On the 16th day of January, 2018, TIERRA WEST, LLC (“Agent”) acting as agent on behalf of the property owner CAMEL ROCK DEVELOPMENT LLC & SKARSGARD GORDON & PATIENCE PYE (“Applicant”) appeared before the Zoning Hearing Examiner (“ZHE”) requesting a conditional use to allow dwelling units in an SU-2 RC zone on a proposed new lot (“Application”) upon the real property located at 6451 PALOMAS AV NE (“Subject Property”). Below are the ZHE’s findings of fact and decision:

FINDINGS:

1. Applicant is requesting a conditional use to allow dwelling units in an SU-2 RC zone on a proposed new lot.
2. The City of Albuquerque Code of Ordinances Section 14-16-4-2(C)(1) (Special Exceptions – Conditional Use) reads: “A conditional use shall be approved if and only if, in the circumstances of the particular case and under conditions imposed, the use proposed:
   (a) Will not be injurious to the adjacent property, the neighborhood, or the community;
   (b) Will not be significantly damaged by surrounding structures or activities.
3. The Applicant bears the burden of ensuring there is evidence in the record supporting a finding that the above criteria are met under Section 14-16-4-2(C).
4. The ZHE finds that in the proposed use will not be injurious to the adjacent property, the neighborhood, or the community as required by Section 14-16-4-2(C)(1)(a).
5. Applicant proposes construction of 175 age-restricted single family apartments, at 44 du/acre. The property is currently vacant, except for a small building that is slated for demolition.
6. The Subject Property is surrounded by Paseo del Norte and by properties zoned or used for commercial or school uses.
7. The proposed density is within the middle of the range of densities allowed by condition use (up to 30 du/acre allowed permissively), and the height is well under the allowed height.

8. Traffic is expected to be significantly less than the otherwise allowable commercial uses due to the propose use for age-restricted housing, which will help reduce impacts on the already-congested roadways in the area.

9. There is no apparent injury to adjacent property, the neighborhood or the community, and the proposal will provide needed housing options in the area.

10. The ZHE finds that in the proposed use will not be significantly damaged by surrounding structures or activities as required by Section 14-16-4-2(C)(1)(b).

11. The ZHE finds that the proper “Notice of Hearing” signage was posted for the required time period as required by Section 14-16-4-2(B)(4).

12. The ZHE finds that the Applicant has authority to pursue this Application.

**DECISION:**

APPROVAL of a conditional use to allow dwelling units in an SU-2 RC zone on a proposed new lot.

If you wish to appeal this decision, you must do so by February 15th, 2018, in the manner described below. A non-refundable filing fee will be calculated at the Planning Department’s Land Development Coordination counter and is required at the time the Appeal is filed.

Appeal is to the Board of Appeals within 15 days of the decision. A filing fee of $105.00 shall accompany each appeal application, as well as a written explanation outlining the reason for appeal and a copy of the ZHE decision. Appeals are taken at 600 2nd Street, Plaza Del Sol Building, Ground Level, Planning Application Counter located on the west side of the lobby. **Please present this letter of notification when filing an appeal.** When an application is withdrawn, the fee shall not be refunded.

An appeal shall be heard by the Board of Appeals within 45 days of the appeal period and concluded within 75 days of the appeal period. The Planning Division shall give written notice of an appeal, together with a notice of the date, time and place of the hearing to the applicant, a representative of the opponents, if any are known, and the appellant.

Please note that pursuant to Section 14.16.4.4.(B), of the City of Albuquerque Comprehensive Zoning Code, you must demonstrate that you have legal standing to file an appeal as defined.

You will receive notice if any other person files an appeal. If there is no appeal, you can receive building permits any time after the appeal deadline quoted above, provided all conditions imposed at the time of approval have been met. However,
the Zoning Hearing Examiner may allow issuance of building permits if the public hearing produces no objection of any kind to the approval of an application. To receive this approval, the applicant agrees in writing to return the building permit or occupation tax number.

Successful applicants are reminded that other regulations of the City must be complied with, even after approval of a special exception is secured. This decision does not constitute approval of plans for a building permit. If your application is approved, bring this decision with you when you apply for any related building permit or occupation tax number. Approval of a conditional use or a variance application is void after one year from date of approval if the rights and privileges are granted, thereby have not been executed or utilized.

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