Town of Cary, North Carolina Special Use and Site Plan Datasheet Middle Creek Community Library 15-SU-002 & 15-SP-007

Town Council will decide these matters following a quasi-judicial hearing (Policy Statement 167). Quasi-judicial hearings are different than regular public hearings in that they resemble a court hearing where testimony is presented. The Town Council should refrain from "ex parte communication" about these cases, as they must make a decision based solely on the written and oral evidence actually presented at the hearing itself. This means that the Town Council should refrain from receiving any information about these cases outside the hearing, including emails, phone calls, letters, etc. The Town Council should also refrain from conducting meetings about these issues outside the hearing. These same prohibitions do not apply to staff. Staff welcomes inquiries from the public about any of these cases.

REQUEST

The applicant has requested approval of a special use permit and site plan to develop an 8,800-square-foot library on a 3.75-acre portion of the 61-acre Middle Creek High School site on West Lake Road. The plan includes modifications to the Town's requirements for installation of utilities and to the Town's standards for retaining wall use in stormwater devices.

SUBJECT PARCELS

| Property Owner | Wake County Parcel Identification Number (PIN) (10-digit) | Real Estate ID Number | Deeded Acreage |
|--|---|--------------------------|----------------|
| Wake County Board of Education c/o Real Estate Services Director 1551 Rock Quarry Road Raleigh, NC 27610-4145 | 0679170678 | 0255073 | 61.90 |
| Total Area | | | 61.90 |

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

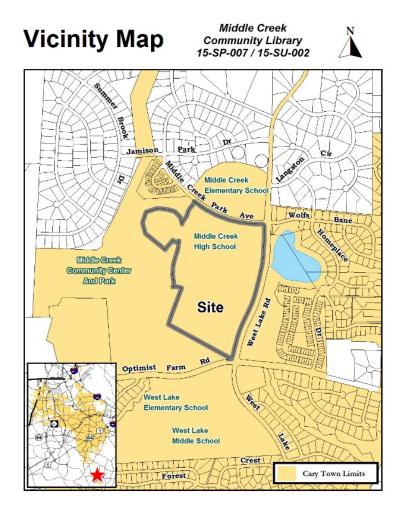
| Applicant's Agent | Lauren Dickson obs Landscape Architects 400 West Morgan Street, Suite 204 Raleigh, NC 27603 (919) 755-0046 lauren@obsla.net |
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| General Location | Southwestern corner of West Lake Road and Middle Creek Park Avenue |
| Land Use Plan Designation | Low-Density Residential (LDR) |
| Zoning Districts | Residential 40 – Conforming (R40-C) |
| Within Town Limits | Yes |
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION/SUMMARY OF REQUEST

The applicant, obs landscape architects, has requested approval of a special use permit and site plan to develop an 8,800-square-foot library on a portion of the Middle Creek High School property. The property is residentially-zoned, requiring a Special Use permit to be approved by Town Council for institutional

uses such as this. Primary access would be via the existing school driveway off West Lake Road with a right-in/right-out driveway connection to Middle Creek Park Avenue. Stormwater management would be provided through a stormwater device located in the center of the proposed parking lot. Pedestrian connections would be provided to the adjacent roadways and the high school.

As submitted, this project includes two modifications to the Town's development standards. The first is a request to provide a payment-in-lieu for the installation of the required eight-inch reclaimed water line in Middle Creek Park Avenue. This request will be considered by Town Council pursuant to Policy Statement 132 – Effective Utilization of Reclaimed Water System. The second modification is a request to utilize hardscape edges in the design of the stormwater device in the center of the parking lot.



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