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# Memorandum

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To:

Loy Lee, Planner

Village of Orland Park

From:

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Date:

May 15, 2012

Subject:

Chase Bank – 94th Avenue

Landscape Plan Review #2

The following is a review of the landscape and tree preservation plans prepared by 3D Design dated 5.4.12, pursuant to requirements of Section 6-305 Landscaping and Bufferyards.

### **Bufferyards**

On this site, three bufferyards exist (south, east and west). The north bufferyard is a shared driveway and parking lot, therefore the ordinance requirements do not apply.

## **South Bufferyard**

The land use adjacent to the south bufferyard is retail along an arterial road. The required bufferyard between the planned retail along an arterial road is bufferyard "C." Assuming a length of 205 feet, width of 15 feet, and a 30 percent ratio of evergreen trees and shrubs, the plant material requirements and proposed landscape is described as follows:

Plant Type	Required Quantity	Quantity Proposed	Difference
East Yard	<u> </u>	<del></del> ,	
Canopy Trees* (Evergreen)	9 (3)	13(0) (11 are existing)	+4
Ornamental Trees	4	3	-1
Shrubs* (Evergreen)	36 (11)	48 (41)	+12

<sup>\* 30%</sup> of which should be evergreen

Comments & Recommendations – The petitioner has not met the ornamental tree requirement; however, due to the additional deciduous trees and shrub plantings proposed we recommend approval of the plan as shown.

#### **East Bufferyard**

The land use adjacent to the east bufferyard is commercial/retail. The required bufferyard between the planned retail and existing retail is bufferyard "B." Assuming a length of 140 feet, width of 25 feet, and a 30 percent ratio of evergreen trees and shrubs, the plant material requirements and proposed landscape is described as follows:

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Plant Type	Required Quantity	Quantity Proposed	Difference
East Yard		.I.	<u></u>
Canopy Trees* (Evergreen)	3 (1)	9 (1) ( 9 are existing)	+6
Ornamental Trees	1	0	-1
Shrubs* (Evergreen)	17 (5)	9 (0) (all are existing)	-8

<sup>\* 30%</sup> of which should be evergreen

Comments & Recommendations – The petitioner has not met the ornamental tree or shrub requirements; however, due to the additional deciduous trees proposed we recommend approval of the plan as shown.

## **West Bufferyard**

The land use adjacent to the west bufferyard is undeveloped commercial/retail. The required bufferyard between the planned retail and undeveloped commercial is bufferyard "C." Assuming a length of 150 feet, width of 30 feet, and a 30 percent ratio of evergreen trees and shrubs, the plant material requirements and proposed landscape is described as follows:

Plant Type	Required Quantity	Quantity Proposed	Difference
West Yard	-L		I
Canopy Trees* (Evergreen)	5 (2)	7 (2) (5 are existing)	+2
Ornamental Trees	2	1	-1
Shrubs* (Evergreen)	21 (6)	17 (5) (5 are existing)	-4

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Comments & Recommendations — The petitioner has not met the ornamental tree or shrub requirements; however, due to the additional deciduous tree proposed we recommend approval of the plan as shown.

#### **Foundation Plantings**

In compliance with Section 6-305 S.10, the petitioner has provided a minimum 10-foot-wide landscape area fronting 70 percent of the sides of the proposed buildings. The plantings consist of a mixture of deciduous shrubs, evergreen shrubs and ornamental grasses.

### Parking Lot/Landscape Islands

The ordinance requires one landscaped island for every seven parking spaces, resulting in three required islands for this site. Each island is required to have one canopy tree and a minimum of one shrub per island, for a minimum of 3 required canopy trees and 3 shrubs. The petitioner has provided adequate parking islands, canopy trees, and shrubs.

## **Parkway Trees**

The parkway tree requirement has been met per plans prepared by 3D Design Studio.

## **Screening of Trash Enclosures/Utilities**

The petitioner has indicated the location of one trash enclosure on the landscape plan. The petitioner has provided the appropriate screening for the enclosure by using masonry building materials as well as large deciduous shrubs.

#### **Tree Preservation**

The petitioner has submitted a Tree Survey prepared by 3D Design Studio, dated May 4, 2012, indicating the species, size and condition of the 31 existing trees 4 inches and larger. Fourteen trees are indicated to be removed due to the development, eleven of which require mitigation per the Village Tree Preservation Standards, Section 6-305.1.C.2.a. The petitioner has proposed eight 4" caliper trees and seven 2.5" caliper trees to satisfy the requirements. Tree protection details and notes have been provided.

### **Detention/Retention**

Detention has been provided previously in the detention pond to the northeast of the site; however, the petitioner is required to provide Best Management Practices. This has been accomplished with the rain garden to the south of the building.

#### Wetlands

To our knowledge there are no wetlands on the site and that the Village has documentation supporting this.

#### **Landscape Notes**

The petitioner has added the appropriate landscape notes.

#### Recommendation

Based on the aforementioned memos and plans, we recommend accepting the Landscape Plan for Chase Bank, 94<sup>th</sup> Avenue, prepared by 3D Design Studio. Please submit the following to Loy Lee at the Village of Orland Park. Your project will then be placed on the next Village Board meeting for Consent Agenda Approval.

1 reduced size set (no larger than 11x17)

End of comments.