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City of Scottsdale Planning and Development Services 7447 E. Indian School Road, Suite #105 Scottsdale, AZ 85215

Project Narrative

Re: Minnezona Condominiums 7314 E. Minnezona Ave. Scottsdale, AZ 85215

The Minnezona Condominiums project will consist of three (3) buildings with the two buildings facing Minnezona Ave. connected by an architectural feature to emphasize articulation that demonstrates the minimum 25% façade setback, with a total footprint of 7,034 square feet. The new buildings will be placed on two lots (to be replatted) on the north side of Minnezona Avenue in Scottsdale, Arizona. All parking and circulation will be on site. Refuse, landscape, utilities/lighting, and rainwater retention will be in accordance with the City of Scottsdale codes and ordinances. The building will house nine (9) residential live/work units with work area and private bathrooms/kitchens on the lower level, and a full two (2) bedroom living unit split between the upper two levels. A roof deck will also be provided in accordance with the City of Scottdale ZO section 5.3006 for each tenant.

Note that we would like to reduce the stepbacks by 10% along Minnezona Avenue to give as much outdoor living space to the tenants as possible (both at the courtyard and at the roof).

This project uses simple, clean architectural features, reminiscent of native desert architecture, and provides each tenant with both living and workspaces for a modern lifestyle—fit for those who prefer to balance both in one place. Each unit provides the opportunity for business ventures, in which the tenant can provide business needs in a separate space while not going far from home. The units are designed in two layouts, which work as a modular design that is utilized throughout the two structures. As seen in the building elevations, this module keeps the overall design unique and engaging for tenants and visitors alike.

The open spaces are designed to minimize water use, maximize water retention, and provide room for shared amenities. Tenants will have the opportunity to use a pool in hot weather, share time with friends on the roof deck, or just relax in the landscaped courtyard. The residents will also have pedestrian access to the street. Along Minnazona Avenue a row trees have been added at the southern property line to enhance shading at the sidewalk. An enclosed parking garage would be made available per tenant to limit sun exposure for vehicles during the summer months. These parking garage spaces are accessible through drives at the street elevation and alley elevation. A portion of the alley will be dedicated to the alley right-of-way per the City of Scottsdale requirements.

Mechanical equipment is housed on the roof of the structures, while undercover down-lighting is primarily integrated into the building design to reduce light pollution. All utilities and landscape lighting will conform to the City of Scottsdale codes and ordinances as required. These will be shown on the final plans, which will be completed as part of the full construction documents.

If any further information regarding the design of the architecture, site, or utilities is preferred at this stage, please let us know.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this project, please contact:

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