

# KNOXVILLE/KNOX COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION USE ON REVIEW REPORT

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**AGENDA DATE:** 4/8/2010

► APPLICANT: KNOXVILLE'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORP.

OWNER(S): KCDC

TAX ID NUMBER: 95 B G 002.03 & 002.04

JURISDICTION: City Council District 6

► LOCATION: Southwest side McConnell St., southeast side of Bethel Av.

► APPX. SIZE OF TRACT: 5.26 acres

SECTOR PLAN: Central City

GROWTH POLICY PLAN: Urban Growth Area (Inside City Limits)

ACCESSIBILITY: Access is via McConnell St. which is a minor collector street with a

pavement width of 30' within a 50' wide right-of-way.

UTILITIES: Water Source: Knoxville Utilities Board

Sewer Source: Knoxville Utilities Board

WATERSHED: First Creek & Williams Creek

► ZONING: RP-1 (Planned Residential)

► EXISTING LAND USE: Vacant school building and recreational space

► PROPOSED USE: Attached residential development (apartments)

16.16 du/ac

HISTORY OF ZONING: The property was zoned RP-1 at 24 du/ac in May 2009

SURROUNDING LAND North: Apartments and a cemetery / R-1 & R-2 residential

USE AND ZONING: South: Detached dwellings / R-1 residential

East: Detached dwellings and apartments / R-1 & R-2 residential

West: Detached dwellings / R-1 residential

NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXT: The predominant zoning in the area is R-1 and R-2 residential.

Development in the area consists of the Walter P. Taylor Apartments and the Odd Fellows Cemetery to the north of the site and detached dwellings

to the south of the site.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

- ▶ APPROVE the request for up to 85 apartments on this site as shown on the development plan subject to 9 conditions
  - 1. Meeting all applicable requirements of the Knoxville Zoning Ordinance
  - 2. Meeting all applicable requirements of the Knoxville Dept. of Engineering
  - 3. Constructing the proposed right turn in / right turn out driveway as shown on the development plan
  - 4. Obtaining the needed variances from the Knoxville Board of Zoning Appeals for the driveway width and the number of parking spaces
  - 5. Meeting all applicable requirements of the Knoxville City Arborist
  - 6. Connection to sanitary sewer and meeting any other applicable requirements of the Knox County Health

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- 7. Installation of landscaping as shown on the development plan within one year of the issuance of occupancy permits for this project
- 8. Provision of street names which are consistent with the Uniform Street Naming and Addressing System within Knoxville (Ord. O-280-90)
- 9. A revised site plan reflecting the conditions of approval must be submitted to MPC staff for certification prior to issuance of any building permits

With the conditions noted, this plan meets the requirements of the RP-1 (Planned Residential) District and the other requirements for use on review approval.

#### **COMMENTS:**

The applicant is proposing to develop an apartment project that will contain 85 units. The project is being developed for tenancy by the elderly. The site was rezoned in 2009 to RP-1 (Planned Residential) District with a maximum density of less than 24 dwellings per acre. The development density of the currently proposed project is 16.16 dwellings per acre. The project will be located on what was part of the Eastport Elementary School campus and land adjacent to the school. The development will entail the renovation of the old school building for residential use along with the construction of new units.

Staff's primary concern regarding this project is the location of the proposed access to the development. The driveway is proposed to access McConnell St. at a location that has limited sight distance. Other driveway locations were discussed with the applicant but none were deemed acceptable due to topographic constraints or for security concerns. As a compromise, the developer has proposed to limit the access to right turn in / right turn out only. This will result in some inconvenience for the residents. However, it was noted that in a similar project located in the community that only a small fraction of the residents owned cars.

### EFFECT OF THE PROPOSAL ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, SURROUNDING PROPERTY AND THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE

- 1. The proposed project will have a minimal impact on local services since water and sewer utilities are in place to serve this site.
- 2. The proposed apartments will be consistent in use and density with the recent rezoning and with the existing residences in the area.

## CONFORMITY OF THE PROPOSAL TO CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE KNOX VILLE ZONING ORDINANCE

- 1. The proposed apartment development meets the standards for development within a RP-1 Zone and all other requirements of the Zoning Ordinance.
- 2. The proposed development is consistent with the general standards for uses permitted on review: The proposed development is consistent with the adopted plans and policies of the General Plan and Sector Plan. The use is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Zoning Ordinance. The use is compatible with the character of the neighborhood where it is proposed. The use will not significantly injure the value of adjacent property. The use will not draw additional non residential traffic through residential areas outside of the proposed development.

#### CONFORMITY OF THE PROPOSAL TO ADOPTED PLANS

1. The proposed development is consistent with the amended East City Sector Plan and Knoxville One Year Plan proposal of medium density residential uses for this property. The RP-1 zoning approved for this site will allow a density up to 24 du/ac. At a proposed density of 16.16 du/ac, the proposed development is consistent with the approved zoning density.

Upon final approval of this request, the developer must prepare a design plan prior to the development of the property. During the design plan phase, grading, drainage, street design and construction, and connection to public utilities must satisfy technical engineering requirements before any development can proceed.

ESTIMATED TRAFFIC IMPACT 825 (average daily vehicle trips)

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Average Daily Vehicle Trips are computed using national average trip rates reported in the latest edition of "Trip Generation," published by the Institute of Transportation Engineers. Average Daily Vehicle Trips represent the total number of trips that a particular land use can be expected to generate during a 24-hour day (Monday through Friday), with a "trip" counted each time a vehicle enters or exits a proposed development.

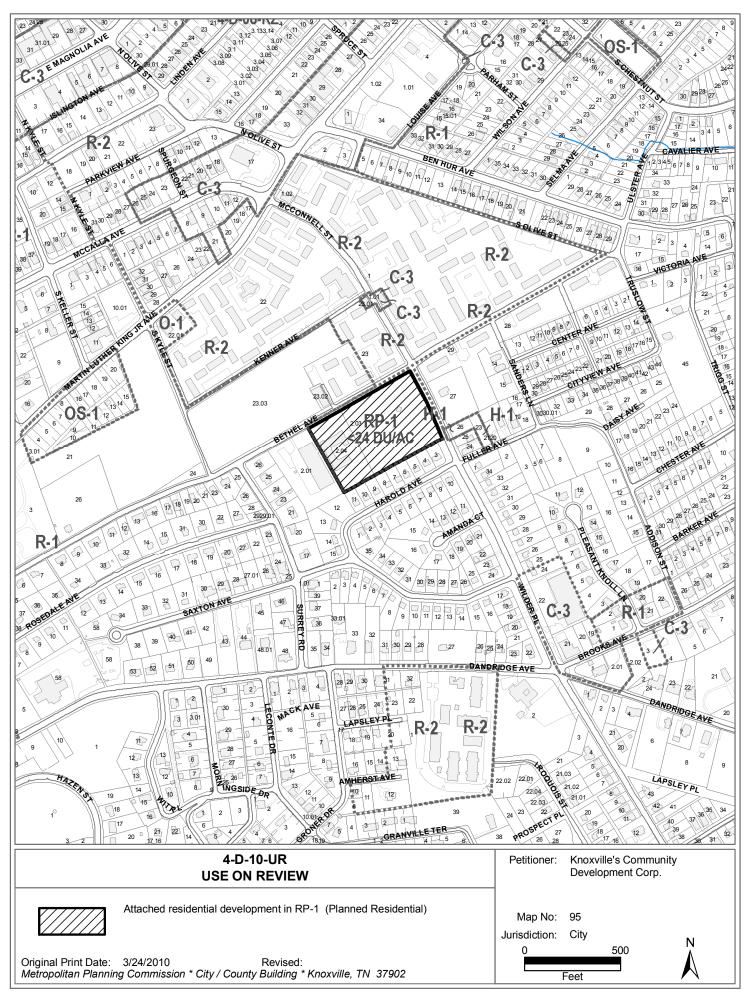
ESTIMATED STUDENT YIELD: 34 (public and private school children, ages 5-18 years)

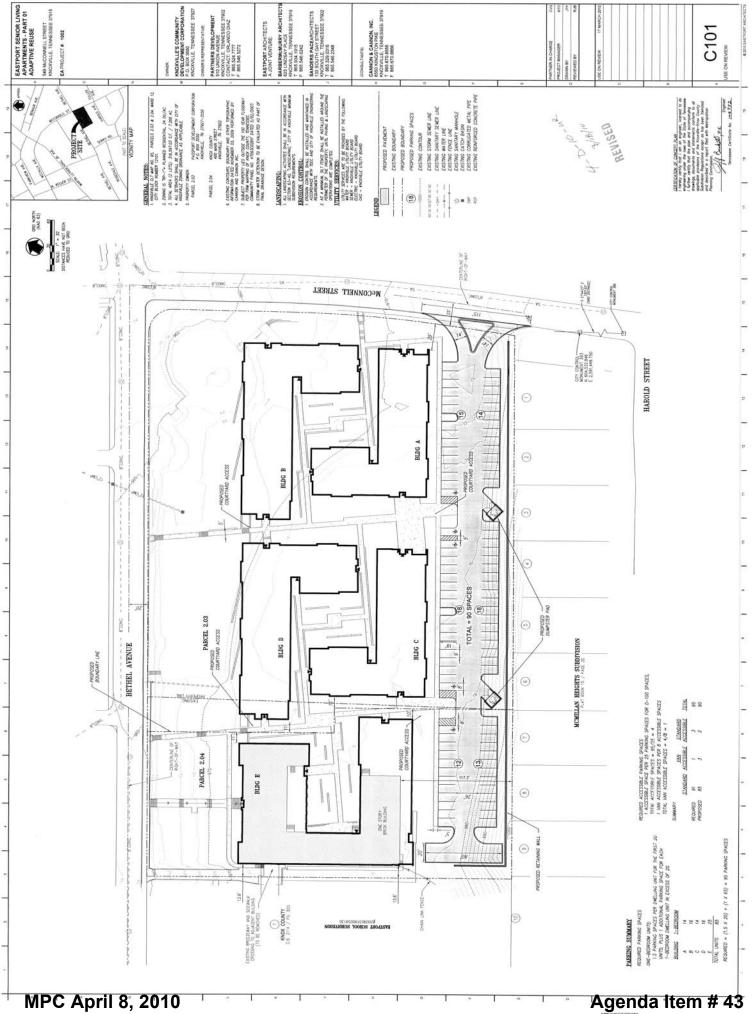
Schools affected by this proposal: Green Elementary, Vine Middle, and Austin East High.

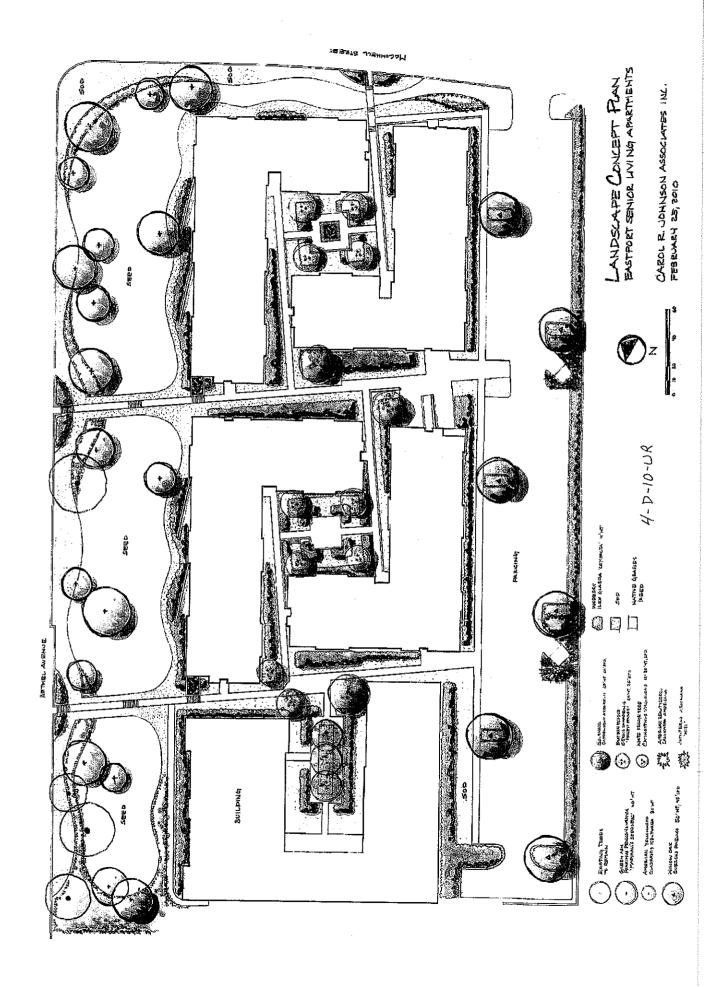
- School-age population (ages 5–18) is estimated by MPC using data from a variety of sources.
- While most children will attend public schools, the estimate includes population that may be homeschooled, attend private schools at various stages of enrollment, or drop out of the public system.
- Students are assigned to schools based on current attendance zones as determined by Knox County Schools. Zone boundaries are subject to change.
- Estimates presume full build-out of the proposed development. Build-out is subject to market forces, and timing varies widely from proposal to proposal.
- Student yields from new development do not reflect a net addition of children in schools. Additions occur incrementally over the build-out period. New students may replace current population that ages through the system or moves from the attendance zone.
- School capacities are subject to change by Knox County Schools through building additions, curriculum or scheduling changes, or amendments to attendance zone boundaries.

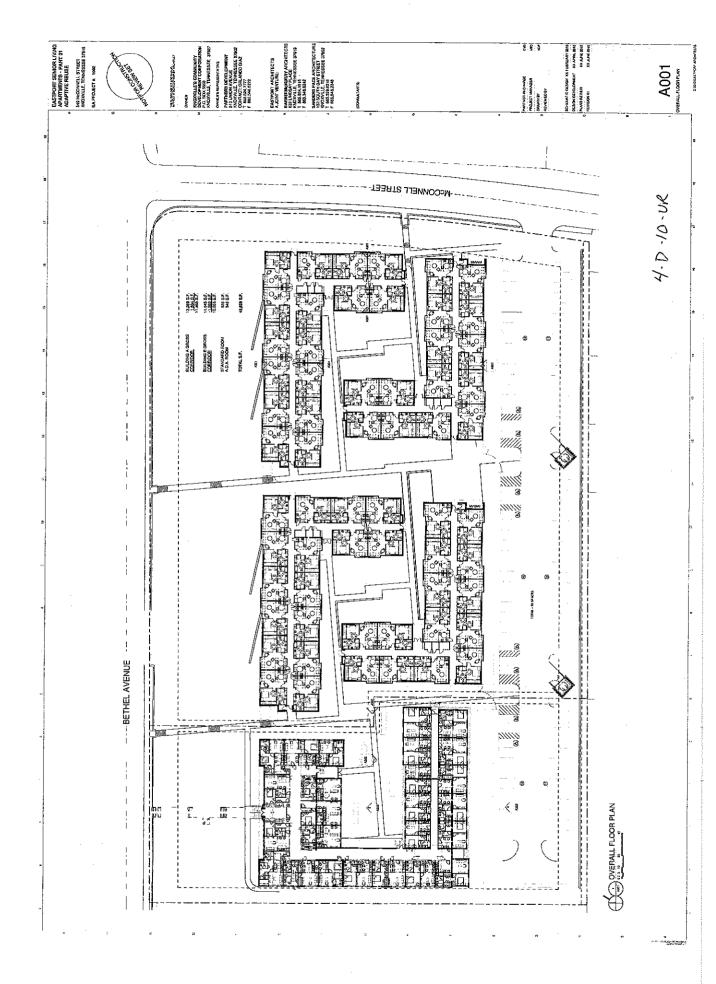
MPC's approval or denial of this request is final, unless the action is appealed to the Knoxville City Council. The date of the Knoxville City Council hearing will depend on when the appeal application is filed. Appellants have 15 days to appeal an MPC decision in the City.

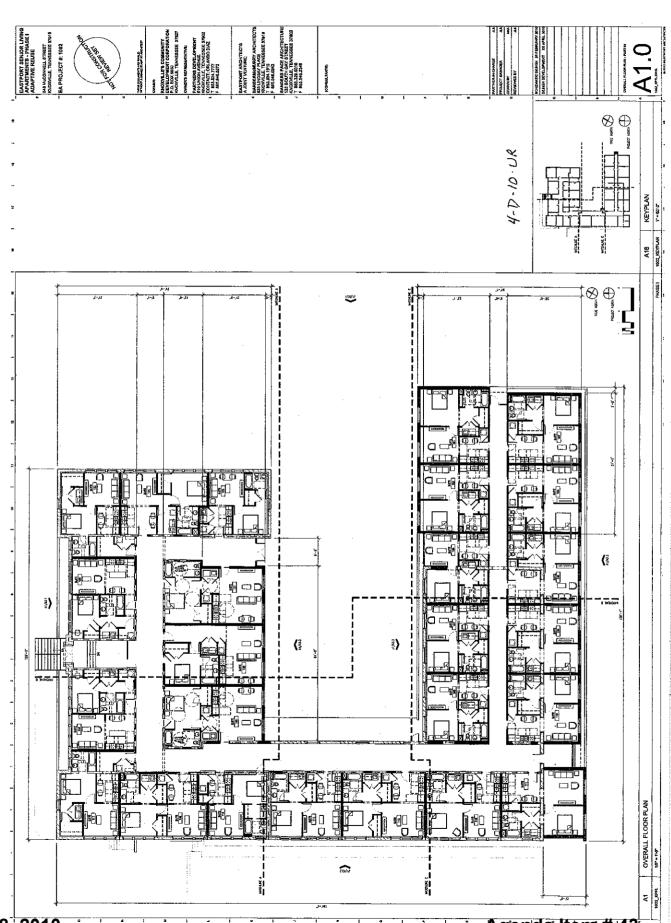
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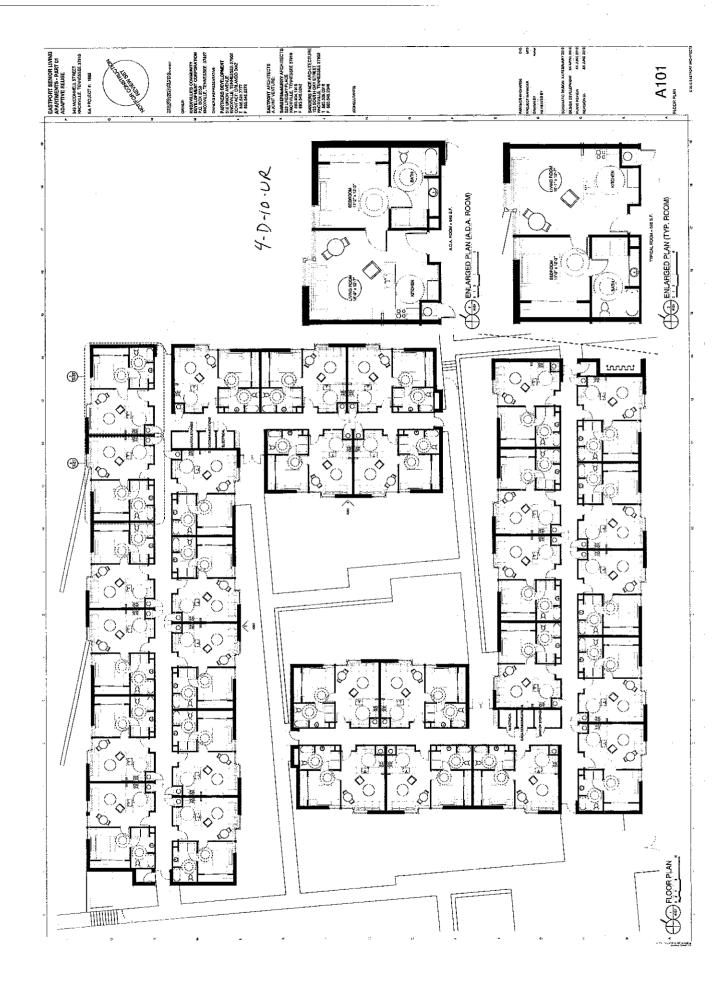


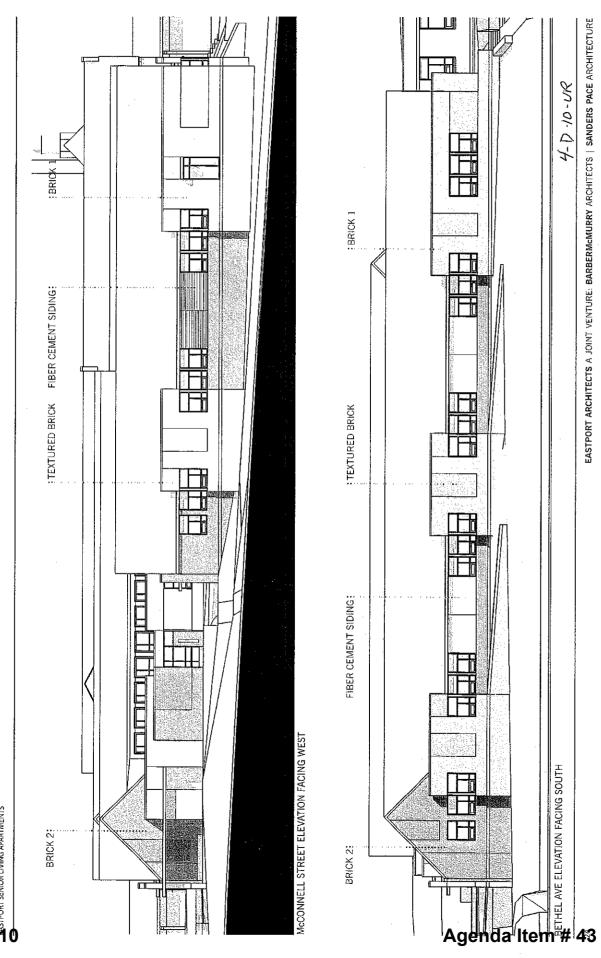












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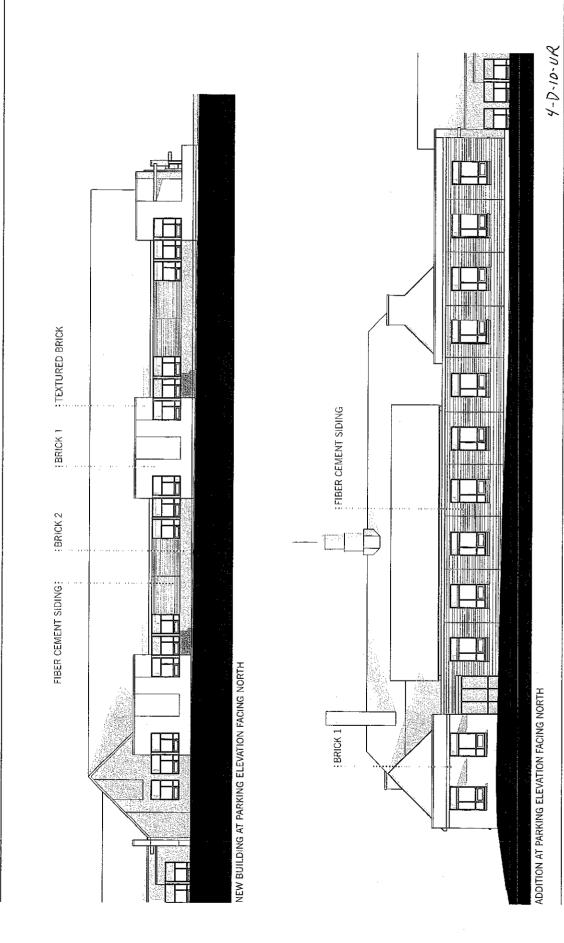
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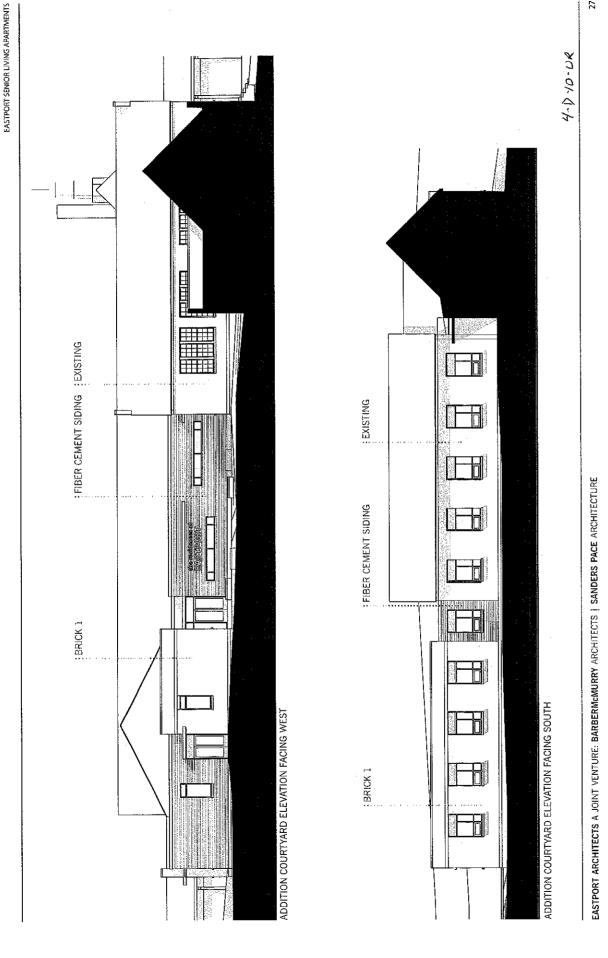
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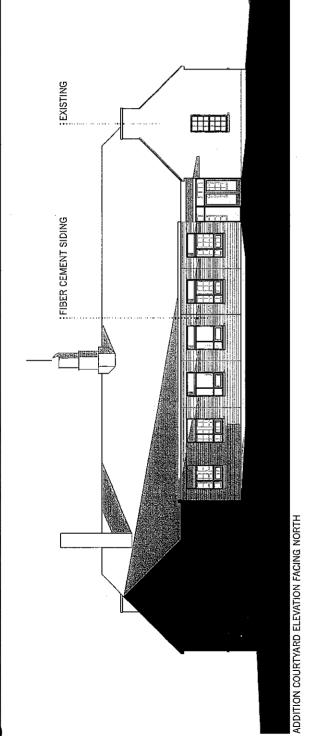
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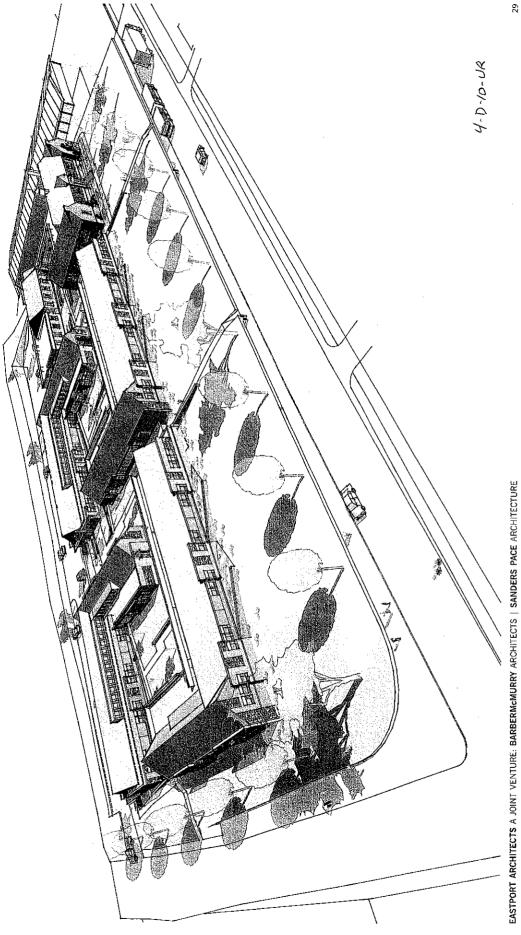
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