

June 17, 2015

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Subject: PA #15-030, Bridgepointe Master Plan Amendment & SPAR  
2202 Bridgepointe Parkway, APN 035-466-010

Dear Mr. Hogan:

Enclosed are the responses to your most recent comments on the project dated June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Please advise if any additional questions that remain.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Stoner", with a stylized, cursive script.

Michael Stoner

cc: Gary Miranda

**Planning Comments:**  
Please indicate page on which comment has been addressed.

**Review based upon plans received on 5/11/15 (except for the modified floorplan that was provided on June 1, 2015)**

## 1. General Comments.

- A. ~~The Site Address does not match the information provided on the application form. Please use a correct single address for all future submittals.~~
- B. ~~Please remove references to the "Payment of a recreation fee" from the Master Plan Amendment. There is nothing in either the master or specific plan that requires payment of a recreation fee. Incorporating the recreation fee in the cover letter, as part of SPI's request, is the appropriate location for such an offer.~~
- C. ~~Sheet G0.01: Please adjust the vicinity map so that "Project North" (i.e. Bridgepointe Parkway), is "up" and provide a north arrow for the vicinity map. Also the cross hatched shape of the building is also noticeably offset, please move it closer to the actual location of the building.~~
- D. ~~Sheet AS1.02: Along the east elevation this plan sheet shows a utility room that does not appear to on the colored east elevation (Sheet R2.02. Please clarify the existence or non-existence of this feature and modify the plans accordingly.~~
- E. ~~According to the initial project application submittal, site changes are proposed on the adjacent parcel, please confirm that the adjacent parcel is under also under identical ownership.~~
- F. ~~Other than removing some of the landscaping along the south elevation, are any changes to the site landscaping being proposed? Some of the existing on-site landscaping is either dead or appears to have not received regular care. This is an opportunity to modify the landscape planting and reduce the amount of turf area. Please provide a landscape plan to update the site landscaping.~~
- G. We have just received a copy of your TDM Memo dated June 3, 2015. We will review the material and provide our comments, etc. later this month. The original Environmental Impact Report for the Bridgepointe Master Plan project contained a mitigation measure (Air Quality 3.1-3b) requiring the identification of strategies to increase average vehicle ridership and the reduce vehicle/employee ratio. A copy of this mitigation measure was previously provided under a separate cover. This item also related to the items identified in the Climate Action Plan Consistency Checklist. Accordingly, the City needs proof of compliance with this requirement as well as a copy of the trip reduction strategy/transportation demand management plan.
  - **Response: See June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 letter from Michael Stoner that addresses this issue. Also see W-Trans Transportation Demand Management Program for Bridgepointe Shopping Center provided under separate cover.**

## 2. City of San Mateo Planning Application Form Submittal Requirements.

- ~~Hazardous Materials and Air Quality Checklist (Non-Residential only)~~
- PDFs of the entire plan set meeting the following requirements:
  1. Pages should be a maximum size of 11 x 17.
  2. Pages should be "flattened," no layers.
  3. Resolution should be 72ppi.

4. Color pages are fine.
5. Pages should be saved as PDF.
6. Project plans must be no bigger than 5MB in size, for each file.
7. Project plans should be in groups:
  - a. Elevations
  - b. Site plans
  - c. Floor plans
  - d. Roof plans
  - e. Landscape plans

3. **Special Studies.** These additional studies/project evaluations will be conducted for the City.

- A. Traffic Impact Analysis [Prepared by Hexagon]. ~~See Comment 6 below.~~ The independent analysis has confirmed the trip generation values provided by W-Trans. This comment is for your information, no additional action is necessary.
- B. Greenhouse Gas Analysis [Prepared by Pacific Municipal Consultants City approved Consultant]. Please note that the Planning Division is still evaluating the need for this analysis City has contracted with an outside firm to conduct a greenhouse gas emission study for use through the environmental review and hearing processes. This comment is for your information, no additional action is necessary.
- C. Design Review [Prepared by Larry Cannon]. ~~We will forward these comments to you when they are available.~~ The remaining design review comment, based upon changes to the original elevations, is as follows:
  1. The other major retail establishments in this center do not have parked cars directly in front of their main entrances (so that customers entering the retail establishment don't have to walk between the cars to get from the parking lot to the building entry). Please incorporate this element into the proposed project design.

- **Response: Three parking stalls have been removed at South entry as requested. See sheets AS1.02 and A1.03.**

4. **Plan Set Requirements.**

Cover Sheet

- ~~Summary calculations of lot size and the square footage (consistent with Zoning Code Section 27.04.200 Floor Area Definition) and Floor Area Ratio of existing development, structures to be demolished and new construction.~~
- ~~Sheet AS1.02: Please provide additional information for the area around the new loading dock as it is proposed. The initial plan submittal is not clear about the future layout of this area. Also, please put the truck turning movements on a separate sheet. The exiting of a delivery truck from the proposed loading dock also needs to be described and evaluated.~~
- If EV Charging Stations will be provided, please identify the location(s) of the proposed EV Charging Stations (identified in the Climate Action Plan Consistency Checklist). If located outside of the construction area for the proposed building modification, a simplified location and

description can be provided. The project could then be conditioned to identify the location prior to issuance of the building permit.

- Response: See sheet G0.01 and sheet AS1.02 for EV Charging locations.

#### A. Site Plan

Drawn to scale and showing all existing and proposed structures on the property and the following additional information:

- ~~All property lines.~~
- ~~Lot dimensions.~~
- ~~Location, identification and dimensions of items of obstruction on sidewalks and curbs, such as fire hydrants, utility meters, and utility poles.~~
- ~~Location, dimensions, and types of easements.~~
- ~~Landscaped areas.~~
- ~~Location and diameters of existing trees and note whether they are to be removed or retained.~~
- ~~Location of staging area for trash/recycling (staging on public streets is not permitted).~~
- ~~Location of short term and long term bicycle parking, with a detail showing dimensions of bicycle parking spaces, distance between racks and distance to other obstructions, including walls, curbs and landscaping.~~
- ~~Loading Zone~~
- ~~Include the size(s) of the typical parking spaces.~~
- ~~Sheet AS1.01: The existing site plan does not show the site correctly. The most noticeable area of incorrect information is near the southeast corner of the building, though other areas are also incorrectly depicted. Please revise the plan to correctly reflect the existing conditions.~~
- ~~Sheet AS1.02: The shape of the parcel does not match the information provided by the County Assessor and the City's GIS system. Please incorporate the correct boundary location and shape on all future resubmittals.~~
- ~~On the east elevation, the Sheet A1.03 shows the two existing doors to remain. However the Site Plan (Sheet A1.02) seems to show that area differently. Please make sure the information on the plans is consistent.~~
- ~~Sheet A1.03: The square foot total of the building printed within the building ("51,536") does not match the total square footage in table on the same page ("50,917"). Please make sure the information on the plans is consistent and correct.~~

#### B. Floor Plans

- ~~Overall exterior dimensions.~~
- ~~All doors and windows.~~
- ~~All areas, walls, structures to be removed.~~
- ~~The site plan and building elevation do not appear to match to the west of the proposed trash enclosure. The building floor plan (and south elevation) makes it appear that 426 sf is being added to the building in that area; the site plan does not appear to show the same thing. Please make sure the information on the plans is consistent.~~

#### C. Building Elevations

- ~~Sheets A2.01 and A2.02: Add a dashed line depicting the elevation of the roof surface behind the parapet wall for all four elevations. The size and shape of any roof mounted~~

equipment should also be depicted and fully screened with a new parapet wall or roof screen.

- Sheet R2.01: The numbers(?) in the note circles on the Detail for the South Elevation Entry are not legible on either the paper sheet or the PDF. Please make the numbers legible in the next resubmittal so that this detail can be reviewed as part of a future resubmittal.

- **Response: See revised sheet R2.01 that removes this detail.**

#### D. Building Section

Drawn to scale and showing all existing and proposed floors, ceilings, roof areas, garages, and mechanical equipment rooms or equipment. Indicate height of each finished floor, top of final story plate line from finished grade, top of roof ridge and any roof equipment.

- ~~Add a Roof Layout Plan showing the location of all proposed roof mounted equipment.~~
- ~~Sheet A3.01: Add a "Proposed" building section to accompany the "Existing" building section.~~

#### E. Parking Plans

- ~~The project appears to propose the removal of several parking spaces. Please provide a table documenting that the shopping center will still have an adequate number of parking spaces per the zoning code requirements.~~

#### F. Landscape/Fencing/Hardscape Plans

~~Please identify the amount of landscaping (in square feet) for both the existing and proposed landscaping. If over 1,000 square feet of new or modified planting areas is proposed, a detail landscape plan must be prepared or reviewed and signed by a licensed landscape architect registered with the State of California. The plans shall be drawn to a scale adequate to indicate all landscaping improvements, and shall include, but not be limited to, the following:~~

- ~~The name, address and telephone number of the person or firm responsible for the preparation of the plans and other required information.~~
- ~~The name, address and telephone number of the reviewing landscape architect (if different from above).~~
- ~~All existing and proposed buildings and other structures including fences, paved areas, and planted areas.~~
- ~~All existing plant material to remain and to be removed.~~
- ~~Planting schedule listing the species, sizes, and drought tolerance of all proposed plant material. Provide photographs for the predominant species.~~
- ~~Square footage of all planted areas.~~
- ~~Provide a lighting plan showing fixture locations and styles, including a fixture schedule with a fixture photograph, manufacturer, color, and size. If no changes are proposed as part of this project please indicate that information on the resubmitted plans.~~
- ~~Provide a site furnishings and hardscape plan with locations and styles, including a schedule with furnishings/hardscape photograph, manufacturer, color, and size. Furnishings include but are not limited to bike racks, benches, planters, and other outdoor amenities.~~

## G. Roof Plans

- Provide a roof plan showing the extent of the proposed building roof and whether or not it will be solar ready. If yes, please identify the Solar Ready area on the roof plan (identified in the Climate Action Plan Consistency Checklist). The size of the area needs to conform to the State's recommendations for non-residential solar-ready roofs.

- Response: See sheet A1.03B for solar ready roof areas.

## 5. **City of San Mateo Planning Application Guide Requirements - Additional Requirements for Selected Applications.**

- ~~Color and Materials sample board.~~
- ~~Sign information. On the site plan and elevation drawings include location, dimensions, colors, and materials of all proposed signs and dimensions and locations of all existing signs to remain.~~
- ~~Please indicate if any of the on site trees are proposed for removal.~~
- The approval of any future signage will require a separate sign permit.

- Response: Noted.

## 6. **Environmental Checklist.**

- ~~Please provide a copy of the original traffic study that was used to evaluate the effects of the proposed change of land use from recreational to retail. Please note that the additional revised material received today has not yet been reviewed. Any staff comments on this material will be provided later this month.~~

## 7. **Economic Analysis.** The City has retained the services of an outside consultant, Economic & Planning Systems, Inc. (based in Berkeley, California) to conduct an independent evaluation of the information provided with the March 31, 2015 submittal and to evaluate all future submittals or conduct additional analyses as necessary. It is the goal of the City that the analysis used to identify an appropriate mitigation impact payment be consistent valuation methodologies suggested under the Ehrlich v. Culver City.

~~Based upon EPS's initial evaluation of the March 24, 2015 Economic Study, please provide the following information to assess the accuracy and reasonableness of the economic analysis that was submitted with the application.~~

- ~~Provide copies of the backup/supporting information used to support the estimated square foot rents for recreational spaces.~~
- ~~Provide copies of the backup/supporting information used to support the estimated square foot rents for retail spaces.~~
- ~~Finally, the initial analysis limits the "recreational" area to only the ice surface. This interpretation of the recreational area does not include all of the areas associated with~~

recreational use (e.g. walkway around the ice rink, locker and changing areas, service counter, office areas, other recreational spaces, etc.). Please recalculate the ice rink use area to include all of the recreational and recreation-related areas.

Update: A recalculated floor area layout was provided to staff at a June 1, 2015 meeting. While incorporating more of the non-ice surface rink operation areas, there are still additional areas related to the ice rink operation that need to be incorporated into the total floor area of the ice rink. These additional areas include the following:

1. The rest rooms, chiller equipment room and storage areas (accessible from the ice rink use area) in the southeast corner of the building are part of the ice rink use and need to be counted. (These restrooms need to be counted because the restaurant use has its own restroom facilities.)
2. The seating and viewing area along the west side of the ice rink is also part of the ice rink operation since these area were also typically occupied by ice rink patrons and visitors (since there is only a very limited viewing area from the other side of the ice rink).
3. A portion of the area between the northwest entrance of the building and the interior entrance from the ice rink into the restaurant can reasonably be divided between the ice rink and restaurant uses.
4. Finally, as staff indicated during the June 1, 2015 meeting, none of the mezzanine floor area (that was part of the restaurant use) should be included in the ice rink use area.

- **Response: See June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 letter with additional detail and market rents to support the economic study.**

**8. Additional Comments.** *While the following items are not planning application “incomplete” items, the following design items have been identified as concerns and staff recommends these items be addressed now as part of the plan revision process.*

- ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ A. ~~The western side of the building will be exposed to direct afternoon sun. It is recommended that some form of architectural shade element be added over the store fronts in this area. In addition, the architectural design of the west elevation needs to be more unified. Specifically, the areas for the smaller tenant spaces should be incorporated into a single element (rather than the two proposed).~~
- ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ B. ~~The southern corner of the building consists of two, essentially blank wall plans, staff suggests that you consider the installation of an additional architectural treatment or feature in the area.~~
- ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ C. The cover sheet indicates that the total square footage within the Bridgepointe Shopping Center is currently 436,138 square feet. Does that include all of the buildings and use areas in the center specified in the original Bridgepointe Master Plan?

- Response: The square footage shown is for parcels west of Chess Drive.

\_\_\_\_\_ D. Staff recommends that the revised project plans address the need to screen all roof mounted equipment with the building parapet walls. As a result, staff recommends that the elevations of the building be modified now to increase the height of the parapet wall to screen the future roof-mounted equipment. If this information is not provided at this stage in the process, the project may be conditioned to modify the building elevations prior to the approval of any building permits.

- Response: See sheet A1.03B for roof screen notes and details of proposed screens.

\_\_\_\_\_ E. Please complete the Climate Action Plan Consistency Checklist (attached to this letter); note that Items RE-1, AF-2, AT-2, and SW-1 all appear to relate to this project and will need to be actively addressed as part of this project's resubmittal.

- Response: Provided previously under separate cover.

\_\_\_\_\_ F. Please note that the project may be conditioned through the approval process to restrict any future uses to non-food retail only.

- Response: We understand the City did not intend this comment as a use restriction. It is intended to state additional building permit items may be needed, such as grease interceptors, if there are restaurants in the future.

\_\_\_\_\_ G. Changes to the proposed main entry on the south elevation may also be required to obtain an additional City approval if the final design varies from the entrance features shown on the proposed building elevations.

- Response: This elevation has been revised and the comment is noted.



**Building Comments:**  
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which comment has  
been addressed.

**Review based on plans received on 5/11/15**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. ~~Please specify the codes and regulations, such as the 2013 edition of the California codes, that may govern the design of this building upon the filing for a building permit application.~~
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. ~~Please specify the existing Use(s) and Occupancy Group(s) of the building on the plan.~~
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. ~~Please specify the proposed Use(s) and Occupancy Group(s) of the building on the plan.~~ For the proposed retail use, please clarify the specific type(s) of retail use as different or more stringent requirements may apply per the San Mateo Municipal Code, such as waste storage (for grocery or food consumption, etc.).
- Response: Uses would be as allowed by City Municipal Code.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. ~~Please specify the Type of Construction on the plan.~~
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. ~~Please specify whether or not the building has an existing fire sprinkler system.~~
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Please provide calculation to verify that the proposed building area complies with the allowable building area per Chapter 5 of the California Building Code.

**Additional comments:**

- In order for Section 507.3 of the 2013 California Building Code to be applicable, at least 60 feet of clearance of either a public way or yard must be provided. Since this parcel is abutting parcel 14 and the yard does not appear to have the minimum 60-foot clearance, unlimited floor area cannot be granted. Please revise/clarify for further review.
  - Response: See sheet G0.01 for Building Area Calculations.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Please specify the accessible paths of travel to the area of work on the plan.

**Additional comments:**

- a. From Sheet AS1.02, the accessible stalls are shown at parcel 14. Please clarify that these parking stalls are legally assigned to this project.

- Response: See sheet G0.01 for accessible paths of travel.

***Please note that additional comments may be added to those above depending upon the completeness of the subsequent submittals.***

If you have any questions regarding any of the comments listed above, please contact Isaac Hau, S.E., Plan Check Engineer, at (650) 522-7185 or via e-mail at hau@cityofsanmateo.org

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**Fire Comments:**

**Review based upon plans received on 5/11/15**

**Please indicate page on which comment has been addressed.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. No Comments at this time.

If you have any questions regarding any of the comments listed above, please contact Bill Euchner, Deputy Fire Marshal, at (650) 522-7940 or via e-mail at euchner@cityofsanmateo.org

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**Public Works Engineering Comments:**

**Review based upon plans received on 5/11/15**

**Please indicate page on which comment has been addressed.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. No comments at this time.

If you have any questions regarding any of the Public Works comments, please call Ken Pacini, at (650) 522-7333.

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**Public Works Trash/Recycling Comments: Review based upon plans received on 5/11/15**

**Please indicate page on which comment has been addressed.**

1. Note to scale the size of all solid waste (recycling, compost, garbage) collection containers.

- Response: Trash enclosure area dimensions shown on sheet A1.03

Update: We received an enlargement of the trash enclosure area providing additional information on June 3, 2015. We will review this information and provide our comments later this month.

If you have any questions regarding any of these comments, please call Roxanne Murray, the Solid Waste and Recycling Program Coordinator at (650) 522-7346.

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**Police Comments:**  
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**been addressed.**

**Review based upon plans received on 5/11/15**

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. The Planning Application plans shall provide details of light fixtures in compliance with the following conditions of approval that will be imposed:

EXTERIOR SITE LIGHTING STANDARDS - The applicant shall submit a photometric plan in compliance with the Building Security Code "Exterior Security Lighting" (San Mateo Municipal Code Section 23.54.060). The plan shall comply with the requirement of an average of 1 foot-candle with a 4:1 minimum to average ratio and a minimum lighting of 0.3 foot-candle. This lighting standard is applicable to all publicly-accessible parking lots, driveways, circulation areas, aisles, passageways, recesses, and publicly-accessible grounds contiguous to all buildings. Private, interior courtyards not accessible to the public are not required to meet this standard. The lighting system shall be so designed as to limit light spill beyond property lines and to shield the light source from view from off site. The photometric plan shall be approved by the Chief of Police or their designee prior to the issuance of the first building permit for the project. Any subsequent building permits that include any site lighting shall also meet these requirements. (POLICE)

Response: As discussed with Planning not photometric is required. All existing parking lot and street lighting is to remain. Any changes to security lighting shall comply with current Building Code "Exterior Security Lighting."

BUILDING SECURITY CODE COMPLIANCE - The project plans shall comply with the City's Building Security Code (San Mateo Municipal Code Chapter 23.54). (POLICE)

Response: See comment above.

Please resubmit plans for Police Department Review. – 5/13/15

If you have any questions regarding any of these proposed conditions of approval or the City's Building Security Code requirements, please call Sgt. Rick Decker, Police Department at (650)522-7626.

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