

PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF DECISION

Date: February 9, 2011 File No.: USE20100030

Alaska Mental Health Trust Attn: Tim Spernak

718 L Street, Suite 202 Anchorage, AK 99501

Application For:

Extension of Allowable Use Permit USE2009-00026 to construct a mixed

use office building of approximately 145,000 sq ft.

Legal Description:

Juneau Subport Lots C1 & C2

Property Address:

200 Egan Drive

Parcel Code No.:

1-C06-0-K01-003-0

Hearing Date:

February 8, 2011

The Planning Commission, at its regular public meeting, adopted the analysis and findings listed in the attached memorandum dated February 2, 2011, and approved an 18 month extension of Allowable Use Permit USE2009-00026 - to construct a mixed use office building of approximately 145,000 square feet with following conditions:

- 1. Prior to issuance of a building permit, the applicant shall provide a landscaping plan containing a minimum of 10,781 square feet of vegetative cover.
- 2. Prior to issuance of a building permit, the applicant shall provide a lighting plan designed to minimize off site glare.
- 3. The approval of this Allowable Use permit is contingent upon approval of VAR2009-00016 and VAR2009-00017.

Attachments:

February 2, 2011, memorandum from Beth McKibben, Community Development, to the CRI Planning Commission regarding LISE 2010, 0020

to the CBJ Planning Commission regarding USE2010 0030.

This Notice of Decision does not authorize construction activity. Prior to starting any project, it is the applicant's responsibility to obtain the required building permits.

This Notice of Decision constitutes a final decision of the CBJ Planning Commission. Appeals must be brought to the CBJ Assembly in accordance with CBJ §01.50.030. Appeals must be filed by 4:30 P.M. on the day twenty days from the date the decision is filed with the City Clerk, pursuant to CBJ §01.50.030 (c). Any action by the applicant in reliance on the decision of the Planning Commission shall be at the risk that the decision may be reversed on appeal (CBJ §49.20.120).

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Effective Date:

The permit is effective upon approval by the Commission, February 8, 2011.

Expiration Date: The permit will expire 18 months after the effective date, or August 8, 2012, if no Building Permit has been issued and substantial construction progress has not been made in accordance with the plans for which the development permit was authorized. Application for permit extension must be submitted thirty days prior to the expiration date.

Project Planner:

Beth McKibben, Planner

Community Development Department

Maria Gladziszewski, Chair

2/9/2011

Planning Commission

Date

Plan Review cc:

NOTE: The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal civil rights law that may affect this development project. ADA regulations have access requirements above and beyond CBJ-adopted regulations. Owners and designers are responsible for compliance with ADA. Contact an ADA - trained architect or other ADA trained personnel with questions about the ADA: Department of Justice (202) 272-5434, or fax (202) 272-5447, NW Disability Business Technical Center (800) 949-4232, or fax (360) 438-3208.

MEMORANDUM

CITY/BOROUGH OF JUNEAU 155 South Seward Street, Juneau, Alaska 99801

DATE:

February 2, 2011

TO:

Planning Commission

FROM:

Beth McKibben, Senior Planner

Community Development

FILE NO.:

USE2010 0030

PROPOSAL:

Extension of Allowable Use Permit USE2009-00026 - to construct a

mixed use office building of approximately 145,000 sq ft.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Applicant:

Alaska Mental Health Trust

Property Owner:

Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority

Property Address:

200 Egan Drive

Legal Description:

Juneau Subport Lots C1 & C2

Parcel Code Number:

1-C06-0-K01-003-1 and 1-C06-0-K01-003-2

Site Size:

4.95 acres

Zoning:

Mixed Use 2

Utilities:

City Water & Sewer

Access:

Egan Drive

Existing Land Use:

Vacant - "subport parking".

Surrounding Land Use:

Northwest - MU2 - KTOO, Prospector, Juneau Arts and Humanities

Council

Northeast - MU2 - Centennial Hall

Southeast - WC - Coast Guard, NOAA; Vacant (CBJ Leases)

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East - WC - ADF&G and CBJ Outer Drive Lift Station

West - WC - Private dock, vacant

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The applicant requests an extension of Allowable Use Permit USE2009-00026. The Allowable Use Permit allowed the construction of an approximately 145,000 square foot, four story mixed use building. About 95% of the building will be leased to the State of Alaska to house the offices of the Departments of Administration, Labor and Work Force Development, Public Safety, and Corrections and the Regional office of the Department of Fish and Game. The remaining area will be leased for commercial or retail use.

The applicant also received a variance to the 35' maximum height allowance and a variance to the parking standards. The request to extend these variances will be addressed with separate staff reports.

BACKGROUND

On June 23, 2009 the Planning Commission approved Allowable Use permit (USE2009-00026) for an approximately 145,000 square foot, four story mixed use building with the following conditions:

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The Alaska Mental Heath Trust applied for an extension of USE2009-00026 on October 20, 2010, approximately 2 months before expiration date of December 23, 2010. The Land Trust is still working to secure funding for the development which is why substantial progress has not occurred. No requests to modify the project have been made.

CBJ§49.15.250 allows the Planning Commission to grant an extension, but if an extension is granted the Commission shall not amend, add or delete conditions of the permit.

ANALYSIS

CBJ §49.15.250 establishes the requirements for Development Permit Extensions, and is discussed below:

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• An application to extend a development permit must be submitted as least 30-days before the initial permit's expiration date.

The application for this permit extension, USE2010-0030 was received October 20, 2010, sixty-four days prior to the initial permit's expiration date.

• The burden of proof for justification of a development permit extension rests with the applicant.

The applicant has explained that they are still working towards securing funding for the project, and this is why an extension is needed.

A maximum of two 18 month extensions are allowed.

This is the first extension requested for this permit. If this extension is granted, the applicant will be eligible for one more 18 month extension.

• At least ten days prior to the hearing, notice of the extension request must be mailed to adjacent property owners. At least two days prior to the hearing, a general notice shall be printed in the newspaper of general circulation in the municipality.

Public notice of this project was and will be provided in the January 27th, 2011 and February 7th2011 issues of the Juneau Empire's "Your Municipality" section, and a Notice of Public Hearing was mailed to all property owners within 500 feet of the subject parcel.

• Conditions contained in the permit can not be changed.

No requests to modify the project have been made.

FINDINGS

Per CBJ §49.15.250, Development Permit Extension, the director makes the following findings on the criteria for granting the requested conditional use permit extension:

1. Was the application for the requested development permit extension complete and received on time?

Yes. The application contains the information necessary to complete a full review of the proposed permit extension. Further, the appropriate fees were submitted with the application. The requested conditional use permit extension was received 64 days prior to the initial permit's expiration date.

2. Has the applicant submitted justification for the permit extension?

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Yes. The applicant has explained in an email that the Land Trust is still working to obtain funding for the project.

3. Is the extension within the allowable number of permit extensions?

Yes. CBJ §49.15.250 allows no more than two 18 month extensions. This is the first permit extension application for USE2009-00026.

4. Have notices of the extension request been mailed to adjacent property owners at least ten days prior to the hearing and has a general notice been printed in a newspaper of general circulation at least two days prior to the hearing?

Yes. Notices were mailed to property owners within 500 feet of the proposed development on January 27th, 2011, fourteen days prior to the hearing.

5. Will the proposed development comply with the Alaska Coastal Management Program?

Yes. As stated in the staff analysis for USE2009-00026 it was found that no provisions of the Alaska Coastal Management Program apply to the proposed development and the requested extension.

6. Have conditions on the permit been changed?

No. The applicant has not requested any amendments.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Planning Commission adopt the Director's analysis and findings and grant the requested Allowable Use permit extension. The permit would allow an 18-month extension of Allowable Use Permit USE2009-00026, to construct an approximately 145,000 square foot, four story mixed use building with the following conditions:

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ATTACHMENTS

Please see the separate memorandum for USE2010 0030; VAR2010 0033; & VAR2010 0034, dated February 2, 2011 which provides the staff report attachments.