

# Planning & Development Division

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File Number	PL 19-183		Contact	Contact		John Kelley, 730-5326	
Туре	Concurre	nt Use Permit	Planning Commission Date		January 14, 2020		
Deadline for Action	Application Date		December 1	December 10, 2019		February 8, 2020	
	Date Extension Letter Mailed		December 17, 2019		120 Days	April 4, 2020	
Location of Su	bject	1832 West Superior Street					
Applicant	Josh Macinnes – Store & Flats/1 LLC		Contact				
Agent	Doug Zaun		Contact				
Legal Description		Parcel ID Number 010-1120-02480					
Site Visit Date		January 6, 2020	Sign Notice	Sign Notice Date		December 31, 2019	
Neighbor Letter Date		N/A	Number of	Number of Letters Sent		N/A	

### **Proposal**

The applicant is proposing to construct a deck and accessible ramp within the right of way along the Michigan Street frontage of the building at 1832 West Superior Street. The purpose of the deck and ramp is to provide access into the main level of the building for proposed reuse of the structure for apartments and retail.

### **Staff Recommendation**

Staff is recommending that planning commission recommend approval to City Council.

	Current Zoning	Existing Land Use	Future Land Use Map Designation
Subject	F-5	Vacant building	Central Business Secondary
North	F-5	Commercial/Retail	Central Business Secondary
South	MU-C	Parking lot	Central Business Secondary
East	MU-C	Commercial/Retail	Central Business Secondary
West	F-5	Commercial/Retail	Central Business Secondary

# **Summary of Code Requirements**

UDC Section 50-37.7C. The planning commission shall review the application, and council shall approve the application or approve it with modifications, if it determines that:

- 1. The proposed concurrent use will not harm or inconvenience the health, safety and general welfare of the city;
- 2. Any proposed skywalk will significantly improve the circulation of pedestrians in the city without exposure to weather conditions;
- 3. No portion of a public easement proposed for use is being physically used or occupied by the public.

## Comprehensive Plan Governing Principle and/or Policies and Current History (if applicable):

Governing Principle #1 – Reuse previously developed lands: includes adaptive reuse of existing building stock and historic resources, as this strengthens neighborhoods. This property is a former furniture store that is vacant, and will now be used for residential and retail purposes.

Governing Principle #5 - Promote reinvestment in neighborhoods. Duluth is strongly defined by its neighborhoods. The Lincoln Park neighborhood is experiencing a revitalization of the commercial core area. The proposed concurrent use of the public right-of-way will allow accessible access to a building for residential and commercial use.

Governing Principle #8 - Encourage mix of activities, uses, and densities. As noted above the existing building will now have accessible access from both building entrances along West Superior Street and West Michigan Street. The building will be used for mixed commercial and residential use.

Future Land Use – Central Business Secondary: An area adjacent to and supporting the central business primary area or a stand-alone area providing a similar mix of destination land uses but at a lower intensity than the primary CB area. Includes mixed regional and neighborhood retail, employment centers, public spaces, medium density residential, and public parking facilities.

#### **Review and Discussion Items**

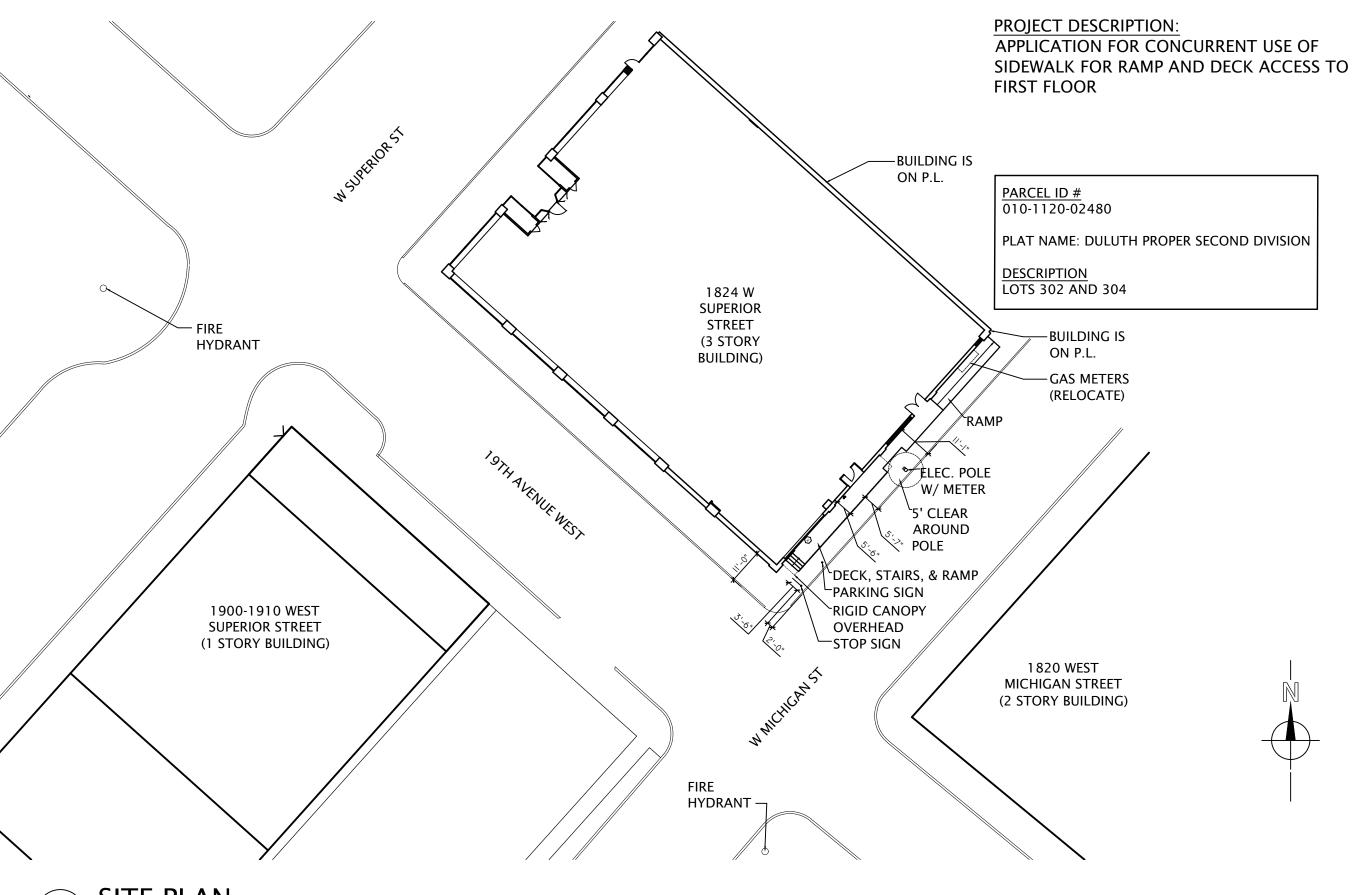
#### Staff finds that:

- 1.) The applicant is seeking a concurrent use permit to construct a frost protected deck and accessible ramp along the West Michigan Street frontage of the building at 1832 West Superior Street. The building abuts the right-of-way of Michigan Street. The existing sidewalk is approximately 11 feet deep from building to curb in the area for the proposed deck. The building entry/floor level from the West Michigan Street frontage is 28 inches above the existing sidewalk grade.
- 2.) The concurrent use area contains 550 square feet. The proposed deck and ramp would be 5' 6" wide and approximately 100 feet in length. The applicant has stated that the purpose of the deck is to provide a better street presence/engagement along West Michigan Street and accessibility to the main level of the building. This will establish primary accessible entries at both the West Superior Street and West Michigan Street sides of the building.
- 3.) The gas meter is located on the southeast corner of the building along West Michigan Street. The applicant must relocate the gas meter/line to accommodate the deck and ramp use for the concurrent use of streets area. The applicant will need to coordinate with the City Utility Engineer for relocation of the gas meter.
- 4.) The City Engineering Department has requested the applicant enter into an agreement with the City outlining their snow removal responsibilities and holding the city harmless for any damage from City snow removal crews. The agreement will also state that the applicant is responsible to remove/replace the private improvements should the City need to complete work within the concurrent use of the right-of-way adjacent to the building.
- 5.) The City of Duluth requires concurrent use permits to include liability insurance to indemnify the City against occurrences in the right of way. Other protections for the city and the public are typically included in the ordinance that is submitted to City Council. The ordinance will require the applicant be responsible for snow removal responsibilities within the concurrent use area, including snow from City plowing operations that lands within the area, and the City is not responsible for remove/replacement of the applicants infrastructure should the City need to access the right-of-way in the permitted area.
- 6.) The area proposed for the concurrent use permit will not take away from the public's ability to use the public right of way, nor will it harm or inconvenience the health, safety, and general welfare of the city.
- 7.) No public, agency, or other comments have been received as of January 6, 2020.

#### Staff Recommendation

Based on the above findings, Staff recommends that Planning Commission recommend approval of the concurrent use permit with the following conditions:

- 1.) Applicant shall construct and maintain the project as identified in the attached exhibits.
- 2.) Applicant shall relocate the gas meter/line prior to the issuance of a building permit.
- 3.) Applicant to enter into an agreement acceptable to the City for their snow removal responsibilities and holding the City harmless for damage to the structure by City crews prior to the issuance of a building permit.
- 4.) The structure will need to comply with any applicable engineering standards, or building or fire code requirements.
- 5.) Applicant shall provide annual proof of liability insurance to indemnify the City against any occurrences in the right of way that are due to items covered under this permit.
- 6.) Applicant will remove the obstructions at the applicant's expense if directed to by the City with appropriate notice.
- 7.) Any alterations to the approved plans that do not alter major elements of the plan may be approved by the Land Use Supervisor without further Planning Commission approval; however, no such administrative approval shall constitute a variance from the provisions of Chapter 50.



SITE PLAN

SUP1.) 1" = 30'-0"

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STORE + FLATS
MIXED USE
DEVELOPMENT
1824 W. SUPERIOR STREET

DULUTH, MN

REVISION/ISSUE DATE

-CUP APPLICATION 09 DECEMBER 2019 - REVISED CUP APP. PLAN 20 DECEMBER 2019

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