

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT Mr. Chuck Martin, R.A. Rick Engineering 3945 E. Fort Lowell Road, Suite 111 Tucson, AZ 85712

Dear Mr. Martin:

SUBJECT: Clarification of Land Uses Allowed in Development Area 5 of the Rio Nuevo Planned Area Development (P-4)

The Planning and Development Services Director has reviewed your letter requesting a determination if the Western Archeological Conservation Center (research storage facility) fits under the Business Park Uses classification found in Development Area 5 of the Rio Nuevo PAD (P-4).

Rio Nuevo PAD

Definitions: The terms and definitions used in this PAD shall mean those defined in Section 23-21 of the City of Tucson Zoning Ordinance, with the following exceptions:

<u>Business Park Uses:</u> A business classification to include production, service and distribution businesses, whose activities are conducted within a completely enclosed building and produce no noxious fumes, obtrusive noises, and/or negative visual elements. Examples of acceptable uses are blueprinting, lithography, printing or publishing; research and development, including fabrication or component assembly; retail showroom; school or college (operated as a commercial enterprise); medical or dental laboratory; or other similar uses.

Your request letter outlines that the primary use of the Western Archeological Conservation Center building is for archive storage for the tenant, The National Park Service, with +/- 45,400 square feet of the total 71,409 square feet used for storage. The remainder approximately 26,000 square feet used for office space.

You request letter also outlines that the tenant has 12-16 full time personnel with occasional visits from volunters and interns from the U of A. Currently the site is parked at 143 spaces. You are proposing to use the Commercial Storage parking ratio of 1 space per 5000 square feet which would require 14 spaces, but will provide a total of 61 parking spaces as rendered on your Development Plan.

The goal and objectives of the Rio Nuevo PAD is to guide future development and to create a mix of land uses which will be harmonious in setting, and create an activity center in the Downtown area. The PAD also encourages individual site designs to incorporate features that help modify the local microclimate to conserve energy and water and to create a comfortable and healthy human environment.

Business Park Uses as defined in the PAD are inclusive of a research storage facility and is closely related to research and development uses. Also by using Commercial Storage as an appropriate category to determine the parking ratio allows the site to be parked more closely to its actual usage. This can also reduce the need for a large amount of unused asphalt which in the long-run can help with reducing the 'heat-island' affect of large parking areas in the desert.

It is determined that the Western Archeological Conservation Center - research storage facility is consistent with the Rio Nuevo PAD definition of Business Park Uses, and that Commercial Storage is an appropriate category to determine parking ratios for this type of land use. This clarification is approved by the Planning and Development Services Director.

Please note that a copy of this letter must be attached to the Development Plan (D11-0027).

Sincerely,

Ernie Duarte,

Director

Planning and Development Services Department

Attachments: Applicant's Request



June 29, 2011

Mr. Ernie Duarte, PDSD Director CITY OF TUCSON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT 201 North Stone Avenue, 2nd Floor Tucson, Arizona 85701

SUBJECT: WESTERN ARCHEOLOGY CONSERVATION CENTER (WACC) - D11-0027

(D01-0036 – Previous tracking number.)

JN 3723-AC

Dear Ernie:

Per my telephone conversation with John Beall regarding the above referenced project, I am writing to request a clarification of the use of the project and the vehicular parking associated with the use.

As you are aware this property was modified recently to allow for the construction of the QIP Building immediately to the west. This change to the site area required the submittal of a Revised Development Plan for the WACC. It is my understanding that John Beall and Tri Miller, from our office, met to analyze the use of the building to determine the appropriate parking ratio and to look for the most similar use description in the LUC. They came up with "Commercial Storage" since the building is used for the research, study and storage of cultural artifacts.

We changed the use in the general notes of the Development Plan from 'Business Park' to 'Commercial Storage'. Unfortunately, this category appears to be in conflict with the definition of "Commercial" in the *Rio Nuevo Redevelopment Plan/Planned Area Development 4* document. The definition excludes warehousing uses. Steve Shields has noted this in his comments for the Development Plan submittal. (Comments attached.)

For your information, the building has a total area of 71,409 square feet. Approximately 26,000 square feet is office use, with the remaining +/-45,400 square feet used for the archive storage. The current tenant, The National Park Service, has 12-16 full time personnel. From time to time, a few volunteers and interns from the U of A visit the facility.

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The use of the site shown on the original Development Plan approved in 2002 is "Business Park". The parking requirements for this plan were calculated for the entire building using "Industrial Use", at 1 space per 500 square feet of building area for a total of 143 spaces. Industrial uses appear to be allowed if they meet the performance criteria in Section III.A.3. (Copies of the Development Plan Cover sheets are enclosed.)

Using the Commercial Storage parking ratio of 1 space per 5000 square feet, 14 parking spaces are required, however the current rendition of the Development Plan indicates that a total of 61 parking spaces will be provided on the site, which is in excess of the calculated and actual need.

It should be noted that there is room on the site to construct a total of 143 parking spaces in the future (which matches the number of spaces on the original approved Development Plan). These spaces could be improved to provide 1 space per 500 square feet if the building were to change use. Building the additional spaces before they are needed would only create a large amount of unused asphalt and add to the heat—island affect of large parking fields.

We believe that the WACC use still fits well with the intent of the "Business Park" category of allowable uses. It is closely related to the allowed research and development uses. We also believe that Commercial Storage is an appropriate category to determine the parking ratio. We understand that this is an unusual case and the WACC does not seem to fit neatly into the descriptions and definitions of either the LUC or the *Rio Nuevo Redevelopment Plan/Planned Area Development 4* and therefore we are asking for a formal clarification.

Please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

RICK ENGINEERING COMPANY, INC.

Chuck Martin, R. A. Principal Project Planner

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Enclosure



DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT Mr. Doug Schneider, RLS Rick Engineering Company, Inc. 3945 E. Fort Lowell Road, Suite 111 Tucson, AZ 85712-1046

Dear Mr. Schneider:

Subject: Clarification and Minor Amendment to the Rio Nuevo PAD: Regarding Boundary Line Adjustment for 275 N. Commerce Park Loop

I have reviewed your letter (see attached) requesting clarification regarding completion of a boundary line adjustment for the QIP Tucson Office site located at 275 N. Commerce Park Loop. These boundary line adjustments appear as follows:

- Consolidate portions of two small parcels (2,879 SF and 325 SF) that were recently purchased from the State of Arizona
- Resolve an encroachment issue along a portion of the west property boundary (deed back 1,119 SF of land to adjacent owner)
- Resolve interior property line configuration with State parcels to maintain straight line between QIP and WACC parcels (429 SF deed to WACC and 2,691 SF consolidated into QIP site)

As noted in your letter these boundary line adjustments between adjoining property owners will not create additional lots. The parcels in question are considered remnant parcels given their area size and configuration which make them non-conforming and unusable as stand alone parcels. The security barrier-screen wall as shown on the QIP development plan will be built along the adjusted boundary of the QIP site.

With the boundary line adjustments, the QIP site will have a revised gross site area of approximately 248,711 square feet, and will provide landscape coverage of approximately 69,341 square feet which exceeds the required landscape coverage of 10% of the gross site area.

The proposed boundary line adjustments can be considered minor adjustments specifically to the QIP site, in that they will remove an encroachment parcel deeded to an adjoining property owner and add acquired remnant State parcels to the site. The proposed boundary line adjustments allow for greater screening and buffering between a non-residential use and adjacent residential uses and allows for a more logical site boundary that creates a unified project site.

Therefore, it is determined that this request is consistent with the intent of the Rio Nuevo PAD, is a non-substantial change and is approved. Please note the following:

- A copy of this letter is to be attached with a revised development plan which is to include Deltas of the proposed boundary line changes to the QIP site;
- Provide a revision letter explaining the new boundary line adjustments;
- Provide legal descriptions of the parcels in question;
- Areas to be added to the QIP site must be for landscaping only and not be used to change or modify the exisiting approved layout;
- The perimeter parcels to be added must remain zoned R-2 and cannot be used as part of the office development;
- The area to be removed from the QIP site must not be a part of the overall plan that would modify or change the existing approved layout;
- Zoning boundaries are not going to change as the areas in question will remain R-2 or PAD-4 on the map.

Sincerely,

Ernie Duarte,

Director

Planning and Development Services Department

Attachments: Applicant's Request



October 31, 2011

Mr. Ernie Duarte, Director CITY OF TUCSON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT 201 North Stone Avenue, 1st Floor Tucson, Arizona 85726-7210

SUBJECT: QIP TUCSON OFFICE I (D10-0023)

PROPERTY LINE ADJUSTMENT

JN 3723-AA

Dear Ernie:

Our client, QIP Tucson Office I, LLC is in the process of completing a boundary line adjustment for the QIP Tucson Office site located at 275 N. Commerce Park Loop. The purpose of the boundary line adjustment is to consolidate portions of two non-conforming R-2 zoned parcels that were recently purchased from the State of Arizona by QIP Tucson Office I, LLC. The sizes of the parcels purchased from the State are 2,879 SF and 325 SF. In addition to consolidating portions of the State parcels with the QIP Tucson Office parcel, the proposed boundary line adjustment will also resolve an encroachment issue along a portion of the west property boundary. The rear patio for the property at 854 S. Alameda currently encroaches into the QIP site. QIP Tucson Office I, LLC will deed 1,119 square feet of land to the adjacent owner, resolving the encroachment issue by giving the land away. In addition, 494 square feet of one of the State parcels will be deeded to QLD WACC, LLC to maintain a straight line between the OIP and WACC parcels. The balance of the State parcels, or 2,691 square feet will be consolidated into the QIP Tucson Office site. The non-conforming R-2 zoned parcels are vacant, will be incorporated into the QIP Office Tucson, QLD WACC and the Adjoining parcel landscape areas. This property line adjustment between adjoining property owners will not create additional lots. The security barrier-screen wall shown on the QIP development plan will be built along the adjusted boundary of the QIP site.

Since the west and south property lines of the current (before being adjusted) QIP Office Tucson and QLD WACC properties are the boundary of the Rio Nuevo PAD, we request an administrative approval for an adjustment to the PAD boundary consistent with the above described boundary line adjustments. This minor adjustment to the perimeter of the PAD will remove the encroachment parcel deeded to the adjoining owner and add the acquired State parcels into the PAD. This minor change should not conflict with the overall intent of the PAD, will not alter the allowable use and will conform to the goals and objective of the Plan.

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The Rio Nuevo PAD allows the Planning Director to approve Minor Changes under Section XI – D.1.d. We believe that the modifications proposed above can be considered a minor change for the following reasons:

- 1. The area of the PAD is 200 acres or approximately 8,512,000 square feet. The increase in the PAD area as a result of this boundary line adjustment is 3,185 square feet, which is equivalent to a 0.037% in the area.
- 2. This change does not alter the allowable uses, building heights, floor area ratios, residential densities, or landscaping.
- 3. This additional area is not currently needed for and will not be used in the future to meet the requirements of the Land Use Code and Development Standards. The Development Plans for these projects were approved without these parcels.
- 4. There is a 0' Landscape Border along this property line, however the additional parcels will be incorporated into the proposed landscaping and/or water harvesting areas. Their inclusion will increase the size of the building setback to the adjacent properties.
- 5. There are no existing or proposed utilities in the parcels that will be included into the PAD.
- 6. These remnant parcels due to their area and configuration are non-conforming and unusable.

Attached find copies of a property line reconfiguration exhibit, preliminary boundary for the QIP Site, the Site Plan Sheet 8 from the current development package showing the PAD boundary and a section of the PAD Plan relative to Consistency and Amendment Procedures.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at 795-1000 or dschneider@rickengineering.com.

Sincerely,

RICK ENGINEERING COMPANY, INC.

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Doug Schneider, RLS

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Enclosures



October 31, 2011

Mr. John Beall CITY OF TUCSON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT 201 North Stone Avenue, 1st Floor Tucson, Arizona 85726-7210

SUBJECT:

QIP TUCSON OFFICE I (D10-0023) PROPERTY LINE ADJUSTMENT

JN 3723-AA

Dear John:

Based on our conservation this morning, the additional information you have requested regarding QIP office Tucson I site for the landscape area following the property line adjustments is:

The revised gross site area is 248, 711 +/- square feet; The landscape coverage required, 10% of gross site area or 24,871 square feet; The landscape coverage provided is 69, 341 +/- square feet.

I have also attached a revised copy of the "preliminary boundary" with a revised sheet 2 and the new perimeter wall location more clearly identified.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at 795-1000 or <u>dschneider@rickengineering.com</u>.

Sincerely,

RICK ENGINEERING COMPANY, INC.

Doug Schneider, RLS

Survey Manager/Associate

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