REGULAR HYBRID MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at 6:00 PM

DESIGN COMMISSIONERS
Chair: Suzanne Zahr
Vice Chair: Anthony Perez
Commissioners: Megan Atkinson, Traci Granbois, Claire McPherson, Catherine Lategan, and Christopher Patano

LOCATION
Mercer Island Community & Event Center and Zoom
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PUBLIC APPEARANCES
This is the opportunity for anyone to speak to the Commission about issues of concern.

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Design Commission Meeting Minutes for October 4, 2023
   Recommended Action: Approve the minutes.

2. Design Standard Review (DSR) 23-013
   Review and discuss Islandian Condominiums HOA proposal to replace and repaint the building siding, windows, exterior sliding glass doors, and deck railings.
   Recommended Action: Provide feedback to be considered in the project design.

3. Design Standard Review (DSR) 23-014
   Review and discuss the Monaco Villa Condominiums repair and remediation project to restore the envelope to watertight condition and enhance the aesthetics of the current building by repainting the exterior and replacing the windows, sliding glass doors, exterior doors, and railings.
   Recommended Action: Provide feedback to be considered in the project design.

OTHER BUSINESS

4. Planning Manager’s Report

ADJOURNMENT
CALL TO ORDER
Vice Chair Anthony Perez called the virtual meeting to order at 6:05 PM from a remote location.

ROLL CALL
Vice Chair Anthony Perez, Commissioners Megan Atkinson, Traci Granbois, Claire McPherson, and Christopher Patano

Absent: Chair Suzanne Zahr and Commission Catherin Lategan were excused.

STAFF PRESENT
Ryan Harriman, Planning Manager
Deborah Estrada, Deputy City Clerk
Grace Manahan, Assistant Planner

APPEARANCES – There were no public appearances.

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Design Commission Meeting Minutes for November 2, 2022:
   A motion was made by Atkinson; seconded by Patano to:
   Approve the November 2, 2022, minutes.
   Approved 5-0

2. DSR22-014 – Review a proposal to construct a new 10-unit apartment building at 2900 78th Avenue SE
   Planning Manager, Ryan Harriman, introduced the project, explaining that the applicant applied for a study session to review a proposal to construct a new 10-unit apartment building at 2900 78th Avenue SE. He further explained that the applicant will need to submit a formal design review application for proposed development, which will require approval by the Design Commission prior to issuance of any construction permits.
   Kelly Hallstrom and Schuyler Tutt with Medici Architects were present. Tutt explained the proposal in more detail.
   Andre (last name unknown) was present on behalf of the applicant, Jason Imani.

   There was consensus from commissioners present to move forward without an additional Study Session.

OTHER BUSINESS

3. Planning Manager’s Report
   Planning Manager, Ryan Harriman, reported on the following:
   - Jurassic Parliament Training October 18
   - Applications for the 2024 Docket
   - Comprehensive Plan Update
   - Hired a Limited Term full time planner.

4. Announcements & Communications -
   The next meeting, if needed, is November 1.

ADJOURNED
The meeting adjourned at 9:38 pm

Deborah Estrada, MMC, Deputy City Clerk
I. INTRODUCTION:

On November 01, 2023, the applicant applied for a study session with the Design Commission to review a proposal to repair and remediate the Islandian Condominiums. The scope includes the repainting of the building, removing existing siding, installation of new windows, exterior sliding glass doors, exterior storage room doors and unit deck railings. Applicants for Design Commission Design Review are required to take part in a study session with the Design Commission prior to public hearing pursuant to MICC 19.15.220(C)(2)(a); this study session fulfills this requirement.

The subject property is located at 3055 80th Ave SE, in the Town Center (TCMF-3) zone. The neighboring properties to the north, south, and east are also within Multiple Family (MF-2) zone. The neighboring properties to the west are within the Town Center (TC-3) zone.

The subject property is developed with the existing Islandian Condominiums. Neighboring development includes office buildings to the north and south, and the United States Postal Service to the west.

The Applicant will need to submit a formal design review application for proposed development, which will require approval by the Design Commission prior to issuance of any construction permits. Following completion of this study session and receipt of an application for design review, an open record public hearing in front of the Design Commission will be scheduled pursuant to MICC 19.15.220(C)(2).
II. **STAFF ANALYSIS AND CRITERIA FOR REVIEW**

A. **MICC 19.15.220 – Design review and the design commission.**
The code official has determined that this application shall require design commission review and approval pursuant to MICC 19.15.220(C)(1)(c)(ii).

B. **MICC 19.11.015 - Town Center subareas.**
The subject property is located within TCMF-3 subarea which allows a broad of land uses and building up to three stories in height and shall comply with chapter 19.22, Town center development and design standards.

The purpose of the TCMF-3 subarea is to provide for primarily multifamily residential housing of up to three stores. Street oriented housing, live/work units and limited retail uses are allowed at the street level.

Pursuant to MICC 19.11.020(A)(1), the existing use as multiple-family dwellings is an allowed use within the TCMF-3 zone.

C. **MICC 19.11.070 - Greenery and outdoor spaces.**

B.2 - Landscaping standards
The applicant is responsible for demonstrating compliance with the standards pertaining to landscape design. The current application materials do not provide enough information to determine whether the existing site contains landscape design that addresses all areas of the site not covered by structures or used by automobiles.

D. **MICC 19.11.090 - Lighting.**
The applicant is responsible for demonstrating compliance with the standards pertaining to lighting. The current application materials do not provide enough information to determine whether the proposed work will alter the site’s current lighting.

E. **MICC 19.11.100 - Building design.**

B.1 – Fenestration
Per the city code, the proposed improvements to the upper story façade utilize a change in material to reduce the perceived mass building and include deck railings that are able to visually connect upper story activity with the street.

F. **MICC 19.11.110 - Materials and color.**

G. **Building exteriors.** The applicant is responsible for demonstrating that the proposed design includes high quality and durable materials.

H. **Regional focus.** The proposed materials and colors generally reflect the city’s regional setting.

I. **Attention to all sides.** The proposed materials and colors included in the design will be generally used consistently on all sides of the building.

J. **Concrete walls.** The proposed concrete walls will be architecturally treated.

K. **Harmonious range of colors.** The proposed colors and materials highlight the balconies, doors, windows, and changes in building planes. The applicant is responsible for demonstrating that the proposed variations in materials and colors are generally limited to what is required for contrast or to accentuate architectural features.

L. **Bright colors.** The proposed design does not include bright or fluorescent colors.
M. Undesired materials. There is no proposed beveled metal siding, mirrored glass, or vinyl siding.

N. Variation of materials. The proposed design utilizes variations of materials to assist in the creation of a visually interesting experience.

III. RECOMMENDATION
There is no recommended motion at this time, as this is a Design Commission study session.
Description (brief):

The Islandian Condominiums repair and remediation project will restore the envelope to watertight condition and enhance the aesthetics of the current building. The scope calls for removal of all existing siding at the north, south, west, and partial east elevations. We will replace the siding with a new durable fiber cement siding with a similar exposure to the current lap siding. The covered walkways and interior corridors will remain in place and receive new paint to bring it in line with the rest of the building.

Please review the attached project narrative for more information.

Description (full):

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The building will receive all new windows, exterior sliding glass doors and exterior storage room doors within the area of work, which excludes the covered walkways and corridors. Openings will remain the same size and the windows and doors will match their existing operation and swing direction. The frames will be white and visually increase the presence of the windows slightly.

All unit deck railings will be demolished. We will install new fascia mounted framed glass railings at all locations to expand the views and increase the daylight into the units. The aluminum rails will be powder coated in a dark grey to coordinate with the trim color.

Currently the building is monochromatic, and the new colorway will make use of two grey tones and a warm wood tone. The main body will be light grey while the strong horizontal elements and elevator shaft will be a dark grey to provide contrast. The balcony area will be wrapped in a warm wood tone color to provide visual warmth for the residents.

The design upgrades adhere to the codes and standards set forth by the City of Mercer Island and they are a significant improvement on the current design.

Purpose of the study session:

To meet with the design commission to discuss project concepts before the plans are fully developed. At this session, which will be open to the public, the applicant should provide information regarding its site, the intended mix of uses, and how it will fit into the focus area objectives. The design commission may provide feedback to be considered in the design of the project.
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DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

STREET ADDRESS/LOCATION
3055 80Tth Ave SE, Mercer Island, WA 98040
362912-0000

PROPERTY OWNER (required)
Islandian Condominiums HOA

ADDRESS (required)
3055 80Tth Ave SE, Mercer Island, WA 98040

CELL/OFFICE (required)
206-914-3633
morman@northlandingroupra.com

PROJECT CONTACT NAME
James Ramil

ADDRESS
3100 Airport Way S #65
Seattle, WA 98134

CELL/OFFICE
202-746-3235
jamesr@evolutionarchitecture.net

DECLARATION: I HEREBY STATE THAT I AM THE OWNER OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY OR I HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED BY THE OWNER(S) OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY TO REPRESENT THIS APPLICATION, AND THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED BY ME IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

SIGNATURE

Date: October 23, 2023

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ATTACH RESPONSE TO DECISION CRITERIA IF APPLICABLE:

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Islandian Condominiums
c/o Northland Group, RA LLC
3040 78th Ave SE #81
Mercer Island, WA 98040

RE: Islandian Condominiums – Project Narrative
Property Addresses: 3055 80th Ave SE, Mercer Island, WA 98040

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Thank you for your insight and time on this important repair and remediation project.

James Ramil, RA
Evolution Architecture
October 23, 2023

Islandian Condominiums
c/o Northland Group, RA LLC
3040 78th Ave SE #81
Mercer Island, WA 98040

RE: Islandian Condominiums – Topic of Discussion for Reviewers
Property Addresses: 3055 80th Ave SE, Mercer Island, WA 98040

The Islandian Condominiums repair and remediation project will restore the envelope to watertight condition—the majority of the work is behind the cladding. The project is straightforward and does not change the base design language or massing of the building. We only have one item we would like to discuss—is the repair and enhancement acceptable as is or will you require changes.

Time is of the essence for the Islandian Condominiums homeowners as this project has been over two years in the making and they would like to have their homes repaired as soon as possible.

Evolution Architecture appreciates the time and consideration of the Design Commission, and we look forward to the study session.

James Ramil, RA
Evolution Architecture
CURRENT VIEW FROM STREET AND REAR FACADES

PROPOSED MATERIAL AND COLOR SCHEME

SCOPE OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

• The main body of the building will remain lap siding and be painted a light gray color.
• There are some areas that will change from shingle siding to lap siding as called out in the proposed scheme below.
• Certain horizontal and vertical elements will be painted in a dark gray accent color.
• The windows and doors in the area of work will have a white frame.
• The balcony walls will be removed and replaced with a glass railing system with stanchions and frames in dark gray.
• A new fence will replace the existing one and be painted in the accent color.

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James Ramil  
Evolution Architecture  
3100 Airport Way S  
Seattle WA 98134

Dear James Ramil:

The department’s Building team has generated the following review comments on the plan set submitted with your DSR23-013. These comments are advisory and have been developed to encourage discussion with the Design Commission on elements of the project which are not finalized and may contribute to or be of interest to the Design Review process.

The review was performed with an emphasis on construction code requirements which may affect the exterior presentation of the development. This is not a comprehensive building permit review and should not be used as such.

1. Applicable construction codes can be found in MICC 17.14.010 Section 101. The vesting of construction codes is addressed in MICC 17.14.101 Section 105.3.4. As of the date of this letter, a complete application for a building permit has not been received for the scope described in this DSR. Washington State is anticipated to adopt 2021-cycle construction codes on March 15, 2024. This review was performed referring to 2018-cycle codes in effect at the time of the DSR application, but a future building permit for this work will be reviewed under the codes in effect at the time of a complete building permit application.

2. Glass guards are shown on the elevations to replace existing half-wall guards. The elevations provided show glazing fully bounded between structural stanchion with a structural top and bottom rail. Confirmation of existing structure to attach the stanchions shown will be part of the building permit scope. Glazing in guards is
regulated by WSBC 2407, and any deviation from the guard type shown (to a structural glass system with button attachment, or a glazed baluster panel with or without top rail) will require specialized detailing.

3. Exterior envelope remediation is specifically regulated by RCW 64.55, and requires some special steps during the design and construction process. The statement on A-001 describing the exterior envelope remediation references these requirements.

Gareth Reece
Sr. Plans Examiner
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STAFF REPORT
DESIGN COMMISSION STUDY SESSION

Project No: DSR23-014
Description: A Study Session with the Design Commission to discuss a proposal to repair and remediate the Monaco Villa Condominiums. The scope includes the removal of all damaged and failing existing siding at the north, east, and south elevations. The architectural massing would also be improved as part of the repair.

Applicant/Owner: James Ramil and Tess Cleary (Evolution Architecture) / Joe Peloso (Monaco Villa Condominiums Property Manager)
Site Address: 2929 76th Ave SE, Mercer Island WA 98040
Identified by King County Assessor tax parcel number: 5569600000
Zoning District: Multiple Family (MF-2)
Staff Contact: Molly McGuire, Planner
Exhibits: 1. Project Narrative
2. Plan Set
3. Building Study Session Comments

I. INTRODUCTION:

On November 28, 2023, the applicant applied for a study session with the Design Commission to review a proposal to repair and remediate the Monaco Villa Condominiums. The scope includes the removal of all damaged and failing existing siding at the north, east, and south elevations. The architectural massing would also be improved as part of the repair. Applicants for Design Commission Design Review are required to take part in a study session with the Design Commission prior to public hearing pursuant to MICC 19.15.220(C)(2)(a); this study session fulfills this requirement.

The subject property is located at 2929 76th Ave SE, in the Multiple Family (MF-2) zone. The neighboring properties to the north, south, and east are also within Multiple Family (MF-2) zone. The neighboring properties to the west are within the Single Family Residential (R-9.6) zone.

The subject property is developed with the existing Monaco Villa Condominiums. Neighboring development includes additional condominiums to the east and west, and multi-story apartment buildings to the south.

The Applicant will need to submit a formal design review application for proposed development, which will require approval by the Design Commission prior to issuance of any construction permits. Following completion of this study session and receipt of an application for design review, an open record public hearing in front of the Design Commission will be scheduled pursuant to MICC 19.15.220(C)(2).
II. STAFF ANALYSIS AND CRITERIA FOR REVIEW

A. MICC 19.03.010 – Multiple-family.

Pursuant to MICC 19.03.010(A)(1), any development within the MF-2L or MF-2 zones shall comply with chapter 19.12 MICC, Design standards for zones outside Town Center.

Pursuant to MICC 19.03.010(C)(2), the existing use as multiple-family dwellings is an allowed use within the MF-2 zone.

MICC 19.03.010(E) contains height limits for buildings within the MF-2 zone. No building shall exceed 36 feet or three stories in height, whichever is less, except appurtenances may extend to a maximum of five feet above the height allowed for the main structure. The proposed development does not include any changes to the height of the existing building, which is five stories tall.


Design vision.

Non-Town Center areas are largely characterized by residential settings that are heavily vegetated, topographically diverse and enhanced with short and long-range views that are often territorial in nature. The design of new and remodeled structures should respond to this strong environmental context. Site design should maintain the natural character of the island and preserve vegetation concentrations, topography and the view opportunities that make Mercer Island special.

Development of new and remodeled structures should conserve Mercer Island’s special environmental characteristics, such as steep slopes, watercourses, and large concentrations of mature trees. Buildings shall be designed to be architecturally compatible with other structures in the neighborhood with respect to human scale, form and massing, and relationship to natural site features. High quality and durable materials, complementary colors, texture, and architectural detail should be incorporated into the design. Use of materials such as natural wood and stone, and design elements such as large building overhangs and window exposure to natural light, are encouraged.

Landscaping should reflect the natural wooded character of Mercer Island and provide visual separation between different land uses. Amenities such as street trees, plantings, and other landscape design elements, including fountains or water features, and art features should be integrated into new and remodeled structures and their sites.

Design review process.

For full application of design requirements, all design requirements of chapter 19.12 MICC shall apply, except as provided in MICC 19.01.050(D)(3)(a), when there is new construction from bare ground, or intentional exterior alteration or enlargement of a structure over any three-year period that incurs construction costs in excess of 50 percent of the existing structure’s current King County assessed value as of the time the initial application for such work is submitted; provided, application of chapter 19.12 MICC shall not be construed to require an existing structure to be demolished or relocated, or any portion of an existing structure that is otherwise not being worked on as part of the construction to be altered or modified.

For partial application of design requirements, the following design requirements shall apply when there is a minor exterior modification, as defined in MICC 19.16.010.

- MICC 19.12.030 pertaining to building design and visual interest;
- MICC 19.12.040(B)(5), (6), (7), (8), (9), and (11) pertaining to landscape design and outdoor spaces: entrance landscaping; planting types; screen types and widths by use and location; perimeter
landscape screens; surface parking lot planting; and general planting, irrigation and maintenance standards;

- MICC 19.12.050 pertaining to vehicular and pedestrian circulation;
- MICC 19.12.060 pertaining to screening of service and mechanical areas;
- MICC 19.12.070 pertaining to lighting;
- MICC 19.12.080 pertaining to signs.

For purposes of determining when a project will be considered major new construction or minor exterior modification, and the threshold for application of design requirements as set forth in subsections (D)(1) and (2) of this section, if there is no current King County assessed value for a structure, a current appraisal of the structure, which shall be provided by the applicant and acceptable to the code official, shall be used as the value point of reference.

The applicant must demonstrate if the proposed development requires full or partial application of design requirements.

C. **MICC 19.12.020 – Site features and context.**

Should the proposed development require full application of design requirements, the application of these requirements shall not be construed to require an existing structure to be demolished or relocated, or any portion of an existing structure that is otherwise not being worked on as part of the construction to be altered or modified. The proposed development application does not include any work on the site pertaining to site features and landforms, sloped or hillside development, or the relationship of buildings to site.

D. **MICC 19.12.030 – Building design and visual interest.**

Compliance with MICC 19.12.030 is required for both full and partial application of design standards. The objectives of this section are to ensure high quality materials and finishes are used to bring a visually interesting experience to the streetscape; ensure the building design is based on a strong, unified, coherent, and aesthetically pleasing architectural concept; ensure buildings are detailed, provide visual interest, maintain human scale, and enhance the architectural character of the neighborhood; and to ensure high quality durable materials which will help to maintain and protect property values.

These objectives are accomplished by establishing standards for scale, form, and mass, building facades, building articulation, materials, and color, building entrances, and rooflines.

**Scale, form and mass.**

The proposed development does not alter the current scale, form and mass of the existing building.

**Building facades – Visual interest.**

a. **Facade modulation.** The proposed development includes a revision to the non-structural columns located in the middle of the balconies. These columns blocked views and provided additional entry points for water penetration. Removing the center columns enhances the outward views and makes the proportion of the arched openings more gracious and in line with classical ratios. No other revisions to the buildings existing facade modulation are proposed.

b. **Modulation guidelines.** The proposed revision to the columns allow for the balconies to be seen more clearly and without interruption. No other revisions to the buildings existing facade modulation are proposed.
c. **Ground level facades.** The existing ground level facade at the back of the building that is visible from a public view was constructed using materials designed to create visual interest. The ground level facades at the front and sides of the building include balconies, windows, and columns. No changes to the ground level facades, beyond revisions to the columns, are proposed.

d. **Fenestration.** The existing building includes fenestration that is integrated in the overall building design and provides variety in facade treatment. No changes to the locations of fenestration are proposed. The existing fenestrations will be updated, however the size of the windows and doors, and operation and swing direction of the doors will remain unchanged. The frames would be a dark bronze color to complement surrounding colors.

e. **Horizontal variation and emphasis.** The proposed design includes painting the exterior building facades in a design that is visually interesting. The balconies at the front of the building would be updated to include either the use of “Trespa Romantic Walnut” or “Trespa Aged Ash”, depending on the option preferred by the Design Commission and Monaco Villa Condominiums Board. No other changes are proposed to the building facades pertaining to horizontal variation and emphasis.

f. **Signs.** The proposed development does not include the installation of signs.

**Building articulation.** The proposed design includes the use of variations of color, patterns, and arrangements of the balcony columns as facade elements to make the balconies more proportional to the scale of the building.

a. **Tripartite articulation.** The proposed design subtly speaks to the building top, middle, and base using colors and materials that create human scale and visual interest. The applicant is responsible for demonstrating that the proposed design is equal or better than the standard for tripartite articulation, per MICC 19.12.010(E).

b. **Fenestration.** The proposed design includes revisions to the existing balconies and non-structural columns to make the balconies more proportional to the size of the building and provide more functionality. The existing window and door frames would be updated with a dark bronze color to complement the surrounding colors. No changes are proposed to the locations of the balconies, windows, doors, or other fenestrations.

c. **Architectural elements.** The existing balconies would be updated with either “Trespa Romantic Walnut” or “Trespa Aged Ash” finishes, depending on the preference of the Design Commission and Monaco Villa Condominiums Board. The non-structural columns located at the middle of each balcony would be removed, providing more functionality and making the balconies more proportional to the building. The proposed design includes variation to materials and colors that creates visual interest.

d. **Upper story setback.** The proposed design does not include changes to the existing building structure or bulk.

**Materials and color.**

a. **Durable building exteriors.** The applicant is responsible for demonstrating that the proposed design includes high quality and durable materials.

b. **Consistency and continuity of design.** The proposed materials and colors included in the design will be generally used consistently on all sides of the building.

c. **Material and color variation.** The proposed colors and materials highlight the balconies, doors, windows, and changes in building planes. The applicant is responsible for demonstrating that the
proposed variations in materials and colors are generally limited to what is required for contrast or to accentuate architectural features.

d. **Concrete walls.** The proposed concrete walls will be architecturally treated.

e. **Bright colors.** The proposed design does not include bright or fluorescent colors.

**Building entrances.**

a. **Architectural features and design.** The existing primary entrance to the building is visually distinct from the rest of the facade. The proposed design would not change the structure of the primary entrance. The color of the entrance would be updated to match the rest of the proposed design.

b. **Entrance connections.** The existing entrance includes landscaping and plantings that enhance the entrance. The entrance is visible from the public way.

**Rooflines.** No changes are proposed to the existing roofline.

**Additional standards for buildings containing residential units.** The proposed design enhances the existing balconies by making them more proportional to the size of the building.

**E. MICC 19.12.040 – Landscape design and outdoor spaces.**

Pursuant to MICC 19.12.040, the design must ensure that the landscape design reinforces the natural and wooded character of Mercer Island. The applicant is responsible for demonstrating whether the proposed development requires full or partial design review. Should the proposed development require partial design review, compliance with only MICC 19.12.040(B)(5), (6), (7), (8), (9), and (11) is required, however, application of chapter 19.12 MICC shall not be construed to require an existing structure to be demolished or relocated, or any portion of an existing structure that is otherwise not being worked on as part of the construction to be altered or modified.

No changes to the existing landscape design and outdoor spaces are proposed. These areas are not being worked on in the proposed development, therefore, are not required to be altered or modified.

**MICC 19.12.050 – Vehicular and pedestrian circulation.** Per MICC 19.12.010(D), application of chapter 19.12 MICC shall not be construed to require an existing structure to be demolished or relocated, or any portion of an existing structure that is otherwise not being worked on as part of the construction to be altered or modified.

No changes to the existing vehicular and pedestrian circulation are proposed. These areas are not being worked on for the proposed development, therefore, they are not required to be altered or modified.

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No changes to the existing screening of service and mechanical areas are proposed. These areas are not being worked on for the proposed development, therefore, they are not required to be altered or modified.

**G. MICC 19.12.070 – Lighting.** Per MICC 19.12.010(D), application of chapter 19.12 MICC shall not be construed to require an existing structure to be demolished or relocated, or any portion of an existing structure that is otherwise not being worked on as part of the construction to be altered or modified.

No changes to the existing lighting are proposed. These areas are not being worked on for the proposed development, therefore, they are not required to be altered or modified.
H. MICC 19.12.080 – Signs. The proposed development does not include any new signs.

III. RECOMMENDATION

There is no recommended motion at this time, as this is a Design Commission study session.
Description (brief):

The Monaco Villa Condominiums repair and remediation project will restore the envelope to watertight condition and enhance the aesthetics of the current building. The scope calls for removal of all damaged and failing existing siding at the north, east, and south elevations. We will replace the siding with a new durable fiber cement siding in two formats, lap and panel, and with a phenolic resin shiplap siding used as an accent. This diversity of materials and colors will greatly enhance the horizontal, vertical, foreground, and background pieces of the building creating a more pleasing texture and street appeal. Please review the attached project narrative for more information.

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Purpose of the study session:

To meet with the design commission to discuss project concepts before the plans are fully developed. At this session, which will be open to the public, the applicant should provide information regarding its site, the intended mix of uses, and how it will fit into the focus area objectives. The design commission may provide feedback to be considered in the design of the project.
November 27, 2023

Monaco Villa Condominiums
c/o Best Management Co.
3805 108th Ave NE, Suite 210
Bellevue, WA 98004

RE: Monaco Villa Condominiums – Project Narrative

Property Addresses: 2929 76th Ave SE, Mercer Island, WA 98040

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Thank you for your insight and time on this important repair and remediation project and we look forward to our study session with you.

James Ramil, RA
Evolution Architecture
November 27, 2023

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RE: Monaco Villa Condominiums – Topic of Discussion for Reviews

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The Monaco Villa Condominiums repair and remediation project will restore the envelope to watertight condition—most of the work is behind the cladding. The project is straightforward and clarifies and highlights the base design language and massing of the building. We only have one item we would like to discuss—is the repair and enhancement acceptable as is or will you require changes.

Time is of the essence for Monaco Villa Condominiums homeowners as this project has been over a year in the making and they would like to have their homes repaired as soon as possible.

Evolution Architecture appreciates the time and consideration of the Design Commission, and we look forward to the study session.

James Ramil, RA
Evolution Architecture
DESIGN OPTION 1

MOUNT ETNA
CULTURED PEARL
TRESPA ROMANTIC WALLNUT
DESIGN OPTION 2
SLATE TILE
DORIAN GRAY
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WEST ELEVATION VIEW
NORTH ELEVATION VIEW
SOUTH ELEVATION VIEW
### GENERAL NOTES

1. All work shall conform to all applicable codes, standards, and local building department regulations.

2. All work shall be performed in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions. Failure to comply with these instructions may void any warranty or liability.

3. Construction shall be in accordance with the Architect’s specifications and drawings. Any changes or deviations from the drawings must be approved by the Architect in writing.

4. All work shall be scheduled and performed in such a manner as to minimize disruption to existing conditions.

5. The Contractor shall be familiar with these drawings and details and shall ensure that their workers have the experience, training, and skills required to execute the work.

6. Continue operating continuous communication with the Architect, submit any changes or deviations to the drawings immediately, and ensure that all work is completed in accordance with the specifications and drawings.

7. A shop drawing or material sample of any item to be used in the project shall be submitted to the Architect for approval.

8. All applicable codes include the International Building Code (IBC), the State Energy Code (WSEC), Residential Provisions.

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10. The Contractor shall ensure that all work is performed in accordance with the specifications and drawings.

11. All lumber sizes indicated are nominal unless noted otherwise.

12. Exterior sheathing & framing repairs require inspections as dictated by the local jurisdiction. Coordinate inspections with building officials prior to covering.

13. Do not install damaged or defective material(s).

14. Do not install materials on exterior materials.

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21. The Contractor shall promptly repair any accidental damage at no additional cost to the owner.

22. The Contractor shall notify the Architect of any discovered mold or other organic growth during the course of work.

23. All flashing shall be installed in such a manner as to prevent moisture from entering the wall and to redirect it to the exterior.

24. All wall penetrations shall be target flashed.

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29. After removal of damaged materials, treat adjacent surfaces with a material moisture content is below the maximum acceptable levels.

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### BUILDING ENVELOPE CERTIFICATION LETTER

07/13/2023

Monaco Villa Condominiums
Building Envelope Exterior Repair/Remediation Project

2023 76th Ave. SE

Subject: Building Envelope Certification

We have designed the referenced work to meet current standards, codes and best practices relating to the configuration, performance and integrity of the building envelope as required by RCW 64.65.090 through 120.

We will function as the qualified third-party inspector for this work. Near the time of final inspection, we will submit to the building inspector, a letter signed by us stating that the building envelope has been constructed in substantial compliance with the building envelope design documents, per RCW 64.65.090.

Ralph Allen

Evolution Architecture
Plan Legend:
- REPLACEMENT WINDOW TYPE - SEE WINDOW SCHEDULE
- DOOR TYPE - SEE DOOR SCHEDULE
- (SG) DENOTES SAFETY GLAZING REQUIRED AT WINDOW LOCATIONS, PER EBC SECTION 2406.
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  - PROVIDES 5.7 SF MIN. EGRESS OPENING
  - MIN. NET CLEAR OPENING WIDTH SHALL BE 20".
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Wall Types:
- W1: Fiber Cement Panel Siding
- W2: Fiber Cement Lap Siding
- W3: TRESPA Panel Siding
- W4: Arches
- W5: Masonry Screen Wall
- W6: Below Grade Walls - No Work
- W7: Interior Walls - Paint Only

Plan Details:
- 1.5 LEVEL 1 FLOOR PLAN
- A-101

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- 08/21/23
- PERMIT/BID SET
- LEVEL 1 FLOOR PLAN
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REPLACEMENT WINDOW TYPE - SEE WINDOW SCHEDULE
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MONACO VILLA
EXTERIOR REMEDIATION

LEVEL 4 FLOOR PLAN
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PLAN LEGEND

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REVISION SCHEDULE

REV DATE DESCRIPTION

ROOF PLAN

A-106

EVOLUTION ARCHITECTURE
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08/21/23
PERMIT/BID SET
Dear Joe Peloso:

The department’s Building team has generated the following review comments on the plan set submitted with your DSR23-014. These comments are advisory and have been developed to encourage discussion with the Design Commission on elements of the project which are not finalized and may contribute to or be of interest to the Design Review process.

The review was performed with an emphasis on construction code requirements which may affect the exterior presentation of the development. This is not a comprehensive building permit review and should not be used as such.

1. Applicable construction codes can be found in MICC 17.14.010 Section 101. The vesting of construction codes is address in MICC 17.14.101 Section 105.3.4. As of the date of this letter, a complete application for a building permit has not been received for the scope described in this DSR. Washington State is anticipated to adopt 2021-cycle construction codes on March 15, 2024. This review was performed referring to 2018-cycle codes in effect at the time of the DSR application, but a future building permit for this work will be reviewed under the codes in effect at the time of a complete building permit application.

2. This project had a pre-application meeting to discuss the scope on 9/19/23 under PRE23-054, when the applicant in that meeting was notified of the following:
   a. This address has open code enforcement cases related to these work areas. The permit submittal shall include work to satisfactorily resolve recent code
enforcement activities, such as including plans for the permanent repair of the support system for the exterior deck stacks, and the permanent repair of the unpermitted work recently done within the front lobby. If these items are not addressed as part of this permit submittal, then a separate permit for these items must be applied for in a timely manner in order to avoid further code enforcement action.

Since the date of that meeting, Building Permit 2311-202 has been issued which relates to the construction in the lobby. The scope of work noted on A-001 of the DSR23-014 materials includes “repair and modify the existing unit decks to enhance drainage and provide rail walls and railings.” It is not clear from the documents if this will change exterior appearance of the existing structure.

3. This project is likely intended to address typical maintenance concerns with stucco exterior finish systems. These types of projects are specifically regulated by RCW 64.55, and require some special steps during the design and construction process. The statement on A-001 describing the exterior envelope remediation references these requirements.

Gareth Reece
Sr. Plans Examiner
City of Mercer Island – Community Planning and Development