## **MEMORANDUM**

# CITY/BOROUGH OF JUNEAU

155 South Seward Street, Juneau, Alaska 99801

DATE:

August 16, 2011

TO:

Planning Commission

FROM:

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Community Development Department

FILE NO.:

CSP2011-0005

**PROPOSAL:** 

A City consistency review permit for a state project involving the expansion

of the Johnson Youth Center detention facility in Salmon Creek.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Applicant:

State of Alaska Dept. Health & Social Services (DH&SS)

Property Owner:

State of Alaska & City and Borough of Juneau

Property Address:

3252 Hospital Drive

Legal Description:

USS 1075

Parcel Code No.:

7-B09-0-102-007-0

Site Size:

4.14 acres

Zoning:

General Commercial

Utilities:

City Water & Sewer

Access:

Hospital Drive

Existing Land Use:

Youth Detention Facility

Surrounding Land Use:

North

- GC; Southeast Alaska Regional Health

Consortium (SEARHC);

South

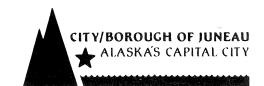
- GC; Egan Drive

East

- GC; Bartlett Hospital complex

West

- GC; Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC); Hospital Dr.



### **ATTACHMENTS**

| Attachment | A | Vicinity Map      |
|------------|---|-------------------|
| Attachment | В | Site Plan         |
| Attachment | C | Proposed Addition |
| Attachment | D | Floor Plans       |
| Attachment | E | Site Photographs  |

### **BACKGROUND**

The State of Alaska seeks to expand the Johnson Youth Center with 4 new beds, several new offices and common rooms, and a new sally port security entry. Replacement of outdoor light fixtures and a new underground thermal heating system is also proposed. The property is shown in Attachment A. This expansion has been reviewed through a Conditional Use permit. Details of this permit can be read under memorandum of #USE2011-19. Further, since this is a State project on city land it also requires a city consistency review permit, according to AS 35.30. This permit is the subject matter of the memorandum.

The project plans are depicted in Attachments B-D. Current pictures of the property can be seen in Attachment E.

This facility provides short- and long-term detention rooms for youth waiting the outcome of their offense. The existing 26 beds have become insufficient to meet current needs. More about this facility can be read at the following website: <a href="http://hss.state.ak.us/djj/facilities/jyc/default.htm">http://hss.state.ak.us/djj/facilities/jyc/default.htm</a>

### **ANALYSIS**

The 'Core' building labeled in Attachment B is the only building being expanded. The existing and proposed floor plans are shown in Attachment D. This expansion will not likely produce an increase in traffic volume or noise. Additional personnel may be needed with this expansion. Though there is abundant parking on the site, several new parking spaces will be added next to the new sally port for security purposes. Many of the lighting fixtures on existing light poles and those attached to the buildings will be replaced with recessed light emitting diode (LED) bulbs. These new fixtures will continue to guide light in a downward direction. A new underground thermal heating structure will be installed next to the buildings to provide a new heat source for the buildings to reduce dependency on oil heat.

### **CONFORMITY WITH ADOPTED PLANS**

The 2008 Comprehensive Plan (Comp Plan) designates this parcel as General Commercial (GC) as defined as "Lands devoted to retail, office, food service or personal service uses, including neighborhood retail and community commercial centers, such as shopping centers and malls, office complexes or other large employment centers." This matches the General Commercial zoning district

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that also overlays the subject property. The current use of a detention facility is not specifically listed, but is composed of offices and personal service uses. Therefore, it is an acceptable use in the General Commercial land designation.

The following policy of the Comp Plan is germane to the project:

Policy 13.3 It is the policy of the CBJ to promote quality medical and social services in the CBJ to ensure the safety, health, well-being and self-sufficiency of its residents.

The Comp Plan does not mention the Johnson Youth Center specifically or detention facilities. Overall, the project will not negatively affect adjacent property values.

Title 49, Land Use Code permits a youth detention facility through the Table of Permissible Uses category 7.500 'Correction Facilities' land use category with an approved Conditional Use permit in the General Commercial district. This district is intended to accommodate most commercial uses. A detention facility may not be a likely use in this district. However, with adjacent medical and various treatment facilities, the Johnson Youth Center does blend in since it provides a certain type of rehabilitation program. Together, all the uses of the neighborhood act as a type of personal treatment campus for the community.

Since the proposed light bulbs will be recessed and pointed downward, they will not glare onto adjacent streets or buildings. This light fixture design complies with the Land Use Code.

Overall, the expansion of the Johnson Youth Center is consistent with the 2008 Comprehensive Plan and is compliant with the Land Use Code.

### **HABITAT**

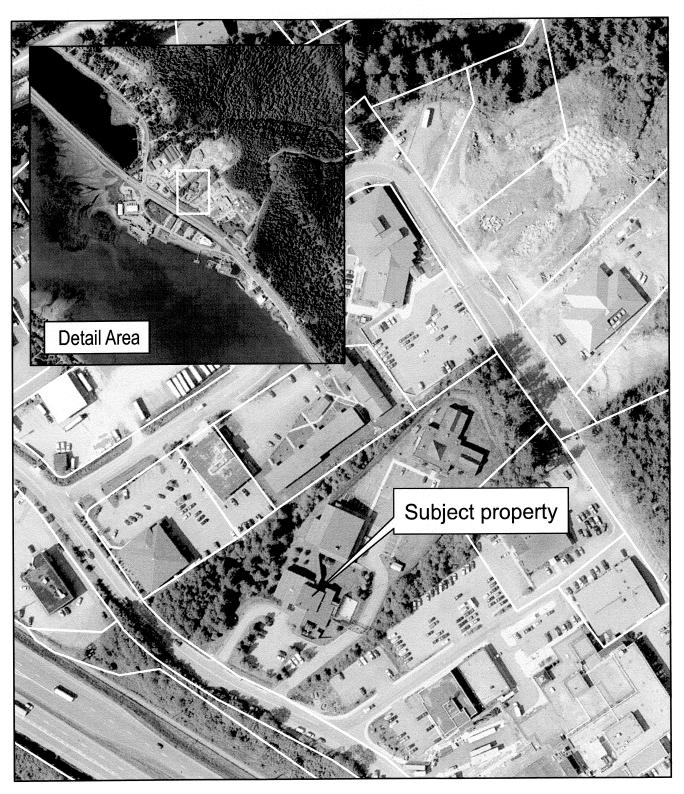
There are no sensitive mapped environs on the subject property.

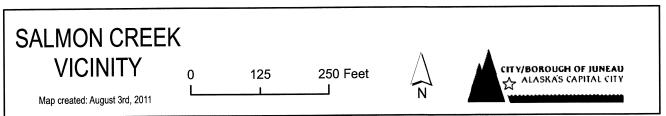
### **FINDINGS**

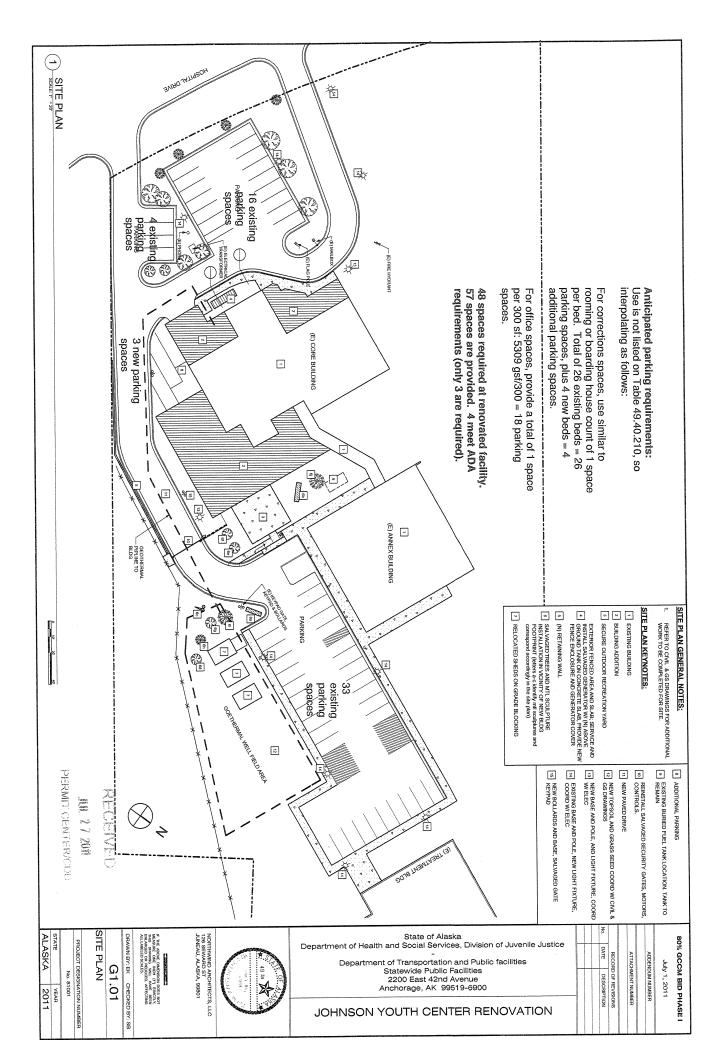
Staff finds this permit is consistent with the 2008 Comprehensive Plan and compliant with Title 49, Land Use Code.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

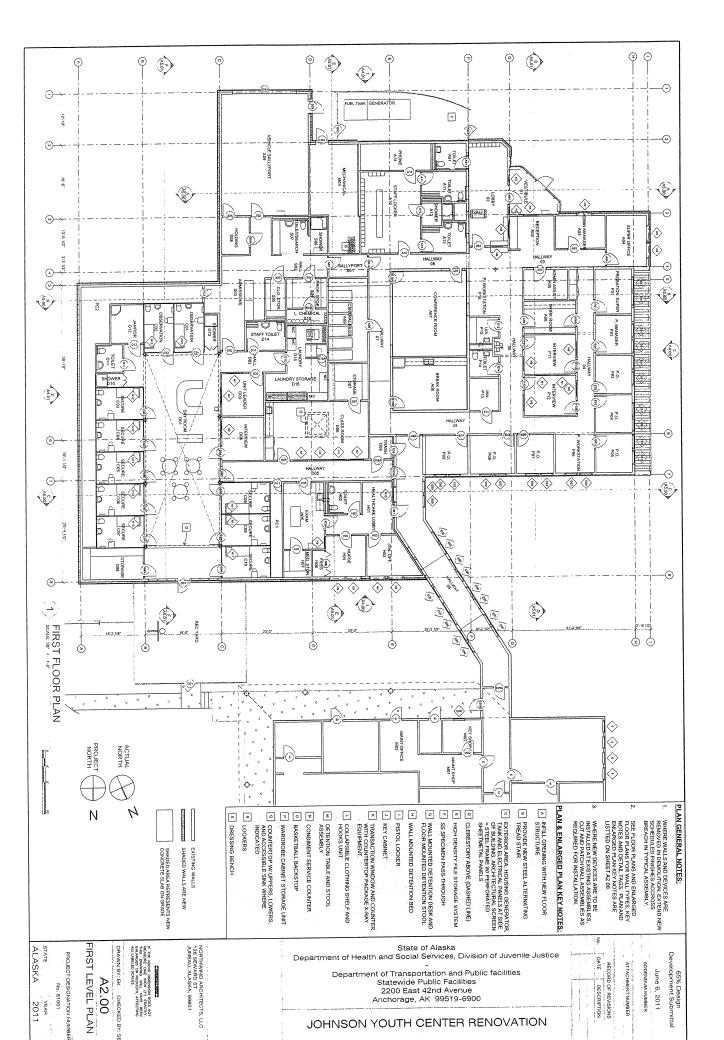
It is recommended that the Planning Commission adopt the Director's analysis and findings and recommend the approval of the CSP to the Assembly.







# ATTACHMENT C



Pictures taken by staff on 8/4/11. Top picture is the 'Core' Building with public access; bottom picture is of the controlled access point to the 'Annex' and 'Treatment' buildings.



