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III. Development Guidelines.

C. Former Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary site – (See Map 4)

<u>Description</u>	
A.P. #	<del>43-261-03,05,20 &amp; 22</del> <u>043-261-25; 043-261-26; 043-262-03, 043-262-06; 043-401-05; 043-401-10; 043-401-16; 043-402-03; 043-402-06</u>
Area	<del>125.19</del> <u>123.35</u> acres of land, 22. <u>2</u> 5 acres of land underwater.
Existing zoning/density	RMP <del>2.1</del> <u>2.47</u> ; MF2 (1-4 units/acre)
Existing development	211 residential dwellings <del>for students and faculty</del> <u>available to the public</u> . Various buildings utilized for educational <del>and religious</del> purposes.

LAND USE – A ~~combination of student/faculty housing, educational and religious uses and activities~~college/university use with a student population of approximately 1,000 ~~were was~~ granted for this property by Use Permit in 1953 overlaid on the site's base zoning of RMP 2.47. Extensive facilities including housing, administrative and educational buildings were built subsequently. These uses continue to be appropriate for the property. However, since that Use Permit was issued, the plans of the Seminary and the character of the community and the zoning applied to the property have changed. Any further development of ~~all of the Seminary~~ property must be established in a Master Plan because it is now subject to a Planned District classification. In general, it is recommended that ~~Seminary religious~~, educational buildings, and uses and ~~student~~ housing be located on the central portion of the property. The areas located at the periphery of the ~~Seminary~~ property would be appropriate for ~~a limited number of~~ single-family detached residences ~~which would not be part of the Seminary's student and faculty housing~~. Development in these areas should be planned and designed to blend into the existing community.

The development potential of the ~~Seminary~~ property was discussed with the Citizen's Advisory Committee, the property owners and their representatives, and reviewed in the field by walking the property. The exact development of the property will be established in the more detailed review of a Master Plan application. ~~However, the following development was determined to be the maximum desirable based on the projected traffic impact and the context of the property within the community. The following was originally determined to be the maximum desirable development based on the projected traffic impact and the context property within the community.~~

- (1) 24 single-family detached residences located on the periphery of the ~~Seminary~~ property.

- (2) 36 attached units.
- (3) ~~90-100~~200-250 ~~student~~ housing units
- (4) Some additional development related to the educational ~~and religious~~-use of the ~~Seminary property~~ itself. However, the only such development specifically discussed as part of this Community Plan Amendment was a chapel. Other potential development includes a student union building and additional classrooms (shown in the 1955 Use Permit) and a gymnasium (new Use). Any such development should be located adjacent to the existing campus development. The extent of additions to the campus should be determined in a Master Plan which evaluates such development in the context of all development on the property.

The following discussion sets out specific guidelines for the development potential of the portion of the property surrounding the ~~Seminary~~-campus area in consideration of a Master Plan. The areas discussed are identified by numbers on Map 4. The guidelines include a range of development that may be appropriate. Not all of them can be exercised and be consistent with the maximum development identified for this property. Any Master Plan application should be evaluated against these guidelines and the other provisions of the Strawberry Community Plan. The maintenance or improvement of existing service levels at the Seminary/101/Frontage Road interchange should be a prime determinate of the development that is permitted at this location.

- (Area 1) Storer Drive Extension. Approximately six (6) single-family detached dwellings behind existing development on East Strawberry Drive would be appropriate. Alternatively, approximately 10-15 attached dwellings behind the existing apartments on East Strawberry Drive and approximately 3 single-family detached dwellings would also be suitable.
- (Area 2) Platt Court Existing ~~Faculty~~ units – Existing use should remain; however, if the ~~Seminary landowner~~ desires to redevelop this area, approximately three (3) single-family detached dwelling units could be built on site.
- (Area 3) Seminary Drive area at intersection with Great Circle Drive – Two single-family detached dwelling units could be located in this area.
- (Area 4) Seminary Drive area adjacent to Brickyard Park – Development in this area should be single-family detached dwelling units, approximately 3 to 4 in number. Single-family homes should be located on the level plateau area below the road and on top of the bluff above the shore. Dwellings should be sited so that views of Richardson Bay from existing dwellings are not blocked. Lots should be designed so that public access to the shoreline is wide and inviting and that the level area up to the bluff cannot be fenced off but will remain open to the public.

(Area 5) Slope between Chapel and Seminary Drive – Development in this area should be entirely single-family detached dwellings and approximately 10 in number. This land use is recommended to maintain the single-family character of the neighborhood. The access to the dwellings would be obtained from either Chapel or Seminary Drive. A band of open undeveloped land should extend from Chapel Drive to Seminary Drive. Alternative development in this area could be a combination of single-family detached dwellings below the ridge and small scale attached units in the bowl area adjacent to Seminary Drive.

(Area 6) Any expansion of the campus or ~~student~~ housing should be developed in this area. Hilltop adjacent to Chapel Drive is a prominent visual landmark within the Community and should remain undeveloped, if possible. However, if development of this site is to occur, it should be limited to either structures for Seminary-campus activities or allocated for housing. ~~No housing should be placed on this site.~~ Structures should be designed and placed so that they are as unobtrusive as possible. This should be accomplished by placing structures in the northern quadrant of the site and by “benching” the slope to provide a lower building pad and profile. Landscaping should also be incorporated into the site plan to screen views of the structure from existing dwellings. The existing views from residences along Hillard Drive should not be blocked by development on this hilltop.

(Area 7) Reed Boulevard – Two single-family detached dwelling units should be located on ~~Seminary~~ the property with frontage on Reed Boulevard.

(Area 8) Area between Seminary, Gilbert, Willis, Chapel Drive and the Forested Knoll – This area does not include the athletic field nor the slopes adjacent to it. The field and slopes should be considered as part of the campus and neither the property owner nor the public consider market housing as an appropriate use for this area.

If the ~~seminary-landowner~~ desires to develop attached dwelling units as apartments or to be sold as condominiums, such units could be located off of Chapel Drive at the top of the slope above Seminary Drive south of the Athletic Field and Gilbert Drive. Apartments or ~~€~~condominiums in this location could be compatible with the existing multiple development south of Seminary Drive next to Richardson Bay, and yet would be visually separated from the single-family detached dwellings located on the Point. A maximum of 36 units might be located in this area.

Alternatively, a smaller number, a maximum of 10, single-family detached units could be located in this area.

Zoning/Density – Maintain the existing Planned Development zoning designation of RMP. Densities to be established upon specific review of a master plan for the property. Allowable densities to be subject to the preceding land use recommendations and the following policies.

Location of Development – The shoreline area adjacent to Brickyard Park should remain undeveloped because it can provide public view of and access to the Bay. The Forested Knoll (~~Area 6~~) above Seminary Drive should remain undeveloped because it is a prominent visual landmark in the Community. Other portions of the property may be developed as outlined previously.

Traffic/Circulation – Driveways for individual lots should be kept to a minimum along Seminary Drive by combining entrances wherever possible.

Traffic generated by this development will add to the unacceptable level of congestion projected to occur at the intersection of Highway 101, Seminary Drive interchange ramps and the Redwood Frontage Road. To mitigate this impact, the developer shall be required to contribute, on a proportional basis, along with the other three major Strawberry developers, to the funding required to reconstruct this intersection, including the installation of a traffic signal. This problem is discussed in more detail in the Transportation portion of the Plan.

Traffic generated from this project will add to the safety problems for pedestrians walking on East Strawberry Drive. To mitigate this impact, the developer should be required to participate, proportionately, in the financing of a sidewalk or similar improvements which would separate pedestrian and vehicular traffic, on East Strawberry Drive from Great Circle Road to Strawberry Point School.

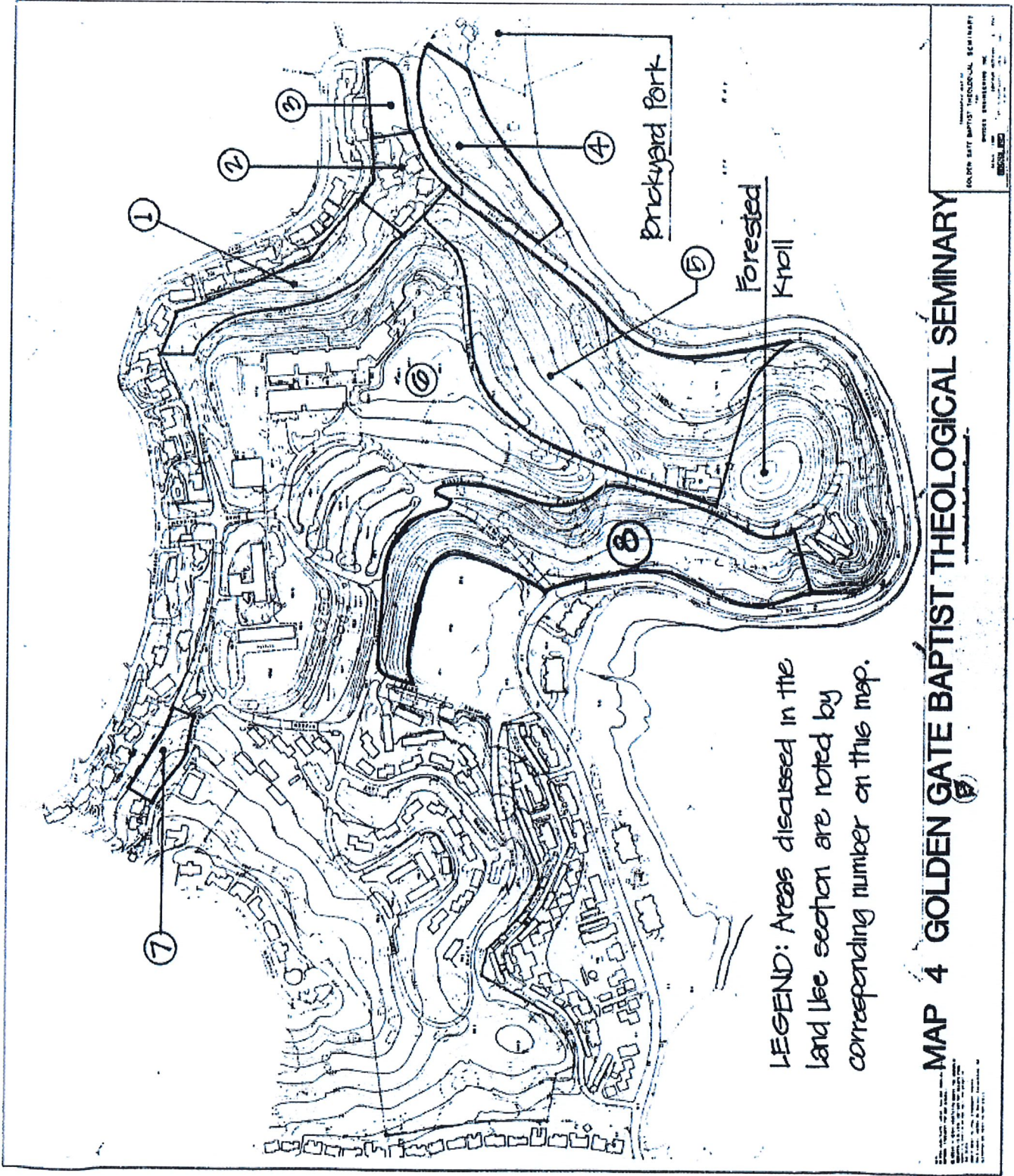
Design Guidelines – Development at the higher elevations between Chapel and Seminary Drives should be designed to retain an appearance of openness to the slopes, placing units below the ridge and grouping them toward the western and eastern portion of this area, so that the central portion of the slope and ridge remains open. This openness should be achieved by expanses of undeveloped areas rather than relying on space and landscaping between individual units; therefore, lots should not be uniformly placed across the ridge.

A complete landscaping plan should be incorporated into the site design. That plan should include placement and selection of landscaping materials to screen units on this site. Such landscaping should be installed as part of the site improvements and individual occupancy permits should be issued only after the landscaping is installed.

~~Student-h~~Housing proposed for the knoll adjacent to Shuck Drive should be sited to minimize grading for structures and parking areas. The site plan should be designed so that direct views of ~~student~~ units from existing dwellings, especially those on Milland and Ricardo Drives, are screened. A landscape plan providing a “green belt” buffer of landscaping between ~~student~~ housing and existing dwellings should be incorporated

into the site plan. Student-housing should be sited so as to provide at a minimum the same distances between new structures as currently exists between existing structures.

The review of any proposed master plan for the Seminary-property should include a discussion of the existing and potential public uses of and activities at the campus. Currently, the Community is not fully informed of the existing campus public activity programs. It would be beneficial if the Seminary-landowner and Community could establish a formal understanding of the recreational opportunities and educational activities available. Possibly the Strawberry Recreation District could assist the Seminary-landowner in establishing and publicizing these public uses and activities.



LEGEND: Areas discussed in the land use section are noted by corresponding number on this map.

MAP 4 GOLDEN GATE BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY