

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

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**AGENDA DATE: 10/11/2012** 

► APPLICANT: SIMON PROPERTY GROUP, INC

OWNER(S): West Town Mall, LLC

TAX ID NUMBER: 120 K A 001 & 00104

JURISDICTION: City Council District 2

► LOCATION: South side of Kingston Pike, west side of Morrell Rd.

► APPX. SIZE OF TRACT: 11.26 acres

SECTOR PLAN: West City

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

ACCESSIBILITY: Access is via Morrell Rd., a minor arterial street with a five lane street

section within an 88' right-of-way.

UTILITIES: Water Source: Knoxville Utilities Board

Sewer Source: Knoxville Utilities Board

WATERSHED: Fourth Creek

► ZONING: SC-3 (Regional Shopping Center)

► EXISTING LAND USE: Shopping Mall
► PROPOSED USE: Restaurant

HISTORY OF ZONING: None noted

SURROUNDING LAND North: Mixed commercial / C-3 (General Commercial) & C-5 (Tourist

USE AND ZONING: Commercial)

South: Residences and offices / R-1 (Low Density Residential), R-1A (Low

Density Residential),

East: Mixed commercial / C-4 (Highway and Arterial Commercial) & PC-1

(Retail and Office Park)

West: Mixed commercial and residences / C-4 (Highway and Arterial

Commercial) & R-1 (Low Density Residential), O-3 (Office Park) &

O-1 (Office, Medical, and Related Services)

NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXT: The site is located at the West Town Mall at a major commercial node along

Kingston Pike. The mall adjoins residential development to the south and

west.

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

► APPROVE the request for a restaurant containing approximately 7,500 square feet of floor space as shown on the development plan, subject to 6 conditions

- 1. Connection to sanitary sewer and meeting all other applicable requirements of the Knox County Health Department.
- 2. Meeting all applicable requirements of the Knoxville Zoning Ordinance
- 3. Installation of landscaping as shown on the landscape plan within six months of the issuance of occupancy

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permit for this project.

- 4. Meeting all applicable requirements of the Knoxville City Arborist.
- 5. Meeting all applicable requirements of the Knoxville Engineering Department.
- 6. Meeting all applicable requirements of Knoxville's Sign Inspector.

With the conditions noted, this plan meets the requirements for approval of a use on review in the SC-3 Distric

#### **COMMENTS:**

The applicant is proposing to develop a 7,500 square foot restaurant (Cheesecake Factory) at the West Town Mall. The proposed restaurant will be located on the east side of the Mall adjacent to and on the south side of the main entrance to the Mall between Belks and Regal Cinemas. Vehicular access to the Mall in this area is from Morrell Rd.

Since the restaurant will be located adjacent to the Mall building, the main driveway and parking lot that is located along the building will be modified. While the proposed turns in the main driveway will slow traffic in the area of the Mall entrance, staff requested the addition of two speed tables in this area so that the access to the Mall will be more pedestrian friendly.

While there will be a reduction in total parking at the Mall with this building addition, overall the mall will have 525 parking spaces above Zoning Ordinance requirements. A variance was granted by the Board of Zoning Appeals in 1991 to allow an increase in maximum building lot coverage, from 20% to 33%. With this proposec building addition the lot coverage will be 24.8 %.

A traffic impact study was prepared to evaluate the traffic impact from the restaurant and it was determined that no offsite improvements would be needed.

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

- 1. Public water and sewer utilities are in place to serve this development.
- 2. With the construction of the traffic calming improvements, the traffic impact of this development will be minimized.
- 3. The proposed restaurant is compatible with the scale and intensity of the surrounding development and zoning pattern.

## CONFORMITY OF THE PROPOSAL TO CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE KNOXVILLE ZONING ORDINANCE

- 1. With the recommended conditions, the proposed development is consistent with all requirements of the SC-3 zoning district, as well as other criteria for approval of a use on review.
- 2. The proposed use 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 draw substantial additional traffic through residential areas.

### CONFORMITY OF THE PROPOSAL TO ADOPTED MPC PLANS

- 1. The Knoxville One Year Plan the West City Sector Plan propose mixed use regional commercial uses for this site.
- 2. The site is located within the Urban Growth Area on the Knoxville-Knox County-Farragut Growth Policy Plar map.

### ESTIMATED TRAFFIC IMPACT 1499 (average daily vehicle trips)

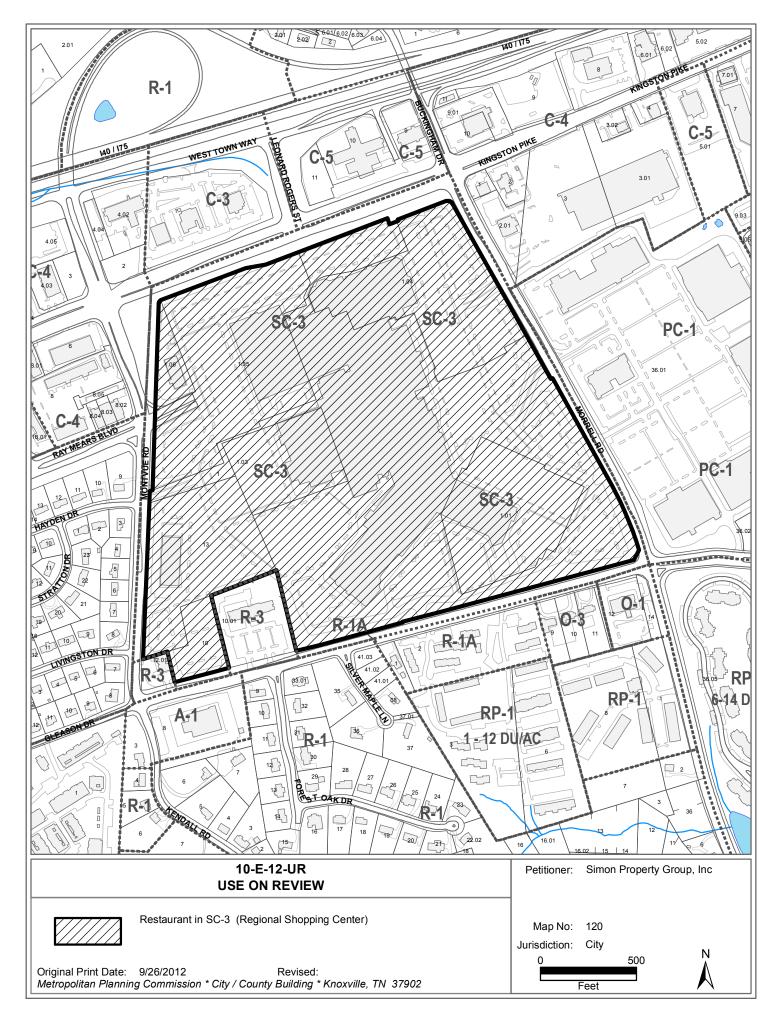
Average Daily Vehicle Trips are computed using national average trip rates reported in the latest edition of "Trip Generation," published by the Institute of Transportation Engineers. Average Daily Vehicle Trips represent the total number of trips that a particular land use can be expected to generate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

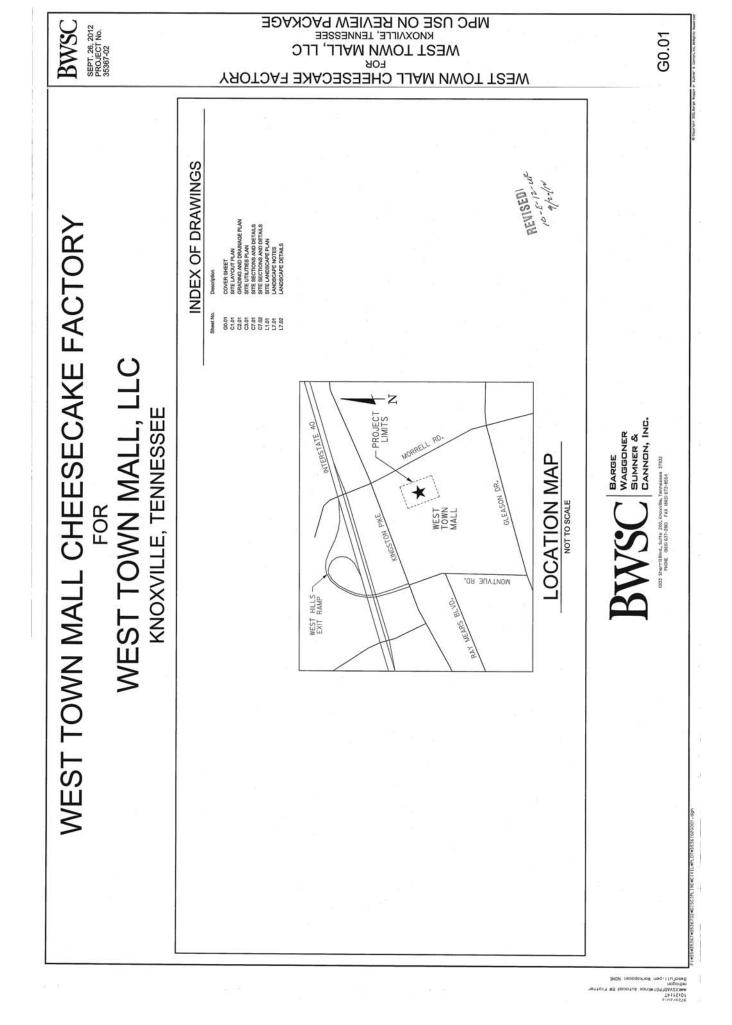
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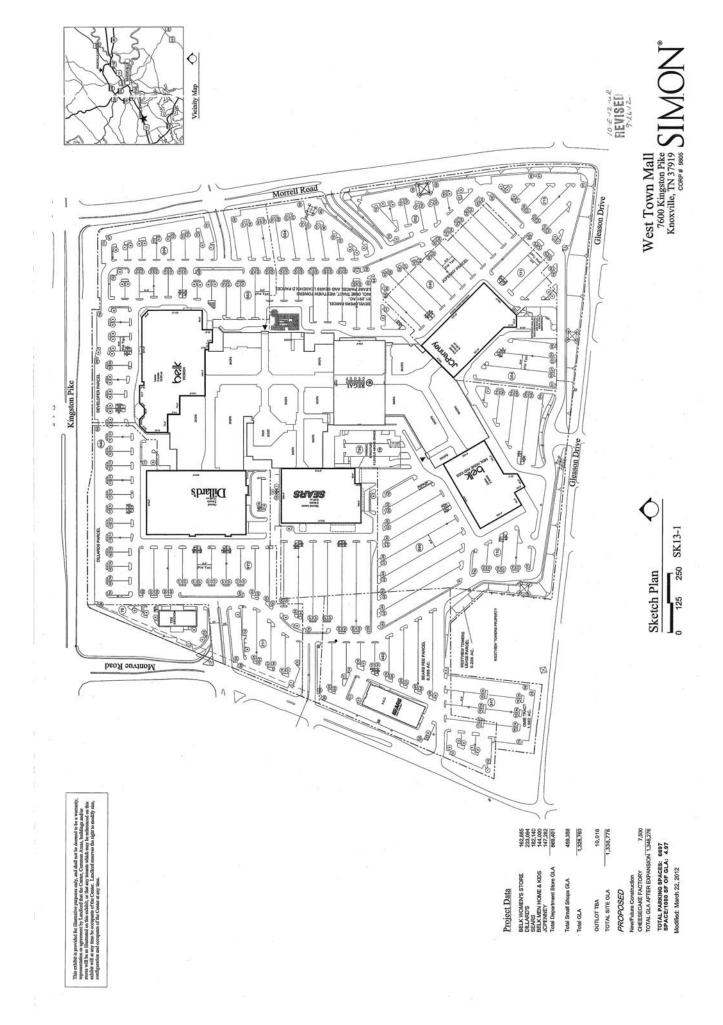
### ESTIMATED STUDENT YIELD: Not applicable.

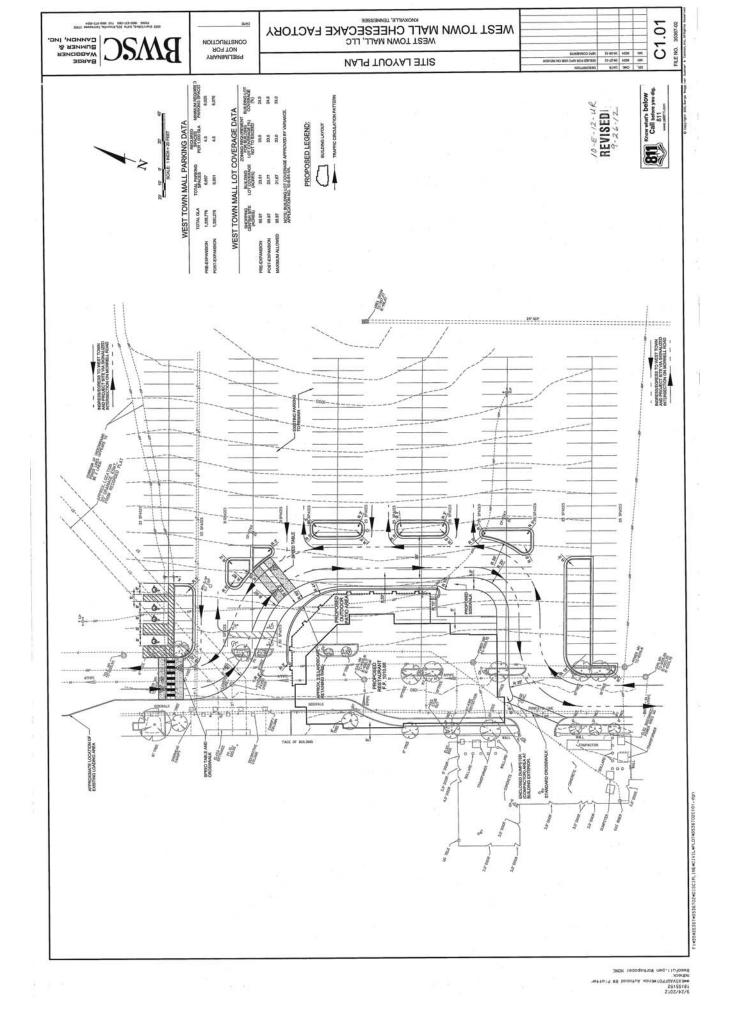
MPC's approval or denial of this request is final, unless the action is appealed to the Knoxville City Council. The date of the Knoxville City Council hearing will depend on when the appeal application is filed. Appellants have 15 days to appeal an MPC decision in the City.

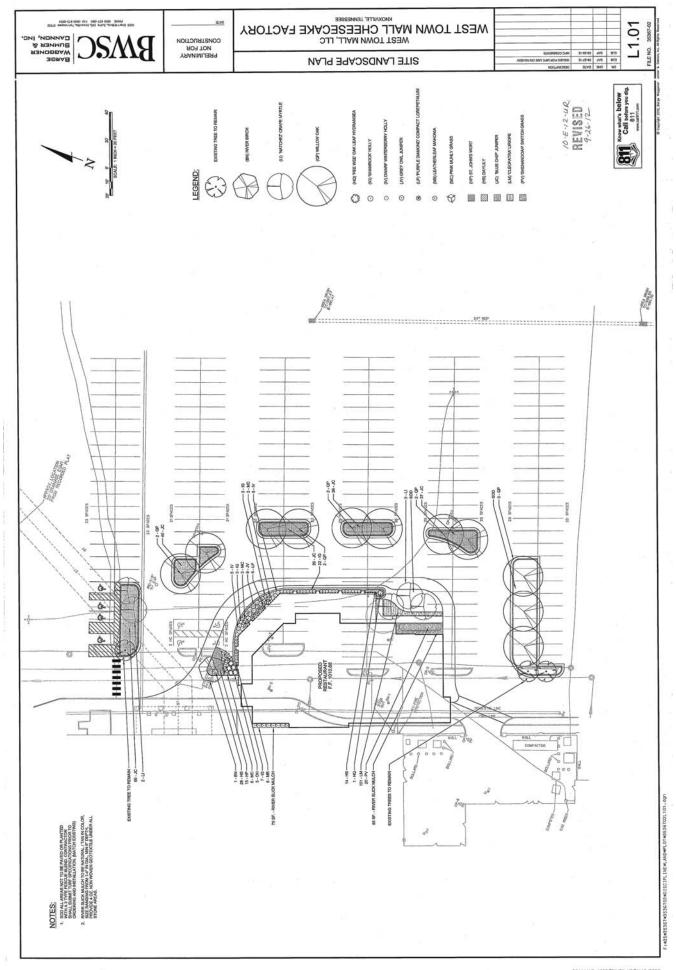
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