

Development Services Department

BOARD ACTION REPORT – APPEALABLE ITEM

Project Name:	230 George Bush
Project Location:	230 George Bush
Request:	Certificate of Appropriateness (COA)
Board:	Historic Preservation Board
Meeting Date:	December 5, 2018

Board Action:

Approved the Certificate of Appropriateness (2019-022) for an elevation change and change in proposed use from a medical office to a mixed-use building (medical office and residence) located at **230 George Bush, Del-Ida Park Historic District,** on a 5 to 0 vote (Paula Newman-Rocker and Reeve Bright absent).

Project Description:

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Board Comments:

The Board comments were supportive.

Public Comments:

No members of the public spoke for or against the project.

Associated Actions:

All required actions were taken.

<u>Next Action</u>: HPB action is final.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD CITY OF DELRAY BEACH STAFF REPORT

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RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Certificate of Appropriateness

GENERAL DATA:

Owner/Applicant	S&E Holdings, Inc.	
Agent:	Gary Eliopoulos, AIA GE Architecture, Inc.	
Location:	South side of George Bush Boulevard, at the intersection wit N. Dixie Boulevard	
Property Size:	0.46 Acres	
Historic District:	Del-Ida Park Historic District	
Zoning:	RO (Residential Office)	
Adjacent Zoning: North: East: South: West:	RO	
Existing Future Land Use Designation:	TRN (Transitional)	
Water Service:	Public water service is provided on site.	
Sewer Service:	Public sewer service is provided on site.	



ITEM BEFORE THE BOARD

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BACKGROUND & PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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SITE PLAN ANALYSIS

Items identified in the Land Development Regulations (LDRs) shall be specifically addressed by the body taking final action on the site and development proposal.

Pursuant to LDR Section 4.4.17(B) – <u>Principal Uses and Structures</u>: Within the RO zoning district Business, Professional and Medical Offices as well as Single-Family Detached Dwelling Units are listed as Permitted Uses.

Pursuant to LDR Section 4.4.17(H)(2) – <u>Special Regulations</u>: A building or structure in the RO District may contain either a residential use, an office use, or a mix of uses.

Based upon the above, buildings may contain a mix of uses; therefore, the proposed mixed use (medical offices and residential unit) are permitted within the RO zoning district.

Pursuant to LDR Section 4.4.17(F)(1) - <u>Property Development Standards</u>: The standards as set forth in Section 4.3.4 shall apply and specifically, the maximum height permitted in the RO zoning district is 35'.

	Approved	Proposed
Top of Parapet	28'4"	29'
Mean Roof of Large Tower	30'5"	31'3"
Mean Roof Stair Tower	N/A	35'

The chart above illustrates compliance with the required development standards; therefore, positive findings with this code requirement are made.

Pursuant to LDR Section 4.4.17(G)(2) - <u>Parking</u>: The parking required for business, medical, and professional offices shall be at the standard of 1 space per 300 square feet of net floor area. However, this requirement may be reduced to 1 per 400 square feet, or at least by 1 parking space, when there is a mix of residential and office use in the same structure or for an existing structure on a property located within a designated historic district or an individually designated historic site.

Pursuant to LDR Section 4.6.9(C)(2) Number of parking spaces required, Requirements for residential uses, (a)Single family detached residence, two spaces per dwelling unit are required. Based upon the above, the total parking required for the mixed-use building is 12 parking spaces. This is based upon 1 space per 400 square foot of the 3,837 square foot dedicated as medical office space, which requires 9.6 parking spaces, rounded up to 10 parking spaces required for the medical office use. And the single-family dwelling unit requires 2 parking spaces. There is a 9-space surplus of parking as 21 parking spaces are provided on-site (2 handicap space, 6 compact spaces, 3 parallel, and 10 standard spaces). It is noted that 3 of the 21 parking spaces are electrical vehicle charging stations.

Pursuant to LDR Section 4.4.17 (H) - Special Regulations:

- (1) All buildings and structures shall appear to be residential in character regardless of the actual use therein, shall be kept in a sound and attractive condition, and in established neighborhoods shall be generally compatible in architectural style and scale with the surrounding area.
- (2) A building or structure in the RO District may contain either a residential use, an office use, or a mix of uses.
- (3) All parking for nonresidential principal uses and conditional uses shall be located in the side or rear yard or adjacent to a rear alley. No parking shall be located in the area between any street and the structure (building). Where there are existing buildings, administrative relief [Section 2.4.7(D)] may be sought from this subsection (3) provided it is determined that compliance with these provisions is not feasible and that the residential character of the area will be maintained and that such parking area shall be substantially screened from off-premises view by, at least, a four-foot high hedge.

The existing structure is a non-contributing building within the northern most portion of the Del-Ida Park Historic District fronting on George Bush Boulevard. The second-floor addition and renovation strives to maintain a residential character since it is intended to be used a single family residential dwelling unit. Parking currently exists forward of the structure facing the adjacent streets, thereby not compliant with this regulation and is an existing non-conformity. Further, the building is situated to the back of the property, making a full reconfiguration of the site layout impractical.

SECTION 4.5.1 HISTORIC PRESERVATION DISTRICTS AND SITES

Pursuant to LDR Section 2.4.6(H)(5), Procedures for Obtaining Permits and Approvals, Certificate of Appropriateness for Individually Designated Historic Structures and all Properties Located within Historic Districts, Findings, prior to approval, a finding must be made that any Certificate of Appropriateness which is to be approved is consistent with Historic Preservation purposes pursuant to Objective A-4 of the Land Use Element of the Comprehensive Plan and specifically with provisions of Section 4.5.1, the Delray Beach Historic Preservation Design Guidelines, and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

In accordance with the above, the previously noted criteria have been analyzed throughout this report.

Pursuant to LDR Section 4.5.1(E), <u>Development Standards</u>, all new development or exterior improvements on individually designated historic properties and/or properties located within historic districts shall, comply with the goals, objectives, and policies of the Comprehensive Plan, the Delray Beach Historic Preservation Design Guidelines, the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, and the Development Standards of this Section.

In accordance with the above, the previously noted criteria have been analyzed throughout this report.

Pursuant to LDR Section 4.5.1(E)(2)(b)2 - Major and Minor development: The subject proposal is classified as Minor Development as it is "The construction, reconstruction, or alteration of any part of the front façade of an existing noncontributing residential or non-residential structures and all appurtenance."

In accordance with the above, the subject proposal has been reviewed as a Minor Development.

Pursuant to LDR Section 4.5.1(E)(5) – <u>Standards and Guidelines</u>: A historic site, building, structure, improvement, or appurtenance within a historic district shall only be altered, restored, preserved, repaired, relocated, demolished, or otherwise changed in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, and the Delray Beach Historic Preservation Design Guidelines, as amended from time to time.

Standard 9

New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.

Standard 10

New additions and adjacent or related new construction shall be undertaken in such a manner that if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.

While the structure is not designated contributing, the proposed improvements contribute to the environment, protecting the historic integrity of the Del-Ida Park Historic District. The proposed addition and renovation of the existing structure have been designed to ensure that the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment will be unimpaired while also maintaining a well-known medical business in town. This is an important contribution to the fabric of the surrounding community may spur restoration and improvement of other properties in the district.

Pursuant to LDR Section 4.5.1(E)(8)(a-I) – <u>Visual Compatibility Standards:</u> new construction and all improvements to both contributing and noncontributing buildings, structures and appurtenances thereto within a designated historic district or on an individually designated property shall be visually compatible. In addition to the Zoning District Regulations, the Historic Preservation Board shall apply the visual compatibility standards provided for in this Section with regard to height, width, mass, scale, façade, openings, rhythm, material, color, texture, roof shape, direction, and other criteria set forth elsewhere in Section 4.5.1 (E)(2) shall be determined by utilizing criteria in (a)-(I).

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The modifications to the original approval have been designed to address the Visual Compatibility Standards while allowing for the continued use of the structure as an office. The increase in the overall building height is a result of adding a course or a layer of concrete blocks to the structure in order to slightly increase the height of the ceilings inside of the structure. The increase allows for the modernization of the structure. The increase in the size of the windows is dictated by the increase in the building height and is to ensure the windows are architecturally balanced on the building. The changes to the second-floor banding and siding is predominated by the changes in the windows, allowing the windows to "sit" on the base of the second-floor which will ensure appropriate architectural proportions of the first and second floors. The approved panels in the large tower are being changed to

windows. A new roof deck is proposed as well as a new stair tower to provide access to the roof deck which is situated to the rear of the structure.

As modern day demands for commercial office space change, the applicant's proposal for adaptive reuse of the structure allows for adaptive reuse of the existing structure and site while maintaining a neighborhood based use. The unusual shape of the lot paired with the "saw-tooth" layout of the building offers additional visual interest to the streetscape as well meeting the requirements for rhythm of the building on the street.

While the building is non-contributing, the proposal will help bolster the district as a whole given the use of authentic architectural and building materials such as cedar columns and aluminum railings, aluminum shutters, aluminum Bahama shutters, aluminum windows and doors, wood brackets and gray shingle roof. The proposal incorporates horizontal, simulated stucco siding on the first floor; and, vertical, simulated stucco siding on the second-floor. The approved color scheme will not change and is proposed to be off-white and crème colored walls in Grand Teton White and Acadia White, respectively, with Brilliant White trim, fascia and columns. The window frames, shutters and railings will be Black Beauty while the aluminum doors are proposed to simulate a stained mahogany wood. Based upon the above, the proposal is compliant with the requirements for Visual Compatibility.

ASSESSMENT & CONCLUSION

The proposed changes to the approved addition is appropriate and compatible, and will have a positive impact on the surrounding area as well as the Del-Ida Park Historic District. The property is surrounded by a variety of established professional and medical office based uses. Based on the above, positive findings are made with respect to the Land Development Regulations.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS

A. Continue with direction.

- B. Move approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness (2019-022) for **230 George Bush Boulevard**, **Del-Ida Park Historic District**, by adopting the findings of fact and law contained in the staff report, and finding that the request and approval thereof is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and meets the criteria set forth in the Land Development Regulations Section 2.4.6(H).
- C. Move denial of the Certificate of Appropriateness (2019-022) for **230 George Bush Boulevard**, **Del-Ida Park Historic District**, by finding that the request is inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan and does not meet the criteria set forth in the Land Development Regulations Section 2.4.6(H).

RECOMMENDATION

Approve Certificate of Appropriateness (2019-022) for **230 George Bush Boulevard, Del-Ida Park Historic District,** by adopting the findings of fact and law contained in the staff report, and finding that the request and approval thereof is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and meets the criteria set forth in LDR Section 2.4.6(H).

NOTE:

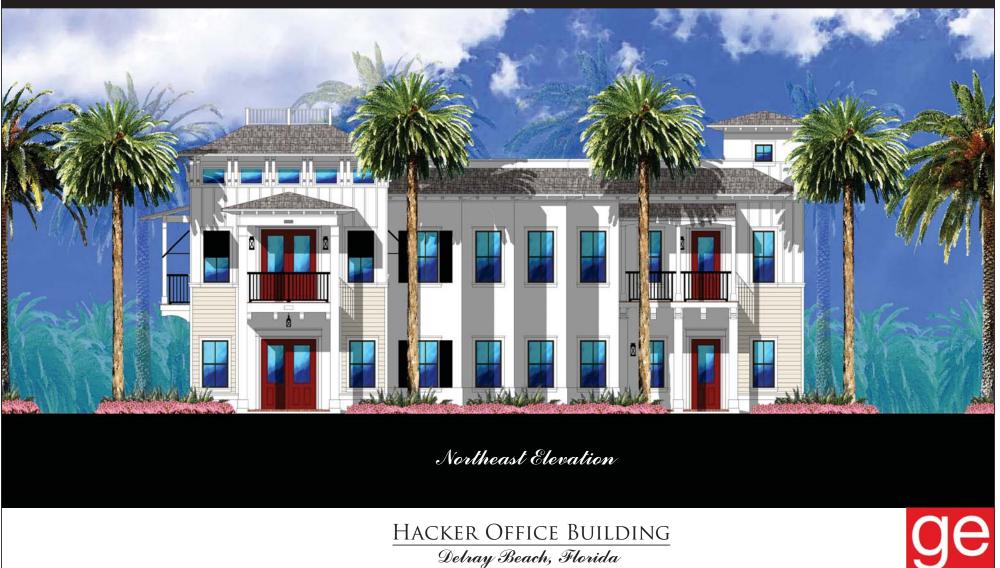
- If the COA is approved, the following must be addressed prior to certification:
 - 1. That the site plan be updated to note the correct setbacks in the site data table.

Attachments:

• Site Plan and Proposed Elevations

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