

888 Fourth Street Apartments

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 On March 5, 2020, the applicant submitted a Minor Design Review to revise a previously approved 107-unit, 7-story, mixed use tower (Previous Files No. PRJ16-025 & CUP19-013) to: 1) eliminate one floor and two mezzanines, reducing occupied roof height to 75ft; 2) Eliminate the "tail" - extended podium, pool and pool building; 3) Reconfigure the parking podium; 4) Reduce unit count to 89 from 107; and 5) Maintain the design theme materially.



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- On July 17, 2008 the Design Review Board approved a seven-story, mixed-use, 52-unit residential condominium building on the 888 Fourth Street site and a two-story office building on the 891 Third Street site.
 - The project included a Conditional Use Permit to allow development of a mixed-use project, and a request to rezone the 888 Fourth Street site from CD-5 (Downtown Commercial – 5 Stories) to CD-7 (Downtown Commercial – 7.
- On August 14, 2008 the Planning Commission approved the Vesting Tentative Map and Conditional Use Permit, and recommended that the City Council rezone the site.
- On September 30, 2008 the City Council adopted an ordinance rezoning the site.



- On March 26, 2013 the applicant submitted new Design Review and Minor Use Permit applications for construction of a sixstory mixed-use building comprising of 140 residential units, restricted to occupancy by lower-income senior households, and a 5,721-square-foot health clinic, with a parking garage on the lower floors.
- On May 16, 2013 the Design Review Board approved both Preliminary and Final Design Review for the new project.
- On June 6, 2013 the Zoning Administrator approved the Minor Use Permit for the mixed-use aspect of the project.



- On September 23, 2016 the applicant submitted new Design Review and Minor Use Permit applications for 95ft tall, 107-unit, 7-story, mixed-use building with subterranean parking.
- On March 16, 2017, the Design Review Board approved Preliminary Design Review for the design configuration at 95-feet.
- On March 16, 2017, the Zoning Administrator approved a Minor Conditional Use Permit for the approved project configuration at 95-feet.



Recent Project History 2019

 On April 11, 2019, the Planning Commission approved a Conditional Use Permit to allow the 888 Fourth Street Apartments project to exceed the height limit of the Downtown Commercial (CD) Zoning District of 95-feet, allowing a total overall height of 112-feet.



Recent Project History 2020

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General Plan Retail and Business Services and Office





Downtown Commercial (CD-7) and Office Commercial (CO)



Residential

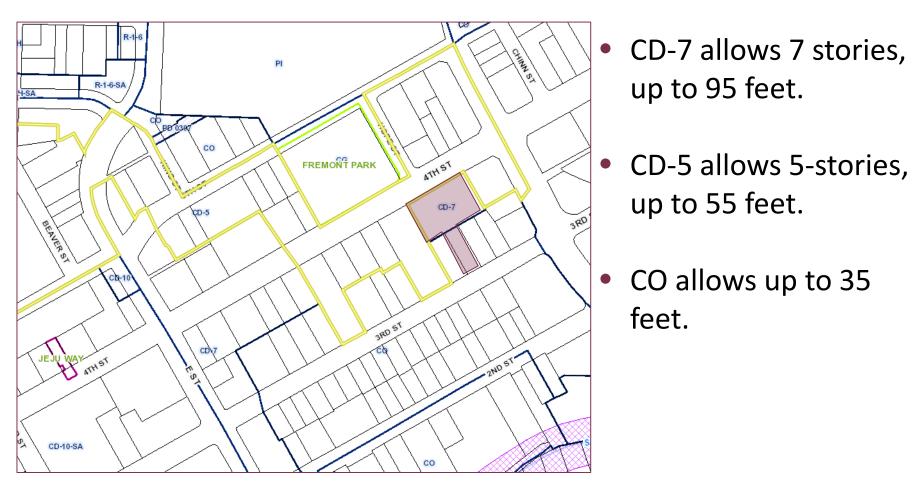
component of mixeduse projects allowed with a Minor Use Permit

Zoning

 CD-7 allows 7 stories, up to 95 feet – additional height allowed for towers



Surrounding Zoning

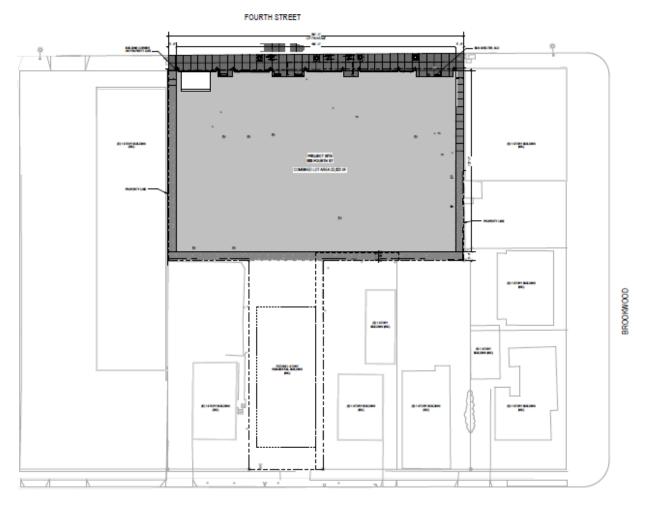




- The project is designed to provide a large urban scale building on Fourth Street while maintaining a more modest scale, approximately 34-foot tall, building adjoining the older residences and businesses that front Third Street.
- The project incorporates street level windows and glass doors along the Fourth Street frontage, which will help to provide a human scale for the building, and provides space for utility and mechanical equipment within the garage.
- The project proposes parking within a garage that has two levels which will be concealed from view by the proposed retail space, residential lobby and fitness room.



Site Plan



THIRD STREET

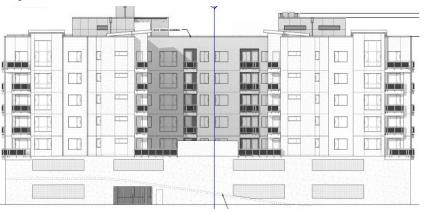


Elevation Comparison











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East (Brookwood) Elevation







- Categorically exempt from CEQA (Section 15332)
- Applied to in-fill developments consistent with the General Plan and zoning regulations
- Pursuant to the technical studies prepared, the project would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality or water quality
- The site can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services



 The Planning and Economic Development Department recommends that the Planning Commission, by resolution, approve a Conditional Use Permit to allow the 888 Fourth Street Apartments project to exceed the height limit of the Downtown Commercial (CD) Zoning District of 95-feet, allowing a total overall height of 112-feet, for a previously approved 107-unit, 7-story, mixed-use building (Previous File No. PRJ16-025).



Questions

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