



# City of San Antonio

## Legislation Details (With Text)

**File #:** 18-2673

**Type:** Zoning Case

**In control:** City Council A Session

**On agenda:** 4/19/2018

**Title:** ZONING CASE # Z2018145 H (Council District 2): Ordinance amending the Zoning District Boundary to add the "H" Historic designation and remove the "NCD-9" Westfort Neighborhood Conservation District to all existing zoning on multiple properties in NCB 3593, 3855, 3856, 3858; located at 214 Army Boulevard, 218 Army Boulevard, 220 Army Boulevard, 221 Army Boulevard, 226 Army Boulevard, 230 Army Boulevard, 235 Army Boulevard, 237 Army Boulevard, 238 Army Boulevard, 239 Army Boulevard, 240 Army Boulevard, 242 Army Boulevard, 247 Army Boulevard, 262 Army Boulevard, 302 Army Boulevard, 305 Army Boulevard, 306 Army Boulevard, 309 Army Boulevard, 315 Army Boulevard, 316 Army Boulevard, 319 Army Boulevard, 320 Army Boulevard, 327 Army Boulevard, 330 Army Boulevard, 331 Army Boulevard, 335 Army Boulevard, 336 Army Boulevard, 337 Army Boulevard, 338 Army Boulevard, 339 Army Boulevard, 341 Army Boulevard, 343 Army Boulevard, 223 Brahan Boulevard, 225 Brahan Boulevard, 227 Brahan Boulevard, 231 Brahan Boulevard, 239 Brahan Boulevard, 251 Brahan Boulevard, 255 Brahan Boulevard, 259 Brahan Boulevard, 301 Brahan Boulevard, 302 Brahan Boulevard, 305 Brahan Boulevard, 306 Brahan Boulevard, 310 Brahan Boulevard, 311 Brahan Boulevard, 312 Brahan Boulevard, 315 Brahan Boulevard, 316 Brahan Boulevard, 318 Brahan Boulevard, 320 Brahan Boulevard, 321 Brahan Boulevard, 322 Brahan Boulevard, 324 Brahan Boulevard, 326 Brahan Boulevard, 330 Brahan Boulevard, 330 Brahan Boulevard, 333 Brahan Boulevard, 337 Brahan Boulevard, 345 Brahan Boulevard, 353 Brahan Boulevard, 359 Brahan Boulevard, 363 Brahan Boulevard, 367 Brahan Boulevard, 210 Haywood Avenue, 214 Haywood Avenue. Staff and Zoning Commission recommend Approval.

**Sponsors:**

**Indexes:**

**Code sections:**

**Attachments:** 1. Location Map, 2. 1\_OHP Staff Memo, 3. 2\_Proposed Boundary Response Map, 4. 3\_HDRC Recommendation, 5. 4\_OHP Staff Recommendation and HDRC published exhibits, 6. 5\_Letter of Support SA Conservation Society, 7. Zoning Minutes, 8. Draft Ordinance, 9. Ordinance 2018-04-19-0312

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
4/19/2018	1	City Council A Session	Motion to Approve	

**DEPARTMENT:** Development Services

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Michael Shannon

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** 2

**SUBJECT:**  
Zoning Case Z2018145 H

**SUMMARY:**

**Current Zoning:** Current properties have the Overlay District of "NCD-9" Westfort Neighborhood Conservation District

**Requested Zoning:** To replace the “NCD-9” for these properties with "H" Westfort Historic District

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

**Zoning Commission Hearing Date:** March 20, 2018

**Case Manager:** Daniel Hazlett, Planner

**Property Owner:** Multiple Property Owners

**Applicant:** City of San Antonio

**Representative:** City of San Antonio

**Location:** Multiple Properties within Westfort Neighborhood

**Legal Description:** 16.891 acres out of NCB 3593, 3855, 3856 and 3858

**Total Acreage:** 16.891

**Notices Mailed**

**Owners of Property within 200 feet:** 111

**Registered Neighborhood Associations within 200 feet:** Westfort Alliance Neighborhood Association, Downtown Residents Association

**Applicable Agencies:** Office of Historic Preservation, Planning Department, Fort Sam Houston

**Property Details**

**Property History:** The neighborhood is a part of the original 36-square miles of the City of San Antonio and was zoned “J” Commercial District, “F” Local Retail District, and “D” Apartment District. Over the years the properties were rezoned and converted into residential base zoning districts. The “NCD-9” Westfort Neighborhood Conservation District overlay was established by Ordinance 2011-10-06-0834, dated October 6, 2011.

**Topography:** The property does not include any abnormal physical features such as slope.

**Adjacent Base Zoning and Land Uses**

**Direction:** North

**Current Base Zoning:** “C-2”, “R-6 CD”, “RM-4 CD”, “R-6”, “RM-4”, “MR”, “MF-33”

**Current Land Uses:** Commercial Businesses, Single-Family Residences, Duplexes, Triplexes, Quadplexes, Apartments, Fort Sam Houston

**Direction:** East

**Current Base Zoning:** “MR”, “MF-33”

**Current Land Uses:** Fort Sam Houston, Apartments

**Direction:** South

**Current Base Zoning:** “I-1”, “C-2”, “IDZ”, “RM-4 CD”, “R-6”, “RM-4”, “MR”

**Current Land Uses:** Self Storage, Parking Lot, Single-Family Residences, Duplexes, Triplexes, Quadplexes, Fort Sam Houston

**Direction:** West

**Current Base Zoning:** "IDZ", "C-2", "C-2 CD"

**Current Land Uses:** Single-Family Residences, Commercial Businesses

**Overlay and Special District Information:**

"AHOD"

All surrounding properties carry the "AHOD" Airport Hazard Overlay District, due to their proximity to an airport or approach path. The "AHOD" does not restrict permitted uses, but can require additional review of construction plans by both the Development Services Department and the Federal Aviation Administration.

"NCD"

The Westfort Neighborhood Conservation District (NCD-9) is an overlay zoning district that contains design guidelines for rehabilitation of existing residential and commercial development. Property owners, together with the Department of Planning and Community Development staff, develop the design guidelines. These guidelines can address building materials, height, size, massing, signage, sidewalk location, etc. A zoning review is performed by the Zoning Section of the Development Services Department.

**Transportation**

**Thoroughfare:** Army Boulevard

**Existing Character:** Local Street

**Proposed Changes:** None Known

**Thoroughfare:** Brahan Boulevard

**Existing Character:** Local Street

**Proposed Changes:** None Known

**Thoroughfare:** Haywood Avenue

**Existing Character:** Local Street

**Proposed Changes:** None Known

**Thoroughfare:** North Pine Street

**Existing Character:** Local Street

**Proposed Changes:** None Known

**Public Transit:** VIA bus routes 9, 10, and 209 are within walking distance of the neighborhood.

**Traffic Impact:** A Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) is not required. The traffic generated by the proposed development does not exceed the threshold requirements.

**Parking Information:**

The minimum parking requirements will remain unchanged from what is required of each base zoning district.

**ISSUE:**

None.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Denial of the requested zoning change would result in the subject property retaining the present zoning district designation with the "NCD-9" Westfort Neighborhood Conservation District overlay.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.

**PROXIMITY TO REGIONAL CENTER/PREMIUM TRANSIT CORRIDOR:**

The properties are location within the Midtown Regional Center. The properties are also located within a ½ of a mile of the Austin Highway Premium Transit Corridor.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**Staff Analysis and Recommendation:** Staff and Zoning Commission (9-0) recommend Approval.

**Criteria for Review:** According to Section 35-421, zoning amendments shall be based on the approval criteria below.

**1. Consistency:**

The subject properties are located within the Westfort Alliance Neighborhood Plan. Since the proposal is to add “H” Historic District as an overlay zoning district without proposing to change base zoning districts, a consistency review is not applicable.

**2. Adverse Impacts on Neighboring Lands:**

Staff has found no evidence of likely adverse impacts on neighboring lands in relation to this zoning change request.

**3. Suitability as Presently Zoned:**

Surrounding lots are developed with residential and commercial uses. The proposed zoning request is consistent with the surrounding land uses.

**4. Health, Safety and Welfare:**

Staff has found no indication of likely adverse effects on the public health, safety, or welfare.

**5. Public Policy:**

The proposed request meets the San Antonio Comprehensive Plan’s goals and objectives of Historic Preservation and Cultural Heritage chapter. The area is located within the Westfort Alliance Neighborhood Plan. The plan specifies to preserve and enhance the residential character of the neighborhood, while recognizing the diverse, multi-cultural nature of the residents and the architectural quality of the housing stock. The addition of the “H” Historic District overlay is in agreement with the goals and objectives of the Westfort Alliance Neighborhood Plan.

**6. Size of Tract:**

The properties are approximately 16.891 acres.

**7. Other Factors:**

- a) The request for historic district designation was submitted by a property owner within the proposed boundary on March 23, 2017, on behalf of the Westfort Alliance Neighborhood Association.
- b) The proposed district was platted in 1909 by E.H. Cunningham and J.Kirkpatrick. The area includes an eclectic mix of styles, including Tudor, craftsman, prairie, Spanish eclectic, folk Victorian, post-war mid-century apartments and neoclassical homes. The development pattern and neighborhood location reflect the proliferation of housing stock after WWII abutting Fort Sam Houston to the east. UDC

Section 35-607 (a) states that historic districts must meet at least three of the designation criteria. The proposed Westfort Historic District meets criteria 3, 8, 10 and 11. All structures included in the proposed boundary are contributing.

- c) BACKGROUND -- The applicant is requesting approval for historic district designation for the Westfort Historic District and a recommendation for approval to the Zoning Commission and to the City Council for Historic zoning designation.
- The proposed district will include the 200 and 300 block of Army between Broadway and Pine, and the 200 block Brahan on the north between Broadway and Pine, and the 300 block of Brahan between Haywood and Pine. It contains 60 non-municipal parcels total. All 60 properties are contributing to the proposed district.
  - Prior to receiving the request for district designation, OHP staff was invited by residents to attend five neighborhood meetings held on 7/18/2016, 8/7/2016, 8/14/2016, 8/23/2016, and 9/14/2016, to provide information regarding historic designation and the design review processes.
  - A public informational meeting for proposed historic district as held on April 11, 2017, for property owners within the boundary. 17 property owners were present at this meeting.
  - On October 17, 2017, OHP gave an additional presentation describing the designation and design review process at the Westfort Neighborhood Alliance Association (W ANA) quarterly meeting. Over 20 residents of WANA were in attendance.
  - On October 19, 2017, the staff of the Office of Historic Preservation received and verified 31 return notices of 51 % of the property owners within the proposed boundary that are in support of the designation. In accordance with the UDC, staff has forwarded the application to the HDRC for review.
  - The decision to seek historic district designation was in response to concerns from the residents regarding recent demolitions and increased development activities.
  - The proposed boundary is located within the Westfort Neighborhood Conservation District-9 (NCD). The NCD was designated by the City Council October 2011. Per UDC 35-335, the City Council aims to preserve, protect, enhance, and perpetuate the value of these residential neighborhoods or commercial districts through the establishment of Neighborhood Conservation Districts. NCDs are established in areas that possess distinctive character-defining features.