



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: City Council A Session

DEPARTMENT: Development Services

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Roderick Sanchez

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Council District 5

SUBJECT:

Zoning Case Z2014110 CD

SUMMARY:

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

Requested Zoning: "R-4 CD AHOD" Residential Single-Family Airport Hazard Overlay District with a Conditional Use for a Professional Office

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Zoning Commission Hearing Date: April 1, 2014

Case Manager: Osniel Leon, Planner

Property Owner: Jose Luis Mendez

Applicant: Edward R. Campos

Representative: Edward R. Campos

Location: 202 Adolph

Legal Description: Lot 16, Block 5, NCB 10605

Total Acreage: 0.166

Notices Mailed

Owners of Property within 200 feet: 22

Neighborhood Associations: Tierra Linda Neighborhood Association (within 200 feet)

Planning Team Members: Nogalitos/South Zarzamora Community Plan (26)

Applicable Agencies: None

Property Details

Property History: The property was annexed in 1944 and was originally zoned “B” Residence District. Upon adoption of the 2001 Unified Development Code, the previous base zoning district converted to the current “R-4” Residential Single-Family District. According to the Bexar County Appraisal District, the subject property is currently developed as a single-family residence measuring approximately 864 square feet built in 1953. The subject property was platted into its current configuration in 1952 (Volume 3025, Page 274 in the Deed and Plat Records of Bexar County, Texas).

Topography: The subject property does not include any abnormal physical features such as significant slope or inclusion in a flood plain.

Adjacent Zoning and Land Uses

Direction: North

Current Base Zoning: “R-4”, “C-2”

Current Land Uses: Leal Middle School, single-family residences, office, gas station

Direction: East

Current Base Zoning: “C-2”, “C-3NA”

Current Land Uses: Offices, restaurant

Direction: West and South

Current Base Zoning: “R-4”

Current Land Uses: Single-family residences

Overlay and Special District Information: 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: West Southcross Boulevard

Existing Character: Secondary Arterial Type B; two lanes in each direction with sidewalks

Proposed Changes: None known

Thoroughfare: Adolph

Existing Character: Local Street; one lane in each direction with one sidewalk

Proposed Changes: None known

Public Transit: The number 46, 246 and 515 VIA bus lines operate along West Southcross Boulevard, with multiple stops near the subject property.

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

Parking Information: Off-street vehicle parking requirements are typically determined by the type of use and building size. The rezoning application refers to a proposed office use.

Professional Office - Minimum Parking Requirement: 1 space per 300 square feet of Gross Floor Area

(GFA). Maximum Parking Requirement: 1 space per 140 square feet of GFA.

The requisite Conditional Use site plan shows 4 parking spaces located behind the primary structure.

ISSUE:

None.

ALTERNATIVES:

A denial of the zoning request will result in the subject property retaining the existing residential zoning designation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None. The applicant has paid the required zoning fees.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff and Zoning Commission (8-0) recommend approval

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

1. Consistency:

The subject property is located within the Nogalitos/South Zarzamora Community Plan and is currently designated as Medium Density Residential in the future land use component of the plan. The requested “R-4” base zoning district is consistent with the adopted land use designation.

2. Adverse Impacts on Neighboring Lands:

Staff finds the requested “R-4 CD” to be appropriate given that the subject property will continue to permit residential development and the proposed office will be located within the existing structure. Additionally, staff finds no evidence of likely adverse impacts on neighboring lands in relation to this zoning change request and finds the requested zoning to be appropriate because of the subject property’s location at the periphery of the neighborhood along an arterial thoroughfare and in close proximity to an interstate highway.

3. Suitability as Presently Zoned:

The “R-4” base zoning district is appropriate for the subject property and is consistent with the future land use designation of the Nogalitos/South Zarzamora Community Plan.

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 request does not appear to conflict with any public policy objective.

6. Size of Tract:

The subject property is 0.166 acres, which should be able to reasonably accommodate the proposed use as illustrated on the required site plan.

7. Other Factors:

Per Section 35-422(e)(3), the following conditions shall apply to the operation of a nonresidential conditional use within any residential district, unless otherwise approved by the city council:

A. There shall be no exterior display or sign with the exception that a nameplate, not exceeding three (3) square

feet in area, may be permitted when attached to the front of the main structure.

B. No construction features shall be permitted which would place the structure out of character with the surrounding residential neighborhood.

C. Business or office hours of operations shall not be permitted before 7:00 a.m. or after 6:00 p.m.

Staff recommends the following additional conditions:

1. A "Type A" landscape buffer shall be maintained where the subject property abuts residential zoning or uses; however, the buffer width shall be reduced to 5 feet.
2. All on-site lighting shall be directed onto the site, away from any surrounding residential uses or zoning.
3. Use of the parking lot shall be limited to the business or office hours of operation.
4. The parking lot shall be provided with a gate or other sufficient barrier against vehicle entry during the hours the facility served is closed.
5. The parking area shall comply with all applicable provisions of Section 35-526 of the Unified Development Code.

Conversion of a residential structure into a commercial use may impose additional city code requirements including but not limited to the building code, electric code and/or fire code.