

Development Services Department City of Riviera Beach, Florida

600 W. Blue Heron Blvd. Riviera Beach, FL 33404

MEMO

To:

Applicant

From:

Mary F Savage-Dunham, AICP

Assistant Director of Development Services

Date:

15 July 2021

Re:

SP-21-03: Site Plan Application

1301 President Barack Obama Highway

I have reviewed the materials submitted and offer the following comments and questions:

- 1. A copy of the approved SWPPP for this project must be provided to the City Engineer's attention. This will be a condition of approval.
- 2. Upon approval all conditions of approval shall be listed on the cover sheet of the site plans before they are stamped. This will be a condition of approval.
- 3. Please verify that you have a minimum 15' landscape butter along President Barack Obama Highway and review Section 31-531 for the landscape requirements in this buffer (excerpt: *Planting pattern for a perimeter R-O-W buffer*. One hundred percent of the buffer length shall be composed of a continuous opaque vertical landscape screen at least two feet in height, and composed of the shrub types listed in table 31-551(f)(2)b, Shrub Planting Requirements. The area of the buffer not planted with trees and shrubs shall be landscaped with ground treatment according to Florida friendly landscape provisions.) The Spanish Stopper trees are good understory trees and provide good screening, I just want to verify that you have the required shade trees here and the opaque screen of 2' in height.
- 4. Do you expect any public traffic to the site to pick up packages? Please explain those traffic movements and how the public will know what driveways to use. Still open: Do you expect public traffic to the site to pick up packages? Please explain those traffic movements and what door those customers will use.

5. What is the maximum vehicle size that will be driving through the building utilizing the ramps? Do the vehicles idle in the building or are they turned off during loading? Still open.

- 6. No parking is allowed in the Right of Way. Please add a note to the plans under the parking table. This will be a condition of approval.
- 7. All parking spaces are required to have wheel stops placed 2.5 feet from the edge of the stall
- 8. If during peak periods you utilize additional drivers in private vehicles to supplement the fleet those vehicles are required to be marked with a placard or magnet which clearly shows that it is functioning as a commercial vehicle. This will be a condition of approval.
- 9. Per the Landscape code: "The required landscaping (not less than 20 percent of the total gross area) shall be increased by ten square feet for each additional parking space exceeding the minimum number of parking spaces required by the City of Riviera Beach Land Development Code. The additional landscaping shall be designed in accordance with the standards of these regulations. For each additional 100 square feet of impervious areas or fraction thereof, the owner shall provide one shade tree in addition to shrubs, ground cover, grasses and mulch." Please revise the landscape plan accordingly or reduce the number of parking spaces.
- 10. We take note of and appreciate your stated commitment to provide temporary as well as permanent employment opportunities to local residents. This is very important to the City. Can you provide any additional information about the number and types of jobs to be created both during the construction phase as well as the ongoing operations? Will the employment opportunities span the range of jobs on site as opposed to being all van driver or construction positions? In addition to participating in local job fairs will Amazon commit to hosting local job fairs or hiring events?
- 11. Does Amazon engage with the local community as far as being involved in local leaders, charitable foundations, and local outreach and support systems for community residents? How does Amazon typically "give back" to local communities aside from day to day operations? Do you have any examples of programs or sponsored events from other areas that you would implement in Riviera Beach?
- 12. We have not yet received the updated TPS letter. Has their assessment been completed? What offsite improvements, if any, will be required? We cannot schedule for Planning and Zoning Board until we have it.
- 13. Since this project will disturb more than 1 acre of soil it is subject to submittal of the Notice of Intent to Use Generic Permit for Small Construction activities and all related regulation. **This will be a condition of approval.**
- 14. Maximum impervious area allowed is 80%. All notes re: impervious on all sheets should note this and if you are over the allowable percentage you need to eliminate some impervious cover.