



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

**File Number:** 19-1770

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**Agenda Item Number:** Z-5.

**Agenda Date:** 2/21/2019

**In Control:** City Council A Session

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**DEPARTMENT:** Development Services

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Michael Shannon

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** 1

**SUBJECT:**

Zoning Case Z2018-900064

(Associated Plan Amendment PA2018-900019)

**SUMMARY:**

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

**Requested Zoning:** "IDZ-2 AHOD" Medium Intensity Infill Development Zone Airport Hazard Overlay District with uses permitted for (8) Residential Units

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

**Zoning Commission Hearing Date:** January 15, 2019

**Case Manager:** Marco Hinojosa, Planner

**Property Owner:** 137 Norwood LLC

**Applicant:** Laurie Weiss

**Representative:** Laurie Weiss

**Location:** 137 East Norwood Court

**Legal Description:** Lot 36, Lot 37 and the West 9 Feet of Lot 38, Block 3, NCB 6557

**Total Acreage:** 0.1774

**Notices Mailed**

**Owners of Property within 200 feet:** 22

**Registered Neighborhood Associations within 200 feet:** Monte Vista Terrace **Applicable Agencies:** None

## **Property Details**

**Property History:** The subject property was zoned “B” Residence District by Ordinance OI-191, dated November 9, 1938. The property converted from “B” to the current “R-4” Single-Family Residential District with the adoption of the 2001 Unified Development Code (UDC), established by Ordinance 93881, on May 3, 2001.

**Topography:** None.

## **Adjacent Base Zoning and Land Uses**

**Direction:** North

**Current Base Zoning:** “MF-33”

**Current Land Uses:** Apartments

**Direction:** East

**Current Base Zoning:** “C-2”

**Current Land Uses:** Retail Store

**Direction:** South

**Current Base Zoning:** “R-4”, “C-2” and “C-3NA”

**Current Land Uses:** Single-Family Residences, Two-Family Residences and Automotive Service

**Direction:** West

**Current Base Zoning:** “R-4”

**Current Land Uses:** Two-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:** East Norwood Court

**Existing Character:** Local

**Proposed Changes:** None Known

**Public Transit:** VIA bus routes are within walking distance of the subject property.

Routes Served: 5, 204

**Traffic Impact:** A Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) is not required. Infill Development (IDZ) is exempt from TIA requirements.

**Parking Information:** “IDZ-2” waves the minimum parking requirement by 50%.

## **ISSUE:**

None.

## **ALTERNATIVES:**

Denial of the requested zoning change would result in the subject property retaining the present zoning district designation of “R-4”. These districts provide 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.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**Staff Analysis and Recommendation:** Staff and Zoning Commission (11-0) recommend Approval, pending Plan Amendment.

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

**1. Consistency:**

The property is located within the North Central Neighborhoods Community Plan, and is currently designated as “Medium Density Residential” in the future land use component of the plan. The requested “IDZ-2” base zoning is not compatible with the future land use designation. The applicant is requesting a Plan Amendment from “Medium Density Residential” to “High Density Residential” to accommodate the proposed rezoning. Staff and Planning Commission recommend Approval of the Plan Amendment.

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

Staff has not found evidence of likely adverse impacts on neighboring lands in relation to this zoning change request.

**3. Suitability as Presently Zoned:**

The current “R-4” base zoning district is an appropriate for the surrounding area. The subject property is bounded by residential uses with a variety of densities.

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

Staff has not found indication of likely adverse effects on the public health, safety, or welfare.

**5. Public Policy:**

The proposed rezoning does not appear to conflict with the following goals, principles, and objectives of the North Central Neighborhoods Community Plan.

North Central Neighborhoods Community Plan Relevant Goals and Objectives:

- GOAL 3: Maintain and preserve the quality of the existing residential and commercial properties through the encouragement of rehabilitation and code compliance.
- GOAL 4: Ensure a transition between residential and commercial areas that is aesthetically pleasing while discouraging encroachment into residential areas.

**6. Size of Tract:**

The subject property measures 0.1774 acres which should reasonably accommodate an infill development.

## 7. Other Factors:

Infill Development Zone (IDZ) provides flexible standards for developments. IDZ is to encourage and facilitate development on vacant, bypassed lands, or the redevelopment of underutilized buildings or structures, within existing built-up areas. IDZ may be approved as either a base zoning district or an overlay zoning district. Standards required in an IDZ district shall apply to either IDZ base zoning or the IDZ overlay district except where otherwise specifically stated. Typically IDZ gives flexibility to parking requirements, lots sizes, and setbacks.

- The applicant's request meets the Master Plan's Policy for Growth Management - Policy 1g, because it makes physical improvements on an inner city property encouraging redevelopment and infill development.
- The applicant's request meets the Master Plan's Policy for Economic Development - Goal 4, because it targets an area within Loop 410 and the southern sector.
- The applicant's request the Master Plan's Policy for Neighborhoods - Policy 1a, because it rezones vacant or underutilized property in and around neighborhoods to encourage redevelopment that is compatible in use and intensity with the existing neighborhood.
- The applicant's request the Master Plan's Policy for Neighborhoods - Policy 1d, because it promotes conversion or adaptive reuse of vacant or underutilized commercial buildings to provide affordable infill housing.
- The applicant's request the Master Plan's Policy for Neighborhoods - Policy 4a, because it preserves and revitalizes housing and promotes targeted infill housing in neighborhoods, particularly older neighborhoods located inside Loop 410.
- The applicant's request the Master Plan's Policy for Urban Design - Policy 4b, because it incentivizes property to encourage development in underutilized urban areas.