

Planning Commission July 20, 2023

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Applicant Materials for Consideration – Planned Unit Development Modification Applicant Materials for Consideration – Planning Approval Modification

DETAILS

Location: 65 North Mobile Street

Applicant / Agent:

Tommy Akridge, UMS-Wright Corporation / McCrory & Williams, Inc.

Property Owner: UMS-Wright Corporation

Current Zoning: R-1, Single-Family Residential Suburban District

Future Land Use: Institutional

Applicable Codes, Policies, and Plans:

- Unified Development Code
- Subdivision Regulations
- Map for Mobile Comprehensive Plan

Schedule for Development:

Not provided

Proposal:

- Modification of a previously approved Planned Unit Development
- Modification of a previously approved Planning Approval

Considerations:

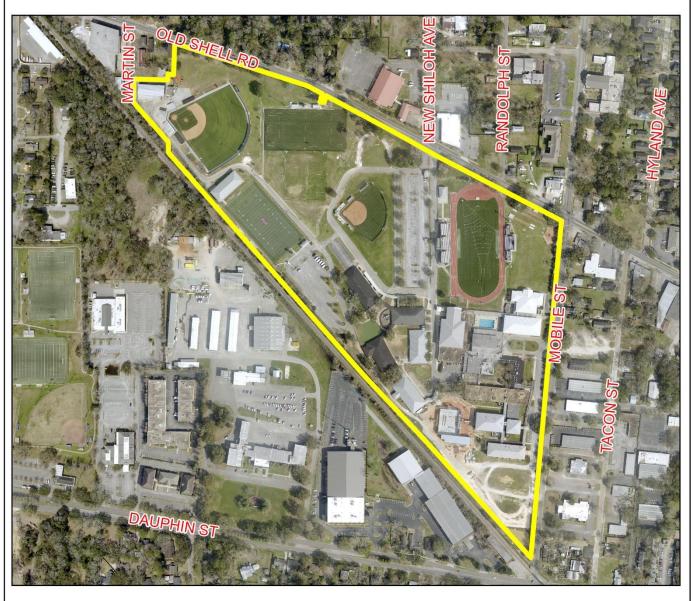
- Modification of a previously approved Planned Unit Development with six (6) conditions; and
- 2. Modification of a previously approved Planning Approval with six (6) conditions.

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PLANNING COMMISSION VICINITY MAP - EXISTING AERIAL



The site is surrounded by residential and commercial units.

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SITE HISTORY

Since 1988, the subject site has been the subject of numerous Planning Approvals (PAs) to allow a private school in an R-1 district, and Planned Unit Developments (PUDs) to allow multiple buildings on a single building site, with shared access between multiple building sites. The most recent of these applications were approved by the Planning Commission at its November 21, 2019 meeting to allow for construction of a new cafeteria, modified student drop-off/pick-up lanes, and a reconfigured parking area.

STAFF COMMENTS

Engineering Comments:

Planned Unit Development Modification (MOD-002559-2023)

ADD THE FOLLOWING NOTES TO THE PUD SITE PLAN:

- 1. Any work performed in the existing Public ROW (right-of-way) such as driveways, sidewalks, utility connections, grading, drainage, irrigation, or landscaping will require a ROW permit from the City of Mobile Engineering Permitting Department (251-208-6070) and must comply with the City of Mobile Right-of-Way Construction and Administration Ordinance (Mobile City Code, Chapter 57, Article VIII).
- 2. A Land Disturbance Permit application shall be submitted for any proposed land disturbing activity with the property. A complete set of construction plans including, but not limited to, drainage, utilities, grading, storm water detention systems and paving will need to be included with the Land Disturbance permit. This Permit must be submitted, approved, and issued prior to beginning any of the construction work.
- Any and all proposed land disturbing activity within the property will need to be submitted for review and be in conformance with Mobile City Code, Chapter 17, <u>Storm Water Management and Flood Control</u>); the <u>City of Mobile, Alabama Flood Plain Management Plan</u> (1984); and, the <u>Rules For Erosion and</u> <u>Sedimentation Control and Storm Water Runoff Control</u>.
- 4. Any existing or proposed detention facility shall be maintained as it was constructed and approved. The Land Disturbance Permit application for any proposed construction includes a requirement of a Maintenance and Inspection Plan (signed and notarized by the Owner) for the detention facility. This Plan shall run with the land and be recorded in the County Probate Office prior to the Engineering Department issuing their approval for a Final Certificate of Occupancy.
- 5. The approval of all applicable federal, state, and local agencies (including all storm water runoff, wetland and floodplain requirements) will be required prior to the issuance of a Land Disturbance permit. The Owner/Developer is responsible for acquiring all of the necessary permits and approvals.
- 6. The proposed development must comply with all Engineering Department design requirements and Policy Letters.

Planning Approval Modification (MOD-002560-2023)

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- 4. The proposed development must comply with all Engineering Department design requirements and Policy Letters.

Traffic Engineering Comments:

Driveway number, size, location, and design to be approved by Traffic Engineering and conform to AASHTO standards. Any required on-site parking, including ADA handicap spaces, shall meet the minimum standards as defined in Section 64-6 of the City's Zoning Ordinance.

Urban Forestry Comments:

Property to be developed in compliance with state and local laws that pertain to tree preservation and protection on both city and private properties [Act 929 of the 1961 Regular Session of the Alabama Legislature (Acts 1961, p. 1487), as amended, and City Code Chapters 57 and 65]. Private removal of trees in the right-of-way will require approval of the Mobile Tree Commission. Removal of heritage trees from undeveloped residential sites, developed residential sites in historic districts, and all commercial sites will require a tree removal permit.

Fire Department Comments:

All projects within the City Limits of Mobile shall comply with the requirements of the City of Mobile Fire Code Ordinance (2021 International Fire Code). Fire apparatus access is required to be within 150' of all commercial and residential buildings. A fire hydrant is required to be within 400' of non-sprinkled commercial buildings and 600' of sprinkled commercial buildings.

Planning Comments:

The subject site is developed as an existing private school in an R-1, Single-Family Residential Suburban District. The applicant wishes to construct a an addition to a kindergarten classroom, a practice field, a guard shack, and a parking lot with 21 parking spaces. As PAs and PUDs are site plan specific, and the proposed changes a not considered minor changes, the site is required to obtain Modification approval in order to proceed with the construction.

All of the proposed improvements are contained within the existing boundaries of the school property. It should be noted that the proposed guard shack along Mobile Street is depicted as being located within the front 25-foot setback. If approved, the guard shack should be relocated outside of the front building setback, or the location should be approved by Traffic Engineering to ensure it will not create a visibility issue.

The site plan indicates that with the new parking addition to the site, there will be a total of 557 parking spaces available. It should be noted that the data provided in the "Parking Requirements" table is incorrect, in that it states that the parking ratio for the high school portion of the site is one (1) parking spaces per four (4) students, when it is actually one (1) parking spaces per three (3) students. Regardless of this error, the site is required to have a total of 211 parking spaces, therefore a compliant amount of parking will be provided. It should be noted that Article 3, 64-3-12.A.3.(d)(3) of the UDC requires any parking spaces in excess of the minimum required number shall have an Alternative Parking Surface; therefore, the proposed 21 spaces should be corrected. While not illustrated, parking lot lighting compliant with Article 3, 64-3-9.C. should be provided for the new parking area.

It is unclear if the proposed additions to the site will result in the removal of any required trees. If trees are to be removed, the applicant should coordinate with staff to insure the site maintains compliance with the tree plans on file. A note on the site plan references replacing any required frontage trees. If approved, this note should be revised to remove the specific reference to frontage trees.

PLANNING APPROVAL / PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT MODIFICATION CONSIDERATIONS

Standards of Review:

The Unified Development Code (UDC) in Section 64-5-8-B.(5) states the following concerning Planning Approval / Planned Unit Development Modifications:

Approval Criteria. The Planning Commission shall not recommend a major modification for approval, and the City Council shall not approve the modification, unless the proposed modification:

- 1. Is consistent with all applicable requirements of this Chapter;
- 2. Is compatible with the character of the surrounding neighborhood;
- 3. Will not impede the orderly development and improvement of surrounding property;
- 4. Will not adversely affect the health, safety or welfare of persons living or working in the surrounding neighborhood, or be more injurious to property or improvements in the neighborhood:
 - a. In making this determination, the Planning Commission and City Council shall consider the location, type and height of buildings or structures, the type and extent of landscaping and screening, lighting, hours of operation or any other conditions that mitigate the impacts of the proposed development; and
 - b. Includes adequate public facilities and utilities;
- 5. Is subject to adequate design standards to provide ingress and egress that minimize traffic hazards and traffic congestion on the public roads;
- 6. Is not noxious or offensive by reason of emissions, vibration, noise, odor, dust, smoke or gas; and
- 7. Shall not be detrimental or endanger the public health, safety or general welfare.
- 8. Benefits Consideration. In addition, consideration should also be given to the City's and the larger community's best interests and the need, benefit, or public purpose of the proposed request.

The applicant's responses to address the above criteria are available in the link on page one (1).

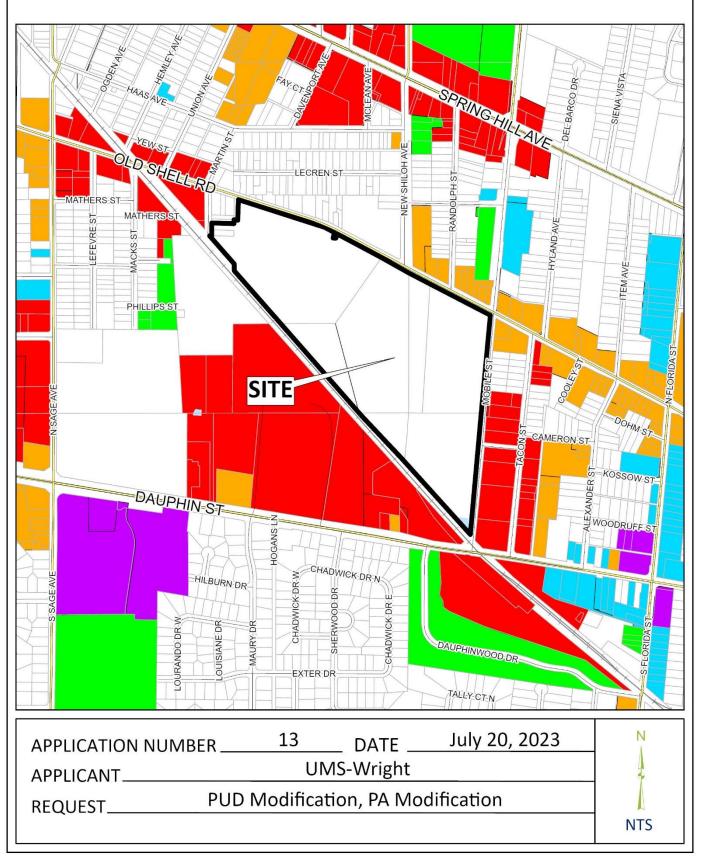
Considerations:

If the Planning Commission considers a recommendation of approval of the Modified Planning Approval / Planned Unit Development, the following conditions should apply:

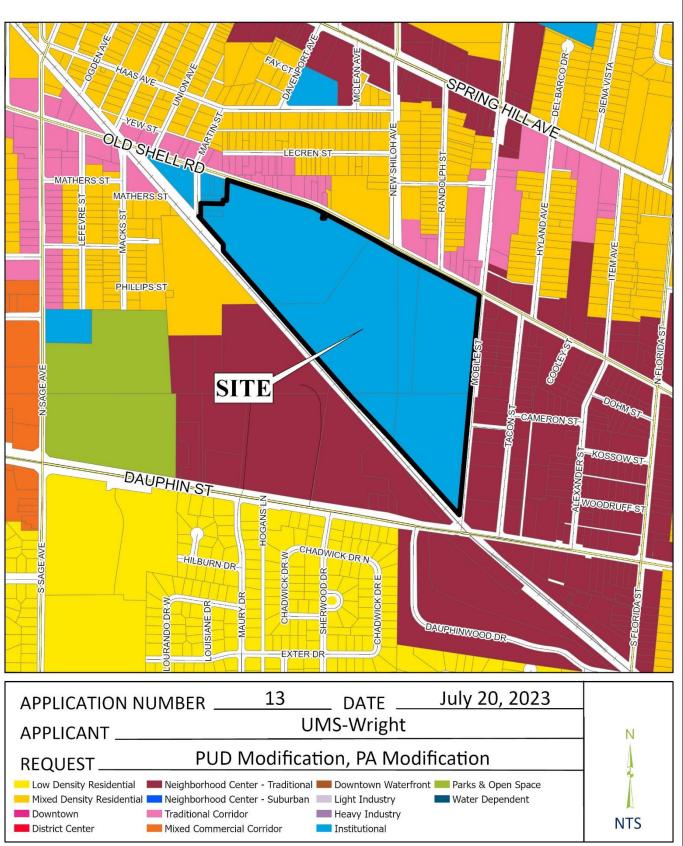
- 1. Relocate the proposed guard shack out of the 25-foot front setback along Mobile Street or approval by Traffic Engineering;
- 2. Revision of the "Parking Requirements" table to state that the parking ratio for the high school is one (1) parking spaces per three (3) students;
- 3. Provision of parking lot lighting compliant with Article 3, 64-3-9.C.;
- 4. Revision of note 13 to remove the word "frontage";

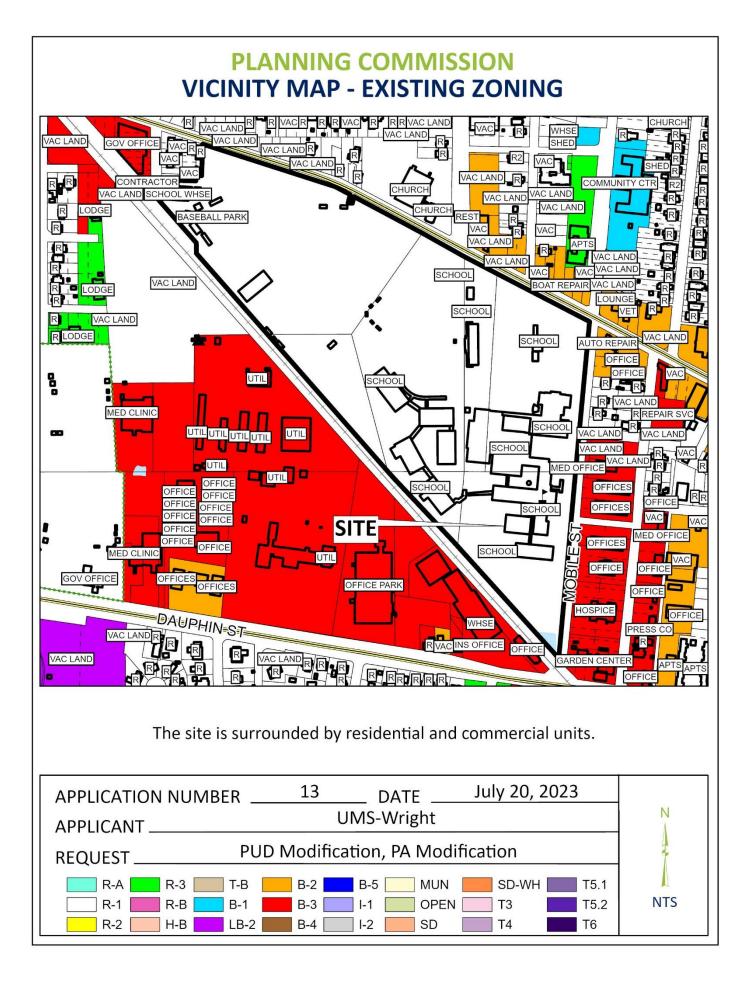
- 5. Submittal to and approval by Planning and Zoning of the revised Modified Planned Unit Development site plan prior to its recording in Probate Court, and provision of a copy of the recorded site plan (hard copy and pdf) to Planning and Zoning; and,
- 6. Full compliance with all municipal codes and ordinances.

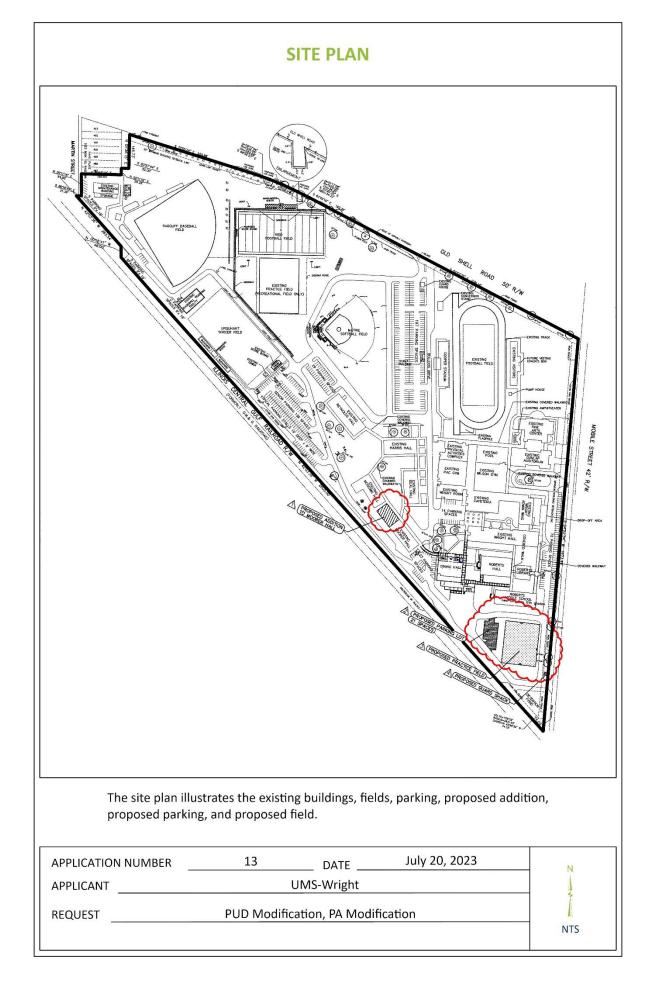
LOCATOR ZONING MAP











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LIGHT INDUSTRY	I-1														
HEAVY INDUSTRY	I-2														

Zoning District Correspondence Matrix

- Directly Related
- Elements of the zoning category are related to the future LU category, but with qualifications (such as a development plan with conditions)
- Land use category is appropriate, but the district does not directly implement the category (e.g., open space in an industrial district)

Institutional Land Use (INS)

This designation includes land and buildings occupied by municipal and other governmental agencies for the exercise of their functions, to serve the public or provide a civic use or amenity. These include major libraries, airports, public schools and public safety facilities, but exclude parks and public open space which are identified under a separate land use classification (see below). Semi-public uses such as grammar and high schools, colleges and universities, hospitals, and other major institutions that serve the public and/or operate in a public function are included.

Note: Small-scale properties (less than 2 acres) accommodating subsidiary public and semi-public facilities, such as branch libraries, substations, satellite clinics, etc., may not be specifically called out in the FLUM under this land use designation, but may instead be considered part of the array of integrated complementary uses typically found in a residential neighborhood or a mixed-use center or corridor. The specific location and design of these complementary uses is subject to zoning.