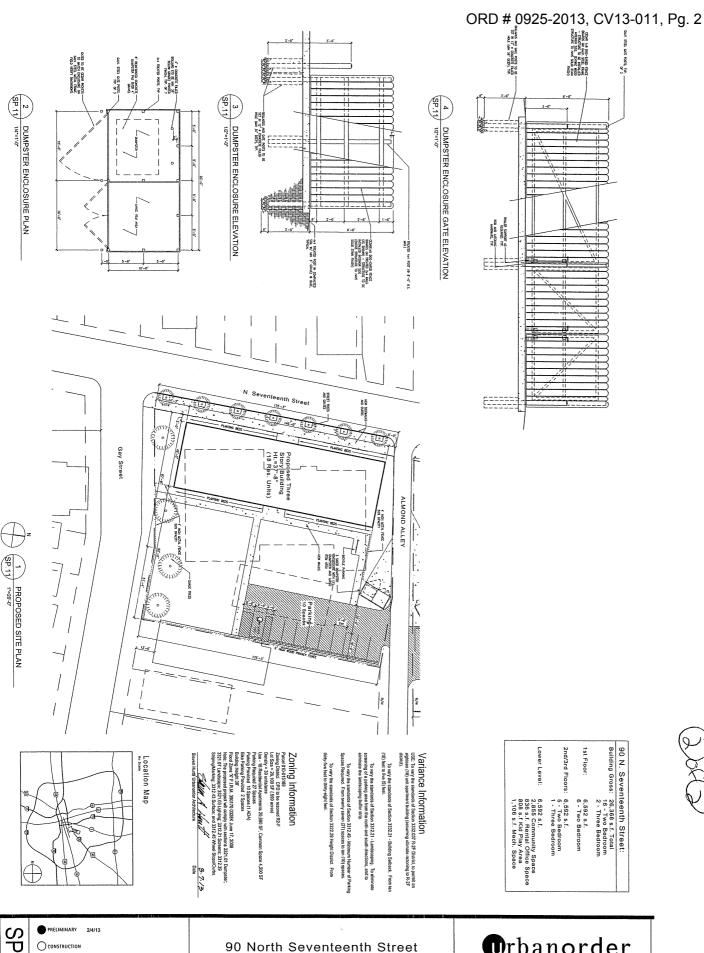


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STATEMENT OF HARDSHIP

This application is for a project to be known as "Columbus Scholar House". It is sponsored by an arm of the foremost low income housing tax credit syndicator in Ohio, the Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing. Scholar House will provide 28 residences for single parents who have demonstrated the commitment and aptitude for scholastic achievement. It will assist these parents in their quest for employability, self-sufficiency and independence.

Higher density residential development along Long Street is contemplated by the Near East Area Plan and the King-Lincoln District Plan. Scholar House will be reminiscent of and architecturally compatible with the acclaimed "The Charles" project constructed by the Affordable Housing Trust of Columbus and Franklin County (the "Trust") at the southeast corner of Long Street and Seventeenth Street. Six units of the Scholar House will be co-located with The Charles on the Trust's property.

This Council Variance application covers property owned by two different owners, the Trust and Capital City Holdings, LLC.

The Trust parcels are as follows:

010-001544

010-031982

010-040872

010-014343

(The Applicant understands that these parcels will need to be combined during this application process). The Capital City Holdings, LLC parcel is 010-015189.

For the purpose of convenience, the various Trust parcels will be referred to as the "Trust Parcel" as if combined. The Trust Parcel is zoned R-2F. The Capital City Holdings, LLC parcel will be referred to as the "Capital City Parcel". It is zoned CPD. This application is accompanied by a companion rezoning application to reinstate the R-2F zoning status to the Capital City Parcel, in conformance with the other parcels which are to be part of Scholar House. Therefore, variances will be called out for the Capital City Parcel as if it were zoned R-2F, its ultimate classification.

VARIANCES ON THE TRUST PARCEL

The following variances which permitted the construction of The Charles need to be repeated in this application. Because they were fully described and adopted in previous legislation (CV11-016), we will simply list them without further justification.

USE: To vary the standards of 3332.037 R-2F District, to permit a mixed use office/retail/ten-unit apartment building with reduced development standards in the R-2F, residential district.

To vary the standards of Section 3332.037, R-2F, to permit an office/retail/apartment building with 971 square feet of retail space and 2,616 square feet of office space on the first floor, and a maximum of 10 apartment units on the second and third floor.

To vary the standards of Section 3312.21(B), (C) and (D), landscaping and screening, to permit no interior parking lot landscaping, no parking lot landscaping, and no screening along the west side of the parking lot, but instead provide the landscaping and screening as shown on the Site Plan.

To vary the standards of Section 3321.05(B)(2), vision clearance, to allow an encroachment into the vision clearance triangle at the intersection of East Long Street and North Seventeenth Street as shown on the Site Plan.

To vary the standards of Section 3332.29, height district, to permit a maximum building height of thirty-eight (38) feet for The Charles building turret.

To vary the standards of Section 3372.605(E)(3) building design standards, to permit 17.5% window glass on the second and third floor of The Charles Building frontages.

To vary the standards of Section 3372.607(A), (B) and (D), landscaping and screening, to permit no perimeter parking lot landscaping, no screening along the west side of the parking lot, a wood privacy fence that is six (6) feet in height, and partially screened ground-mounted equipment located to the side of The Charles building as shown on the Site Plan.

The following variances are either unique to the Scholar House project, or are a variance required under The Charles project whose intensity has been affected by the Scholar House project. The Scholar House improvements on the Trust parcel will be six units of row-house style apartments.

USE: To vary the standards of Section 3332.037 R-2F District, to permit a six unit apartment house with reduced development standards in the R-2F, residential district, along with an existing mixed use office/retail/ten-unit apartment building.

To vary the standards of Section 3332.21 – Set back, requires the set back along Seventeenth Street to be ten (10) feet. The applicant proposes five (5) feet. The proposed variance is justified as supporting the architectural style of The Charles

project, as well as conforming with the "urban density" philosophy of the North East Area Plan and the Lincoln King District Plan. Further, this minimal variance preserves green space existing on The Charles parcel which will be an amenity for the families residing at the Scholar House.

To vary the standards of Section 3312.49 – Minimum Number of Parking Spaces Required. The Charles project required a variance for reduction of two (2) parking spaces and provided a total of twenty (20). The applicant proposes to add no further parking spaces on the Trust parcel. 1.5 parking spaces per dwelling unit is required for the Scholar House improvement, so the necessary variance for the site with both buildings would be from thirty-one (31) required spaces (9 Scholar House required parking spaces and 22 The Charles required parking spaces) to twenty (20), a reduction of eleven (11) spaces. This variance is justified by the particular use of the Scholar House as housing for economically challenged single parents who are very unlikely to own vehicles but rather use public transit. There is also ample on-street parking along Seventeenth Street. Requiring more parking on site would diminish the green space presently enjoyed by the residents of The Charles and the future families of Scholar House. Finally, the fact that the property owner, the Trust, has consented to this application is an indication that the most directly affected property owner does not believe that there will be an impact on parking in the immediate area.

Capital City Parcel

The following variances are necessary for the Scholar House project on the Capital City parcel. The Scholar House improvements on the Capital City parcel will be a three story apartment building with eighteen (18) dwelling units.

USE: To vary the standards of Section 3332.037 R-2F District, to permit an eighteen (18) unit apartment building (assuming ultimate rezoning to R-2F district).

To vary the standards of Section 3332.21 – Building Setback. This provision requires that the set back along Seventeenth Street to be ten (10) feet. The applicant proposes five (5) feet. The proposed variance is justified as supporting the architectural style of The Charles project, as well as conforming with the "urban density" philosophy of the North East Area Plan and the Lincoln King District Plan. Further, this minimal variance enhances green space behind the building which will be an amenity for the families residing at the Scholar House.

To vary the standards of Section 3312.21 - Landscaping. This provision would require the screening of the parking area, and a four foot landscaping buffer strip. The applicant proposes eliminating screening of a parking area from the north and south directions, and to reduce the landscaping buffer strip to zero (0) feet. The applicant is providing a six foot high privacy fence as part of this project which provides screening of the parking lot from the adjacent property owner not involved in the project. Otherwise,

the screening requirement would compel this portion of the project to screen itself from other portions of the same project. The landscaping shown on the Site Plan is consistent with the successful ambiance of the landscaping on the Trust parcel and sufficient to meet the general aesthetic goals of 3312.21.

To vary the standards of Section 3312.49 – Minimum Number of Parking Spaces Required. With eighteen units, twenty seven (27) spaces would be required under this section. The applicant proposes to provide ten (10) spaces, requiring a reduction of seventeen (17) spaces. Given the socioeconomic status of the residents, the provision of parking spaces for this many residents is liberal. There is ample on-street parking in this area. The parking reduction is also critical to provide sufficient onsite green space for the children who will be residents.

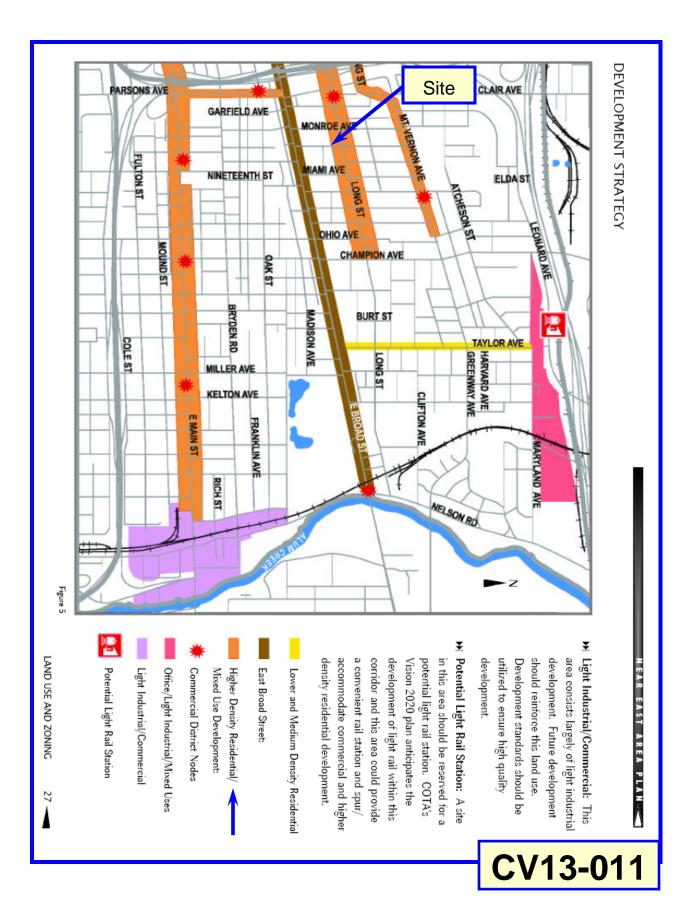
To vary the standards of Section 3322.29 Height District. This Height District imposes a limitation of thirty-five (35) feet and applicant proposes that this portion of the Scholar House project will be thirty-eight (38) feet in height after construction. The variance sought is minimal and does not materially impact neighboring properties, which are incorporated into the overall project. The massing of this portion of the project is intentionally designed to be reminiscent of The Charles (also a 38 foot high structure), and therefore the variance is helpful in carrying on the aesthetics of The Charles along Seventeenth Street.

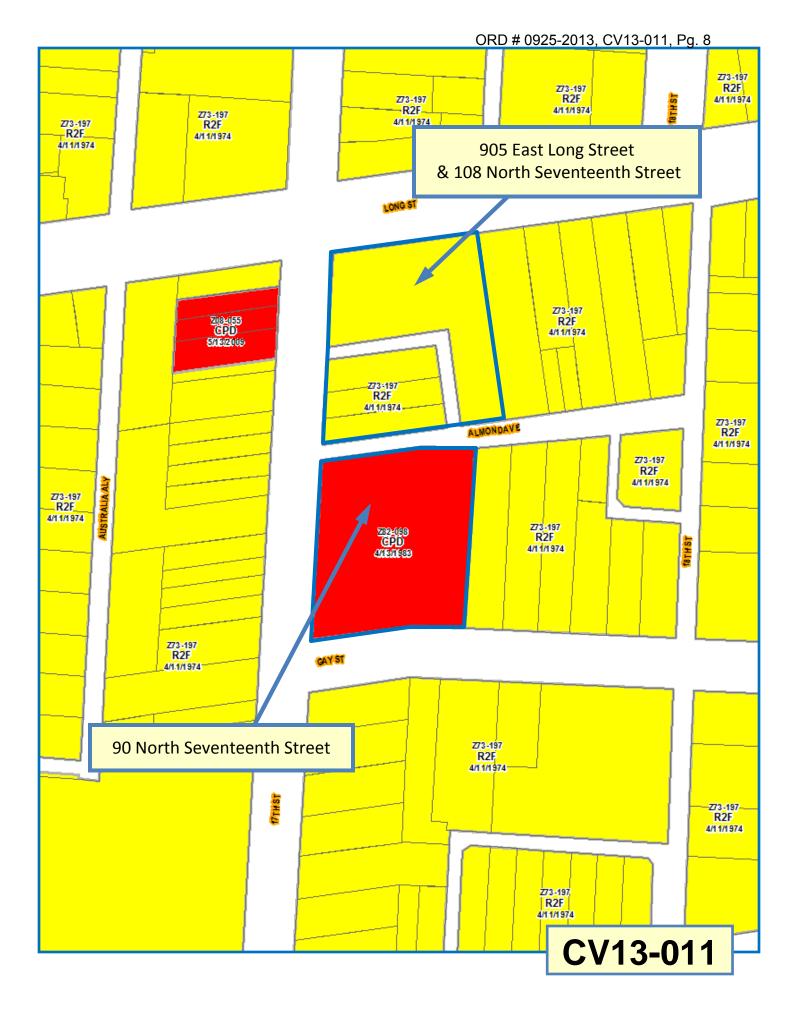
The proposed variances requested are necessary to create a multifamily project which is in conformance with general plans development for the area and to allow a project on a scale. The proposed variances are well justified and we would appreciate council support.

Respectfully submitted,

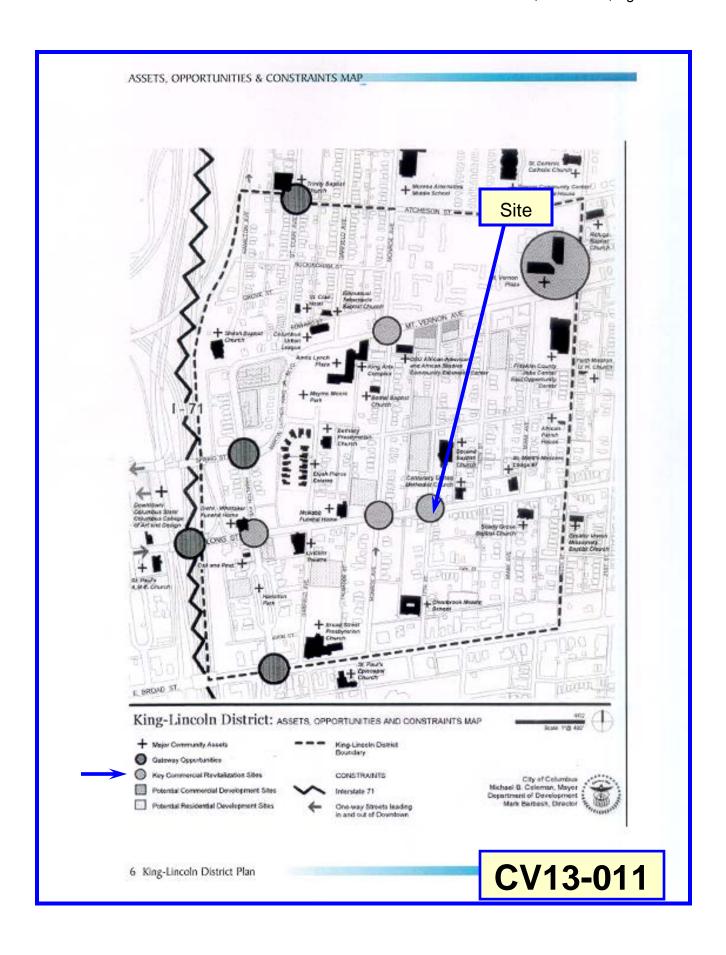
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Subject: Near East Area Commission Zoning Apps

Importance: High

On Thursday, March 14, 2013, The Near East Area Commission (NEAC) voted unanimously to support the following Zoning and Council Variances submitted by Columbus Properties of Ohio (CPO) for locations on N. 17th Street:

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Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.



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Being first duly cautioned and sworn [NAME]	James V. Maniace
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FOR SAME and the following is a list of all persons, other partnerships, corporations or entities having a 5% or more interest in the project which is the subject of this application in the following formats	
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The Affordable Housing Trust for Columbus and Freeklin County	2. Capital City Holdings, LLC 88 E. Broad St., Ste 1800
and Franklin County 110 N 17th St.	Columbus, OH 43215
Columbus, OH 43203	Elizabeth Long
Steven Gladman / 614-228-6488	614-224-8446
3. OEF Investment Fund	4. Columbus Scholar House I, LLC
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