## **Staff Summary Report**

# **Tempe**

#### Development Review Commission Date: 10/28/08

- **SUBJECT:** This is a public meeting for a Preliminary Subdivision Plat for THE ELEMENT @ ASU, located at 1949 East University Drive.
- **DOCUMENT NAME:** DRCr\_Element@ASUplat\_102808
- SUPPORTING DOCS: Yes

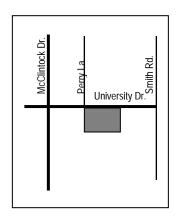
**COMMENTS:** Request for **THE ELEMENT** @ **ASU** (**PL080041**) (JLB Tempe LLC, property owner; Dan Skeeham, Kimley-Horn & Assoc., applicant) consisting of a new 215 unit student housing complex with 10 live/work units. The building consists of 4 stories within approximately 132,000 s.f. of total building area on 6.35 acres, located at 1949 East University Drive. The request includes the following:

**SBD08033** – Preliminary Subdivision Plat combining seven (7) parcels into one (1) lot.

PREPARED BY: Ryan Levesque, Senior Planner (480-858-2393)

- **REVIEWED BY:** Lisa Collins, Development Services Planning Director (480-350-8989)
- LEGAL REVIEW BY: N/A
- **RECOMMENDATION:** Staff Approval, subject to conditions

#### ADDITIONAL INFO: Gross/Net site area



Gross/Net site area Residential Building area Dwelling units Density Lot Coverage Building Height Building setbacks

Landscape area Vehicle Parking Bicycle Parking 6.35 acres
93,487 s.f. (38,274 s.f. garage)
225 units, 640 beds (includes 10 live/work units)
35.4 du/ac (Per PAD 25 du/ac max.)
48% (60% max.)
60 ft (Per PAD 46 ft max. allowed)
5' north, 10' west, 9' east, 10' south
(Per PAD 20' north, 10' west, 9' east, 10' south min.)
32% (25% min. required)
707 spaces (585 min. required)
246 spaces (246 min. required)

Agenda Item Number: \_\_\_\_

PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (0406)

PAGES:

- 1. List of Attachments
- 2. Comments / Reason for Approval / Conditions of Approval
- 3. History & Facts / Zoning & Development Code Reference

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Location Map
- 2. Aerial Photo
- 3. Letter of Explanation
- 4-5. Subdivision Plat

#### COMMENTS:

This site is located on the south side of University Drive a quarter mile east of McClintock Drive. The site currently consists of over 6 acres of vacant land. Previous uses on the site included an old auto body shop and some residential homes, which were once a series of rental cottages. The vacant site is surrounded by a townhome development to the west and south and an apartment complex to the east. A newly constructed office/commercial development is located on the north side of University Drive.

This request is for a Preliminary and Final Subdivision plat, combining seven (7) existing parcels into one (1) lot for the development of this site. The project includes a 215 unit multi-family, student housing development and 10 live/work units, consisting of a total of 640 bedrooms within a four story building. The applicant (JLB Partners) received Development Plan approvals for this project with the Development Review Commission on September 9, 2008. The project also received approval for the general plan amendment, zoning map amendment from R-4 to MU-4, and an amended planned area development overlay at the City Council October 16, 2008 public hearing. The proposed lot will remove property lines that are in current conflict with the proposed building layout and include a previously un-assessed parcel of land. The site will have access to a public street and is recommended for approval subject to the conditions noted below.

#### Public Input

No public input has been provided pertaining to the request for a Preliminary and Final Subdivision Plat.

#### **REASONS FOR APPROVAL:**

1. The plat has access to a public street and will meet the technical standards of the Tempe City Code, Chapter 30, Subdivisions.

#### CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL:

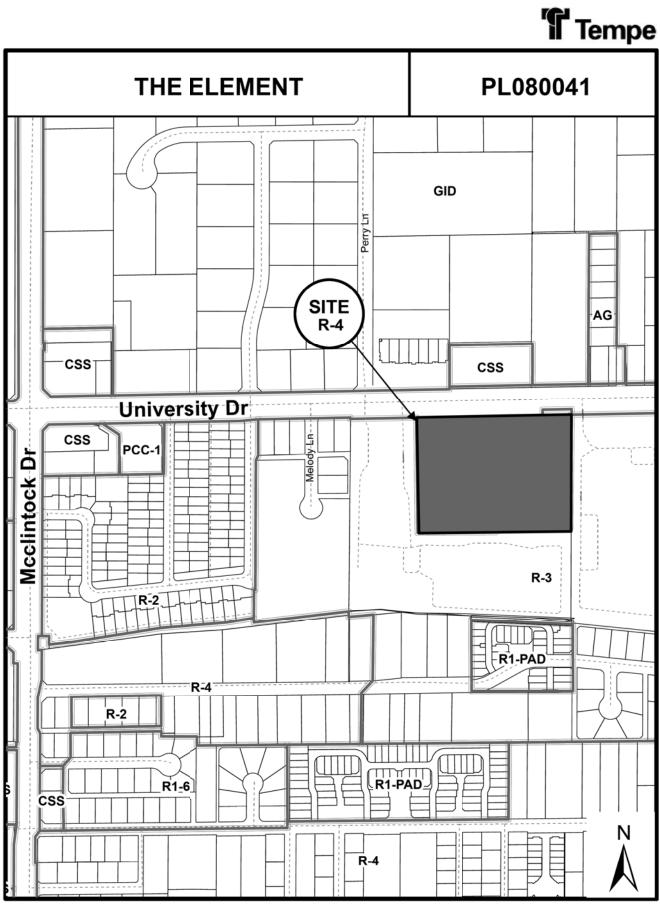
1. The Subdivision Plat shall be put into proper engineered format with appropriate signature blanks and recorded with the Maricopa County Recorder's Office through the City of Tempe's Development Services Department. Failure to record the plan within one year of City Council approval shall make the plan null and void.

### **HISTORY & FACTS:**

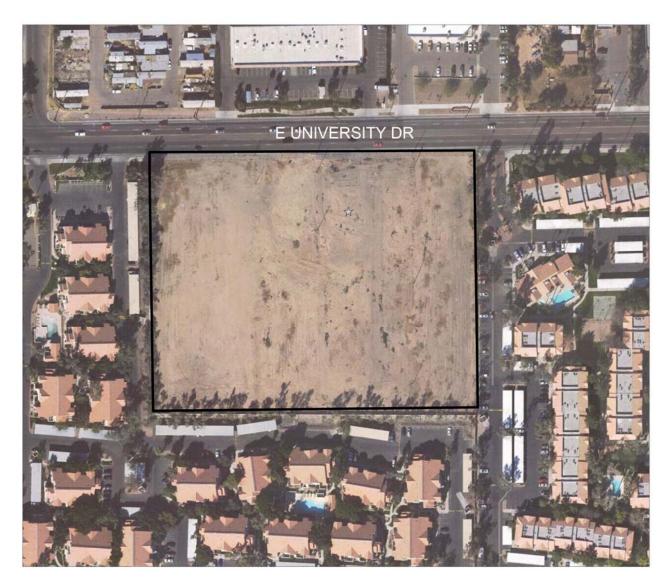
August 17, 1972	Ordinance No. 689 area annexed into the City of Tempe. Area designated as AG, Agricultural District.
February 22, 1973	City Council adopted Ordinance No. 405.261, which rezoned 1.07 acres from AG, Agricultural District to .69 acres of R-3, Multi-Family Residential Limited and .38 acres of C-1, Neighborhood Commercial District.
January 4, 2007	City Council approved the request for a Zoning Map Amendment for PERRY PLACE CONDOMINIUMS from R/O, R-3 and CSS Districts to R-4 District, located at 1949 East University Drive.
March 15, 2007	City Council approved the request for a Planned Area Development Overlay for PERRY PLACE CONDOMINIUMS located at 1949 East University Drive.
April 8, 2008	Development Review Commission approved the request for a Development Plan Review for THE ELEMENT @ ASU (PL080041) (William Bannister, AGI Investors, property owner; Angie Rawie, JLB Partners, applicant) consisting of a new 158 unit student housing development, including a three-story building with parking garage, within approximately 107,800 sf. of building area on 6.35 net acres, located at 1949 East University Drive.
June 30, 2008	Applicants for The Element @ ASU held a required neighborhood meeting at 6 pm at the Escalante Community Center, 2150 East Orange Street. Only one member from the public attended the meeting for the purpose of a class assignment.
September 9, 2008	Development Review Commission approved the development plan review for the Element @ ASU and recommended approval for this request a General Plan Amendment, Zoning Map Amendment, and a Planned Area Development Overlay located at 1949 East University Drive.
October 2, 2008	City Council held the introduction and first public hearing for a General Plan Amendment, Zoning Map Amendment, and a Planned Area Development Overlay for THE ELEMENT @ ASU, located at 1949 East University Drive.
October 16, 2008	City Council held the second public hearing and approved the request for a General Plan Amendment, Zoning Map Amendment, and a Planned Area Development Overlay for THE ELEMENT @ ASU, located at 1949 East University Drive.

#### ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT CODE REFERENCE:

Section 6-307, Subdivisions



**Location Map** 



THE ELEMENT @ ASU

(PL080041)



October 8, 2008

City of Tempe 31 East Fifth Street Tempe, Arizona 85280

Re: Plat Letter of Explanation

Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc is pleased to submit this Plat Application on behalf of JLB Partners. JLB Partners intends to combine the six assessed parcels and one unassessed parcel into one large parcel in support of their proposed student housing project currently under review at the City of Tempe and known as 1949 E. University Drive.

The site is located on the south side of University Drive between Smith Drive and Perry Lane. The site is a former mobile home community that has been cleared to make way for redevelopment. The site is surrounded by existing multi-story, multi-family housing.

The proposed development is designed to provide 215 apartment-style units, and 10 live/work units along University Drive. The proposed units are contained in a four-story building that provides residents with two interior courtyards filled with landscape and common-area amenities including a resort-style swimming pool, lighted sand volleyball court, and outdoor cabana. Ample on-site parking is provided for each resident by both surface parking and a parking garage, which is completely wrapped with the residential units.

JLB has received Design Review Board approval on August 27, 2008 and is currently working toward building permit approval concurrently with this Plat application.

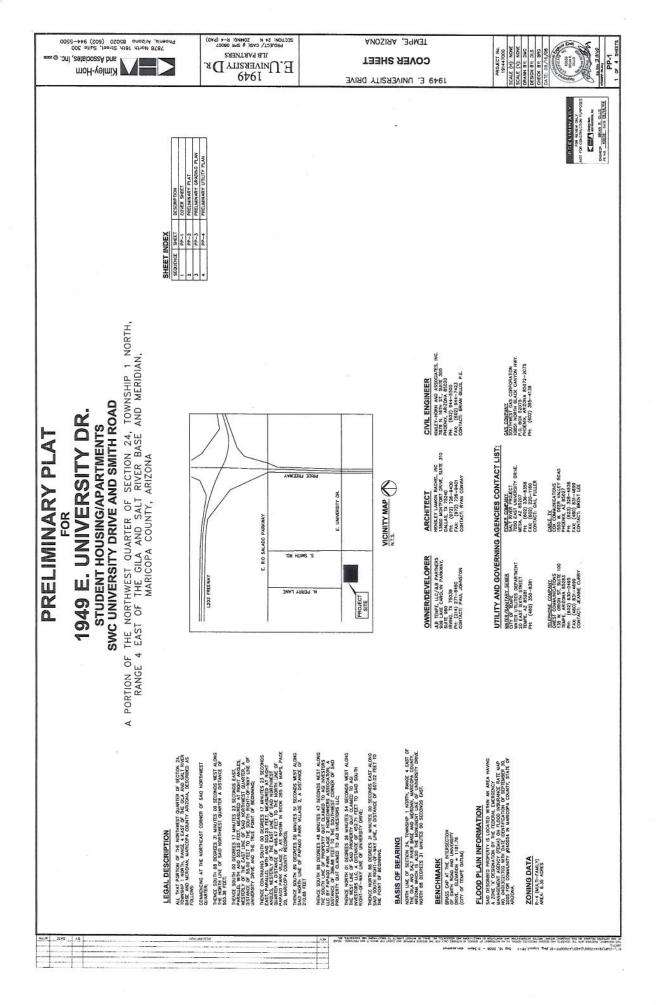
Sincerely,

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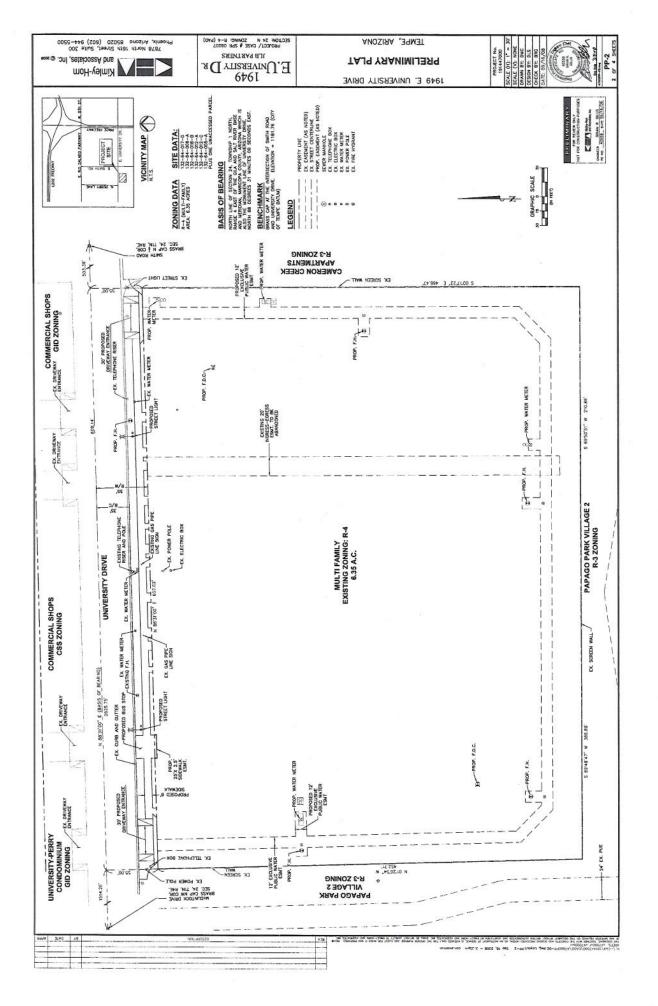
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#### **ATTACHMENT 4**



**ATTACHMENT 5**