

CONCEPT PLAN REVIEW: 150 EAST ROSEMARY STREET (Project #20-086)

SUMMARY REPORT

TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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PROPERTY ADDRESS

150 East Rosemary Street

MEETING DATE

January 13, 2021

APPLICANT

Dillon Smith, Ballentine Associates, on behalf of Grubb Management, LLC

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Council adopt the attached resolution transmitting comments to the applicant for future development of 150 East Rosemary Street.

PROCESS

- The Council has the opportunity tonight to hear this applicant's presentation, receive a set of comments from the Community Design Commission and Historic District Commission, hear public comments, and offer suggestions to the applicant.
- Because this review is a Concept Plan submittal, statements by individual Council members this evening are not representing an official position or commitment on the part of a Council member with respect to the position he or she may take when and if the Council considers a formal application.
- The Community Design Commission reviewed a concept plan for this site on January 4, 2021.
- The Historic District Commission conducted a courtesy review of the concept plan for this site on December 8, 2020.

DECISION POINTS

- A Special Use Permit (SUP) or Conditional Zoning application will typically be required with the submission of a formal application. Alternatively, the applicant could request a Development Agreement.
- The applicant has been advised to discuss their preferred process with Council tonight.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The project includes demolition of the existing 309-space Wallace parking deck and construction of approximately 250,000 sq. ft. of office/lab space. The building is proposed to be six to eight stories tall with up to two levels of parking structure at or below street grade. A community green space is proposed at the southwest corner of East Rosemary and Henderson Streets.

The property is zoned Town Center-2 (TC-2) and is approximately 1.5 acres. The existing parking garage was built over 25 years ago. A property exchange between the property owner and the Town of Chapel Hill is underway.

PROJECT LOCATION



ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Concept Plan Report
- 2. Draft Staff Presentation
- 3. Resolution
- 4. Advisory Board Summary Comments
- 5. Applicant Materials



150 East Rosemary Street Redevelopment

The following report provides an evaluation by Planning Staff of the Concept Plan site, based on long-range planning considerations.

PROPERTY ADDRESS 150 East Rosemary Street	CURRENT ZONING DISTRICT Town Center 2 (TC-2)
EXISTING LAND USE Parking Deck	PROPOSED LAND USE Business, Office-Type / Research Activities
SURROUNDING PROPERTIES – EXISTING LAND USES Mix of Commercial, Office, and Institutional uses surrounding all sides of property	
FUTURE LAND USE MAP (FLUM) FOCUS AREA Downtown	FLUM SUB-AREA Sub-Area E
OTHER APPLICABLE ADOPTED PLANS ☑ Mobility and Connectivity Plan	
☑ Parks Comprehensive Plan	
☑ Greenways MasterPlan	☐ West Rosemary Street Development Guide
□ Chapel Hill Bike Plan	☐ Central West Small Area Plan
SUMMARY OF PLAN CONSIDERATIONS AFFECTING 150 EAST ROSEMARY REDEVELOPMENT SITE	

See map excerpts demonstrating the Plan Considerations listed below. The 150 E. Rosemary Street Redevelopment location is marked with the \checkmark symbol.

Future Land Use Map (FLUM)

The Future Land Use Map was adopted on December 9, 2020. It supersedes the 2020 Land Use Plan.

- Commercial/Office is listed as one of the *Primary (predominate) Uses* for Sub-Area E of Downtown. Other *Primary Uses* include Multifamily Residential, Mixed Use projects (Multifamily, Shops & Offices), and Parks and Green/Gathering Spaces. Institutional/Civil facilities are listed as a *Secondary Use* (allowed, but not predominate).
- Appropriate Height in Sub-Area E is *Up to 4 stories* at the front setback with an *8 story Core Height* allowed along the south side of East Rosemary Street.
- The site's frontage on East Rosemary Street is defined as an *Activated Street Frontage*. This definition means that buildings and civic space should engage with the street, with no off-street parking located in between.

Mobility and Connectivity Plan

- The site is located along East Rosemary Street between North Columbia Street and Henderson Street. These roads have existing sidewalks.
- The Mobility Plan proposes bike lanes along this section of East Rosemary Street.
- A future *Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)* station is located within ¼ mile of the site. The applicant should **coordinate with Chapel Hill Transit** for the latest information on BRT design, station locations and any potential connections.

Parks Comprehensive Plan

- The site falls in the Community Park Service Radius of the Community Center Park.
- No additional Neighborhood Parks or Community Parks are proposed in this area.

Greenways Master Plan

• There are no proposed greenway facilities impacting this site.

Chapel Hill Bike Plan

• Mapping of future bike facilities in the Bike Plan is superseded by the Mobility and Connectivity Plan. The Bike Plan provides some additional detail on design of facilities such as the proposed bike lanes.

Cultural Arts Plan

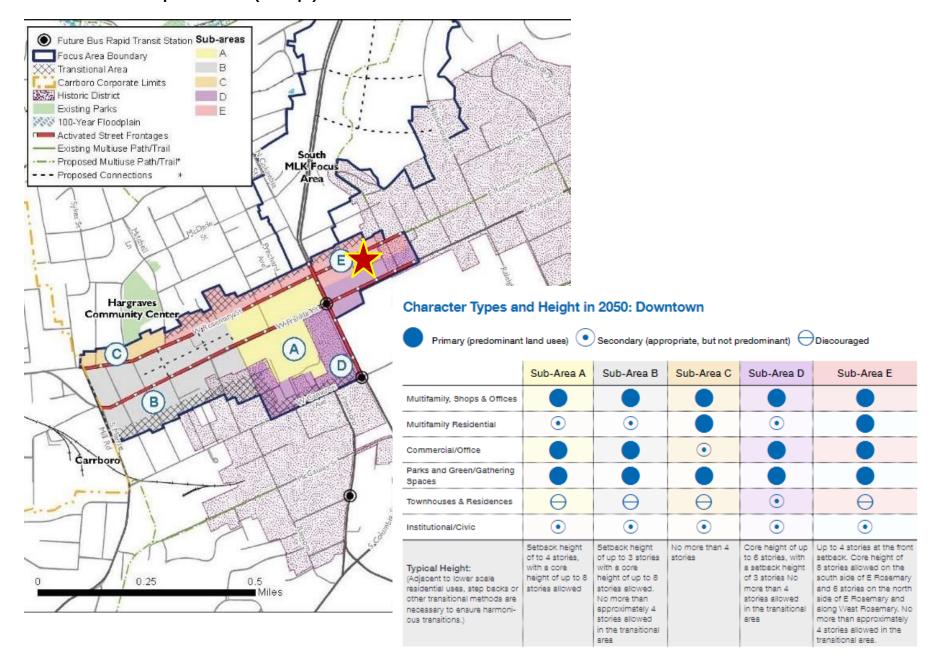
- The Cultural Arts Plan identifies locations that are opportunities for integrating public art. The site location is identified as a *Node of Intersecting Plans*. Nearby are other identified public art opportunities as well as existing public art.
- The applicant should **coordinate with Chapel Hill Community Arts & Culture** for more information on appropriate landscape and artistic treatments in this location.

Stormwater Management Master Plan

• The site is located in the Middle Bolin Creek Subwatershed (BL4). The applicant should **coordinate with Chapel Hill's Stormwater Management Division** to understand relevant stormwater considerations.

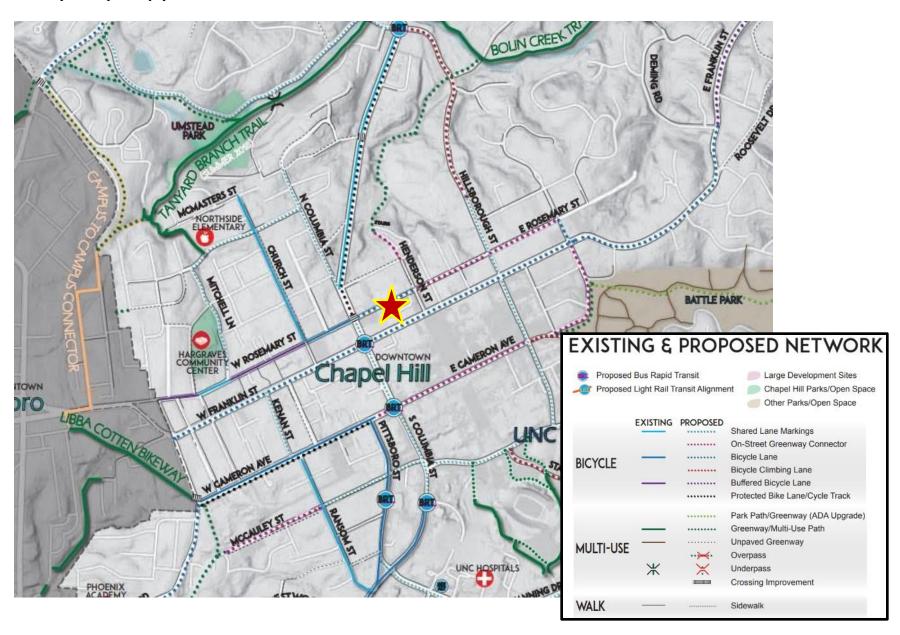
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Future Land Use Map Focus Area (Excerpt)



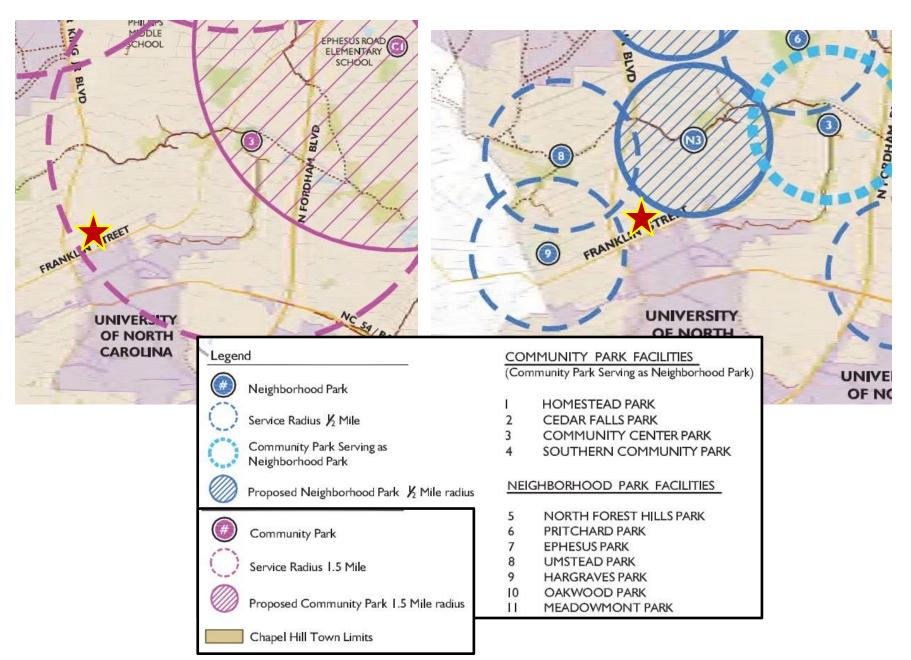
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Mobility Plan (Excerpt)



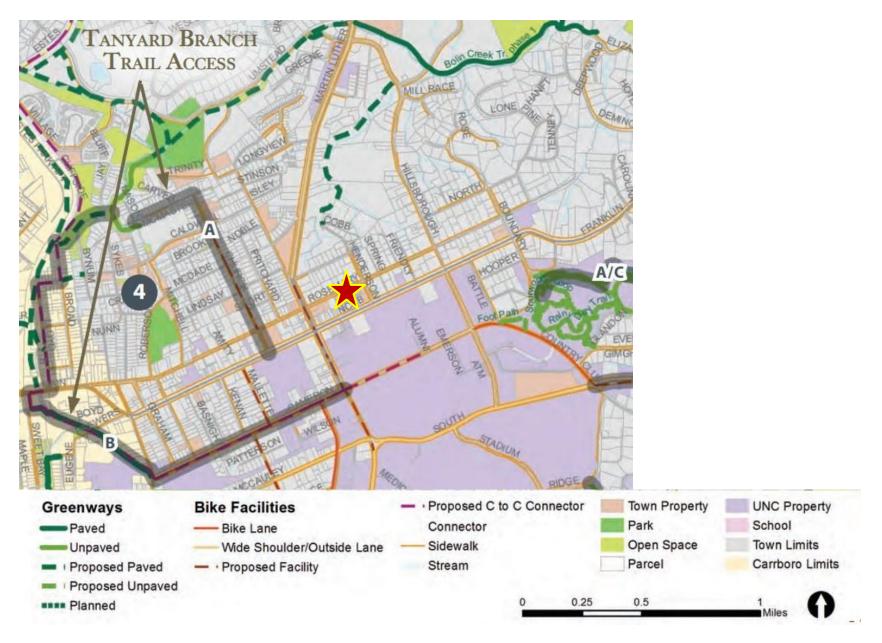
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Parks Comprehensive Plan (Excerpts -Community and Neighborhood Parks)



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Greenways Master Plan (Excerpt)



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Cultural Arts Plan (Excerpt)



Stormwater Management Master Plan (Excerpt)

