Memorandum
April 11, 2024

| TO: | $\begin{array}{l}\text { Planning and Zoning Commission } \\ \text { Julie Couch, Town Manager }\end{array}$ |
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| FROM: | $\begin{array}{l}\text { Israel Roberts, AICP } \\ \text { Planning Manager }\end{array}$ |
| SUBJECT: | $\begin{array}{l}\text { CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR THE MCKINNEY LDS TEMPLE } \\ \text { (CASE \#CUP2024-04) }\end{array}$ |

BACKGROUND: This is a request for approval of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for a religious facility. The 8.1-acre site is located on the north side of Stacy Road, west of Meandering Way and is zoned for the (RE-1) One-acre Ranch Estate District. Applicant: Tom Coppin, KimleyHorn and Associates representing owners The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Development along Stacy Road:
Along this section of Stacy Road, immediately to the west of this site is the Chase Oaks Church (2013) and the LDS Chapel (2013). The Twin Creeks Church of Christ owns the adjacent 5-acre parcel to the east, and is anticipated to submit for CUP consideration later this year.

## STATUS OF ISSUE:

The project reflects the main ceremonial temple building, surrounding parking and landscaped grounds, and a remote building which provides mechanical and ground maintenance support. Included within this remote building is a small distribution center that provides ceremonial clothing for members attending the temple. This is a private function and is not open to the general public.

The main temple building is 45,375 Square Feet (SF) and consists of two above-ground floors and a partial basement. A 173'-8" spire will be located on the south end of the building. The combined grounds/distribution building will measure 5,042 SF and consist of a single-story structure, measuring 16 ' in height, with an exterior façade which compliments the main temple building.

The main temple structure is over $220^{\prime}$ feet from the northern property line, far exceeding the 160 ' building setback that would typically be required in the CPDD area of town.

The building design features a granite base course and imported limestone for the main wall facade material; highlighted by stained glass glazing and bronze-finished aluminum trim. Exterior doors and windows will be clad in decorative stained glass with no views in or out of the temple to adjacent properties.

The landscape plan reflects a heavily planted site featuring various tree types, shrubbery, ground cover and seasonal planting areas to provide a park-like setting for temple patrons and to compliment the reverent nature of the temple. The plan calls for a landscape island in the parking lot for every eihgt (8) spaces, which is consistent with commercial design standards.

As part of this request, the applicants are asking for two (2) deviations from the typical development standards. The first relates to building height, the second involves reduced buffering on the east and west property lines.

Building Height: Within this district, building height is limited to 35 feet. As shown, the proposal reflects a height that exceeds the 35’. Historically, the town has approved higher building heights for religious facilities of varying degrees on a case-by-case basis. Provided below is a chart that compares the proposed structure with a number of other religious facility approvals.

| Project | Date | Height | Feature Height |
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| LDS Temple (proposed) |  | 42' mechanical level <br> 56' upper roof <br> 65' bottom steeple | 107’ top steeple 173’-8" top spire |
| Faith Anglican Church | 2019 | 39' | 48' bell tower |
| LDS Chapel | 2013 | 30' | 68' spire |
| Chase Oaks Church | 2013 | 42' |  |
| Creekwood UMC | 2006 | 38' | 154’ bell tower |
| redesign | 2017 |  | 51' spire |
|  |  |  |  |
| Fairview Water Towers |  | 140'-150' |  |
| Radio Tower on HWY 5 |  | 163' |  |
| Town Hall |  | 64’ |  |

Landscape Buffer: When a religious facility located with a residential district a minimum 35' landscape buffer is required along all property lines. The intent of the setback/buffer is to maintain a landscape area between the religious facility and adjacent residential development. In this case, various religious organizations own both of the adjacent properties to the east and west, with the River Oaks neighborhood to the north. The plan maintains the 35' buffer along Stacy Road and provides a 75'-80' buffer along the northern property line adjacent to the existing River Oaks neighborhood. Within the northern buffer, the existing trees will remain, but will be supplemented with additional screening trees and vegetation.

Along the western property line, the plan proposes no buffer. The subject site and the adjacent property to the west have common ownership. When the adjacent chapel was built, the LDS did not have ownership of the subject site, therefore, they provided an extended buffer. Since they now own both properties, buffering from themselves seems unnecessary.

On the eastern property line, they are requesting a reduced 20’ buffer. The property to the west is owned by the Twin Creeks Church of Christ. It is anticipated that they will be submitting
for CUP approval sometime this year. The two organizations have been in contact with each other to coordinate development needs (utilities, drainage, etc.). Since both sites will be developed for religious facilities, requiring a 35 ' buffer from each other seems excessive.

## Drainage

The runoff from the proposed site is captured into a detention basin prior to release, thus mitigating any adverse effects downstream.

## Utilities

There is adequate water to supply the development and they are coordinating with the City of Allen to provide sanitary sewer, similar to the existing churches to the West.

## Traffic

The traffic impact analysis has determined that there are no additional deceleration lanes or left turning lanes needed to meet the needs of the peak hour traffic demands. TxDOT has established the criteria necessary for additional deceleration lanes and they are well below the thresholds. There is adequate access from Stacy Rd to accommodate the turning movements and the through traffic.

## Lot Coverage

The RE-1 district requires a maximum 35\% lot coverage. The percentage varies by zoning district ( $25 \%-35 \%$ outside of the CPDD area). Traditionally, the Town has not applied the lot coverage standards from residential zoning district to intuitional uses. As shown, the lot coverage for this project is $50 \%$. For reference, the lot coverage for the Chase Oaks Church and the adjacent LDS church is 39\%. The lot coverage for the Anglican Church on Highway 5, is 42\%.

## Public Input

The town has notified 24 adjacent property owners within 500 feet of the subject property in accordance with Town requirements and to date, has not received any written correspondence.

## STAFF COMMENTS:

Staff is supportive of the site and landscape development plans. However, the proposed height is quite taller than anything previously approved by the Town. As such, staff considers the proposed height of the main building to be a policy decision by Town Council.

## ATTACHMENTS:

- Locator
- Development plans



## Kimley»"Horn

## MEMORANDUM

To: Israel Roberts - Town of Fairview

From: Thomas G. Coppin, P.E. - Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.

Date: $\quad$ March 11, 2024
Revised April 2, 2024

Subject: $\quad$ McKinney LDS Temple - Conditional Use Permit Request / Narrative

## Project Description

The proposed McKinney Temple project is proposed to be constructed on 8.16 ac on the north side of Stacy Road by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. It will be the third of four religious facilities to occupy this portion of Stacy Road. The existing Chase Oaks Church and a chapel also owned by the Church are located to the west. The Church of Christ is currently in the planning stages and intends to construct a new church to the east of the temple site at the corner of Stacy Road and Meandering Way. The temple project will include the main temple building, surrounding parking field and landscaped grounds, and a remote grounds building which will provide mechanical and grounds support to the temple. A small distribution facility will be incorporated as part of the grounds building. The distribution facility will provide ceremonial clothing for members attending the temple and will not be open to the general public.

The main temple building will measure 45,375 sf and consist of two above-ground floors and a partial basement. A spire will be located on the south end of the building. The combined grounds / distribution building will measure 5,042 sf and consist of a single-story structure, measuring 16 ft in height, with an exterior façade which compliments the main temple building.

The exterior grounds and parking areas will be fully landscaped to provide a park-like setting for temple patrons and to compliment the reverent nature of the temple. Exterior doors and windows will be clad in decorative stained glass with no views in or out of the temple to adjacent properties.

Water and fire service will be provided by the Town of Fairview. Sewer services will be requested from the City of Allen, consistent with the way Chase Oaks Church and the existing LDS chapel are being served. Access will be directly from Stacey Road via driveways at the SE and SW corners of the temple property. The SW driveway will provide shared access to the adjacent LDS chapel.

The Church has requested that Oncor explore the possibility of underground the existing OHE poles adjacent to the temple and chapel frontages to improve the view to the front of the temple. It's currently unknown if this is possible.

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## Requested Variances

The project is requesting the following two variances from the Town's zoning ordinance as part of the CUP approval:

## Variance 1

Building Height: 65 feet to top of parapet / 173'-8" feet to top of spire. The current zoning allows for 35 feet or two stories whichever is lower.

## Variance 2

Landscape Setbacks:

| Setback | Current Zoning Required | Requested Variance |
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| Front | 35 ft | 35 ft |
| West Side | 35 ft | $0 \mathrm{ft}{ }^{1}$ |
| East Side | 35 ft | $20 \mathrm{ft}^{2}$ |
| Rear | 35 ft | $35 \mathrm{ft}^{3}$ |

1 Four church facilities will occupy the north side of Stacy Road once complete. No residential uses will side on any of the churches. Due to the similar uses and common ownership, we are requesting that the temple's west landscape setback be reduced to 0 feet between the existing LDS chapel and the temple. We propose that the existing 43 ft of landscaping between the chapel parking lot and the proposed temple parking lot be maintained in its entirety. This will maintain a landscape buffer between the two similar uses as well as enhance the pedestrian connectivity between the temple and the chapel with new sidewalk connections.

2 Based on discussions with the Church of Christ (east of the temple), we understand they will be requesting a 20 ft landscape setback between their parking field and their west property line. We are requesting the same 20 ft landscape setback be maintained from the grounds / distribution building to the temple's east property line. The combined 40 ft landscape buffer will match what is proposed on the west side as described above. The remainder of the east side will maintain more than the required 35 ft landscape setback from parking field to property line.

3 The temple project will maintain the existing 35 ft landscape setback on the north side of the property as well as the 160 ft building setback from neighboring residential properties to the north.

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## Project Purpose

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints currently has 335 temples in operation or in various stages of planning and construction throughout the world. The McKinney Temple will be the third temple in the DFW area with the Dallas temple currently in operation and a new Fort Worth Temple currently under construction. Temples are built and dedicated as houses of the Lord Jesus Christ and as such are constructed to the highest standards of both materials and workmanship. They differ from chapels / meeting houses in their form and function. Chapels host Sunday services and weekday activities which support the needs of local membership congregations of the Church. While temples serve as dedicated places of instruction, and the location where sacred religious ordinances and services, such as weddings, are performed. They also serve a larger geographic area than chapels. The McKinney temple will generally serve members living in northeastern Texas and as far away as parts of Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana.

## Hours of Operation

Typical hours of operation are 6:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. Tuesday - Saturday.

The temple will be closed on Sundays, Mondays and holidays. It will also be closed for one month each year when deep cleaning and maintenance operations are performed.

## Traffic / Shifts / Parking

On a typical day, temple services are divided into multiple sessions. Each session consists of approximately a two-hour block. Members living within the temple service area volunteer as workers to staff the temple. 30-60 workers will staff (4) 4 hours shifts each day. Approximately 30-40 patrons will arrive every 30 minutes and stay for a two-hour session. Approximately 120-160 patrons are expected within the temple at any given time throughout the day.

A total of 255 parking spaces will be provided on the temple grounds. The Town of Fairview requires 94 stalls (160 patrons +120 works (accounting for shift changes) / 3 stalls per seat $=94$ required stalls). Additional driveway connections between the temple and the chapel will allow the chapel's 193 parking stalls to function as overflow parking if needed (Total parking available 255 +193 =448 stalls).

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## Lighting

Site lighting will comply with the Town of Fairview's lighting ordinance and restrictions. Site lighting will consist of both parking lot and building lighting intended to enhance the exterior façade of the temple and its grounds while maintaining safety and functionality of the parking lot and exterior grounds. Parking lot lighting will be shielded to avoid light trespass to neighboring properties. Building lighting will be directed at the building surfaces. Exterior lighting levels will extend one hour before and one hour after the temple hours of operation and will then dim to code minimum for security purposes.

## Landscaping / Tree Protection

Exterior landscaping will consist of both landscape and hardscape elements which are intended to compliment the exterior façade of the temple and enhance the reverent, meditative atmosphere which is conducive to the purposes of the temple. Trees, shrubs, turf, numerous flower beds, several plazas and seating areas will be maintained year-round to provide a park-like setting for the enjoyment of the community and temple patrons alike. Tree counts, landscape and hardscape elements will exceed the current Town of Fairview minimum requirements.

The existing tree line at the north property line will be rejuvenated and enhanced with additional trees and landscape to maintain a buffer between the existing residences and the temple facilities.



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 Site Lighting Photometric Plan - CalculationType SXA \& SXB: 20'/22' Area/Parking Post-Top Luminaire Type SXC \& SXC2: 12' Pedestrian Post-Top Luminaire


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MCKINNEY TEXAS TEMPLE Site Lighting Luminaire's and Lighting Design Concepts

