feet/117-feet, 58-feet/113-feet from the interior (side property lines), and 112-feet/182-feet from the interior (rear property lines).

The building style of the fitness center can be best described as industrial architecture via the inclusive of the following elements: open floor plan, high ceilings, minimalist aesthetics, and exposed materials and utilities. The building style of the storage units can be described as industrial too (i.e., metal cargo containers).

Based on these characteristics the proposed development will not adversely impact the neighborhood in terms of size, scale, and style.

- 2.5 <u>Intensity and Lot Coverage of the Proposed Development</u>. The subject property is 77,589 square feet (1.78 acres) in size. It is in the Light Industrial (LI) zoning district, which has no maximum building height and no maximum lot coverage. The proposed amount of impervious surface area is 60,708 square feet, which is approximately 78 percent lot coverage.
- 2.6 <u>Building and Parking Lot Setbacks</u>. ADC 4.090, Table 4-2, shows no front or interior setback requirement except in cases where the property abuts a residential district, which is not applicable in this case.

The proposed the warehouse building with fitness facility tenant space will be oriented to the center of the site approximately 90-feet/122-feet from the front property line, 61-feet/117-feet, 58-feet/113-feet from the interior (side property lines), and 112-feet/182-feet from the interior (rear property lines).

The proposed parking lot will locate between the fitness facility and abutting public street approximately 24-feet/69-feet from the front property line, 5-feet/56-feet from the interior (side property lines), and 173-feet/265-feet from the interior (rear property lines).

7.1 Landscaping and Screening. Findings for this Criterion are found in Section III, Criterion Six, above and are incorporated by reference.

Conclusions

- 2.1 Based on the observations above, the proposed development will be compatible with existing or anticipated uses in terms of size, building style, intensity, setbacks, and landscaping.
- 2.2 This criterion is satisfied without conditions.

Criterion 3

The transportation system can support the proposed use in addition to the existing uses in the area. Evaluation factors include street capacity and level of service, on-street parking impacts, access requirements, neighborhood impacts and pedestrian safety.



Findings of Fact and Conclusion

3.1 Findings for this section are found in Section II, Criterion 4, above and are incorporated by reference.

Criterion 4

Public services for water, sanitary and storm sewer, water management, and for fire and police protection, can serve the proposed use.

Findings of Fact and Conclusion

- 4.1 According to ADC 4.060(7)(d) exercise, health clubs, and gyms must meet additional criteria in Special Condition (11)(b).
 - i. The street system has adequate capacity to accommodate the use through the horizon year of the current Transportation Systems Plan; and
 - ii. The development will not alter the existing building or site in a way that would discourage or preclude its later conversion back to an industrial use; and
 - iii. The new commercial user shall acknowledge that industrial uses have a right to operate free from the new use complaining about externalities typical of industrial uses.

Trip generation is outlined in Section II, Criterion 4 above, and incorporated herein by reference. ADC 4.060 (11)(b)(ii) is not applicable since the site is undeveloped. The acknowledgment of ADC 4.060 (11)(b)(iii) is noted.

Criterion 5

The proposal will not have significant adverse impacts on the livability of nearby residentially zoned lands due to: (a) Noise, glare, odor, litter, or hours of operation. (b) Privacy and safety issues.

Findings of Fact

- 5.1 The proposed development is greater than 0.25-miles from any residential zoned land.
- Noise. Noise will primarily originate from vehicles entering and departing the facility to and from 41st Avenue. Any noise emitting from the development will be well within the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the City of Albany's standards for the purposes of noise regulations.
- Glare. Site lighting will be provided. Lighting will be provided from wall-mounted fixtures on all the buildings or from light poles in the parking lot. Front and side glare shields will be placed on all lighting fixtures to reflect the light from the wall-mounted or pole fixture onto the buildings and access aisles within the development. No lighting is expected to reflect on adjacent properties, streets, or into the sky.
- 5.4 <u>Odors</u>. According to ADC 9.470, continuous, frequent, or repetitive odors or the emission of odorous gases or other matter in such quantities as to be readily detectable at any point



beyond the property line of the use creating the odors is prohibited, with one exception: an odor detected for less than 15 minutes per day is exempt. Odor is regulated by the Department of Environmental Quality. No odor exceeding these thresholds will be emitted from the proposed development.

- 5.5 <u>Litter</u>. Litter will be controlled by a dedicated employee responsible for the cleanliness of the entire facility. An enclosed refuse containment area will be provided onsite. No other problems concerning odor or litter are anticipated.
- 5.6 <u>Hours of Operation</u>. Hours of operation are anticipated to be Monday Sunday 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- 5.7 <u>Privacy and Safety Issues</u>: The proposed site plan includes landscaping, buffering, and screening as required by the Albany Development Code. The site will be served by a security and monitoring system and the site will be partially enclosed by a security fence at least six feet tall.

Additionally, the site is served by the Albany Police and Fire Department may provide protection as needed.

Conclusion

5.1 Given the above analysis and proximity to residential zoned land, the proposed development is not expected to have significant, adverse impacts on the livability of nearby residentially zoned lands due to noise, glare, odor, litter, hours of operation, and privacy and safety issues.

Criterion 6

Activities and developments within special purpose districts must comply with the regulations described in Articles 4 (Airport Approach), 6 (Natural Resources), and 7 (Historic), as applicable.

Findings of Fact and Conclusion

6.1 Findings for this section are found in Section II, Criterion 6, above and are incorporated by reference.

IV. Major Variance Code Criteria

Section 2.690 of the ADC includes the following review criteria, which must be met for this application to be approved. Development code criteria are written in **bold** followed by findings, conclusions, and conditions of approval where conditions are necessary to meet the review criteria.

Criterion 1

The property has unique or peculiar physical circumstances or conditions such as, irregular shape, width or depth; or exceptional natural or physical conditions such as topography, trees, native vegetation, wetlands, riparian areas, wildlife habitat, or drainage ways.



1.1 As shown on the existing condition plan sheet, two BPA easements diagonally transverse the subject property. The terms of the easements prohibit structures from being constructed in the boundaries of the easements thus limiting the site's net buildable area to 0.66-acres or 40% of the total site area.

Criterion 2

The proposal will be consistent with the purpose, overview, and description for the zone in which the property is located, and with the purpose of the Significant Natural Resource Districts, if applicable; and

- 2.1 Per ADC 4.010 includes the overview of Article 4 of Commercial and Industrial Zoning Districts is as follows: "The zones created in this article are intended to provide land for commercial, office and industrial uses. The differences among the zones, in the permitted uses and development standards, reflect the existing and potential intensities of commercial and industrial development. The site development standards allow for flexibility of development while minimizing impacts on surrounding uses. The regulations in this article promote uses and development that will enhance the economic viability of specific commercial and industrial areas and the city as a whole. Development may also be subject to the provisions in Article 8, Design Standards, Article 9, On-Site Development and Environmental Standards, and Article 12, Public Improvements. Sites within overlay districts are also subject to the provisions in Article 6, Natural Resource Districts, and Article 7, Historic Overlay Districts."
- 2.2 ADC 4.020(8) includes the purpose/description of the Light Industrial zoning district, which is as follows: "The LI district is intended primarily for a wide range of manufacturing, warehousing, processing, assembling, wholesaling, specialty contractors and related establishments. Uses will have limited impacts on surrounding properties. This district is particularly suited to areas having good access to highways and perhaps to rail. LI may serve as a buffer around the HI district and may be compatible with nearby residential zones or uses."
- 2.3 The Significant Natural Resource overlay districts include Riparian Corridors (/RC) and Significant Wetlands (/SW) and fish-bearing waterways throughout the city, and a Habitat Assessment area (/HA) designated specifically for turtle habitat in and around Thornton Lakes in North Albany. None of these overlay districts are found on the subject property.
- 2.4 Findings pertaining to Article 4, including consistency with ADC 4.010 and 4.202(8) are outlined in Sections III and IV, above, and are incorporated by reference.

Criterion 3

If more than one Major Variance is requested, the cumulative effect of the variances results in a project that is still consistent with the purpose, overview and description of the zone; and

3.1 Only one variance request is requested in association with this application; therefore, this criterion is not applicable.

Criterion 4

The requested Major Variance is the minimum necessary to address the peculiar or unusual conditions of the site; and

4.1 As outlined in the section above, the requested major variance is the minimum necessary to address the unusual site conditions; therefore, this criterion is met.

Criterion 5

Any impacts resulting from the Major Variance are mitigated to the extent practical; or

- 5.1 ADC 8.330 states that the purpose of the parking location design standard is to: "help create an attractive streetscape and pleasant pedestrian environment that is conducive to walking, and to help further Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles such as natural surveillance of public spaces.
- 5.2 The basic principles of CPTED are access control, territoriality, and natural surveillance. Natural surveillance is often the most utilized for parking facilities, which emphases the use of landscaping to facilitate "eyes" on a location. In other words, the ability of people walking by a parking lot or looking out the window of a business to view the activities going on inside the parking facility to enhance the security of the facility.
- 5.3 ADC 9.208 states that the purpose of the regulations is to "provide screening and buffering between uses in order to reduce the potential objectionable impacts of higher intensity uses on adjacent lower intensity uses."
- 5.4 A parking lot buffer is proposed in association with this application to mitigate the impact of parking when placed between a building and streetside property line. The submitted landscaping plan set utilizes CPTED landscaping concepts within the proposed landscaping buffer area.

Criterion 6

Application of the regulation in question would preclude all reasonable economic use of the site.

- 6.1 What is meant by "all reasonable economic use" is not defined or elaborated on in the Albany Development Code.
- 6.2 In this case, application of ADC 8.330(2) would require the proposed off-street parking to be oriented to the side or rear of the proposed fitness facility.
- 6.3 Orientation of the parking lot to the side of the proposed fitness center would reduce the amount of available on-site parking and prohibit the construction of the proposed storage containers and a dwelling unit attached to a business. Therefore, the application of ADC 8.330(2) would prohibit most of the self-storage use and the entirety of the temporary security dwelling use. The remaining area for self-storage use would result in this use not being economically viable.
- 6.4 Orientation of the parking lot to the rear of the proposed fitness center would result in a loss of all RV storage spaces or reorientation of the proposed RV storage to the front of the fitness



center and reduction the amount of RV storage spaces. Therefore, the application of ADC 8.330(2) would either prohibit all the RV storage use or a portion therein (if reoriented to the front of the site). The remaining area for RV storage use (if reoriented to the front of the site). would result in this use not being economically viable.

V. Site Plan Review Code Criteria

Section 2.450 of the ADC includes the following review criteria, which must be met for this application to be approved. Development code criteria are written in **bold** followed by findings, conclusions, and conditions of approval where conditions are necessary to meet the review criteria.

Criterion 1

The application is complete in accordance with the applicable requirements.

Findings of Fact and Conclusions

- 1.1 The submitted application includes the supplemental submittal requirements outlined in ADC 1.160(1) and will therefore, be deem complete in accordance ADC 1.160, upon the submittal date.
- 1.2 This criterion is met without conditions.

Criterion 2

The application complies with all applicable provisions of the underlying zoning district including, but not limited to, setbacks, lot dimensions, density, lot coverage, building height, and other applicable standards.

Findings of Fact

- 4.2 The underlying zoning designation of the subject properties is Light Industrial (LI). Per ADC 4.020(8) the LI district is intended primarily for a wide range of manufacturing, warehousing, processing, assembling, wholesaling, specialty contractors and related establishments.
- 4.3 The proposal includes a phased development consisting of a Site Plan Review application to construct self-serve storage, warehouse tenant space and recreational vehicle storage spaces, and a dwelling unit attached to a business along with associated site, utility, and parking lot improvements.
- 4.4 Per Table 4.050-1, self-serve storage, warehousing, and dwelling units attached to a business are permitted with Site Plan Review approval.
- 4.5 Per ADC 4.090, Table 4.090-1, the LI zoning district has the following applicable development standards: 15-foot minimum front setback and 100 percent maximum landscape area within yards adjacent to streets.
- 4.6 Per ADC 4.220 Parking and loading spaces must not be in a required front or interior setback, except for paved driveways.



- 4.7 According to ADC 4.060(12) self-serve storage facilities are subject to the following standards:
 - a. The minimum driveway width between buildings is 20 feet for one-way drives and 24 feet for two-way drives.
 - b. The maximum storage unit size is 1,000 square feet.
 - c. All outdoor lighting shall be shielded to prevent glare and reflection on adjacent properties.
 - d. Repair of autos, boats, motors, and furniture and the storage of flammable materials are prohibited on the premises, and rental contracts shall so specify.

As shown on the site, the outlined self-storage facility standards are met. A condition of approval may include a requirement for a copy of the rental contract to be provided outlining the required prohibitions.

ADC 4.300 requires any refuse container or disposal area that would otherwise be visible from a public street, customer or resident parking area, any public facility, or any residential area, must be screened from view by placement of a sight-obscuring fence, wall, or hedge at least 6 feet tall. All refuse materials must be contained within the screened area. Refuse disposal areas may not be in required setbacks or buffer yards and must be placed at least 15 feet from any dwelling window.

As shown on the site plan, the refuse area will be greater than 15 feet from any dwelling units and will be screened by a six-foot-tall sight-obscuring fence. Notably, Section 4.300 does not include a requirement for the refuse containers to be covered.

Conclusions

- 2.1 The proposed uses are allowed in the LI zoning district with site plan review and conditional use approval.
- 2.2 The proposal meets all development standards and special conditions in the LI zoning district.
- 2.3 This review criterion is met.

Criterion 3

Activities and developments within special purpose districts comply with the regulations described in Articles 4 (Airport Approach), 6 (Natural Resources), and 7 (Historic), as applicable.

Findings of Fact

3.1 Findings for this section are found in Section II, Criterion 6, above and are incorporated by reference.



Criterion 4

The application complies with all applicable Design Standards of Article 8.

Findings of Fact

- 4.1 <u>Applicability</u>. According to ADC 8.310 and 8.315 the standards of ADC 8.320 through 8.390 apply to the development of new commercial developments where commercial and/or institutional uses, as defined in Article 22, are existing or proposed.
 - The proposed self-storage facility and fitness facility a listed as commercial uses in Table 4.050-1; therefore, the below standards are applicable to these uses.
- 4.2 <u>Relationship to Historic Overlay Districts</u>. ADC 8.320 requires designated historic resources to comply with the standard in Article 7.
 - The site is not located in a historic district, nor does it contain a designated historic resource. This standard is not applicable.
- 4.3 Entrance Orientation and Parking Locations.
 - ADC 8.330(1) states that new buildings must be oriented to existing or new public streets. Building orientation is demonstrated by placing buildings and their public entrances close to streets and providing pedestrians with a direct connection from the street sidewalk to building entrances in conformance with ADC 8.370(2)(b).

As shown on the site plan, Bonneville Power Administration easements exist on site and prohibit orientation of the proposed permanent structures to the 41st Avenue right-of-way. However, a direct pedestrian connection is provided from the street sidewalk to the building entrance in conformance with ADC 8.370(2)(b).

- ADC 8.330(1)(a) states that at least one main entrance must be designed to include at least three architectural features. As shown in the building elevation plans, three architectural features are proposed.
- ADC 8.330(2) states that off-street parking must be located to the side or rear of the building(s) and not between the building and the street, except when one or more of the below conditions apply:
 - (a) Locating parking to the side or rear of the building is not feasible due to the dimensions of the site including, but not limited to, the width, shape, or size of the site or the amount of site frontage.
 - (b) Locating parking to the rear or side of the building is not feasible due to the conservation of designated natural resources or the preservation of five or more trees over 25 inches in circumference (approximately 8 inches in diameter) or one or more individual trees equal to or greater than six and one-half feet in circumference (approximately 25 inches in diameter). Trees must be healthy specimens that can and will be retained and which are not exempt from site plan review for tree felling pursuant to ADC 9.204.



- (c) Locating parking to the rear or side of the building is not feasible due to topographic constraints or natural hazards on the site.
- (d) The site frontage is subject to access restrictions from a public street that would preclude placement of the parking to the side or rear of the building.
- (e) The site is larger than three acres and the parking lot has been designed in accordance with the standards in Section 9.130(6), regardless of the number of parking spaces.

As shown on the existing condition plan sheet, building development is restricted to areas outside of BPA easements. Compliance with these building restrictions results in off-street parking between the proposed fitness facility and front property line. A Major Variance has been requested. See findings under Section V, below incorporated herein by reference.

ADC 8.330(3) states that where a landscape buffer is required pursuant to ADC 8.330(2), a minimum 10-foot-wide landscape buffer meeting the landscaping standards in ADC 9.240 must be placed between the parking area and the street, running the length of the parking area. In zoning districts that require a landscaped front setback, the parking lot buffer requirement may be met by the required front setback standard if landscape plantings are provided at the same or greater density.

A parking lot buffer is proposed in association with this application to mitigate the impact of parking when placed between a building and streetside property line.

4.4 <u>Façade design, articulation, and windows</u>. According to ADC 8.345(1), the standards in this section pertain to any façade that faces towards or within 45 degrees of a front lot line, except where there is more than one building on the site.

ADC 8.345(2) requires a minimum of two architectural features. As shown in the site plan and building elevations two façade details are proposed for the regulated façade (i.e., south building elevation).

Per Table 8.345-1, ground-floor windows percentages are not applicable to development within the LI zoning district.

4.5 <u>Pedestrian Amenities</u>. ADC 8.360(1) requires any new building area over 20,000 square feet to provide 1 point per 2,500 sf for the first 20,000 sf plus 1 point per 5,000 sf for new building area over 20,000 sf up to a maximum of 20 points. The point value of acceptable pedestrian amenities is specified in Table 8.360-2.

Proposed new building areas between zero and 20,000 square feet require one pedestrian amenity point per 2,500 square feet. The proposed warehousing tenant space is $\pm 8,000$ square feet; therefore, the proposal requires 3 pedestrian amenity points (8,000 / 2,500 = 3.2). Table 9.360-2 assigns point values of pedestrian amenities. As shown on the elevation and site plan drawings a 3 pedestrian point value is proposed. This standard is met.



- 4.8 <u>Compatibility Standards</u>. ADC 8.390 requires commercial and institutional development shall be designed to comply with the following compatibility standards and any other improvements needed to reduce negative impacts on adjacent uses:
 - (1) On site impacts. Any undesirable impacts produced on the site, such as noise, glare, odors, dust, or vibrations have been adequately screened from adjacent properties.
 - (2) Off-site impacts. The site is protected from any undesirable impacts that are generated on abutting properties.
 - (3) Screening. Service areas, equipment, utilities, and similar exterior improvements shall be screened as provided in (a) through (c) below and must meet the standards in (d). (a) Service areas, such as waste and recycling containers, outdoor storage, and ground-level mechanical equipment shall be screened by a sight-obscuring fence, wall, or hedge. (b) Roof-mounted equipment or utilities shall be screened by a parapet wall or sight-obscuring structure or located so that it is not visible from abutting public rights-of-way. (c) Wall-mounted equipment or utilities shall be architecturally incorporated into the building or shall be screened by a sight-obscuring fence, wall, hedge, or structure. (d) Screening required in subsections (a) through (c) above must be of appropriate height and width so that the item to be screened is not visible from a public sidewalk or from abutting residential districts or development. Hedge screens must be composed of evergreen shrubs that will grow to form a continuous hedge that is sight-obscuring within two years of planting.

The proposed building is not anticipated to generate any undesirable on-site or off-site impacts and site storage uses will be obscured from public view by fencing. This standard is met.

Conclusion

4.1 All applicable Commercial Design Standards are met.

Criterion 5

The application complies with all applicable Design Standards of Article 10

Findings of Fact and Conclusion

Article 10 contains provisions related to manufactured home development standards which are not proposed in association with this application; therefore, this criterion is not applicable.

Criterion 6

The application complies with all applicable On-Site Development and Environmental Standards of Article 9.

Findings of Fact

6.1 The proposal includes a phased development consisting of a Site Plan Review application to construct self-serve storage, warehouse tenant space and recreational vehicle storage spaces,



and a dwelling unit attached to a business along with associated site, utility, and parking lot improvements.

6.2 ADC 9.020 states that off-street parking and loading must be developed in accordance with the standards of Article 9.

ADC Table 9.020-1 lists the maximum number of permitted off-street parking spaces. ADC 9.020, Table 9-1, stipulates the maximum amount of off-street required parking for athletic/fitness gyms at 1 space per 300 square feet; self-serve storage units at 1 space per 100 units with a minimum of three, plus one per employee caretaker; and warehouse/open storage as 1 space per 2 employees plus 1 per 300 square feet of patron serving area.

The maximum amount of parking for the proposed development is 98 spaces. A total of 18 off-street parking spaces are shown on the site plan; one space is designated as carpool/vanpool; one space is designated as ADA; and four spaces are designated as future electric vehicle charging spaces. Therefore, the maximum parking standard is met.

6.3 ADC 9.030 states that bicycle parking must be provided in the amounts specified in Table 9.030-1 for all new developments and changes of use. Per Table 9.030-1, athletic/fitness gyms are required to provide the greater of two bicycle parking spaces, or one bicycle parking space per 1,000 square feet of exercise area. Warehousing requires the greater of two spaces or one space per 15,000 square feet. Self-serve storage is required to provide the greater of two bicycle parking spaces, or one bicycle parking space per 20 units.

The exercise area of the gym, warehouse, and storage units are approximately 3,000 square feet, 23,441 square feet, and 12 storage units, respectively. Therefore, the minimum required bicycle parking equates to seven spaces, two of which must be sized for cargo bicycles. Bicycle parking spaces in conformance with the required dimensional standards are denoted on the site plan and floor plan.

Per ADC 9.035 when parking is provided, at least one standard-sized parking space shall be reserved for carpool/vanpool parking, or ten percent of employee-use parking spaces provided, whichever is greater. (2) Preferential carpool/vanpool parking spaces must be closer to the employee entrance of the building than other parking spaces, except for ADA accessible parking spaces. (3) Required carpool/vanpool spaces must be clearly marked "Reserved – Carpool/Vanpool Only." (4) residential development is not required to provide carpool/vanpool spaces.

As indicated on the site plan, one carpool/vanpool parking space is proposed. Markings and/or signage will be installed prior to building occupancy.

6.4 ADC 9.050 states that pursuant to ORS 455.417, electrical service capacity sufficient for a level 2 electric vehicle charging station must be provided for no less than 20 percent of all new vehicle parking spaces for non-residential developments. Additionally, electric vehicle charging capacity must be provided for 25 percent of ADA and Carpool/Vanpool spaces in nonresidential developments.



- 18 off-street parking spaces are shown on the site plan of which one is designated as carpool/vanpool and four are designated as future electric vehicle charging spaces.
- 6.5 ADC 9.100 states that all public or private parking areas, loading areas and outdoor vehicle sales areas must be improved based on the following standards. When the total surface parking area for the development site exceeds 10,890 square feet, parking area improvements must comply with the standards in Section 9.130. The proposed parking lot is 5,634 square feet; therefore, the proposal is not subject to the standards in ADC 9.130.
 - ADC 9.100(1) All parking spaces must be improved in accordance with these standards and available for use at the time of project completion.
 - ADC 9.100(2) All parking areas shall conform to the setback, clear vision, landscaping, and buffering/screening provisions of this Code.
 - ADC 9.100(3) requires parking areas and loading areas to have a durable, dust-free surface. The site plan indicates the entirety of the parking area will be paved. This standard is met.
 - ADC 9.100(4) requires that all parking lots provide a drainage system to dispose of stormwater runoff. Findings regarding the proposed stormwater system are found Section II, Criterion Five, above and are incorporated by reference.
 - ADC 9.100(5) requires perimeter curbing around all parking areas. The site plan indicates that perimeter curbing has been provided along the entirety of the parking lot. This standard is met.
 - ADC 9.100(6) requires wheel bumpers be used when parking stalls front a sidewalk, alleyway, street, or property line. If the sidewalk is widened to seven feet six inches to allow for vehicle encroachment, no wheel bumpers are required. The site plan indicates 7-foot-wide sidewalks with 6-inch curbs along parking stalls adjacent to the fitness buildings and no wheel stops.
 - ADC 9.100(7) requires parking spaces to be located and served by an aisle or turnaround so that their use will require no backing movements or other maneuvering in a street right-of-way other than an alley. The site plan indicates a parking lot served by a travel aisle for off-street backing and turnaround movements.
 - ADC 9.100(8) requires parking stalls to be permanently and clearly striped. The site plan indicates the parking lot will be striped.
 - ADC 9.100(9) requires parking lots to connect to adjacent existing or future parking areas. All abutting sites have direct access to a public street and no shared parking lots are proposed with this development.
 - ADC 9.100(10) requires conformance with the parking lot landscaping standards found in ADC 9.150. Findings pertaining to parking lot landscaping are included below.



- Per ADC 9.100(11) no more than 40 percent of parking spaces provided may be designated for compact cars. Compact spaces must be signed and/or the space painted with the words "Compact Car Only." 18 off-street parking spaces are shown on the site plan. Therefore, a maximum of eight compact parking spaces can be improved in association with this development. Markings and signage will be installed prior to building occupancy.
- ADC 9.100(12) requires accessible parking at least 9 feet wide and 17 feet long with adjacent access aisle at least 8 feet wide and 17 feet long for a van-accessible space, and six feet wide for a standard accessible space to be provided in conformance with the Oregon Specialty Code.
 - As indicated on the site plan, accessible parking and an accessible route to the building are proposed with the development. Conformance with the Oregon Specialty Code will be assessed at the time of building permit.
- ADC 9.100(13) requires lighting to be arranged to reflect light away from any abutting or adjacent properties. Any new lighting will be arranged to reflect light away from any abutting or adjacent properties.
- ADC 9.100(14) requires walkways and accessways to be provided for all new off-street parking lots and additions, to connect sidewalks adjacent to new development to the entrances of new buildings. The site plan indicates a sidewalk and access path will be provided from the public sidewalk adjoining the main building entrances and 41st Avenue.
- 6.6 ADC 9.120 states that all off-street parking lots over 1,000 square feet (contiguous) must be designed in accordance with the standards in this Article and the City standards for parking stalls and drive aisles as set forth in Table 9.120-1: Parking Lot Design, and supplemental drawings in Figures 1 and 2.
- 6.7 The proposed parking lot is 5,634 square feet; therefore, the proposal is subject to the standards in ADC 9.120. The site plan indicates that the proposed parking lot complies with the below standards.
 - a. ADC 9.115 states that when new development, including expansions to existing structures, results in the conversion or elimination of existing off-street surface parking areas for a use other than bicycle-oriented and transit oriented facilities (bicycle parking, bus stops and pullouts, bus shelters, park and ride stations, and similar facilities), all existing parking areas that are physically impacted by the development must be improved to the standards in Article 9.
 - b. ADC 9.120(5) states that parking stall and aisle dimensions must comply with Table 9.120-1. Stall dimensions are measured from inside the stripes. The design of driveways and on-site maneuvering and loading areas for commercial and industrial developments shall include 20 feet of storage length for entering and exiting vehicles,



- to prevent vehicles from backing into the flow of traffic on the public street or causing unsafe conflicts with on-site circulation. See also Figures 9.120-1 and 9.120-2.
- c. ADC 9.120(6)(7) states that compact spaces shall be at least 8 feet wide by 16 feet long and accessible spaces shall be a minimum of 9 feet wide and 17 feet long and designed in accordance with the Oregon Structural Specialty Code (OSSC). An adjacent access aisle must be provided that is at least eight feet wide and 17 feet long for a vanaccessible space, and six feet wide for a standard accessible space.
- d. ADC 9.120(8) states long-term parking spaces must be at least 8.5 feet wide. Parking stalls for grocery stores or adjacent planter islands must be at least 9.5 feet wide. Stall dimensions are measured from inside the stripes.

As shown on the site plan, these standards are met.

- 6.8 ADC 9.130 states that in addition to other provisions of Article 9, the following standards apply to new or improved surface parking areas of more than 0.25 acres (10,890 square feet), and to parking lot additions of 5,000 square feet or more when existing parking areas are enlarged to more than 10,890 square feet, and when re-construction of a surface parking area of more than 0.25 acres is proposed (i.e., when pavement, curbs, and planter bays are completely replaced). Total surface parking areas are calculated by measuring around the perimeter of all parking spaces, maneuvering areas, and interior landscaping.
- 6.9 ADC 9.140 includes landscaping requirements by type of use. ADC 9.140(1) includes residential landscape standards. ADC 9.140(1) states that all front setbacks (exclusive of accessways and other permitted intrusions) must be landscaped or have landscaping guaranteed in accordance with ADC 9.190 before an occupancy permit will be issued or final building permit approved. However, in this case the landscaping buffer and screening requirements are more restrictive and are therefore applicable to the proposed development.

A parking lot buffer is proposed in association with this application to mitigate the impact of parking when placed between a building and streetside property line.

According to the buffering and screening matrix in Table 9.210-1, a 10-foot-wide landscape buffer and screen is required along parking lots with five or more parking spaces.

ADC 9.240 states: The minimum improvements within a buffer consist of the following: (a) One row of trees. These trees will be not less than ten feet high at the time of planting for deciduous trees and spaced not more than 30 feet apart, and five feet high at the time of planting for evergreen trees and spaced not more than 15 feet apart; (b) Five 5-gallon or ten 1-gallon shrubs, trees or accent plants for each 1,000 square feet of required buffer area; (c) The remaining area treated with suitable living ground cover, lawn, or decorative treatment of bark, rock, or other attractive ground cover.

ADC 9.250 states: Screening. Where screening is required or provided, the following standards apply in addition to conditions (1) and (3) above: (1) One row of evergreen shrubs that will grow to form a continuous hedge at least four feet tall within two years of planting, or (2) A fence or



masonry wall at least five feet tall constructed to provide a uniform sight-obscuring screen, or (3) An earth berm combined with evergreen plantings or a fence that forms a sight and noise buffer at least six feet tall within two years of installation

<u>South Property Line</u>: A 107-foot portion of the south property borders a parking area with a required 10-foot buffer. At least one row of either four (4) 10-foot-tall deciduous trees spaced not more than 30 feet apart or seven (7) 5-foot-tall evergreen trees spaced not more than 15 feet apart; five (5) five-gallon shrubs or ten (10) one-gallon shrubs; and the remaining area treated with ground cover (e.g., lawn, bark, rock, ivy, and evergreen shrubs).

The south (streetside) property boundary is 107-feet minus the 25-foot accessway and 63-foot storm detention facility which equates to a 1,070 feet buffer area. The landscaping plan indicates that the required landscaping buffer and screening requirements can be met. A condition of approval may require the submittal of final landscaping and irrigation plans for review and approval in association with the building permit and installation of required landscaping prior to building occupancy.

- 6.10 ADC 9.150 provides parking lot landscaping standards, which includes requirements for planter bays, entry landscaping, parking space buffers, alternative plans, and landscape protection. As shown on the site plan and landscaping plan, the parking lot includes parking space buffers, planter bays, and landscape protection in accordance with the standards of ADC 9.150.
- 6.11 ADC 9.150(1) states that parking areas shall be divided into bays of not more than 12 parking stalls and that the end of each parking bay shall be a curbed planter at least five feet wide. The site plan indicates that all proposed parking areas will conform to this standard.
- 6.12 ADC 9.150(2) requires that both sides of the parking lot entrance should be bordered by a minimum five-foot-wide landscape planter strip. As shown on the site plan and landscaping plan, a planter bay greater than five feet in width is proposed at the parking lot accessways.
- 6.13 ADC 9.150(3) requires parking areas to be separated from the exterior wall of a structure by pedestrian walkways or loading areas, or by a five-foot strip of landscaping materials. As shown on the site plan, the proposed structure is separated from parking areas by a 7-foot-wide sidewalk.
- 6.14 ADC 9.165 requires that all landscaped areas must be provided with an irrigation system unless a licensed landscape architect, landscape construction professional, or certified nurseryman provides documentation that the plants do not require irrigation.
- 6.15 Environmental Standards. ADC 9.440 9.500 includes environmental standards related to noise, visible emissions, vibrations, odors, glare, heat, insects, rodents, and hazardous waste. The design and operating characteristics of a dwelling unit attached to a business are comparable to other residential developments in the vicinity and therefore no adverse environmental impacts are anticipated.



Conclusions

6.1 The parking lot plan complies with the travel aisle and stall dimensional standards of ADC 9.130.

6.2 A maximum of 96 vehicle parking spaces are permissible based on the proposed uses. 18

parking spaces are proposed on-site.

6.3 A minimum of 7 bicycle parking spaces is required based on the uses proposed. 7 bicycle

parking spaces are included in the proposed development.

6.4 The landscaping plan indicates that the required landscaping buffer and screening requirements can be met. A final landscape and irrigation plan will be provided prior to the

issuance of building permits.

6.5 The proposal conforms with the applicable environmental standards.

6.6 As proposed, all applicable Article 9 standards can be met.

Criterion 7

The Public Works Director has determined that public facilities and utilities are available to serve the proposed development in accordance with Article 12 or will be made available at the time of

development.

Findings of Fact

7.1 Findings for this Criterion are found in Section II, Criterion Five, above and are incorporated by

reference.

Criterion 8

development.

The Public Works Director has determined that transportation improvements are available to serve the proposed development in accordance with Article 12 or will be available at the time of

Findings of Fact and Conclusion

8.1 Findings for this section are found in Section II, Criterion 4, above and are incorporated by

reference.

Criterion 9

The proposed post-construction stormwater quality facilities (private and/or public) can accommodate the proposed development, consistent with Title 12 of the Albany Municipal Code.

Findings of Fact and Conclusion

9.1 Findings for this section are found in Section II, Criterion 5, above and are incorporated by

reference.

Criterion 10

The proposal meets all existing conditions of approval for the site or use, as required by prior land use decision(s), as applicable.



Findings of Fact and Conclusion

10.1 There are no prior vested land use decisions for this property to meet; therefore, this criterion is not applicable.

Criterion 11

Sites that have lost their nonconforming status must be brought into compliance and may be brought into compliance incrementally in accordance with Section 2.330.

Findings of Fact and Conclusion

11.1 The site is not considered nonconforming; therefore, this criterion is not applicable.

VI. Overall Conclusion

As proposed, the applications for replat, conditional use, major variance and site plan review satisfies all applicable review criteria as outlined in this report.

III. Attachments

- A. Preliminary Plan Set
 - 1. Existing Conditions
 - 2. Tentative Partition Plat
 - 3. Preliminary Civil Site Plan
 - 4. Preliminary Phasing Plan
 - 5. Preliminary Grading and Drainage Plan
 - 6. Preliminary Utility Plan
 - 7. Preliminary Fire Department Plan
 - 8. Preliminary Fire Department Plan
- B. Preliminary Stormwater Report
- C. Preliminary Planting Plan
- D. Preliminary Architectural Plan Set
 - 1. North and West Elevations
 - 2. East and North Elevations
 - 3. Floor Plan
 - 4. Floor Plan