

Planning Department

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MEETING AGENDA

Valparaiso Board of Zoning Appeals Wednesday, April 20, 2022, 5:30 PM Valparaiso City Hall – Council Chambers

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Adoption of Meeting Minutes
- 4. Old Business
- 5. New Business

UV22-003/SE22-003B – A petition filed by T-Mobile Central LLC (Insite RE, Inc. as agent) for a temporary 100' monopole wireless telecommunication facility at 205 Billings St. in Commercial Neighborhood (CN) zone.

- 1. Use Variance Table 2.551 B to allow a minor telecommunications facility in CN zone
- 2. Variances from Special Use Standards in Section 2.551:
 - 2.551 (E)(3) to allow placement in side yard
 - 2.551 (E)(4) to reduce the setback from approximately 110' to 40'
 - 2.551 (E)(5) to eliminate requirement for visual screening at base
 - 2.551 (E)(7) to eliminate requirement for collocation capacity

UV22-002/VAR22-004 – A petition filed by Allan Svihlik for Signarama to allow a light industrial use and install a sign on an existing water tower at 405 Elm St in Commercial Neighborhood (CN) zone.

- 1. Use Variance Table 2.201 (B) to allow a sign manufacturer (a light industrial use) in CN zone
- 2. Development Standards Variance Section 5.303 (2) to allow a sign not expressly permitted in a Commercial District

SE22-002/VAR22-005 – A petition filed by Porter County Museum Foundation c/o Todd Leeth to expand the Porter County Museum at 20 Indiana Ave, a public assembly use, in the Central Business District (CBD).

- Special Exception Table 2.201 (A) to allow a museum in the CBD
- 2. Development Standards Variances
 - Section 2.516 (D)(1) to allow a place of public assembly on the ground floor
 - Section 2.516 (C)(1)(b)(ii) to allow a place of public assembly on a lot of less than three acres



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7. Staff Items

8. Adjournment

Michael Micka, *President – Board of Zoning Appeals*Beth Shrader, *Planning Director*Next Meeting: **May 18, 2022**

Interested persons can view the public hearing Live on the City of Valparaiso Website, <u>www.valpo.us</u> or via web conference at https://bit.ly/3KpjlQi

**Requests for alternate formats please contact Beth Shrader at bshrader@valpo.us or (219) 462-1161. **

PETITION TO VALPARAISO BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS	For Office Use Only:		
This application is being submitted for (Check all that ap	ply): Petition #:		
Use Variance Development Standards Variance Special Exception/Special Use Relief to Administrative Decision Conditional Use Wireless Communications Facility	Application Type:		
SUBJECT PROPERTY INFORMATION	TYPE OR PRINT IN IN		
Property Address:	Subject property fronts on the Billings		
205 Billings Street	side between (streets) Franklin		
	_{&} Calumet		
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	Zoning District: CG		
PETITIONER INFORMATION			
Applicant Name:	Address:		
T-Mobile Central LLC (Insite RE, Inc. as agent) Phone: 773-960-8781 Email: shinkle@insite-inc.com	Insite RE, Inc. 1S660 Midwest Road' Suite 140 Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181 Ray Shinkle		
PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION			
Applicant Name:	Address:		
City of Valparaiso	205 Billings Street Valparaiso, IN 46383		
Phone:			
219-462-6174			
Email:			
schen@valpo.us			
SECTIONS OF UDO FROM WHICH A VARIANCE, SPECIAL	EXCEPTION OR ADMIN RELIEF IS SOUGHT:		
Article: 2 Section: 2.551 Paragraph: Item:	Article:Section:Paragraph:Item:		
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PETITION TO VALPARAISO BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS:

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LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT PROPERTY: (OR EXHIBIT NO)
That part of lot One Hundred and Sixty-Nine (169) in Powell's addition in the Town (now City) of Valparaiso, described as follows: Commencing Three Hundred Sixteen and Fourteen Hundred (316.14) feet West and Four Hundred and Thirty-Three (433) feet South of the North Quarter Post of Section Twenty-Four (24), Township Thirty-Five (35) North, Range Six (6) West (being of the North line of Billings Street) to the East line of Franklin Street, thence North long the East line of said Franklin Street Two Hundred and Thirty-Five (235) feet to the North line of said Lot One Hundred and Sixty-Nine (169); Thence East along the North line of said lot to a point North of the place of commencement; thence South to the place of beginning.
DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT: (OR EXHIBIT NO)
The city needs to paint its water tank and the lease requires T-Mobile (who is a current tenant on the tank as a wireless facility) to temporarily relocate their facilities. This relocation requires the erection of a 100' temporary tower to go up 30 days ahead of the painting and come down 30 days when the painting is complete. The painting is expected to take 120 days, so the temp tower should be up for no longer than six months.

Please read and sign the following statement:

I, the Petitioner (and Property Owner, if separate), understand that I and/or my representative must be present at the public hearing. Should I fail to appear, the BZA, in my absence, may consider and take action on my Petition. If the Petitioner is not the owner of the property that is the basis of this Petition, the signature of the Property Owner(s) constitutes authorization for the Petitioner to speak and act on behalf of the Property Owner(s). The Petitioner certifies that neither the Petitioner nor any attachments or exhibits submitted contains any known intentional misrepresentations or intentionally misleading statements. All information submitted is accurate, true, and correct to the best of the Petitioner's knowledge. The providing of false and/or inaccurate information on this Petition or during any proceedings before the BZA may result in the denial of the request or the revocation of the request, should a Petition be granted. Similarly, if as part of any granted Petition, the BZA places any restrictions and/or limitations, I acknowledge that my failure to comply with such restrictions/limitations shall be grounds to revoke any granted Petition. The Petitioner acknowledges that it bears the obligation to mail notice of any Public Hearing to all property owners within 300 feet of the property that is the subject of this Petition. Any errors by the Petitioner may result in the Petition being delayed, denied, or revoked.

Signature of Petitioner	Signature of Property Owner
Bryan Donley	
Printed Name	Signature of Property Owner
Subscribed and sworn to before me, a I	Notary in and for said County and State, personally appeared:
Bryan Donkey foregoing document, this graday of	and acknowledge the execution of the
NOTARY PUBLIC	My Commission Expires: 9/23/24 Resident of Dapage County
Type or Print name of Notary	RAYMOND SHINKLE Official Seal Notary Public - State of Illinois My Commission Expires Sep 23, 2024

Variance from Development Standards Petitioner's Proposed Findings of Fact

(Please use fillable pdf, print neatly, or attach printed document.)

Petitioner submits that:

	The temporary tower will not be injurious to the health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the community because T-Mobile has been an existing tenant on this property since 2003. They are only erecting this tower temporarily while the water tank is being painted. The temp tower has a passing structural report and will not pose a danger. Once the water tank painting is complete, T-Mobile will more back to it's lease location on top of the tank at 129 feet.
В.	The use and value of the area adjacent to the property included in the proposed variance will not be affected in a substantially adverse manner because:
	The use and value of the area adjacent to the property will not be affected in a substantially adverse manner because this is just a temporary facility and will come down once the water tank painting is complete.
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	property included in the proposed variance because: If T-Mobile is not allowed to relocate temporarilty for the water tank painting, the city will not be able to paint the tank.

one of the elements listed above.

Use Variance Petitioner's Proposed Findings of Fact

(Please use fillable pdf, print neatly, or attach printed document.)

Petitioner Submits that:

A. The proposed use variance will not be injurious to the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the community because:

The temporary tower will not be injurious to the health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the community because T-Mobile has been an existing tenant on this property since 2003. They are only erecting this tower temporarilty while the water tank is being painted. The temp tower has a passing structural report and will not pose a danger. Once the water tank painting is complete, T-Mobile will more back to its lease location on top of the tank at 129 feet.

В.	The use and value of the area adjacent to the property included in the proposed variance will not be affected in a substantially adverse manner because:
	The use and value of the area adjacent to the property will not be affected in a substantially adverse manner because this is just a temporary facility and will come down once the water tank painting is complete.
D.	The need for the use variance arises from the following condition peculiar to the property involved, which is:
	If T-Mobile is not allowed to relocate temporarily for the water tank painting, the city will not be able to paint the tank.
Ξ.	The strict application of the terms of the zoning ordinance will constitute an unnecessary hardship if applied to the property for which the variance is sought because:
	If T-Mobile is not allowed to relocate temporarily for the water tank painting, the city will not be able to paint the tank.
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F. Approval of the proposed use variance does not interfere substantially with the comprehensive plan adopted by the City of Valparaiso because:

No. This is a just a temporary facility and not permenant. This is needed for the city to paint its water tank and once complete, T-Mobile will move back to its existing lease area and be compliant with the city zoning code for wireless antenna facilities.

The petitioner carries the burden of proving to the Board of Zoning Appeals the existence of each element listed above.

Special Exception/Special Use Petitioner's Proposed Findings of Fact

(Please use fillable pdf, print neatly, or attach printed document.)

Petitioner Submits that	
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	No it will not since this is just a temporary facility.
В.	There is no practicable alternative location where the use is permitted as-of-right within one-quarter mile of the parcel proposed for development, or, if such a location exists, the proposed location is more favorable in terms of providing a needed community service to a population that has limited mobility because:
	T-Mobile needs to be as close to it's existing lease area as possible while not interferring with the tank painting.
	The approval of the special use will not create a critical mass of similar special uses that is likely to tend to discourage permitted uses by making the vicinity less desirable for them because:
	No since this is just temporary and related to the city tank painting requirement.
).	The special use is conducted in a manner that is not materially more disruptive to adjacent properties than other permitted uses in the district unless the special use is temporary and the duration of the use is limited to minimize the impact because:
	(Include any proposed conditions of approval to ensure that this requirement is satisfied.) Not any more than the water tank painting will distrupt the adjacent properties. Both are needed.

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above.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

FROM T-MOBILE OFFICE:

- GET ON I-88 E
- TAKE I-294 S AND I-80 E TO IN-51 S/US-6 E/RIPLEY ST IN LAKE STATION. TAKE EXIT 15A FROM I-80 E
- FOLLOW IN-51 S, STATE RTE 130
 AND HARRISON BLVD TO BILLINGS ST
 IN VALPARAISO



SCAN OR CODE FOR LINK
TO SITE LOCATION MAP

SCOPE OF WORK

GROUND SCOPE OF WORK:

- REMOVAL OF EXISTING FENCE POSTS AT DESIGNATED TEMPORARY TOWER LOCATION DURING WATER TANK PAINTING & INSTALLED BACK AT THE END OF THE PROJECT.
- 2. INSTALLATION OF ROLLED CHAIN LINK FABRIC TO EXISTING FENCE POST FOR TEMPORARY ATTACHMENT. SPAN OF EXISTING CHAIN LINK FENCE AT DESIGNATED LOCATION TO BE PEELED OFF & ROLLED DURING WATER TANK PAINTING.
- 3. INSTALLATION OF PROTECTIVE COVERING FOR EXISTING EQUIPMENT WITHIN THE T-MOBILE LEASE AREA.
- INSTALLATION OF POWER, AAV & ELECT. GROUNDING CONDUITS FROM EXISTING LEASE AREA.
- INSTALLATION OF (2) HCS 2.0 TRUNK CABLES FROM BOTTOM OVPS TO TOWER BREAKOUT BOXES. TRUNK CABLES TO BE ROUTED ON PVC SLEEPERS WITH GRATING COVER & STRAPPED ALONG OUTSIDE OF MONOPOLE SHAFT.

TOWER SCOPE OF WORK:

- INSTALLATION OF 100FT STEEL MONOPOLE WITH 24'x24' BALLAST FOUNDATION AT DESIGNATED LOCATION. INSTALLATION OF LOW—PROFILE PLATFORM WITH HANDRAILS AT MONOPOLE.
- REMOVAL OF EXISTING T-MOBILE ANTENNAS, RRUS AND COAX CABLES AT TOP OF WATER TANK. REMOVAL OF EXISTING ANTENNA POD MOUNT ON TOP OF WATER TANK.
- 3. INSTALLATION OF (3) FFVV-65C-R3 OCTO ANTENNAS, (3) AEHC MASSIVE MIMO ANTENNAS, (3) AHFIG RRUS, (3) AHLOA RRUS AND (2) HCS 2.0 CABLE BREAKOUT BOXES/PENDANTS ON LOW-PROFILE PLATFORM.
- INSTALLATION OF HYBRID JUMPER CABLES FROM TOWER BREAKOUT BOXES/PENDANTS
 TO SECTOR RRUS AND AEHC ANTENNAS. INSTALLATION OF RF JUMPER CABLES FROM
 SECTOR RRUS TO OCTO ANTENNAS.
- INSTALLATION OF SECTOR GROUND BAR & GROUNDING SYSTEM AT LOW PROFILE PLATFORM.

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SITE NAME
VALPARAISO WT

SITE ADDRESS

205 BILLINGS ST., VALPARAISO, IN 46383

PROJECT TYPE

PROPOSED RELOCATION OF T-MOBILE ANTENNAS & RRUS ON EXISTING WATER TANK TO TEMPORARY TOWER

SITE COORDINATES
(SITE COORDINATES AND GROUND ELEVATIONS
OBTAINED FROM 1A LETTER DATED 12/3/2021)

WATER TANK:

N 41° 28' 38.22" (LATITUDE) W 87° 03' 31.61" (LONGITUDE)

809.45' AMSL (GROUND ELEVATION AT WATER TOWER BASE)

TEMPORARY TOWER:

N 41° 28' 38.002" (LATITUDE) W 87° 03' 32.45" (LONGITUDE)

808.15' AMSL (GROUND ELEVATION AT TEMPORARY TOWER BASE)

REVIEWED BY:

PROPERTY OWNER OR REP. RF

ZONING NETWORK

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTOR

SHEET INDEX

SITE ACQUISITION

SHEET NO.	SHEET TITLE	REV. NO.
T-1	TITLE SHEET	0
C-1	OVERALL SITE PLAN	0
C-2	ELEVATION	0
C-3	ANTENNA & RRU MOUNTING DETAILS	0
C-4	DETAILED PLANS	0
C-5	ANTENNA & CABLE SCHEDULE	0
C-6	ANTENNA & EQUIPMENT INFORMATION	0
C-7	EQUIPMENT & CABLE INFORMATION	0
C-8	CABLE SUPPORT DETAILS	0
C-9A	RF DATA CONFIGURATION SHEET	0
C-9B	RF DATA CONFIGURATION SHEET	0
C-10	MANDATORY SIGNAGE & POSTING	0
E-1	ELECTRICAL NOTES, CABLE ROUTING PLAN	0
E-2	GROUNDING NOTES, ANTENNA GROUNDING PLAN	0
E-3	GROUNDING DETAILS	0
N-1	NOTES	0
N-2	NOTES	0

T·Mobile

1400 OPUS PLACE, SUITE 700 DOWNERS GROVE, IL 60515 PHONE:



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VALPARAISO WT

(TEMPORARY RELOCATION)

205 BILLINGS ST.

VALPARAISO, IN 46383

TITLE SHEET

3/11/22

12/6/21

11/1/21

DATE

VICINITY MAP



PROJECT SUMMARY UTILITIES

APPLICABLE CODES

INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE, LATEST EDITION NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE, LATEST EDITION

<u>APPLICANT</u>

T-MOBILE L.L.C. 1400 OPUS PLACE, SUITE 700 DOWNERS GROVE, IL 60515 PHONE: 425-302-1000 FAX:

CONSTRUCTION CONTACT: CHRISTOPHER LYTLE PHONE NO:

OPERATIONAL CONTACT: PHONE NO.:



ONDERGROUND SERVICE ALERT CALL TOLL FREE 1-800-892-0123 THREE WORKING DAYS BEFORE YOU DIG

HANDICAP ACCESS REQUIREMENTS

SITE IS UNOCCUPIED AND NOT FOR HUMAN

HABITATION. HANDICAP ACCESS NOT REQUIRED.

NOTES FOR CONTRACTOR

CONTRACTOR SHALL VERIFY ALL PLANS & EXISTING DIMENSIONS & CONDITIONS ON THE JOB SITE & SHALL IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE ENGINEER IN WRITING OF ANY DISCREPANCIES BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH THE WORK OR BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SAME.

EXISTING CONDITIONS SHALL BE CHECKED AND VERIFIED IN FIELD. IF SIGNIFICANT DEVIATIONS OR DETERIORATION ARE ENCOUNTERED AT THE TIME OF CONSTRUCTION, A REPAIR PERMIT WILL BE OBTAINED AND CONTRACTOR SHALL NOTIFY STRUCTURAL ENGINEER IMMEDIATELY.

S PROFESSIONAL LICENSE

OPERATIONS

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THESE PLANS WERE PREPARED BY ME OR UNDER MY DIRECT SUPERVISION AND THAT I AM A DULY REGISTERED ENGINEER UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF INDIANA.



SIGNATURE: ______ SIGNED: 3/11/22

EXPIRES: 7/31/22

NOTES

THE DRAWINGS ARE FULL ON 11"x17" SHEET SIZE AND ARE NOT REDUCED IN SIZE U.N.O.

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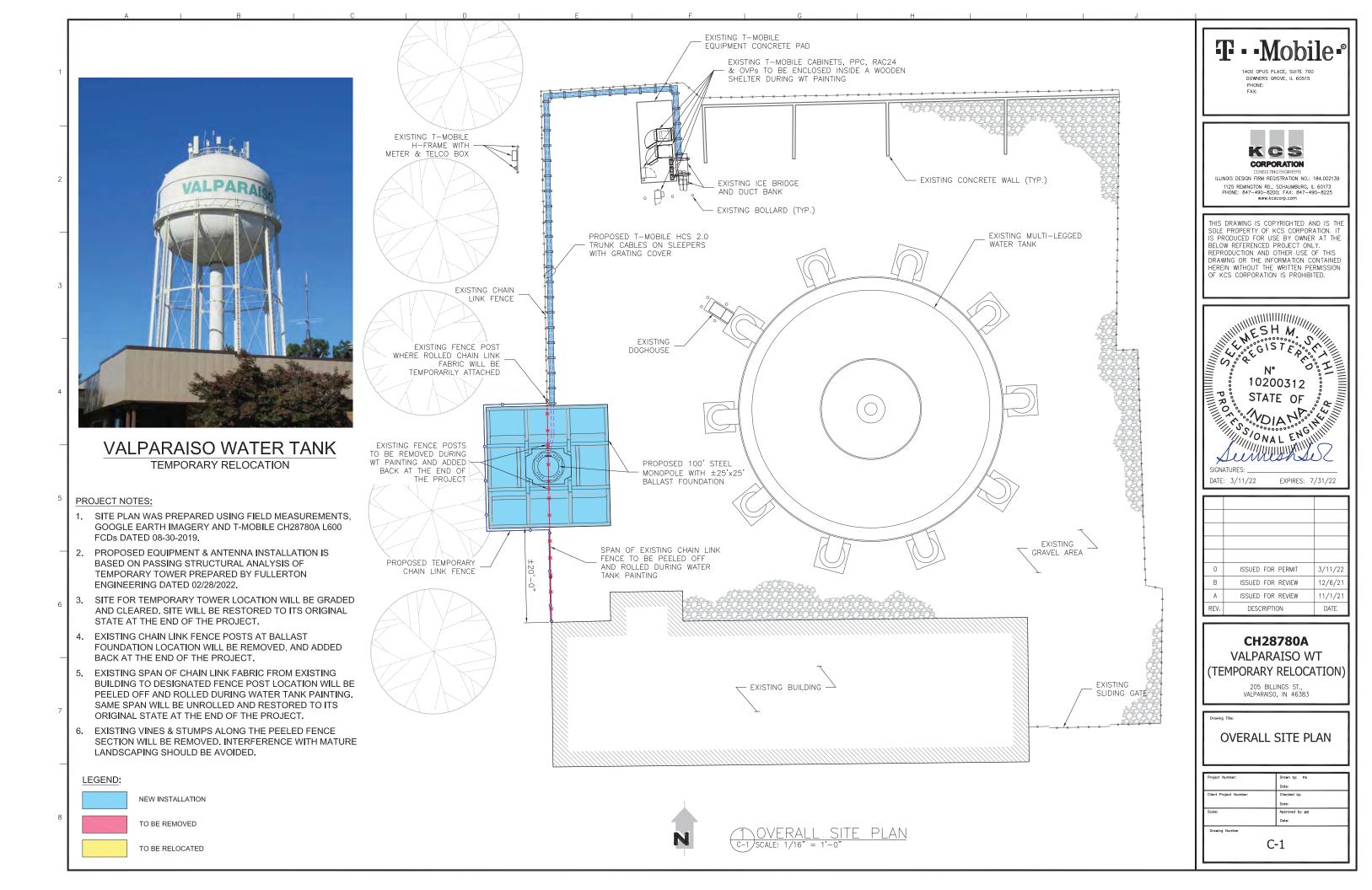
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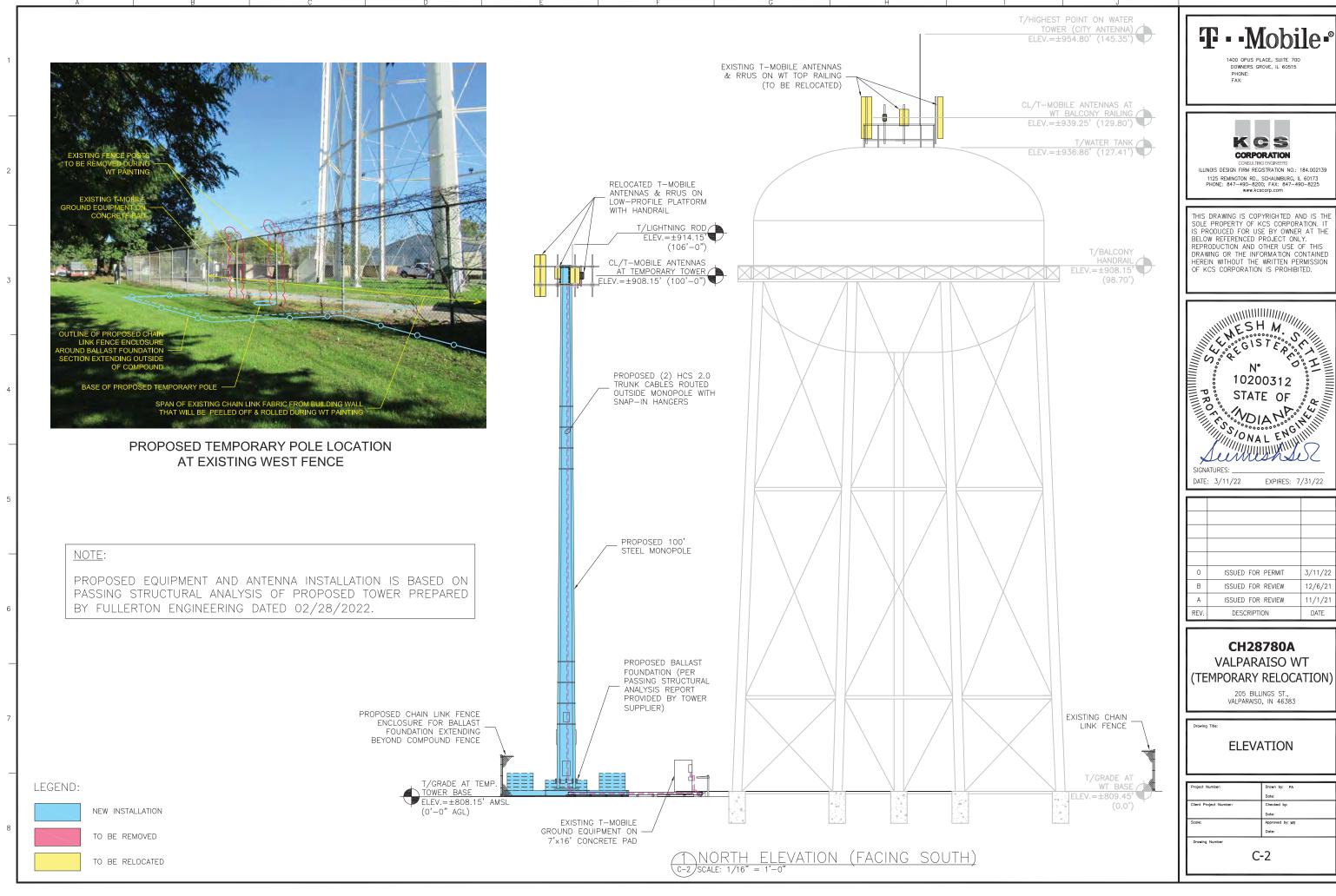
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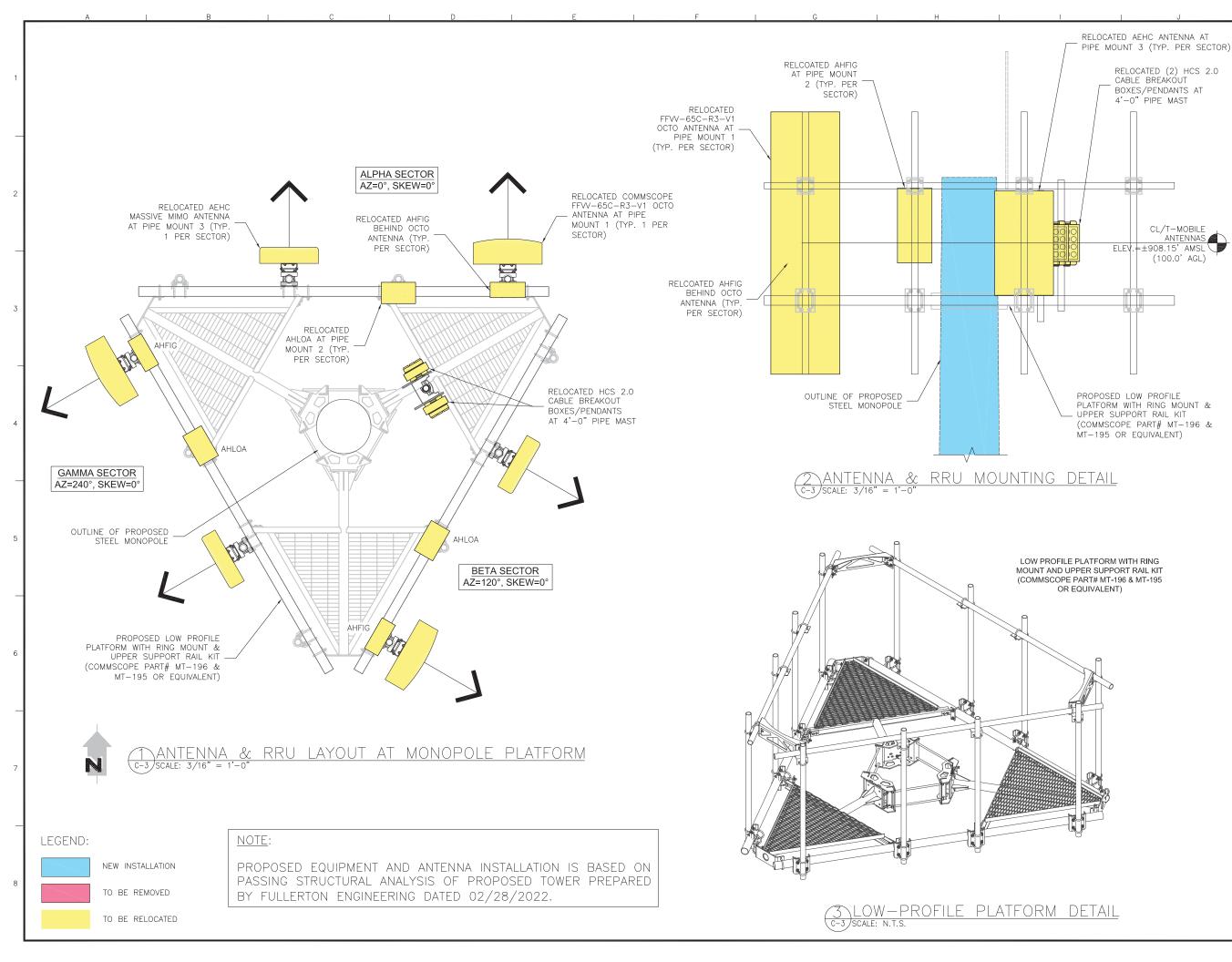
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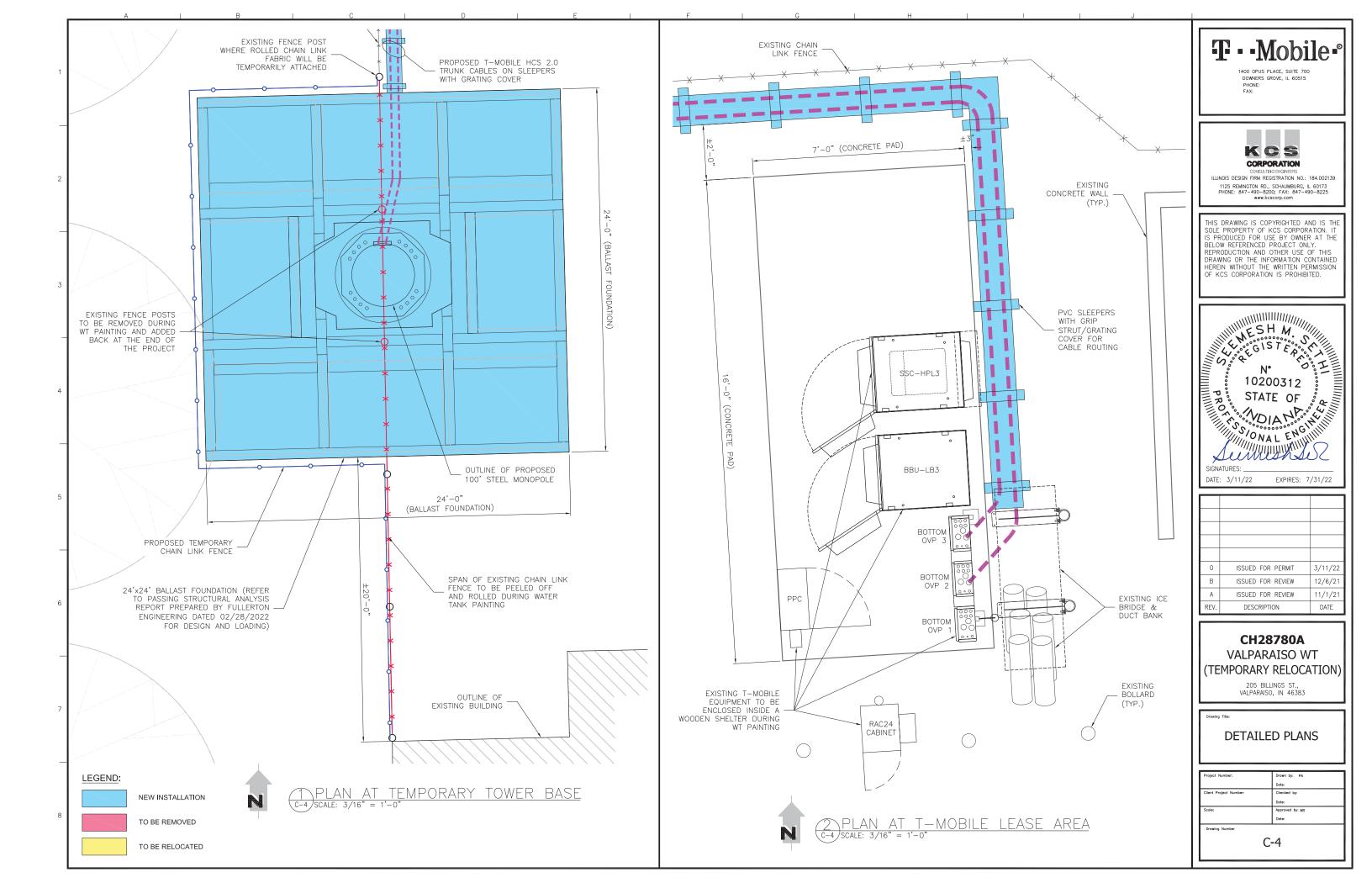
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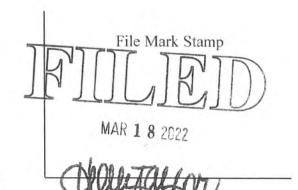
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DETAILED PLANS, ANTENNA & RRU MOUNTING DETAIL

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	Date:
Client Project Number:	Checked by:
	Date:
Scale:	Approved by: MS
	Date:







RECEIPT FOR FILING

Porter County Museum Foundation
 Application for Special Use and Developmental Standard Variance

(See Below)

- 2. Attachments:
 - a) Application for Special Use and Developmental Standard Variance
 - b) Findings of Fact Developmental Standard Variance
 - c) Findings of Fact Special Use
 - d) List of Variances
 - e) Property Owner List



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& Franklin Street on Indiana Avenue				
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LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT PROPERTY: (OR EXHIBIT NO)	
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More commonly known as 20 Indiana Avenue, Valparaiso, Indiana 4	6383.
DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT: (OR EXHIBIT NO.01)	
Expansion of Porter County Museum use of the overall building for a other museum uses and related ancillary uses. The Porter County I owns the property and uses a portion of the building for storage, sor	Museum Foundation currently

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Signature of Petitioner	Signature of Property Owner
Todd A. Leeth/Katie L. Kopf	
Printed Name	Signature of Property Owner
Subscribed and sworn to before me, a	Notary in and for said County and State, personally appeared:
Todd A. Leeth	, and acknowledge the execution of the
foregoing document, this \\ \& _day o	of <u>March</u> 20 ²² .
Kimbaledy	My Commission Expires:
NOTARY PUBLIC	Resident ofCounty
Type or Print name of Notary	KIMBERLY S. WERNER Notary Public, State of Indiana Porter County Commission Number NP0685508 My Commission Expires May 20, 2024

HOEPPNER Board of Zoning Appeals Application
WAGNER &
EVANS LLP Petitioner Date: March 18, 2022
Public Hearing: April 20, 2022

DEVELOPMENT STANDARD VARIANCE AND SPECIAL USE REQUESTS

Porter County Museum Foundation

Special Use – within the Cer	§2.201 (Table 2.201A	
Places of Publ	ic Assembly – CBD District	§2.516 D(1)
Code:	Shall not be located on ground	d floor
Propos	ed: To be located on ground floor	
Places of Publ	ic Assembly – Minimum Lot Sizes	§2.516 C(1)(b)(ii)
Code:	3 acres	
	ed: Less than 3 acres	

HOEPPNER WAGNER & City of Valparaiso

Board of Zoning Appeals Application

EVANS LLP Petitioner:

Porter County Museum Foundation March 18, 2022

Date: March 18, 2022 Public Hearing: April 20, 2022

CITY OF VALPARAISO BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

PETITIONER'S PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACT

Petitioner:

Porter County Museum Foundation

Legal Description:

That part of Lot 1, in Block 28, in the Original Survey of the Town, now City, of Valparaiso, as per plat thereof recorded in Deed Record "A," page 13, in the Office of the Recorder of Porter County, Indiana, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of said Lot 1; thence South 00° 00' 43" East along the East line of said Lot 1, a distance of 69.27 feet; thence South 89° 58' 13" West parallel with the North line of said Lot 1, a distance of 43.85 feet; thence North 00° 12' 14" East, a distance of 69.27 to the North line of said Lot 1; thence North 89° 58' 13" East along the North line of said Lot 1, a distance of 43.59 to the place of beginning. Containing 0.07 Acres more or less all in Porter County, Indiana.

Location:

20 Indiana Avenue, Valparaiso, Indiana 46383

Current Zoning:

Central Business (CBD) District

Petition:

Development Standards Variances:

1. Places of Public Assembly

Sec. 2.516 D(1)

CBD District

Code:

shall not be located on ground floor

Proposed:

to be located on ground floor

2. Places of Public Assembly Minimum Lot Sizes

Sec. 2.516 C(1)(b)(ii)

Code:

3 acres

Proposed:

Less than 3 acres

Case No .:

The above named Petitioner now makes the proposed Findings of Fact in support of Petitioner's petition for development standards variances to allow for the expansion of Porter County Museum for the use of the overall building for artifact-focused exhibits and other museum uses and related ancillary uses, all in accordance with general plans filed with the City pursuant to the provisions set forth above and found in the Unified Development Ordinance. After conducting a public hearing pursuant to I.C. 37-7-4-920 et seq. and the Unified Development Ordinance, and after hearing Petitioner's arguments and evidence in support of the variances, remonstrance and opposition or the opportunity for the receipt thereof, and comments, reports or recommendations of staff and others, the Board of Zoning Appeals for the City of Valparaiso, Indiana now finds as follows:

FINDINGS:

- The grant will not be injurious to the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the community because:
 - Access to and enjoyment of all abutting property is not made difficult or frustrated by the granting of the variances.
 - The granting of the variances will not alter the essential character of the locality.
 - c. The granting of the variances will not adversely affect the safety of vehicular traffic by reducing or obstructing the line of sight at intersections of public or private roads or driveways.

- d. The variances will not adversely affect the aesthetic appeal of the subject property or any neighboring property or buildings located thereon. The Petitioner plans to utilize space currently occupied by Aster + Gray to create a stable environment for the museum's collection of artifacts for the benefit of the general public.
- 2. The use and value of the area adjacent to the property included in the variances will not be affected in a substantially adverse manner because:
 - a. The granting of the variances will not in any recognizable way encroach on the enjoyment or use of the surrounding properties.
 - b. The granting of the variances will secure or preserve adequate light, air, convenience of access, and safety from fire and other dangers.
 - There will be no substantial change in the use of the property that will result
 if the variances are granted.
 - d. The granting of the variances will preserve and enhance the scenic beauty, aesthetics, and environmental integrity of the community and City.
 - The granting of the variances is the most restrictive and the minimum relief available to the Petitioner.
- The strict application of the terms of the Zoning Ordinance will result in practical difficulties because:
 - a. The circumstances and conditions existing on or about Petitioner's property which prevent conformance with the Unified Development Ordinance and requiring the variances are not self-created.
 - b. The use must be located on the first floor because the building is only a single story. The expansion will allow for the enlargement of a bathroom suite to meet ADA compliance, and will provide a benefit to the general public for its ease of accessibility.

c. It is impractical for a quasi-governmental non-profit organization to operate a museum in an urban downtown location on acres or more of real estate.

Respectfully submitted;

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City of Valparaiso Board of Zoning Appeals Application

EVANS LLP Petitioner

Porter County Museum Foundation

Date: March 18, 2022 Public Hearing: April 20, 2022

CITY OF VALPARAISO BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

PETITIONER'S PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACT SPECIAL USE

Petitioner:

Porter County Museum Foundation

Legal Description:

That part of Lot 1, in Block 28, in the Original Survey of the Town, now City, of Valparaiso, as per plat thereof recorded in Deed Record "A," page 13, in the Office of the Recorder of Porter County, Indiana, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of said Lot 1; thence South 00° 00' 43" East along the East line of said Lot 1, a distance of 69.27 feet; thence South 89° 58' 13" West parallel with the North line of said Lot 1, a distance of 43.85 feet; thence North 00° 12' 14" East, a distance of 69.27 to the North line of said Lot 1; thence North 89° 58' 13" East along the North line of said Lot 1, a distance of 43.59 to the place of beginning. Containing 0.07 Acres more or less all in Porter County, Indiana.

Location:

20 Indiana Avenue, Valparaiso, Indiana 46383

Current Zoning:

Central Business (CBD) District

Petition:

Special use in the Central Business (CBD) District for a place of public assembly

Case No .:

The above named Petitioner now makes the proposed Findings of Fact in support of Petitioner's petition for a special use in the Central Business (CBD) District for a place of public assembly to allow for the expansion of Porter County Museum for the use of the overall building for artifact-focused exhibits and other museum uses and related ancillary uses, all in accordance with general plans filed with the City pursuant to the provisions set forth above and found in the Unified Development Ordinance. After conducting a public hearing pursuant to 1.C. 37-7-4-920 et seq. and the Unified Development Ordinance, and after hearing Petitioner's arguments and evidence in support of the special use, remonstrance and opposition or the opportunity for the receipt thereof, and comments, reports or recommendations of staff and others, the Board of Zoning Appeals for the City of Valparaiso, Indiana now finds as follows:

FINDINGS:

- The special use will not materially detract from the character of the immediate area or negatively affect the anticipated development or redevelopment trajectory because:
 - a. Access to and enjoyment of all abutting property is not made difficult or frustrated by the grant. The Petitioner plans to utilize space currently occupied by Aster + Gray to create a stable environment for the museum's collection of artifacts for the benefit of the general public.
 - b. The grant will not alter the essential character of the locality. The Porter County Museum has existed directly east across from Franklin Street for the past 47 years, and has garnered national attention as an award-winning institution that provides educational benefit to Valparaiso and Porter County residents.
 - The grant will not adversely affect the aesthetic appeal of the subject property or any neighboring property or buildings located thereon, nor will the grant in any recognizable way encroach on the enjoyment or use of the surrounding properties. The reuse of the space for museum purposes will add to the character of the CBD through the institution's continued work helping visitors develop a greater sense of place.
- 2. There is no practicable alternative location where the use is permitted as-of-right within one-quarter mile of the parcel proposed for development, or, if such a location exists, the proposed location is more favorable in terms of providing a needed community service to a population that has limited mobility because:
 - a. The proposed location is situated at the intersection of Indiana Avenue and Franklin Street, which is close to the historical Porter County Courthouse square and the Porter County Jail where Petitioner currently maintains the museum.
 - b. The building located at the proposed location is the first ADA-compliant space in the Porter County museum's 105-year history of being located in downtown Valparaiso.
 - c. The granting of the variances is the most restrictive and the minimum relief available to the Petitioner.
- 3. The approval of the special use will not create a critical mass of similar special uses that is likely to tend to discourage permitted uses by making the vicinity less desirable for them because:

- a. The proposed special use is the only history-focused institution of its kind in downtown Valparaiso, and is a great compliment to other venues on the Indiana Avenue corridor, and within the CBD.
- b. Granting the variances allows for more beneficial use of the property without detrimentally affecting safety or aesthetics of the current building. The expansion will allow for the enlargement of a bathroom suite to meet ADA compliance, and will provide a benefit to the general public for its ease of accessibility.
- 4. The special use is conducted in a manner that is not materially more disruptive to adjacent properties than other permitted uses in the district unless the special use is temporary and the duration of the use is limited to minimize the impact because:
 - a. Parking has never been an issue at the current location directly east of the proposed site for the past 47 years of operation. The current street parking and free parking lots nearby have accommodated the visitors well, with no disruptions to adjacent property owners.

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March 2022

Board of Zoning Appeals, City of Valparaiso 166 W. Lincolnway Valparaiso, IN 46383

Application Exhibit No. 1

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PROPOSED REUSE

Reuse of 20 E. Indiana Avenue entirely for museum purposes will provide the first climate-controlled, ADA-accessible space in our institution's long history. This building is a benefit to the general public for its ease of accessibility and is a stable environment for our collection of artifacts thanks to its control of temperature and relative humidity. The following is a quick summary of the proposed use of each internal space:

Main Gallery

This gallery will be used for a semi-permanent, artifact-focused exhibit we have tentatively titled, *Porter County: A to Z.* We plan to change out artifacts on a regular basis, but the overall theme would remain for at least five years. This exhibit will tell the general story of Valparaiso and Porter County through artifacts in our collection.

Cain Gallery

The Cain Gallery will showcase artwork from our permanent collection and will change out every periodically. We also anticipate partnership opportunities in this space with the Valparaiso Creative Council, Spring into the @rts, and other local organizations.

Montague/Urschel Gallery

We have retained the Montague/Urschel name for what will serve as our temporary exhibit gallery. This space will host a history-focused exhibit for approximately eight months and an art-focused exhibit for approximately four months of a calendar year. Our planned inaugural exhibit for this space is a collaboration with Chicago's Field Museum and other regional partners to spotlight art of the Calumet Region.

Collection/Art Storage

A high-density shelving solution has been developed to store most of our collection when it is not on display. This area will not be accessible to the general public during regular hours, but we plan to showcase it on special ticketed behind-the-scenes tours.

PHYSICAL CHANGES

There is one major and two minor physical changes in our reuse of the Aster & Gray space. The major change is renovating the bathroom suite so that the west bathroom is enlarged to meet ADA compliance. Minor changes include rebuilding an interior 5' 5" wall at the east end of the Local Art Gallery that Aster & Gray removed in 2019 and creating a 6' finished opening between the Montague/Urschel Gallery and the Main Gallery. This will help create flow between public spaces and establish a much better sightline between the north entrance and south exit.

HISTORY

The Porter County Museum, known now as the PoCo Muse, was founded by the Porter County Historical Society on September 24, 1916. The collection of artifacts was first amassed by residents of all twelve townships in Porter County to celebrate Indiana's Centennial in downtown Valparaiso.

Over the last 105 years, the artifacts of the museum's collection have remained in the county seat and have been displayed in Valparaiso's Carnegie Library (1916-1937), Porter County's Courthouse (1938-1973), and Porter County's 1871 Jail (1975-2020). Our intended reuse of 20 E. Indiana Avenue for the purpose of preserving and showcasing this collection will be the museum's fourth official home.

Trustees of the Porter County Museum Foundation (a successor organization to the Porter County Historical Society) acquired the building at 20 E. Indiana Avenue in 2017 from 1st Source Bank with the intention of connecting it to the properties at 16 and 18 Indiana Avenue in a larger, now-defunct project. The south portion of 20 E. Indiana Avenue was initially used as the museum's programming space (2017-2020) before it became the Montague/Urschel Gallery (2021-2022). Aster & Gray has existed as an income-generating tenant in the north portion of the building since August 2017 and have now moved to another space at 118 Lincolnway in Valparaiso.



A rendering of how the condensable storage shelving will function within 20 E. Indiana Avenue

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Use Variance Development Standards Variance Special Exception/Special Use Relief to Administrative Decision Conditional Use Wireless Communications Facility	Application Type: USE VARIANCE DEV. STAINMANDS VARIANCE Application Filing Fee: Date Filed: 03 19 22 Meeting: 64 20 22
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405 ELM STREET	side between (streets) ELM & Poplar Zoning District: INL
PETITIONER INFORMATION	
Applicant Name: ALLAN SVIHLIK Phone: 219.280.0031 Email: 5andy @ Paragoninstall. com	Address: 276 W 100 N VALPARAISO, IN 46385
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Please read and sign the following statement:

I, the Petitioner (and Property Owner, if separate), understand that I and/or my representative must be present at the public hearing. Should I fail to appear, the BZA, in my absence, may consider and take action on my Petition. If the Petitioner is not the owner of the property that is the basis of this Petition, the signature of the Property Owner(s) constitutes authorization for the Petitioner to speak and act on behalf of the Property Owner(s). The Petitioner certifies that neither the Petitioner nor any attachments or exhibits submitted contains any known intentional misrepresentations or intentionally misleading statements. All information submitted is accurate, true, and correct to the best of the Petitioner's knowledge. The providing of false and/or inaccurate information on this Petition or during any proceedings before the BZA may result in the denial of the request or the revocation of the request, should a Petition be granted. Similarly, if as part of any granted Petition, the BZA places any restrictions and/or limitations, I acknowledge that my failure to comply with such restrictions/limitations shall be grounds to revoke any granted Petition. The Petitioner acknowledges that it bears the obligation to mail notice of any Public Hearing to all property owners within 300 feet of the property that is the subject of this Petition. Any errors by the Petitioner may result in the Petition being delayed, denied, or revoked.

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Printed Name	Signature of Property Owner

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary in and for said County and State, personally appeared:

AUAN SVIHLIK & TEFFREY SVIH And acknowledge the execution of the

foregoing document, this 17 day of MAR, 20 22.

My Commission NOTARY PUBLIC Resident of P

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(To be presented with application for Board of Zoning Appeals)

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Variance from Development Standards Petitioner's Proposed Findings of Fact

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Petitioner submits that:

A. The proposed variance from the Development Standards will not be injurious to the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the community because:

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B. The use and value of the area adjacent to the property included in the proposed variance will not be affected in a substantially adverse manner because:

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C. The strict application of the terms of the zoning ordinance will result in practical difficulties in the use of the property included in the proposed variance because:

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ANTIQUATED.

The petitioner carries the burden of proving to the Board of Zoning Appeals the existence of each and every one of the elements listed above.

Use Variance

Petitioner's Proposed Findings of Fact

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Petitioner Submits that:

A. The proposed use variance will not be injurious to the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the community because:

MANUFACTURING SIGNS WILL NOT CREATE OR CONSTITUTE A NUISANCE TO SURROUNDING PROPERTY OWNERS. THE ONLY CHANGE TO BUILDING WILL BE THE ADDITION OF SIGNACIE TO THE BUILDING WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN PERMITTEDA APPROVED.

B. The use and value of the area adjacent to the property included in the proposed variance will not be affected in a substantially adverse manner because:

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D. The need for the use variance arises from the following condition peculiar to the property involved, which is:

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E. The strict application of the terms of the zoning ordinance will constitute an unnecessary hardship if applied to the property for which the variance is sought because:

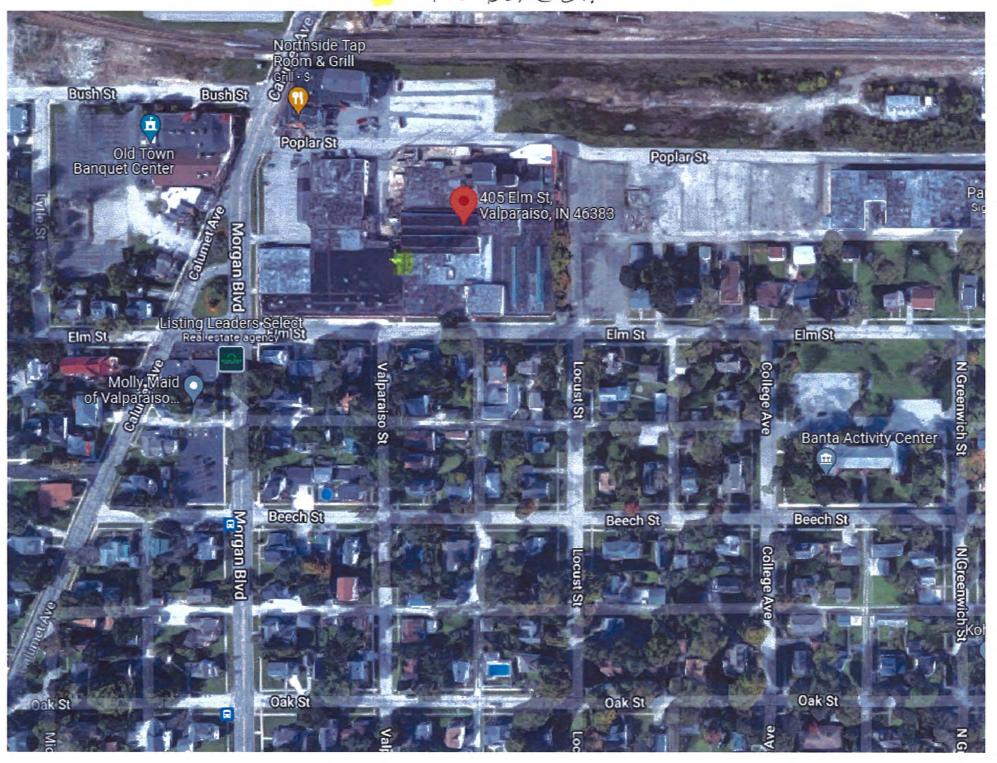
APPROVAL WILL INCREASE REVENUE AND CREATE JOBS. PACAGON INSTALLATIONS AND AMERICAN DIRECT SALES HAS CONDUCTED BUSINESS IN THIS ZONE (711 GARFIELD & 405 ELM.) AS A SIGN INSTALLER/MANUFACTURER FOR YEARS. OUR DECISION TO PURCHASE ANATIONAL FRANCHISE IS TO CREATE NAME RECOGNITION AND TO BETTER SERVE THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

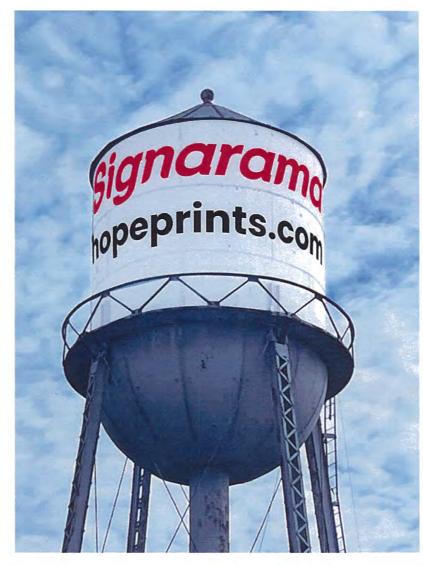
F. Approval of the proposed use variance does not interfere substantially with the comprehensive plan

F. Approval of the proposed use variance does not interfere substantially with the comprehensive plan adopted by the City of Valparaiso because:

UPON APPROVAL, THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE TO PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, MORANS AND GENERAL WELFARE
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The petitioner carries the burden of proving to the Board of Zoning Appeals the existence of each element listed above.





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