



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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Agenda Item Number: 4.

Agenda Date: 3/17/2015

In Control: Zoning Commission

DEPARTMENT: Development Services

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Roderick Sanchez

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Council District 8

SUBJECT:

Zoning Case Z2015107 CD

SUMMARY:

Current Zoning: "C-2" Commercial District

Requested Zoning: "C-2 CD" Commercial District with a Conditional Use for an Auto and Light Truck Repair Facility

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Zoning Commission Hearing Date: March 17, 2015. Continued from the March 3, 2015 Zoning Commission hearing.

Case Manager: Mary Moralez-Gonzales, Planner

Property Owner: The Point Shopping Center, LP

Applicant: David Barrow

Representative: Brown & Ortiz, P. C.

Location: 6563 Babcock Road

Legal Description: Lot 82, Block 28, NCB 16840

Total Acreage: 1.57

Notices Mailed

Owners of Property within 200 feet: 23

Registered Neighborhood Associations within 200 feet: Tanglewood Ridge Neighborhood Plan

Planning Team: North Sector Planning Team-38

Applicable Agencies: None

Property Details

Property History: The subject property was annexed in 1972 and was originally zoned “B-2” Local Retail District. Upon adoption of the 2001 Unified Development Code, the previous zoning district converted to the current “C-2” Commercial District. The subject property was platted in its current configuration in 2013 with Plat No. 120404, Volume 9652, Page 177. The property is currently undeveloped.

Topography: The property is currently undeveloped and has a minor slope that increases by approximately a height of 2 feet on the first 10 feet of the property starting from the street and then levels out.

Adjacent Base Zoning and Land Uses

Direction: North

Current Base Zoning: “C2”

Current Land Uses: Retail Center

Direction: East and Southeast

Current Base Zoning: “R6” and “RM4 PUD”

Current Land Uses: Single-Family Residential

Direction: South

Current Base Zoning: “C2” and “RM4 PUD”

Current Land Uses: Office, Car Wash and Single-Family Residential

Direction: West

Current Base Zoning: “C2,” “C3,” “C3NA,” and “MF33”

Current Land Uses: Restaurant, Tile Company, Auto Parts and Apartments

Overlay and Special District Information: None

Transportation

Thoroughfare: Babcock Road

Existing Character: Secondary Arterial; 2 lanes in each direction with sidewalks

Proposed Changes: None known

Public Transit: VIA route 604 is the nearest bus route. It runs along Springtime Drive and the nearest stop is south of the subject property at Babcock Road.

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 determined by type of use and building size. The Traffic Impact Analysis refers to an auto and light truck repair.

Auto - Auto and Light Truck Repair: Minimum Parking Requirement: 1 per 500 square feet Gross Floor Area (GFA) including services bays, wash tunnels and retail areas, plus 2 additional spaces for each inside service bay; Maximum Parking Requirement: 1 per 375 square feet GFA including service bays, wash tunnels, and retail areas, plus 2 additional spaces for each inside service bay.

ISSUE:

None.

ALTERNATIVES:

Denial of the zoning request will result in the subject property retaining the Commercial District zoning.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

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 North Sector Plan area, and is identified as Suburban Tier in the Future Land Use component of the plan. The "C-2" Commercial District is consistent with the adopted land use designation.

The subject property is also located within the Tanglewoodridge Neighborhood Plan. This plan was adopted in 1994 and has not been updated; therefore, it is no longer a regulatory plan, but may be used as a guiding document. The Tanglewoodridge Neighborhood Plan identifies the properties with frontage on Babcock Road as being appropriate for commercial development.

2. Adverse Impacts on Neighboring Lands:

Granting of the "C-2" Commercial District with a Conditional Use for Auto and Light Truck Repair is not likely to have an adverse impact on the neighboring lands. The subject property is surrounded by a variety of zoning designations, ranging from commercial to residential.

When commercial zoning districts abut single-family residential zoning or uses, building setbacks and landscape buffers are required to mitigate the effects of increased traffic, noise, and lighting from the commercial development. The "C-2" district requires a 30-foot rear setback, a 10-foot side setback and 15-foot wide landscape buffer where the commercial zoning district abuts a residential zoning district.

3. Suitability as Presently Zoned:

The subject property zoned as "C2" Commercial District is suitable.

4. Health, Safety and Welfare:

Staff finds possible negative effects on the health, safety and welfare of the adjacent neighborhood due to the proposed use of the subject property as a retail strip center with an included Light Auto and Truck Repair Facility. Possible negative effects include odors from vehicle exhaust, automotive liquids and chemicals, increased noise from repair operations, and light pollution from onsite light fixtures. These negative effects may be removed by adherence to the conditions set forth by a conditional use permit.

5. Public Policy:

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

6. Size of Tract:

The size of the tract is 1.57 and staff finds the size to be adequate for the proposed use.

7. Other Factors:

The conditional use zoning procedure is designed to provide for a land use that is not permitted by the established zoning district, but due to individual site considerations or unique development requirements would be compatible with adjacent land uses under given conditions.

Staff recommends the following conditions if approved:

1. A six-foot tall, solid screen fence shall be maintained where the subject property abuts residential zoning or uses.
2. A 15-foot, Type B landscape buffer shall be required along the rear and side property line where the property abuts residential zoning or uses.
3. All on-site lighting shall be directed onto the site and point away from any residential zoning or uses using 90-degree or less cut-off fixtures.
4. No outdoor speaker or amplification systems shall be permitted.