

ZONING CHANGE REVIEW SHEET

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CASE: C14-2010-0206 Arabella

P. C. DATE: 05/10/11

ADDRESS: 1502 West Avenue

AREA: .512 acres

APPLICANT/AGENT: William & Cynthia Baschnagel

NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN AREA: Downtown

CAPITOL VIEW: No

T.I.A.: No

HILL COUNTRY ROADWAY: No

WATERSHED: Shoal Creek

DESIRED DEVELOPMENT ZONE: Yes

ZONING FROM: LO-H – Limited Office -Historic

ZONING TO: GO – H - General Office - Historic

SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends GO-H, General Office, Historic zoning.

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

Recommended the motion to change zoning from LO-H (Limited Office – Historic Landmark) to GO-H (General Office – Historic Landmark) zoning district for the footprint of the carriage house, for C14-2010-0206 (C14H-1977-0041), William T. Caswell house, 1502 West Avenue, *based on the age of the house being over 50 years old, its integrity of materials and design, for the property's significance in the areas of architecture and historical associations.* The motion was approved on commissioner Arriaga's motion, commissioner Kleon's second on a 4-1 vote. Ayes: Arriaga, Hansen, Kleon, and Rosato; nay: Limbacher; absent: Leary and Myerthe

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:

This tract of land is already zoned for an office use and is being used as an office today. The property is also zoned "Historic". The subject tract of land has frontage on West 15th Street and West Avenue. In the Transportation Reviewer's comments, West 15th Street is listed as a MAD6, that acronym stands for "Major Arterial, Divided W/Six Lanes" of traffic with counts of almost 35,000 vehicle trips per day. West Avenue is listed as a Collector Street with counts of almost 4,000 vehicle trips per day. Just one block to the East on West 15th Street is GO zoning on both sides of the street. Two blocks to the East is GO and CBD zoning and three blocks to the East is GO, CBD and CS zoning. Granting GO zoning here would be fair and reasonable, compatible and consistent with other zoning categories on West 15th Street.

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The neighborhood has expressed concern for upzoning this property to GO, as it would set a "precedence" on the map. This property is also zoned "Historic" and is currently developed with an historic house and accessory structures. The likelihood of this structure ever being demolished and being replaced with a large multi-story structure is very slim. Even if the land owner wanted to make any changes to the exterior façade of the structure, or contemplated a total demolition, they would have to make application to the Historic Landmark Commission for a Certificate of Appropriateness/Demolition Permit and notice would go out to the neighbors within 500 feet informing them of the intentions of the owner and giving the neighborhood an opportunity to comment at a public hearing.

BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

- Zoning should promote the policy of locating retail and more intensive zoning near the intersections of arterial roadways or at the intersections of arterials and major collectors.*

West 15th Street is listed as a "Major Arterial, Divided W/Six Lanes" of traffic with counts of almost 35,000 vehicle trips per day. West Avenue is listed as a Collector Street with counts of almost 4,000 vehicle trips per day

EXISTING ZONING AND LAND USES:

	ZONING	LAND USES
SITE	LO-H	Office
NORTH	NO-H-CO	Office
SOUTH	LO-H	Office
EAST	LO	Office
WEST	SF-3	Single Family

CASE HISTORIES:

CASE NUMBER	REQUEST	PLANNING COMMISSION	CITY COUNCIL
C14-97-0102	From LO to LR-CO	Approved LR-CO [Vote: 7-0]	Approved LR-CO [Vote: 5-0]
C14-2009-0030	From SF-3-H to LO-MU-H	Denied LO-MU-H [Vote: 6-0]	Denied LO-MU-H [Vote: 4-3]

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION:

- Homeless Neighborhood Assn.
- Downtown Austin Neighborhood Coalition
- Pecan Street Owner's Association
- Downtown Austin Alliance
- Austin Warehouse District Association
- Old Pecan Street Association
- Sentral Plus East Austin Koalition
- Austin Neighborhood Council
- Downtown Austin Neighborhood Association
- Judges Hill Neighborhood Assoc.

SCHOOLS:

Matthews Elementary School O' Henry Middle School Austin High School

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ENVIRONMENTAL:

1. The site is not located over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone. The site is located in the Shoal Creek Watershed of the Colorado River Basin, which is classified as an Urban Watershed by Chapter 25-8 of the City's Land Development Code. It is in the Desired Development Zone.
2. Impervious cover is not limited in this watershed class; therefore the zoning district impervious cover limits will apply.
3. This site is required to provide on-site structural water quality controls (or payment in lieu of) for all development and/or redevelopment when 5,000 s.f. cumulative is exceeded, and detention for the two-year storm. At this time, no information has been provided as to whether this property has any pre-existing approvals which would preempt current water quality or Code requirements.
4. According to flood plain maps, there is no flood plain within the project area.
5. At this time, site-specific information is unavailable regarding existing trees and other vegetation, areas of steep slope, or other environmental features such as bluffs, springs, canyon rimrock, caves, sinkholes, and wetlands.
6. Standard landscaping and tree protection will be required in accordance with LDC 25-2 and 25-8 for all development and/or redevelopment.

SITE PLAN:

Site plans will be required for any new development other than single-family or duplex residential.

Any development which occurs in an SF-6 or less restrictive zoning district which is located 540-feet or less from property in an SF-5 or more restrictive zoning district will be subject to compatibility development regulations. The site is subject to compatibility standards. Along the West property line, the following standards apply:

No structure may be built within 25 feet of the property line.

No structure in excess of two stories or 30 feet in height may be constructed within 50 feet of the property line.

No structure in excess of three stories or 40 feet in height may be constructed within 100 feet of the property line.

No parking or driveways are allowed within 25 feet of the property line.

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A landscape area at least 25 feet wide is required along the property line. In addition, a fence, berm, or dense vegetation must be provided to screen adjoining properties from views of parking, mechanical equipment, storage, and refuse collection.

for a structure more than 100 feet but not more than 300 feet from property zoned SF-5 or more restrictive, 40 feet plus one foot for each 10 feet of distance in excess of 100 feet from the property zoned SF-5 or more restrictive.

An intensive recreational use, including a swimming pool, tennis court, ball court, or playground, may not be constructed 50 feet or less from adjoining SF-3 property.

Additional design regulations will be enforced at the time a site plan is submitted.

TRANSPORTATION:

TR1: Existing Street Characteristics:

Name	ROW	Pavement	Classification	Daily Traffic
West Avenue	80'	37'	Collector	3,860 (TXDOT, 2005)
West 15 th Street	Varies	2@34'	Arterial (MAD6)	34,860 (TXDOT, 2005)

TR2: No additional right-of-way is needed at this time.

TR3: A traffic impact analysis was not required for this case because the traffic generated by the proposed zoning does not exceed the threshold of 2,000 vehicle trips per day [LDC, 25-6-113].

TR4: There are existing sidewalks along West Avenue and West 15th Street.

TR5: According to the Austin 2009 Bicycle Plan Update approved by Austin City Council in June, 2009, bicycle facilities are existing and/or recommended along the adjoining streets as follows:

Street Name	Existing Bicycle Facilities	Recommended Bicycle Facilities
West Avenue	Wide Curb	Wide Curb
West 15 th Street	Shared Lane	Shared Lane

TR6: Capital Metro bus service is available along West 15th Street (route no(s). 19, 662, and 683) and Rio Grande Street (route no 3).

CITY COUNCIL DATE: June 9th, 2011

ACTION:

ORDINANCE READINGS:

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ORDINANCE NUMBER:





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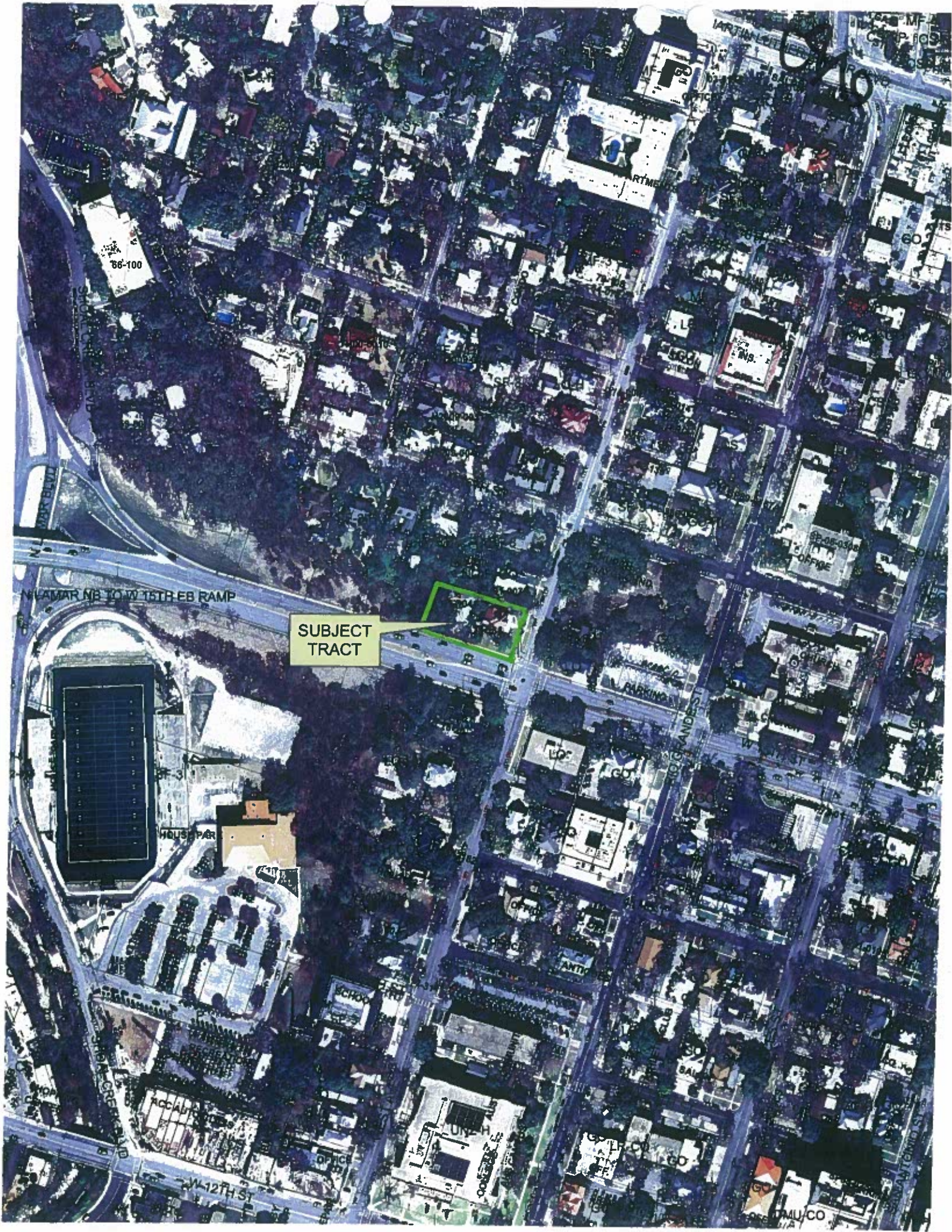
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ZONING CASE#: C14-2010-0206
 LOCATION: 1502 WEST AVE
 SUBJECT AREA: 0.512 ACRES
 GRID: J23
 MANAGER: CLARK PATTERSON



1' = 400'

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SUBJECT TRACT

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W 15TH ST NB TO W 15TH EB RAMP

HOUSE PARK

ACC AUTO

W 12TH ST

PARKING

W 16TH ST

OFFICE

OFFICE