



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: City Council A Session

DEPARTMENT: Development Services

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Michael Shannon

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: 2

SUBJECT:

Zoning Case Z-2019-10700188

(Associated Plan Amendment Case PA-2019-11600053)

SUMMARY:

Current Zoning: "RM-4 AHOD" Residential Mixed Airport Hazard Overlay District

Requested Zoning: "IDZ-2 AHOD" Medium Intensity Infill Development Zone Airport Hazard Overlay District with uses permitted for four (4) dwelling units

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Zoning Commission Hearing Date: September 17, 2019

Case Manager: Mercedes Rivas, Senior Planner

Property Owner: EW Martin

Applicant: Harris Bay

Representative: Patrick W. Christensen

Location: 1101 South Cherry Street

Legal Description: Lot 10, Block 17, NCB 664

Total Acreage: 0.1176

Notices Mailed

Owners of Property within 200 feet: 39

Registered Neighborhood Associations within 200 feet: Denver Heights Neighborhood Association

Applicable Agencies: Solid Waste Department and Planning Department

Property Details

Property History: The property is part of the original 36 Square Miles of San Antonio and was originally zoned “R-2” Two Family Residence District. The subject property converted from “R-2” to “RM-4” Residential Mixed District with the adoption of the 2001 Unified Development Code, established by Ordinance 93881, dated May, 03, 2001.

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

Adjacent Base Zoning and Land Uses

Direction: North

Current Base Zoning: “RM-4”

Current Land Uses: Home

Direction: East

Current Base Zoning: “C-1”

Current Land Uses: Home

Direction: West

Current Base Zoning: “RM-4”

Current Land Uses: Home

Direction: South

Current Base Zoning: “I-1”

Current Land Uses: Machine Shop

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: South Cherry Street

Existing Character: Local

Proposed Changes: None Known

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

Route Served: 32

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 requirement for a single-family dwelling is 1 space per unit.

ISSUE:

None.

ALTERNATIVES:

Denial of the requested zoning change would result in the subject property retaining the present zoning district designation of “RM-4” Residential Mixed.

Current: “RM-4” districts are intended to provide 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.

Proposed: The “IDZ-2” Medium Intensity Infill Development Zone provides flexible standards for developments. IDZ is to encourage and facilitate development on vacant, bypassed lands, or the redevelopment of underutilized buildings of 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 proposed “IDZ” uses for this request are residential dwelling units.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

PROXIMITY TO REGIONAL CENTER/PREMIUM TRANSIT CORRIDOR:

The property is part of the Downtown Regional Center, but is not within a premium transit corridor.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff Analysis and Recommendation: Staff and Zoning Commission (9-0) 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 subject property is located within the Arena District/Eastside Community Plan and is currently designated as “Light Industrial” in the future land use component of the plan. The applicant is requesting a Plan Amendment to change the future land use to “Medium Density Residential”. Staff and Planning Commission recommend Approval.

2. Adverse Impacts on Neighboring Lands:

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

3. Suitability as Presently Zoned:

The current “RM-4” zoning is appropriate for the property and surrounding area. The proposed “IDZ-2” Medium Intensity Infill Development Zone use is an appropriate zoning for this property. The “IDZ-2” designation would allow for four (4) residential units.

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 Arena District/Eastside Community Plan:

- 1.1 New home construction - 25-50 homes per year
- 2.1 Establish a land use pattern that is responsive to the existing context and is founded upon realistic market expectations
- 2.2 Protect the neighborhoods by providing them with the necessary improvements to enable infill development and redevelopment

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6. Size of Tract:

The subject property is 0.1176 acres, which could reasonably accommodate the four (4) dwelling units.

7. Other Factors:

None.