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

Application Number: 3016629
Applicant Name: Julie Ledoux
Address of Proposal: 12006 8th Avenue NE

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ACTION

Land Use Application to subdivide three parcels into four parcels of land. Proposed parcel sizes are: W) 6,453 sq. ft., X) 5,794 sq. ft., Y) 5,680 sq. ft.; and Z) 4,5677 sq. ft. Existing structures to be demolished.

The following approval is required:

Short Subdivision - to subdivide three existing parcels into four parcels of land.
(Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) Chapter 23.24)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Zoning: Single Family 7200 (SF 7200)

Uses on Site: One single family residence per lot. There are no detached or accessory structures.

Site Description This 22494 square foot (sq. ft.) project site is located in a single family residential zone with a minimum lot size of 7,200 SF, located in Pinehurst area of Seattle of the City of Seattle. The eastern-most parcel is rectangular, while the other two are semi-rectangular, the middle lot being a flagged lot. They are located at the intersection of 8th Ave NE and NE 120th St. One existing principle structure (to be demolished) is located on the northeast portion of the western lot, and the southern portion of the middle and eastern lots.

Existing vegetation consists of shrubbery along the west property line, and large trees and shrubs along the south property line of the western-most existing parcel. Additionally, there are medium-sized to large trees along the property line between the central existing parcel and the eastern existing parcel, and multiple medium to large-sized trees in the northern portion of the eastern property. Six of the trees on the western existing parcel are completely or partially in the right of way along NE 120th St. Submitted plans do not propose removal of any trees, and appear to maximize the opportunity to retain them. During future building permit application for both parcels, the applicant will be required to provide additional tree planting/preservation plans. The subject site is not located within any identified or designated Environmentally Critical Areas.

8th Ave NE and NE 120th St are improved streets with paved roadways. There are no sidewalks or curbs. Surrounding properties are also zoned SF 7200. Development in the area consists of primarily of small one and two story single family residences of varying and architectural styles. The properties lie within the Northgate overlay district.

Public Comment

Two comment letters were received during the 14-day comment period that ended on December 7, 2014.

ANALYSIS – SUBDIVISION

General short subdivision standards: 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, as modified by this chapter;*
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 Section 25.09.240, Short subdivisions and subdivisions, in environmentally critical areas;*
6. *Whether the proposed division of land is designed to maximize the retention of existing trees;*
7. *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 townhouse, row house, and cottage housing developments as permitted in Single-Family, Residential Small Lot, and Low-rise zones and for single-family dwelling units in Low-rise zones, or any combination of the above types of residential development, as permitted in the applicable zones; and;*
8. *Conformance to the provisions of Section 23.24.046, Multiple single-family dwelling units on a single-family lot, when the short subdivision is for the purpose of creating two or more lots from one lot with more than one existing single-family dwelling unit.*

9. *Every lot except unit lots and lots proposed to be platted for individual live-work units in zones where live-work units are permitted, shall conform to the following standards for lot configuration, unless a special exception is authorized under subsection 23.24.040.B:*
- a. *If a lot is proposed with street frontage, then one lot line shall abut the street for at least 10 feet; and*
 - b. *No lot shall be less than 10 feet wide for a distance of more than 10 feet as measured at any point; and*
 - c. *No proposed lot shall have more than six separate lot lines. The lot lines shall be straight lines, unless the irregularly shaped lot line is caused by an existing right-of-way or an existing lot line; and*
 - d. *If the property proposed for subdivision is adjacent to an alley, and the adjacent alley is either improved or required to be improved according to the standards of Section 23.53.030, then no new lot shall be proposed that does not provide alley access, except that access from a street to an existing use or structure is not required to be changed to alley access. Proposed new lots shall have sufficient frontage on the alley to meet access standards for the zone in which the property is located.*

Conclusion

Based on information provided by the applicant, referral comments from DPD and other City Departments, and review and analysis by the Land Use Planner, the above criteria have been met. The short subdivision meets all minimum standards or applicable exceptions set forth in the Land Use Code because the parcels were recognized as existing platted lots prior 1957. A legal site letter site was also submitted with this application. This short subdivision will provide pedestrian and vehicular access (including emergency vehicles), and public and private utilities. Adequate provisions for drainage control, water supply and sanitary sewage disposal will be provided for each lot and service is assured, subject to standard conditions governing utility extensions. The proposed plat maximizes the retention of existing trees. 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.

DECISION –SHORT SUBDIVISION

The proposed Short Subdivision is **GRANTED**

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL PRIOR TO RECORDING

None.

Signature: Betty Galarosa for Date: March 9, 2015
Jeremy Smith, Land Use Planner
Department of Planning and Development

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ISSUANCE OF YOUR MASTER USE PERMIT

Master Use Permit Expiration and Issuance

The appealable land use decision on your Master Use Permit (MUP) application has now been published. At the conclusion of the appeal period, your permit will be considered “approved for issuance”. (If your decision is appealed, your permit will be considered “approved for issuance” on the fourth day following the City Hearing Examiner’s decision.) Projects requiring a Council land use action shall be considered “approved for issuance” following the Council’s decision.

The “approved for issuance” date marks the beginning of the **three year life** of the MUP approval, whether or not there are outstanding corrections to be made or pre-issuance conditions to be met. The permit must be issued by DPD within that three years or it will expire and be cancelled. (SMC 23-76-028) (Projects with a shoreline component have a **two year life**. Additional information regarding the effective date of shoreline permits may be found at 23.60.074.)

All outstanding corrections must be made, any pre-issuance conditions met and all outstanding fees paid before the permit is issued. You will be notified when your permit has issued.

Questions regarding the issuance and expiration of your permit may be addressed to the Public Resource Center at prc@seattle.gov or to our message line at 206-684-8467.