



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**Agenda Item Number:** 11.

**Agenda Date:** 10/15/2019

**In Control:** Zoning Commission

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**DEPARTMENT:** Development Services

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Michael Shannon

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** 1

**SUBJECT:**

ZONING CASE Z-2019-10700194

**SUMMARY:**

**Current Zoning:** "C-1 HL MLOD-2 MLR-2 AHOD" Light Commercial Historic Landmark Lackland Military Lighting Overlay Military Lighting Region 2 Airport Hazard Overlay District and "R-4 HL MLOD-2 MLR-2 AHOD" Residential Single-Family Historic Landmark Lackland Military Lighting Overlay Military Lighting Region 2 Airport Hazard Overlay District

**Requested Zoning:** "IDZ-2 MLOD-2 MLR-2 AHOD" Medium Intensity Infill Development Zone Lackland Military Lighting Overlay Military Lighting Region 2 Airport Hazard Overlay District with uses permitted for twelve (12) units

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

**Zoning Commission Hearing Date:** September 17, 2019

**Case Manager:** Dominic Silva, Senior Planner

**Property Owner:** SADA Industries, LLC.

**Applicant:** SADA Industries, LLC.

**Representative:** Patrick W. Christensen

**Location:** 2607 West Houston Street

**Legal Description:** Lot 10, Lot 11 and Lot 12, Block 31, NCB 2280

**Total Acreage:** 0.430

## **Notices Mailed**

**Owners of Property within 200 feet:** 27

**Registered Neighborhood Associations within 200 feet:** Prospect Hill Neighborhood Association

**Applicable Agencies:** Lackland AFB

## **Property Details**

**Property History:** The subject properties were included in the original 36 square miles of the City of San Antonio and were originally zoned “B” Residence District and “B-1” Business District and converted to the current “R-4” Residential Single-Family District and “C-1” Light Commercial District with the adoption of the 2001 Unified Development Code (UDC), established by Ordinance 93881, on May 3, 2001. The property was designated an historic landmark by Ordinance 2014-06-19-0492 on June 19, 2014. In 2014, the main structure was eligible for designation based coded criteria at the time.

**Topography:** The subject property is not located within the 100-year flood plain.

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

**Direction:** North

**Current Base Zoning:** “R-4”

**Current Land Uses:** Residential

**Direction:** East

**Current Base Zoning:** “R-4”

**Current Land Uses:** Residential

**Direction:** South

**Current Base Zoning:** “C-2”

**Current Land Uses:** Commercial

**Direction:** West

**Current Base Zoning:** “R-4”

**Current Land Uses:** Residential

## **Overlay and Special District Information:**

**"MLOD-2"**

All surrounding properties carry the "MLOD-2" Military Lighting Overlay District, due to their proximity to Lackland. The "MLOD-2" does not restrict permitted uses, but does regulate outdoor lighting in an effort to minimize night-time light pollution and its effects on operations at the military installation.

**"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.

**“HL”**

A number of surrounding properties carry the “HL” Historic Landmark designation, signifying the historic architectural character or cultural significance of the structure or location. Historic Landmark designations do not affect the possible uses of the property, but do regulate the exterior aesthetic of the structure. Building plans and permit applications will be subject to review by the Office of Historic Preservation and the Historic and Design Review Commission (HDRC) prior to any permits being issued.

## **Transportation**

**Thoroughfare:** West Houston Street

**Existing Character:** Local

**Proposed Changes:** None Known

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

Routes Served: 75, 76, 275, 276.

**Thoroughfare:** North Chupaderas

**Existing Character:** Local

**Proposed Changes:** None Known

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

Routes Served: 75, 76, 275, 276.

**Traffic Impact:** A Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) is not required.

**Parking Information:** Parking is reduced by 50% for "IDZ-2."

Dwelling - 12 units: 1 per unit

## **ISSUE:**

None.

## **ALTERNATIVES:**

**Current:** The present zoning district designation of "R-4" Residential Single-Family District provides areas for medium to high-density residential uses where adequate public facilities and services exist with capacity to serve development. These districts are composed mainly of areas containing a mixture of single-family, two-family and multi-family dwellings and open space where similar residential development seems likely to occur. The district regulations are designed to encourage a suitable neighborhood environment for family life by including among the permitted uses such facilities as schools and churches; and to preserve the openness of the area by requiring flexible yard and area standards. Mixed residential districts provide flexible density requirements in order to allow for market and design flexibility while preserving the neighborhood character and permitting applicants to cluster development in order to preserve environmentally sensitive and agricultural land areas.

The present zoning district designation of "C-1" Light Commercial District accommodate neighborhood commercial uses which depend on a greater volume of vehicular traffic than an "NC" district. "C-1" uses are considered appropriate buffers between residential uses and "C-2" and "C-3" districts and uses. These districts permit general commercial activities designed to serve the community such as repair shops, wholesale businesses, warehousing and limited retail sales with some outdoor display of goods. These districts promote a broad range of commercial operations and services necessary for large regions of the city, providing community balance.

**Proposed:** The proposed "IDZ-2" provides flexible standards for the development and reuse of underutilized parcels. Urban design standards are required in order maintain a neighborhood commercial scale, to promote pedestrian activity, and to maintain the unique character of the center. Pedestrian circulation is required as are common parking areas. The applicant proposed twelve (12) dwelling units for this project.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.

### **Proximity to Regional Center/Premium Transit Corridor**

The subject property is located within ½ a mile of the Downtown Regional Center and within a Premium Transit Corridor.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**Staff Analysis and Recommendation:** Staff recommends 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 not located within any Community, Neighborhood, or Sector Plan therefore a finding of consistency is not required.

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

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

#### **3. Suitability as Presently Zoned:**

The current “C-1” Light Commercial District and “R-4” Residential Single-Family District is an appropriate zoning for the property and surrounding area.

The proposed “IDZ-2” is an appropriate zoning for this area as it will serve as an adequate buffer between the “C-2” uses to the south of West Houston Street and the “R-4” residential uses to the north. “IDZ-2” facilitates development on vacant property, such as this one, within existing built-up areas along Houston and Chupaderas Street while also encouraging more density within established neighborhoods where appropriate.

#### **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 rezoning request is not located within an adopted community plan.

#### **"IDZ"**

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 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.

#### **6. Size of Tract:**

The subject property is 0.430 acres, which would adequately support residential development.

**7. Other Factors:**

The subject property is located within the Lackland AFB Awareness Zone/Military Influence Area. In accordance with the signed Memorandum of Understanding, JBSA was notified of the proposed request.

On August 21, 2019, the Historic & Design Review Commission approved the removal of the historic designation overlay as the structure no longer exists.