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

Application Number: 3008833

Applicant Name: Jeff Loy, Seattle Signature Homes

Address of Proposal: 2562 14th Avenue West

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ACTION

Land Use Application to subdivide one parcel into eight unit lots. The construction of townhouses has been approved under Project No. 6095293 (et. al.) and a SEPA review was conducted under project 2404665. 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:

Unit Lot Subdivision - to create eight-unit lots. (SMC Chapter 23.24).

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

BACKGROUND DATA

Zoning: L3

Date of Site Visit: N/A

Uses on Site: Multi-Family Residential.

Substantive Site Characteristics

This property is located 2 lots south of W. Raye St. on the east side of 14th Ave W., one block east of the boulevard Gilman Drive W. Fourteenth (14th) Ave. W. is improved with curb, gutter, sidewalk, and paving and is also designed (although not designated) as a boulevard. Lowrise

Multi-Family zoning (L-3) is located to the north and south. Lowrise Multi-Family Residential (L-1) zoning is located across the alley to the east and to the north. Lowrise Multi-Family Residential (L-3) is located on the block to the west and to the south. Neighborhood Commercial (NC2-40) zoning is located one block to the southwest. There is a mixture of multifamily, single family, and commercial development in the immediate area.

Public Comment

Notice of application was issued on May 7, 2008. No public comment was received.

ANALYSIS - SHORT SUBDIVISION

Pursuant to 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 Section 23.53.005;*
3. *Adequacy of drainage, water supply, and sanitary sewage disposal;*
4. *Whether the public use and interests are served by permitting the proposed division of land;*
5. *Conformance to the applicable provisions of SMC Section 25.09.240, short subdivision and subdivisions in environmentally critical areas;*
6. *Is designed to maximize the retention of existing trees;*

Summary - Short Subdivision

Based on information provided by the applicant, referral comments from DPD, Water (SWD), Fire Departments (SFD), and Seattle City Light, and review by the Land Use Planner, the above cited criteria have been met subject to the conditions imposed at the end of this decision. The unit lots created by this short subdivision will meet all minimum standards or applicable exceptions of the set forth in the Land Use Code, and are consistent with applicable development standards. As conditioned, this short subdivision can be provided with vehicular access, public and private utilities and access (including emergency vehicles). Adequate provisions for drainage control, water supply and sanitary sewage disposal have been provided for each unit lot and service is assured, subject to standard conditions governing utility extensions. The proposal site is located in mapped environmentally critical areas, Landslide Prone and Abandoned Landfill; however, unit lot short plats are not subject to SMC 25.09.240. Tree and other landscaping requirements were considered under the building permit review. The public use and interest are served by the proposal through application of the above stated development standards and the proposal creates the potential for additional housing opportunities in the City.

ANALYSIS –UNIT LOT SUBDIVISION

Conformance to the provisions of Section 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.

- A. *The unit subdivision provisions of SMC Section 23.24.045 apply exclusively to the unit subdivision of land for townhouses, cottage housing developments, residential cluster developments, and single-family residences in zones where such uses are permitted.*
- B. *Sites developed or proposed to be developed with dwelling units listed in subsection A above, may be subdivided into individual unit lots. The development as a whole shall meet development standards applicable at the time the permit application is vested. As a result of the subdivision, development on individual unit lots may be nonconforming as to some or all of the development standards based on analysis of the individual unit lot, except that any private, usable open space for each dwelling unit shall be provided on the same lot as the dwelling unit it serves.*
- C. *Subsequent platting actions, additions or modifications to the structure(s) may not create or increase any nonconformity of the parent lot.*
- D. *Access easements and joint use and maintenance agreements shall be executed for use of common garage or parking areas, common open space (such as common courtyard space for cottage housing), and other similar features, as recorded with the Director of the King County Department of Records and Elections.*
- E. *A joint use and maintenance agreement has been included on the short plat documents and should also be included on the final documents for recording.*
- F. *Within the parent lot, required parking for a dwelling unit may be provided on a different unit lot than the lot with the dwelling unit, as long as the right to use that parking is formalized by an easement on the plat, as recorded with the Director of King County Department of Records and Elections.*
- G. *The facts that the unit lot is not a separate buildable lot, and that additional development of the individual unit lots may be limited as a result of the application of development standards to the parent lot shall be noted on the plat, as recorded with the Director of the King County Department of Records and Elections.*

Summary - Unit Lot Subdivision

Review of this application shows that the proposed short subdivision would conform to applicable standards of SMC 23.24.045 subject to the conditions imposed at the end of this decision. The proposed developments are townhouses. The structures, as reviewed under their separate building permits, conform to the development standards in place at the time the permit application was vested. To assure that future owners have constructive notice that additional development may be limited; the applicant is required to add a note to the face of the plat that reads as follows: *“The unit lots created by this subdivision are not separate buildable lots. Additional development on any individual lot in this unit lot subdivision may be limited as a result of the application of development standards to the parent lot pursuant to applicable provisions of the Seattle Land Use Code.”* A joint use and maintenance agreement is required.

DECISION – UNIT LOT SUBDIVISION

The proposed Unit Lot Subdivision is **CONDITIONALLY GRANTED.**

CONDITIONS – UNIT LOT SUBDIVISION

Conditions of Approval Prior to Recording

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

1. Add the conditions of approval after recording on the face of the plat or on a separate page. If the conditions are on a separate page, insert on the plat “For conditions of approval after recording see page ___ of ___.”
2. Provide on the plat any required Seattle City Light easement.
3. 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 encroachments such as side yard easements, fences or structures shall be shown. Unit Lot areas shall be shown on the plat. The lot areas of the entire parcel shall be shown on the recording documents.
4. Include the following on the face of the plat: “The unit lots created by this subdivision are not separate buildable lots. Additional development of the individual unit lots may be limited as a result of the application of development standards to the parent lot pursuant to applicable provisions of the Seattle Land Use Code.”
5. Provide an easement, covenant, or other legal agreement to allow proper posting of the address signage on Unit Lot B along 14th Ave. W.
6. Submit the recording fee and final recording forms for approval.
7. The final plat may not be recorded prior to issuance of building Permit No. 6095293, 6095299, 6095300 and 6095301. Final plat documents shall reflect pertinent details shown on the approved construction drawings for Permit No. 6095293.

For the Life of the Project

8. The owner(s) and/or responsible party(s) shall attach a copy of the recorded short subdivision to all permit application plans for any application for a permit to construct, demolish, or change use.

Signature: _____ (signature on file) Date: June 5, 2008
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Department of Planning and Development

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