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**CITY OF SEATTLE
ANALYSIS AND DECISION OF THE DIRECTOR
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

Application Number: 3007827
Applicant Name: Tess Wegier
Address of Proposal: 3833 Ashworth Ave N

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ACTION

Land Use Application to subdivide one parcel into three unit lots. The construction of one townhouse and one single family residence has been approved under Project #6140821. This subdivision of property is only for the purpose of allowing sale or lease of the unit lots. Development standards will be applied to the original parcel and not to each of the new unit lots.

The following approval is required:

Short Subdivision – to create three lots pursuant to Seattle Municipal Code 23.24.

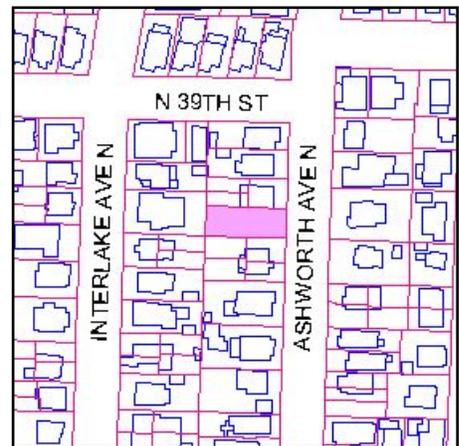
SEPA DETERMINATION: Exempt DNS MDNS EIS
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 DNS involving non-exempt grading, or demolition, or involving another agency with jurisdiction.

BACKGROUND DATA

The subject property is 4,412.30 square feet in size and is zoned Lowrise 1 (L1). The lot has 40.15 feet of street frontage along Ashworth Ave N and 110.00 feet of lot depth. Ashworth Ave N at this location is developed with curbs, gutters, and sidewalks on the abutting side of the street pavement. There is no mapped or observed City of Seattle designated Environmentally Critical Area (ECA) on the site.

Proposal Description

The applicant proposes to short subdivide one parcel into three lots. Proposed lot parcel sizes are: A) 1,908.80 square feet, B) 1,247.90 square feet; and C) 1,255.60 square feet. Pedestrian and vehicle access for the lots is from Ashworth Ave N.



Note that proposed structures will be reviewed for consistency with the applicable provisions of the Seattle Municipal Code under a separate project. The subject of this analysis and decision is only the proposed division of land.

Public Notice and Comment Period

Public notice of the Land Use Application was given on September 13, 2007. The public comment period ended on September 26, 2007. The Land Use Application file is available for review at the Public Resource Center at 700 Fifth Ave, Suite 2000 (<http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/prc/location.htm>).

ANALYSIS - SHORT SUBDIVISION

Pursuant to Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) 23.24.040, the Director shall, after conferring with appropriate officials, use the following criteria to determine whether to grant, condition, or deny a short plat:

1. *Conformance to the applicable Land Use Code provisions;*
2. *Adequacy of access for vehicles, utilities, and fire protection, as provided in SMC 23.53.005;*
3. *Adequacy of drainage, water supply, and sanitary sewage disposal;*
4. *Whether the public use and interests are served by the proposed division of land;*
5. *Conformance to the applicable provisions of SMC 25.09.240, short subdivision and subdivisions, in environmentally critical areas;*
6. *Is designed to maximize the retention of existing trees;*
7. *Conformance to the provisions of SMC 23.24.045, unit lot subdivisions, when the short subdivision is for the purpose of creating separate lots of record for the construction and/or transfer of title of townhouses, cottage housing, clustered housing, or single-family housing.*

Based on information provided by the applicant, referral comments from the Department of Planning and Development, Drainage Section, the Fire Department, Seattle Public Utilities (City Light and the Water Department), and review by the Land Use Planner, the following findings are made with respect to the above-cited criteria:

1. Because this is a unit lot subdivision, development standards apply to the parent lot. There is no minimum lot size requirement in the Lowrise Zone. The density standard stated in SMC 23.45.008 is met for the development as a whole. The proposal conforms to applicable development standards. Hence, the proposal is deemed to comply with applicable Land Use Code requirements. Any additional new construction would be required to meet development standards of the Land Use Code for the parent lot.
2. The lots are provided vehicular access from Ashworth Ave N, consistent with the requirements of the Land Use Code.

Seattle City Light provides electrical service to the subject property and may require an easement for overhead and underground infrastructure. If Seattle City Light requires an easement, it shall be included on the final plat prior to recording.

The Seattle Fire Department has reviewed and approved this proposal for adequacy of access for emergency vehicles.

3. This area is served with domestic water, sanitary sewer, and storm drain facilities by the City of Seattle. Availability of water service is subject to conditions as imposed by Seattle Public Utilities Water Availability Certificate No. 20071652, issued on September 18, 2007.

New construction with discharge to the sanitary sewer requires a side sewer project. Plan review requirements regarding stormwater will be made at the time of building project application.

4. One objective of the subdivision process is to increase opportunities for new housing development in order to ensure that there will be adequate capacity for future housing need. An equally important objective is to ensure that new development is compatible with neighborhood character. The proposed subdivision will meet all the applicable Land Use Code provisions. The proposed development has adequate access for vehicles, utilities and fire protection, and has adequate drainage, water supply and sanitary sewage disposal. Therefore, the public use and interests are served by the proposed subdivision of land while also maintaining the character of the neighborhood. The proposal will meet all applicable criteria for approval of a short plat upon completion of the conditions in this analysis and decision.
5. This site is not an environmentally critical area as defined in SMC 25.09.240. There are no environmentally critical areas mapped or otherwise observed on the site.
6. The Screening and Landscaping Requirements of SMC 23.45.015 require trees for new development in Lowrise zones and were reviewed for consistency under a separate project.

The conformance of the proposed development as a whole with the applicable Land Use Code provisions will be reviewed under a separate project. Access easements and joint use and maintenance agreements shall be executed for parking areas and driveway and pedestrian access. Therefore, the proposed short subdivision conforms to the provisions of SMC 23.24.045 for Unit Lot Subdivisions.

SUMMARY - SHORT SUBDIVISION

The unit lots to be created by this unit subdivision may not be individually consistent with the provisions of SMC 23.24.045 for the Lowrise zoning development standards such as setbacks, density, and structure width and depth. However, the development when considered as a whole meets all standards set forth in the Land Use Code. This unit subdivision is provided with vehicular access, and public and private utilities and access, including emergency vehicles. Adequate provisions for water supply and sanitary sewage disposal have been provided for each unit lot and service is assured, subject to standard conditions governing utility extensions. An adequate provision for drainage control has also been provided.

DECISION - SHORT SUBDIVISION

The proposed Short Subdivision is **CONDITIONALLY GRANTED**. See the conditions at the end of this decision.

CONDITIONS - SHORT SUBDIVISION

Conditions of Approval Prior to Recording

The owner(s) and/or responsible party(s) shall:

1. Have final recording documents prepared by or under the supervision of a Washington state licensed land surveyor. Each lot, parcel, or tract created by the short subdivision shall be surveyed in accordance with appropriate State statutes. The property corners set shall be identified on the plat and all easements shall be shown. Lot areas shall be shown on the plat. All existing/proposed structures, principal and accessory, shall be shown on the face of the plat, and their distances to the proposed property lines dimensioned (structures to be demolished may be omitted).
2. Submit the final recording forms for approval and any necessary fees.
3. If Seattle City Light requires an easement to provide for electrical facilities and service to the proposed lots—the final plat shall include the following statement, “*An easement is granted to Seattle City Light as shown on page __ of __.*”
4. Provide a joint maintenance and responsibility agreement for maintenance and use of shared walls on property lines, address signage; ingress/egress, utility and pedestrian easements.

Signature: _____ (signature on file) _____ Date: October 18, 2007
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