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Tirrell Black, AICP
City of Spokane Planning Services
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Ref: DOE Annual Map Amendment

Tirrell:

On behalf of the Department of Ecology, please find its application for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment and rezone from R 6-10 to Office and RSF to O-35. Specifically, enclosed are:

1) General Application
2) Early Threshold Review Supplement
3) Comprehensive Plan Annual Amendment Pre-Application
4) SEPA Checklist
5) Project Narrative
6) Site Plan
7) Summary of Neighborhood Council Outreach, and
8) $500.00 application fee.

Respectfully Submitted

Dwight J Hume, agent
Land Use Solutions and Entitlement

[Stamp: Received Oct 29 2018]

Neighborhood and Planning Services
DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:

Map Amendment from R 4-10 to Office and zone change from RSF to O-35

ADDRESS OF SITE OF PROPOSAL: (if not assigned yet, obtain address from Public Works before submitting application)
4502 and 4508 N Madison, 4601 N Monroe and 4616 N Monroe

APPLICANT:
Name: Department of Ecology, C/O Fran Huntington Facilities Manager
Address: 300 Desmond Dr  Lacey WA 98503
Phone (home): Phone (work): 360-407-7028
Email address: Fhun461@ecy.wa.gov

PROPERTY OWNER:
Name: Washington State Department of Ecology
Address: PO Box 47600  Olympia WA 98504
Phone (home): Phone (work): N/A
Email address: N/A

AGENT:
Name: Dwight J Hume dba Land Use Solutions and Entitlement
Address: 9101 N Mt. View Lane  Spokane WA 99218
Phone (home): Phone (work): 509-435-3108
Email address:

ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBERS:

35062.3610, 35062.3609, (Houses); 35062.3619 (W Parking Lot); 35062.3515 (NE Parking Lot)

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE:

See Attached Legal Descriptions

SIZE OF PROPERTY:

Houses (.28 acres); W. Parking Lot (.57 acres); NE Parking Lot (.17 acres) Total Acres 1.02 acres

LIST SPECIFIC PERMITS REQUESTED IN THIS APPLICATION:

Land Use Map Amendment with implementing zone changes.
SUBMITTED BY:

Washington State Department of Ecology

by Fran Huntington

□ Applicant  X Property Owner  □ Property Purchaser  □ Agent

In the case of discretionary permits (administrative, hearing examiner, landmarks commission or plan commission), if the applicant is not the property owner, the owner must provide the following acknowledgement:

I, Fran Huntington, Facility Manager of the above-described property do hereby authorize Dwight J Hume dba Land Use Solutions and Entitlement to represent DOE and our interests in all matters regarding this application.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

STATE OF WASHINGTON

COUNTY OF SPOKANE

On this 10th day of October, 2018, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared Fran Huntington, to me known to be the individual that executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the said instrument to be free and his/her free and voluntary act and deed, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

Witness my hand and official seal hereto affixed the day and year first above written.

Valerie L Pearson
Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, residing at Lacey, Washington

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Description of Proposed Amendment: Land Use Map change from R 4-10 to Office and a zone change from RSF to O-35 on 1.02 acres.

The request will change two single family home sites located at 4502 and 4508 N Madison from RSF to O-35 and upgrade two existing parking lots; one located north of the houses along Madison and one located at the SEC of Monroe and Wellesley to Office from the current special permits and RSF zoning.

The purpose of the amendment is to accommodate an emergency response storage facility on site with the main office of the DOE and to replace existing special permit parking lots with Office designation and zoning.

SMC 17G.025.010

1. Describe how the proposed amendment is appropriately addressed as a Unified Development Code Amendment.

The UDC allows for private sector request on individual ownerships, in-lieu-of a city-wide update to the comprehensive plan or a sub-area plan. Neither of these options are available, leaving the private sector request as the only reasonable option to keep the planned improvements within their approved budget cycle.

2. The proposed amendment does not raise policy or land use issues that are more appropriately addressed by an ongoing work program approved by the City council or by a neighborhood or subarea planning process.

As stated above, neither a Citywide update nor a sub-area plan are available to this area and request, nor are they timely, considering the budget cycle.

3. The proposed amendment can be reasonably reviewed within the resources and time frame of the Annual Comprehensive Plan Amendment Work Program.

The request has already been reviewed for the parking lot upgrades as a pre-application meeting of August 9, 2018. The change of the two existing houses will not add an unreasonable length of time for review and approval under the annual review process.
4. Describe how the proposed amendment is consistent with current general policies in the comprehensive plan for site-specific amendment proposals. The proposed amendment must be consistent with policy implementation in the Countywide Planning policies, the GMA, or other state or federal law, and the WAC.

The annual process for amending the Comprehensive Plan is to keep the Comprehensive Plan alive and responsive to the community. The subject property is part of a common ownership split between the O-35 and RSF zones and contained within its present facility operations and/or block. The requested amendment is therefore, consistent with the adjacent land use classification and zones and will implement many applicable Comprehensive Plan policies. The site has a full range of public services available and can accommodate any potential commercial use of the common site.

The request is consistent with the CWPP. The CWPP encourages growth in urban areas where services and utilities already exist. When the site is further developed, the applicant or developer will be required to demonstrate that levels of service are maintained, as required by the CWPP. The CWPP also encourages the use of public transit and development where public transit is available. It is important to note that the city has adopted development regulations and policies to implement the CWPP at the City level. Thus, consistency with the CWPP is achieved.

The application is consistent with the goals and policies of the Growth Management Act. The GMA encourages densification, in-fill and urban development and redevelopment in areas designated for urban growth and within existing city limits. The property is within the UGA and the city limits of Spokane.

The proposed change is consistent with the following goals of the Comprehensive Plan:

**Land Use 1.5** The Office designation is also located where it continues an existing office trend...

The subject proposal is located within the block bounded by Madison on the West, Princeton on the South, Wellesley on the North and Monroe on the East. The exception is a fleet vehicle parking lot located at the SEC of Wellesley and Monroe. The proposal will be contained within the block and will be used as part of the existing State of Washington DOE services. Accordingly, the expansion of the existing Office designation is contained and brings current non-conforming improvements and zones into conformance with the intent of the policy and comprehensive plan.
Land Use 1.12
The proposed map change is consistent with LU 1.12. Existing public facilities and services are adequately available to the subject property.

Land Use 3.1
The proposed map change is consistent with LU 3.1, which encourages the efficient use of land. Under Policy LU 3.1 future growth should be directed to locations where adequate services and facilities are available.

Land Use 5.3
The Off-Site impacts are mitigated by the development standards of the city and the subject property is adjacent to existing DOE uses or separated by existing street systems, which is a common land use designation boundary area, thus fostering a range of business and employment opportunities.

Economic Development Goal 6
The proposed map change is consistent with Goal ED 6, which recommends that development be located where infrastructure capacity already exist before extending infrastructure into new areas. In this case, all services are readily available.

5. The proposed amendment is not the same as or substantially similar to a proposal that was considered in the previous year’s threshold review process but was not included in the Annual Comprehensive Plan Amendment Work Program, unless additional supporting information has been generated. N/A, the proposal has not been submitted in the past.

6. If this change is directed by state law or a decision of a court or administrative agency, please describe. N/A

End of Form
DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

(Please check the appropriate box(es))

☐ Comprehensive Plan Text Change  X Land Use Designation Change
☐ Regulatory Code Text Change  ☐ Area-Wide Rezone

Please respond to these questions on a separate piece of paper. Incomplete answers may jeopardize your application's chances of being reviewed during this amendment cycle.

1. General Questions (for all proposals):
   a. Summarize the general nature of the proposed amendment.
      Map amendment from R-4-10 to Office and zone change from RSF to O-35.
   
   b. Why do you feel this change is needed?
      The Department of Ecology is located within this block and has acquired the remaining two houses to use the land for facility expansion, for an emergency response equipment accessory storage building.
   
   c. In what way(s) is your proposal similar to or different from the fundamental concepts contained in the comprehensive plan?
      Except for an existing "C" store, the remainder of the block within which the subject request is located, is owned by the State of Washington and operated by the Department of Ecology. The entire east half of this block is zoned Office, where the primary office facility is located and an existing parking lot on the west half is allowed by special permit. This is merely an expansion of the Office category to allow the planned facility expansion and upgrade zoning of the parking lot(s) from previous special permit approvals. If approved, it will be contained within its present boundaries of use.
   
   d. For text amendments: What goals, policies, regulations or other documents might be changed by your proposal? N/A
   
   e. For map amendments:
      1. What is the current Land Use designation and zoning for each affected parcel? R 4-10 and RSF
      2. What is the requested Land Use designation and zoning for each affected parcel? Office and O-35
      3. Describe the land uses surrounding the proposed amendment site(s); e.g. land use type, vacant/occupied, etc.
         Sit(s): S/F Houses and/or parking lots for DOE and DOE Offices. East: S/F Houses; West: S/F Houses, Office and "C" Store; North: S/F and Neighborhood Retail: South S/F and Catholic Parish.
   
   f. Do you know of any existing studies, plans or other documents that specifically relate to or support your proposal? Previous Special Permits were granted for on-site parking in the west half of the block and at the SEC of Monroe and Wellesley.
   
   g. Why did you decide to pursue a comprehensive plan amendment rather than address your concern through some other aspect of the Development Services department's work program (e.g. neighborhood planning, public input on new regulations, etc.)?
There are no pending plan updates and state budget constraints require immediate action.

h. Has there been a previous attempt to address this concern through a comprehensive plan amendment?
   □ Yes  X No

i. If yes, please answer the following questions:
   1. When was the amendment proposal submitted?
   2. Was it submitted as a consistent amendment or an inconsistent amendment?
   3. What were the Plan Commission recommendation and City Council decision at that time?
   4. Describe any ways that this amendment proposal varies from the previously considered version.
The Department of Ecology has purchased the remaining two homes located on the block where the DOE has headquarterd in Spokane. Except for a “C” store located at the NW corner of the block, DOE will now have the rest of the block for their use.

These houses are located at the NEC of Princeton and Madison and are addressed as 4502 and 4508 N Madison. The purpose of this request is to enable DOE to relocate their emergency response equipment currently stored in west Spokane near the Waste to Energy Plant. The project would replace the houses with an accessory structure for said storage. Budgeting has been approved and is subject to this zone change prior to permitting, which is now delayed until the spring of 2020. Pending the procedural completion of this annual amendment.

In addition, the DOE will improve the existing parking lots and add a new parking lot immediately south of the existing office building within the current O-35 zone. Those improvements are scheduled for completion by June 30, 2019. A schematic site plan is included showing the proposed parking lot locations and a proposed preliminary site plan of the storage facility.

Finally, as part of the annual amendment, the parking lots that are currently under the approval of a special permit, will be upgraded to the O-35 zone to bring these parcels into compliance with the comprehensive plan and remove the non-conforming classification of said lots.
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Jeff: As you may have heard, the Department of Ecology is expanding their facilities at their Monroe and Wellesley location. In this instance, they acquired the two remaining houses within their block located at the NEC of Madison and Princeton. These will be removed and the emergency response equipment will finally be relocated to that site. In addition, the DOE is improving the parking lots and adding one directly south of the existing office building along the ally and Princeton. That project will be finished by June 30 of 2019. The other storage building won’t happen until the spring of 2020 pending the approval of the Office designation.

As you know, the City requires us to interface and go over the application. I could meet (if there’s room on your agenda on the November 8th date, or the December 13th date. Let me know what works for you.

Regards

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Comprehensive Plan Amendment

Record/Permit Number: Z18-884COMP

Job Title: Department of Ecology

Site Information:
Address: 4502 N MADISON ST
Parcel #: 35062.3609
Applicant

Permit Status: Application Accepted
Status Date: 10/29/2018
Parent Permit: Owner

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Description of Work: Requested amendment to comprehensive plan land use plan map from residential 4-10 to office and a corresponding zone change from RMF to O-35

Contractor(s)
Fees:
Pre-application Fee

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Estimated Balance Due: $0.00

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

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This checklist includes all of the required information for submitting a Early Threshold Review Application for an item that has been docketed for full review as a COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OR DEVELOPMENT STANDARD AMENDMENT. It includes required information of the State Environmental Policy Act. Applications will not be processed until all of the following information is submitted and determined “Counter Complete.”

- Predevelopment meeting summary (if applicable)
- Pre-application meeting or correspondence with neighborhood council (for map amendments)
- General Application, completed and signed
- Threshold Review Application for Comprehensive Plan Amendments
- Environmental checklist, if required under SMC Chapter 17E.050.
- Additional materials such as photographs illustrating the site or visioning documents appropriate to a non-project action may be included.
- For a map amendment, (2) paper copies and one PDF (formatted for posting and emailing) of the site plan, drawn to a minimum scale of 1"=100", on a sheet no larger than 24"x36", which will include all of the following:
  - Applicant’s name, mailing address and phone number
  - Section, township and range
  - North arrow and scale
  - Legal description
  - Dimensions of property and property lines
  - City limits and section lines
  - Existing utilities in adjoining right-of-way
  - Existing streets, alleys, major easements or public areas
  - Location of existing buildings
  - Unstable slopes (if applicable)
  - Wetlands (if applicable)
  - Water courses such as streams, rivers, etc. (if applicable)
  - Flood plains, flood fringe or flood way (if applicable)
  - Significant habitat or vegetation (if applicable)
- For a text amendment, instead of the site plan, please include the proposed amendment with the text to be added underlined and the text to be deleted with strikeout.
- Additional application information may be requested later if item is put on the Annual Comprehensive Plan Amendment Work Program and may include, but is not limited to, the following: critical area studies, noise studies, air quality studies, visual analysis, transportation impact studies, geotechnical and wetland studies
- Planning & Development Department filing fees, as required under SMC Chapter 8.02