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ZONING CHANGE REVIEW SHEET

CASE: C14-2012-0099 (Myers Zoning Change)

Z.A.P. DATE: September 18, 2012
October 2, 2012

ADDRESS: 6810 McNeil Drive

OWNER/APPLICANT: Connie and Cheryl Myers

AGENT: Shane Myers

ZONING FROM: 1-SF-2

TO: CS*
GR

AREA: 0.316 acres

*The applicant sent the staff a letter on September 18, 2012 asking to amend their rezoning request to GR, Community Commercial District, zoning (Please see Amendment Request Letter as Attachment A).

SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The staff's recommendation is to grant LR-CO, Neighborhood Commercial-Conditional Overlay, Combining District zoning. The conditional overlay will limit the development intensity for the site to less than 2,000 vehicle trips per day.

ZONING AND PLATTING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

9/18/12: Postponed to October 2, 2012 at the applicant's request (4-0, G. Rojas and P. Seeger-absent).

DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:

The property in question is currently developed with a vacant office structure. The site is surrounded by a multifamily use to the north and west (Madison at Stone Creek Apartments). To the east there is a restaurant use (Sonic Drive-In). The properties to the south, across McNeil Drive, are developed with automotive repair uses (Goodyear, Custom Car Crafters Collision Repair, and Performance Automotive and Transmission). The applicant is requesting CS, General Commercial Services District, zoning to sell or lease the site for office, civic or commercial uses.

The staff recommends LR-CO zoning because the site meets the intent of the Neighborhood Commercial District designation. The proposed LR-CO zoning will promote consistency and orderly planning as it will provide a transition in the intensity of uses away from McNeil Drive to the north. The proposed zoning is compatible with the surrounding multifamily residential use (Madison at Stone Creek Apartments) located to the north, east and west of the site. LR-CO zoning will permit low intensity commercial, office and civic uses that will provide services for the multifamily residential complex and single-family residential neighborhood to the north of this site.

The applicant does not agree with the staff's recommendation.

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EXISTING ZONING AND LAND USES:

	ZONING	LAND USES
<i>Site</i>	I-SF-2	Office
<i>North</i>	RR	Multi-family/Apartments (Madison at Stone Creek Apartments)
<i>South</i>	LI	Automotive Repair (Goodyear, Performance Automotive and Transmission, Custom Car Crafters Collision Repair), Contractor (Blue Air Heating and Air Conditioning)
<i>East</i>	RR	Multi-family/Apartments (Madison at Stone Creek Apartments)
<i>West</i>	SF-2	Restaurant (Sonic Drive-In)

AREA STUDY: N/A

TIA: Waived

WATERSHED: Rattan Creek

DESIRED DEVELOPMENT ZONE: Yes

CAPITOL VIEW CORRIDOR: N/A

HILL COUNTRY ROADWAY: N/A

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS:

Austin Heritage Tree Foundation
 Austin Monorail Project
 Austin Northwest Association
 Home Builders Association of Greater Austin
 Homeless Neighborhood Association
 League of Bicycling Voters
 Pond Springs Neighborhood Association
 SELTEXAS
 Sierra Club, Austin Regional Group
 Super Duper Neighborhood Objectors and Appealers Organization
 The Real Estate Council of Austin

CASE HISTORIES:

NUMBER	REQUEST	COMMISSION	CITY COUNCIL
C14-2008-0098 (12205 Pecan Street)	SF-3 to LI	7/01/08: Approved staff's rec. of LI-CO zoning, with added condition to prohibit Adult Oriented Businesses, by consent (6-0, J. Martinez, K. Jackson-absent) T. Rabago-1 st , J. Shieh-2 nd .	8/07/08: Approved LI-CO district zoning, with the following conditions: 2,000 vtpdl, prohibit Adult Oriented Businesses and 35-feet of right-of-way should be dedicated from the centerline of Pecan Street through a street deed, by consent (7-0); B. McCracken-1 st , S. Cole-2 nd .
C14-2008-0095 (Jekel Rezoning: 12214 Jekel Circle)	SF-3 to LI	7/01/08: Approved staff's recommendation of LI-CO zoning, with added condition to prohibit Adult Oriented Businesses, by consent (6-0, J. Martinez, K. Jackson-absent) T. Rabago-1 st ,	8/07/08: Approved LI-CO district zoning, with the following conditions: 2,000 vtpdl, prohibit Adult Oriented Businesses and 35-feet of right-of-way should be dedicated from the centerline of Jekel Circle through a street deed,

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		J. Shieh-2 nd .	by consent (7-0); B. McCracken-1 st , S. Cole-2 nd .
C14-2008-0069 (IABA Phase-1; 12460 Los Indios Trail)	1-RR to MF-3	6/17/08: Approved SF-6-CO district zoning with conditions of: Restricting to no duplexes, multi-family, town homes or condominiums; Maximum of 30 units; 25' undisturbed vegetative setback and a 50' building setback from the northern property line; 300 vehicle trips per day; Commissioner Keith Jackson's motion, Commissioner Joseph Martinez second the motion on a vote of 8-0; with 1 vacancy on this commission.	7/24/08: Approved the ZAP Commission's rec. of SF-6-CO zoning, with restrictions as follows: no attached single family dwellings and 35' height limitation with exceptions allowed under the Code up to 40'. The parking will be agreed upon by involved parties. (7-0); Council Member Cole-1 st , Council Member Martinez-2 nd ; 1 st reading 7/23/09: Approved SF-6-CO zoning on consent on 2 nd /3 rd readings (7-0); Morrison-1 st , Martinez-2 nd .
C14-03-0107 (Los Indios Lift Station: 12507 Oro Valley Trail)	SF-4A to P	8/26/03: Approved staff's recommendation of 'P' zoning by consent (8-0, K. Jackson-absent); J. Martinez-1 st , J. Gohil-2 nd .	9/25/03: Granted 'P' (7-0); all 3 readings
C14-03-0074 (Gateway Community Church: 7014 McNeil Drive)	SF-6-CO to GO	6/3/03: Approved GO-CO zoning, with the following conditions: 1) Limit the development intensity on the site to less than 2,000 vehicle trips per day. 2) Allow GO, General Office district, zoning height (60 feet) and impervious cover (80%) standards. Limit all other site development regulations to LO, Limited Office district, zoning standards. 3) Permit LO district uses (prohibit the following GO district uses): Business or Trade School, Business Support Services, College and University Facilities, Congregate Living, Hospital Services (General), Hospital Services (Limited), Private Secondary Education Facilities, Off-Site Accessory Parking, Personal Services, Restaurant (Limited); 4) Provide a 25-foot setback (buffer zone) from the North property line for the area that is zoned SF-1.	7/17/03: Granted GO-CO; prohibiting vehicle access to Lobelia Dr. (7-0); all 3 readings

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		5) Provide a 25-foot setback from the East property line for the area that is zoned SF-1 and the lot zoned SF-2.	
C14-03-0059 (McNeil Deal: 6917 McNeil Drive)	SF-3 to CS	5/6/03: Approved staff's rec. of CS-CO zoning with condition to prohibit the following uses: • Drop-off Recycling Collection Facility • Scrap and Salvage • Convenience Storage • Pawnshop Services (8-0, K. Jackson-absent)	6/5/03: Approved CS-CO (7-0); all 3 readings
C14-00-2218 (6514 McNeil Drive)	I-RR to GO	2/13/01: Approved staff rec. of GO-CO by consent (9-0)	3/22/01: Approved GO-CO zoning, with the following conditions: 660 vehicle trip limit and 40 foot height limit (7-0); all 3 readings
C14-99-0095	SF-3 to CS	6/29/99: Approved staff's alternate rec. of CS-CO (8-0)	7/29/99: Approved PC rec. of CS-CO (6-0); all 3 readings

RELATED CASES: N/A

ABUTTING STREETS:

Name	ROW	Pavement	Class	Sidewalk?	Bus Route?	Bike Route?
McNeil Drive	90	MAD 4	Arterial	Yes	No	No

CITY COUNCIL DATE: October 18, 2012

ACTION:

ORDINANCE READINGS: 1st

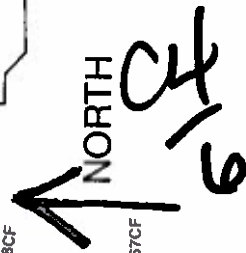
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ORDINANCE NUMBER:

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The staff's recommendation is to grant LR-CO, Neighborhood Commercial-Conditional Overlay, Combining District zoning. The conditional overlay will limit the development intensity for the site to less than 2,000 vehicle trips per day.

BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION

1. *The proposed zoning should be consistent with the purpose statement of the district sought.*

Neighborhood commercial (LR) district is the designation for a commercial use that provides business service and office facilities for the residents of a neighborhood. Site development regulations and performance standards applicable to a LR district use are designed to ensure that the use is compatible and complementary in scale and appearance with the residential environment.

2. *The proposed zoning should promote consistency and orderly planning.*

The proposed LR-CO zoning will promote consistency and orderly planning as it will provide a transition in the intensity of uses (from low intensity commercial to multifamily to single-family uses) away from McNeil Drive to the north. The proposed zoning is compatible with the surrounding multifamily residential use (Madison at Stone Creek Apartments) located to the north, east and west of the site.

3. *The proposed zoning should allow for a reasonable use of the property.*

The proposed LR-CO zoning will allow for neighborhood friendly commercial, office and civic uses that will provide services for the multifamily residential complex and single-family residential neighborhood to the north of this site.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

Site Characteristics

The site under consideration is developed with a vacant office structure. To the north and west there is a multifamily use (Madison at Stone Creek Apartments). The lot to the east is developed with a restaurant use (Sonic Drive-In). To the south, across McNeil Drive, there are automotive repair uses (Goodyear, Custom Car Crafters Collision Repair, and Performance Automotive and Transmission).

Environmental

The site is located over the North Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone. It is in the Desired Development Zone. The site is in the Rattan Creek Watershed, which is classified as a Suburban Watershed by Chapter 25-8 of the City's Land Development Code.

According to floodplain maps there is no floodplain within or adjacent to the project boundary.

Standard landscaping and tree protection will be required in accordance with LDC 25-2 and 25-8 for all development and/or redevelopment.

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Trees will likely be impacted with a proposed development associated with this rezoning case. Please be aware that an approved rezoning status does not eliminate a proposed development's requirements to meet the intent of the tree ordinances. If further explanation or specificity is needed, please contact the City Arborist at 974-1876. At this time, site specific information is unavailable regarding other vegetation, areas of steep slope, or other environmental features such as bluffs, springs, canyon rimrock, caves, sinkholes, and wetlands.

Under current watershed regulations, development or redevelopment on this site will be subject to the following water quality control requirements:

- Structural controls: Sedimentation and filtration basins with increased capture volume and 2 year detention.

At this time, no information has been provided as to whether this property has any pre-existing approvals that preempt current water quality or Code requirements.

Impervious Cover

The maximum impervious cover allowed by the CS zoning district would be 95%. However, because the watershed impervious cover is more restrictive than the zoning district's allowable impervious cover, the impervious cover is limited by the watershed regulations.

Under current watershed regulations, development or redevelopment on this site will be subject to the following impervious cover limits:

<i>Development Classification</i>	<i>% of Net Site Area</i>	<i>% NSA with Transfers</i>
Single-Family Residential (min. lot size 5750 sq. ft.)	45%	50%
One or Two Family Residential (lot size < 5750 sq. ft.)	55%	60%
Multifamily Residential	60%	65%
Commercial	65%	70%

In the Water Quality Transition Zones, impervious cover is limited to 30%.

Site Plan Comments

This tract is already developed and the proposed zoning will bring the use into compliance with the proposed zoning district.

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

Any new development is subject to Subchapter E. Design Standards and Mixed Use. Additional comments will be made when the site plan is submitted.

This site is not located within any Neighborhood Plans.

Stormwater Detention

At the time a final subdivision plat, subdivision construction plans, or site plan is submitted, the developer must demonstrate that the proposed development will not result in additional identifiable

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flooding of other property. Any increase in stormwater runoff will be mitigated through on-site stormwater detention ponds, or participation in the City of Austin Regional Stormwater Management Program if available.

Transportation

The Austin Metropolitan Area Transportation Plan calls for 140 feet of right-of-way for McNeil Drive, therefore 70 feet of right-of-way from the existing centerline should be dedicated for McNeil Drive according to the Transportation Plan [LDC, Sec. 25-6-51 and 25-6-55]. The staff will defer the right of way dedication to the subdivision and/or site plan application for this site.

A traffic impact analysis was waived for this case because the applicant agreed to limit the intensity and uses for this development. If the zoning is granted, development should be limited through a conditional overlay to less than 2,000 vehicle trips per day [LDC, 25-6-117].

Existing Street Characteristics:

Name	ROW	Pavement	Class	Sidewalk?	Bus Route?	Bike Route?
McNeil Drive	90	MAD 4	Arterial	Yes	No	No

Water and Wastewater

The landowner intends to serve the site with City of Austin water and wastewater utilities. The landowner, at own expense, will be responsible for providing any water and wastewater utility improvements, offsite main extensions, utility relocations and or abandonments required by the land use. The water and wastewater utility plan must be reviewed and approved by the Austin Water Utility for compliance with City criteria. All water and wastewater construction must be inspected by the City of Austin. The landowner must pay the City inspection fee with the utility construction. The landowner must pay the tap and impact fee once the landowner makes an application for a City of Austin water and wastewater utility tap permit.

Attachment A

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Sherri,

After our conversation I would like to amend my application to zone 6810 McNeil Austin Texas 78729, from CS to GR. I realize that it has been recommended to be zoned LR but we would like to possibly put a small car lot on our property and the LR designation will not permit that. We believe that a CS designation would be the best for everyone concerned. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'S' followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Shane Myers