

RIVER FOREST ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING AGENDA

A meeting of the River Forest Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 7:30 P.M. in the Community Room of the River Forest Village Hall, 400 Park Avenue, River Forest, Illinois.

Physical attendance at this public meeting may be limited due to the COVID-19 pandemic with Zoning Board of Appeals officials, staff and consultants having priority over members of the public. Public comments and any responses will be read into the public meeting record. You may submit your public comments via email in advance of the meeting to: Clifford Radatz at <u>cradatz@vrf.us</u>. You may listen to the meeting by clicking here: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8241058979?omn=88314278203</u>

or participating in a telephone conference call as follows, dial-in number: 1-312-626-6799 with meeting id: 824 105 8979

If you would like to participate over the phone, please contact Clifford Radatz by telephone at (708) 714-3557 or by email at <u>cradatz@vrf.us</u> by 12:00 pm on the day of the meeting.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Hearing Special Use Permit Child Daycare Center in the C-3 Commercial District 7777 Lake Street.
- III. Confirmation of Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting April 11, 2024.
- IV. Public Comment
- V. Adjournment

Application for Special Use Permit For 7777 Lake Street, River Forest, Illinois

Requested by Mosaic Montessori Academy

February 2024

Applicant Information

Landlord:

Jake Strand Stand Properties 140 S Grove Oak Park, IL 60302

Brokerage:

The Apartment Source 2533 W. Fullerton Ave. Chicago, IL 60647

Designated Agent:

Ariel Bo Pang

Proposed Tenant:

Maria Carandang & Rainer Ramos Mosaic Montessori Academy 7970 Lake St. River Forest, IL 60305

Brokerage:

Laura Maychruk Real Estate 911 S. Lombard Ave. Oak Park, IL 60304

Designated Agent:

Laura Maychruk

Statement from the Property Owner

February 21, 2024

Subject: Special Use Permit Application for Mosaic Montessori Academy at 7777 Lake Street, River Forest IL 60305

Landlord: Jack Strand Strand Properties 140 S Grove Oak Park, IL 60302

To Village of River Forest - Village Zoning Department,

I am writing to you in my capacity as the legal representative and holder of power of attorney for the property located at 7777 Lake Street in River Forest, which is under the ownership of Jack Strand. I've been entrusted with overseeing the best use of this asset, ensuring it continues to contribute positively to our community.

I am aware that the current zoning regulations for the commercial property in question do not explicitly permit the operation of a child daycare center. However, I am formally requesting your consideration and approval for a special use permit that would allow a dedicated and reputable child daycare provider to occupy approximately 4,000 square feet of the available 12,000 square feet within the building.

This request is part of a broader application submitted by the Mosaic Montessori Academy, who is keen to offer their valuable services to our community. The building has seen a number of its spaces remain vacant for a few years. I believe that granting this special use permit will not only revitalize a significant portion of the property but also serve an essential need within our community by providing reliable, safe, and accessible childcare services. The proposed use aligns with our shared objectives of fostering a family-friendly community environment and supporting the welfare and development of our youngest residents.

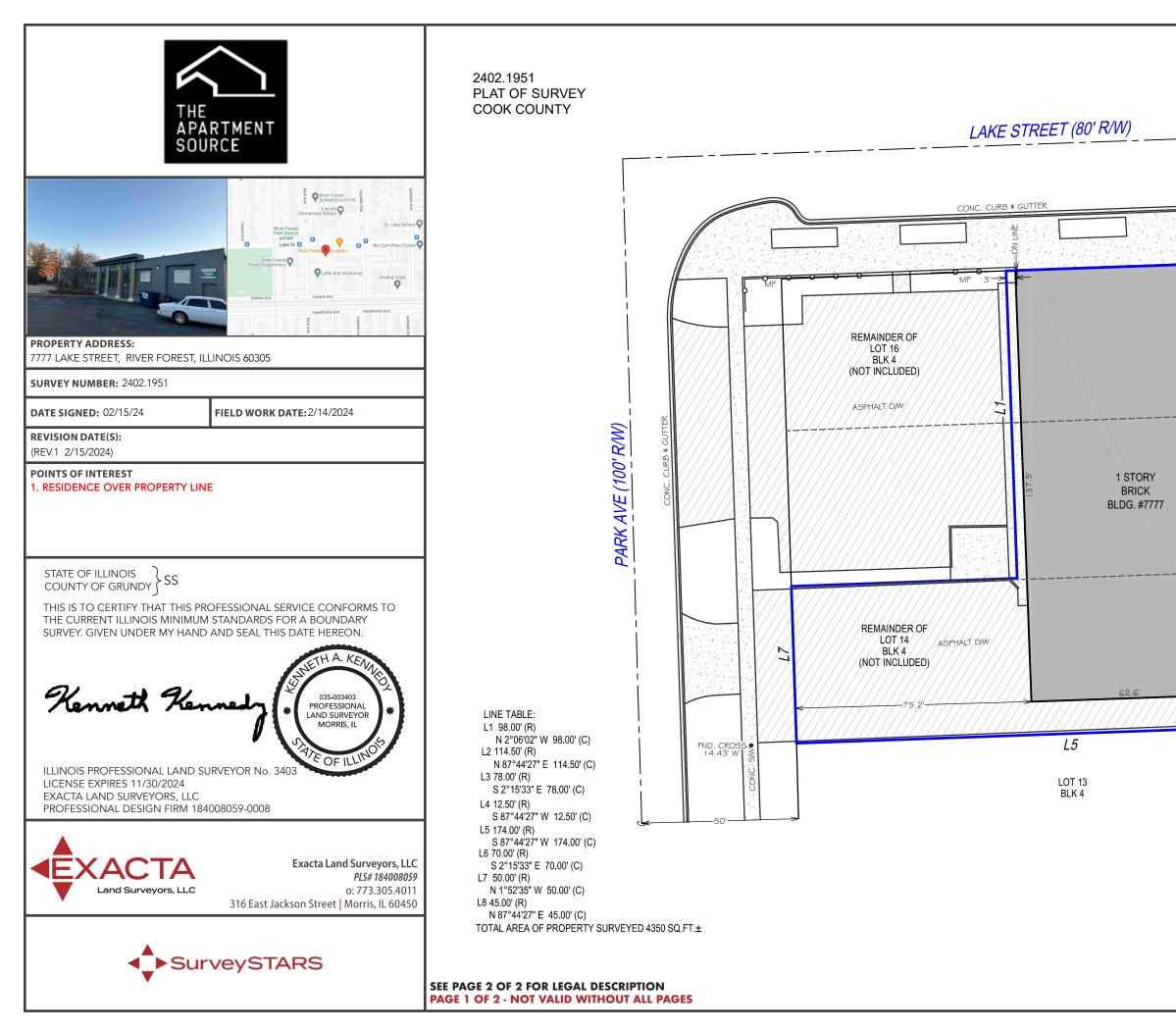
Should you require any additional information or wish to discuss this request further, please do not hesitate to contact me at <u>paris.arthur@gmail.com</u> Thank you for considering our request. I appreciate your time and the work you do for our village.

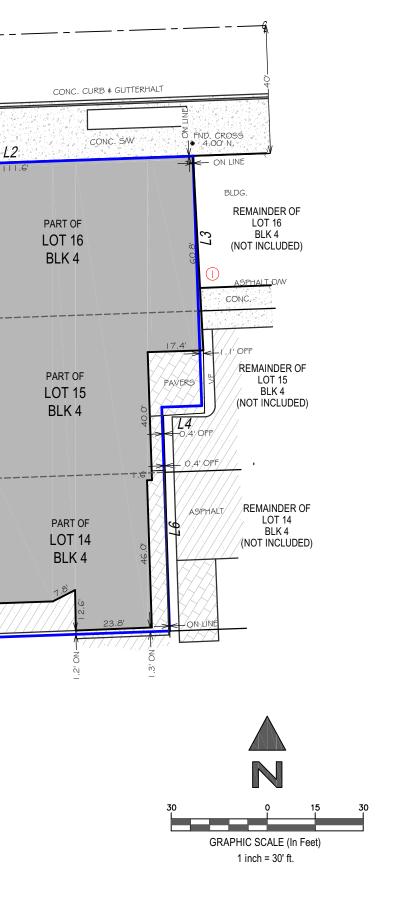
Sincerely,

as Power of attacky For Jack Strand

Arthur Paris Legal Representative for Jack Strand paris.arthur@gmail.com

Plat of Survey





PROPERTY ADDRESS: 7777 LAKE STREET, RIVER FOREST, ILLINOIS 60305	GENERAL SURVEYORS NOTES:	SURVEYORS LEGEND:	
SURVEY NUMBER: 2402.1951 CERTIFIED TO:	1. The Legal Description used to perform this survey was supplied by others. This survey does not determine nor imply ownership of the lands or any fences shown hereon. Unless otherwise noted, an examination of the abstract of title was NOT performed by the signing surveyor to determine which instruments, if any, are	LINETYPES Boundary Line	ABBREVIATIONS (C) - Calculated (D) - Deed
	 affecting this property. The purpose of this survey is to establish the boundary of the lands described by the legal description provided and to depict the visible improvements thereon for a pending financial transaction. Underground footings, utilities, or other service lines, including roof eave overhangs were not located as part of this survey. Unless specifically stated otherwise the purpose and intent of this survey is not for any construction activities or fortune. 	Center Line Chain Link or Wire Fence Easement Edge of Water	 (F) - Field (M) - Measured (P) - Plat (R) - Record (S) - Survey
DATE OF SURVEY: 02/15/24	or future planning.3. If there is a septic tank or drain field shown on this survey, the location depicted hereon was either shown to the surveyor by a third party or it was estimated by visual above ground inspection. No excavation was	ooo→ Iron Fence o+L Overhead Lines	A/C - Air Conditioning AE - Access Easement ANE - Anchor Easement
BUYER: LENDER:	performed to determine its location.4. This survey is exclusively for a pending financial transaction and only to be used by the parties to whom it is	Structure Survey Tie Line	ASBL - Accessory Setbar B/W - Bay/Box Window BC - Block Corner
TITLE COMPANY:	certified.		BFP - Backflow Prevente
COMMITMENT DATE: CLIENT FILE NO:	 Alterations to this survey map and report by other than the signing surveyor are prohibited. Dimensions are in feet and decimals thereof. 	Wall or Party Wall	BLDG - Building BLK - Block
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOT 14 (EXCEPT THE EAST 27.5 FEET THEREOF) AND LOT 15 (EXCEPT THE SOUTH 20 FEET OF THE EAST 27.5 FEET AND EXCEPT THE NORTH 30 FEET OF THE EAST 15 FEET THEREOF) IN BLOCK 4 IN LATHROP'S RESUBDIVISION OF LATHROP AND SEAVERN'S ADDITION TO RIVER FOREST, BEING A RESUBDIVISION OF THAT PART LYING EAST OF PARK AVENUE TOGETHER WITH THE EAST 3/5 OF BLOCK 15 IN LATHROP AND SEAVERN'S ADDITION IN THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 39 NORCH, RANGE 12 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, (EXCEPTREROM SAID PREMISES THE WEST 72 FEET OF LOTS 15 AND 16 AFOERSAID CONVEYED BY BOAG BUILDING CORPORATION, A CORPORATION OF DELAWARE TO ROSANA CENTRUM CORPORATION BY DOCUMENT NUMBER 9934913 RECORDED FEB. 23, 1928), IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS	 Any FEMA flood zone data contained on this survey is for informational purposes only. Research to obtain said data was performed at www.fema.gov and may not reflect the most recent information. Unless otherwise noted "SIR" indicates a set iron rebar, 5/8 inch in diameter and twenty-four inches long. The symbols reflected in the legend and on this survey may have been enlarged or reduced for clarity. The symbols have been plotted at the approximate center of the field location and may not represent the actual shape or size of the feature. Points of Interest (POI's) are select above-ground improvements, which may appear in conflict with boundary, building setback or easement lines, as defined by the parameters of this survey. These POI's may not represent all items of interest to the viewer. There may be additional POI's which are not shown or calledout as POI's, or which are otherwise unknown to the surveyor. Utilities shown on the subject property may or may not indicate the existence of recorded or unrecorded utility easements. The information contained on this survey has been performed exclusively by and is the sole responsibility of Exacta Land Surveyors, LLC. Additional logos or references to third party firms are for informational purposes only. Due to varying construction standards, building dimensions are approximate and are not intended to be used for new construction or planning. Surveyor bearings are used for angular reference and are used to show angular relationships of lines only and are not related or orientated to true or magnetic north orientation made on and for those original subdivision plats. North 00 degrees East is assumed and upon preparation of this plat, the resulting bearing between found points as shown on this survey is the basis of said surveyor bearings as defined and required to be oted by Illinois Administrative Code Title 68, Chapter VII, Sub-Chapter B, Part 1270, Section 1270	SURFACE TYPES Asphalt Brick or Tile Concrete Covered Area Water Wood SYMBOLS Image: Symbol S Image: Symbol S	BM - Benchmark BR - Bearing Reference BRL - Building Restriction BSMT - Basement C - Curve C/L - Center Line C/P - Covered Porch C/S - Concrete Slab CATV - Cable TV Riser CB - Concrete Block CH - Chord Bearing CHIM - Chimney CLF - Chain Link Fence CME - Canal Maintenance Easement CO - Clean Out CONC - Concrete COR - Concrete Sidewa CUE - Control Utility Ease CVG - Concrete Valley Gu D/W - Driveway DE - Drainage Easement DF - Drain Field DH - Drill Hole DUE - Drainage & Utility Easement ELEV - Elevation EM - Electric Meter ENT - Entrance EOP - Edge of Pavement EOW - Edge of Water ESMT - Easement EUB - Electric Utility Box F/DH - Found Drill Hole FCM - Found Concrete Monument
JOB SPECIFIC SURVEYOR NOTES:	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	

BREVIATIONS - Calculated - Deed - Field - Measured - Record - Survey - Air Conditioning - Access Easement E - Anchor Easement BL - Accessory Setback Line V - Bay/Box Window - Block Corner P - Backflow Preventer DG - Building **(-** Block - Benchmark - Bearing Reference L - Building Restriction Line MT - Basement - Center Line - Covered Porch - Concrete Slab TV - Cable TV Riser - Concrete Block - Chord Bearing IM - Chimney - Chain Link Fence E - Canal Maintenance - Clean Out NC - Concrete R - Corner W - Concrete Sidewalk E - Control Utility Easement **G** - Concrete Valley Gutter N - Driveway - Drainage Easement - Drain Field - Drill Hole JE - Drainage & Utility V - Elevation - Electric Meter CL - Enclosure **T** - Entrance

FIP - Found Iron Pipe FIPC - Found Iron Pipe & Cap FIR - Found Iron Rod FIRC - Found Iron Rod & Cap FN - Found Nail FN&D - Found Nail & Disc FRRSPK - Found Rail Road Spike GAR - Garage GM - Gas Meter **ID** - Identification IE/EE - Ingress/Egress Easement ILL - Illegible INST - Instrument INT - Intersection IRRE - Irrigation Easement L - Length LAE - Limited Access Easement LB# - License No. (Business) LBE - Limited Buffer Easement LE - Landscape Easement LME - Lake/Landscape Maintenance Easement LS# - License No. (Surveyor) **MB -** Map Book ME - Maintenance Easement MES - Mitered End Section MF - Metal Fence MH - Manhole MHWL - Mean High Water Line NR - Non-Radial NTS - Not to Scale NAVD88 - North American Vertical Datum 1988 NGVD29 - National Geodetic Vertical Datum 1929 OG - On Ground **ORB -** Official Records Book **ORV -** Official Record Volume O/A - Overall **O/S -** Offset **OFF** - Outside Subject Property OH - Overhang **OHL** - Overhead Utility Lines OHWL - Ordinary High Water Line **ON -** Inside Subject Property P/E - Pool Equipment PB - Plat Book PC - Point of Curvature PCC - Point of Compound Curvature PCP - Permanent Control Point **PI** - Point of Intersection PLS - Professional Land

Surveyor PLT - Planter **POB -** Point of Beginning POC - Point of Commencement **PRC** - Point of Reverse Curvature **PRM -** Permanent Reference Monument **PSM -** Professional Surveyor & Mapper **PT** - Point of Tangency **PUE -** Public Utility Easement R - Radius or Radial R/W - Right of Way **RES** - Residential RGE - Range ROE - Roof Overhang Easement **RP** - Radius Point S/W - Sidewalk SBL - Setback Line SCL - Survey Closure Line SCR - Screen SEC - Section SEP - Septic Tank SEW - Sewer **SIRC** - Set Iron Rod & Cap SMWE - Storm Water Management Easement SN&D - Set Nail and Disc SQFT - Square Feet **STL -** Survey Tie Line STY - Story SV - Sewer Valve **SWE -** Sidewalk Easement **TBM -** Temporary Bench Mark **TEL -** Telephone Facilities **TOB -** Top of Bank **TUE -** Technological Utility Easement TWP - Township TX - Transformer TYP - Typical **UE** - Utility Easement **UG** - Underground **UP -** Utility Pole UR - Utility Riser VF - Vinyl Fence W/C - Witness Corner W/F - Water Filter WF - Wood Fence WM - Water Meter/Valve Box WV - Water valve



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SEE PAGE 1 OF 2 FOR MAP OF PROPERTY PAGE 2 OF 2 - NOT VALID WITHOUT ALL PAGES Statements of Compliance with the Comprehensive Plan and the Zoning Title

How will Mosaic Montessori Academy work with the River Forest Zoning?

Mosaic Montessori Academy (MMA) is working with the Village of River Forest to bring our school into the C3 Commercial District as a Special Use. We fully intend to enhance services in the Village by bringing more high-quality early education and childcare to the residents of River Forest.

MMA is committed to providing children, aged two to six years+, with a creative and adaptive academic & social environment that respects each child's uniqueness and individuality. MMA encourages the dynamic collaboration of the child, parent, and the Montessori guide (teacher), in meeting the child's developmental needs. We strongly believe that employing the Montessori principles in guiding children is paramount in creating a solid foundation for the child's future.

MMA opened its doors in the Village of River Forest, Illinois on September 2007, with one primary classroom of children, three to six years of age. It immediately experienced growth that same year, even offering its first summer program also within said year. A Parent-Infant Program opened in the School Year (SY) 2008-2009 to meet the needs of some parents who were seeking this type of program for their very young children. A Toddler Program, serving two to three year old children, was put in place for the school year 2009-2010. MMA looks forward to the continued growth of the school with the addition of 2 toddler classrooms and 1 primary classroom at the 7777 Lake St. site, which will serve approximately 60 students and their families.

How will Mosaic Montessori Academy work with the River Forest Comprehensive Plan?

The Village of River Forest Comprehensive Plan states:

"To provide a sustainable and comprehensive approach to growth and development that protects and enhances residential neighborhoods; strengthens commercial areas and the Village's economic base; provides for the Village's network of parks, open space, and environmental resources; and reinforces the continued provision of high-quality community facilities and services."

"Village Center Commercial Village Center Commercial is a commercial/mixed-use area that provides products and services to meet daily living needs of residents, drawing customers from neighboring communities and beyond. Ground floor uses are primarily retail, restaurant, and personal service, with office and residential uses located on the upper floors. Development character, sense of place, and an attractive and comfortable pedestrian-oriented environment are essential. The area is generally located along the south side of Lake Street, between Lathrop Avenue and Park Avenue, and at the intersection of Lake Street and Thatcher Avenue."

To improve the success of commercial areas by working cooperatively to support existing businesses, creating new opportunities for desirable development, and improving the character, appearance, and function of the areas.

Core Objectives

1. Accommodate and support appropriate new commercial/mixed-use development.

2. Promote contextual, high quality design, architecture, and site amenities as new development and improvements are considered.

3. Maintain high quality and attractive commercial areas reflective of the Village's character and desired sense of place, through cohesive streetscape and public realm improvements.

4. Improve the pedestrian and bicycle friendliness, access, mobility and safety of commercial areas.

5. Balance the need for thriving and robust commercial areas with the importance of mitigating impacts on the Village's residential neighborhoods.

6. Provide adequate off-street parking to accommodate the needs of existing businesses and future development.

7. Encourage sustainable best practices for new commercial development and other commercial area improvements.8. Examine and amend the Village's zoning ordinance to better regulate the commercial districts in a manner reflective of

market realities and the desired character for the areas.

MMA is a high-quality institution offering education to children ages 18 months to 6 years. The school has been a vibrant part of River Forest life since 2007 when they opened within the River Forest Methodist Church (corner of Lake St. and Thatcher Ave.) Since that time, they have expanded their program to maximize the available space at the Church. Over the years, they have experienced great demand for expanding their services from the River Forest families that they serve.

Allowing MMA to utilize the space at 7777 Lake St. will allow them to expand their ability to serve the families of River Forest by offering more high-quality early childhood education.

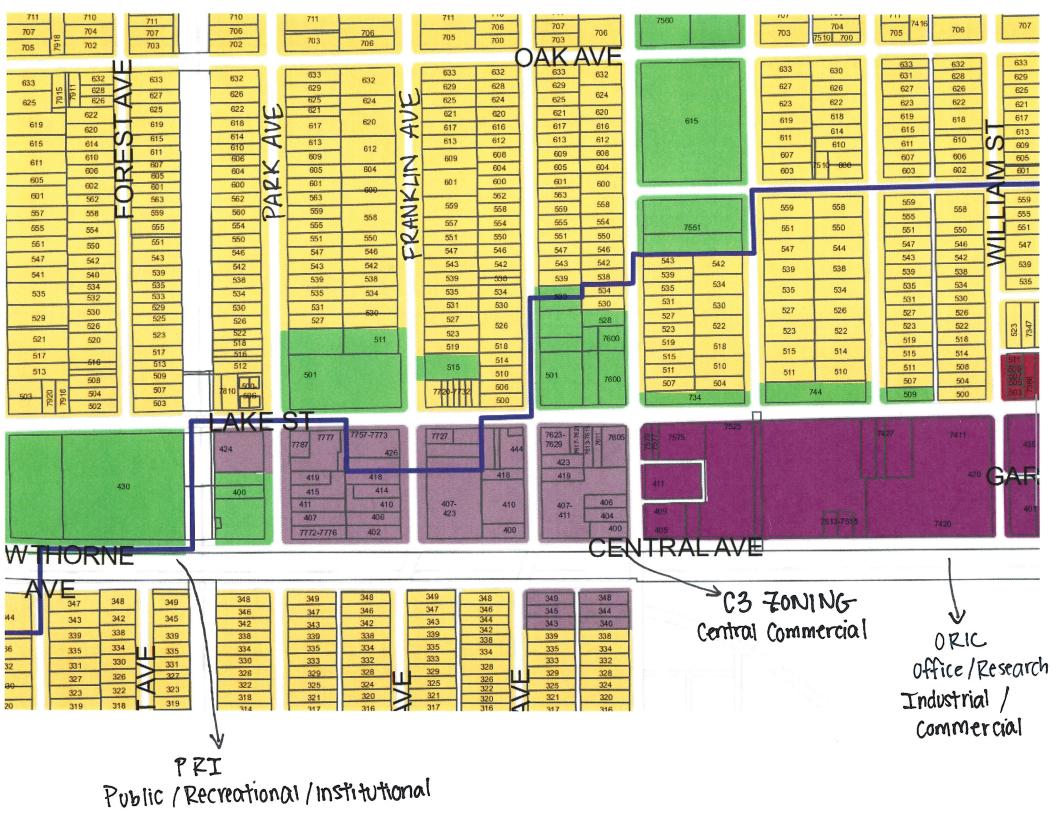
MMA has proven to be a "good neighbor" by enhancing the spaces that it occupies and energizing, once underutilized spaces. The opportunity for them to use the long-vacant space at 7777 Lake St., will bring more beauty and vibrance to the area, further enhancing the shopping and service businesses along the Lake St. Corridor.

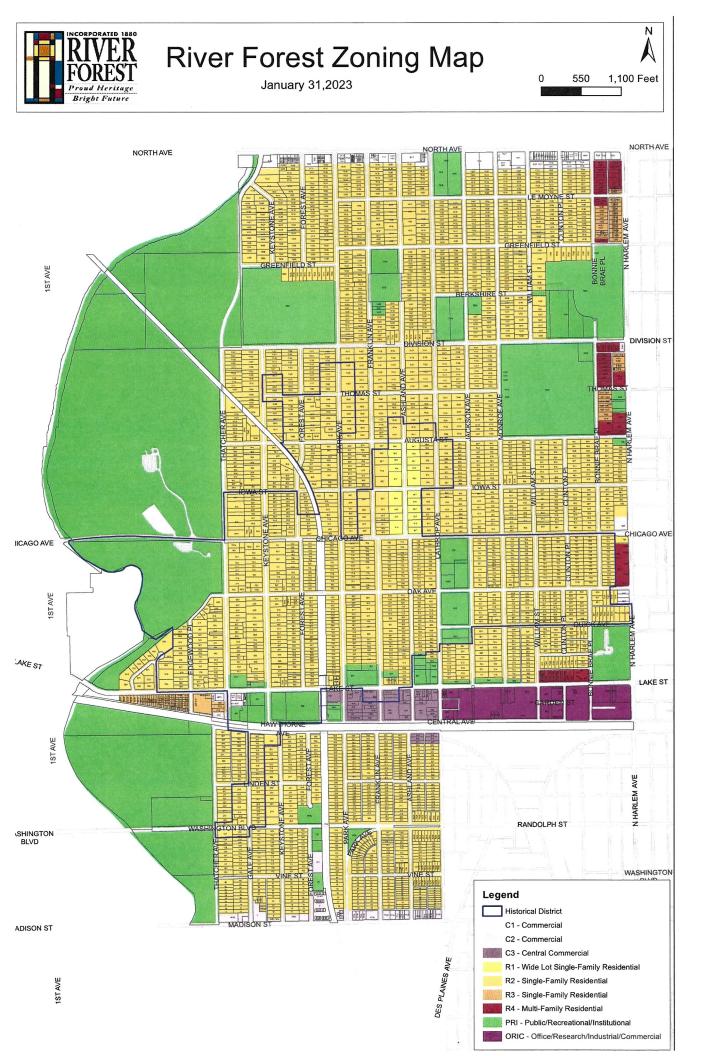
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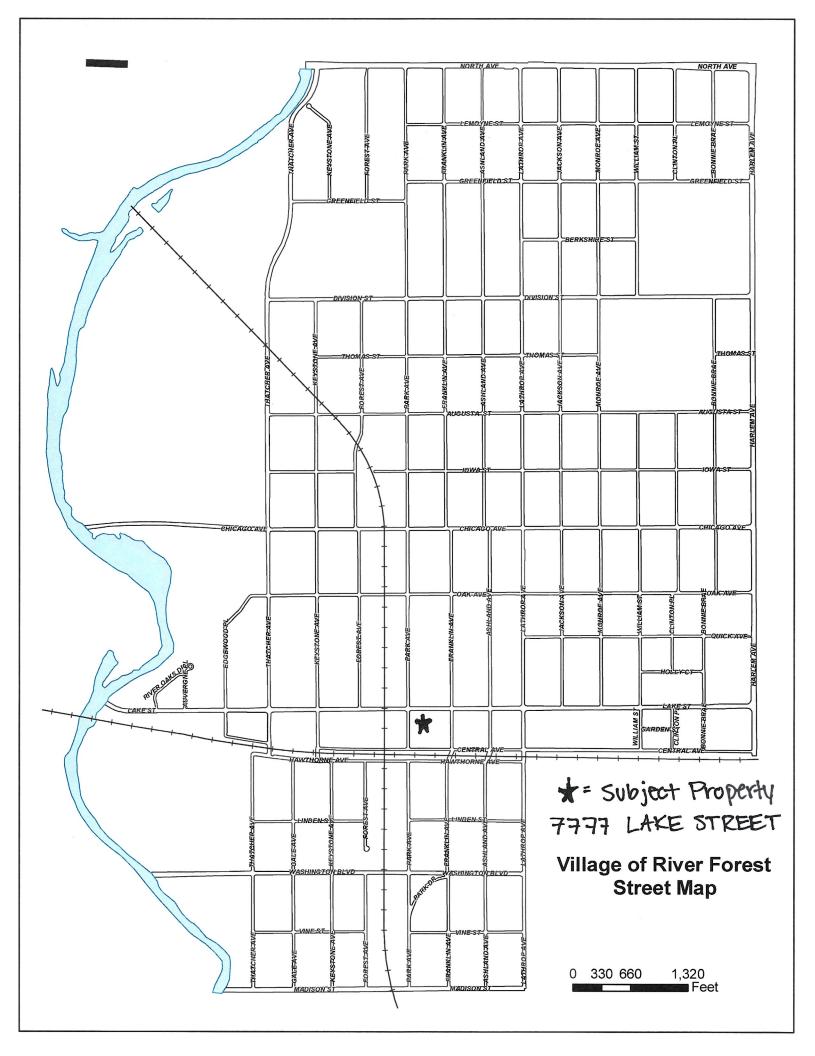


PARKING SPACES = 17

PROPOSED ANTDOOR PLAYSPACE







Site Plan with Zoning Information

Zoning Review Checklist

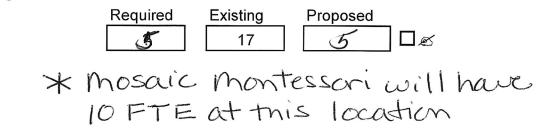
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		Spec	cial Use		
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Zoning Review Checklist

Building Height Ridge 10-14-6	Allowed	Existing	Proposed Height	
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10-14-8 Off-Street Parking:

Parking Spaces



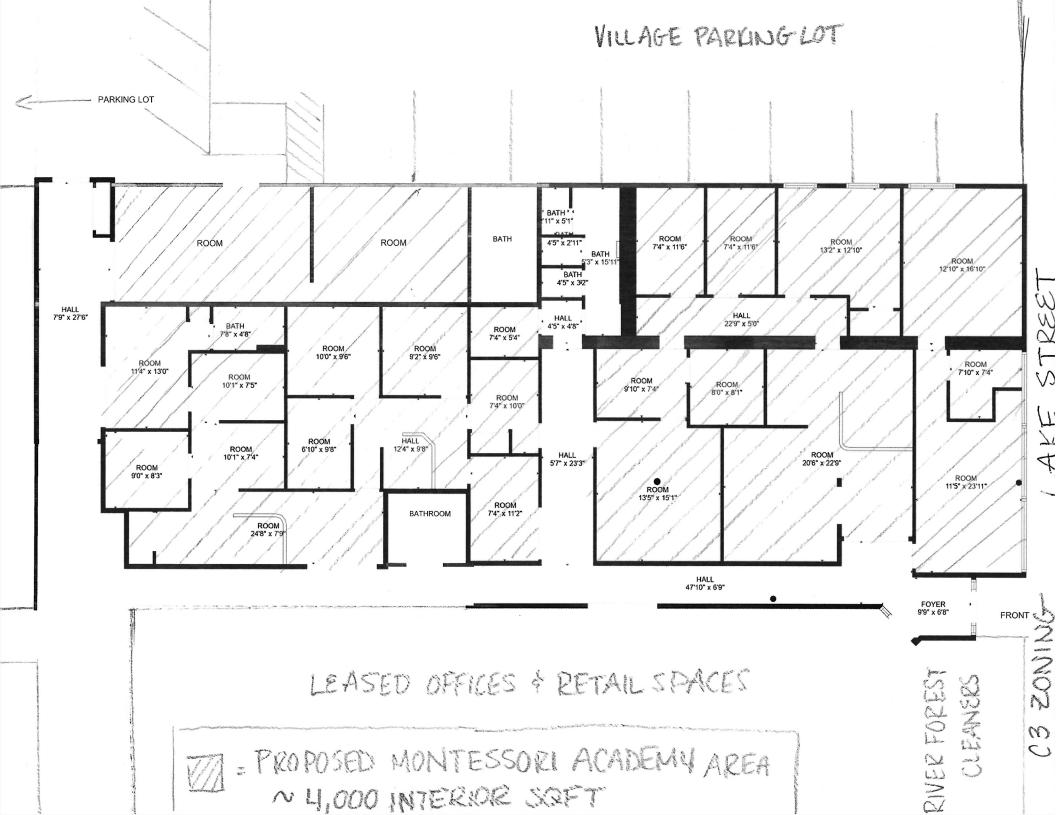
Regarding Student drop off: Mosaic Montessori Academy will schedule drop-off 15 minutes earlier/later than the Start of the school day at Lincoln Elementary Parents will be instructed to drive north on Park Ave. I stop at the west entrance. Adult staff/volunteers of MMA will unload the students directly from the vehicles. I walk them to the west entrance door.

7777 Lake Street Area Calculations Date of Submission Lot Area Irregular shaped Lot Allowed Coverage Allowed FAR	2/15/2024	n-s 78.0000 20.0000 50.0000 1.0000 2.5000	e-w 114.5000 102.0000 174.0000	8931.0000 2040.0000 8700.0000 19671.0000 19671.0000 49177.5000
Lot Coverage - Existing First Floor Area	Existing Total		14176.7100 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 14176.7100	
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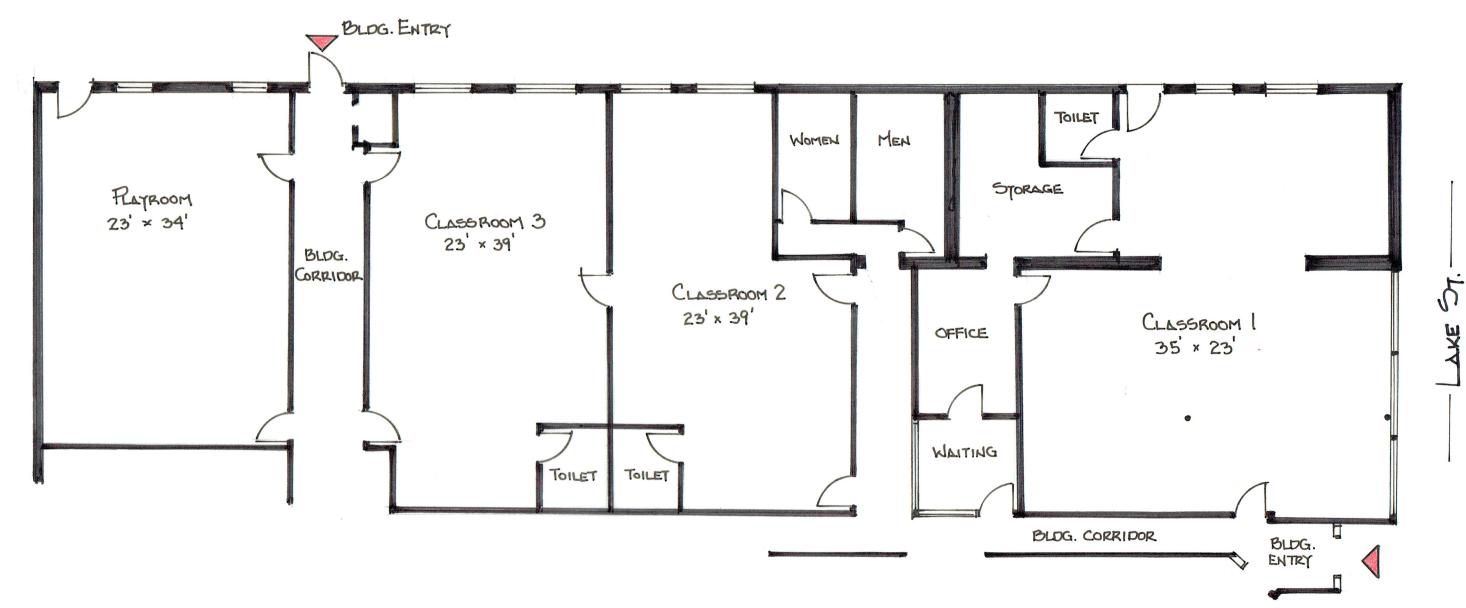
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Design Drawings



PARK AVE. -

PERKING LOT



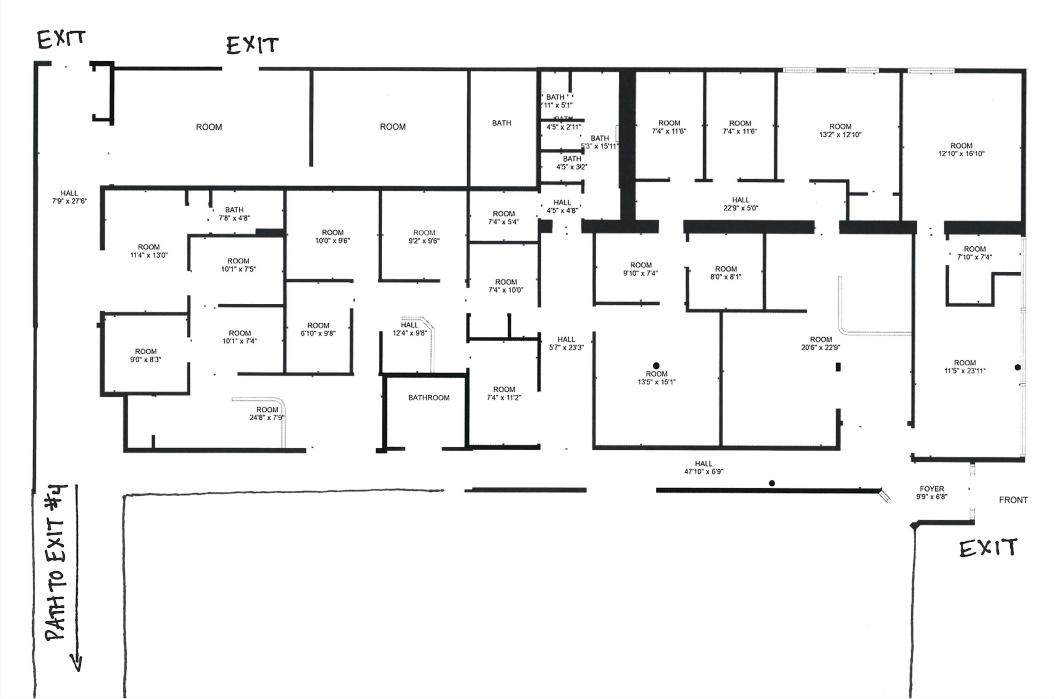
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FIRE SUPPRESSION: FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM THROUGHOUT

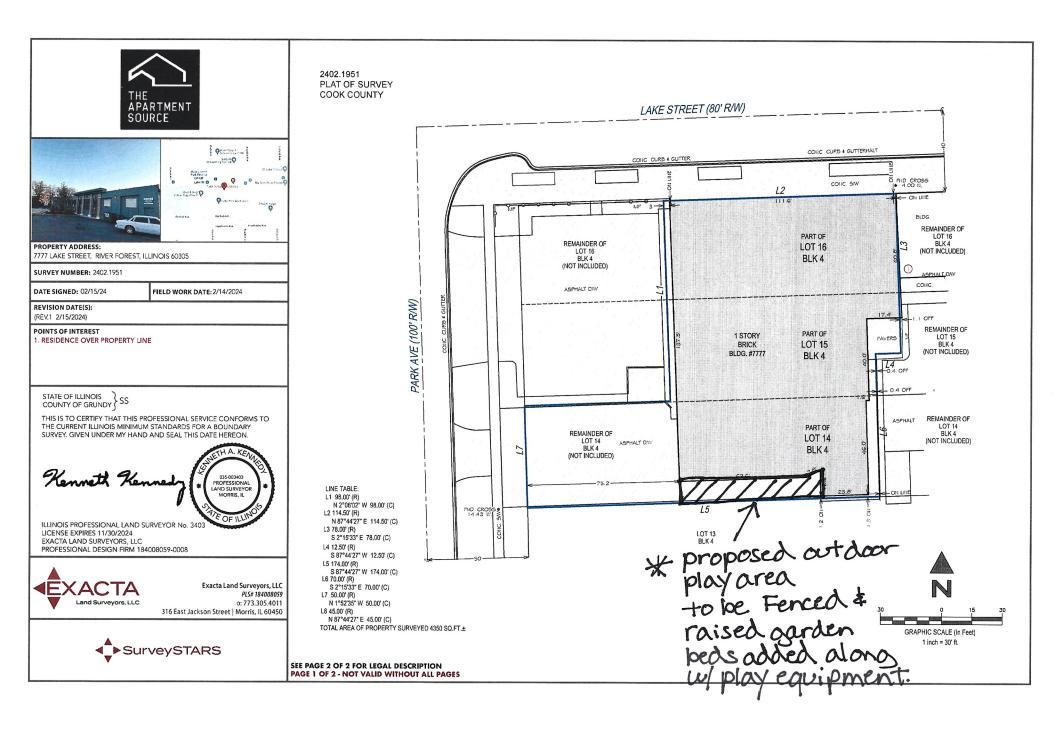
FLOORPLAN FOR PROPOSED MONTESSORI RENTAL SPACE







Landscaping Plan



Covenants, Easements, and Restrictions

[External] RE: 7777 Lake Street - Special Use Application for Mosaic Montessori Academy

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Thu 3/14/2024 2:39 PM

To:Cliff Radatz <CRadatz@vrf.us>

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4 attachments (4 MB)

7777 Lake Proposed Space Plan.pdf; 7777 Lake Zoning Review.pdf; Landscaping Plan Showing Outdoor Play Area.pdf; MMA Schedule of Development.docx;

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Cliff,

Thank you again for all of your guidance on this application. Attached you will find:

- Completed Zoning Analysis to satisfy sections B4 & B6
- · Proposed floor plan for MMA to satisfy section B7 of the application
- Landscaping plan showing the outdoor play area and improvements to satisfy section B8
- The answer to section B9 is NONE
- Updated MMA schedule of development to satisfy section B10

Please review and let me know if you need further information or clarification. Thank you again, Laura



LAURA MAYCHRUK REAL ESTATE LAURA MAYCHRUK

Designated Managing Broker

911 S. Lombard Avenue Oak Park, IL 60304 maychrukrealestate.com

Schedule of Development

Schedule of Development

- Special Use Permit Submittal 3/14/24
- Zoning Board Meeting 3/21/24
- Village Board Meeting 3/25/24
- Submit Construction Plans for Permit Review 4/26/24
- Submit Plans to State/DCFS for Review 4/26/24
- Receive RF Permits and DCFS Approval 6/1/24
- Begin Construction 8/1/24
- Complete Construction and Open School 10/1/24