

Prescribed Consulting For Affordable Housing Development

February 5, 2025

Mr. Rosalio Banuelos Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs Asset Management 221 E 11<sup>th</sup> Street Austin, Texas 78701

Via Email: Rosalio.Banuelos@tdhca.state.tx.us

Re: Amendment & Waiver Request;

TDHCA #24079(HTC)/- Park at Dogwood - New Braunfels, Texas (the "Project");

Dear Mr. Banuelos,

On behalf of Comal Partners, L.P. (the "Applicant"), we are writing to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (the "Department") to request a waiver of §11.9(b)(2), Sponsor Characteristics and an amendment to reduce the total number of units. Due to extenuating circumstances out the Applicant's control, a change in the ownership structure is necessary. The waiver will allow a change in the ownership structure to reflect the admission to Applicant of (i) new members to its general partner and (ii) a new special limited partner. This waiver is needed because §11.9(b)(2) states the HUB must have ownership interest in the general partner. Under the proposed structure the HUB will have interest in the special limited partner member, but will perform the same duties and be functionally equivalent to the general partner.

In its Application to the Department, the Applicant identified its general partner as Park at Dogwood, LLC (the "General Partner"), and the members of the General Partner as Park Group Properties II, LLC and BETCO Consulting, LLC (collectively, the "Initial GP Members"). To protect the long-term feasibility of the Project, the Applicant now desires to make certain changes, including:

- Replacing the Initial GP Members with an affiliate of the New Braunfels Housing Authority ("NBHA"), to utilize a 100% property tax exemption for the Project.
- Adding Park at Dogwood LLC (the "Special Limited Partner") as the special limited partner of the Applicant, to accommodate the addition of NBHA. The Special Limited Partner will be owned by the Initial GP Members. As a result of this change, the General Partner's ownership percentage of the Applicant will be reduced from 0.001% to 0.0051%, and the Special Limited Partner will be allocated 0.0049% ownership percentage of the Applicant.
- Reducing the total number of low-income units from 85 to 76 units, resulting in a 10.58% reduction. This change results in a 7.9% reduction in net rentable area and 11.2% decrease in density. Parking will be reduced by a few spaces, proportionate to the reduction in units and in compliance with City of New Braunfels' requirements.
- A request to update the utility allowance with energy consumption model has been submitted and approved on January 17, 2025.



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At the time of Application submission, Regions Bank proposed to purchase the tax credits at a rate of \$0.88 per dollar. Since then, tax credit pricing has been negatively affected by speculation of a proposed reduction to corporate tax rates by the incoming new administration, the saturation of energy credits in the market, and no bonus depreciation. Today's proposed equity pricing from Regions is \$0.81 per dollar, which results in a loss of \$1,399,860 in total equity.

In addition to the drop in equity pricing, construction costs unexpectedly increased when FEMA updated their flood maps after Application submission on May 8, 2024. To mitigate the increased floodplain on the site, additional fill dirt must be hauled in to ensure finished ground floor elevations are at least one foot above floodplain and drive areas are no lower than six inches below the floodplain. The additional costs related to hauling in off-site dirt to get the site above the 100 year floodplain is currently estimated at \$616,262. These events could not have been reasonably foreseen at the time of Application. To offset the drop in equity and cost increases, the Applicant is requesting to reduce the number of total units from 85 to 76. The cost savings created by partnering with NBHA for the tax exemption, updating the utility allowance schedule, and reducing the total number of units preserves the Project's financial feasibility.

Please see the attached (i) original Applicant organizational chart, (ii) proposed Applicant organizational chart, (iii) revised application tabs (Financial, Previous Participation, Non-Profit Participation) (iv) previous and current flood maps. A \$2,500 check for the amendment request has been sent via FedEx.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss these items further, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (512) 785-3710 or via email at lora@betcohousinglab.com any time.

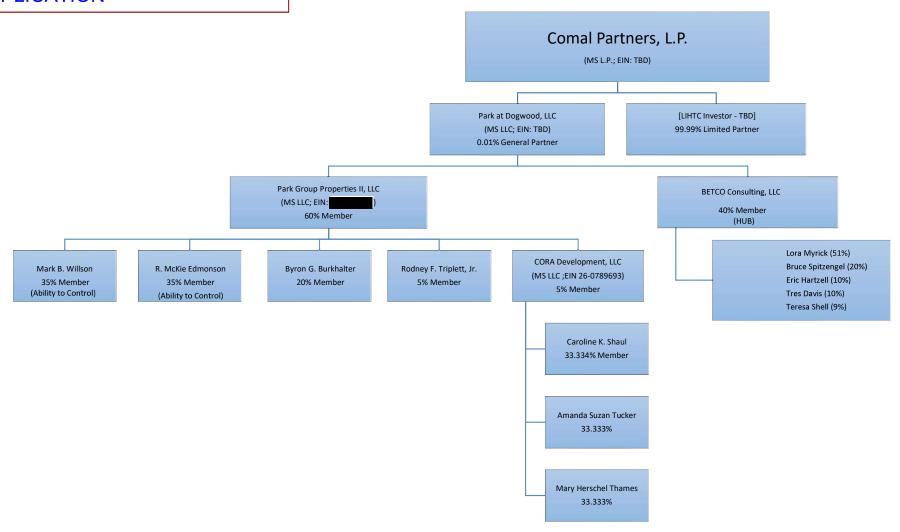
Sincerely,

Lora Myrick, Principal BETCO Consulting, LLC

CC: Karen Treadwell, Cody Campbell, Michelle Snedden, Byron Burkhalter, Juli Gonzalez

ORIGINAL ORG CHART FROM APPLICATION

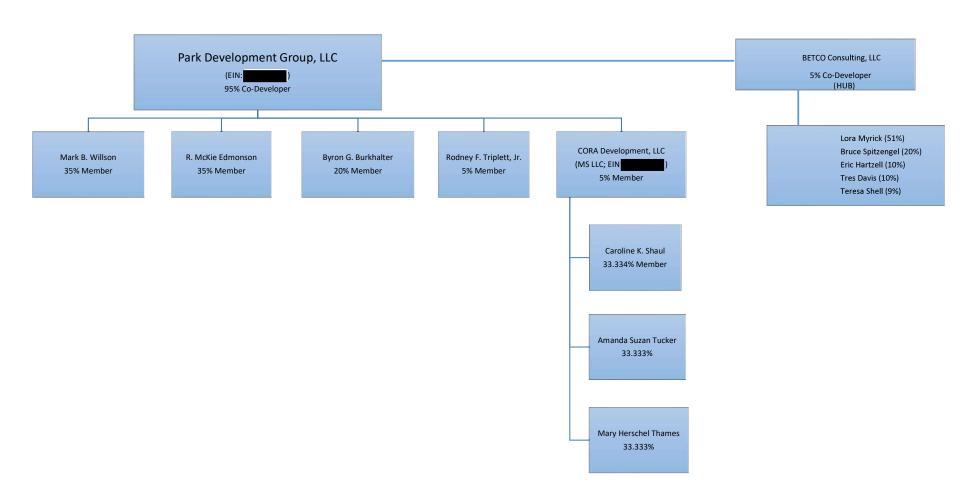
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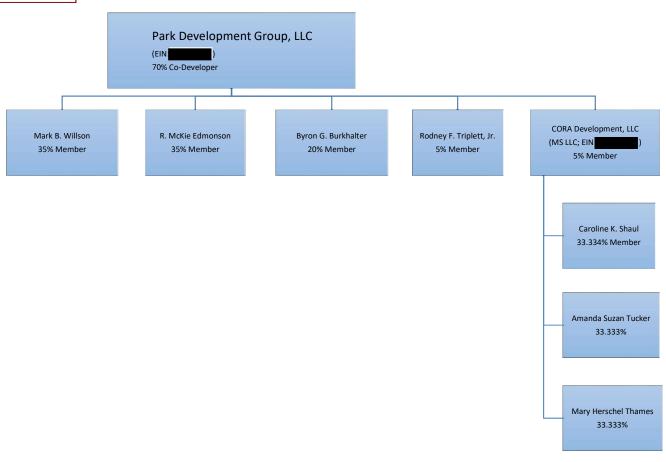
Project: Park at Dogwood

Co-Developers: Park Development Group, LLC and BETCO Consulting, LLC



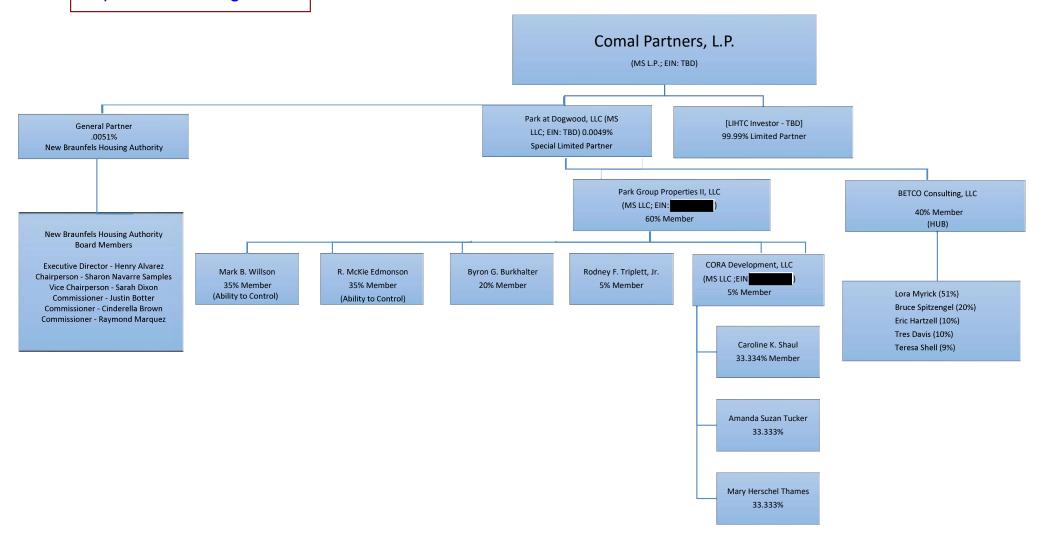
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Project: Park at Dogwood Guarantor: Park Development Group, LLC



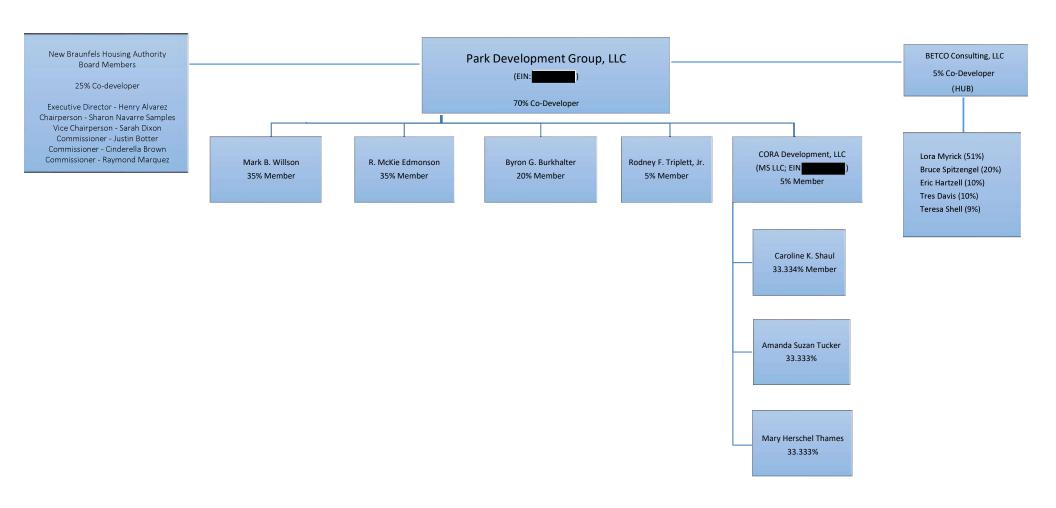
Proposed New Org Chart

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#### Proposed New Org Chart

#### Project: Park at Dogwood Co-Developers



## National Flood Hazard Layer FIRMette



Basemap Imagery Source: USGS National Map 2023

# Flood Map from Application

SEE FIS REPORT FOR DETAILED LEGEND AND INDEX MAP FOR FIRM PANEL LAYOUT Without Base Flood Elevation (BFE) With BFE or Depth Zone AE, AC, AH, VE, AR SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS **Regulatory Floodway** 0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard, Areas of 1% annual chance flood with average depth less than one foot or with drainage areas of less than one square mile Zone X **Future Conditions 1% Annual** Chance Flood Hazard Zone X Area with Reduced Flood Risk due to Levee. See Notes. Zone X OTHER AREAS OF Area with Flood Risk due to Levee Zone D FLOOD HAZARD NO SCREEN Area of Minimal Flood Hazard Zone X Effective LOMRs OTHER AREAS Area of Undetermined Flood Hazard Zone D - - - Channel, Culvert, or Storm Sewer STRUCTURES | LILLI Levee, Dike, or Floodwall 20.2 Cross Sections with 1% Annual Chance 17.5 Water Surface Elevation **Coastal Transect** ----- Base Flood Elevation Line (BFE) Limit of Study **Jurisdiction Boundary**  --- Coastal Transect Baseline OTHER Profile Baseline **FEATURES** Hydrographic Feature Digital Data Available No Digital Data Available MAP PANELS Unmapped

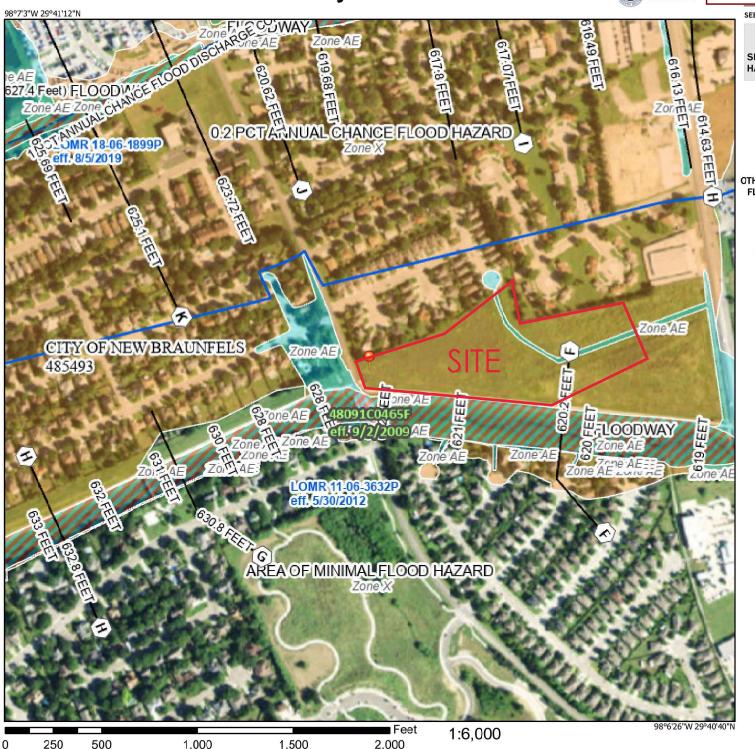
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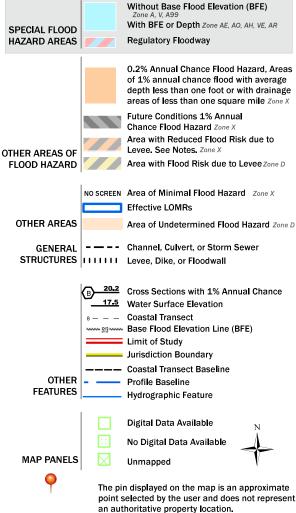


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#### Proposed New Site Plan

