## The City of Lake Forest Plan Commission Agenda

Regular Meeting Wednesday, August 12, 2020 6:30 p.m.
Remote Access Meeting

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Michael Freeman Stephen Douglass

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- Introduction of Commission members and staff, overview of meeting procedures Chairman Kehr
- 2. Consideration of the minutes of the February 12, 2020 and the July 8, 2020 Plan Commission meetings.
- 3. **Public Hearing and Action:** Consideration of a request for approval of a Special Use Permit to allow a real estate office to be located in existing tenant space at **284 E. Deerpath**, in the B-4 Traditional Business District.

Property Owner: Arcade on Deerpath, LLC (James Altounian II 25%, Jennifer Bianchi 25%, Todd Altounian 25%, Nicole Altounian 25%)

Tenant: Lori Baker and Alissa McNicholas in affiliation with Compass Real Estate Representative: Peter Coutant

4. **Public Hearing and Action:** Consideration of a request for tentative and final approval of a plat of resubdivision for a 2-lot subdivision of the property addressed as **120 W. Alden Lane** and associated variances.

Property Owner and Representative: Green Flash LLC – 120 Alden Lane (Eugene Martin 100%)

#### Other Items

- 5. Opportunity for the public to address the Plan Commission on matters not on the agenda.
- 6. Additional information from staff.

#### MEETING PROCEDURES

Plan Commission meetings follow the procedures outlined below. In the spirit of fairness to all parties, any of these procedures may be modified for a particular item at the discretion of the Chairman.

- . Introduction of the Item by the Chairman
- Declaration of Conflicts of Interest and Ex Parte Contacts
- 3. Swearing in of Parties Intending to Testify
- 4. Presentation by the Petitioner not to exceed 20 minutes.
- Identification of Issues by Staffnot to exceed 5 minutes.
- 6. Questions and requests for clarification from Commission to Petitioner or Staff.
- 7. Public Testimony not to exceed 5 minutes per speaker.
- 8. Opportunity for cross examination. Requires submittal of request to cross examine prior to meeting.
- Final Questions from Commission to Petitioner or Staff, direction to Petitioner and Staff, requests for additional information.
- 10. Petitioner Rebuttal not to exceed 10 minutes.
- 11. Staff Response to Public
  Testimony not to exceed 5
- 12. Commission Discussion and Comment
- 13. Commission Action

Mandatory Adjournment Time 11:00 p.m.

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## Plan Commission Meeting – August 12, 2020 Agenda Item 3

## Compass Real Estate – 284 E. Deerpath Special Use Permit

Staff Report and Recommendation

Vicinity Map

Materials Submitted by Petitioner
Application
Statement of Intent
Site Plan – Location of Tenant Space in Building
Floor Plan of Tenant Space

The complete Plan Commission packet is available for review in the Community Development Department and on the City's website, <u>www.cityoflakeforest.com</u>



#### STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

TO:

Chairman Kehr and members of the Plan Commission

DATE:

August 12, 2020

FROM:

Catherine J. Czerniak, Director of Community Development

SUBJECT:

Special Use Permit – Compass Real Estate Office

#### **BUILDING OWNER**

#### **PROPERTY LOCATION**

#### **ZONING DISTRICT**

Arcade on Deerpath, LLC (James Altounian 25%, Jennifer Bianchi 25% Todd Altounian 25%

Nicole Altounian 25%) 13110 W. Hwy #176

Lake Bluff, Il 60044

284 E. Deerpath

B-4 - Preservation Business

Proposed Tenant:

Lori Baker and Alissa McNicholas doing business as Compass Real Estate

Representative:

Peter Coutant, Partner

#### Summary of the Request

This is a request for a Special Use Permit to allow a real estate office to occupy first floor space in the City's Central Business District. Compass Real Estate desires to open a small office in Lake Forest. Currently, Compass does not have a physical location in the community. Local real estate professionals, Lori Baker and Alissa McNicholas, along with their partner, another local real estate professional, Peter Coutant, have recently affiliated with Compass. The office will serve as a location to meet and greet buyers and sellers. The team based at this location may grow in the future as additional agents are brought on. At the high end, the team may include a total of eight to ten agents.

This request is before the Plan Commission because the Code classifies all real estate offices as special uses therefore, a public hearing and review by the Plan Commission based on the applicable criteria is required. The criteria are addressed below.

The proposed new office for Compass is on the first floor of a multi-tenant, commercial building. The space is relatively small at 950 square feet with limited street frontage, about 18 feet. No significant alterations are planned in the space, some existing cabinetry will be removed. The space will be used as is, with furniture brought in as needed. In the future, the space could easily be returned to a retail use or could be occupied by some other type of service business.

The space is currently vacant and was most recently occupied by a jewelry store under two different ownerships over the course of several years. To the east, the first floor tenant spaces in this building are occupied by Fred's Barber Shop and Walgreens. Another real estate office, Griffith, Grant and Lackie, is located immediately to the west of the space being considered by Compass. Further to the west is a mix of service and retail businesses; Bake Homemade Pizza, the UPS Store, Mark David Designs (interiors), and Sweets. Northern Trust Bank occupies most of the south side of Deerpath

in this block with a jewelry store and home health services business occupying small spaces to the east of the bank, along the south side of the street.

Currently, there are two real estate offices located on the Deerpath streetscape between Oakwood and Western Avenues. However, Coldwell Banker, currently located on the southeast corner of Deerpath and Oakwood Avenue, is planning to downsize and relocate to a smaller space on Forest Avenue. In December, 2019, based on a recommendation from the Plan Commission, the City Council approved a Special Use Permit for the relocation of Coldwell Banker. With the addition of Compass, the number of real estate offices with frontage on Deerpath will remain at two.

Minimal signage is planned for the new Compass office, likely signage on the awning valance and window signage. The signage will be reviewed for compliance with the Code and the necessary permits will be required.

Although the number of real estate agents working out of the space is expected to be small, the agents will be required to park in remote employee parking lots, not in on street parking spaces, to assure that the on street spaces are available for their clients, sellers and potential buyers, as well as for customers of other businesses in the area. A prohibition of on street parking by real estate agents or employees of the business is recommended as a condition of approval.

This property is zoned B-4, Preservation Business District, and is located in the City's Historic District. This zoning district is intended to preserve the unique attributes of the historic retail and office core of the City. Further, the District is intended to preserve the community's quality of life and distinctive character, support primarily retail businesses and provide for a welcoming and vital pedestrian experience. The B-4 District accommodates a variety of uses in a mutually advantageous setting.

As noted above, real estate offices are classified as special uses in the B-4 District and are permitted only if the Plan Commission and City Council determine that the applicable criteria are met. The applicable criteria are addressed with findings of fact later in this staff report. This property is also within the area covered by the 10% Non-Retail Rule which works together with the B-4 zoning district to limit the number of non-retail businesses in the City's core commercial area.

Background

In 2003, after instituting a 90-day moratorium on non-retail uses including banks and real estate offices in the City's Central Business District, the City Council adopted an amendment to the Zoning Code establishing banks, real estate offices and some other non-retail uses as special uses in the City's business and commercial zoning districts. This action by the Council was an effort to encourage and support predominately retail uses in the Central Business District and to assure that prime tenant spaces were available for retail uses at a time when banks and real estate offices seemed to be growing rapidly in numbers, and in size. The Code amendment established criteria to guide the City in responding to future requests for Special Use Permits for real estate offices as well as other non-retail uses. Since the amendment was adopted establishing real estate offices as special uses, several real estate offices have been authorized through this process. And, one real estate office, Baird and Warner, has left the Central Business District entirely. The approved locations for real estate offices have worked well and have not impeded the location of new retail businesses in the Central Business District. Vacant retail storefronts remain in the Central Business District particularly in Market Square, the focus of the City's retail core, and are available for new retail tenants. The Compass real estate office is in a tenant space that has not had a great deal of interest from retailers in the past.

#### **Key Points**

- The space proposed for occupancy by Compass is located along a prominent streetscape which serves as an entrance to the Central Business District. Yet, this block is not a hub of retail activity and has historically been the location of some retail, but also various service businesses.
- The proposed office use is low volume and will primarily be used as a location for showcasing Lake Forest and the Central Business District to potential buyers. Use of the space as proposed will not perceivably alter traffic volumes, parking demands or activity levels in and around the Central Business District.
- The proposed use converts 18 feet of street frontage from prior retail space, but most recently vacant space, to non-retail space.
- Although the use of the space will not produce retail sales taxes, the sale of homes benefits the City in many ways including through the generation of Real Estate Transfer Tax revenues which are levied on the buyer at a rate of \$4.00 per \$1,000.
- The 284 E. Deerpath location is within walking distance of public employee parking lots both to the east and to the west.

#### Findings in Support of a Special Use Permit

The following findings of fact are offered in support of the request for a Special Use Permit to allow Compass, a real estate office, to occupy first floor space in the existing building located at 284 E. Deerpath. The following findings address both the specific Special Use criteria applicable to non-retail uses in the B-4 zoning district and the general Special Use Permit criteria.

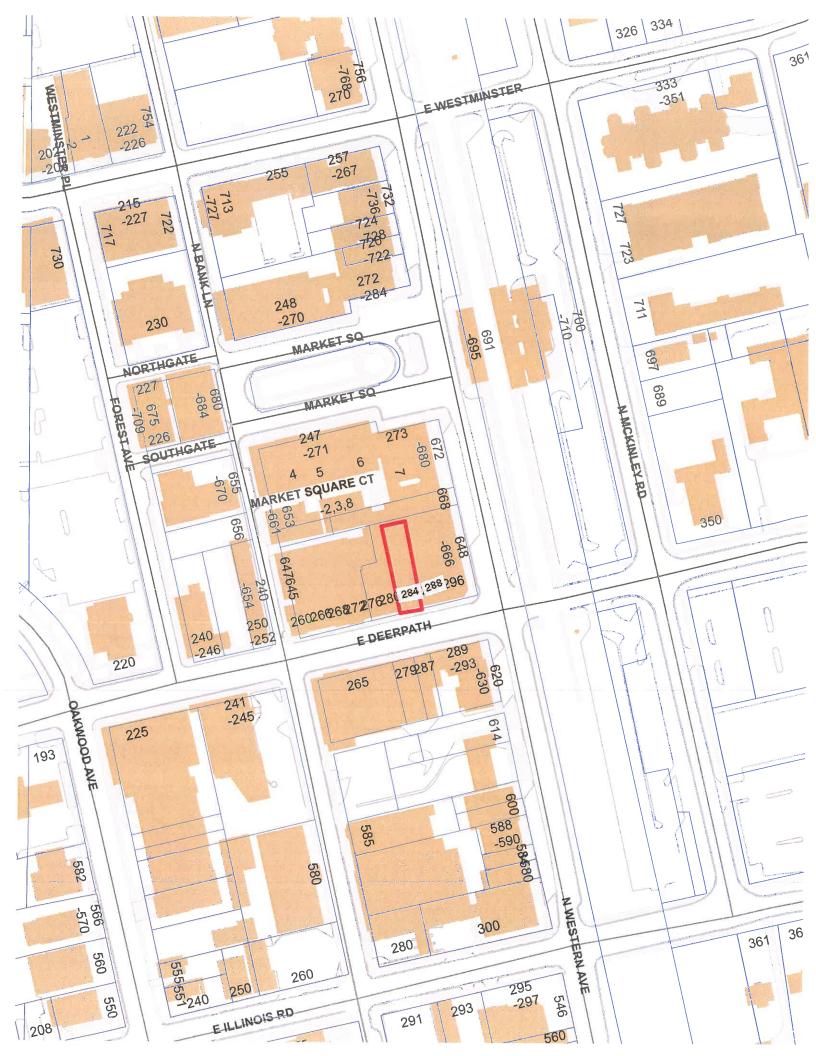
- 1. The Zoning Code establishes criteria that must be considered prior to approving certain non-retail businesses in the B-4 zoning district, but does not prohibit such uses. The applicable criteria are met as detailed in the following findings.
- 2. The Code encourages consolidating retail uses in and immediately around Market Square and promotes the location of office and service businesses outside of the immediate core area as a way to bring people in to support retail and restaurant businesses. This site is located outside of Market Square, the primary retail core, but adjacent to it. The proposed office will draw sales associates and customers, some of whom may be unfamiliar with the community and considering making Lake Forest their home, into the Central Business District.
- 3. The streets in this area and the public parking lots located in the general vicinity of the proposed office can accommodate use of this space for a small real estate office. The proposed low intensity use will not significantly alter existing traffic patterns or negatively affect traffic volumes or the flow of traffic in the Central Business District.
- 4. On street customer parking and the nearby parking lots are adequate to meet the limited demand generated by customers of the proposed real estate office.
- 5. No exterior changes are proposed to the building other than the installation of new signage on the awning flap and on the window. The store front window will remain. Nothing will be altered to prevent this space from easily being used by a retail tenant in the future.

- 6. The Special Use criteria are intended to assure that the location of non-retail uses in the Central Business District does not limit prime opportunities for retail tenants. This location has historically been the site of various retail businesses which, with the exception of Sweets, have generated limited retail foot traffic.
- 7. The proposed location will not be detrimental to surrounding businesses or the business district as a whole and is located in a manner that enhances the core area by attracting employees and clients to the Central Business District.
- 8. The proposed special use will not be detrimental to or endanger the public health, safety, morals, comfort, or general welfare.
- 9. The proposed special use will not substantially diminish property values in the Central Business District.

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Based on the information presented by the petitioner, review of applicable sections in the City Code and based on the findings of fact detailed above, staff finds that the applicable special use criteria are satisfied. Staff recommends that the Plan Commission approve a motion in support of a Special Use Permit authorizing the office of Compass to occupy the first floor space at 284 E. Deerpath subject to the following conditions of approval.

- 1. All employees and Sales Associates shall park in public employee parking lots. Public on street parking spaces shall be used by customers only. The Office Manager shall institute policies to enforce this condition.
- 2. Jockeying of cars in on street parking spaces on Deerpath, Western Avenue, Oakwood Avenue, Bank Lane, in Market Square or on other streets in the Central Business District by employees and Sales Associates, in violation of the City Code, shall be considered a violation of this Special Use Permit.
- 3. All building and window signage shall be approved and permitted consistent with applicable Code requirements.
- 4. No exterior or interior alterations shall occur which limit the future re-use of this space for retail or restaurant uses.
- 5. The "store front" windows shall remain generally open to allow views into the space for the purpose of providing pedestrian friendly streetscape.





## Application for Plan Commission Review Special Use Permit - Central Business District - New Use

PROPERTY ADDRESS 284 E Deerp	ath	ZONING DISTRICT
EXISTING USE Vacant	- Previously Jew	velry Store
PROPOSED USE Compa	ss Real Estate Of	ffice
EXPANSION OF EXISTING	USE YES	NO
VARIANCE REQUIRED	YES	NO
		PROPERTY OWNER (if different from applicant)
doing business as Con Name real estate office		Name Arcade on Deerpath, LLC
Address 280 N Western Ave		Address 13110 W. Highway 176, Suite 1
Lake Forest, IL 600	145	Lake Bluff, Illinois 60044
Phone <b>847-864-1791</b>		Phone
Relationship to Property	nant/Attorney)	
BENEFICIAL INTERESTS	Corporation Partnership Trust, land	(see exhibit B)
		estand the Special Use Permit process and criteria. blic hearing when a determination has been made
<u>SIGNATURES</u>	Owner	7-25-2020 Date
	Owner  DocuSigned by:	Date 7./22./2020
	Lori Baker Application	
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#### **EXHIBIT "A"**

## CORPORATE OWNERSHIP

Please list the names and addresses of all officers and directors of the Corporation and all shareholders who own individually or beneficially 5% or more of the outstanding stock of the corporation. In addition, this application must be accompanied by a resolution of the Corporation authorizing the execution and submittal of this application.

NAME	TODO ALTOUNION	NAME	Micole ALTOUNIAN
	587 Illinois RD	ADDRESS	150 Ridge LAME
	LAKE FOREST I		
OWNERSH	P PERCENTAGE 25 %	OWNERSHI	P PERCENTAGE 25 %
NAME	JEHNIFE ( BIANCH)	NAME	JAMES ALTOUNIAN I
ADDRESS	192 Weskern Ave	ADDRESS	949 Sheridan RD
	LAKE FOREST		LAKE FOREST, IL
OWNERSHI	P PERCENTAGE 25 %		
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### **PARTNERSHIP OWNERSHIP**

Please list all partners, general and/or limited, with an individual or beneficial interest of 5% or greater.

NAME	Lori Baker			NAME	Alissa McNicholas		
ADDRESS	280 N Western A	ve		ADDRESS	780 Cherokee Road		
	Lake Forest, IL				Lake Forest, IL		
OWNERSHIP	P PERCENTAGE	50	%	OWNERSHI	P PERCENTAGE	50	<u>%</u>
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July 29, 2020

City of Lake Forest 800 Field Drive Lake Forest, IL 60045

Dear Chairman Kehr and Members of the Commission,

The purpose of our request is to open a small, boutique real estate office in the tenant space located at 284 E Deerpath. We will be operating the office as Compass Real Estate. Since launching in 2012, Compass has become a nationwide real estate brokerage with more than 300 offices extending coast to coast. It is the #3 residential brokerage by volume nationally, and #2 in the Chicago market.

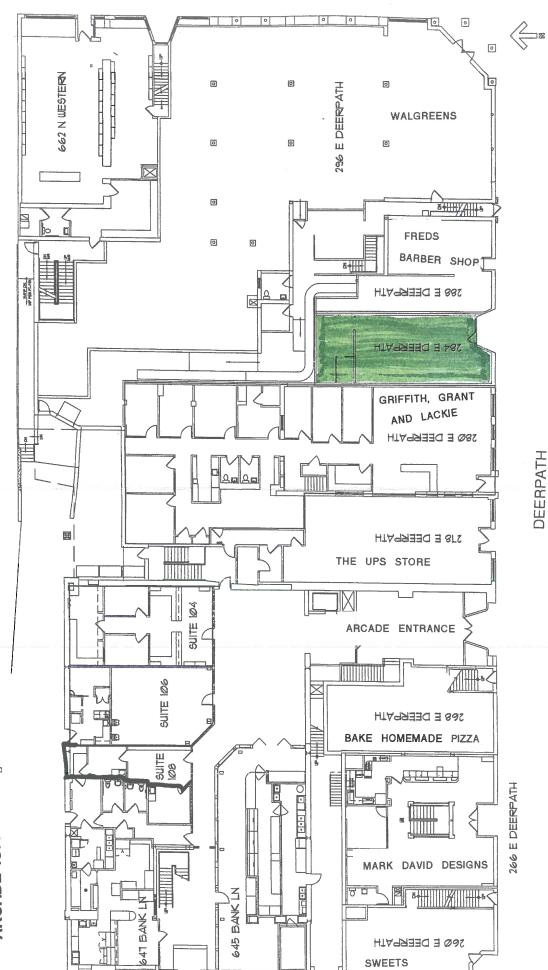
The office will initially have three agents – Lori Baker, Alissa McNicholas, and Peter Coutant. Until recently, the three of us have work at Coldwell Banker for our entire real estate careers - 20 years for Lori, 14 years for Alissa, and 8 years for Peter. Lori and Alissa are lifelong residents of Lake Forest, and Peter grew up in Lake Forest and has worked in the community professionally for the past 23 years. The three of us have been business partners for the past two years. Our business is focused primarily on working with buyers and sellers of residential homes in the Lake Forest/Lake Bluff market. More than 90% of our transactions are based in Lake Forest and Lake Bluff. We are the top producing real estate team in Lake Forest, and although we are not a sales tax producing business, over the past two years our transactions alone have contributed more than \$250,000 in Real Estate Transfer Tax revenue to the City.

Several months ago, Compass approached us to join their brokerage and to open our own office in Lake Forest. It's an exciting opportunity and a chance for us to create a business that is truly hyperlocal, focused on promoting why Lake Forest is the best community to live in on the Northshore. This office will be our hub - a place where we will meet with clients on a regular basis - not just those who live locally, but those who are in from out of town, thereby encouraging them to shop and eat in our restaurants and add to the vitality of the Central Business District.

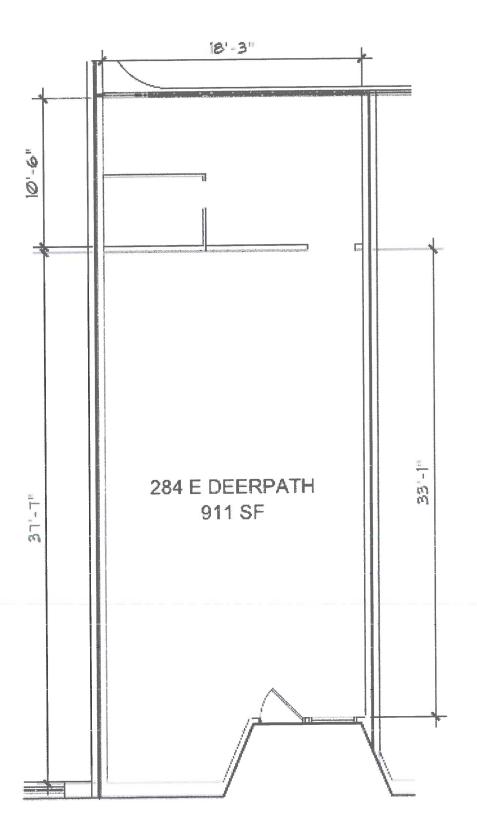
Over the next two years, we may grow the office to include a total of 6-10 agents. The size of the space is just 950 square feet. We don't require any structural changes to the space, just the removal of existing cabinet fixtures from the previous tenant, followed by cosmetic improvements such as new carpet, lighting fixtures, paint, furniture, etc. Exterior signage will be on the building awning and on the storefront window.

We appreciate your time and consideration and look forward to answering any questions you might have.

Sincerely, Lori Baker Alissa McNicholas Peter Coutant



**ARCADE 1st Floor** 



## Plan Commission Meeting – August 12, 2020 Agenda Item 4

## Alden Lane Resubdivision – 2 Lots 120 Alden Lane

Staff Report Vicinity Map Air Photos Thompson Highlands Plat of Subdivision Map – Lots Sizes in Surrounding Area

## Materials Submitted by the Petitioner

Application
Statement of Intent
Plat of Resubdivision
Concept of Foot Print for House on Lot 1
Alternative Lot Configurations Considered by the Petitioner



#### STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION Alden Lane Resubdivision – 2 Lots

TO: Chairman Kehr and Members of the Plan Commission

DATE: August 12, 2020

FROM: Catherine Czerniak, Director of Community Development

SUBJECT: Request for Approval of a Tentative Plat of Resubdivision and Associated

Variances – 120 Alden Lane

#### **OWNER**

#### PROPERTY LOCATION

#### **ZONING**

Green Flash LLC – 120 Alden Lane Eugene Martin 100% P.O. Box 9018 Naples, Florida 34101 120 Alden Lane, northeast corner of Alden Lane and Green Bay Road R-4 Single Family Residence District

#### **REPRESENTATIVE**

Gene Martin, Property Owner

#### Summary of the Request

This is a request for tentative approval of a plat of resubdivision that would re-create two lots out of a 3.05 acre parcel that is currently developed with a single family house, attached garage, detached garage and a swimming pool. Two parcels are proposed.

- Lot 1 as proposed totals 43,560 square feet, one acre. This parcel is vacant and would be available for development with a single family house.
- Lot 2 as proposed totals 89,283 square feet, just over two acres. The existing house, garage and swimming pool would remain.

The minimum lot size in the R-4 zoning district is 60,000 square feet, approximately an acre and a half.

This property was originally configured as two buildable lots as part of the Thompson Highlands Subdivision which was approved by the City in 1956. A copy of the original plat of subdivision is included in the Commission's packet and the area of this request is highlighted. The plat was properly recorded with the County. The Thompson Highlands Subdivision established six buildable lots of just over 60,000 square feet each along the Green Bay Road frontage. A 66' strip of land, between lots 5 and 6 was reserved as part of this subdivision to provide access to future development to the east. The 66' wide strip was later developed as Alden Lane as part of the Baker-Considine Subdivision.

In addition to the six buildable lots that were created by the Thompson Highlands Subdivision, two larger lots were created to the east for future subdivision and development. Lot 1 included a provision for access from Green Bay Road between Lots 3 and 4 of the Thompson Highlands Subdivision. This access area later became a separate additional buildable lot with frontage on Green Bay Road. The rest of Lot 1 was developed as the Tara Highlands Subdivision with the new lots in that subdivision taking access from the new road that was constructed as part of that subdivision, Tara Lane. Lot A is located along the south and eastern portion of the Thompson Highlands plat of subdivision and extended east to the railroad tracks. This area was later developed along with the construction of Alden Lane as the Baker-Considine Subdivision as noted above.

The property now proposed for resubdivision, the 120 Alden Lane property, is comprised of Lots 4 and 5 of the Thompson Highlands Subdivision. A building permit for a single family residence and attached garage on Lots 4 and 5 was issued in 1964 and after construction of the house was completed, a Certificate of Occupancy was issued in 1965. Both the permit and Certificate of Occupancy clearly reflect that Lots 4 and 5 were consolidated into a single zoning lot for the house that was constructed. The house as constructed straddled the property line between Lots 4 and 5. A permit for a swimming pool was issued in 1973 and a permit for a detached garage was issued in 1976.

#### **Facts**

- The property was originally configured as two buildable lots as noted above, as part of the Thompson Highlands Subdivision. The two lots had frontage on Green Bay Road as originally configured; Lot 4 with frontage of about 150 feet and Lot 5 with frontage of about 190 feet. Both lots extended to the east about 410 feet.
- In 1964, the two lots were consolidated into a single parcel by virtue of a building permit that was issued to allow construction of a house across the property line. The house has undergone various alterations and repairs through the years, but remains generally in the same form as when it was originally constructed.
- Lot 2 as proposed in this resubdivision at 89,283 square feet, meets the minimum lot size in the R-4 zoning district, meets the minimum lot width of 150' and is large enough to accommodate the existing residence consistent with the building scale (square footage) limitations.
- Lot 1 as proposed in this resubdivision at 43,560 square feet, does not meet the minimum lot size in the R-4 zoning district, a variance is requested.
- Lot 1 as proposed reflects increased setbacks beyond those required in the Code, 100' setbacks are proposed from both the north and south property lines. The R-4 zoning district requires a minimum buildable area of 23,000 square feet. As proposed, the buildable area on Lot 1 is approximately 8,000 square feet, a variance is requested.
- The Zoning Code defines the front of a lot as the portion of the lot with the narrowest street footage. The front of Lot 1 as proposed is along Alden Lane. The lot width is measured at the front yard setback line. The minimum lot frontage for lots in the R-4 zoning district is 150 feet. The lot frontage on the proposed Lot 1 is approximately 75 feet, a variance is requested.
- The corner side yard is along Green Bay Road, is 340 feet. No variance is required.

#### **Staff Analysis**

The statement of intent submitted by the petitioner is included in the Commission's packet and reviews the intent of the petitioner which is in general, to offer a smaller lot, at one acre, to accommodate current market interest in smaller lots and homes.

The property proposed for subdivision is located just outside of both the Green Bay Road Historic District and the Historic Residential Open Space Preservation Overlay District (HROSPD). The HROSPD allows for flexibility from the standards in the Code such as lot size and width so long as the allowable density is not exceeded. The proposed resubdivision does not exceed the allowable density.

Subdivision of properties within the HROSPD must be considered through a Special Use Permit process as a Planned Preservation Subdivision. Such an approach would eliminate the need for variances since the HROSPD allows for flexibility as noted above. However, in this case, there are clear boundaries for the HROSPD along the west edge of Green Bay Road and the south edge of Alden Lane. This property is outside of those boundaries. A zone change to apply the overlay district could be requested however, careful consideration would need to be given to justify inclusion of a single property in the Overlay district on the east side of Green Bay Road and on the north side of Alden Lane, creating a less regular boundary.

The petitioner developed a very conceptual plan for how a residence might be sited on Lot 1 and where the driveway could be located. This conceptual plan is included in the Commission's packet for information. Importantly, the petitioner proposes to limit the size of the house that could be constructed on Lot 1 beyond the limitations in the City Code. A reduction of 1,000 square feet in the allowable size for a house on Lot 1 is proposed. And, as noted above, the front and rear yard setbacks as reflected on the proposed plat of resubdivision are doubled from the required 50 feet to 100 feet. The increased setbacks and reduction in the size of the house both recognize the wooded character of the lot and the proximity of a new house to Green Bay Road.

The criteria for a variance are summarized below and initial staff comments are provided. Commission input and direction is requested.

1. Will the requested variance alter the essential character of the property or larger neighborhood?

Staff prepared a map reflecting the size of properties in this general area. The map is included in the Commission's packet. The majority of lots in this area meet or exceed the minimum lot size of 60,000 square feet in the R-4 zoning district

Staff has heard from two property owners in the immediate area who have raised concerns about impacting the character of the area, loss of trees on the site, visibly of the home from Green Bay Road and establishing a precedent for variances in the immediate area.

2. Are the conditions upon which the request for a variance is based unique to this property and not generally applicable to other properties in the R-4 zoning district?

This property is unique in that two previously approved lots were consolidated to allow a house to be constructed in the 1960's sited generally in the center of the lots from north to south.

3. Was the hardship in conforming to the Code requirements created by the current or a previous property owner?

A previous property owner made a decision to consolidate the lots and sited a home and pool in a manner that required the consolidation of the two lots.

4. Will the proposed project, if the variances are granted, impair light or air to adjacent properties, create traffic congestion endanger public safety or substantially diminish property values in the area.

The expanded setbacks as proposed will minimize any impact to light and air on neighboring properties and will provide the opportunity to preserve a significant number of trees on the site particularly if the plat of resubdivision delineates tree preservation areas.

A single home on the property will not cause traffic congestion although care will need to be taken when exiting the driveway on to Green Bay Road. A single curb cut is proposed. The proposed addition of a lot in this area will not endanger public safety.

No documentation has been submitted to assert that the proposed additional lot, and development of the lot, will substantially diminish property values in the area.

#### **Public Notice**

Public notice of this hearing was provided in accordance with Code requirements and standard practices. Public notice was published in a newspaper of local circulation and mailed to property owners in the surrounding area. The agenda for this meeting was posted at various public locations and on the City's website. To date, staff received inquiries from two neighboring property owners who asked questions about the proposed resubdivision and expressed concerns about the creation of a lot that does not meet the minimum lot size, the proximity of a new house on the lot to Green Bay Road due to the narrowness of the lot, and an additional curb cut on to Green Bay Road. If any letters or emails are received after the distribution of the Commission's packet, they will be forwarded to the Commission prior to the meeting.

#### **Staff Recommendation**

Provide direction to staff and the petitioner considering the various options and the petitioner's goal of creating a smaller lot to meet the needs and interests of potential home buyers.

Options. (If the Commission supports options 1, 2, 3 or 4, the petition should be continued.)

1. Indicate general support for the variances required to support the proposal as presented and direct the petitioner to prepare a final plat of subdivision. Direct staff to develop conditions of approval and notes to be memorialized on the plat of subdivision including, but not limited to: limiting the property to one curb cut, limiting the size of the house as proposed by the petitioner, documenting the expanded setbacks as proposed by the petitioner, and requiring a tree preservation area along Green Bay Road.

OR

2. Direct the petitioner to bring forward an alternate plan for resubdivision that reduces the number and/or the magnitude of variances requested.

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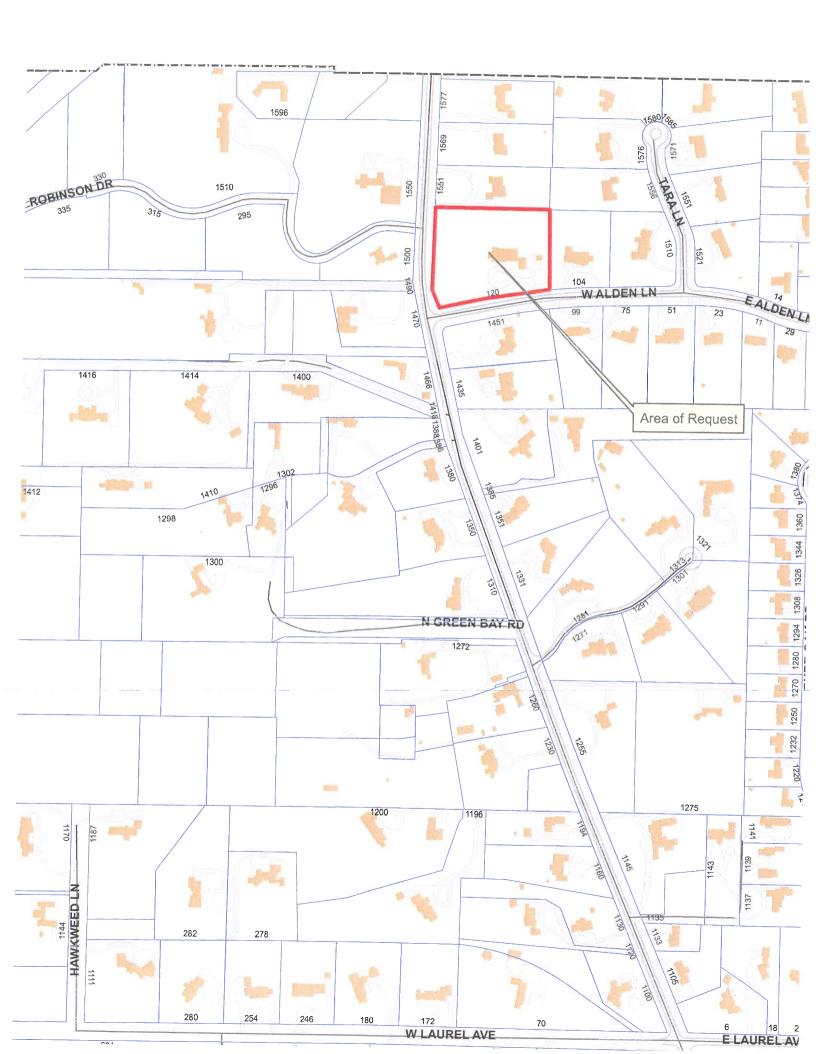
3. Direct the petitioner to consider removing the existing house and pool to allow the property to revert back to the two lots as originally platted in the Thompson Highlands Subdivision.

OR

4. Recommend that the petitioner pursue a zone change requesting that the HROSPD be applied to this property to allow the present request to be considered as a planned preservation subdivision. (This approach should only be considered if there is general support on the Commission for the resubdivision as proposed to allow approval through a Special Use Permit as opposed to granting variances that could be considered precedent setting in the future.)

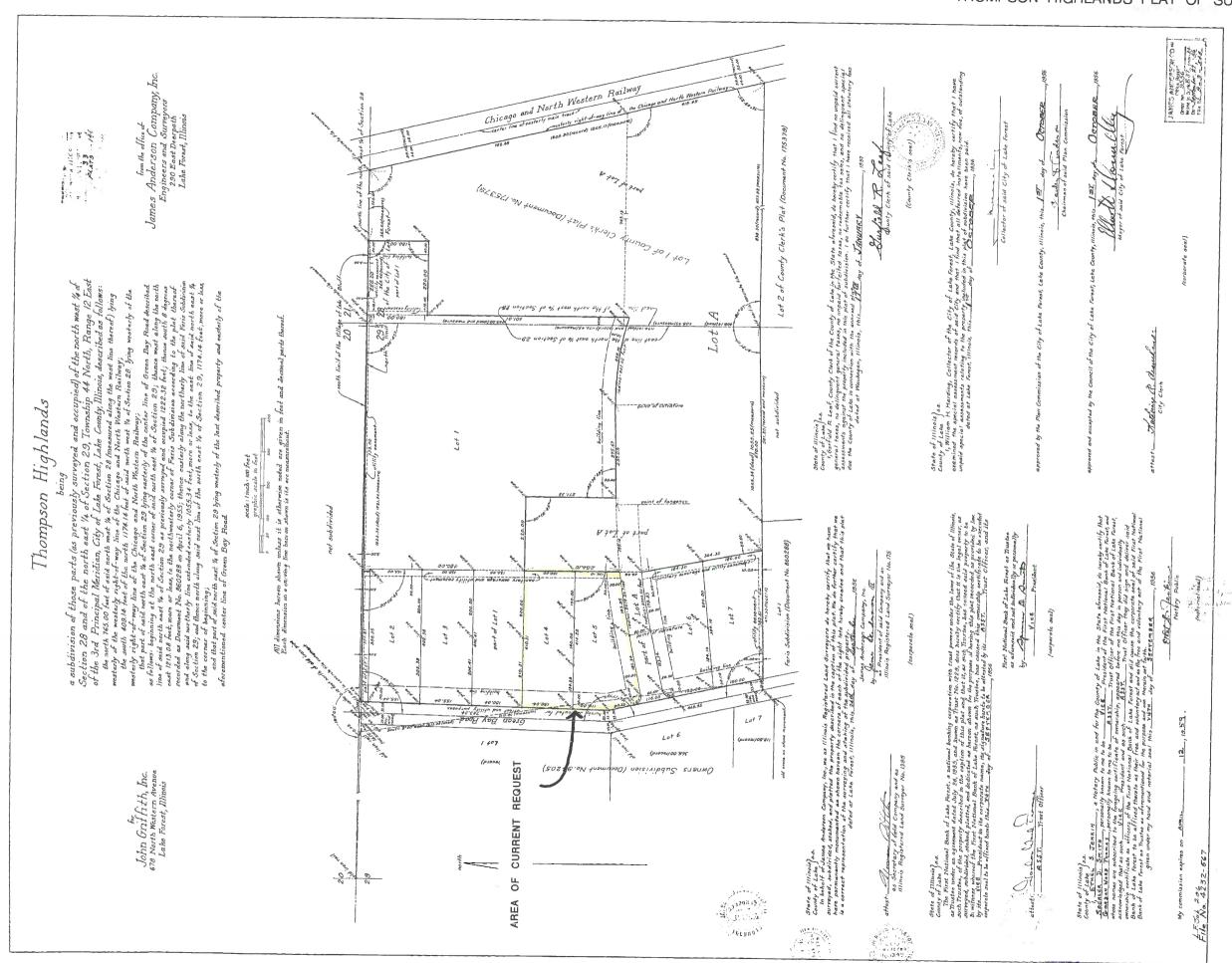
OR

5. Recommend denial of the petition.













## THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST

# APPLICATION FOR PLANNED PRESERVATION SUBDIVISION AND THE ASSOCIATED SPECIAL USE PERMIT TENTATIVE AND FINAL APPROVAL

LOCATION OF PROPERTY 120 14 AU	DEN LAHE ZO	NING DISTRICT 24
ACREAGE OF PROPERTY _	3.05	
VACANT DEVELOPED	X IF DEVELOPED #	OF STRUCTURES
# OF BUILDABLE LOTS PRO	POSED	
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APPLICANT		
Name GREEN FLASH LLC Address PO Box 9018	Name	Y OWNER (if different from applicant)
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Phone 239 - 348 - 5	721	
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BENEFICIAL INTERESTS	Corporation Partnership Trust, land or other	(see exhibit A) (see exhibit B) (see exhibit C)
have read the complete application particular that this matter will be scheduled that this application packet is completed.	eduled for a public hearing who	ivision process and criteria. en a determination has been made
SIGNATURES /	Owner	Date
	MAUZGER GR Owner	<u>εεω</u> Date
	FLASH LIC 120 AL Applicant	DEU 6-10-20 Date

## **APPLICANT'S REPRESENTATIVES**

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#### **CORPORATE OWNERSHIP**

Please list the names and addresses of all officers and directors of the Corporation and all shareholders who own individually or beneficially 5% or more of the outstanding stock of the corporation. In addition, this application must be accompanied by a resolution of the Corporation authorizing the execution and submittal of this application.

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ADDRESS	PO BOX 9018	ADDRESS	
NAPI	LLS , FL 34101		
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Subject:

FW: Alden E2

Attachments:

Plan E2 (June 11, 2020).zip

#### LETTER OF INTENT 120 W ALDEN LANE

This property includes lots 4 & 5 of the Thompson Highlands subdivision. The property is in the R4 zoning district and totals 133,055 sq. ft. The majority of the surrounding properties have a minimum of 60,000 sq. ft., however a number of smaller lots have been created due to the unique circumstances of the Historic Overlay District.

In preparing this proposal the properties' size, topograghy, tree locations and scale and location of the existing residence and improvements were considered. A typical resubdivision with each lot having approximately 67,000 sq. ft. was considered along with five other concepts that responded to the unique characteristics of this property. After reviewing concepts with City staff, this proposal was developed in detail as the most responsive to this particular site and location.

The proposal includes lot 2 having 89,283 sq. ft. or just greater than two acres to remain with the residence in response to the scale, architecture and siting of the home. Lot 1 would contain 43,560 sq. ft. or one acre, similar to the properties directly across Green Bay Road.

1596 N Green Bay Rd 1.0 acre 1500 N Green Bay Rd 1.1 acre 1466 N Green Bay Rd .97 acre 1380 N Green Bay Rd 1.1 acre

In an effort to maintain the existing streetscape and protect significant trees, the proposal also includes the following plat restrictions:

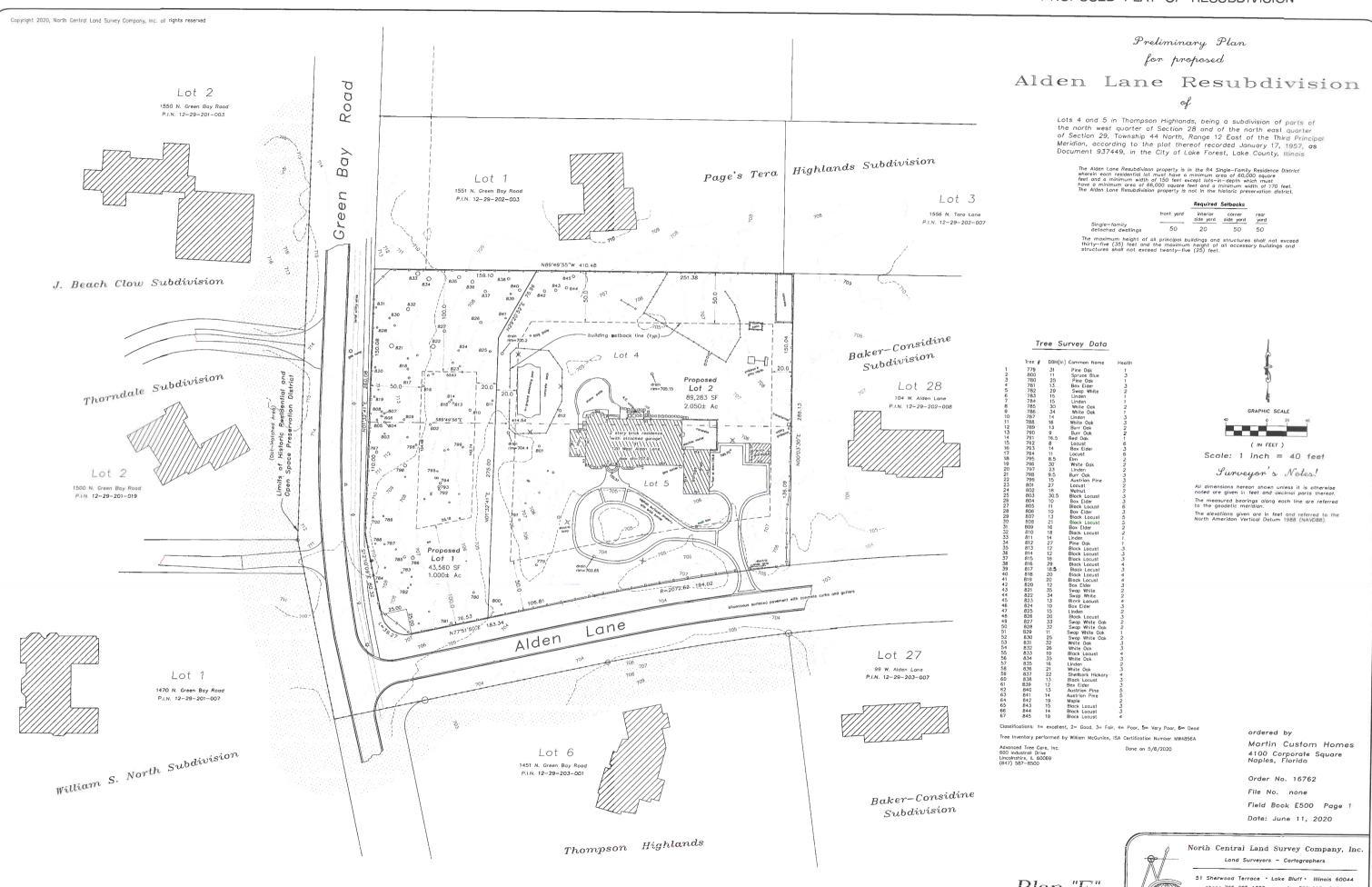
#### Lot 1

The front and rear setbacks will be doubled from 50' to 100'.

The maximum building scale allowable will be reduced by 1,000 sq. ft. from 5,285 sq. ft. to 4,285 sq. ft., a reduction of approximately 20 %.

Thank you,

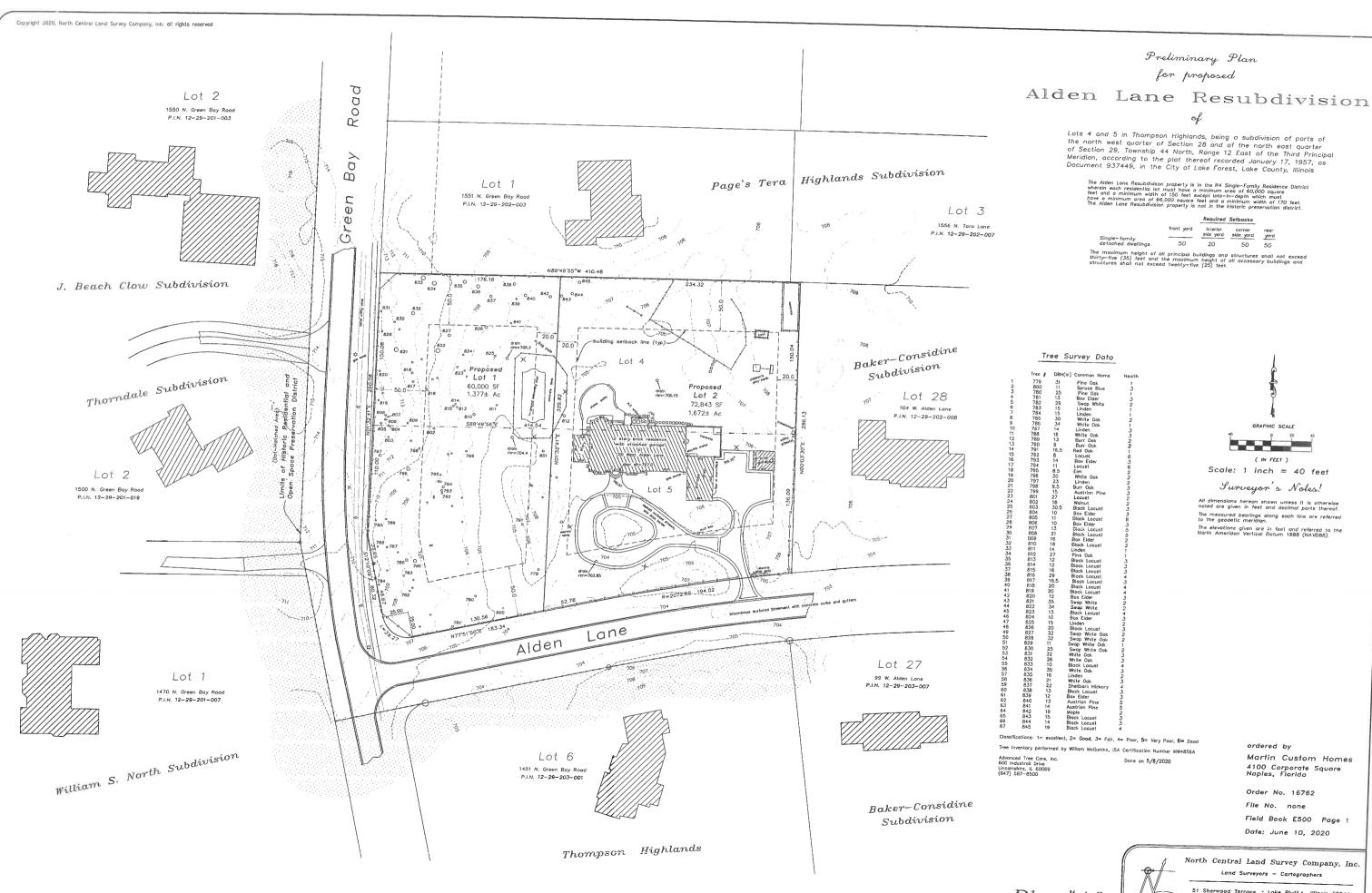
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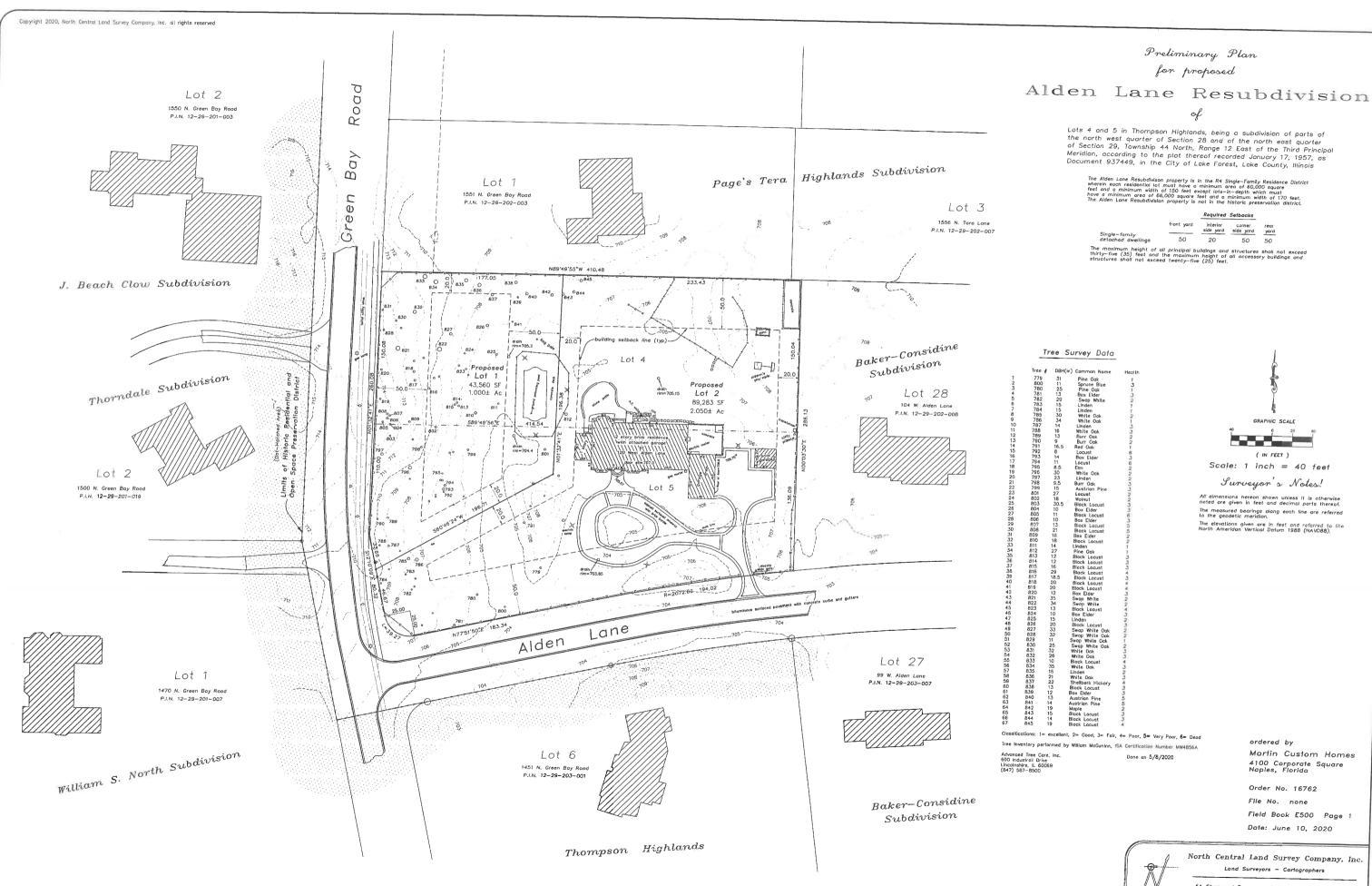
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Alternative Lot Configurations Considered by the Petitioner



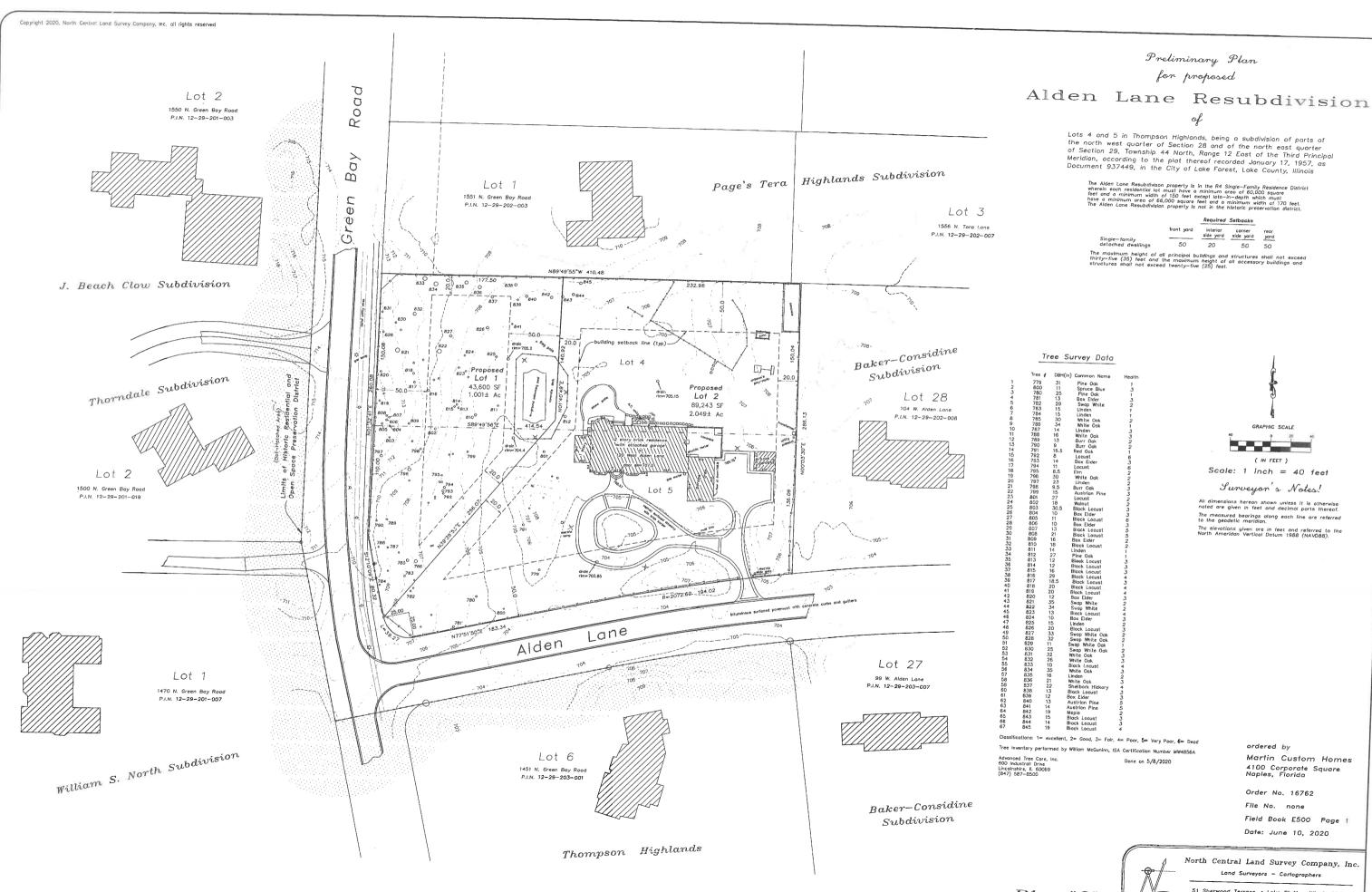
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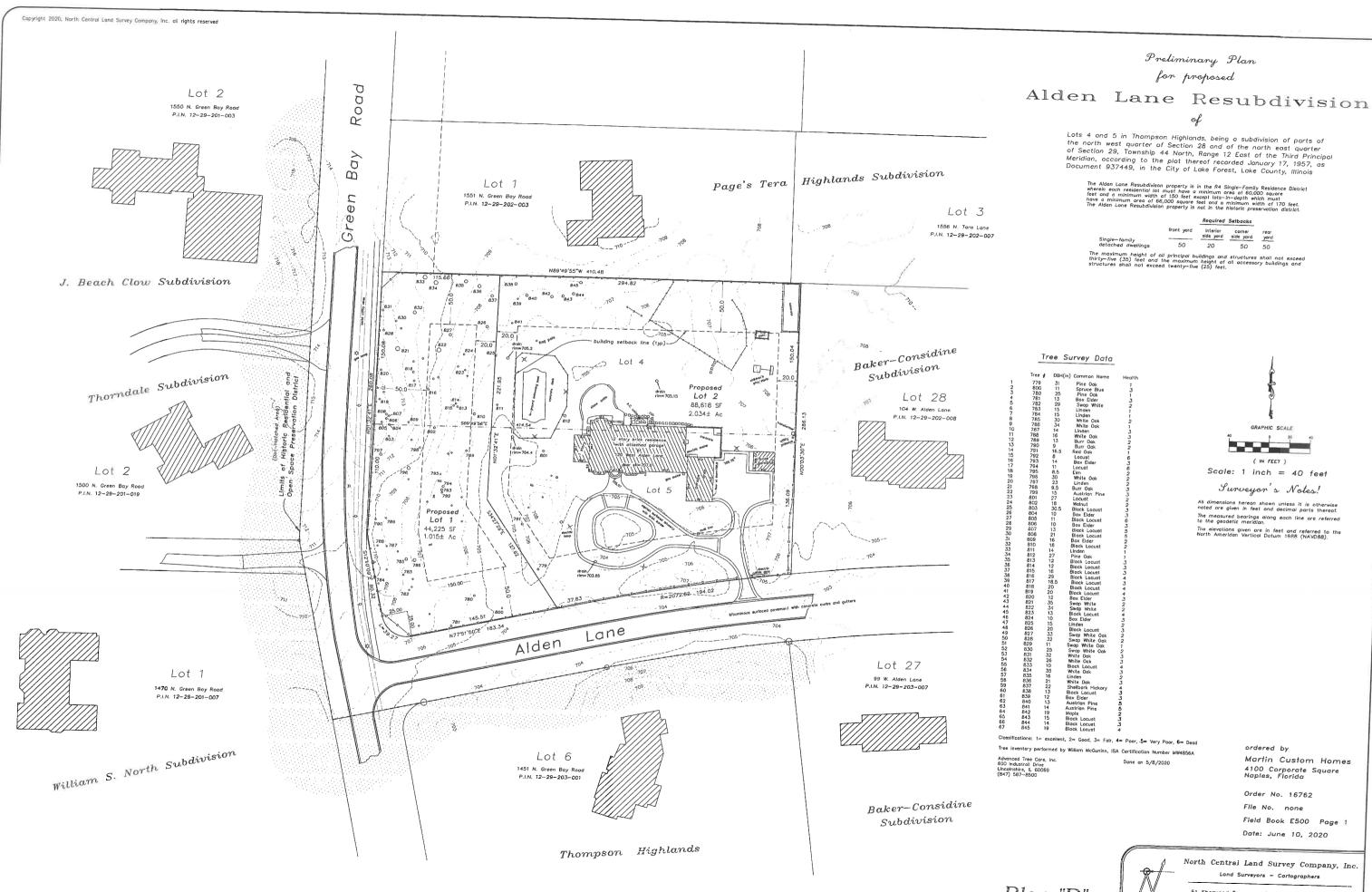
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