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Southdale

Application Narrative

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Southdale is an application for Development Review Board approval on an approximately 4.7+/- gross acre property located at 7000 E. McDowell Road, (the “Property”). The community will include approximately 267 residential units and 392 structured and surface parking stalls, with a neighborhood urban market/café (“URBO Market”), corporate office space for Hawkins Companies – the developer of Southdale, a publicly accessible community room, and a public plaza along 70th Street.

The Property is currently occupied by Scottsdale Christian Church and Berghoff Design Group (landscaping company) including offices and truck storage with approximately 150 trucks/trailers and employees parked on site.

Hawkins Companies is a national real estate development company with experience in 27 states including Arizona. They have used their award-winning expertise to create a mixed-use design that is both sensitive to its location along the McDowell Road Corridor as well as the surrounding area.

1. The site plan fulfills the goals of the Southern Scottsdale Character Area Plan (“SSCAP”), and more specifically, the goals identified by the McDowell Corridor Task Force, established in 2009.
2. Although the Property does not directly border any single-family neighborhoods, it provides an appropriate buffer from McDowell Road, a 6-lane major arterial, to the R-5 to the north and R1-7 to the northwest. The development enhances both the McDowell Road and 70th Street frontages with a vibrant mid-century inspired design that incorporates compatible landscaping and sustainable building elements. Building programming is located to enhance both public frontages with the lobby, receiving area, Hawkins office space and community room facing 70th Street, McDowell Road and the public open space. These uses will visually and functionally engage the public frontages. The remainder of residential amenity spaces are located on the fourth level over the

parking garage. This creates a one-of-a-kind poolside experience for residents and visitors.

Building massing is composed to break up the façade and mitigate perceived massing through several strategies. Corner elements that are highlighted and shaded with breeze block accents on the east and west endcaps of the south façade. Vertical fin walls further break up the south and west façades as well as provide shade, and function as privacy barriers for exterior patios. The top floor units are stepped back on the south and west facades to reduce visual impact of the building. Differing massing strategies are used to create visual interest and generate shadows on the remainder of the west, north and east facades.

Design strategies are supported by a mid century inspired material palette highlighted by breeze block, storefront glazing, honed masonry, pre-finished metal and stucco.

3. Site circulation is developed as a loop with site ingress, and egress locations off of 70th St. as well as right-in right-out access off of McDowell Rd. Off street parking is provided in a 5 story parking garage and 8 surface stalls near the project entry. Refuse, loading and service areas are located on the East side of the site with direct exiting access to McDowell Rd.
4. Rooftop mechanical equipment is screened appropriately according to Development Standards.
5. This project is not located within the Downtown Area and is not required to conform with the Downtown Plan Urban Design & Architectural Guidelines.
6. Artwork provided in the project meet the standards described within the zoning ordinance, and are located directly adjacent to, and with visibility from the main project entrance on 70th St., as well as from the corner of 70th and McDowell Rd. along McDowell Rd.

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