



# City of San Antonio

## Legislation Details (With Text)

**File #:** 17-4556  
**Type:** Plan Amendment  
**In control:** City Council A Session  
**On agenda:** 9/7/2017  
**Title:** PLAN AMENDMENT CASE # 17014 (Council District 3): An Ordinance amending the Highlands Community Plan, a component of the Comprehensive Master Plan of the City, by changing the future land use from "Low-Density Residential" to "Community Commercial" on 1.6142 acres out of NCB 3815 and NCB 3819 and to "Neighborhood Commercial" on 0.0826 acres out of NCB 3819, located in the 3100-3200 Block of Gevers Street, 303 Channing Ave, and 202 Cosgrove Street. Staff recommends Approval. Planning Commission recommends Denial. (Associated Zoning Case Z2017049) (Continued from August 3, 2017)  
**Sponsors:**  
**Indexes:**  
**Code sections:**  
**Attachments:** 1. Aerial Map, 2. Adopted and Proposed LU Maps, 3. Draft Ordinance.pdf

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**DEPARTMENT:** Development Services

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Michael Shannon

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** 3

**SUBJECT:**

Plan Amendment 17014  
(Associated Zoning Case Z2017049)

**SUMMARY:**

**Comprehensive Plan Component:** Highlands Community Plan

**Plan Adoption Date:** April 4, 2002

**Current Land Use Category:** Low Density Residential

**Proposed Land Use Category:** Community Commercial and Neighborhood Commercial

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

**Planning Commission Hearing Date:** March 08, 2017. This case was continued from the February 22, 2017 and the January 25, 2017 Planning Commission hearings.

**Case Manager:** Nyliah Acosta, Planner

**Property Owner:** Bryan and Susan Hackney

**Applicant:** Max Alley Real Estate Services, LLC

**Representative:** Brown & Ortiz, PC

**Location:** 3100-3200 Block of Gevers Street, 303 Channing Ave, and 202 Cosgrove Street

**Legal Description:** 1.6968 acres out of NCB 3819 and NCB 3815

**Total Acreage:** 1.6968

**Notices Mailed**

**Owners of Property within 200 feet:** 53

**Registered Neighborhood Associations within 200 feet:** Highland Park Neighborhood Association

**Applicable Agencies:** Department of Planning and Community Development

**Transportation**

**Thoroughfare:** Channing Avenue

**Existing Character:** Local Road.

**Proposed Changes:** None Known.

**Thoroughfare:** South Gevers Street

**Existing Character:** Local Road.

**Proposed Changes:** None Known.

**Public Transit:**

VIA route 515 is approximately three blocks south of the subject property.

**ISSUE:**

**Plan Adoption Date:** April 4, 2002

**Update History:** December 6, 2007

Goal 1: Improve the current variety of goods, services and employment available within the community by creating an environment conducive to commercial prosperity and encouraging new businesses to locate in the area.

Goal 1.4: Ensure new and existing businesses conform appropriately to the scale, design and character of the community, enhancing it aesthetically whenever possible.

**Comprehensive Land Use Categories**

**Low Density Residential:** Low-density residential uses include single-family houses on individual lots. All off-street parking and vehicle use areas adjacent to residential uses require buffer landscaping, and lighting and signage controls. Certain non-residential activities, such as schools, places of worship and parks, are appropriate within these areas and should be centrally located to provide easy accessibility.

**Example Zoning Districts:**

R3, R4, R5, R6, R20

**Comprehensive Land Use Categories**

**Community Commercial:** Community Commercial development includes moderate-intensity convenience retail or service uses, generally serving the area community. These uses depend on a greater volume of

vehicular traffic. Drive-through establishments are permitted. A mix of uses in the same building or development is allowed. Community Commercial uses are typically located at nodes on arterials at major intersections. Community Commercial uses should incorporate well-defined and accessible entrances, shared internal circulation, limited curb cuts to arterial streets, ample sidewalks, shade trees in parking lots, landscaping on planting strips between parking lot and streets, and well-designed monument signage (no large pole signs). Shared parking is encouraged in order to minimize impervious cover. Community commercial centers should be linked to adjoining land uses with safe, attractive and convenient vehicular and pedestrian access. Appropriate buffering is required if this use abuts a residential use.

**Example Zoning Districts:**

NC, C1, O1, C2P, C2

**Comprehensive Land Use Categories**

**Neighborhood Commercial:** Neighborhood Commercial includes small offices and shop-front retail establishments that can be served by pedestrian access, generally less than 5000 square feet. No drive-through establishments are permissible. Residential uses can be in the same building with retail and office uses. This includes small apartment buildings and townhouses. Live/work units and residential units above retail are encouraged. Uses are in scale with the surrounding residential development. Community green areas with benches, trees and landscaping; small plazas; and public gathering spaces are encouraged as part of the neighborhood commercial area. Buildings should have windows on the ground level. Parking areas should be located behind the buildings. Service entrances and/or yards are screened from residential areas and refuse enclosures are located at the rear of the site and screened. Buffer yards provide a landscaped separation between residential and commercial uses. All off street parking and vehicle use areas adjacent to residential uses require buffer landscaping and lighting and signage controls.

**Example Zoning Districts:**

NC, C1, O1

**Land Use Overview**

Subject Property

**Future Land Use Classification**

Low Density Residential

**Current Use**

Vacant Lots

North

**Future Land Use Classification**

Low Density Residential

**Current Use**

Single-Family Residence, Multi-Family and a Church

East

**Future Land Use Classification**

Low Density Residential

**Current Use**

Vacant Lots

South

**Future Land Use Classification**

Low Density Residential

**Current Use**

Single-Family Residences and Multi-Family

West

**Future Land Use Classification**

Low Density Residential

**Current Use**

Single-Family Residences and Commercial

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Recommend denial of the proposed amendment to the Highlands Community Plan, as presented above.
2. Make an alternate recommendation.
3. Continue to a future date.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None

**STAFF ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends Approval. Planning Commission recommends Denial (5-4).

The applicant requests this plan amendment and associated zoning change in order to construct a Family Dollar. The subject property is located within a neighborhood and ¼ of a mile from a premium transit corridor. The surrounding area also has various small scale commercial uses and therefore the proposed Community Commercial and Neighborhood Commercial classification are appropriate land use classifications. The proposed land use is also supported in the Highlands Community Plan to ensure that high quality and appropriate business' are being brought to the area.

Relevant Goals and Policies of the Comprehensive Plan may include:

GCF Goal 1: Higher-density uses are focused within the city's 13 regional centers and along its arterial and transit corridors.

GCF P8: Continue to focus revitalization of neighborhoods adjacent to downtown and extend these efforts to regional centers, urban centers, and transit corridors.

GCF P14: Establish appropriate buffers and transitions (land use, form and/or landscaping) between residential neighborhoods and surrounding higher-density development.

The request is generally consistent with guiding principles of the Comprehensive Plan. The plan calls for a mix of uses to be developed along and near transit corridors. However, the development should avoid negatively affecting adjacent residential land uses by employing appropriate buffers and landscaping. This project will transform the vacant lots in to an appropriately scaled commercial business that will service the neighborhood while preserving the character of the area.

**ZONING COMMISSION SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: Z2017049**

Current Zoning: "R-6 AHOD" Single-Family Residential Airport Hazard Overlay District

Proposed Zoning: "C-2 AHOD" Commercial Airport Hazard Overlay District and "O-1 AHOD" Office Airport Hazard Overlay District

Zoning Commission Hearing Date: February 7, 2017

