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

Application Number: 3009780
Applicant Name: Sean Quigley, dba Task Construction Inc.
Address of Proposal: 10713 Greenwood Avenue N

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ACTION

Land Use Application to subdivide one parcel into six unit lots. The construction of townhouses has been approved under DPD Project Number 6127206. 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 six-unit lots. (SMC Chapter 23.24).

BACKGROUND DATA

Zoning: L-3
Date of Site Visit: N/A
Uses on Site: Multi-family units. A two unit townhouse (construction approved under Project #6127203)

Site and Vicinity Characteristics

This rectangular midblock property, located on Greenwood Ave N. two blocks north of the intersection of Greenwood Ave and Holman Road, is located in a strip of multifamily zoned properties (Lowrise - 3 (L-3)), that border Greenwood Ave N. for 5 blocks going north from the subject site. The construction of townhouses has been approved under project number 6127206. Access to parking will be at the rear of the lot from an alley off the west property line. Greenwood Ave N is a principal arterial in this location with 2 lanes north and south bound. Street improvements in the immediate area, such as curb, gutter, sidewalk, are established along

some portions of the arterial and not along other portions. There is a rolled asphalt curb in front of the subject property and the area where the sidewalk and planting strip would be is paved and used for parking. Current development in the area is a mix of single family and multifamily structures, with a number of recently redeveloped sites that also have townhouse structures. The zoning changes to commercial (C1-40) on the block just south and to single family (SF5000 and SF7200) to the east and west.

Public Comment

No public comment letter was received during the comment period which ended December 3rd, 2008.

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 pedestrians, vehicles, utilities and fire protection as provided in Section 23.53.005 Access to lots, and Section 23.53.006, Pedestrian access and circulation;*
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 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 lot and service is assured, subject to standard conditions governing utility extensions. The proposal site is not located in mapped environmentally critical area nor were any environmentally critical areas observed on site; therefore SMC 25.09.240 is not applicable. Tree and other landscaping requirements were considered under the building permit review. The public use and interest are served by the proposal since all applicable criteria are met 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 Development 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 subdivision is for six (6) unit lots for townhouses. The structures, as reviewed under their separate building permits, conform to the development standards 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: Include the following on the face of the plat: *“The lots created by unit subdivision are not separate building lots. Additional development on any individual lot in*

this unit 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. Lot areas shall be shown on the plat. The lot areas of each parcel shall be shown on the recording documents.
4. Include the following on the face of the plat: “The lots created by unit 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. Amend the legal description and site plan to provide for an easement for address signage and to allow proper posting of the address signage on Greenwood Ave N.
6. Submit the recording fee and final recording forms for approval.

For the Life of the Project

7. 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: February 12, 2008
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