



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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Agenda Item Number: 3.

Agenda Date: 12/3/2019

In Control: Zoning Commission

DEPARTMENT: Development Services

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Michael Shannon

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: 3

SUBJECT:

Zoning Case Z-2019-10700161

(Associated Plan Amendment PA2019-11600042)

SUMMARY:

Current Zoning: "R-4 CD AHOD" Residential Single-Family Airport Hazard Overlay District with Conditional Use for a Manufactured Home Park

Requested Zoning: "MF-18 AHOD" Limited Density Multi-Family Airport Hazard Overlay District

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Zoning Commission Hearing Date: November 19, 2019. This case is continued from the October 1, 2019, October 15, 2019 and November 5, 2019 zoning hearings.

Case Manager: Michael Pepe, Planner

Property Owner: SRM Capital

Applicant: Project Permitting of Texas

Representative: Melissa Gonzales

Location: 138 Hermitage Court

Legal Description: Lot 9, Lot 10, Lot 11 and the East 25 feet of Lot 8, Block 8, NCB 7610

Total Acreage: 0.5624 acres

Notices Mailed

Owners of Property within 200 feet: 39

Registered Neighborhood Associations within 200 feet: Hot Wells Mission Reach Neighborhood Association
Applicable Agencies: World Heritage Office

Property Details

Property History: The property was annexed into the City of San Antonio by Ordinance 1256 dated August 3, 1944. The property was assigned zoning to "D" Apartment in 1948. Property was then converted to "MF-33" Multi-Family in 2001 with the adoption of the 2001 UDC. In 2016, the property was rezoned "R-4 CD" Residential Single-Family with a Conditional use for a Manufactured Home Park by Ordinance 2016-06160493.

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: "R-4"

Current Land Uses: Single Family Dwelling

Direction: East

Current Base Zoning: "R-4"

Current Land Uses: Single Family Dwelling

Direction: West

Current Base Zoning: "R-4 CD"

Current Land Uses: Duplex

Direction: South

Current Base Zoning: "R-4"

Current Land Uses: Single Family Dwelling

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: Hermitage Court

Existing Character: Local

Proposed Changes: None Known

Thoroughfare: Merrimac Street

Existing Character: Local

Proposed Changes: None Known

Thoroughfare: Lennon Avenue

Existing Character: Local

Proposed Changes: None Known

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

Routes Served: 36, 242, 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 parking minimum for a multifamily dwelling is 1 space per unit.

ISSUE:

None.

ALTERNATIVES:

Proposed:The “R-4” Residential Single Family District allows a Single-family dwelling (detached) with a minimum lot size of 4,000 square feet and a minimum lot width of 35 feet, foster family home, public and private schools.

Current:The requested zoning change would result in the subject property changing to the zoning district designation of “MF-18” Limited Density Multi-Family. Multi-family dwelling, single-family dwelling (detached, attached or townhouse), two-family dwelling, three-family dwelling, four-family dwelling, row-house or zero-lot line dwelling, with a maximum density of 18 units per acre, assisted living home, skilled nursing facility, foster family home, public and private schools.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

PROXIMITY TO REGIONAL CENTER/PREMIUM TRANSIT CORRIDOR:

The property is located within the Brooks Regional Center. The property is also within the 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 located within the Brooks Regional Center Plan and is currently designated as “Urban Low Density Residential” in the future land use component of the plan. The requested “M-18” base zoning district is consistent with the future land use designation.

2. Adverse Impacts on Neighboring Lands:

Staff finds evidence of likely adverse impacts on neighboring lands in relation to this zoning change request. The requested “MF-18” proposes the appropriate density for this area.

3. Suitability as Presently Zoned:

The current “R-4 CD” zoning is appropriate for the property and surrounding area. The proposed “MF-18” is also appropriate for the lot. Further, the zoning is consistent with the land use of “Urban Low Density Residential.” The proposed density is 10 units as “MF-18.”

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 subject property is located within the SA Tomorrow Brooks Area Regional Center and the SA Corridors Rockport Subdivision and the New Braunfels half-mile buffer. The lot is approximately half an acre and is zoned R-4 with a conditional use for a mobile home park but is currently vacant and has a future land use of “Urban Low Density Residential.”

The Urban Low Density Residential future land use category supports zoning of up to 18 units per acre. The Brooks Area Regional Center Plan supports the request based on the following goals and policies recommended in the plan:

- The land use plan designates these areas as either Low Density Residential or Urban Low Density Residential and intends that these areas generally retain their current character in the future, with any added density coming primarily in the form of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) or “missing middle” housing such as duplexes, triplexes, quadplexes, and bungalow courts as appropriate and as allowed by zoning (page 15).
- *Housing Recommendation #1*: Support neighborhood stability and a balance of homeownership and rental opportunities (page 42).
- *Housing Recommendation #2*: Increase the diversity of housing options within the Brooks Area Regional Center in order to support and attract residents at all stages of life and income levels.
 - The Brooks Area community welcomes this growth on the south side and the increased shopping, hospitality, and transit amenities it can attract and support. However, area residents have also expressed a desire to respect and maintain the character of traditionally single family, residential-focused neighborhoods. While all neighborhoods will change over time, this evolution can be managed by directing much of the anticipated growth to the Regional Center’s designated focus areas, mixed-use corridors, and VIA transit stations.
 - New development and infill projects in neighborhoods should be more incremental, and at a scale that does not conflict sharply with the existing character. Accessory Dwelling Units (see Recommendation #1), duplexes, and triplexes are examples of housing types that can add additional ownership or rental housing supply to neighborhoods at a scale that creates little or no disruption to neighborhood character, parking, or traffic (page 43).

6. Size of Tract:

The subject property is 0.5624 acres, which could reasonably accommodate limited density multifamily uses.

7. Other Factors:

The applicant was originally seeking “MF-33” but amended their request on October 15, 2019 to “MF-18.” The difference in density is 19 units versus 10 units, respectively.