

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS**  
**AGENDA ITEM DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

**DEPARTMENT:** City Development Department, Planning Division

**AGENDA DATE:** Introduction: June 11, 2013  
Public Hearing: July 2, 2013

**CONTACT PERSON/PHONE:** Arturo Rubio, (915) 541-4633, [rubioax@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:rubioax@elpasotexas.gov)

**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:** 4

**SUBJECT:**

An Ordinance granting special permit no. PZST13-00005, to allow for infill development with reduced lot area, and lot width on the property described as Lots 4, 5, & 6, Block 1, Los Escondidos Subdivision, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, pursuant to Section 20.10.280 Infill Development of the El Paso City Code. The penalty is as provided for in Chapter 20.24 of The El Paso City Code. Property owner: Juan and Ana Ramirez, Location: 7916, 8000 and 8004 Mitzie Ram Place, **PZST13-00005 (District 4)**

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

Staff report attached.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

N/A

**BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:**

City Plan Commission (CPC) – Approval Recommendation (7-0)

\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\*

**LEGAL:** (if required) N/A

**FINANCE:** (if required) N/A

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Mathew S. McElroy  
Director, City Development Department

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**APPROVED FOR AGENDA:**

**CITY MANAGER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING SPECIAL PERMIT NO. PZST13-00005, TO ALLOW FOR INFILL DEVELOPMENT WITH REDUCED LOT AREA, AND LOT WIDTH ON THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS LOTS 4, 5, & 6, BLOCK 1, EL ESCONDIDO SUBDIVISION, CITY OF EL PASO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS, PURSUANT TO SECTION 20.10.280 INFILL DEVELOPMENT OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE. THE PENALTY BEING AS PROVIDED FOR IN CHAPTER 20.24 OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE.**

**WHEREAS**, Juan and Ana Ramirez, have applied for a Special Permit for infill development under Section 20.10.280 of the El Paso City Code for three, two-family dwelling units with reduced lot area, and lot width; and,

**WHEREAS**, a report was made to the City Plan Commission and a public hearing was held regarding such application; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Plan Commission has recommended approval of the subject Special Permit; and,

**WHEREAS**, the subject Special Permit has been submitted to the City Council of the City of El Paso for review and approval; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of El Paso finds that the application conforms to all requirements of Sections 20.04.320 of the El Paso City Code.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:**

1. That the property described as follows is in a R-4 (Residential) Zone District:

Lots 4, 5, & 6, Block 1, El Escondido Subdivision, *City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas; and,*

2. That the City Council hereby grants a Special Permit under Sections 20.04.320 of the El Paso City Code, to allow an infill development for three two-family dwelling units with reduced lot area and lot width; and,
3. That this Special Permit is issued subject to the development standards in the R-4 (Residential) District regulations and is subject to the approved Detailed Site Development Plan, signed by the Applicant, the City Manager and the Executive Secretary to the City Plan Commission. A copy of this plan is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference for all purposes; and,

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**PZST13-00005**

4. That if at any time the Owners fail to comply with any of the requirements of this Ordinance, Special Permit No. PZST13-00005 shall automatically terminate, and construction shall stop or occupancy shall be discontinued, until any such violation ceases; and,
5. That the Owners shall sign an Agreement incorporating the requirements of this Ordinance. Such Agreement shall be signed and filed with the Zoning Administrator and the Executive Secretary of the City Plan Commission before building permits are issued.

**PASSED AND APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.**

**THE CITY OF EL PASO**

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Oscar Leeser  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Richarda Duffy Momsen  
City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Karla M. Nieman  
Assistant City Attorney

**APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:**

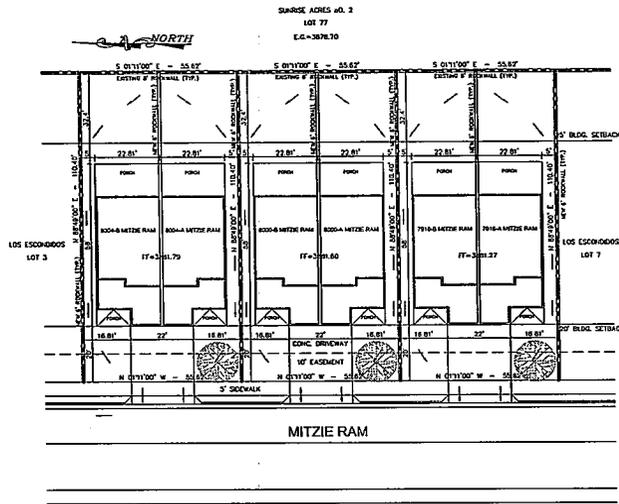
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Mathew S. McElroy, Director  
City Development Department

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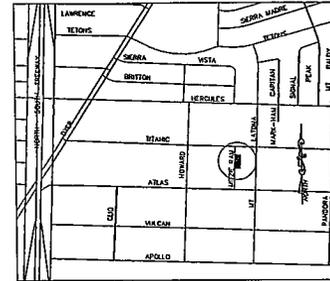
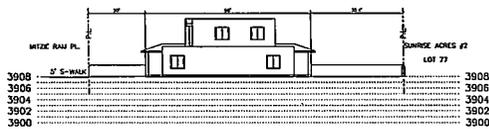
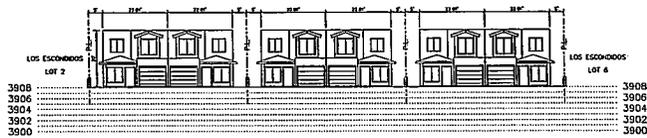
**PZST13-00005**



# EXHIBIT "A"



SITE PLAN:  
SCALE: 1"=30'-0"



### DRAINAGE CALCULATIONS:

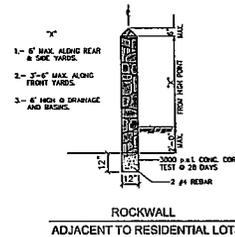
C.I.A. = 0.05  
C = 0.05  
A = 0.2756 Acres  
Tc = 15 MIN.  
N.T. = 4  
Q exp. = 1.047 CFS

BENCHMARK:  
CITY MONUMENT AT ATLAS & MT. LATONA  
ELEVATION: 3879.79 CITY DATUM.

NOTES:  
THIS PROPERTY LIES WITHIN FLOOD ZONE "C" AREAS  
DETERMINED TO BE OUTSIDE THE 0.2% ANNUAL  
CHANCE FLOODPLAIN PANEL 480214 0024B  
DATED OCTOBER 15, 1982

### LANDSCAPING CALCULATIONS:

LANDSCAPE REQUIRED:  
LOT AREA: 0.141 Acres  
1 TREE PER LOT



### NOTES:

- STONE FOR ROCKWALL SHALL BE AS NEARLY UNIFORM IN SECTIONS AS IS PRACTICABLE. THE STONE SHALL BE DENSE AND RESISTANT TO AIR AND WATER.
- WORKMAN SHALL BE TYPE "S" 1800 P.S.I. AS PER ASTM C670
- WASHERY WALLS OVER SIX (6) FEET IN HEIGHT AND THOSE USED FOR EARTH RETENTION OVER TWO (2) FEET SHALL BE DESIGNED AS STRUCTURAL WALLS.
- WALLS ADJACENT TO FINISHING AREAS OR DRAINAGE BEDS MAY BE CONSTRUCTED OF BRICK, ROCK, STONE, OR CONCRETE BLOCK AND SHALL NOT BE LESS THAN SIX (6) FEET HIGH.
- ROCKWALL JOINTS SHALL NOT EXCEED TWO (2) INCHES.
- PROVIDE ONE (1) ROOF EXPANSION JOINT AT EVERY 100 FEET.
- ALL STONE SHALL BE THOROUGHLY SOAKED BEFORE BEING PLACED.
- NO RIVER ROCK SHALL BE ALLOWED FOR ROCKWALLS.

AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION STANDARD COLOR CODE FOR MARKING UNDERGROUND UTILITIES	
RED:	ELECTRIC
YELLOW:	GAS, OIL, STEAM
ORANGE:	COMMUNICATION, CABLE TV
BLUE:	WATER
GREEN:	SEWER
HOY PINK:	TELEPHONE SURVEY MARKINGS
WHITE:	PROPOSED ELEVATION AREA

BEFORE YOU DIG - CALL

DIGITEST	1-800-DIG-1ESS
EL PASO ELECTRIC CO.	543-5750
SWC	(800) 398-8343
TEXAS GAS SERVICE CO.	(800) 341-8877
ENERGEX HOLDING	(800) 284-6400/480-7268
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD (ENTER A SEWER)	1-800-865-1855
SWC WATER CABLE	725-7414
EL PASO NATURAL GAS CO.	(800) 331-8807

### LEGEND:

EXISTING ELEVATION	—	FT. 3708.28
PROPOSED ELEVATION	—	FT. 3708.28
EXISTING CONTOUR	—	
PROPOSED CONTOUR	—	
WATER FLOW	—	
NEW FIRE HYDRANT	—	
EXISTING POWER POLE	—	
NEW POWER POLE	—	
EXISTING GAS VALVE	—	
PROPERTY LINE	—	
CELESTIAL	—	
EXISTING MANHOLE	—	
ELECTRICAL CONDUIT	—	
WATER LINE & VALVE	—	
SEWER LINE	—	

Engineer: Spic

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:  
LOTS: 4, 5, & 6, BLOCK: 1  
LOS ESCONDIDOS SUBDIVISION  
EL PASO COUNTY, EL PASO TEXAS

DETAILED SITE PLAN:  
ANAS DUPLEXES  
7916A - 8004B MITZIE RAM PL.  
EL PASO, TEXAS

SITE PLAN:  
DRAINAGE CALCULATIONS:  
ROCKWALL DETAILS:  
X-SECTIONS:

Date:  
OCTOBER, 2012  
Scale:  
As Noted  
Project No.:  
120725-26  
Sheet No.:  
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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** May 28, 2013

**TO:** The Honorable Mayor and City Council  
Joyce A. Wilson, City Manager

**FROM:** Arturo Rubio, Senior Planner

**SUBJECT:** PZST13-00005

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The City Plan Commission (CPC) on May 2, 2013, voted **7-0** to recommend **APPROVAL** of the special permit application to allow for three two-family duplex units with reduced lot area, and lot width.

The CPC found that the special permit is in conformance with Plan El Paso and that the proposed use is in conformance with the Plan El Paso-Future Land Use Map Designation. The proposed development is compatible with adjacent land uses. The CPC also determined that the special permit protects the best interest, health, safety, and welfare of the public in general; and the special permit will have no effect on the natural environment, social economic conditions, and property values in the vicinity and the city as a whole.

There was no opposition to this request.

**Attachments:** Staff Report



## City of El Paso – City Plan Commission Staff Report

**Case No:** PZST13-00005  
**Application Type:** Special Permit  
**CPC Hearing Date:** April 04, 2013  
**Staff Planner:** Arturo Rubio, (915) 541-4633, rubioax@elpasotexas.gov

**Location:** 7916, 8000 and 8004 Mitzie Ram Place  
**Legal Description:** Lots 4, 5, and 6, Block 1, El Escondido Subdivision, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas  
**Acreage:** 0.423  
**Rep District:** 2  
**Zoning:** R-4 (Residential)  
**Existing Use:** Vacant  
**Request:** Infill Development to allow for reduced lot area and lot width  
**Proposed Use:** Two-family dwelling/Duplex

**Property Owner:** Juan and Ana Ramirez  
**Representative:** Jose Uresti

### **SURROUNDING ZONING AND LAND USE**

**North:** R-4 (Residential) / Single-family dwellings/Two-family dwellings  
**South:** R-4 (Residential) / Single-family dwellings/Two-family dwellings  
**East:** R-4 (Residential) / Two-family dwellings/ A-2/sc (Apartments/special contract)/ Multi-family dwellings  
**West:** R-MU (Residential Mixed Use) / Vacant

**The Plan for El Paso Designation:** G-3, Post-War (Northeast Planning Area)

**NEAREST PARK:** Mountain View Park (3,437 feet)

**NEAREST SCHOOL:** Lee Elementary (1,425feet)

### **NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS**

Mountain View Neighborhood Association

### **NEIGHBORHOOD INPUT**

Notice of a Public Hearing was mailed to all property owners within 300 feet of the subject property on March 18, 2013. The Planning Division received one phone call in opposition to the special permit request.

### **APPLICATION DESCRIPTION**

The applicant is requesting a special permit and detailed site development plan review. The special permit requested is for infill development to reduce the lot size from the required 7,000 square-feet to 6,140 square-feet, and the lot width from the required 70 feet to 56.62 feet. The detailed site development plan shows three 3,881 square-foot two-family/duplex units. Access to the subject property is proposed from Mitzie Ram Place.

### **PLANNING DIVISION RECOMMENDATION**

The Planning Division recommends **approval** of the special permit and detailed site development plan review request for Infill Development. The request is compatible to Plan El Paso Comprehensive Plan, surrounding uses and complies with section 20.04.320 Special Permit and 20.04.150 Detailed Site Development Plan requirements of the El Paso City Code.

### **Plan El Paso-Future Land Use Map Designation**

All applications for special permit shall demonstrate compliance with the following criteria:

G-3 – Post War: This sector applies to transitional neighborhoods typically developed from the 1950s through the 1980s. Streets were laid out with curvilinear patterns without alleys and shopping centers are located at major intersections behind large parking lots. This sector is generally stable but would benefit from strategic suburban retrofits to supplement the limited housing stock and add missing civic and commercial uses.

The purpose of the R-4 (Residential) district is to promote and preserve residential development within the city to create basic neighborhood units. It is intended that the district regulations maintain a low density of dwelling units supporting a suburban-urban interface that permits developments utilizing varying lot configurations. The regulations of the districts will permit primarily single-family and two-family residential areas, and recreational and institutional uses incidental to and serving the neighborhood.

**COMMENTS:**

**Planning Division –Transportation**

No objections

**City Development Department – Plan Review**

Recommend Approval

**City Development Department - Land Development**

No objections

**Fire Department**

Recommend “APPROVAL” of “ Detailed Site Plan” as presented. \*\*\*\*\*NOTE \*\*\*\*\* PZST 13-00005 In accordance with the requirements of the Zoning Code Section 20.04.160 Content of application the Fire Planning Division has reviewed the submitted “Detailed Site Plan for the following: Elevations, Perspective of the building, Dimensions, square footage and height of all structures, Number of dwelling units in Multi-family structures, and Driveways as applicable to following sections of the fire code; Sections 503 and Appendix D Fire Apparatus Access Roads, Section 903 Automatic Sprinkler Systems, Section 905 Standpipe Systems. “When required as per section 905.3.1, 905.4 and 905.5 all fire protections system plans shall be submitted separately to Fire Plan Review for further requirements and comments”. The Fire Planning Division has reviewed the submitted “Detailed Site Plan” as per requirements of the Zoning Code Section 20.04.160 Content of application and has determined that the submission DOES comply within the zoning regulations.

**El Paso Water Utilities (EPWU)**

1. El Paso Water Utilities (EPWU) does not object to this request.

**Water:**

2. There is an existing 8-inch diameter water main that extends along Mitzie Ram Pl and change to a 6-inch diameter main approximately 327-ft south from the intersection of Titanic Drive and Mitzie Ram Pl. Said main is available for service and is located approximately 7-ft east from the center line of the right-of-way.

3. Previous water pressure tests from fire hydrant # 204 located at the northeast corner of Mt Latona Drive and Atlas Avenue have yielded a static pressure of 110 (psi) pounds per square inch, a residual pressure of 90 (psi) pounds per square inch, and a discharge of 1244 (gpm) gallons per minute.

4. The owner should, for his own protection and at his own expense, install at the discharge side of each water meter a pressure regulator, strainer and relief valve, to be set for pressure as desired by the customer. The Lot owner shall be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the above-

described water pressure regulating device.

**Sanitary Sewer:**

5. There is an existing 8-inch diameter sanitary sewer main extending along Mitzie Ram Pl that is available for service, the sewer main is located approximately 4 feet west from the center line of the right-of-way.

**General:**

6. EPWU requires a new service application to provide service to the property. New service applications are available at 1154 Hawkins, 3rd floor and should be made 6 to 8 weeks in advance of construction to ensure water for construction work. A site plan, utility plan, grading and drainage plans, landscaping plan, the legal description of the property and a certificate-of-compliance are required at the time of application. Service will be provided in accordance with the current EPWU – PSB Rules and Regulations. The applicant is responsible for the costs of any necessary on-site and off-site extensions, relocations or adjustments of water and sanitary sewer lines and appurtenances.

**Sun Metro**

Sun Metro does not oppose this request. Recommends the construction of sidewalks to permit pedestrian access to mass transit options.

**CITY PLAN COMMISSION OPTIONS**

The City Plan Commission may consider the following options and additional options that it identifies when reviewing the special permit and detailed site development plan application:

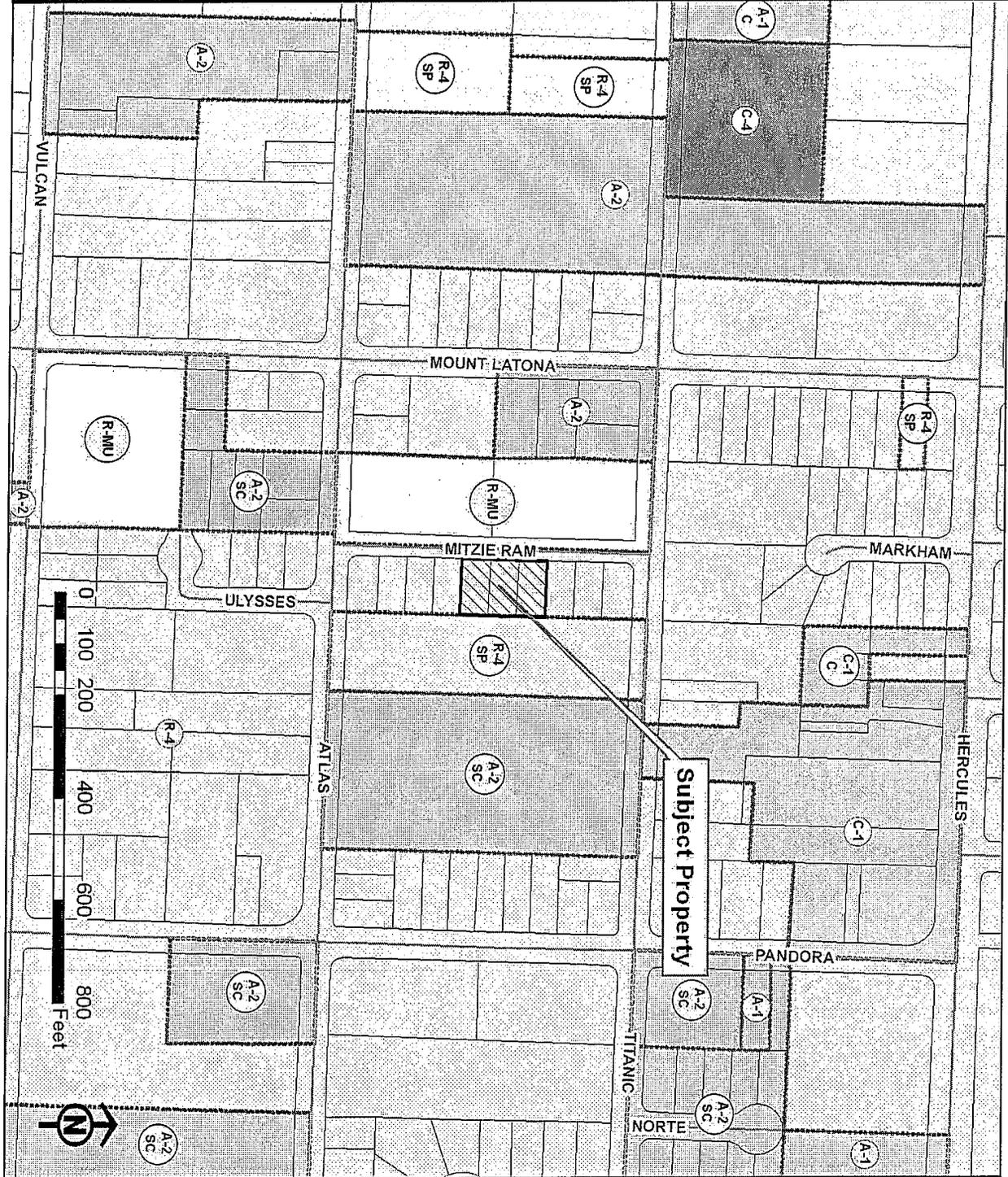
1. Recommend approval of the application finding that the special permit and detailed site development plan is in conformance with the review criteria of Plan El Paso as reflected in CPC report or other criteria that the CPC identifies from the Plan
2. Recommend approval of the application with modifications to bring the special permit and detailed site development plan into conformance with the review criteria in Plan El Paso as reflected in CPC report or other criteria from the Plan as identified by the CPC.
3. Deny the application finding that the special permit and detailed site development plan does not conform to the review criteria in Plan El Paso as reflected in CPC report or other criteria identified from the Plan by the CPC.

**Attachments**

1. Location Map
2. Aerial Map
3. Detailed Site Development Plan
4. Elevations

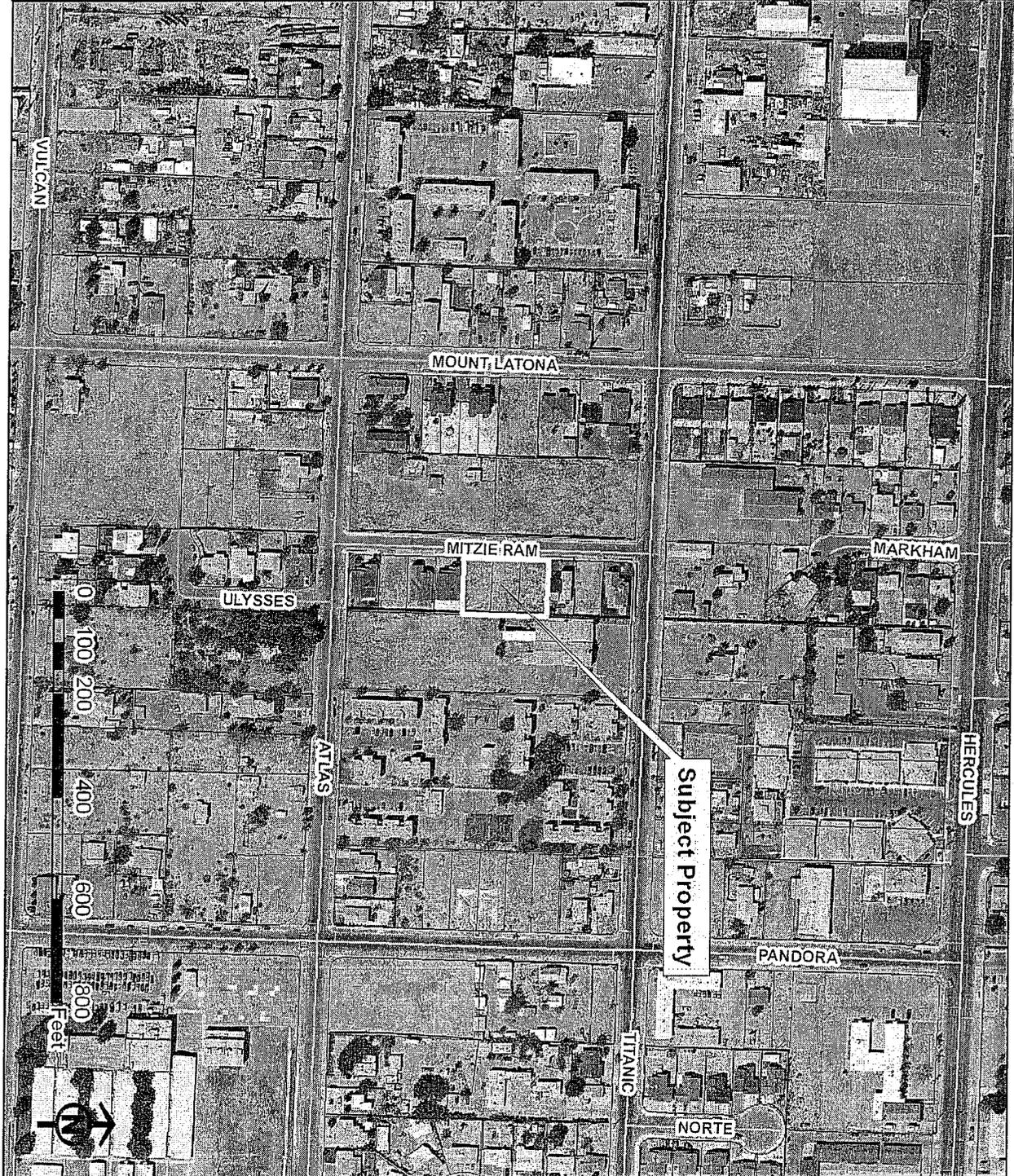
ATTACHMENT 1: LOCATION MAP

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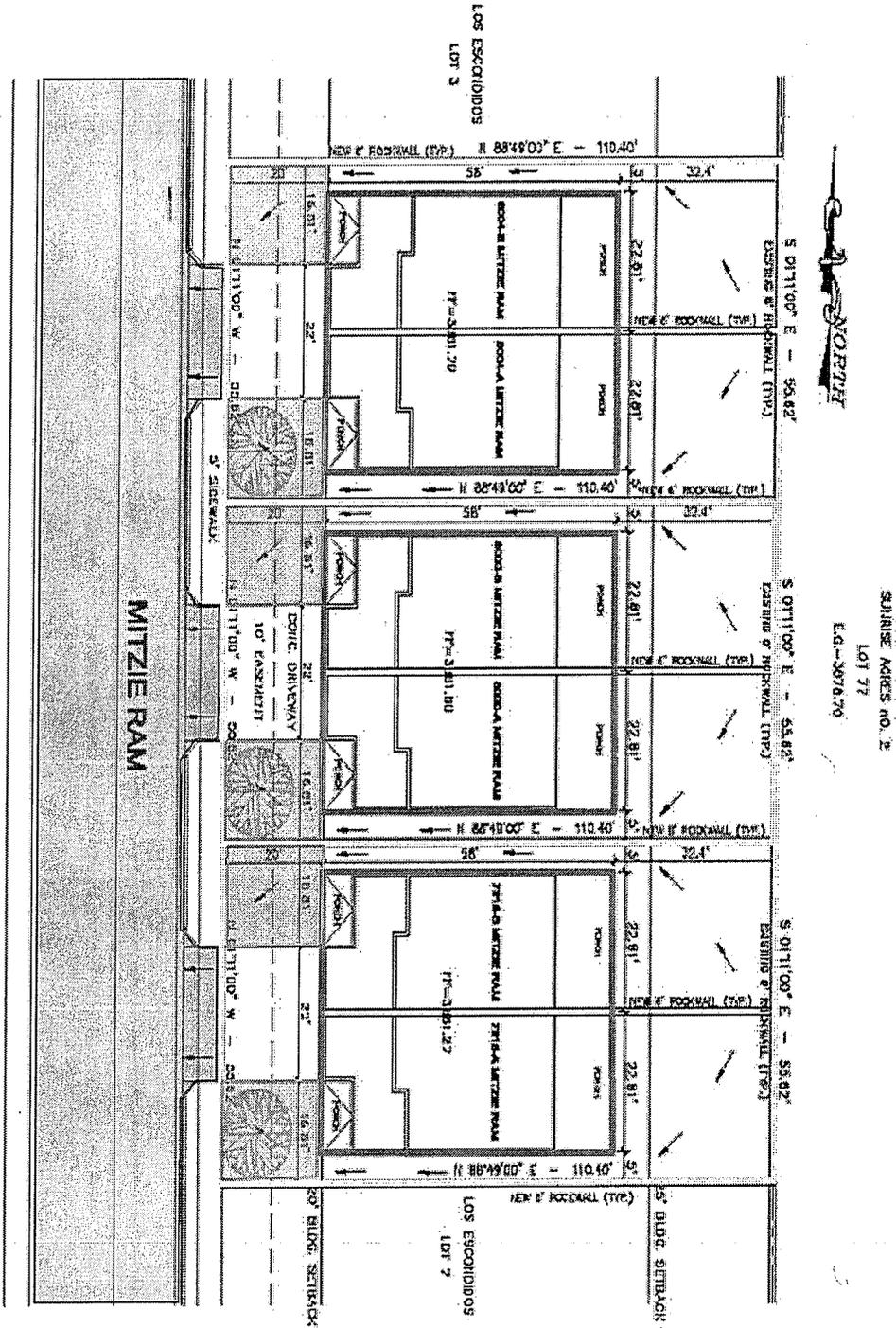


ATTACHMENT 2: AERIAL MAP

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ATTACHMENT 3: DETAILED SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN



ATTACHMENT 4: ELEVATIONS

