# DDS- Planning & Zoning: Plan Review Application



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## **Application Type**

Check all that apply: Special Permit

## **Property Information**

Property Address: 88 Wooster Street, Hartford, CT No coordinates found

Zoning District: NX-1

Parcel ID: 265-247-001

Property Owner: Housing Authority - City of Hartford

Address of Property Owner: 180 John D Wardlaw Way, Hartford, CT 06106

Email: ehobbs@hartfordhousing.org

### **Applicant**

Name of Applicant: Elisa Hobbs

File Date: 08/31/2022

Address: 180 John D Wardlaw Way, Hartford, CT 06106 No

coordinates found

Phone: **860-723-8425** 

Email:

## **Primary Point of Contact**

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# **Project Narrative**

Please describe your application action(s) and provide as much detail as possible. Attach additional pages if necessary: Please see attached project narrative and plans. We are submitting an application for Special Permit, Campus Overlay Master Plan, per section 5.1 of the zoning regulations.

# **Zoning Map Change Application**

Proposed Zone:

Describe the existing use of land and buildings in the zone change area:

Reason for this request:

# **Zoning Appeal Application**

Are you an aggrieved party?

Permit or Violation Number:

State your reason for appealing the decision of the administrator or enforcement officer:

# **Variance Application**

Please state the paticular hardship\* or unnecessary difficulty that prompts this application and the site the section of the zoning regulations that you are seeking relief from:

# **Subdivision Application**

Number of lots to be created:

Area of each lot in square feet:

Street frontage of each of the new lots in feet:

# **Lot Combination Application**

Addresses of lots to be combined

Map/Block/Lot for each property to be combined:

## **Liquor Permit Application**

Please upload a copy of your State of CT Liquor Permit below.

# **Sign Permit Application**

1. Is this sign proposed outside of the building line?

Maximum extention from building line:

2. Is this sign proposed outside of the street line?

Maximum extension from the Street line

- 3. Is the sign luminated?
- 4. Engineer Name (if any):

Phone:

Address:

- 5. Minimum distance from lowest point to the sidewalk:
- 6. Maximum height of sign from lowest point of established grade:
- 7. Distance from the nearest outdoor sign:
- 8. Square feet of surface for one face of the sign:
- 9. Wording of the sign (include all words):

Description of work (upload additional files if necessary)

Upload any supporting materials below.

Survey-Sealed.pdf

**Narrative.pdf** 

2022-09-06 - Master Plan Package.pdf

## **Signatures**

Signature of Applicant	Elison718hb
	Link to signature
Printed Name of Applicant:	Elisa Hobbs
Date:	09/06/2022
	If you are not the property owner, you must attach a Letter of Authorization from the property owner to apply.
Letter of Authorization from Property Owner	
Date:	09/06/2022

Aimee Chambers, Director of Planning 260 Constitution Plaza, 1st Floor Hartford, CT 06103

RE: Application for Special Permit – Campus Overlay Master Plan Redevelopment of Mary Shepard Place Fuss & O'Neill Reference No. 20210674.A10

Dear Ms. Chambers:

We are providing the following narrative in support of an Application for Special Permit, Campus Overlay Master Plan per section 5.1 of the zoning regulations. The project is the Redevelopment of Mary Shepard Place, 88 Wooster Street, Hartford, CT, a low-income public housing development owned by the Housing Authority of the City of Hartford (HACH). Described in detail below are the existing conditions, proposed project, and anticipated construction phasing.

#### PROJECT NARRATIVE - REDEVELOPMENT OF MARY SHEPARD PLACE

#### 1. Existing Conditions

The 12.6-acre site is bounded by Pavilion Street to the north, Mary Shepard Place to the east, Canton Street to the south, and Wooster Street to the west. The site consists of nine residential buildings and one community/maintenance building. There are a total of 127 existing units which include the following unit mix: 4-4 bedroom, 33-3 bedroom, 77-2 bedroom, and 13-1 bedroom.

#### 2. Zoning Analysis

The site is located in the NX-1 Zone. In this zone, multiple principal dwellings are permitted. The minimum front lot line coverage is 80%. Occupation of the corner is required. The front and corner built-to zones are required to be within 2' of the building line. The minimum space between buildings is 15'. Maximum building width is 4 vertical units, or 90' maximum. Maximum building coverage is 55%. Maximum impervious area is 65%. The proposed building type is Row Building Type, which is permitted in this zone. The proposed project complies with these zoning regulations for the NX-1 Zone.

#### 3. Community Engagement

A lengthy Community Engagement process was undertaken prior to and during schematic design to meaningfully engage with the current residents of Mary Shepard Place and the surrounding community. Through this process the project team was able to gather valuable



> information from the community, collaborate on the design, and answer questions about the proposed redevelopment. A Community Advisory Team was formed that consisted of Mary Shepard Place residents, community representatives, and civic leaders.

We also created a project website and Facebook page to provide project information and share project updates.

As part of the community engagement process, we regularly met with the residents and Community Advisory Team to ask for input, share ideas, and present progress plans of the proposed architecture and site design. In total, the project team had six meetings with the residents and Community Advisory Team. These included:

- Three workshops with the current residents of Mary Shepard Place.
- Three meetings/presentations with the Community Advisory Team. One of these meetings also included a presentation to the Clay Arsenal NRZ.

The Community Engagement process allowed the project team to listen and engage with the residents and surrounding community. Through this process, we were able to define project goals, share ideas, and ultimately incorporate the feedback from the local community into the project design.

#### 4. Project Description

The proposed site layout seeks to improve the vehicular and pedestrian circulation within the site and to the surrounding street network. A street grid has been proposed that continues Bellevue Street through the site, connecting it to Canton Street. A secondary north/south street defines a large central green that houses the sites recreational areas and amenity spaces. The east/west street network breaks the site into a series of blocks, consistent with the surrounding community, which creates opportunities for improved pedestrian and vehicular access. Streetscapes will be created which include parallel parking, a furnishings zone, public sidewalks, and "front yards" leading to the building entrances.

The proposed architecture will consist of twenty-six (26) 3-story multi-family residential buildings. There are 3 different building types (A, B9, and C) that will all be wood framed structures supported on concrete spread footing foundations and slab on grade. The Community Center will be a standalone building centrally located within the development. Design will be in accordance with the **2022** Connecticut State Building Code, which amends the **2021** International Building Code (IBC).



The massing of the architecture is deliberate in that it creates an urban edge that creates and defines blocks within the community. The proposed architecture style relates to the residential character of the surrounding neighborhood which largely consists of 3-story residential buildings.

Parking areas that directly serve each block and group of buildings are located closer to their respective buildings to better serve residents. The parking areas for residents are tucked behind the buildings and in the "back yards", creating more privacy and security for parked cars. Ample parallel parking is located on the street for residents and visitors in the public realm. The desire for more parking spaces with a closer proximity to units was a major topic brought up by residents during the Community Engagement process and the proposed plan incorporates their feedback. Parking provided on the Master Plan totals 317 spaces (including 21 ADA spaces) with the following breakdown:

- Parking Lots: 211
- On-street parallel spaces: 106
- A ratio of 1.8 spaces/unit

The large system of open space provides physical and visual access throughout the site and is easily accessible from all units. The north/south open space system contains the community center, amenity areas, and recreational opportunities for residents. The east/west open space creates a "town green" feel connecting to Wooster and acts as a secondary entrance to the project. The open space systems support and organize the site layout and provide the opportunity for many of the buildings to face dedicated open space.

#### 5. Street Ownership

A network of streets has been proposed throughout the site which provide greater connectivity within the site and to the surrounding community. We are requesting that the City of Hartford take ownership of several of the new streets proposed on the Master Plan and detailed on the Street Ownership Plan included with this application. All proposed streets have been designed to be a Residential Connector Type Street per section 9.5 of the zoning regulations. A description of each street follows:

- Street A: north/south street that runs through the site and connects Bellevue Street to Canton Street. This street currently contains a 50' wide MDC sewer easement and is an extension of Bellevue Street at the north of the site. It also creates the eastern edge of the large central open space. This road has been designed with two-way 10' travel lanes and 8' parallel parking on one side, a 5' lawn and tree buffer, and a 5' sidewalk.
- Street B: north/south street that runs about two-thirds the length of the site and connects to Canton Street. Street B also intersects with proposed Streets C, D, and



E. It also creates the western edge of the large central open space. This road has been designed with two-way 10' travel lanes and 8' parallel parking on one side, a 5' lawn and tree buffer, and a 5' sidewalk.

- Street C: east/west street that runs about two-thirds the width of the site and intersects with proposed Streets A and B. Street C also defines the southern edge of the block along Pavilion Street and Wooster Street, as well as the northern edge of the open space that fronts on Wooster Street. This road has been designed with two-way 10' travel lanes and 8' parallel parking on both sides, a 6' lawn and tree buffer, and a 5' sidewalk.
- Street D: east/west street that runs about half the width of the site, connects to Wooster Street, and intersects with proposed street B. Street D also defines the northern edge of the middle block between Wooster Street and Street B, as well as the southern edge of the open space that fronts on Wooster Street. This road has been designed with two-way 10' travel lanes and 8' parallel parking on both sides, a 6' lawn and tree buffer, and a 5' sidewalk.
- Street E: east/west street that runs about half the width of the site, connects to Wooster Street, and intersects with proposed Street B. Street E also defines the northern edge of the block along Canton Street and Wooster Street. This road has been designed with two-way 10' travel lanes and 8' parallel parking on both sides, a 6' lawn and tree buffer, and a 5' sidewalk.

#### 6. Construction Phasing

All existing buildings, pavements, and site features within the property limits are to be demolished prior to beginning construction of subsequent phases. The entire site is to be rough graded. Within the limits of each phase, site preparation will consist of area-wide excavation to establish grade and extents for new structures, footings, pavement bases, and utilities. The new construction will be undertaken in three phases as shown on the Phasing Plan included as part of this application. Each phase will be constructed independently, and residents who wish to return will move back upon completion of each phase. A description of each phase follows:

- Phase 1: Phase 1 will include the block of nine buildings along Pavilion Street and Wooster Street, the Community Center, Street A and Street C, and associated parking areas as shown on the Phasing Plan. Much of the utility and stormwater infrastructure is anticipated to be constructed in this phase to allow for connections of future phases.
- Phase 2: Phase 2 will include the ten buildings in the middle of the site, a portion of Street B, Street D, and associated parking areas as shown on the Phasing Plan.



• Phase 3: Phase 3 will include seven buildings at the southern end of the site, a portion of Street B, Street E, and associated parking areas as shown on the Phasing Plan.

#### 7. Stormwater Management

The proposed development will require a new stormwater conveyance system within the property limits that will tie into the MDC storm system in the southeast corner of the site at Canton Street. The majority of the runoff will be conveyed by sheet flow directed to catch basins at low points throughout the site. General direction of runoff is from the northwest corner of the site to the southeast corner. Roof drainage will be collected at the point of discharge and convey via underground piping to the site drainage system.

The below-grade stormwater system will include catch basin inlets, manholes, PVD and HDPE piping. Hydrodynamic separators will be required in manholes throughout the site to treat prior to entering the MDC storm system.

It is anticipated that runoff from the proposed development will be greater than the existing condition. Vegetated swales and small bioretention areas will also be incorporated as needed to provide temporary ponding of surface flow and allow for infiltration. Underground infiltration chambers will be incorporated to match discharge rates and flows to the MDC storm system.

The stormwater management system will be design in conformance with Section 6.14 of the zoning regulations and the MDC requirements.

#### 8. Sustainability

In addition to the sustainable site strategies for passive stormwater management listed above, the development shall also be designed with substantial sustainable design strategies including:

- Energy conservative design to meet or exceed Passive House (PHIUS) High performance energy criteria.
- Design to meet or exceed LEED Silver or equivalent rating system.
- Photovoltaic solar system to offset 75% or more of the annual energy demand for site and interior common lighting.



Sincerely,

Greg Wilson, PLA Project Manager











