



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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Agenda Item Number: 8.

Agenda Date: 10/16/2018

In Control: Zoning Commission

DEPARTMENT: Development Services

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Michael Shannon

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: 3

SUBJECT:

Zoning Case Z2018326

(Associated Plan Amendment 18092)

SUMMARY:

Current Zoning: "R-4 AHOD" Residential Single-Family Airport Hazard Overlay District

Requested Zoning: "C-1 AHOD" Light Commercial Airport Hazard Overlay District

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Zoning Commission Hearing Date: October 16, 2018

Case Manager: Marco Hinojosa, Planner

Property Owner: Anh Tien Pham

Applicant: Anh Tien Pham

Location: 123 Waleetka Street

Legal Description: Lot 22, Block 12, NCB 2950

Total Acreage: 0.14

Notices Mailed

Owners of Property within 200 feet: 22

Registered Neighborhood Associations within 200 feet: Highland Park Neighborhood Association

Applicable Agencies: None

Property Details

Property History: The subject property is part of the original 36 square miles of the City of San Antonio, and was zoned “B” Residence District. Upon the adoption of the 2001 Unified Development Code, the previous “B” converted to the current “R-4”.

Topography: The property does not include any abnormal physical features such as slope or inclusion in a floodplain.

Adjacent Base Zoning and Land Uses

Direction: North

Current Base Zoning: “R-4”

Current Land Uses: Vacant

Direction: East

Current Base Zoning: “C-1”

Current Land Uses: Office

Direction: South

Current Base Zoning: “R-4”

Current Land Uses: Single-Family Residences

Direction: West

Current Base Zoning: “R-4”

Current Land Uses: Single-Family Residences

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.

Transportation

Thoroughfare: Waleetka Street

Existing Character: Local

Proposed Changes: None Known

Public Transit: VIA bus routes are within walking distance of the subject property. Routes served: 20, 34, 232, and 515

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 for a professional office is 1 space per 300 sf GFA.

ISSUE:

None.

ALTERNATIVES:

A denial of the request will result in the subject property retaining the current base zoning district of “R-4”. This district provides areas for medium- to high-density, single-family residential uses where adequate public facilities and services exist with capacity to serve development. These districts are composed mainly of areas containing single-family dwellings and open area where similar residential development seems likely to occur.

Residential single-family provides minimum lot size and density requirements in order to preserve neighborhood character.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

PROXIMITY TO REGIONAL CENTER/PREMIUM TRANSIT CORRIDOR:

The property is located half a mile of a Premium Transit Corridor.

Staff Analysis and Recommendation: Staff recommends Denial, with Alternate Recommendation of “R-4 CD” Residential Single-Family with Conditional Use for a Professional Office.

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

1. Consistency:

The subject property is located within the Highlands Community Plan and is currently designated as “Low Density Residential” in the future land use component of the plan. The requested “C-1” base zoning is not compatible with the future land use designation. The applicant is requesting a Plan Amendment from “Low Density Residential” to “Mixed Use” to accommodate the proposed rezoning. Staff recommends Denial of the Plan Amendment. The Planning Commission recommendation is pending the October 24, 2018 hearing.

2. Adverse Impacts on Neighboring Lands:

Staff finds evidence of likely adverse impacts on neighboring lands in relation to this zoning change request. Allowing the change in zoning will encourage commercial encroachment into the single-family uses without an appropriate buffer.

3. Suitability as Presently Zoned:

The current “R-4” Residential Single-Family District is an appropriate zoning district for the subject property and surrounding uses.

4. Health, Safety and Welfare:

Staff has found indication of likely adverse effects on the public health, safety, or welfare. Allowing commercial encroachment could create safety and nuisance issues.

5. Public Policy:

The proposed rezoning does appear to conflict with the following goals, principles, and objectives of the Highlands Community Plan.

Highlands Community Plan Relevant Goals and Objectives:

- Improve the appearance of the community and maintenance of the commercial buildings while preserving the character of the Highlands neighborhoods.
- Enhance and improve the distinctive character of the Highlands neighborhoods and encourage compatible infill housing within the neighborhoods.

6. Size of Tract:

The subject property totals 0.14 acres in size, which would adequately support the expansion of the office building to the east.

7. Other Factors:

None.