# DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

#### March 26, 2012

## Case Number

DRB2012-08

#### Applicant

MSU-GF College of Technology Mary Ellen Baukol, C.F.O.

## Property Owners Agent

L'Heureux Page Werner Timothy M. Peterson, A.I.A

## Property Location

1900 23rd Street South Neighborhood Council #5

## **Requested Action**

Design Review of a new commercial child care center

## Recommendation

Approve design with conditions

## Project Planner

Charlie Sheets

## MSU-GREAT FALLS COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY CHILD CARE CENTER, 1900 23RD STREET SOUTH



## **Project Description**

The applicant is proposing construction of a 6,505 S. F. child care center that will accommodate up to 7 employees and 90 children. The primary users of the center will be students and faculty of MSU-Great Falls, College of Technology. The structure is situated in the southeast corner of the MSU-GF property. The construction site is vacant except for the MSU wind turbine located 215' west of the site. Access to the new center is proposed from 23rd Street South.

## Background

- Legal Description: Lot 2A, Block 1, Vo-Tech Addition
- Parcel Area: ± 553,000 S.F.
- Construction Area: ± 70,000 S.F.
- Property Zoning: PLI Public Lands and Institutional District
- Street Frontage: ± 298'-0" along 23rd Street South

#### Project Overview

#### New Construction: Exhibit 28-1 Standards and Guidelines for specific projects and buildings.

The applicant intends to construct a child care center adjacent to 23rd Street South in the southeast corner of the property. The site gradually slopes from 23rd Street South to the northwest. The center is sets 100' north of the south property line. The Social Security Office is located on the adjoining property (see Exhibit G Site Photos). The primary vehicular entrance to the development is from a two-way approach near the northern boundary of the construction site. Parking and one-way traffic directs traffic flow to the southern approach back to 23rd Street South. The structure is a single story, craftsman/bungalow style design to provide an inviting home appearance for the center. The main entrance is centered and recessed with a covered porch. The porch columns are concrete base with wood posts supporting the front gable. The porch also provides covered bicycle racks. The exterior of the building is a combination of simulated wood 8" lap siding and contrasting trim and border with earth tone colors. The design team will provide a color palette at the Design Review Board meeting. The roof is a broken hip design with gray/brown asphalt shingles and ornamental gables over the front windows. The fascia and soffit are clad in cherry colored smooth metal. The windows are 8 over 1 double hung style, keeping with a residential character. The service entrance and air conditioning condenser are located near the northwest corner of the structure. The applicant intends to build an accessory structure, constructed of the same materials behind the center. The dumpster enclosure is constructed of painted split-face concrete masonry units in the northwest corner of site. The attached Landscape Plan shows the dumpster in an incorrect location. Mechanical equipment is located near the service entrance. Two fenced outdoor play areas will be constructed on north and south sides for secure playgrounds for the children. The applicant is expecting approximately 50 percent of the children to be those of their students who will most likely use the existing parking lot next to the college and walk the children to the center. The times of drop-off and pick-up varies with the students' schedule spread throughout the day. Open enrollment of the additional child care vacancies are anticipated to be from the neighborhood, University of Great Falls and Benefis Hospital. It is anticipated that these drop-off and pick-ups will be at the more traditional at peak morning and evening times.

#### **Conformance with Title 17**

The proposed project is in conformance with the relevant requirements of Title 17 Land Development Code including but not limited to zoning, setbacks, building height and lot coverage. The design team has provided the conceptual parking layout with 25 spaces, including 2 accessible spaces. Public sidewalks are being constructed along 23rd Street South. Internal sidewalks provide access from the parking areas to the center. Staff has reviewed the preliminary landscape plan and finds the interior landscaping meets the requirements of Title 17, Chapter 44, Landscaping, except for the required boulevard trees along 23rd Street South. Boulevard trees are required 1 tree per 35' of property frontage. The ratio of planting would require nine trees in the boulevard. The design team has provided a lighting plan for the building exterior and parking lot. The proposed light fixtures meet the maximum/minimum standards of Title 17, Chapter 40, Outdoor Lighting. The property is zoned Public Land and Institutional and allowed a total sign allowance of 50 S.F. A maximum of 32 S.F. is allowed as monument signage. The maximum height of the monument sign is 6'. The balance of the allowed signage may be placed as wall signage. Final approval will be reviewed for conformance at the time of that submittal. No exterior storage is allowed within the development once the construction is completed.

#### Summary

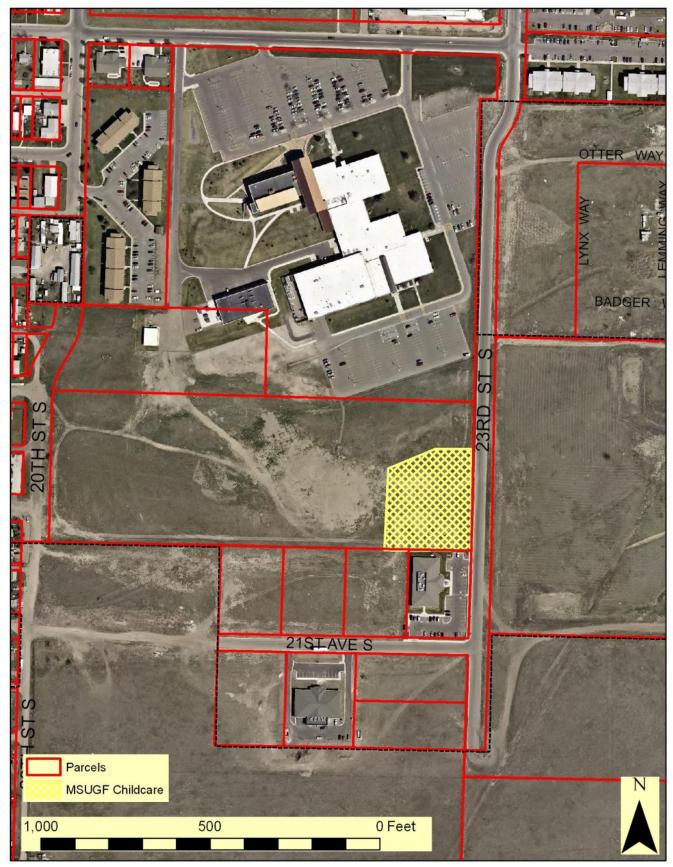
The construction of the new child care center is compatible with and supports nearby properties, neighborhood character, and natural features. The proposed project promotes street activity, reinforces public spaces and promotes public safety. The conceptual design of the child care center provides architectural style, creativity, innovation, and function. Staff strongly supports approval of this application.

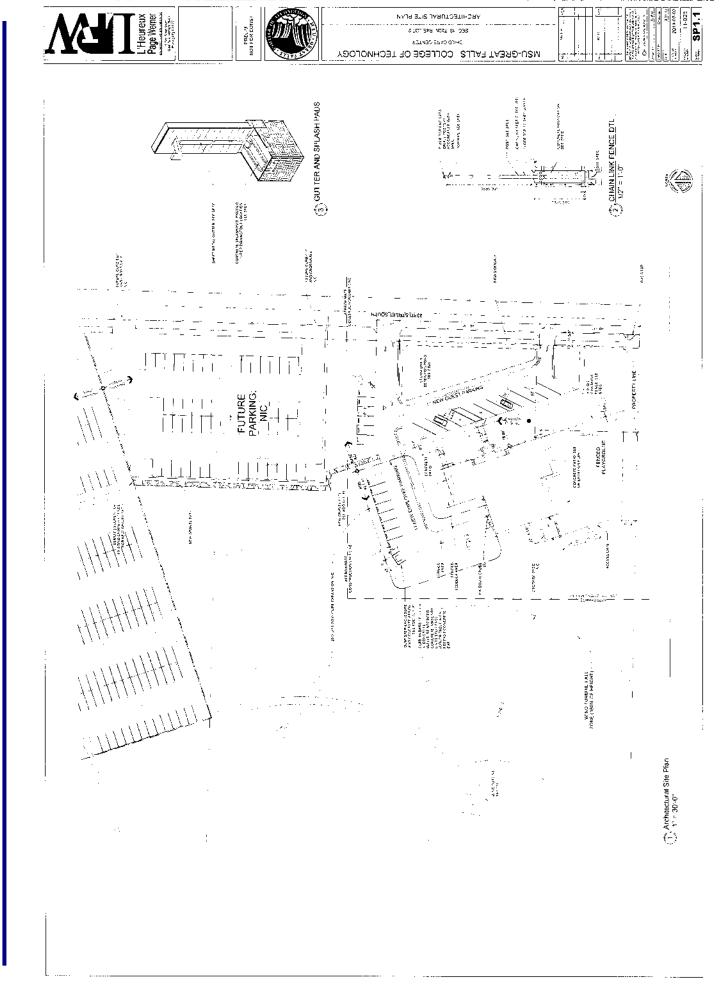
## EXHIBIT A - APPLICATION

#### DESIGN REVIEW BOARD APPLICATION

DATE: February 24, 2012
NAME: NSU College of Technology Childcare Facility
ADDRESS: 2100 16th Avenue South Great Malls, MT PHONE: 771-4300
AGENT/REPRESENTATIVE: L'Heureux Page Werner
ADDRESS: 15 5th Street South, Great Palls PHONE: 771-0770
SITE ADDRESS: 2100 16th Avenue South (on south side of campus)
Square Footage of Building Site: <u>119,250 SF</u> Square Footage of Structure(s): <u>6,505 SF</u>
Design Review Board Meeting Date: March 12, 2012
The following items must be submitted as part of the application:
Legal Description
Lot(s): <u>2</u>
Block(s): 013
Subdivision:
Or Township: <u>T20N</u> Range: <u>R4E</u> Section: <u>18</u>
Use Intended: Child Care Facility
<ul> <li><u>PACKET</u> (2 Copies Drawn to Scale to Sufficiently Demonstrate the Following Items) <ul> <li>a. Application</li> <li>b. Site Plan/Landscaping Plan/Parking Plan - 14" x 17" or smaller</li> <li>c. Elevation Drawings - 14" x 17" or smaller</li> <li>d. Topography Map - 14" x 17" or smaller</li> <li>e. Drawing of each Proposed Sign (Type, Copy, Dimensions, Height, &amp; Materials)</li> <li>f. Written Zoning Determination (obtained from City Planning Department)</li> </ul></li></ul>
Building and Property Frontage: See Site Plan for specifics
Street: 23xd_ScS. Building Frontage: 101.5 LF Property Frontage: 290 LF
Street: <u>n/a</u> Building Frontage: Property Frontage:

## EXHIBIT B - AERIAL PHOTO

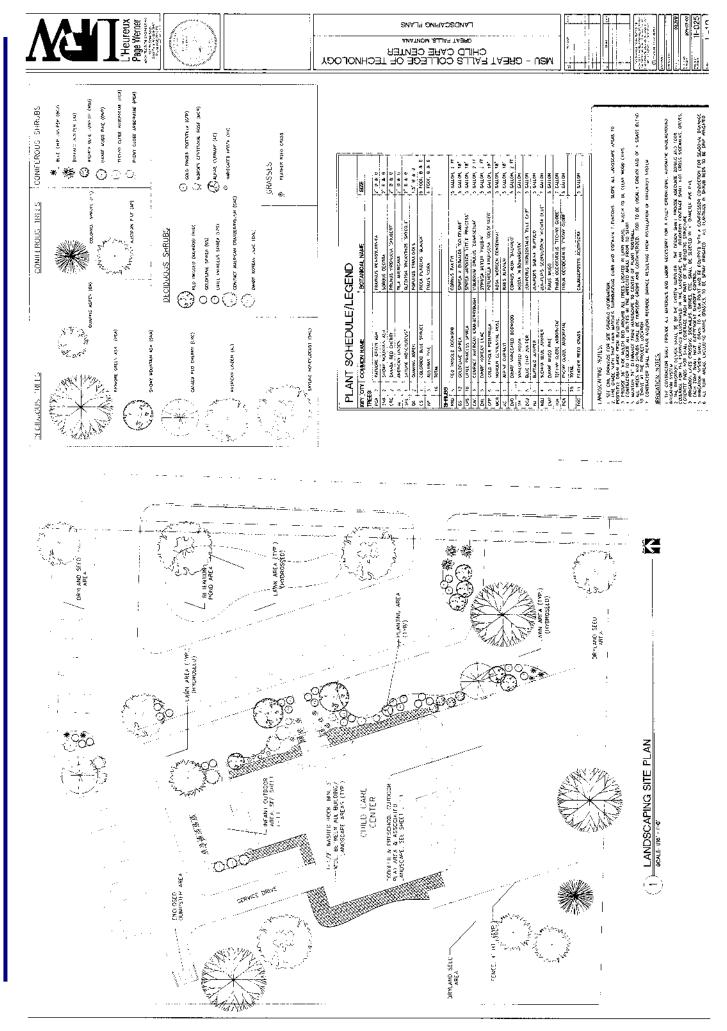




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EXHIBIT C - VICINITY/SITE PLAN





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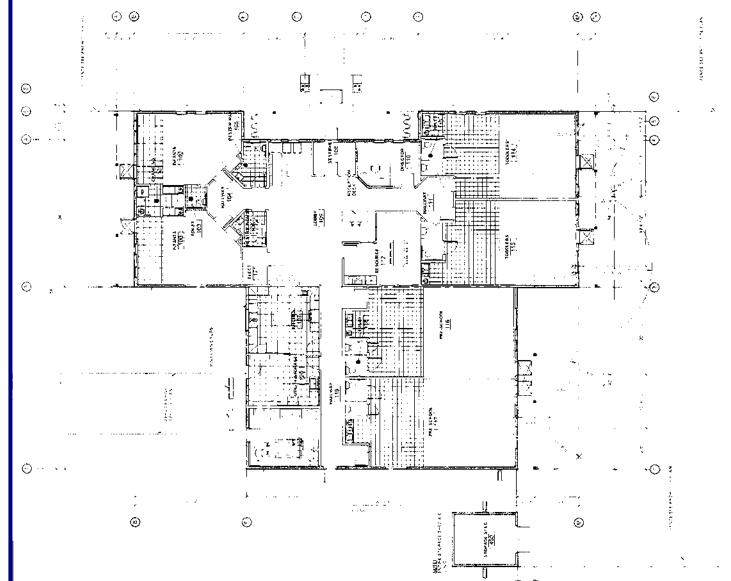
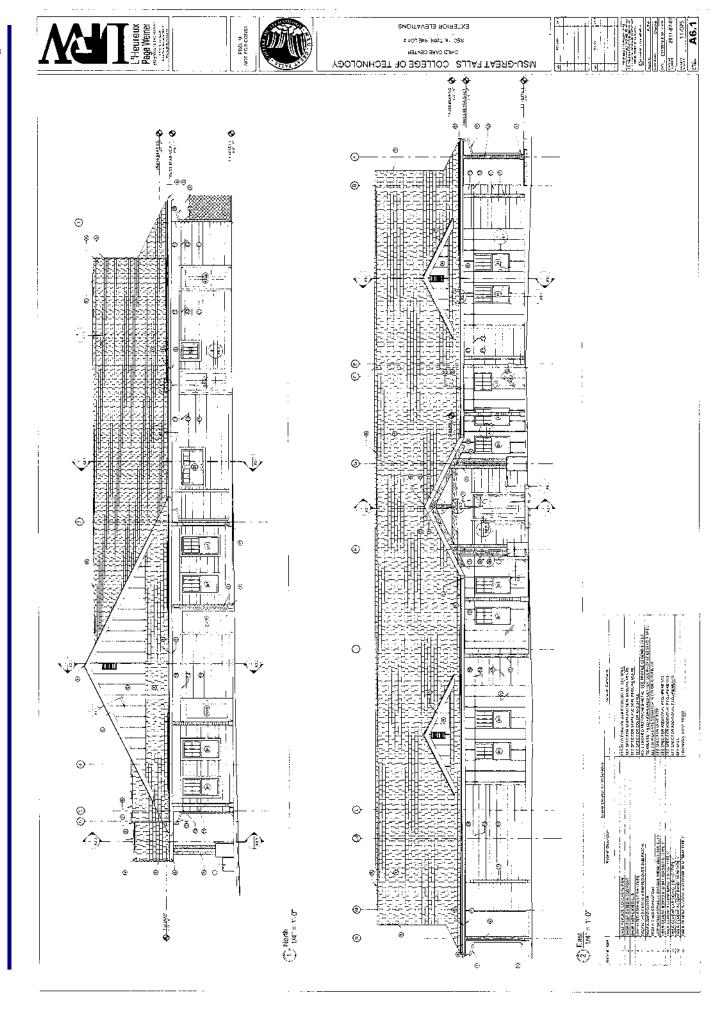


EXHIBIT E - FLOOR PLAN

NORTH AND EAST ELEVATIONS ī ΓŢ EXHIBIT



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## Exhibit G - Site Photos



#### LOOKING WEST ACROSS SITE FROM 23RD STREET SOUTH

LOOKING NORTHWEST FROM SITE



LOOKING SOUTH TOWARD SOCIAL SECURITY BUILDING 2008 23RD STREET SOUTH LOOKING EAST FROM THE SITE

#### Recommendation

#### **Suggested Motion**

1. Board Member moves:

"I move that the Design Review Board (approve/approve with conditions) the Design Review Application of MSU-Great Falls College of Technology, Child Care Center, addressed as 1900 23rd Street South, as shown in the conceptual development plans contained within this report and provided by the project property Owners Agent, subject to the follows conditions:

- 1. The proposed project shall be developed consistent with the conditions in this staff report, all codes and ordinances of the City of Great Falls, the State of Montana, and all other applicable regulatory agencies.
- 2. If after the approval of the concept development plan as amended by this Board, the owner proposes to expand or modify the conceptual development plans, the Director of the Planning and Community Development Department shall determine in writing if such proposed change would alter the concept for one or more review criteria. If such proposed change would alter the plan, the proposal shall be resubmitted for review as a new application.
- 3. Revised Landscape Plan to include boulevard trees as required by Title 17, Chapter 44 of the City Code.
- 4. Revised Site Plan to provide hard surfaced pedestrian walkway from the existing MSU-GF parking lot to the child care center.

2. Chairman calls for a second, discussion, inquiries from the public, and calls the vote.

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