DATE: January 13, 2023

TO: Tony LaColla, Land Use Services Division Chief

Department of Planning and Zoning

FROM: Mavis Stanfield, Planner

Department of Planning and Zoning

SUBJECT: Special Use Permit #2022-00081

Administrative Review for a Minor Amendment

Site Use: Temporary Trailers

Applicant: Alexandria City Public Schools

Location: 3330 King Street (Alexandria City High

School)

Zone: R-20

## Request

Special Use Permit #2022-00081 is a minor amendment request to amend Condition 3 of SUP #2017-00060 to allow the extension of the time period for twelve temporary trailers, currently used for classrooms at the Alexandria City High School King Street campus, located at 3330 King Street, to remain while construction concludes at the Minnie Howard campus renovation. The twelve trailers are grouped to create three buildings with six classrooms which can accommodate approximately 150 students. Classes are held between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, September through June, and through the academic school year.

The trailers are located on a 9,300 square foot median that is surrounded by a drive aisle/bus loop. The location is the west of the school building and to the south of the parking garage. The trailers each measure 12' wide by 34' long and are 14'6" in height. The trailers have been installed 2'6" above the ground. The combined footprint of the trailers is 4,896 square feet.

During the review of the previous SUP for the trailers, the Fire Department recommended that the applicant devise a traffic management plan to address the location of the trailers. As a drive aisle/bus loop surrounds the area where the trailers have been installed, the applicant will continue to operate in compliance with the following plan to ensure student safety and emergency vehicle access:

The plan has varying components aligned with the time of day. Upon morning arrival, the school will have staff located at various points along the traffic corridors to facilitate ingress/egress. One staff member will be stationed at the King Street main entrance. The responsibility of this staffer will be to direct drop-off traffic to the Chinquapin Drive entrance (all student drop-off traffic) and allow ingress of vehicles for the garage parking. Another staffer will be stationed in the

entrance drop-off loop at the garage entrance. This individual will keep garage parking segregated from the entrance drop-off loop (restricted to handicapped and designated users). Three staff personnel will be located along the bus loop to ensure no student vehicular access and keep orderly progression of bus unloading and student movement to the facility. The loop will be restricted to bus traffic only. The staff members will be staged at the same points during the afternoon dismissal.

During non-loading hours, between the heavily trafficked arrival and dismissal time periods, the corridors will be monitored at a reduced capacity. However, the bus loop will be closed to all traffic. Traffic signs will note the closure of the loop and staff will place cones across the entrance and exit of the bus loop to prevent vehicular access.

Students in the proposed classroom trailers will respond to fire/emergency evacuation with an evacuation route that exits the trailers on designated pedestrian paths across the bus loop toward the school entrance plaza and then south to the athletic field. In the event of an emergency response (police or fire) to the roadway at the trailer locations, students in the vicinity will be directed to the same evacuation route to the athletic fields to clear the area for emergency personnel.

Two-way communication will take place by staff via school radios. Upon arrival, staff will direct students to the main building and their lockers until bus drop-off is completed. When buses are moved, staff will block bus loop with cones and direct students to the trailers via the painted crosswalk (noted on enclosed map). Similarly, students will be dismissed to the main building/lockers prior to bus cueing. Once trailers are cleared of students, staff will remove cones and allow bus cueing in the bus loop for loading. There will not be any vehicular movement in the bus loop outside of arrival and dismissal times.

### **Parking**

According to Section 8-200(A)(11) of the Zoning Ordinance, one parking space is required for every 10 high school students. The applicant is required to provide 355 parking spaces for the existing 3,543 students. The school site contains 438 parking spaces which exceeds the Zoning Ordinance requirements.

### **Community Outreach**

Public notice was provided through eNews, via the City's website, and by posting a placard at the site. In addition, the Seminary Hill Association was notified. Staff did not receive comments regarding the application.

### **Staff Action**

Staff supports the continued use of twelve classroom trailers to temporarily accommodate six high school classrooms for five additional years. The trailers are easily accessible to the

school building and are located away from residences. The proposed traffic management plan has been approved by the Fire Department as it satisfactorily addresses student safety and ensures emergency vehicle access. Staff has included Condition 4 to require that the safety plan is executed. Noise mitigation methods for HVAC units are required in Condition 15. Conditions six through nine and 17 have been deleted, as the amendment to the site plan has been completed. The temporary nature of the classroom trailers is ensured in Condition 2, requiring their removal no later than January 13, 2028.

Staff hereby approves the Special Use Permit request.

## ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION - DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING:

Date:

January 13, 2023

Action:

Approved

Tony LaColla, AICP, Land Use Services Division Chief

Attachments: 1)

- 1) Special Use Permit Conditions
- 2) City Department Comments
- 3) Statement of Consent

#### CONDITIONS OF SPECIAL USE PERMIT # 2022-00081

The applicant is responsible for ensuring that the following conditions are adhered to at all times. Violation of any of the conditions may result in fines and/or referral to public hearing by the Planning Commission and City Council.

- 1. The special use permit shall be granted to the applicant only or to any corporation in which the applicant has a controlling interest. (P&Z) (SUP 2056)
- 2. Twelve temporary trailers shall be located as indicated on the application to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning & Zoning. (P&Z) (SUP #2017-00060)
- 3. <u>CONDITION AMENDED BY STAFF:</u> The SUP approval for the temporary trailers shall expire on August 31, 2022 January 13, 2028. (P&Z) (SUP #2017-00060)
- 4. The applicant shall adhere to the safety plan as proposed in the staff report, diagrammed on the attached map, and approved by the Fire Department. (P&Z) (SUP #2017-00060)
- 5. CONDITION AMENDED BY STAFF: The applicant shall replace and relocate maintain in good condition any trees, which are removed as a result of the installation of the temporary trailers, on the school property to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning & Zoning. (P&Z) (SUP #2017-00060)
- 6. CONDITION SATISFIED BY APPLICANT AND DELETED BY STAFF. On the basis of the SUP application, a land disturbance of greater than 2,500 sq. ft. is expected, which will trigger the submission of a grading plan that must be approved by the City of Alexandria before any land disturbance activity can be undertaken. The grading plan shall comply and meet all the requirements listed in the grading plan checklist, City Code, Article XIII Environmental Management Ordinance of the City of Alexandria, and described in various Memorandums to the Industry. If the expected land disturbance is less than 2,500 square feet then the applicant will submit Land Disturbance and Drainage Certificates along with the site plan showing topography, drainage, and grading. (T&ES) (SUP #2017-00060)
- 7. CONDITION SATISFIED BY APPLICANT AND DELETED BY STAFF. The grading plan shall provide wastewater generation computations from the proposed development in accordance with Memorandum to Industry 06-14 dated June 20, 2014 on New Sanitary Sewer Connection and Adequate Outfall Analysis Updated. The memo is available on the City's website at: (T&ES) <a href="http://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/tes/info/MemoToIndustry06-14.pdf">http://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/tes/info/MemoToIndustry06-14.pdf</a> (SUP #2017-00060)
- 8. CONDITION SATISFIED BY APPLICANT AND DELETED BY STAFF If the

municipal wastewater generated from the proposed development shall be less than 10,000 GPD then no sanitary sewer adequate outfall analysis is required; however, if the wastewater flow is greater than 10,000 GPD then a sanitary sewer adequate outfall analysis shall be completed per the referenced memorandum. The wastewater generation computations must include any additional wastewater generated from enhanced food preparation activities in the kitchen. (T&ES) (SUP #2017-00060)

- 9. CONDITION SATISFIED BY APPLICANT AND DELETED BY STAFF. A memorandum of understanding for the maintenance of an oil & grease separator shall be signed by the ACPS with the City of Alexandria. (T&ES) (SUP #2017-00060)
- 10. The use must comply with the city's noise ordinance. All loudspeakers shall be prohibited from the exterior of the trailers, and no amplified sounds shall be audible at the property line. (T&ES) (SUP #2017-00060)
- 11. CONDITION SATISFIED BY APPLICANT AND DELETED BY STAFF.

  Applicant shall be responsible for repairs to the adjacent City right of way if damaged during construction activity. (T&ES) (SUP #2017 00060)
- 12. No permanent structure may be constructed over any existing private and/or public utility easements. It is the responsibility of the applicant to identify any and all existing easements on the plan. (T&ES) (SUP #2017-00060)
- 13. Supply deliveries, loading, and unloading activities shall not occur between the hours of 11:00pm and 7:00am. (T&ES) (SUP #2017-00060)
- 14. Litter on the site and on public rights-of-way and spaces adjacent to or within 75 feet of the premises shall be picked up at least once a day and at the close of business, and more often if necessary, to prevent an unsightly or unsanitary accumulation, on each day that the business is open to the public. (T&ES) (SUP #2017-00060)
- 15. The HVAC unit shall be installed in a noise reducing enclosure or a low-noise HVAC unit that meets the City's noise code at all property lines shall be installed. (T&ES) (SUP #2017-00060)
- 16. The temporary trailers shall have a form of hardline communication to the main office, including telephone and warning system in the event of a lockdown. (P&Z) (SUP #2017-00060)
- 17. CONDITION SATISFIED BY APPLICANT AND DELETED BY STAFF. A minor amendment to the site plan is required. (T&ES) (SUP #2017-00060)
- 18. **CONDITION AMENDED BY STAFF:** The Director of Planning and Zoning shall review the Special Use Permit one year after approval, and shall docket the matter for

consideration by the Planning Commission and City Council if (a) there have been documented violations of the permit conditions which were not corrected immediately, constitute repeat violations or which create a direct and immediate adverse zoning impact on the surrounding community; (b) the Director has received a request from any person to docket the permit for review as the result of a complaint that rises to the level of a violation of the permit conditions, or (c) the Director has determined that there are problems with the operation of the use and that new or revised conditions are needed. (P&Z) (SUP #2017-00060)

## **CITY DEPARTMENT COMMENTS**

Legend: C - code requirement R - recommendation S - suggestion F - finding

## <u>Transportation</u> & <u>Environmental Services</u>:

# Findings:

1. The existing conditions shall remain in place.

#### Code:

No comments received.

## Fire:

No comments received.

## **Health Department:**

No comments received.

## Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities:

No comments received.

## Police Department:

No comments received.

# STATEMENT OF CONSENT

The undersigned hereby agrees and consents to the attached conditions of this Special Use Permit 2022-00081. The undersigned also hereby agrees to obtain all applicable licenses and permits required for the temporary trailers at 3330 King Street.

Applicant - Signature

Applicant – Printed

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Date

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