

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF KENNESAW
Council Chambers
December 18, 2023
6:30 PM**

Present	Mayor Derek Easterling Mayor Pro Tem Tracey Viars Councilmember Lynette Burnette Councilmember Pat Ferris Councilmember Antonio Jones Councilmember Trey Sinclair City Clerk Lea Alvarez City Manager Jeff Drobney City Attorney Randall Bentley, Sr.
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1. Invocation

City Attorney Randall Bentley, Sr. led the invocation.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Kennesaw Police Department Officer Hale led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Call to Order

Mayor Easterling called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

4. Announcements

- A. This public meeting is being conducted via the use of real-time telephonic technology allowing the public simultaneous access to the public meeting. You may also attend in person with limited seating available at both the Council Chambers and the Ben Robertson Community Center, if needed. Mayor and Council will be conducting their meeting via real-time telephonic technology using Zoom Meeting and Facebook Live. You can access the meeting via the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/CityofKennesaw/>
- B. If you are not able to attend a meeting in-person and would like to provide public comment on a specific agenda item, you can email kennesawcouncil@kennesaw-ga.gov no later than 6:00 PM the night of the regular meeting. Your comments on a specific agenda item will be read aloud or grouped into categories for the record. **Facebook Live is not monitored for public comment.**

5. Presentations

Officer Nick Burns presented the newest member of the Kennesaw Police Department, K9 Halo.

6. Public Comment/Business from the Floor

6:36 p.m. Floor Open for Public Comments

No comments.

6:37 p.m. Floor Closed for Public Comments

7. Old Business

8. New Business

9. Committee and Board Reports

10. Public Hearing(s)

- A. Approval of ORDINANCE for a rezoning application submitted by Kennesaw Square Development, LLC for the properties located at 2590 Keene Street (20016700420) and 2570 N Cobb Parkway (20016700730, 20016701160). Case #RZ2023-05.

[Items 10. A and 10 B. were presented concurrently. However, a separate public hearing was held for each item].

Planning and Zoning Administrator Darryl Simmons presented an ordinance for a rezoning application submitted by Kennesaw Square Development, LLC for the properties located at 6697 Keene Street (20016700340), Keene Street (20016700730, 20016701130), 2570 North Cobb Parkway (20016700730, 20016701160), and 2590 Keene Street (20016700420). Mr. Simmons shared the above-mentioned parcels are part of a larger seven-parcel redevelopment for Cobb Parkway involving 12.3 acres. The proposed ordinance is to rezone three of the seven parcels from Highway General Business to the Central Business District. Doing so will allow all the parcels to be under one zoning district. Mr. Simmons stated the adopted Comprehensive Plan references the city's goal to redevelop Cobb Parkway as a corridor improvement initiative, which staff have been working towards over the years, starting at Barrett Parkway and moving northbound.

Michael Miller, of Piedmont Residential, introduced himself along with his team, including Scott Peters of Schreeder, Wheeler, & Flint, LLC, and Nate Sirang of Concord Wilshire. Mr. Miller explained Piedmont Residential's involvement with the project, which started when they acquired the Martha Moore site and met with Concord Wilshire. After talking to each other, they discovered they would be neighbors since Concord Wilshire acquired the Budgetel property along Cobb Parkway. The two companies decided to work together knowing they could accomplish something much greater than they would alone.

Nate Sirang of Concord Wilshire introduced himself and gave a background on Concord Wilshire. Mr. Sirang mentioned that the Budgetel site had originally been

approved for self-storage and small retail stores. However, when speaking with staff and learning about the vision for the revitalization of the corridor, Concord Wilshire decided to get to know their neighbors and came up with the concept being presented tonight. Mr. Sirang presented a PowerPoint highlighting the proposed design and development of the site (See Exhibit A).

Mr. Sirang introduced Scott Peters, of Schreeder, Wheeler & Flint, LLP. Mr. Peters went through the eight variances being requested for the project. He pointed out that two of the variance requests went before the Historic Preservation Commission for approval (requests #2 and #8). However, all variance requests went before the Planning Commission and received unanimous approval (See Exhibit B).

Zoning Administrator Darryl Simmons recommended several conditions for the Council to consider for approval. Mr. Simmons read the following conditions into the record:

A. Project design as submitted will vary from Kennesaw Historic District Design Standard 5.2.03 regarding building height. Building heights will vary from four (4) to six (6) stories.

B. Project design updates must be submitted to the Historic Preservation Commission at 25, 50, 90, and 100 percent completion until the approval of the final project design.

C. Design updates submitted to the Historic Preservation Commission for review must include landscaping and buffer screening plans for the site including areas adjoining the city cemetery. The final city cemetery screening design will be the result of a collaboration with the City Staff and applicant so as to soften the visual boundary between the parking garage and the cemetery.

D. Applicant will maintain consistency with Historic Preservation Commission guidelines with the variance approval for section 5.4 of the Kennesaw Historic District Design Standards regarding exterior features.

E. The applicant shall work with the city to design a commemorative plaque or monument approved by the Historic Preservation Commission, which will be prominently placed within the development to recognize the historical area of Camp McDonald.

F. The total number of residential units will be 371 with a breakdown of 337 for-rent apartment units and a minimum of 34 for-sale condominiums. The residential mix regarding the increase of condominiums above 34 units will be subject to market conditions.

G. Applicant will proceed with the development contingent upon the mutual acceptance and approval of a development agreement between the applicant and the City of Kennesaw.

Mr. Peters stated his clients were in agreement with the recommended conditions.

Motion by Councilmember Ferris to approve [ORDINANCE 2023-21, 2023](#) for a rezoning application submitted by Kennesaw Square Development, LLC for the properties located at 6697 Keene Street (20016700340), Keene Street (20016700730, 20016701130), 2570 North Cobb Parkway (20016700730, 20016701160), and 2590 Keene Street (20016700420), as presented, including conditions A-G as read into the record by staff. Seconded by Councilmember Sinclair.

7:10 p.m. Floor Open for Public Comments

No comments.

7:11 p.m. Floor Closed for Public Comments

Vote taken, motion unanimously approved 5-0. Motion passed.

- B. Consideration for approval of a variance application submitted by Kennesaw Square Development, LLC for the properties located at 6997 Keene Street (20016700340), Keene Street (20016603670, 20016701130), 2570 N Cobb Parkway (20016700730, 20016701160), and 2590 Keene Street (20016700420). Case #ZV2023-04.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Viars to approve a variance application submitted by Kennesaw Square Development, LLC for the properties located at 6997 Keene Street (20016700340), Keene Street (20016603670, 20016701130), 2570 N Cobb Parkway (20016700730, 20016701160), and 2590 Keene Street (20016700420), as presented and read into the record. Seconded by Councilmember Burnette.

7:15 p.m. Floor Open for Public Comments

No comments.

7:16 p.m. Floor Closed for Public Comments

Vote taken, motion unanimously approved 5-0. Motion passed.

11. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of the December 4, 2023, City Council regular meeting minutes.
- B. Approval of the December 4, 2023, City Council executive session minutes.

Motion by Councilmember Sinclair to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Viars.

Vote taken, motion unanimously approved 5-0. Motion passed.

12. General and Administrative

13. Public Safety

- A. Receipt of the November 2023 Crime Statistics.

Chief Westeneberger presented the November 2023 crime statistics (See **Exhibit C**).

Motion by Councilmember Burnette to receive the November 2023 crime statistics, as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Sinclair.

Vote taken, motion unanimously approved 5-0. Motion passed.

14. Information Technology

15. Public Works

16. Recreation and Culture

17. Community Development

- A. Consideration to review a CBD project application request for a mixed-use development on seven parcels located at 6997 Keene Street (20016700340), Keene Street (20016603670, 20016701130), 2570 N Cobb Parkway (20016700730, 20016701160), and 2590 Keene Street (20016700420). Case #CBD2023-02.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Darryl Simmons presented a Central Business District project application request for a mixed-use development on seven parcels located at 6997 Keene Street (20016700340), Keene Street (20016603670, 20016701130), 2570 N Cobb Parkway (20016700730, 20016701160), and 2590 Keene Street (20016700420). This application is regarding the Kennesaw Square project presented during the public hearings. Mr. Simmons explained that since the project is located in the Central Business District, there is a conceptual project review required for the new development. The application was submitted and went through the review process, including the Kennesaw Downtown Development Authority, the Historic Preservation Commission, and now the Mayor and Council for their approval.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Viars to approve the Central Business District project application request for a mixed-use development on seven parcels located at 6997 Keene Street (20016700340), Keene Street (20016603670, 20016701130), 2570 N Cobb Parkway (20016700730, 20016701160), and 2590 Keene Street (20016700420), as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Sinclair.

Vote taken, motion unanimously approved 5-0. Motion passed.

- B. Consideration for approval of an amended final plat application submitted by Traton Homes for 1630 Stanley Road. Case #FP2023-07.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Darryl Simmons presented an amended final plat application submitted by Traton Homes for 1630 Stanley Road. Mr. Simmons explained there were minor revisions to the approved, final plat. There were two corrections

made, including the name of the street in front of Building 8 and the relocation of a fire hydrant and water valve across from Unit 23 per the request of Cobb County Fire Marshal.

Motion by Councilmember Ferris to amend the final plat application submitted by Traton Homes for 1630 Stanley Road. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Viars.

Vote taken, motion unanimously approved 5-0. Motion passed.

18. Public Comment/Business from the Floor

7:20 p.m. Floor Open for Public Comments

ANDREW BRAMLETT (City Resident): Mr. Bramlett read some letters to Santa published in the *Marietta Daily Journal* and the *Cobb County Times* from Kennesaw residents starting as far back as the 1910s (See **Exhibit D**).

ANN PRATT (City Resident): Ms. Pratt thanked Dr. Drobney regarding an issue with the wheelchair swing in the Inclusive Park. Most of the time, the Inclusive Park is full of children from as far as Texas and Illinois. Also, Ms. Pratt hopes the City of Kennesaw considers the individuals who have lived here for a long time when it comes to all the development being approved.

7:25 p.m. Floor Closed for Public Comments

19. City Manager's Report

A. Reports, Discussions, and Updates

Dr. Drobney reminded the public that City Hall would be closed for Christmas this Friday and next Monday.

20. Mayor's Report

- A. Mayor and Council (re)appointments to Boards and Commissions. This item is for (re)appointments made by the Mayor to any Board, Committee, Authority, or Commission requiring an appointment to fill any vacancies, resignations, and to create or dissolve boards and commissions, as deemed necessary.

21. Council Reports & Discussions

Councilmember Jones recognized Officer Hale's 15 years of service and Officer Buchanan for his role in helping the community out. He also acknowledged Ms. Auld and her team for winning the Georgia Finance Officers Association award.

Councilmember Sinclair wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilmember Burnette wished everyone a happy and Merry Christmas. She loves the Depot Park lights.

Councilmember Ferris went to Wreaths Across America this past Saturday in the Kennesaw City Cemetery. It was a moving ceremony. He recognized Mayor Easterling and Lewis Bramlett, Cemetery Preservation Commission Chair, for their speeches at the event. He was appreciative that Wreaths Across America came to Shiloh Methodist Church where his father is buried and laid a wreath at his gravesite.

Mayor Pro Tem Viars thanked the public for allowing her to serve as Mayor Pro Tem.

22. Executive Session

Pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A 50-14-3, the City Council could, at any time during the meeting, vote to close the public meeting and move to executive session to discuss matters relating to litigation, legal actions and/or communications from the City Attorney; and/or personnel matters; and/or real estate matters.

23. Adjourn

Mayor Easterling adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, December 26, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The public is encouraged to attend or view via Facebook Live.

Lea Alvarez, City Clerk

Kennesaw Square Rezoning & Variance Requests

City of Kennesaw, GA

Mayor & City Council

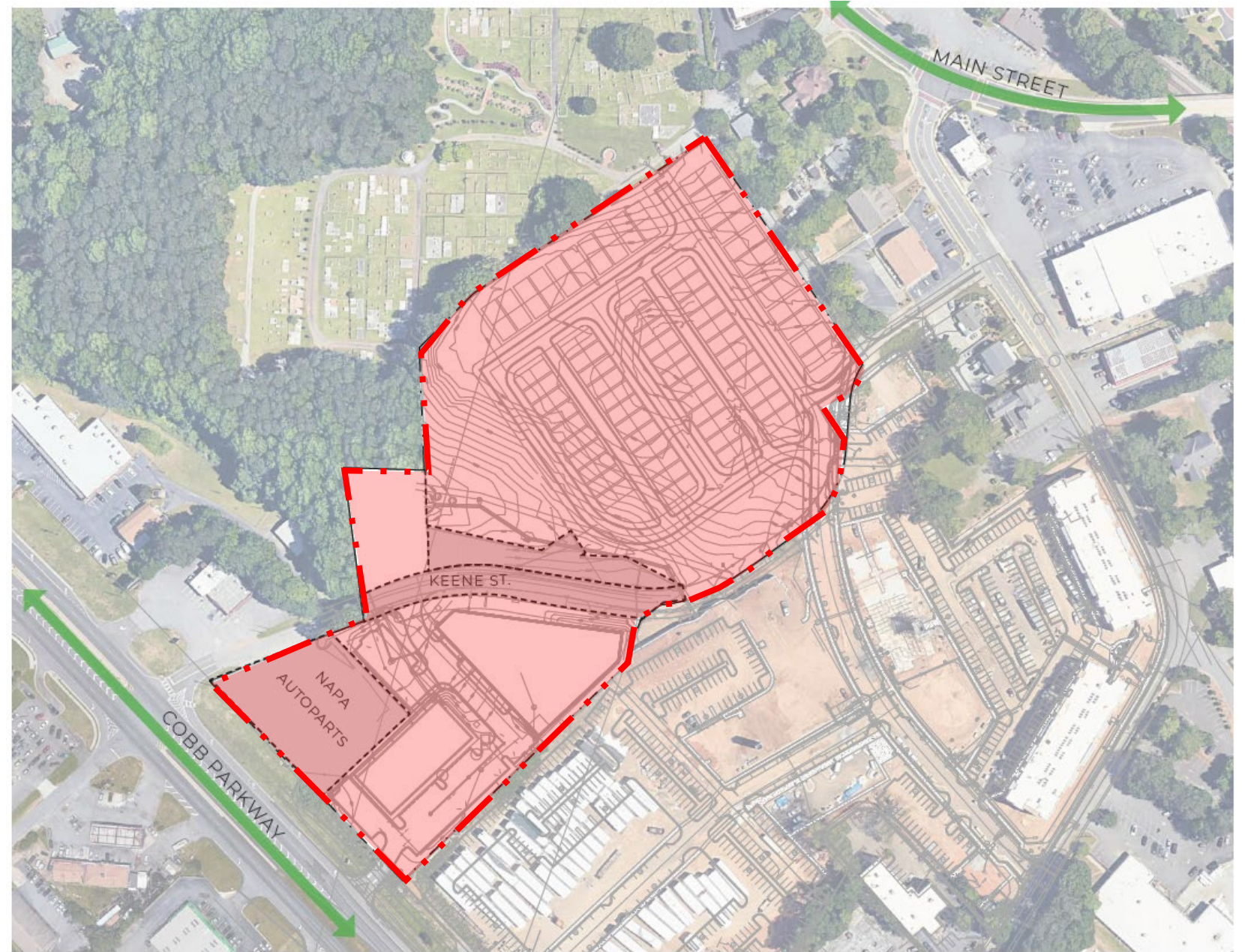
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Concord Wilshire (CW) is a nationally recognized leader in residential, resort, and mixed-use real estate development and construction with over \$10 billion in total value of developed and acquired assets. Since 1992, CW has been developing, constructing, and investing in distinguished real estate assets in major or emerging markets throughout the United States. An award-winning company, CW has received an array of accolades for many of its developments throughout the nation, in recognition of its commitment to development, marketing, architectural design, and interior design. CW is recognized for its ability to identify and capitalize on emerging markets, its ability to adapt to drastic changes in market cycles, its value-add strategies, and its innovative product design and development. CW has a successful and extensive track record that spans multiple investment cycles.



Existing Site



Existing Zoning

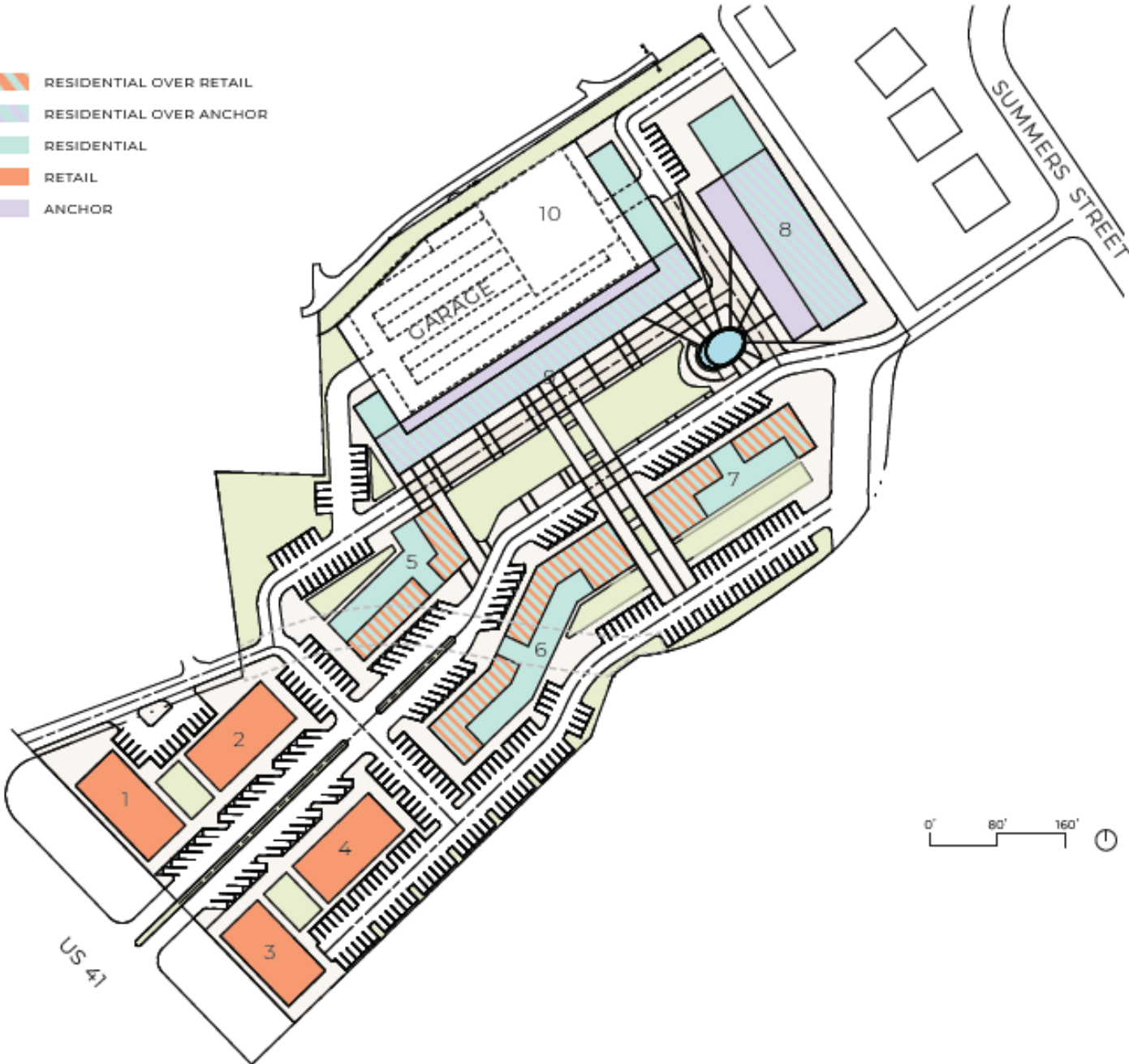
Existing: HGB
Proposed: CBD



Master Plan

Building	Footprint	Retail	Retail %	Residential	Resi %	Total GSF	Units
BLDG 1	7320	7320	100		0	7320	
BLDG 2	7368	7368	100		0	7368	
BLDG 3	6840	6840	100		0	6840	
BLDG 4	7368	7368	100		0	7368	
BLDG 5	10567	5306	12.6	36961	87.4	42267	34
BLDG 6	19418	12000	12.9	80672	87.1	92672	79
BLDG 7	12391	7600	10.7	63507	89.3	71107	61
BLDG 8	26600	21800	21.8	78320	78.2	100120	76
BLDG 9	28904	19398	13.1	128,390	86.9	147788	121
BLDG 10	15000	15000	100		0	15000	
Total	141,776	110,000	22.1	387,850	77.9	497,850	371

- RESIDENTIAL OVER RETAIL
- RESIDENTIAL OVER ANCHOR
- RESIDENTIAL
- RETAIL
- ANCHOR



110,000 GSF - TOTAL RETAIL
387,850 GSF - TOTAL RESIDENTIAL
497,850 GSF - TOTAL BUILDING AREA
371 UNITS - TOTAL UNIT COUNT
1,110 SPACES - TOTAL STRUCTURE PARKING
275 SPACES - TOTAL SURFACE PARKING
1,385 SPACES - TOTAL PARKING SPACES

Design Character



View – Bird’s Eye from Cobb Parkway



View – Bird’s Eye from Downtown



View – Cobb Parkway Entrance



View – Cobb Parkway Entrance



View – Park Plaza



View – Park Plaza & Residential Rooftop Pool Amenity



View – Park Plaza



View – Park Plaza



View – Park Plaza Shade Structures & Retail Kiosks



View – Park Plaza Stage



View – Park Plaza Fountain



View – Garage Deck, Retail & Residential



View – Multi Purpose Sports Center



View – Proposed Development from Main Street



View – Proposed Development from Main St & Cemetery St



View – Proposed Development from Summers St



Thank You

City of Kennesaw, GA

Mayor & City Council

December 18, 2023

Kennesaw Square Variance Requests

City of Kennesaw, GA
Planning Commission (PC)

December 6, 2023

Variance #1 – Front Setback “Build-to-Line”, Cobb Parkway

Section 4.02.03.B.3.a: Site Design Standards for Central Business District, Minimum Front Setback.

Required:

3) Minimum Setbacks

- a. Front – Established to “build-to-line” which equals the averaged distance from the property lines measured from the existing structures along right-of-way adjoining properties as measured from existing structures.

Proposed:

The existing structures located along the Cobb Parkway right-of-way are setback various distances, ranging from approximately 40 feet to 85 feet with an average of 58 feet. However, based upon the revitalization plan for Cobb Parkway, the proposed structures located along Cobb Parkway are setback approximately 6.5 feet. The requested variance will allow the placement of the buildings along Cobb Parkway as indicated on the Site Plan, which is consistent with Kennesaw’s vision for Cobb Parkway.



Variance #2 – Building Mass, Scale & Form

Section 4.02.03.B.4: Site Design Standards for Central Business District, Maximum Building Height, and Section 5.2.03: Historic District Design Guidelines, Building Mass, Scale & Form.

Required:

4.02.03.B.4: Subject to Historic District Design Guidelines.

5.2.03: Mixed use, and nonresidential construction in nonresidential character areas shall not exceed three (3) stories in height; and mixed use and nonresidential construction in residential character areas shall not exceed two (2) stories in height.

Proposed:

There are no historical buildings within proximity to the site which require that historical height limits be maintained. As such, the applicant seeks variances for 5 of the 10 buildings included in the development. The HPC has recommended approval of this variance.

Building #	Building Type	Proposed # of Stories	Variance (> 3 Stories)
1	Retail	1	No
2	Retail	1	No
3	Retail	1	No
4	Retail	1	No
5	Mixed-Use	4	Yes
6	Mixed-Use	5	Yes
7	Mixed-Use	5	Yes
8	Mixed-Use	6	Yes
9	Mixed-Use	6	Yes
10	Commercial	1	No

Variance #3 and # 5 and #6 – Minimum Floor Area

Variance #3: Section 4.02.03.G.1: Site Design Standards for Central Business District, Residential Development Standards, Condominiums, Minimum Floor Area:

Required:

G. Residential Development Standards

1. Condominiums: Minimum floor area for all units - 1,000 square feet

Proposed:

The applicant is seeking a variance from the minimum floor area requirement of 1,000sf for the proposed condominium units to allow one-bedroom condominium units at a minimum size of 725sf. These minimum floor area sizes are consistent with current market trends for high-density mixed-use developments geared toward young professionals and active adults.

Variance #3 and # 5 and #6 – Minimum Floor Area

Variance #5: Section 4.02.03.G.2.c: Site Design Standards for Central Business District, Residential Development Standards, Mixed use retail/residential with residential on second floor, Minimum Floor Area:

Required:

G. Residential Development Standards

2. Mixed use retail/residential with residential on second floor:

c. Minimum floor area for all residential units—1,000 square feet

Proposed:

The applicant seeks a variance on the minimum size of all residential units. Applicant seeks a variance to allow for the minimum floor area for all residential units to allow for studio units at a minimum size of 600 square feet and one-bedroom units at a minimum size of 725 square feet.

Variance #3 and # 5 and #6 – Minimum Floor Area

Variance #6: Section 4.02.03.G.5.d: Site Design Standards for Central Business District, Residential Development Standards, For-Rent Residential Apartment Units, Minimum Floor Area:

Required:

For-Rent Residential Apartment units:

- d. Units with a floor plan totaling the minimum of 850 square feet can be utilized for no more than 30 percent of the total apartment units for the project.

Proposed:

Based upon the proposed minimum square footage of each apartment, coupled with the anticipated mix of unit types, the applicant seeks a variance to allow for a minimum apartment size of 600 square feet, provided that such units shall not account for a maximum of 10% of the total For-Rent apartment units of the Project. Further, applicant seeks to allow a total of not more than 55% of the For-Rent apartment units in the Project to be less than 850 square feet in size.

For-Rent Unit Type	Minimum Unit SF	Preliminary Unit Count	Ratio	Variance (<1,000 SF)
Studio	600	33	10%	Yes
1-Bedroom	725	152	45%	Yes
2-Bedroom	1,000+	133	39%	No
3-Bedroom	1,000+	19	6%	No
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Variance #4 – Gross Floor Area Occupied by Residential

Section 4.02.03.G.2.b: Site Design Standards for Central Business District, Residential Development Standards, Mixed use retail/residential with residential on second floor, Gross Floor Area occupied by residential:

Required:

G. Residential Development Standards

2. Mixed use retail/residential with residential on second floor:

b. The gross floor area occupied by residential uses shall not exceed seventy-five (75) percent of the total gross floor area of the buildings or individual structures.

Proposed:

Variances are requested for individual buildings and the overall development as specified below. The applicant agrees that the overall project shall not exceed 78% residential uses.

Building #	Retail GSF	Residential GSF / %	Total GSF	Variance (Res GSF > 75%)
1	7,320		7,320	No
2	7,368		7,368	No
3	6,840		6,840	No
4	7,368		7,368	No
5	5,306	36,961 / 87%	42,267	Yes
6	12,000	80,672 / 87%	92,672	Yes
7	7,600	63,507 / 89%	71,107	Yes
8	21,800	78,320 / 78%	100,120	Yes
9	19,398	128,390 / 87%	147,788	Yes
10	15,000		15,000	No
Total	110,000	387,850 / 78%	497,850	Yes

Variance #7 – Stream Buffer

Article 6: Stream Buffer Ordinance. Section 46-440.1 and Section 46-440.2: Buffer and setback requirements:

Required:

Buffer and setback requirements.

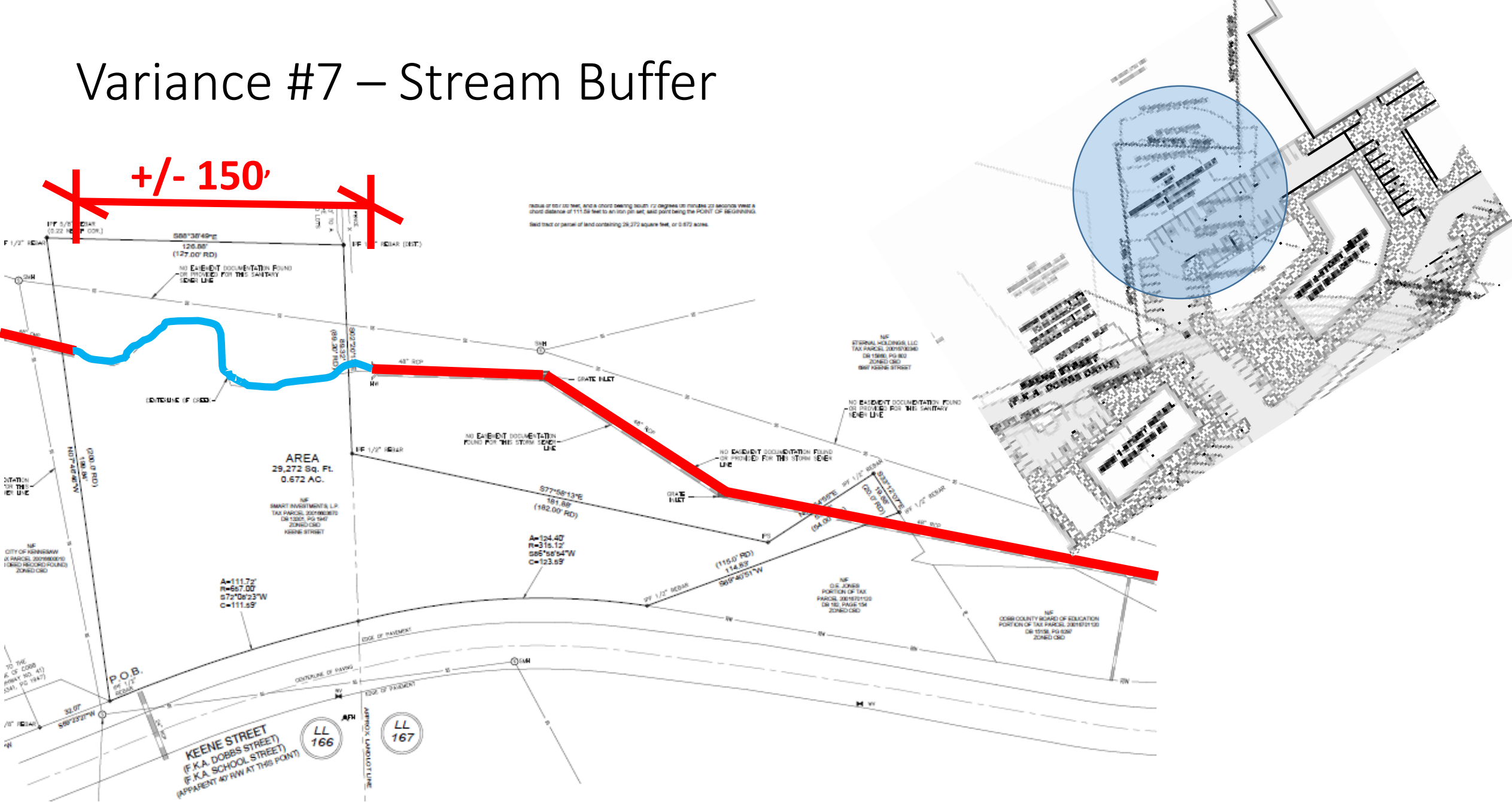
All land development activity subject to this article shall meet the following requirements:

- (1) An undisturbed natural vegetative buffer shall be maintained for 50 feet, measured horizontally, from both banks of the stream.
- (2) An additional area setback shall be maintained for 25 feet, measured horizontally, beyond the undisturbed natural vegetative buffer, in which all impervious cover shall be prohibited. Grading, filling and earthmoving shall be minimized within the setback.
- (3) No septic tanks or septic tank drain fields shall be permitted within the buffer or the setback area.

Proposed:

There is one section of exposed stream near the northwestern corner of the property which is approximately 150' in length. This stream is presently piped on both ends of this area. The Applicant seeks variances to allow this entire section of stream to be piped and to therefore eliminate all stream buffers associated therewith. It appears that this section of the stream was not previously piped because the prior developer did not own this section of the property.

Variance #7 – Stream Buffer



Variance #7 – Stream Buffer



Variance #8 – Historic District Design Standards

Required:

Kennesaw Historic District Design Standards, Section 5.4 *Exterior Walls*. This provision requires the use of architectural elements that are consistent with the downtown historic area, but are not consistent with this Project which is a revitalization of the Cobb Parkway corridor.

Proposed:

The Applicant seeks a variance from its need to comply with Section 5.4 of the Kennesaw Historic District Design Standards so as to allow for architectural treatments consistent with the architectural renderings submitted in conjunction with this application. There are no existing historical buildings located on the subject property or adjacent thereto, and as such there are no historical examples to be matched. The applicant's proposed alternative architectural treatments are consistent with existing materials in the adjoin Kennesaw cemetery.

The HPC has recommended approval of this variance.

Thank You

City of Kennesaw, GA
Planning Commission (PC)

December 6, 2023



November 2023 Crime Statistics

Summary

November 2023 Group A Offenses (98) increased by 1% compared to November 2022 (97). A vast majority of the crimes reported in November 2023 were Assault Offenses (26). This trend is also present in the data collected for crimes reported in November 2022. Assault Offenses account for approximately 27% (26) of the crimes that have occurred within our jurisdiction in November 2023. Out of the 798 traffic stops in November 2023, (1,021) resulted in Citations and 40% (409) Warnings. There were a total of 73 Adult Arrests that took place during the month, which is a 1% increase from November 2022 (72).

There were 1,508 traffic accidents YTD, 162 of which were classified as Hit and Run. Of the 1,508 accidents 131 had injuries, and 14 involved a pedestrian. YTD 2022 total accidents (1,530) are up compared to 1,508 YTD 2023.

Crimes	November 2023	November 2022	YTD (01/01/2023) – (11/30/2023)	YTD (01/01/2022) – (11/30/2022)
Assault Offenses	26	23	347	291
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	2	14	24
Burglary	3	4	29	26
Homicide	0	0	0	0
Larceny	18	14	242	256
Sex Offenses	1	4	18	25
Robbery	0	0	9	4
Total	49	47	649	626

	November 2023	November 2022	YTD (01/01/2023) – (11/30/2023)	YTD (01/01/2022) – (11/30/2022)
Dispatched Calls for Service	434 (-340)	774	6,234 (-2,896)	9,130
Self-Initiated Activity	981 (-139)	1,120	11,046 (+505)	10,541
Traffic Citations	1,021 (-145)	1,166	11,283 (+1,408)	9,875
Traffic Warnings*	409 (-109)	518	2,999 (-1,670)	4,669
Arrests*	73 (+1)	72	984 (+109)	875

*Warnings do not include verbal warnings

*Arrest statistics does not include juveniles

Bill Westenberger
Chief of Police



Kennesaw Police Department
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911 Call Center: (770) 422-2505
Criminal Investigations Division: (770) 429-4533



Bayleigh Brown
Crime/ Intelligence
Analyst

KENNESAW HISTORY

Letters to Santa

Merry Christmas!



With Christmas soon upon us, it seems appropriate to focus on letters to Santa. The *Marietta Daily Journal* and *Cobb County Times* both began publishing letters in the 1910s, providing fascinating insight into Christmas in Kennesaw's past.

For instance, in 1916 Inez and Pauline McCollum asked for rubber balls, fruit, candy, crayons, and kid gloves. Both made sure to ask Santa to visit the "little neighbor children." At this same time, there was a tradition of launching fireworks at Christmas, so it was a frequently requested item. Other fun requests have included a stove and refrigerator, requested in 1956, and a "G'man's suit" and "a lone ranger outfit" in 1940. One young resident from 1931 wanted to make sure Santa knew he earned a 100 in deportment at school.

Researching in newspapers, I also found a letter from four-year-old Pat Ferris, who requested "a truck train, doctor's kit, [and] battery for my fire truck."

Presented by Andrew J. Bramlett
at the December 18, 2023,
City of Kennesaw Mayor &
Council Meeting

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Names and Addresses will be disclosed in the Permanent Minutes of the
City of Kennesaw

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR NAME IS LEGIBLE AND CLEAR

Mayor & Council Regular Meeting

12/18/2023

Public Comment Sign-in

	Name	Address	Topic
1	Andrew J. Bramlett	2990 Semmesfield Ct.	Local history
2	Scott Peters	1100 Peachtree St, Atlanta 30308	Kennesaw Square
3	Michael Miller	285 Penny 575 Woodstock 30188	" "
4	Ann. Prater	Kennesaw Ga	Local things
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