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City of Rockwall Planning and Zoning Department 385 S. Goliad Street Rockwall, Texas 75087

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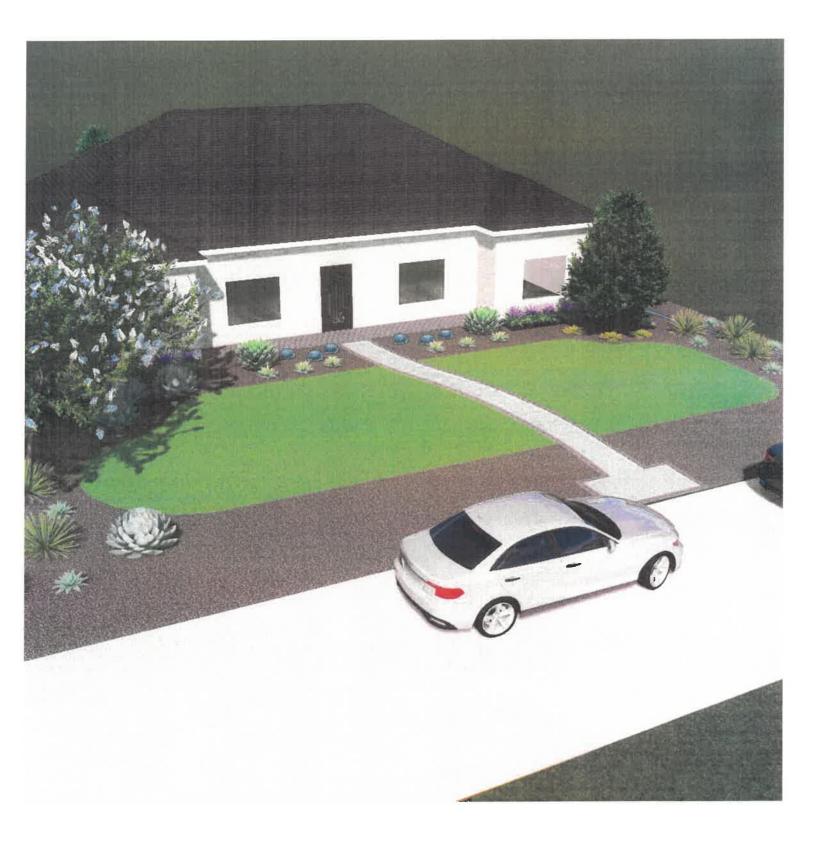
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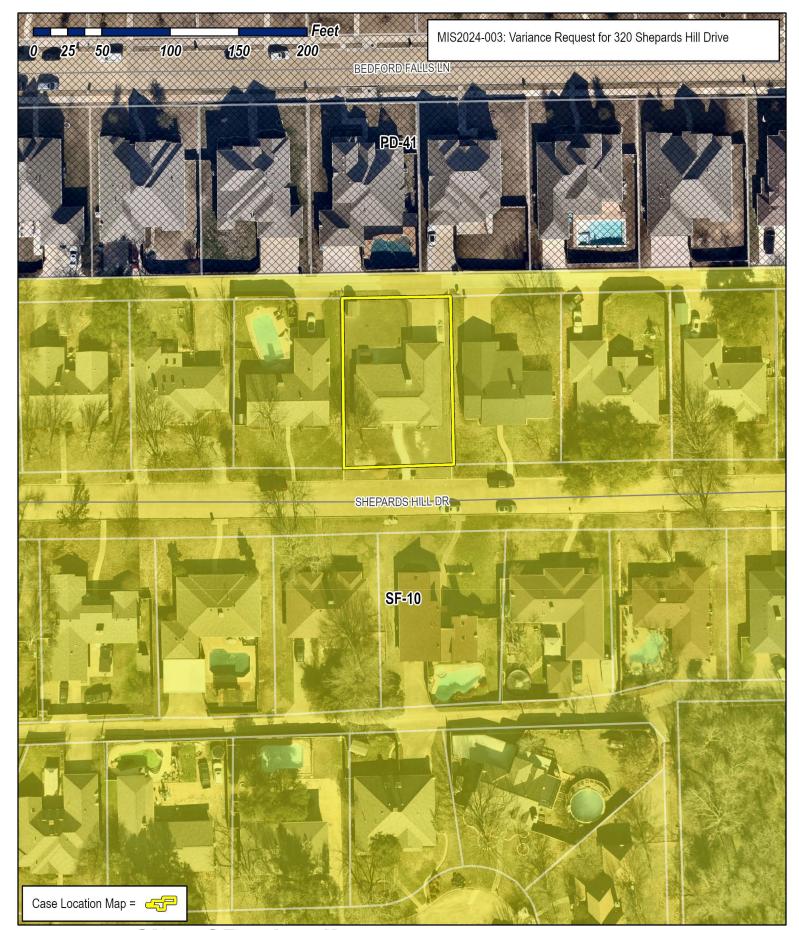
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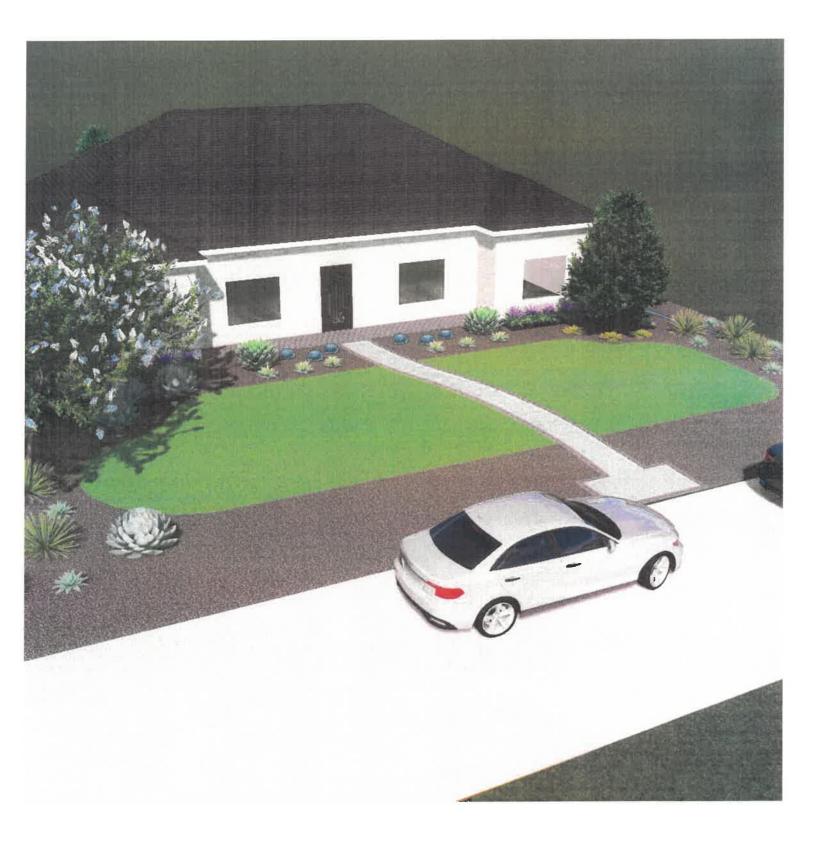




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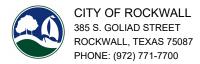
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PROJECT COMMENTS



DATE: 2/23/2024

PROJECT NUMBER:MIS2024-003PROJECT NAME:Variance Request for 320 Sheppards Hill DriveSITE ADDRESS/LOCATIONS:320 SHEPARDS HILL DR, ROCKWALL, 75087

CASE CAPTION:

DEPARTMENT	REVIEWER	DATE OF REVIEW	STATUS OF PROJECT	
ENGINEERING	Madelyn Price	02/23/2024	Approved w/ Comments	
02/23/2024: 1. No gravel or art	ificial turf within City ROW. City ROW must be	grass.		
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BUILDING	Craig Foshee	02/22/2024	Approved	
No Comments				
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FIRE	Ariana Kistner	02/21/2024	Approved	
No Comments				
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GIS	Lance Singleton	02/20/2024	Approved	
No Comments				
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POLICE	Chris Cleveland	02/20/2024	Approved	
No Comments				
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PARKS	Travis Sales	02/20/2024	Approved	
No Comments				
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PLANNING	Henry Lee	02/23/2024	Approved w/ Comments	

I.1 This is a request by Tommy Burns for the approval of a Miscellaneous Case for the approval of artificial or synthetic plant materials on a 0.23-acre parcel of land identified as Lot 8, Block N, Northshore #1 Addition, City of Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas, zoned Single-Family 10 (SF-10) District, addressed as 320 Sheppard's Hill Drive.

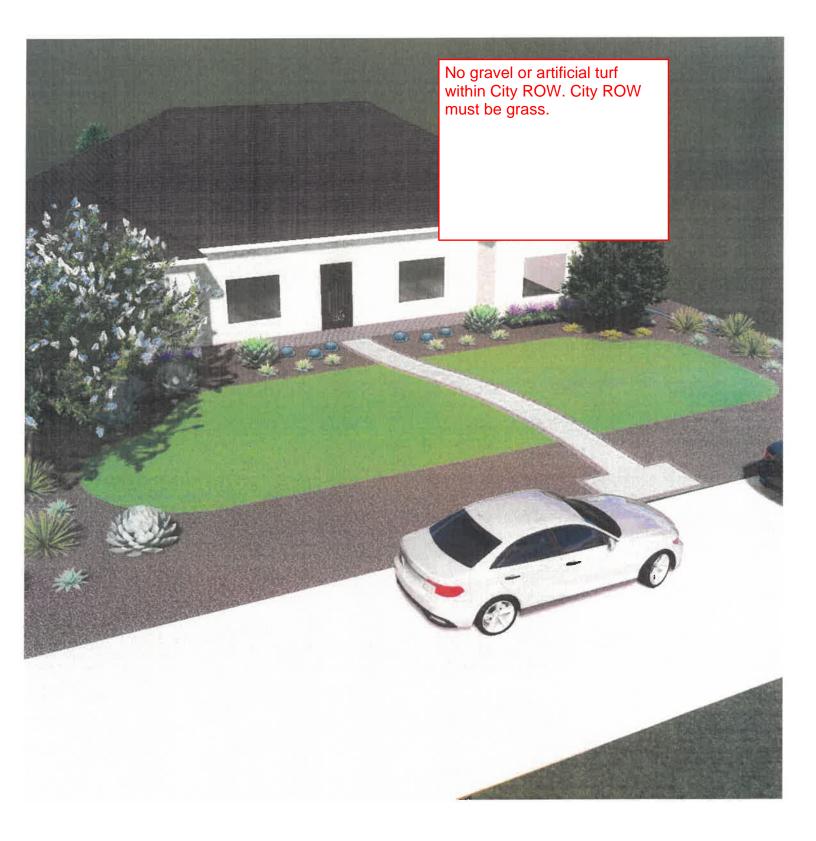
1.2 For questions or comments concerning this case please contact Henry Lee in the Planning Department at (972) 772-6434 or email hlee@rockwall.com.

I.3 According to Section 04, Approved Landscape Materials, of Article 08, Landscape and Fence Standards, of the Unified Development Code (UDC), "(a)rtificial or synthetic plant materials (e.g. artificial grass, turf, trees shrubs) shall be prohibited." In this case, you are requesting approval of artificial turf, which requires review by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

M.4 According to Subsection 3.06.05, Lot Development, and Section 4.02, Coverage, of Chapter 4, Vegetation, of the Engineering Standards of Design and Construction, "(n)o artificial grass is allowed in any City right-of-way and/or easement."

- I.5 Please note the scheduled meeting for this case:
- 1) Planning & Zoning meeting will be held on February 27, 2024 at 6pm in the council chambers at City Hall.

1.6 A representative is required to be present for the meetings as scheduled above to answer any questions the Commission or Council may have regarding your request. All meetings will be held in person, in the City's Council Chambers, and are scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m.





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PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT 385 S. GOLIAD STREET • ROCKWALL, TX 75087 PHONE: (972) 771-7745 • EMAIL: PLANNING@ROCKWALL.COM

TO:	Planning and Zoning Commission
FROM:	Henry Lee, Senior Planner
DATE:	February 27, 2024
SUBJECT:	MIS2024-003; Exception Request for 320 Sheppard's Hill Drive

The applicant, Tommy Burns, is requesting the approval of an exception to the landscape material requirements stipulated by Article 08, *Landscape and Fence Standards*, of the Unified Development Code (UDC) to allow the installation of synthetic plant materials (*i.e. artificial turf/grass*). The subject property is located on a 0.23-acre parcel of land (*i.e. Lot 8, Block N, Northshore #1 Addition*), is zoned Single-Family 10 (SF-10) District, and is addressed as 320 Sheppard's Hill Drive. The applicant's letter indicates that the artificial turf will replace all of the grass on the of the subject property (*i.e. front, side, and rear yard*).

According to Section 04, Approved Landscape Materials, of Article 08, Landscape and Fence Standards, of the Unified Development Code (UDC), "(a)rtificial or synthetic plant materials (e.g. artificial grass, turf, trees shrubs) shall be prohibited." In interpreting this section of the code, staff has allowed artificial grass/turf in the rear yards of properties. The reason for this interpretation is that these areas are not within the required yard (*i.e. the front yard, which is what this section of the code is intended to regulate*) and are not typically visible from adjacent properties or rights-of-way. Staff should also note that no other



residential property in the City has been permitted to utilize artificial turf in the required yard. According to Subsection 3.06.05, *Lot Development*, and Section 4.02, *Coverage*, of Chapter 4, *Vegetation*, of the Engineering Standards of Design and Construction, "(n)o artificial grass is allowed in any City right-of-way and/or easement." Given this -- *if approved* -- the applicant will be required to have grass within the right-of-way at the front and rear of the subject property. Staff should note that the applicant's renderings currently show decomposed granite in the right-of-way and that this material would not be permitted. According to the applicant's letter, they are requesting the artificial turf due to the cost of maintaining grass and cracking in the soil.

Staff should note that the applicant's request to install artificial turf on the subject property appears to be inconsistent with the surrounding neighborhood. Staff came to this

conclusion based on the fact that no other properties have artificial turf installed in the front yard. With this being said, the approval of an exception to the landscape material requirements is a discretionary decision for the Planning

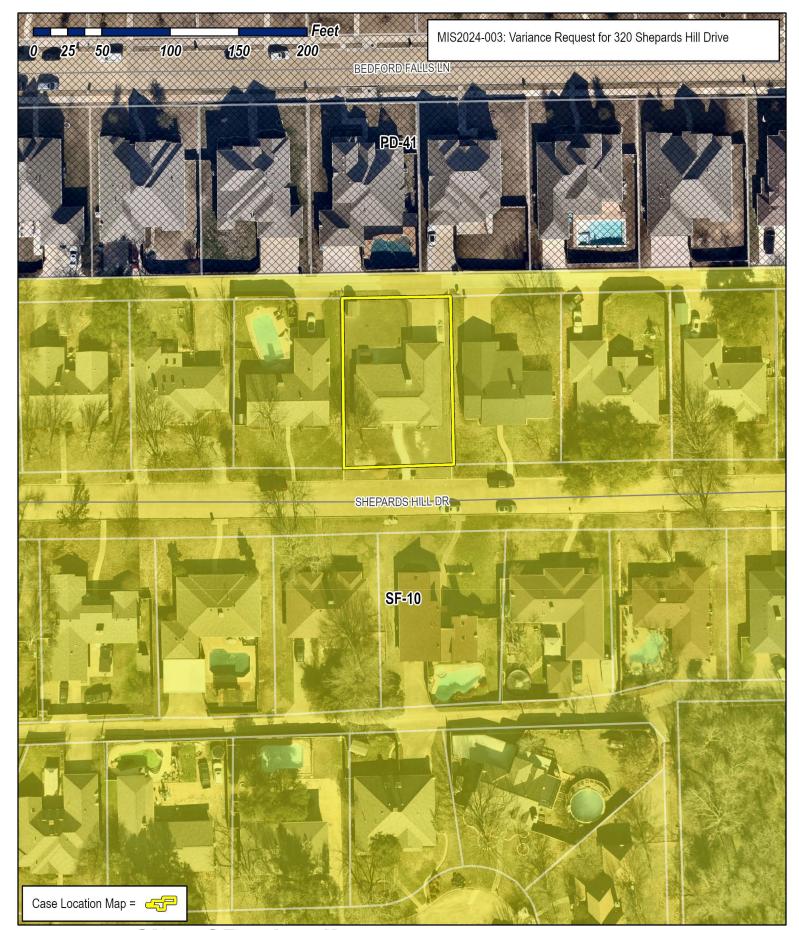
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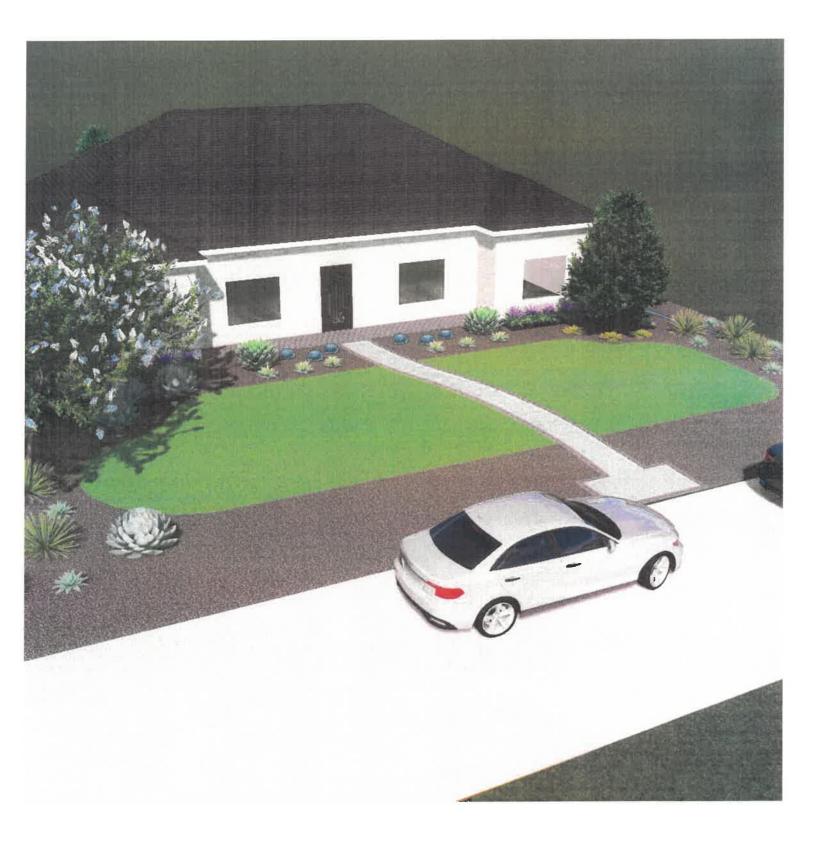
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April 10, 2024

- TO: Tommy Burns 320 Shepards Hill Drive Rockwall, TX 75087
- FROM: Henry Lee, AICP City of Rockwall Planning and Zoning Department 385 S. Goliad Street Rockwall, TX 75087

SUBJECT: MIS2024-003; Exception for 320 Shepards Hill Drive

Tommy Burns:

This letter serves to notify you that the above referenced case (*i.e. Miscellaneous Case*) that you submitted for consideration by the City of Rockwall was <u>denied</u> by the Planning and Zoning Commission on February 27, 2024. The following is a record of all recommendations and voting records:

Planning and Zoning Commission

On February 27, 2024, the Planning and Zoning Commission approved a motion to deny the Miscellaneous Case by a vote of 3-1, with Commissioner Thompson dissenting and Commissioners Deckard, Womble, and Llewellyn absent.

Please note that the reason this case was denied is due to the following exception(s) not being approved:

(1) <u>Landscape Materials</u>. According to Section 04, Approved Landscape Materials, of Article 08, Landscape and Fence Standards, of the Unified Development Code (UDC), "(a)rtificial or synthetic plant materials (e.g. artificial grass, turf, trees shrubs) shall be prohibited."

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Henry Lee, AICP, Senior Planner City of Rockwall Planning and Zoning Department

From:	Lee, Henry
To:	beeburns@gmail.com; Tom Burns
Subject:	Project Comments MIS2024-003
Date:	Friday, February 23, 2024 4:49:00 PM
Attachments:	Engineering Mark-Ups (02.23.2024).pdf
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Good Afternoon,

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Please note that all meetings will be held at 6:00 PM at 385 S. Goliad Street in the City Council Chambers. Please also note that a representative is <u>required</u> to be at all meetings. Should you have any questions please let me know.

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Hi Henry- do you mean revisions are due by MARCH 6th? You have February 6th stated below.

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То:	Tom Burns
Subject:	RE: Project Comments MIS2024-003
Date:	Monday, February 26, 2024 8:45:00 AM
Attachments:	image002.jpg
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	Project Comments (02.23.2024).pdf		

+ Wesley Graves

Hi Henry- my apologies up front... I still don't understand this whole process. Seems vague as I am not familiar. Line one comments under Engineering says Approved w/ Comments (??)

I guess I will have my questions and comments answered in person tomorrow evening. See you then.

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