## **ZONING COMMITTEE STAFF REPORT**

1. FILE NAME: The Waters Senior Living

FILE # 13-260-295

2. APPLICANT: The Waters Senior Living

**HEARING DATE:** January 16, 2014

3. TYPE OF APPLICATION: Conditional Use Permit

4. LOCATION: 678 Snelling Ave S, between Scheffer and Eleanor

5. PIN & LEGAL DESCRIPTION: 10-28-23-33-0105, Macarthur E 190 Ft of W 240 Ft of Part Bet Eleanor Ave and Mac Arthur of SW 1/4 of Sec 10 T 28 R 23 and in SD Mac Arthur W 190 Ft of Lot 9 and all of Lot 8

6. **PLANNING DISTRICT:** 15

PRESENT ZONING: B3

7. **ZONING CODE REFERENCE:** §61.501; §66.331

8. **STAFF REPORT DATE:** January 7, 2014

BY: Merritt Clapp-Smith

9. DATE RECEIVED: December 20, 2013 60-DAY DEADLINE FOR ACTION: February 18, 2014

- A. **PURPOSE:** Conditional use permit for fourteen (14) inches of additional building height (46 feet, 2 inches total) above the permitted forty five (45) feet for a residential building in a T3 zoning district.
- B. PARCEL SIZE: 40,580 sq. ft.
- C. **EXISTING LAND USE:** Funeral home (B3)
- D. SURROUNDING LAND USE:

North: Commercial (B3)

East: Single-family residential (R4)

South: Church (R4)

West: Commercial (B3)

- E. **ZONING CODE CITATION:** §66.331(g) states that a maximum height of ninety (90) feet may be permitted [in a T3 district] with a conditional use permit; §61.501 lists general conditions that must be met by all conditional uses.
- F. **HISTORY/DISCUSSION:** The Waters Senior Living has a purchase agreement to buy and redevelop the Bradshaw Funeral Home (built in 1962) site at 678 Snelling Avenue South into a 4-story senior living facility with 80 units. To enable the project to proceed as proposed, they have applied for:
  - (1) Rezoning (#13-253-015) from B3 to T3 (rezoning to be heard by City Council on Feb. 5, 2014).
  - (2) Conditional Use Permit (#13-260-295) for fourteen (14) inches of additional building height (46 feet, 2 inches total) above the permitted forty five (45) feet for a residential building in a T3 district.
  - (3) Variances for a driveway setback from the adjacent single-family residential to allow construction of a drive lane from Eleanor to the underground parking garage, and for a reduction to the minimum required green space per unit for an assisted living project in a traditional neighborhood district.
- G. **DISTRICT COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION:** District 15 submitted a resolution of support for the property rezoning and the project in mid-December 2013.
- H. FINDINGS:
  - 1. §61.501 lists five standards that all conditional uses must satisfy:
    - a) The extent, location and intensity of the use will be in substantial compliance with the Saint Paul Comprehensive Plan and any applicable subarea plans which were approved by the city council. This condition is met. The project as proposed is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. The Land Use Plan map identifies this section of Snelling Avenue as a "Mixed Use Corridor" appropriate for a range of uses at densities of 30-150 units per acre. This project proposes 80 units on 0.93 acres or about 75 units/acre. In addition, the Housing Chapter, Figure H-K, identifies this area of Snelling Avenue as an "opportunity area for potential new housing".

- b) The use will provide adequate ingress and egress to minimize traffic congestion in the public streets. This condition is met. The property will have driveway access off of Eleanor Street, a safe distance away from the Snelling intersection where primary ingress and egress will not conflict with the high traffic volumes of Snelling Avenue. A small drop off and pick up area, recessed into the boulevard in front of the Snelling Avenue building entrance, will provide a convenient location for quick stops and reduce visitor traffic to the Eleanor driveway.
- c) The use will not be detrimental to the existing character of the development in the immediate neighborhood or endanger the public health, safety and general welfare. This condition is met. The proposed project is consistent with the mixed residential and commercial character of Snelling Avenue South and with the allowed scale of development in the RM2 district which is interspersed along Snelling Avenue within a ½ mile of the site.
- d) The use will not impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of the surrounding property for uses permitted in the district. This condition is met. An assisted living development is a good fit for the neighborhood and will provide a new, well-designed building that fits in with nearby uses and brings new residents and visitors to the area.
- e) The use shall, in all other respects, conform to the applicable regulations of the district in which it is located. The project has applied for two variances for driveway setback and total green space (#13-253-080) and for rezoning to T3 traditional neighborhood (#13-253-013). Regarding all other applicable regulations, this condition is met.
- I. STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Based on the above findings, staff recommends that the Conditional Use Permit to allow a building of forty six (46) feet two (2) inches in height -- fourteen (14) inches above the permitted height of forty five (45) feet -- be approved subject to the following additional conditions:
  - 1. The property is rezoned from B3 to T3.
  - 2. Final plans approved by the Zoning Administrator for this use shall be in substantial compliance with the plan submitted and approved as part of this application.



### **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION**

Department of Planning and Economic Development Zoning Section 1400 City Hall Annex 25 West Fourth Street Saint Paul, MN 55102-1634 (651) 266-6589

Zoning office use only File # 13 - 260295 Fee:\_ Tentative Hearing Date;

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APPLICANT	Name The Waters Senior Living (contact: Jay Jensen)  Address 1600 Hopkins Crossroad  City Hopkins St. MN Zip 55306  Name of Owner (if different) Bradshaw Funeral Group  Contact Person (if different) Jim Bradshaw		
PROPERTY LOCATION	Address / Location 678 Snelling Ave. S.  Legal Description See submitted survey.  (attach additional sheet if necessary)	Current Zoning B3, under consideration for rezone to T3	
TYPE OF PERMIT: Application is hereby made for a Conditional Use Permit under provisions of  Table 66.331, footnote (e)  Chapter 66 , Section(Division) 3, Paragraph of the Zoning Code.			
SUPPORTING INFORMATION: Explain how the use will meet all of the applicable standards and conditions. If you are requesting modification of any special conditions or standards for a conditional use, explain why the modification is needed and how it meets the requirements for modification of special conditions in Section 61.502 of the Zoning Code. Attach additional sheets if necessary.  Please see the attached narrative.			
☐ Required site plan is attached			

Applicant's Signature

### **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION NARRATIVE**

The Waters of Highland Park 12.20.2013

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Section 61.501 general standards for a Conditional Use Permit:

1) The extent, location and intensity of the use will be in substantial compliance with the Saint Paul Comprehensive Plan.

The proposed rezoning to T3 and the proposed use for this site are in compliance with the Saint Paul Comprehensive Plan.

2) The use will provide adequate ingress and egress to minimize traffic congestion in the public streets.

The proposed project has been reviewed with city staff and the driveway has been located to provide adequate ingress and egress from the site, and maximizes both pedestrian and vehicular safety by locating this drive access away from Snelling Avenue. A summary of traffic findings has also been provided to city staff, and states that the majority of trips generated by this project will utilize Snelling Avenue, which has capacity to handle these trips with no changes, and that there will be very little utilization of the residential side streets by trips generated by the proposed project.

3) The use will not be detrimental to the existing character of the development in the immediate neighborhood or endanger the public health, safety and general welfare.

The proposed project will reinforce the mixed commercial and residential nature of the Snelling Avenue corridor, and does not endanger public health, safety, and welfare.

4) The use will not impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of the surrounding property for uses permitted in the district.

The proposed project will not impede the development of surrounding property for uses permitted in the district.

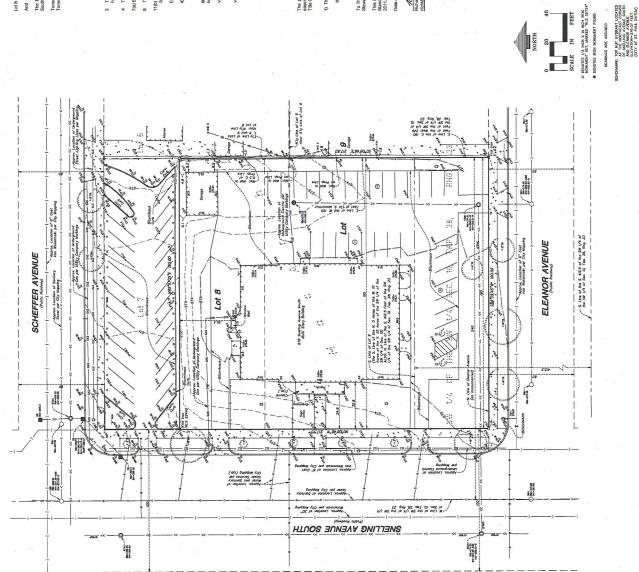
5) The use shall, in all other respects, conform to the applicable regulations of the district in which it is located.

The proposed project conforms to the applicable regulations of the district in which it is seeking rezoning (T3), with the exception of height (for which this CUP is sought – see below), and the variances sought for resident green space and driveway location.

<u>Section 61.502</u> allows for the modification of special conditions:

The CUP applied for herein is sought to address the maximum height allowed for in a multifamily use within a T3 zoning. The height of the proposed building, from average grade to roof deck (flat roof) is 46'-2", exceeding the height limit for a multifamily use within a T3 zoning by 1'-2". As the proposed building height is less than 2' over what is allowed for a multifamily use and still considerably less than the 55' limit allowed for a mixed-use building in the T3 zoning, staff has not required that a shadow study be provided. The height of the building is based on a nominal 9' ceiling height for each floor in the "house" portion of the building, which is a common ceiling height for the homes in the area, and is a reasonable expectation for residents that may consider living at The Waters of Highland Park.

All setback requirements for a multifamily use within the T3 zoning are either met or exceeded.



## DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY SURVEYED (Per Schedule A of the herein referenced Tale Commitment)

Lot 8 and the Westerly 190 feet of Lot 9, MacArthur, Ramsey County, Minnesota

678 Snelling Avenue South

The Easterfy 190 feet of the Westerfy 240 feet of that part lying North of Eleanor Street of the South 412,5 feet of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 10, Township 28, Range 23, Ransey County, Minnesola.

Torrens Property
Torrens Certificate No. 282755

# ALTA/ACSM OPTIONAL TABLE A NOTES (The following items refer to Table A optional survey responsibilities a

Anner/Developer: The Waters Senior Living, LLC

St. Paul, Minnesota

1600 Hopkins Crossroad Minnetonka, MN 55305

The Gross land area is 41,375 +/- square feet or 0.94 +/- acres.

9 The number of parking stalls on this site are as follows; 28 Regular + 2 Handicap = 30 Total Parking Stalls

serving the site to the best of our ability 11(b) We have shown buried structures and utilities on and/or if following restrictions:

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The property depicted on this survey and the easements of record shown easements described in the Commitment for Title Insurance issued by Comm Title Guaranty Company, File No. 37597, dated September 20, 2013.

1) The following remarks reference items in Schedule B of the herein ref a) Item no.'s 1 - 18 are not survey related items

To The Waters Senior Living, LLC; The Bradshaw Group, Inc., a Minnesoiz Stewart Title Guaranty Company: CERTIFICATION

This is to ceffly that this map or plat and the aurvey on which it is based were made in accordance with the 2011 Minimum shand Chald Requirements for ALT-KACAL Land This Survey, plently astableshed and acquired by ALT, is and NSPs in 2011, and includes lesser 1, 12, 12, 8, and 11(s) of Table. A thereof, The field work was completed on Colober 17, 2013.







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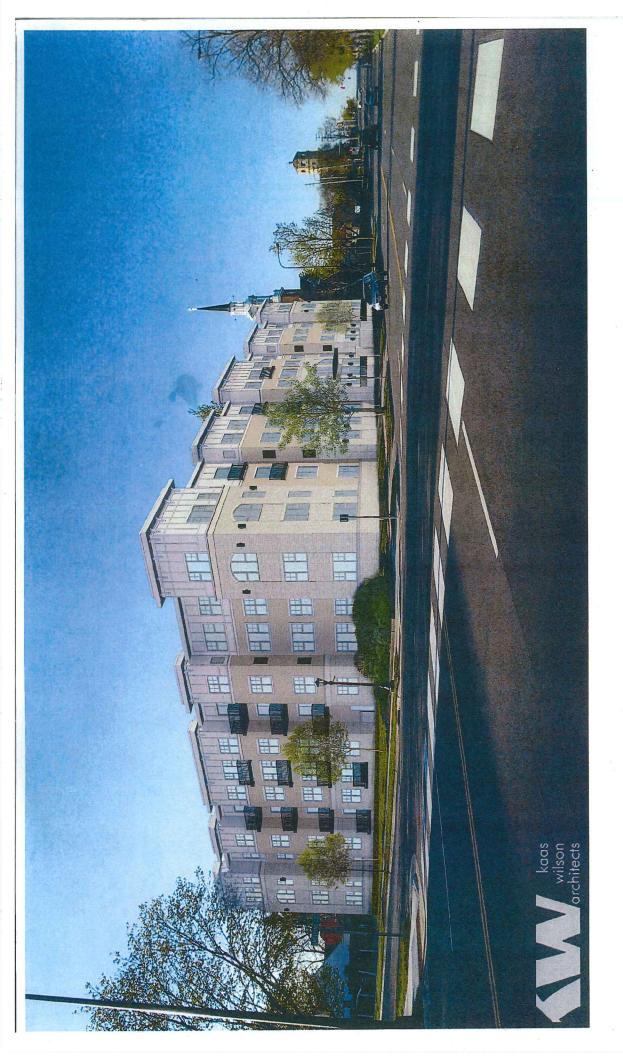
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SNELLING AVENUE - WEST ELEVATION



NORTH ELEVATION



INTERIOR COURTYARD - NORTH ELEVATION





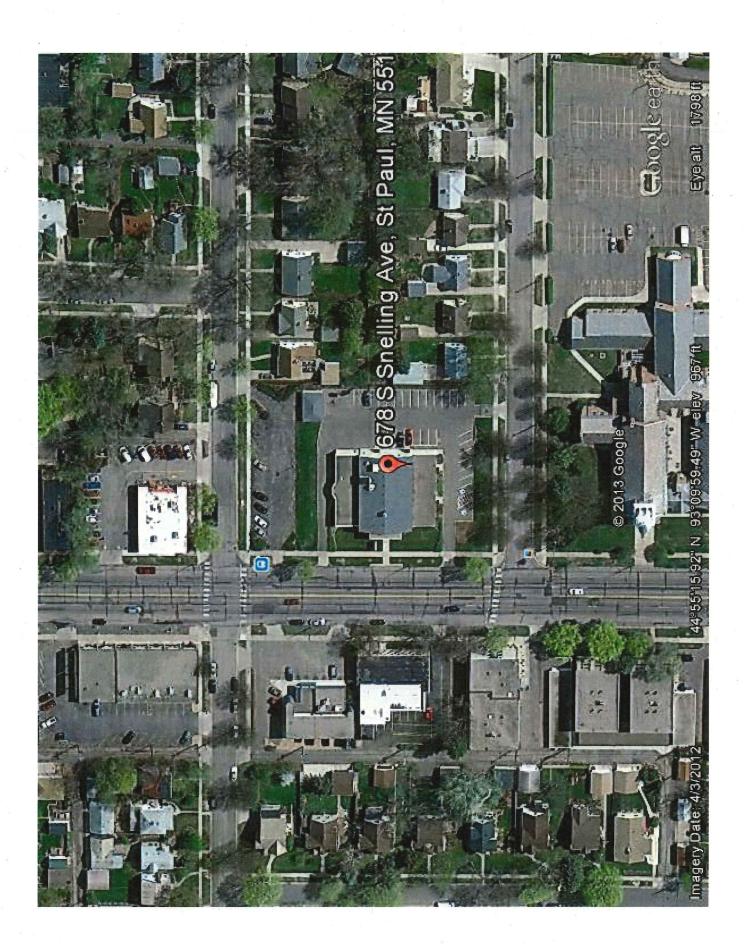
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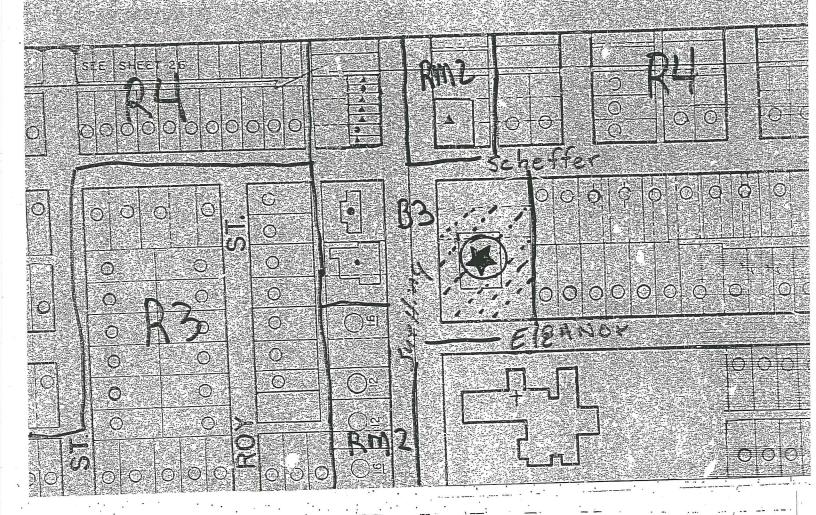
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INTERIOR COURTYARD - SOUTH ELEVATION







APPLICANT The Waters Senior Living	LEGEND
PURPOSE CUP W/VACIANCE	zoning district boundary
FILE # 13-260295 DATE 12-26-13	subject property north
PLNG. DIST Land Use Map #	o one family • ▲ ○ commercial o two family • ■ ■ industrial
SCALE 1" 490' Zoning Map #	- 点-今- multiple family V vacant