INTRODUCTION

Design for Bainbridge (DforB) provides guidance for applicants to successfully navigate the design review process. The design review process, standards, and guidelines are structured to support good design and a deliberate design process from context and site down to design detailing. Design review is an iterative process intended to help applicants apply relevant standards and guidelines and develop designs for the project that fit Bainbridge Island and the unique context of the site. This iterative process contains three touch points with the Design Review Board (DRB). This worksheet is used to capture design information to be presented to the DRB at each step in the iterative process.

#1 Conceptual Proposal Review Meeting

The conceptual proposal review meeting is an informal meeting between the applicant and the Design Review Board to review site-specific conditions and contextual considerations for the design of development on site. This discussion is intended to inform strategies for site planning and massing that respond sensitively to the neighborhood context.

Applicant Submittal Requirements

▪ See DforB pages 12 & 16

#2 Design Guidance Review Meeting

Design guidance review meetings with the Design Review Board offer guidance to potential applicants during the design process on conceptual alternatives. The purpose of the design guidance review meeting is to review how the proposed alternatives fit the surrounding context with a focus on the development’s program, uses, site plan, and massing. The DRB will also consider any requested departures, the rationale for those departures and their consistency with the intent and principles of the guidelines.

Applicant Submittal Requirements

▪ See DforB page 13
▪ Initial Design for Bainbridge Worksheet (below)
#3 Final Design Review Meeting
At this meeting, the Board will review the application plans for compliance with Design Standards and Design Guidelines and ensure that the project reflects any revisions recommended by the Board at previous meetings. The Board will document its findings and transmit a written recommendation to the Planning Commission. The Board's recommendation may include conditions to ensure compliance with all standards.

Applicant Submittal Requirements
- See DforB page 15
- Final Design for Bainbridge Worksheet (below)

**NOTE:** Submittal materials should be transmitted as individual pdfs, not as one large file.

**PROJECT NAME & NUMBER:** WINTERGREEN TOWNHOMES PROJECT PLN51836 PRE CITY PROJECT MANAGER: KELLY TAYARA, SENIOR PLANNER

**CONTEXT ANALYSIS**

C1) NATURAL SYSTEMS: The only natural system affecting the Wintergreen Center is the wetland corridor that is addressed in C-2. All of the projects that have been built that surround the wetland corridor have preserved the corridor with buffers that extend into perpetuity.

C2) WILDLIFE HABITAT & CORRIDORS: The wetland corridor that extends from the eastern edge of the Wintergreen Center along the Virginia Mason property to Ferncliff Avenue is bracketed between Pro-Build Lumber, Stonecress on the north and Woodland Village on the south. The wetland and buffers extend to Ferncliff Ave. and provide a habitat for a number of wetland plantings and animal life. The Wintergreen TH project's 2 lots remaining buildable areas are beyond the buffers affecting the Wintergreen Center. There are no other natural systems affecting the Wintergreen Center and/or the 2 lots the Wintergreen TH project will occupy. This wetland corridor provides a wonderful natural system and green space corridor that benefits all of the various projects that are adjacent.

C3) UNIQUE & PROMINENT FEATURES: The Wintergreen TH project's west lot is adjacent to the 75' wide mature tree canopy that is in the HWY 305 Right of Way
corridor. This tree canopy is located on the 15' high slope bank next to the paved portion of HWY 305, and provides a robust visual buffer. The east lot is adjacent to the extended natural area that leads to the wetland corridor and is a mature tree canopy that screens the Stonecress project from the Wintergreen Center.

C4) BUILT ENVIRONMENT: The Wintergreen Center is currently only a commercial center with Key Bank adjacent to High School Rd. Walgreens and Virginia Mason surround the 2 lots that will be the Wintergreen TH project. By introducing the residential component, the Wintergreen Center will become mixed use, thus adding a neighborhood context to the commercial center.

C5) PUBLIC REALM: By introducing a COBI approved affordable residential project within walking distance of downtown, local shopping and the ferry, much needed affordable housing will contribute housing opportunities for working families that cannot afford the relatively expensive Bainbridge housing. Though the project requires high density and somewhat larger residential structures to achieve a cost per unit that will allow affordable pricing, it is surrounded by both tree canopies and the existing commercial buildings, which will lessen the visual impact to the community.

C6) SYSTEMS OF MOVEMENT & ACCESS: Because the Wintergreen TH project is less than 1 mile from the ferry and downtown Winslow, and 1/4 mile from the Safeway shopping center, pedestrian access and movement is ample, safe and convenient. Both public transportation and private auto access is adequate and largely safe with the signaled intersection at High School Rd. and Hwy 305. The Wintergreen Lane access from High School Rd. can be difficult, especially at peak ferry traffic periods; however, the future Wintergreen TH residents will be able to use the alternative one-way Polly's Lane (restricted to just auto traffic, no trucks) to more safely exit to High School Rd. during high traffic periods.
**DRB Discussion:**

C1) 

C2) 

C3)
DRB Findings:
SITE DESIGN STANDARDS

S1) PROTECT AND REPAIR NATURAL SYSTEMS:
VEGETATION – EAST LOT: The east lot is subject to a natural green belt on the east side with natural plants and mature trees in accordance with the prior approved Visconsi site plan review. The proposed town homes will occupy the remaining "buildable" land area that is covered with an erosion control grass mix. The buildable land is surrounded by parking lots with planted borders. The south side adjacent to Kitsap Bank has a narrow natural preserve of mature trees and native plants. The townhouse project will preserve all of these natural and planted trees and plantings. Additionally, the East lot will have a common area with grass and plantings surrounded by the townhomes. WEST LOT – The west lot is adjacent to an approximately 75-foot full screen buffer in the HWY 305 right of way, which will be supplemented by a 25-foot buffer on the wet lot, which will be full screen as well. The proposed town homes will occupy the buildable area, which is largely flat and grassed. In addition to the open space buffer, there will be community space between the two-story units and the middle row of three-story units.

SOLAR ACCESS: The rows of the townhomes are aligned north and south to maximize solar access and the sun moves east to west across the horizon. Though the townhomes are not planned for solar panels, they will be built to GREEN BUILT LEVEL 4.

WIND: Wind is not a significant issue because our project benefits from being surrounded by both mature tree growth and substantial existing buildings that will provide "windbreaks" allowing a relatively calm living area.

STORMWATER: The East lot will utilize existing storm detention tanks with previously COBI approved discharge to the east. The west lot will construct detention and storm discharge in accordance with the prior approved stormwater plan that was approved by COBI public works.

OTHER: The Wintergreen Center, including these 2 lots and our proposed project, do not have flooding problems

S-2) PRESERVE, RESTORE AND ENRICH WILDLIFE HABITAT: All of the mature trees and vegetation in the previously approved Wintergreen Center’s natural areas will be preserved

S-3) RESPECT AND MAGNIFY UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THE SITE AND CONTEXT: Because the townhome project will be in the center of the Wintergreen Commercial Center, it
will achieve the mixed use goal while providing its own common areas that will provide attractive and functional living for the future owners.

S-4) COMPLEMENT AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL IDENTITY: The townhome project will be the same scale as the current commercial buildings, Key Bank, Walgreens and Virginia Mason. By adding a residential component to the commercial buildings, the Wintergreen Center will achieve a "mixed use" project that was the preferred project by the public rather than the original single use "commercial" project. The roof line of the townhome rows will complement roof line design of both Walgreens and Virginia Mason. With the individual front yards facing Wintergreen Ln., that friendly aesthetic will provide a quieter neighborhood feeling to the current bustling commercial uses.

S-5) FIT THE PROJECT INTO THE SYSTEMS OF ACCESS AND MOVEMENT, PRIORITIZING PEDESTRIANS AND BICYCLES: The rows of 2 story townhomes are aligned along Wintergreen Ln. with a patio style entrance fronting on pedestrian walkways that will create a pleasant neighborhood aspect to the commercial uses that surround the townhomes. The project has paths and sidewalks that complement the existing access system.

S-6) SUPPORT AND CONTRIBUTE TO A VIBRANT PUBLIC REALM: By having a major residential component to the Wintergreen Center, there will be more human activity in the center as well as a creating modest customer base for the current commercial businesses and health center.
DRB Discussion:
S1)

S2)

S3)
DRB Findings:
**PUBLIC REALM STANDARDS**

**P1** CREATE A SAFE AND COMFORTABLE ENVIRONMENT FOR WALKING AND CYCyling

**P2** MINIMIZE IMPACT OF VEHICLES ON THE PUBLIC REALM

**P3** DESIGN TO SUPPORT A LEGIBLE HIERARCHY OF PUBLIC SPACES

**P4** STRENGTHEN PUBLIC SPACE CONNECTIONS

**P5** DRAW FROM AND ENHANCE EXISTING BLOCK PATTERNS

**P6** FOSTER INTEREST AND ACTIVITY ALONG COMMERCIAL STREETS

**Applicant Response:**

**P1** The Wintergreen Center has well designed pedestrian sidewalks and composite trails, along with roadways with adequate width for safe cycling. The Wintergreen Townhome project has designed internal walkways that go the length of the project as well as walkways that cross the project, all of which will connect to the existing Wintergreen Center's walkways and roadways. The future homeowners will be able to walk or cycle throughout both the townhome project as well as the entire Wintergreen Center comfortably and safely. For example, Wintergreen Ln. has a pedestrian trail along the its East side behind the diagonal existing parking lot, from which trail the 2 story townhomes will have their patio entrances accessed. The townhome project will add a sidewalk along the west side of Wintergreen Ln., which will be the access to the 2 story townhomes’ front patio entrances.

**P2** The project does not alter the existing roadways or drive aisles for the existing parking lots on the east lot.

**P3** The project leaves the existing open spaces and natural areas that provide a minimal landscape scene for the current commercial buildings and parking lots. The townhome project provides a series of front patio entrances along both sides of Wintergreen Ln. that will add to the landscape effect to soften the harsher impact of the current all commercial center.

**P4** The townhome project with the additional sidewalk added to the west side of Wintergreen Ln. will add to the pedestrian access from High School Rd. to provide a safer and more accessible pedestrian commute.
P5) By aligning the townhome rows parallel to Wintergreen Ln., the 2 story townhome rows fronting on Wintergreen Ln. will screen the massing of the interior rows of buildings to reduce the impact of the size of the project. All the rows of townhome buildings have been divided to allow for sidewalks to cross the projects on each lot. The 2 story rows on each side of Wintergreen Ln. have been angled to reduce the linear impact of long rows of buildings, which was suggested by the Design Review Board.

P6) Adding the residential townhome project, which will dominate the center of the Wintergreen commercial center, will result in much more human activity and interest added to the current auto-centric commercial center.
DRB Discussion:
P1)

P2)

P3)
DRB Findings:
**BUILDING DESIGN STANDARDS**

**B1** EXPRESS A CLEAR ORGANIZING ARCHITECTURAL CONCEPT

**B2** USE AN ARCHITECTURAL LANGUAGE APPROPRIATE TO BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

**B3** CREATE WELL COMPOSED FACADES AT ALL SCALES

**B4** CELEBRATE AND PROMINENTLY FEATURE SUSTAINABLE DESIGN

**B5** USE HIGH QUALITY MATERIALS AND WELL - CRAFTED DETAILS

**Applicant Response:**

B1) By aligning the buildings parallel to Wintergreen Ln. and dividing the rows into separate buildings, the 2 story townhomes will have close access to their parking spaces in the existing parking lots. This alignment also provides efficient sidewalk frontage for every townhome row without requiring double-sided sidewalks, which reduces impervious surfaces. By utilizing all the existing parking lots and access aisles with the townhome row alignment, only one additional access aisleway was required to serve the west and middle rows of townhome garages.

B2) The townhome building rows require the efficient rectangular design to minimize cost to allow the pricing required for affordable homes. The buildings utilize the "clere-story" roof design that complements the roof designs of both the Virginia Mason and Walgreen's buildings. The individual townhomes feature a cantilevered extension to emphasize their single family character. The "clere story" roof design provides an area for windows and light to the middle area of the townhomes where the two different pitched roof angles meet.

B3) The facades with the cantilevered sections in each townhome enable each townhome to have a visual separation from its neighbor. The 2 story townhome rows that front on Wintergreen Ln. have no garages, which allows all the architectural features to be presented in the facade along Wintergreen Ln. Even with parking lots along Wintergreen Ln., the front elevation facades will be the dominant view shed for both pedestrian and auto traffic.

B4) With the 2 story townhome rows fronting on Wintergreen Ln. with the existing adjacent parking lots and spaces, it will minimize the auto-centric and minimal
landscaping of the existing commercial buildings with their patio style entrances. The 2 story rows of buildings all face either natural or landscape existing areas or ample landscaped common areas. The 2 story townhomes have both a front patio entrance and rear open patio area. The 3 story townhomes have a patio style front entrance and a balcony over the rear garage.

B5) The townhome rows will utilize similar lap siding featured in the existing commercial buildings, along with a complimentary siding material to provide a more interesting design. The material and painted color palette will feature more, but complimentary, colors to the front facade of each townhome to emphasize their individual nature. Though the townhomes will emphasize their individuality, they will bring a human scale effect to the current all-commercial building structures.
DRB Discussion:
B1)

B2)

B3)
DRB Findings:
LANDSCAPE STANDARDS

L1   INTEGRATE THE LANDSCAPE CONCEPT TO COMPLEMENT THE ARCHITECTURAL CONCEPTS

L2   SUPPORT THE PUBLIC REALM WITH THE LANDSCAPE DESIGN

L3   INTEGRATE SUSTAINABLE FEATURES INTO THE LANDSCAPE AND MAKE THEM VISIBLE WHEREVER POSSIBLE

L4   INTEGRATE AND HIGHLIGHT GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PRACTICES

L5   SUPPORT HEALTHY HABITAT IN THE LANDSCAPE

L6   PRESERVE AND ENHANCE IMPORTANT VIEWS AND VIEW CORRIDORS

Applicant Response:

L1) The patio style entrances will feature built-in planters surrounding a hard surface area for a chair or two to create a front porch effect. There will be no changes or deletions of the existing natural areas or landscaped areas in the developed areas of the Wintergreen Center. Both the east and west lots will have common areas with some grass areas bordered by drought-resistant landscaped areas. Though these areas contrast with the landscape design for the existing commercial buildings, these added common areas are screened by the townhome rows facing Wintergreen Ln., leaving just the 2 story townhome rows of patio entrances facing Wintergreen Ln. The patio style entrances provide a better landscape design transition to the commercial buildings minimal landscape design.

L2) The public realm will be enhanced with the residential character and human scale patio style entrances, all of which are accessed from pedestrian walkways along Wintergreen Ln. The walkability within the project, along with the additional sidewalk on the west side of Wintergreen Ln., will improve the safety and comfort of pedestrian traffic from High School Rd. The townhome owners will also benefit with the increased pedestrian access along Wintergreen Ln. to the HWY 305 pedestrian path to the ferry.
L3) The existing landscape and natural areas are well designed and provide an attractive if minimal landscape for the current commercial buildings. The patio style entrances will provide an attractive landscaped entrance that will enhance the existing landscape along Wintergreen Ln. This will provide an interesting and more varying landscape effect along Wintergreen Lane. For example, the Winslow Green mixed use project’s condominium balconies that face the commercial plaza add a varied mix of potted plants and outdoor living features, which adds a friendly human activity to the entire project.

L4) Because the townhome project will meet Built Green Level 5, the added landscaping will utilize low impact development design.

L5) The existing natural and landscaped areas are well maintained by the Wintergreen Owners Association. The project’s landscaped areas will feature drought-resistant landscape common areas, except for the grass areas, which will require irrigation and a higher level of maintenance. The future Wintergreen HOA will provide the required maintenance to the project’s landscaped areas.

L6) All or a portion of the views of the existing natural area will be preserved due to the height of the existing tree canopies on the east and west side. The existing landscape areas will not be blocked by the project.
DRB Discussion:

L1)

L2)

L3)
DRB Findings:
STREET TYPES AND FRONTAGES

Street Types: State Route, Main Street, Neighborhood Main Street, Neighborhood Mixed Use, Mixed Use Arterial, Rural by Design, Green Street Rural Green Street

Applicant Response:

The project fronts on Wintergreen Ln., which is a private road on an easement that serves the entire commercial center as well as the Pro Build commercial project adjacent at the north end of the site. The east lot’s south end faces the connecting roadway to Polly’s Ln. and the aisle way that serves the eastern parking lot. The west side of the east lot has an aisleway that serves the diagonal style parking lot that fronts the east side of Wintergreen Ln. There will be no added paving or roadways to the east lot. The west lot will add a one-way (north to south) aisleway to serve the garages of the west and middle row of townhomes.
Frontages: Linear / Storefront, Landscape, Plaza, Forecourt, Stoop / Terrace, Vegetated Buffer, Parking

**Applicant Response:**

As noted before, the 2 story townhome rows with patio style entrances will front on Wintergreen Ln. There are both parking stalls and a parking lot fronting on Wintergreen Ln. on the west and east lots that precede the entrances to the townhomes.

**DRB Discussion:**

**DRB Findings:**
SUBDIVISION GUIDELINES

ISLAND CHARACTER PRESERVE AND MAINTAIN ISLAND CHARACTER

**Applicant Response:**

The east lot comprises 31 zero lot line townhome lots that are 12.5' wide by 30' deep. The west lot has 43 zero lot line townhome lots that are also 12.5' wide and 30' deep. All the townhome structures are 12.5' wide and 20' long. Though the townhomes are somewhat narrower than the existing townhomes on Bainbridge, their location in the Wintergreen commercial center with their planned architectural styling will maintain the Island's character.

The Wintergreen subdivision has followed the 4-step design process:
1. **NATURAL AREAS:** Because the Wintergreen subdivision is 2 lots that are a part of the previously approved Wintergreen commercial center, all of the natural areas have been designated. The two Wintergreen town home lots do encompass more natural area than required. The west lot has 4957sf of natural area (only 2875sf required). The east lot has 7995sf of natural area (only 3528sf required).
2. **HOMESITES AND COMMUNITY SPACE:** The townhome homesites were designed to provide ample community/common areas on each lot. The west lot has 10,560sf of community/common area (only 5750sf required). The east lot has 12,992sf of community/common area (only 7057sf required).
3. **ACCESS:** The access for auto traffic is completed for the Wintergreen center and for the east lot. The west lot will have a one way access to serve the garages for the west and middle row of townhomes, which complies with the Wintergreen center's CC+Rs.
4. **LOT LINES:** The west lot encompasses 43 townhome zero lot line lots, and the east lot has 31 zero lot line lots, for a grand total of 74 townhome zero lot line lots.
DRB Discussion:

DRB Findings:
NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXT TO REFLECT AND/OR ENHANCE THE CONTEXT PROVIDED BY EXISTING ROADWAY CHARACTER AND NEIGHBORING PROPERTIES

**Applicant Response:**

The Wintergreen townhome project will create a neighborhood within the existing Wintergreen commercial center. Because it is surrounded by the commercial buildings and mature tree canopies on the east and west, it is isolated from the Stonecress neighborhood. Nevertheless, by adding a residential component to the Wintergreen Center, the resulting mixed use Wintergreen center is a less dramatic change in land use compared to the Stonecress residential land use. The increased pedestrian access added by the Wintergreen project should encourage the Stonecress residents to walk to and use the Wintergreen commercial center.

**DRB Discussion:**

**DRB Findings:**
NATURAL AREA TO INCORPORATE FORESTED AND/OR OTHER NATURAL AREAS INTO SITE DESIGN IN SUCH A WAY THAT ECOLOGICAL AND AESTHETIC INTEGRITY, QUALITIES, AND VALUES ARE PRESERVED OR RESTORED

**Applicant Response:**

As noted before, the Wintergreen townhome project is overlaid on an approved and completed commercial center wherein the natural areas have been designated and preserved in perpetuity. The homesite layout design has the townhomes facing either natural areas or the proposed internal community/common areas in order to give all the future homeowners a green view shed, rather than just opposing buildings. The west lot will have a BIMC-permitted 25' setback/buffer along HWY 305 (see page 5 of the City’s Preapplication Conference Summary letter dated January 26, 2021), which also serves as open/natural space for project, and which facilitates the approximately 40' average width community/common area in the middle of the rows of townhomes, which is needed to allow the middle row to have a view shed of a green landscape.

**DRB Discussion:**

**DRB Findings:**
NATURAL SITE CONDITIONS TO PRESERVE AND INTEGRATE EXISTING NATURAL SITE PATTERNS AND FEATURES THROUGHOUT THE SITE

**Applicant Response:**

As previously noted, all the natural areas have been designated, and they are thriving. The previously approved Wintergreen center’s natural areas that adjoin the Wintergreen town home project will be an attractive view shed for the future homeowners.

**DRB Discussion:**

**DRB Findings:**
HISTORIC AND CULTURAL RESOURCES TO PRESERVE IMPORTANT HISTORIC AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

**Applicant Response:**

Not applicable

**DRB Discussion:**

**DRB Findings:**
STORMWATER  INTEGRATE STORMWATER FACILITIES IN SITE DESIGN WITH EMPHASIS ON INFILTRATION AND DISPERSION PRACTICES

**Applicant Response:**

The Wintergreen townhome project is subject to the previously approved stormwater design. The east lot’s stormwater system has been completed, and the stormwater system on the west lot will be installed in accordance with the previously approved stormwater plan.

**DRB Discussion:**

**DRB Findings:**
SEPTIC SYSTEMS TO MINIMIZE IMPACT OF SEPTIC FACILITIES

**Applicant Response:**

Not applicable. The project will be connected to the COBI public sewer system.

**DRB Discussion:**

**DRB Findings:**
WATER CONSERVATION TO PROTECT THE ISLAND’S FINITE GROUNDWATER RESOURCES AND ADAPT TO THE IMPACTS OF A CHANGING CLIMATES

**Applicant Response:**

The proposed landscape plantings, except for the grass areas, will be drought-resistant. The townhomes are being built to Built Green level 4, which utilizes current low-flow plumbing features.

**DRB Discussion:**

**DRB Findings:**
COMMUNITY SPACE TO PROMOTE A SHARED SENSE OF COMMUNITY

**Applicant Response:**

The community/common areas with the Wintergreen townhome project will be largely used by the future homeowners. There will be a partial view shed from Virginia Mason of the landscaped community/common areas to offset the massing of the townhome rows.

**DRB Discussion:**

**DRB Findings:**
CLUSTER HOMESITES TO PROMOTE INTERACTION WITHIN THE COMMUNITY AND FACILITATE THE EFFICIENT USE OF LAND BY REDUCING DISTURBED AREAS, IMPERVIOUS SURFACES, UTILITY EXTENSIONS AND ROADWAYS

**Applicant Response:**

As discussed previously, the townhome homesites are aligned in rows and divided in the middle to allow pedestrian walkways across and lengthwise to connect to the existing Wintergreen center’s walkways. The Wintergreen townhome homesites are designed to use only the remaining buildable areas of the 2 lots in order to retain the previously approved Wintergreen center's preserved natural areas. The Wintergreen center's commercial buildings utilize open parking lots that require substantial impervious surfaces. The Wintergreen townhome 3-story townhomes with single car garages on the first floor will reduce the size of the previously planned parking lot for a commercial building. Thus, the impervious surfaces of the Wintergreen townhome project will be reduced and/or replaced with cleaner runoff from roofs. Only one new one-way accessway for the west lot will be required, thus maximizing the use of the existing accessways and roadways.

**DRB Discussion:**

**DRB Findings:**
SOLAR ACCESS TO PROVIDE SOLAR ACCESS FOR WELLBEING AND ENERGY PRODUCTION

**Applicant Response:**

The Wintergreen project's town home rows are aligned north and south to allow sunlight to reach all the homes and landscaped areas the entire year. Though the units do not include future solar features to utilize solar access for energy, the units are being built to meet Built Green level 4 standards.

**DRB Discussion:**

**DRB Findings:**
ACCESS AND CIRCULATION TO PROVIDE A PRACTICAL AND PLEASANT NETWORK OF MULTI-MODAL CIRCULATION

**Applicant Response:**

The Wintergreen townhome project is located near the busiest intersection on Bainbridge: High School Rd. and HWY 305. Thus, it will be served by all forms of public transportation, including buses and ferries. Pedestrian and cycling networks connect directly to the proposed project, which can safely and comfortably be used to commute via the impervious pathway along HWY 305 to either downtown or the ferry. Safe pedestrian sidewalks with signaled crosswalks provide pedestrian access to the Safeway commercial center, which will help reduce auto use for living essentials.

**DRB Discussion:**

**DRB Findings:**
MOTOR VEHICLES TO MINIMIZE THE PROMINENCE OF MOTOR VEHICLE USE AND STORAGE

**Applicant Response:**

The Wintergreen townhome project is required by the Wintergreen center CC+Rs to utilize the existing parking lots. However, by placing single car garages on the first floor of the 3-story townhomes in the interior rows of townhomes on both lots, the project has hidden from public view about two-thirds of the homeowners’ cars.

**DRB Discussion:**

**DRB Findings:**
HOMESITE DESIGN TO EFFICIENTLY CONFIGURE BUILDING FOOTPRINT(S) AND ALLOWED USES WITHIN A HOMESITE

**Applicant Response:**

The Wintergreen townhome homesites were designed to provide a private open space in the patio entrance and backyard for the 2-story townhomes. The 3-story townhomes also have a private patio entrance with a balcony extending over the rear driveway to the garage. The project does utilize almost all of the allowed FAR building area in order to provide the lower cost per unit that will allow home sales in accordance with the COBI affordable home guidelines. Nevertheless, there is more natural area and community/common area provided than required.

**DRB Discussion:**

**DRB Findings:**
DIVERSITY IN HOUSE DESIGN TO PROVIDE A RANGE OF HOME SIZES AND DESIGNS TO ACHIEVE DIVERSITY IN VISUAL APPEARANCE AND AFFORDABILITY

**Applicant Response:**

The Wintergreen townhome home designs include a 2-story townhome with 1 BR plus den, with a limited number of 2BR models. The 3-story townhomes have a multi-use room on the 1st floor next to the garage where the home is entered through the front door. This room can be used as a home office, which will allow client visits (permitted in the Wintergreen commercial center). The 2nd and 3rd floor can be either a 1 bedroom or 1 bedroom and den.

**DRB Discussion:**

**DRB Findings:**
FACING PUBLIC STREETS TO REINFORCE NEIGHBORLINESS OF HOMES ALONG A PUBLIC STREET

**Applicant Response:**

As noted previously, the rows of 2-story townhomes facing Wintergreen Ln. have their patio entrances facing the street with either a pedestrian path or sidewalk to serve pedestrian access to their homes. This feature will add a friendly neighborhood aspect to the commercial center.

**DRB Discussion:**

**DRB Findings:**
LARGER SITES

STANDARD 1 DESIGN THE SITE BY CLUSTERING BUILDINGS AND ARRANGING THEM WITH FRONTAGES ON PUBLIC STREETS, PUBLIC SPACES, OR OPEN SPACE.

STANDARD 2 DESIGN SITES TO MINIMIZE THE VISUAL IMPACT OF PARKING ON THE PUBLIC REALM.

Applicant Response:

Standard 1) As previously discussed, the townhome rows have been designed to front on Wintergreen Ln., natural areas, or community/common areas.

Standard 2) Though the project must use the existing parking lots, all of the 3-story townhomes have single car garages on the first floor, thus eliminating open parking stalls and reducing the impact of garages by having them in interior townhome rows.

DRB Discussion:

Standard 1)

Standard 2)

DRB Findings:
HISTORIC PLACES

STANDARD 1
Design the site, building(s), and landscape to be compatible with historic buildings without directly mimicking historic architectural styles.

STANDARD 2
Maintain the historic integrity of buildings over 50 years old listed or eligible for the national or local register of historic places.

Applicant Response:

Standard 1) Not applicable
Standard 2) Not Applicable

DRB Discussion:
Standard 1)

Standard 2)

DRB Findings:
CIVIC USES

STANDARD 1
DESIGN CIVIC USES AND SITES TO REFLECT AND CONTRIBUTE TO THEIR FUNCTION AND ROLE IN THE COMMUNITY WHILE BEING CLEARLY IDENTIFIABLE AS A CIVIC USE.

STANDARD 2
DESIGN CIVIC SITES AND BUILDINGS TO SERVE MULTIPLE FUNCTIONS SUCH AS PUBLIC SPACE, COMMUNITY GATHERINGS, PUBLIC ART, AND OTHER COMPATIBLE USES.

Applicant Response:
Standard 1) Not applicable
Standard 2) Not applicable

DRB Discussion:
Standard 1)

Standard 2)

DRB Findings:
This project is recommended for:

Approval ☐

Approval with the following conditions: ☐

Denial with the following deficiencies: ☐

SIGNATURE: ____________________________ DATE:

Chair, Design Review Board