

**PARK CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
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PRESENT: Nann Worel, Brooke Hontz, Stewart Gross, Jack Thomas, Mick Savage, Adam Strachan, Charlie Wintzer, Thomas Eddington, Kirsten Whetstone, Francisco Astorga, Matt Cassel, Polly Samuels McLean

WORK SESSION ITEMS

Land Management Code – Discussion of height/story in Chapter 2 and 15

Commissioner Wintzer provided a topo map of Old Town showing every ridge. He requested that the Staff use the map to prepare for a future discussion regarding ridges.

Planner Astorga remarked that the objective this evening was to make sure the Staff and the Planning Commission were correctly interpreting building height in the Historic Residential Districts; the HR-1, HR-2 and the HRL. He noted that some of the Commissioners have been on the Planning Commission long enough to understand heights in Old Town; while others have only been on the Planning Commission a short time. The Staff believed this work session would be a good exercise for everyone.

Planner Astorga explained that the Staff chose scenarios of different slopes starting at 15%, 30%, 45% and 60% for uphill and downhill lots. The structures were designed to the highest maximums allowed by Code in terms of height and footprint and the setbacks were minimized to create the worst case scenario. Planner Astorga wanted this exercise to be a true discussion and he wanted the Commissioners to ask questions and critique the individual scenarios.

Planner Astorga reviewed the LMC Height Restrictions as outlined in the Staff report. The allowed height is 27-feet maximum from existing grade. Final grade shall be within four-feet of the existing grade around the periphery. A structure may have a maximum of three stories. A ten-foot minimum horizontal stepback is required. The roof pitch must be between 7:12 and 12:12. The downhill lot has an exception for the tandem garage. Planner Astorga recalled previous discussions regarding exceptions to roof pitch; however, until that was adopted he preferred to focus on the existing Code.

Commissioner Savage asked for clarification on how existing grade is defined. Planner Astorga replied that existing grade is the existing topography. Commissioner Savage wanted to know how they could be certain that the grade was not changed. Commissioner Thomas explained that the topo is examined at the beginning of the project and the grade is examined at the end of the project. The Building Department should be able to confirm whether the grade has been manipulated. Commissioner Hontz thought Commissioner Savage made a good point because there are situations where the previous owner changed the grade of the site. She recalled a project where Planner Astorga realized that the grade had been change and suggested that the Planning Commission add a condition that the structure should be built from the previous existing grade and not the current existing grade. Commissioner Hontz stated that if someone moves the dirt now and calls it existing grade ten years later, they would probably get away with it. Commissioner Thomas pointed out that it is supposed to be natural existing grade.

Commissioner Savage asked if there was a way to make a definite determination on grade. Commissioner Thomas replied that if there is an interpolation to be made between the existing grade and the natural grade, the Planning Director has the purview to make that decision. Planner Astorga recalled that when the Code was amended in 2009, a specific definition of existing grade was added. Planning Director stated that existing grade is defined as the grade of a property prior to any proposed development or construction and activity. Therefore, it is the grade prior to any altering of the site. Commissioner Savage pointed out that the language states, "prior to any proposed" altering of the site. Commissioner Hontz agreed. She may not be proposing to do anything, but that would not keep her from moving dirt on the site. Commissioner Savage thought it was important to find a way to tighten the definition with respect to interpolation of some extension of natural topological grade.

Director Eddington explained that the Staff visits the site and assesses the grade. If the existing grade appears to be different than what is shown on the topo, the Staff assesses the natural grade which, by definition, is "The grade of the surface of the land prior to any development activity or any other manmade disturbance or grading. The Planning Department shall estimate the natural grade not readily apparent by reference".

Commissioner Savage was satisfied that the existing definition addressed his concern. Commissioner Thomas remarked that grade is a game that had been played and he expected it to continue.

Planner Astorga reviewed the first scenario, Scenario A, on a downhill lot. A blue line represented the property lines. The lot is 75' in length. The first scenario had the requirement of one exterior and one interior parking space. He noted that the property could be designed with two interior parking spaces. The structure was three stories. In this particular scenario the lot was accessed from the left-hand side. Planner Astorga reminded the Commissioners that these examples were worst case scenarios. Based on the access in this scenario, the front yard setback increased from 10-feet to 18-feet because of the minimum standard of the parking pad. He indicated the 10' stepback on the downhill façade. This scenario was drafted at a 15% grade and it would not require a review by the Planning Commission because it does not reach the 30% or greater requirement. The project could be three stories, meet the 10-foot stepback and still meet the height requirement. Planner Astorga pointed to the line indicating existing grade. Two other redlines showed 4' up or down from grade. This scenario had a one-car garage. The second required parking space was outside.

Commissioner Strachan noted that the basement was almost totally submerged, and he asked how low it could go. Planner Astorga replied that the basement could be completely submerged. Director Eddington referred to the heavy red line indicating existing natural grade, and noted that it could go 4' down from there and expose more light in the basement. Commissioner Strachan pointed out that someone could also make the floor 25' feet high and dig down further. It would provide very little light but they might not care. If someone wanted to excavate more dirt to increase the square footage of the overall home, they could do that. Commissioner Thomas commented on the ramifications that would occur with over-excavation. He questioned whether it was unrealistic to define a basement depth. Commissioner Wintzer thought the control would be shoring engineering to address the issue of digging a large hole three feet away from the neighbor.

Commissioner Strachan remarked that larger basements have been the trend in more recent applications and the amount of excavation continues to grow. Because the lots are so steep, the portion that daylights gets bigger with the slope and results in significantly more excavation in the back. He understood that the LMC states that the effects of excavation must be mitigated, but he believed it was a very loose standard.

Commissioner Thomas was unsure about placing a restriction on the depth of the lowest level. Commissioner Hontz suggested that they continue with the presentation before discussing specific restrictions, since the other scenarios may help provide the answers.

Planner Astorga presented the second scenario, Scenario B, which was also a 15% slope. The difference between this scenario and the previous scenario is that scenario two has two interior parking spaces. The setback was only 10' feet from the front. Planner Astorga noted that in the second scenario, the third floor was completely buried. The Code indicates that window wells could be approved, however, the setbacks must be at least 5' and the window wells could encroach 4' onto the side yard setback. Planner Astorga stated that some of the basement space could be used for mechanical equipment, but he did not believe anyone would use an entire floor for that purpose.

Commissioner Strachan asked why there was not a 10-foot setback. Planner Astorga replied that the basement was buried completely. The setback is only required for the third floor above grade.

Planner Astorga presented the third scenario, Scenario C. It was still a 15% slope, however, the difference between the first two scenarios and the next two was that the building would go down the slope. In scenarios one and two the driveway went up 14% positive grade. In the next two scenarios, the driveway goes down 14% negative grade. Planner Astorga noted that the roof pitches in all the scenarios were designed at 7:12 pitch, to again create the worst case scenario.

Commissioner Savage commented on the tendency towards thinking that taking a structure to the maximum allowed by Code is negative. He did not believe the end result was always negative, and sometimes it could be positive. Commissioner Savage stated that maximum utilization of a lot is within the rights of the applicant, and the Planning Commission should not consider that to be a negative independent of subsequent analysis.

Planner Astorga reviewed the scenario, which showed one interior and exterior parking space. Because the grade goes down 14%, the vehicle is stored on the main floor. Due to setbacks and the roof pitch, the third story is smaller than in the first two scenarios, which affects overall square footage. Planner Astorga stated that the floor area in this structure was 2100 square feet. The floor area in the first scenario was 2400 square feet, and 2500 square feet in the second scenario. He noted that the third scenario would have a walkout level on the lower basement.

Commissioner Thomas noted that most cars are fairly long and the larger vehicles can exceed 18' long. He pointed out that the bumper on larger vehicles touch the front of the house on one end and the property line at the other end. He was not in favor of adding to the front yard setback, but there is a challenge with larger vehicles. Director Eddington stated that if someone has that large of a vehicle, they would probably reduce the square footage of the house to make the garage larger. Commissioner Hontz remarked that instead of reducing the house size, people build the minimum

size garage and park on the street. Either that or they park one car in the garage but leave the door open because the vehicle extends out, and then park their other cars in the street. Commissioner Hontz believed that the standards were not working and there were many questions on how to resolve the garage issue.

Commissioner Savage asked who was responsible for making decisions regarding parking and parking density on the streets. Director Eddington replied that Public Works handles parking issues. Since this was an issue with respect to car length, Commissioner Savage thought it would be appropriate to have Public Works look at a regulation that would prohibit cars greater than a certain length from parking in the driveway unless the driveway is a certain length. Commissioner Thomas pointed out that such a regulation would create an enforcement issue. Commissioner Hontz noted that enforcement is contracted out; therefore, Public Works would not be the enforcers. She believed it was a larger problem than just trying to solve it on paper. Commissioner Hontz thought they needed to look at places with 14% uphill and 14% downhill. She could not think of too many with 14% uphill; and the downhill ones were disasters.

Commissioner Wintzer indicated the potential for a green roof in one area, and noted that it could create living space per the Code. In that situation, the green roof was an issue of increasing square footage, not being compatible with the house. Commissioner Thomas stated that in Park Meadows, for a flat roof less than 4:12, the maximum height is reduced from 33' to 28'. Director Eddington replied that the rule did not apply in Old Town. Commissioner Thomas thought it might be worth considering that for Old Town. If they could encourage green roofs and reduce the heights, the visual impact of the volumetric would be overwhelming. If they allow flat roofs they should have a reduced height below 27'. Commissioner Wintzer thought the green roof issue in Old Town should be revisited because allowing green roofs was passed without any input from the Planning Commission. The language basically allows green roofs in Park City without consideration for compatibility with historic structures or other related issues. Commissioner Wintzer agreed that flat roofs were better in Park City's climate than pitched roofs, but he thought the green roof scenario should be revisited for Old Town.

Planner Astorga reviewed scenario four, Scenario D, which was still at 15% grade. This scenario had two interior parking spaces. The basement was exposed with a rear walkout. The garage was tandem. The house size was 2050 square feet, which was slightly decreased from the previous scenario at 2100 square feet.

Planner Astorga presented scenario five, Scenario E, which was on 30% grade and would require Planning Commission review. It was a downhill scenario because at 30% there was no way to go up. The driveway was 14% grade with one exterior and one interior parking space. The lower level had a rear walkout. Planner Astorga noted that the lot would meet the height requirement and the 10' foot stepback would become 20 feet. The house size at 2200 square feet was slightly larger than some of the 15% grade lots.

Planner Astorga noted that the black lines in all the scenarios indicated the story. The stories in all the scenarios were designed at 10' each.

The sixth scenario, Scenario F, was also 30% grade. There were two interior cars. This scenario breaks the maximum height of 27'; however, the Code states that for a two-car garage in tandem

configuration, a height of 35' would be allowed. This scenario would meet the Code.

Commissioner Thomas asked for the allowed length of a tandem garage. Planner Astorga replied that the Staff capped the length at 37 feet. The Code does not indicate the length of a two-car garage in tandem configuration. It only specifies that the garage must be 11' x 20' for a single car and 20' x 20' for a double car garage not in tandem. Commissioner Strachan asked if the garage could be larger than 400 square feet but not smaller. Planner Astorga replied that it could be larger. The 400 square feet is the standard used for allowances. Commissioner Thomas pointed out that the impact of having a tandem garage on a downhill lot over 30% was dramatic. He has a tandem garage on his home and it is less than 32 feet long. He parks two smaller cars in tandem and the larger car on the other side. Commissioner Thomas believed it was realistic to have an 18' car on one side and a 13' car on the other side, parked 16" apart. He expressed concerns about designing to the maximum and suggested that they design for the minimum.

Planner Astorga stated that for consistency with the LMC, the Staff decided to cap the garage length at 37' to achieve a 400 square foot garage. Commissioner Thomas stated that a 400 square foot garage could still be accomplished with a 34' length. Director Eddington stated that the downside of a shorter garage is the inability to park two larger cars, which puts one on the street. Another downside is lack of space to store skis.

Commissioner Hontz remarked that a current problem in Old Town is that people were not using their tandem garages. Rather than focusing on the dimensions of the garage, a better idea might be to have the square footage of the garage count against the overall square footage of the house. If someone wants a larger garage it would reduce the size of their house. Commissioner Thomas stated that his concern was the visual impact of the overall mass. Commissioner Hontz was not opposed to having tandem garages as an option, but they continue to see repercussions resulting from tandem garages. To address Commissioner Thomas' concern, Commissioner Hontz suggested resolving the problem from a height standpoint rather than square footage. Commissioner Thomas asked if the Code currently has a depth limit for tandem garages. Director Eddington replied that the Code did not specify a depth limit; however, the depth would be defined and limited by the 35' foot height limitation. Commissioner Thomas agreed with Commissioner Hontz's suggestion to stay within the height limitation and not allow height exceptions for tandem garages.

The Commissioners discussed flat roofs on tandem garages. Commissioner Savage asked what advantage that would be for Park City. Commissioner Thomas replied that aesthetically it demasses the volumetrics and it allows the second space in the garage to get a car off the street.

Planner Astorga offered to consider their suggestions to see what would work. He asked if the Commissioners would be more comfortable if the height exception was closer to 32' rather than 35'. Commissioner Savage preferred to leave it alone. Commissioner Thomas outlined the worst that could be done on the premise of a worst case scenario. Director Eddington pointed out that the depth of the garage could not exceed the minimum depth for an internal parking space within the Code, which is 40 feet.

Commissioner Hontz pointed out that Scenario F was on a 30% grade and would require a Steep Slope CUP. She clarified that the Planning Commission currently has the ability under the Steep Slope CUP to deny a height exception. The purpose of this discussion was to codify certain

requirements so applicants would know upfront that a height exception would not be granted.

Commissioner Savage understood that the height exception was in place to encourage tandem parking, but now they were concerned that people would use the tandem garage for storage and not cars. Commissioner Strachan stated that whether the garage is used for storage or cars, it would still have the visual impact Commissioner Thomas had mentioned.

Planner Astorga presented the seventh scenario, Scenario G, which was on a 45% grade. He noted that development on steeper slopes was unusual, but it does occur and it was worth the discussion. This scenario was allowed one exterior and one interior parking space. The garage was 11'x 20' and it would meet the exception. The only issue was the 10' setback at the end of the structure. A portion of the house would have to be shaved, otherwise it would be on stilts. Planner Astorga noted that the structure could not accommodate any type of walkout because it would not meet the 4-foot grade provision. Commissioner Gross pointed out that they could build a deck to level it out.

Commissioner Strachan wanted to know why living space could not be stilted. Commissioner Hontz stated that it would violate the 4-foot return to grade requirement. Commissioner Thomas did not believe the Code addressed stilt houses. Planner Astorga believed it was a question for the Historic District Design Review analysis.

Director Eddington noted that a deck could not exceed the setback because it would exceed 30" above final grade. Planner Astorga pointed out that a workable deck in this scenario would require a very creative solution. Commissioner Thomas thought this scenario demonstrated that the steeper the slope, the more difficult it was to build a house. Commissioner Strachan agreed, however, he used the drawing to show how the livable space could be increased. In his opinion, a deck is usable space, even if it is not technically considered livable space. The Commissioners discussed additional issues related to building on the steepest slopes. Commissioner Hontz believed the Code was written on the idea of 15-30% slopes. Planner Astorga noted that steeper slopes push the designers to move forward on a split level. Commissioner Thomas stated that the discussion had focused on stepping the exterior of the facade and the massing of the building. However, in terms of impact to the community and over-excavating the site, he wondered whether they should begin thinking about stepping the foundation to create a reasonable depth and maximum excavation requirement.

Commissioner Hontz referred to scenarios on extremely steep slopes and asked what happens when the driveway exceeds 14%. The average slope may be 45% or 60%, but the initial portion of the slope is 80% or 100% and a 14% driveway could not be reached within the setbacks. Commissioner Gross assumed that the percentage was calculated from the edge of the right-of-way to the building envelope. Planner Astorga stated that in his analysis he found that one thing affected another thing in the Code. In his experience, nothing could be built on a slope greater than 30% without a variance. However, Park City is different because of its historic character and topography and someone could apply for a variance. The 14% grade is a standard in the LMC, which the Board of Adjustment has the ability to override with appropriate findings. Commissioner Hontz pointed out that someone could ask for that variance or a six or four foot front yard setback variance. Commissioner Wintzer stated that a variance request typically goes to hardship. In most cases, the hardship is that the person could not build as large they would like. In his opinion, that hardship could be mitigated by building a smaller house and shifting it on the lot; however, the Board of

Adjustment does not take that fact into consideration when reviewing the variance request. Commissioner Wintzer did not believe hardship was valid in those cases.

Commissioner Savage asked how often hardship cases go before the Board of Adjustment and how often they get approved. He questioned whether the Board of Adjustment would actually grant a variance if the only hardship was the inability to build a larger home. Commissioner Strachan pointed out that most people do not give home size as the hardship. Instead, they make the case that their lot is difficult to build on.

Commissioner Thomas asked if a tandem garage could be done on a very steep uphill lot. Director Eddington stated that it would exceed the 35 feet before the second car, and there is no exception on an uphill lot. Commissioner Thomas clarified that he was talking about the impact to grade below ground. He asked them to imagine an uphill lot with a tandem garage on a 100% slope. If the garage depth is 35 feet, there would be a 35' retaining wall on the backsides of that garage, which creates a significant impact. He thought consideration should be given to discouraging tandem garages on super steep slopes. Director Eddington asked if someone should be allowed to put a theater room underground if they chose not do a tandem garage. Commissioner Strachan felt the problem was the requirement for two parking spaces. If the lot is steep enough, it would be impossible to have two cars on site. He stated that one option would be to combine two or three 25' x 75' lots so they could access the driveway on an angle. He believed the issue was how deep to excavate and whether they could step back the problem, similar to stepping back the height problem.

Planner Astorga presented Scenario H, which was at 45% grade and two interior parking spaces. The driveway was 14%. This scenario would require an exception. Mandatory increased setbacks were placed on the rear because of the grade provision. Planner Astorga believed they would most likely see a split level with this scenario.

Commissioner Strachan asked why they were looking at the exceptions assumed. Planner Astorga replied that it was due to the requirement for two interior spaces. Commissioner Thomas clarified that there was an exception in the Code that allows the Staff to make the ratio determination. Commissioner Gross pointed out that they could also apply the green roof scenario that was discussed earlier. Planner Astorga recalled from the Code that a garage in tandem configuration could be as much as 35-feet. Commissioner Strachan stated that going to 35-feet would require an exception. It is not entitled. Planner Astorga read from the Code, "The Planning Director may allow additional height on a downhill lot to accommodate a single-car garage in tandem configuration." Commissioner Thomas pointed out that the tandem configuration could still be achieved by going to a green roof for the other segment and stay within 27-feet. Commissioner Wintzer stated that if half of the roof was a green roof, he was unsure how that could be considered historically compatible. Commissioner Thomas believed that should be a separate discussion. Planner Astorga stated that the Staff was in the process of drafting specific language for the LMC as an exception to the 7:12, 12:12 provision, if it complies with the guidelines and is granted by the Planning Director. The Commissioners discussed possible alternatives for meeting the requirements in Scenario H without an exception.

Commissioner Thomas recalled that the 7:12, 12:12 provision was established in an effort to find compatibility with the historic character of Old Town. Before the Code change people were flattening out the roof and making the volumetric as large as possible. If they decide to allow green roofs, they need to think it through and define the specifics.

Planner Astorga reviewed Scenarios I and J together. Both were on 60% grade. Scenario I has one exterior parking space, and Scenario J has two interior parking spaces. Planner Astorga noted that there were major issues with variances in both scenarios. If such a lot existed with 60% grade, it would again make sense to try and do a split level concept.

Commissioner Hontz pointed out that in addition to not meeting the height due to the garage, it also would not meet Code because the driveway could not be returned to within 4-feet of natural grade. The bottom two floors would also have to be on stilts. Scenarios I and J could not be built based on all three reasons.

Planner Astorga had prepared another packet of scenarios on uphill lots that he would present at a work session on February 13th.

**496 McHenry Avenue, McHenry Subdivision Replat – Plat Amendment.
(Application #PL-12-01717)**

Due to a conflict, Commissioner Thomas recused himself from this discussion and left the room.

Planner Astorga reviewed the application for the proposed McHenry subdivision replat. Sean Kelleher was the property owner. Planner Astorga reported that Mr. Kelleher owns approximately 12 lots of record. Three do not meet the minimum lot size; therefore, the lot lines would need to be shifted for development.

Planner Astorga reported that the current plan is to construct seven single-family houses that would be accessed from an underground, shared parking garage. The Staff report outlined specific points for discussion, and Planner Astorga requested that the Planning Commission provide direction to the Staff and the applicant on how to proceed. As part of the discussion, the Staff report also included the minutes from the December 12th meeting, at which time the Planning Commission held a site visit and a work session discussion on the three lots down the street from Mr. Kelleher's property.

Mr. Kelleher provided a power point presentation reviewing the history and background of the property. He has been in the periphery of Rossi Hill for a long time, but he has never come before the Planning Commission. Mr. Kelleher stated that when he first became involved with the property in 2006, he was a tenant in common with Mr. Bilbrey, a former owner. Mr. Bilbrey retained all the development rights for the property and Mr. Kelleher was the traditional silent partner. Mr. Kelleher remarked that his only involvement regarding plat applications that came forth since 2007 was to sign the plat as a co-owner of the property. All discussions and decisions made on the property were out of his control.

Mr. Kelleher outlined what has been done on the property since 2007 and how he and Mr. Bilbrey eventually became independent owners of different elements of the lots in 2011. Mr. Kelleher noted that the infrastructure has been completed at this point. He commented on problems with the wall in 2009 and that it was basically rebuilt. In 2011 he stepped in after he and Mr. Bilbrey terminated their arrangement. He worked closely with Matt Cassel, the City Engineer, in terms of ensuring that the wall was as much of a fortress as possible. That was completed in the Fall of 2011 and it went

through the one-year warranty period. Mr. Kelleher believed it was scheduled before the City Council within the next few weeks.

Mr. Kelleher stated that he has been working with a number of builders, developers, architects, and energy engineers around the Park City area a plan for development. Mr. Kelleher clarified that he is not a developer and he was never involved as a developer. He manages a firm that works with community banks and credit union. His background in development is limited, which is why tried to build a team of local representatives that know Park City and understand the issues. He has been working with this team over the past year and they have an idea of what makes sense in that area. However, they held off throughout 2012 because of changes being proposed in the LMC, such as flat roofs, which was something he would like to do.

Mr. Kelleher and the team spent a lot of time reviewing specific elements important to the community, and he tried to develop a plan that looked at sustainability and other forward thinking issues critical to Park City. They looked at the Bonanza Park plan and tried to build in some of the incentives and additional “gives” to the town that they thought were important based on that plan.

Mr. Kelleher outlined some of the benefits of his plan. In terms of affordable housing and open space, six years ago they pledged to make a contribution to the Park City Foundation of 1.5% of any of the lot sales, and that money would be focused on either affordable housing or open space. Stated that when he took possession of the property and the development rights over a year ago, he realized that the world of housing was rapidly changing and there was no reason not to build homes that use 80% less energy than the common home built to Code. He commented on things that could be done to accomplish a more energy efficient home with this development.

Mr. Kelleher stated that one reason for proposing a condo-type structure that would look like single family homes, was the ability to share energy between units. Mr. Kelleher presented a schematic and highlighted some of the features. The average home size would be approximately 3,000-3500 square feet. Underground parking and access clears the road and allows energy sharing. He noted that the proposal requests a vacation of the eastern half of the Fourth Street right-of-way. It was not a critical part of the plan, but the intent is to turn that into open space. Without the vacation, they would only have the right to go underneath it. Mr. Kelleher explained that if they extend the Shorty stairs over to the east side of Ontario and have public space above, they could also add parking along Rossi Hill to remedy currently impaired parking options and access for the existing homes. He believed that would be a “give” for the neighborhood.

Mr. Kelleher stated that the Kimball Arts Center was interested in developing an artist-in-residence program in Park City. However, the problem is lack of consistent housing and a place that would incentivize an artist. Mr. Kelleher proposed to offer the Kimball Arts Center the right to use the second floor of one unit as a 500 square foot studio/one-bedroom facility. It would be a below-market use and after ten or fifteen years, the studio would be turned over to the Kimball and they would become a member of the HOA.

Mr. Kelleher requested input from the Planning Commission on the proposed plan and he was open to feasible suggestions or alternatives.

Chair Worel referred to page 6, Exhibit A, which indicated that the lower floors of the proposed

housing would house garages, mechanical storage, etc. She asked if those garages were in addition to the large common garage. Mr. Kelleher noted that the dotted lines shown in the proposed public space area was the underground ramp. It would circle around and drop to 11 or 12 feet below grade. That would run parallel to the road that was put in a few years ago. The plan is to excavate a fairly large portion of each of the lots and have underground parking, as well as mechanical, etc., in that space. A single family home is excavated based on the footprint; however, because it is considered a condo underground, they would extend the excavation to create a larger underground space to accommodate parking for two or three cars.

Commissioner Wintzer asked if the parking would go underneath the houses all the way down Echo Spur Drive. Mr. Kelleher contemplated that it would go even further to the west. Commissioner Wintzer clarified that excavation would occur under all of the houses. Mr. Kelleher replied that this was correct. He was unsure if they could keep excavation to 100% under final grade, which was something for the Planning Commission to consider.

Planner Astorga noted that Mr. Kelleher had also submitted an existing conditions survey as well as the proposed plat. At this point Mr. Kelleher was moving forward with the plat amendment to combine everything into one lot of record in order to move forward with a condominium in the future.

Planner Astorga had included Resolution 898 in the Staff report as a quick review of the City Council findings that the applicant would have to meet for the street vacation.

Planner Astorga stated that a condominium was a type of ownership and not a use. Based on the footprint in the HR-1 District, the Staff struggled with how to move forward with an interpretation due to the underground garage that would be shared by future owners. LMC language included in the Staff report indicates that the Planning Commission may approve an underground shared parking facility through a conditional use permit. He noted that seven unit condominium projects with shared underground parking are rarely proposed in Park City. The Staff was aware of the approval for 801 Park Avenue; however, this was a different zoning district with different zoning parameters. 801 Park Avenue was part of an MPD and crossed two zone lines. If requested by the Planning Commission, he could research the specific parameters of that approval versus what was proposed for 496 McHenry.

Planner Astorga requested that the Planning Commission discuss whether they would consider the units as single-family dwellings, or whether the underground garage and being connected by the foundation would be an issue. Commissioner Wintzer asked if a condominium project was a permitted use. Planner Astorga reiterated that a condominium is a type of ownership. It is not a use. Commissioner Wintzer asked if it was permitted ownership in the zone. Planner Astorga answered yes. Commissioner Wintzer asked if the entire project could be built as a condominium if the applicant wanted to do so. Planner Astorga explained that with a condominium project, the property lines no longer exist and the private ownership is the house itself. Everything around the house would be common ownership and there would be no setback issues. Because of the foundation, it was difficult to interpret whether or not the structures would be identified as single-family dwelling. The Staff was looking for feedback from the Planning Commission to help with that interpretation. Planner Astorga had included the definitions for a single-family dwelling and a multi-unit building in the Staff report.

Commissioner Wintzer could not understand why the applicant could not build a condominium

project with houses. Planner Astorga replied that the proposal was a condominium project. Director Eddington explained that it would have the appearance of single family dwellings, but it would be a condominium project.

Commissioner Savage thought it was important to distinguish how the property is marketed versus the form of ownership. He understood that for marketing purposes it would be a single family stand-alone unit in terms of what exists above ground; but the ownership would be a condominium form of ownership. Commissioner Savage clarified that there were no constraints in the LMC as it relates to having a condominium form of ownership on a lot or a subsequent combination of lots.

Mr. Kelleher remarked that the intent was to use the existing setbacks for the zone. They were also considering flat roofs, which could lower the height below 27'. The flat roofs would accommodate solar PV and thermal. The property slopes away from the light and steep roofs would block each other.

Commissioner Wintzer pointed out that a compatibility study would need to be done and he was unsure whether five roofs would meet the Historic District Guidelines. Mr. Kelleher understood that there was a proposal to amend the LMC to allow flat roofs if used for solar, etc. He also understood that the project would have to meet compatibility. Mr. Kelleher reiterated that a primary reason for the condominium was so Rocky Mountain Power would allow shared energy between homes.

Planner Astorga stated that based on additional analysis, adding up the overall area, including the requested street vacation, equates to approximately 14.25 Old Town lots of record. Without the underground concept and just having seven single-family dwellings over 14 lots, each lot would be approximately 3800 square feet. The footprint would be approximately 1541 square feet. He was unsure if the end product would have two or three stories, but assuming three stories, each house would be approximately 4600 square feet.

Commissioner Gross asked if there would be two or three stories above the garage. Planner Astorga replied that another point for discussion was whether or not the garage counts as the first story. The Staff was only asking the question because the garage would be platted as common space, while everything else would be platted privately.

Mr. Kelleher clarified that he was only proposing two floors above grade. He was fairly certain they would not need the full 27' height. Commissioner Wintzer believed that could be addressed in a condition of approval. Commissioner Gross thought the garage should be counted as the first level to be consistent with other projects where the basement level counted as the first story.

Commissioner Hontz stated that if the underground garage connects to the above ground units, by definition she believed that would constitute an attached building, which makes the structure a multi-unit building instead of single family dwelling. Planner Astorga thought the definition of a multi-unit building was weak because it only says, "A building containing four or more dwelling units". It does not address the connection piece. The Staff was looking for direction from the Planning Commission on that issue.

Commissioner Savage stated that if the redlined area shown was common space, then each unit

sits on top of common space and; therefore, all the units are connected by common space. On the other hand, if a driveway provided access to private garage space underneath each home, the homes could be independent of each other as it relates to footprint. In his opinion, whether or not the building is multi-tenant would be contingent on the underground design.

Commissioner Strachan remarked that a driveway would also be a potential connection and considered common space because each unit would not have its own access point. Mr. Kelleher clarified that there would be a garage door for each unit.

Commissioner Wintzer understood that an MPD was not permitted in the HR-1 zone. Director Eddington replied that this was correct. Planner Astorga remarked that in some circumstances, the reduction of driveway accesses for each unit is a good urban design feature and allows for more aesthetic control on the street.

Commissioner Gross asked if parking was allowed on that street. City Engineer, Matt Cassel, stated that street parking was not allowed. Commissioner Gross wanted to know where guests would park. Planner Astorga asked if Mr. Kelleher would consider adding guest parking in the underground garage. Mr. Kelleher asked if parking on the street was prohibited in any circumstance. He was told this was correct. Planner Astorga remarked that the Code requires two parking spaces per dwelling unit. Therefore, fourteen spaces would be required for seven units proposed.

Mr. Cassel explained that the street was built to 20 feet, which included sidewalk, curb and gutter and the road surface. It was only meant to provide access to homes on that street and for fire access, which requires 20' minimum. Cars are not allowed to park along the road unless they are fully off the street, sidewalk and curb and gutter. Commissioner Gross asked about snow removal. Mr. Cassel stated that snow gets pushed to the end of the road. Commissioner Hontz assumed the road had still not been accepted by the City. Mr. Cassel replied that it has not been accepted at this point. However, it would go to the City Council for final acceptance or dedication. If for some reason the City decided not to take it over, it would become a private drive and nothing would change. He noted that the road was built to City standards.

Commissioner Savage asked if the Staff could present the Planning Commission with a hierarchy of decisions that need to be made regarding this proposal, and the dependency of one decision upon another. He thought a major question was whether or not a multi-unit dwelling was acceptable for this development in conjunction with it being designated as a condominium form of ownership. Another important question related to ridgeline. Planner Astorga noted that the Staff had received additional information from Commissioner Wintzer regarding the ridgeline. To address Commissioner Savage's question regarding the use related to condos and single family dwelling, Planner Astorga believed a related question would be how to interpret the footprint.

Commissioner Wintzer referred to page 25 of the Staff report and indicated ten or twelve platted lots that have attached development rights and access to the street. Those lots could be developed with one house on each lot without Planning Commission approval. Commissioner Savage asked if there were slope issues on those lots. Commissioner Wintzer replied that a lot of record with access would trump any slope issue. Commissioner Wintzer indicated lots further down the road and noted that the second to the last lot was a lot of record with access. The two lots below that lot were lots of record, but without access. He pointed out that combining those two lots would

increase the amount of development rights further down the road, and that was his issue. Commissioner Wintzer thought they should focus on the issue above and not the issue below.

Commissioner Hontz appreciated the comments from both Commissioners Wintzer and Savage because she struggled with the same issue. If they combine the lots it is evident where the ridgeline would run through the lots, and the Planning Commission would need to have that discussion. Commissioner Hontz noticed that the survey in the packet was a topo survey and she thought they had asked to see a boundary or alta survey. Director Eddington replied that they would want to see an alta survey with the subdivision.

Commissioner Hontz stated that if the lots are combined, the Planning Commission would have to make findings for good cause and one concern would be public health, safety and welfare. She noted that Echo Spur is a substandard street and any road utilized to get to that street is also substandard. Ontario, McHenry, and Rossi Hill are all narrow streets and she would like to understand the impacts of adding seven or nine units. Commissioner Hontz thought a traffic analysis would be necessary and the City should dictate the terms of what is analyzed. The analysis needs to take into account the conditions of the streets, particularly in winter, and the existing conditions that would not be improved.

Commissioner Hontz had issues with the additional square footage through the addition of the right-of-way from the City vacation. She thought some of the ideas listed on page 6 of the Staff report could be great benefits to the neighborhood, but she wanted to hear from the neighborhood and visit the site herself to make her own determination about the additional parking spots. Commissioner Hontz was not convinced that adding the stairs to that location would be a benefit to anyone except that particular development. She was concerned that it could potentially reduce the value of the open space in that area. At this point she would not consider those a good enough "get" on the part of the City. Commissioner Hontz was also concerned about taking access off of McHenry instead of Echo Spur into the underground parking. Although they usually try to reduce the amount of excavation, if it done correctly, the potential benefits of an underground combined parking garage in this area could offset the excavation impacts to the community.

Mr. Kelleher wanted to know what defines a substandard street. City Attorney Matt Cassel stated that Echo Spur and Rossi Hill meet all the criteria of City standards for a street. The only street considered substandard is Ontario, due to the slope. Commissioner Hontz recalled Mr. Cassel's earlier comment that street parking was prohibited on Echo Spur. Mr. Cassel explained that based on a request by the neighbors and to satisfy their needs and issues, Echo Spur was made as narrow as possible but still meeting the Fire Code. Commissioner Hontz asked if there were any parking requirements on Rossi Hill based on its width. Mr. Cassel stated that Rossi Hill is scheduled to be redone and the City will try to address current parking issues and the width in terms of snow removal. Currently, Rossi Hill is not considered a substandard street. It is unsafe in the winter but it is not substandard.

Mr. Kelleher understood that there was an additional 10' on each side of Rossi Hill for a railroad right-of-way. He had contemplated that space for parking spots. Mr. Cassel replied that there was a railroad spur. He believed there was minimal space on the south side and five to ten feet on the north side of Rossi Hill Drive. Chair Wintzer asked if Mr. Kelleher anticipated using that space for

guest parking. Mr. Kelleher thought they may have to put visitor parking in China Bridge and make them walk up the stairs. He was primarily thinking of using the road side spaces to address parking issues discussed with the Ontario neighbors. It would be a nice "give" to the neighbors to pave parking spots in the railroad right-of-way along the road. Commissioner Savage assumed the proposed design would have to allow for public access into the garage area. In his opinion, not having the ability to access that area would be problematic unless the garage is publicly accessible to visitors. He was unsure of the solution, but he suggested that it would be a contentious issue for Mr. Kelleher to consider. Commissioner Wintzer agreed that an owner could never have house guests without on-site parking.

Commissioner Strachan was concerned that the proposal creates the effect of a gated community since no one except the owners could access the development. Visitors would not want to use Echo Spur because parking is prohibited and the road goes nowhere. Mr. Kelleher stated that he was not aware that one of the "gives" with the road going in was that parking was not allowed on the road in any circumstance. He felt it was unfair to say it was a gated community since it was the neighbors and not the developer who requested that parking not be allowed. Commissioner Strachan stated that Rossi Hill could be utilized for parking, but it becomes more isolated moving north. If the intent was to intermingle communities and make homes and families live, work, and play around each other, this proposal was not conducive to that intent, particularly the northernmost homes.

Commissioner Savage suggested that a possible design solution would be to create guest parking in the space west of Echo Spur. Director Eddington agreed that it was a potential and similar to what was done on Rossi Hill.

Commissioner Wintzer concurred with most of the points made by Commissioner Hontz. As someone who lives 300 yards up the road, the only open space left in Old Town are the streets that have not been built on. He noted that a park was created in the middle of the street on the upper part of Rossi Hill. Commissioner Wintzer was opposed to the City vacating any land that is the last of the open space in Old Town. He did not favor Rossi Hill Drive as the project entrance and recommended that the applicant find a way to use Echo Spur as the entrance. Commissioner Wintzer pointed out that the "gives" proposed were not "gives" the City. That was not necessarily a bad thing, but the City is typically the beneficiary. He did not believe it would benefit anyone to have a structure in the corner against Rossi Hill. Commissioner Wintzer recalled that the stairs going down the other half of Fourth Street were mentioned as a "give" the last time the Planning Commission saw this with Mr. Bilbrey. In looking at the topo, it was evident that a hill with significant vegetation would be destroyed and the stairs would only be a benefit to the residents in the project. Others may use it, but not enough people to make it a real public benefit. In his opinion, the parking structure is problematic due to the grade, and he would need someone to show him that it could work before moving forward. Commissioner Wintzer commented on the phasing plan and potential problems with building the parking structure first. He believed it should be an all or nothing process because phasing would not work in this situation. Commissioner Wintzer preferred to see a better floor area ratio study in relation to parking versus above grade square footage. Commissioner Wintzer stated that aside from his concerns, this was a creative solution and he was willing to give it consideration if his issues could be addressed. He liked the idea of a neighborhood without garage doors.

Commissioner Wintzer stated that he has lived there nearly 40 years and he walks that street every

day. His issues and concerns are based on experience and what he sees. He believed if the City and the development community had worked together in the past and had started with this proposal, they would have had a far better project without the existing problems at the end of the road.

Commissioner Savage echoed Commissioner Wintzer on the all or nothing approach. If this is to be a condominium-style project with the road access as proposed, it could not be piecemealed. He felt strongly that it should be a condition of the design concept. Commissioner Strachan recommended bonding to address the issue. Commissioner Savage thought it was important to have some understanding that the garage must be completed in conjunction with the first house.

Mr. Kelleher asked if the Planning Commission was suggesting that the foundation should go in all the way down. Commissioner Wintzer thought the foundation should go in. He was concerned about being left with a large hole in the ground at the end of the foundation if the project was stopped for any reason. He suggested the possibility of phasing the project over a two-year period by building one half first and then the other, but he would not favor the concept of building a piece of garage with every house.

Mr. Kelleher noted that the first house built would be owned by his family. He asked if having contracts for each purchase would make a difference on the phasing. Mr. Kelleher thought it would be riskier for everyone to build the entire project at one time. Commissioner Wintzer explained why he believed it would be economically better to build the garage structure at one time and then go back and construct the houses. Commissioner Savage remarked that the last house should be built first with the garage leading all the way down to the first house.

Planner Astorga believed the Staff had enough direction to move forward. Mr. Kelleher needed to redraft the concept plan and the next step would be to involve the neighborhood. Planner Astorga suggested that the next meeting should also be a work session, but with noticing to get the neighbors involved in the process. Mr. Kelleher stated that there were conversations with the neighbors in the past regarding parking and walkways for better access. He understood that the extension of the Shorty stairs appeared to be minimal, but it complements other parts of the Shorty stairs further west that also have walkways to the homes.

Planner Astorga thought it would also be beneficial to review 801 Park Avenue more in-depth to better understand that project.

The Work Session was adjourned.