



IN THE MATTER OF an application submitted by 69-02 Queens Boulevard Woodside LLC, pursuant to Section 201 of the New York City Charter, for an amendment of the Zoning Resolution of the City of New York, modifying Appendix F for the purpose of establishing a Mandatory Inclusionary Housing Area, Borough of Queens, Community District 2.

This application for an amendment to the Zoning Resolution was filed on March 30, 2018 by 69-02 Queens Boulevard Woodside LLC to establish a Mandatory Inclusionary Housing (MIH) area in the Woodside neighborhood of Queens Community District 2.

RELATED ACTIONS

In addition to the zoning text amendment (N 180266 ZRQ), which is the subject of this report, the proposed project also requires action by the City Planning Commission on the following applications, which are being considered concurrently with this application:

C 180265 ZMQ Zoning Map amendment to change an M1-1 district to an R7X/C2-3 district

C 180267 ZSQ Special permit to modify height and setback regulations for a large-scale general development (LSGD) (ZR Section 74-743).

BACKGROUND

A full background discussion and description of this application appears in the report for the related zoning map amendment (C 180265 ZMQ).

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

This application (N 180266 ZRQ), in conjunction with the applications for the related actions (C 180265 ZMQ and C 180267 ZSQ), was reviewed pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), and the SEQRA regulations set forth in Volume 6 of the New York Code of Rules and Regulations, Section 617.00 et seq. and the City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) Rules of Procedure of 1991 and Executive Order No. 91 of 1977. The designated CEQR number is 18DCP132Q. The lead agency is the City Planning Commission.

A summary of the environmental review appears in the report for the related zoning map amendment (C 180265 ZMQ).

UNIFORM LAND USE REVIEW

This application (N 180266 ZRQ) was duly referred to Queens Community Board 2 and the Queens Borough President on April 9, 2018 in accordance with the procedures for non-ULURP matters, along with the related actions (C 180265 ZMQ and C 180267 ZSQ) which were certified as complete by the Department of City Planning in accordance with Title 62 of the Rules of the City of New York, Section 2-02(b).

Community Board Public Hearing

Queens Community Board 2 held a public hearing on this application (N 180266 ZRQ) on May 14, 2018, and on June 7, 2018, by a vote of 29 in favor, one opposed, and none abstaining, adopted a recommendation to disapprove the application.

Borough President Recommendation

This application (N 180266 ZRQ) was considered by the Queens Borough President who issued a recommendation with conditions on July 12, 2018. A summary of the Borough President's recommendation and conditions appear in the report for the related zoning map amendment (C 180265 ZMQ).

City Planning Commission Public Hearing

On July 25, 2018 (Calendar No. 8), the City Planning Commission scheduled August 8, 2018, for a public hearing on this application (N 180266 ZRQ), in conjunction with related applications (C 180265 ZMQ and C 180267 ZSQ). The hearing was duly held on August 8, 2018 (Calendar No. 28). There were several appearances, as described in the report for the related zoning map amendment (C 180265 ZMQ), and the hearing was closed.

CONSIDERATION

The Commission believes that this application for a zoning text amendment (N 180266 ZRQ), in conjunction with the related applications (C 180265 ZMQ and C 180267 ZSQ), is appropriate. A full consideration and analysis of the issues and the reasons for approving this application appear in the report for the related zoning map amendment (C 180265 ZMQ).

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the City Planning Commission finds that the action described herein will have no significant impact on the environment; and be it further

RESOLVED, by the City Planning Commission, pursuant to Section 200 of the New York City Charter, that based on the environmental determination and the consideration described in the related report (C 180265 ZMQ), the Zoning Resolution of the City of New York, effective as of December 15, 1961, and as subsequently modified, is further amended as follows:

Matter underlined is new, to be added;

Matter ~~struck out~~ is to be deleted;

Matter within # # is defined in Section 12-10;

*** indicates where unchanged text appears in the Zoning Resolution.

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APPENDIX F

Inclusionary Housing Designated Areas and Mandatory Inclusionary Housing Areas

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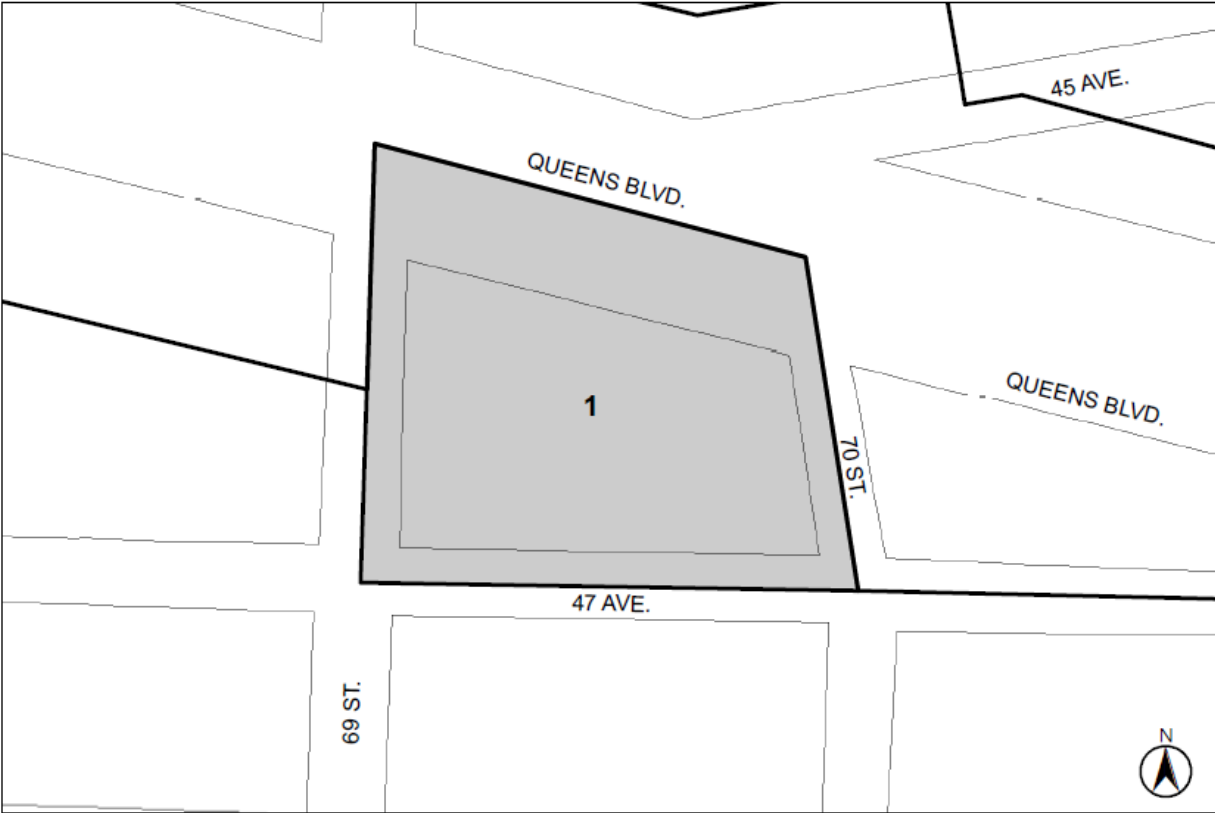
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Queens Community District 2

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Map 4 – [date of adoption]

[PROPOSED MAP]



- Inclusionary Housing designated area
- Mandatory Inclusionary Housing Area (see Section 23-154(d)(3))

Area 1 – mm/dd/yy, MIH Program Option 2

Portion of Community District 2, Borough of Queens

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The above resolution (N 180266 ZRQ), duly adopted by the City Planning Commission on September 5, 2018 (Calendar No. 9), is filed with the Office of the Speaker, City Council, and the Borough President in accordance with the requirements of Section 197-d of the New York City Charter.

MARISA LAGO, *Chair*

KENNETH J. KNUCKLES, Esq., *Vice Chairman*

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CHERYL COHEN EFFRON, HOPE KNIGHT, ANNA HAYES LEVIN,

ORLANDO MARIN, LARISA ORTIZ, *Commissioners*

RICHARD W. EADDY, *Commissioner*, Recused

Queens Borough President Recommendation

APPLICATION: ULURP #180266 ZRQ

COMMUNITY BOARD: Q02

DOCKET DESCRIPTION

IN THE MATTER OF an application submitted by Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP on behalf of 69-02 Queens Blvd Woodside LLC, pursuant to Section 201 of the NYC Charter, to amend Appendix F of the NYC Zoning Resolution establishing a Mandatory Inclusionary Housing Area in Woodside, Community District 2, Borough of Queens. (Related applications ULURP #180265 ZMQ, ULURP #180267 ZRQ)

PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing was held in the Borough President's Conference Room at 120-55 Queens Boulevard on Thursday, June 21, 2018, at 10:30 A.M. pursuant to Section 82(5) of the New York City Charter and was duly advertised in the manner specified in Section 197-c (i) of the New York City Charter. The applicant made a presentation. There were no other speakers. The hearing was closed.

CONSIDERATION

Subsequent to a review of the application and consideration of testimony received at the public hearing, the following issues and impacts have been identified:

- The applicant is proposing a zoning text change to amend Appendix F of the Zoning Resolution establishing a Mandatory Inclusionary Housing Area for a rezoned area;
- The project site is an irregularly shaped 1.65 acre parcel located between the northwest corner of 69th Street and Queens Boulevard and the southeast corner of 70th Street and 47th Avenue. An elevated railroad bridge cuts diagonally across the corner of 69th Street and 47th Avenue (southwest corner of site) and is supported by a berm built on property owned by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority. The total lot area is 71,984 sf. Existing development on the site consists of a variety of low-scale residential, retail, commercial and industrial buildings. The split zoning of the site was mapped as part of the Maspeth-Woodside rezoning approved in 2006;
- The proposed project is two L-shaped towers at the northwest and southeast corners of the site. The proposed total square footage for the entire project is 431,904 sf with 426,264 sf residential space 5,640 sf of retail space. There would be 561 dwelling units of which 30% (169 dwelling units) would be affordable pursuant to Option 2 (30% of units with an average 80% AMI) of the Mandatory Inclusionary Housing (MIH) program. The northwest tower is proposed to be 17-stories (181.5 feet) and the southeast tower is proposed to be 14-stories (151.5 feet). Parking for 242 cars would be provided in a structure built between the two towers with access from 69th Street. A public landscaped walkway with seating areas would be provided along the southwest portion of the lot along side the berm and the elevated railroad bridge from 69th Street to 47th Avenue. The rooftop of the parking structure would be landscaped as a green space available to the residents of the project;
- In addition to the proposed zoning text amendment, the applicant has also filed an application to rezone a portion of the project site from M1-1 to R7X with a C2-3 district and another application for a Special Permit for a Large Scale General Development that would allow modification of regulations regarding maximum height and the number of stories for the project;
- The areas north and southwest of the site are predominantly developed with low-scale housing. The areas south of the property are developed with a mix of low-scale commercial and industrial buildings with some housing mixed in. Queens Boulevard is developed with a mix of low-scale commercial and auto-related uses with some housing. There is some newer residential construction on Queens Boulevard east of the site that are 7-, 9- and 11-stories in height;
- Community Board 2 disapproved this application by a vote of twenty-nine (29) against with one (1) in favor with none (0) abstaining at a public hearing held on June 7, 2018. CB 2's concerns included: the site was rezoned in the 2006 Woodside-Maspeth rezoning that mapped the R7X/C2-3 District on Queens Boulevard with consideration that the zoning would yield appropriate building heights and density for that area with or without affordable Inclusionary Housing; the proposed 15- and 18-story towers are out of context with the immediate neighborhood; the cost of the affordable and market rate housing would be higher than the median income of the census tract for the area and might cause increases of neighborhood land values and rent levels; the added population would further burden school overcrowding with no new schools planned; the project would exacerbate existing traffic congestion and safety issues on 69th Street and the shortage of street parking in the area; the developer's lack of commitment to use union labor; and the proposed rezoning and development does not benefit the community.

RECOMMENDATION

The 2006 Maspeth-Woodside rezoning was approved through the ULURP public review process. This portion of Queens Boulevard, which is surrounded by predominantly low-scale buildings, was identified as an appropriate area for taller buildings up to 14-story buildings while maintaining the scale of the neighborhoods around the boulevard.

Based on the above consideration, I hereby recommend approval of the zoning text amendment of Appendix F of the Zoning Resolution with modification of the proposed project:

- Instead of the requested modification of the R7X 14-story height limit the project building heights should be lowered and bulk redistributed to stay within the 140 feet height restriction. This would make the scale of the project closer to the newer development near the applicant's site on Queens Boulevard;
- Overcrowding of the area schools is a major problem in this neighborhood. To help alleviate the shortage of school seats in this neighborhood the applicant should work with the School Construction Authority on siting a school on the site, and provide the core and shell for a school of appropriate size;
- Consideration of adjusting the depth of the proposed income bands for the affordable housing to provide more housing opportunities for area residents who are priced out at the proposed levels.



PRESIDENT, BOROUGH OF QUEENS

7/23/18

DATE