### **ZONING CHANGE REVIEW SHEET**

CASE: C14-2013-0045 Huber Family Tract

**Z. P. C. DATE:** 06-04-13

**ADDRESS**: 4200 River Crest Drive

AREA: 0.432 acres

**APPLICANT:** Brian Huber

**AGENT:** Land Answers (Jim Whittliff)

**NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN AREA:** N/A

**CAPITOL VIEW:** No

**T.I.A.:** No

**HILL COUNTRY ROADWAY:** No

**WATERSHED:** Lake Austin

**DESIRED DEVELOPMENT ZONE: No** 

**ZONING FROM:** LA – Lake Austin Residence

**ZONING TO:** SF-2 Single Family Residential, Standard Lot

### **SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of SF-2, Single Family Residential, Standard Lot zoning.

## **ZONING AND PLATTING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:**

### **DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:**

The lot is currently undeveloped. This lot was platted as part of the Aqua Verde Subdivision and the plat was recorded at the Travis County Courthouse on September 10th, 1965. The average lot size for all of the lots in the Aqua Verde subdivision is 6,500, approximately 37,000 square feet short of the minimum one acre, or 43,560 square feet of land needed to comply with the Lake Austin Residence (LA) zoning designation. In 1983, the City initiated the Lake Austin Area Study under case number C14-83-003. The Lake Austin Area Study included over 270 properties and gave these properties the opportunity to adjust their interim and/or permanent zoning to either Lake Austin Residence (LA), Single Family Residence, Standard Lot (SF-2) or Single Family Residence (SF-3). This property was not included in the study. The subject property contains 0.432 acres or 18,850 square feet of land, 24,710 square feet short of the minimum needed to comply with the Lake Austin Residence (LA) zoning designation. The Upper Rivercrest Homeowners Association has submitted a letter in support of this zone change request (see attached).

## **EXISTING ZONING AND LAND USES:**

	ZONING	LAND USES		
Site LA		Undeveloped Single Family Resident		
North	LA	Single Family Residential		
South	LA	Single Family Residential		
East	LA	Single Family Residential		
West	LA	Lake Austin		



#### **CASE HISTORIES:**

NUMBER	REQUEST	COMMISSION	CITY COUNCIL	
C14-91-0064	From LA to SF-2	Approved SF-2.	Approved SF-2.	
2301 Big Horn Drive		Vote: (7-0)	Vote: (7-0)	

### **BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Zoning changes should promote compatibility with adjacent and nearby uses.

Granting SF-2 zoning for the subject tract will be compatible with adjacent uses and adjacent zoning in the area to the north and west.

### **NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION:**

Austin Neighborhoods Council

Bunny Run HOA

• Glenlake HOA

Rob Roy HOA

#### **SCHOOLS:**

- Bridge Point Elementary School
- West Ridge Middle School
- West Lake High School

#### **SITE PLAN:**

No site plan is required for single-family use.

A site plan is required for a boat dock or shoreline improvements.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL:**

1. The site is not located over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone. The site is in the Lake Austin Watershed of the Colorado River Basin, and is classified as a Water Supply Rural Watershed by Chapter 25-8 of the City's Land Development Code. It is in the Drinking Water Protection Zone. Under the current watershed regulations, development or redevelopment on this site will be subject to the following impervious cover limits:

Development Classification	% of Net Site Area	% NSA with Transfers	Allowable Density
One or Two Family Residential	n/a	n/a	1 unit/2 acres net site area
Multifamily Residential	20%	25%	n/a
Commercial	20%	25%	n/a

- 2. Single family or duplex development within a Water Quality Transition Zone may not exceed a depity of one unit per three acres, exclusive of land within a 100-year floodplain, and must have a minimum lot size of 2 acres.
- 3. According to floodplain maps there is a floodplain in or within close proximity of the project location. Based upon the close proximity of the floodplain, offsite drainage should be calculated to determine whether transition zone exists within the project location. If transition zone is found to exist within the project area, allowable impervious cover within said zone shall be limited to 18%.
- 4. Standard landscaping and tree protection will be required in accordance with LDC 25-2 and 25-8 for all development and/or redevelopment.
- 5. Numerous 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.
- 6. Under current watershed regulations, development or redevelopment on this site will be subject to providing structural sedimentation and filtration basins with increased capture volume and 2 year detention.
- 7. At this time, no information has been provided as to whether this property has any preexisting approvals which would preempt current water quality or Code requirements.

# TRANSPORTATION:

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

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].

**Existing Street Characteristics:** 

Name	ROW	Pavement	Class	Sidewalk?	Bus Route?	Bike Route?
Rivercrest Drive	50	24	Local	No	No No	No No
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# **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:**

LA (Lake Austin) to SF-2 (Single Family Residence - Standard Lot)

This zoning case is located along the eastern shore of Lake Austin, is vacant and is approximately 0.432 acres in size. The property is not located within the boundaries of a neighborhood planning area. Surrounding land uses includes single family houses to the north, south, and east. The property is completely surrounded by the 100 year floodplain. The Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan (IACP) Growth Concept Map guides where Austin may accommodate new residents and jobs but also reflects the community intent to direct growth away from environmentally sensitive areas including, but not limited to, the recharge and contributing zones of the Barton Springs segment of the Edwards Aquifer, and to protect the character of neighborhoods by directing growth to areas identified by small area plans. Page 107 of the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan discusses how the design of new development should be sensitive to and complement its context. It should also be connected by

sidewalks, bicycle lanes, and transit to the surrounding area and the rest of the city. This intent of these concepts can be found in the following IACP policies:

- LUT P3. Promote development in compact centers, communities, or along corridors that are connected by roads and transit that are designed to encourage walking and bicycling, and reduce health care, housing and transportation costs.
- LUT P22 Protect Austin's natural resources and environmental systems by limiting land use and transportation development in sensitive environmental areas and preserving areas of open space.
- HN P11 Protect neighborhood character by directing growth to areas of change and ensuring context sensitive infill in such locations as designated redevelopment areas, corridors, and infill sites.

Although *Imagine Austin* is largely supportive of the proposed land use, the proposed residential zoning designation would not offer the same environmental protections that the existing LA zoning designation requires, including the percentage of property that should be left in its natural state and calculation the impervious surface coverage based on gradients.

Based on the property being surrounded by other residential uses, and the Growth Concept Map and the IACP policies referenced above that supports a variety of housing types throughout Austin , staff believes that the proposed residential use is consistent with the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan as long as environmental ordinances are considered and enforced.

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CITY COUNCIL DATE: June 27th, 2013

**ACTION:** 

**ORDINANCE READINGS: 1ST** 

2ND

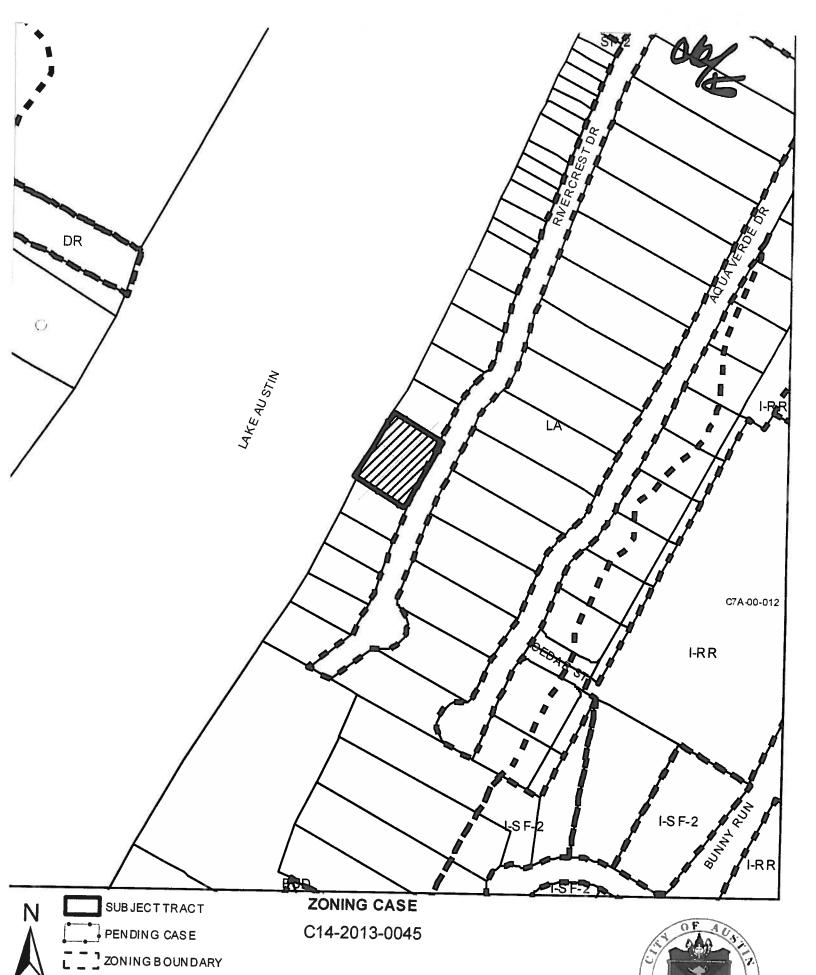
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**CASE MANAGER:** 

Clark Patterson

**PHONE:** 974-7691

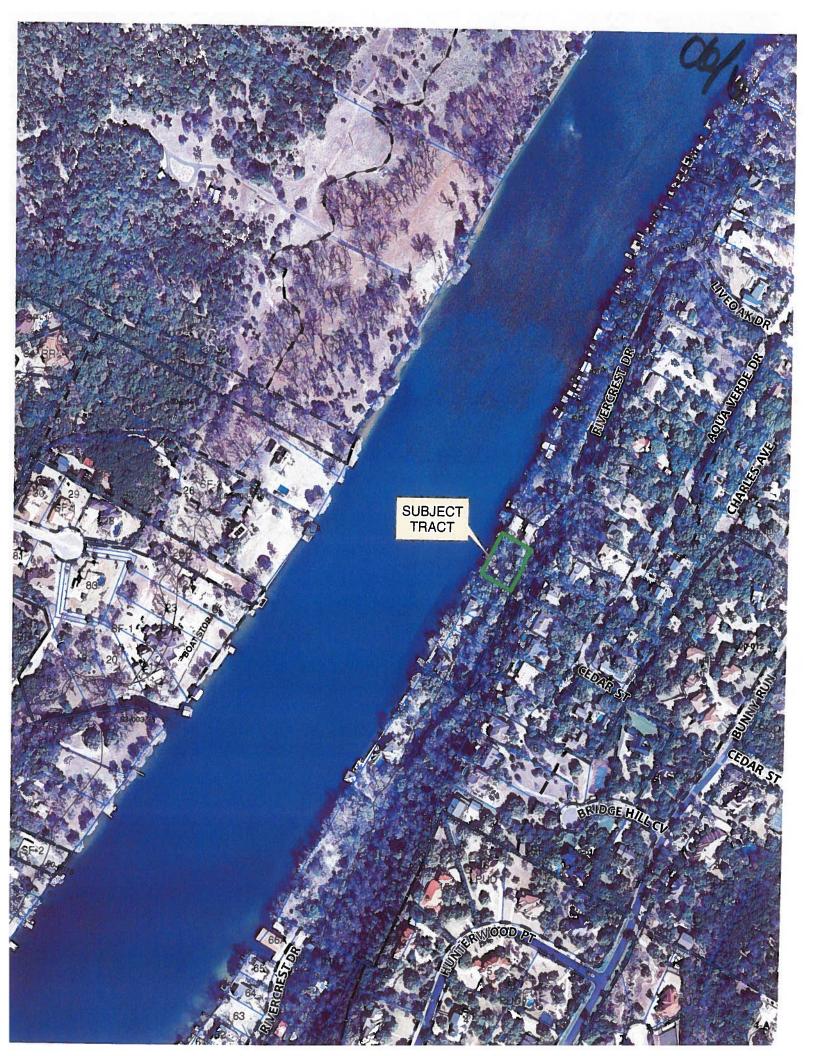
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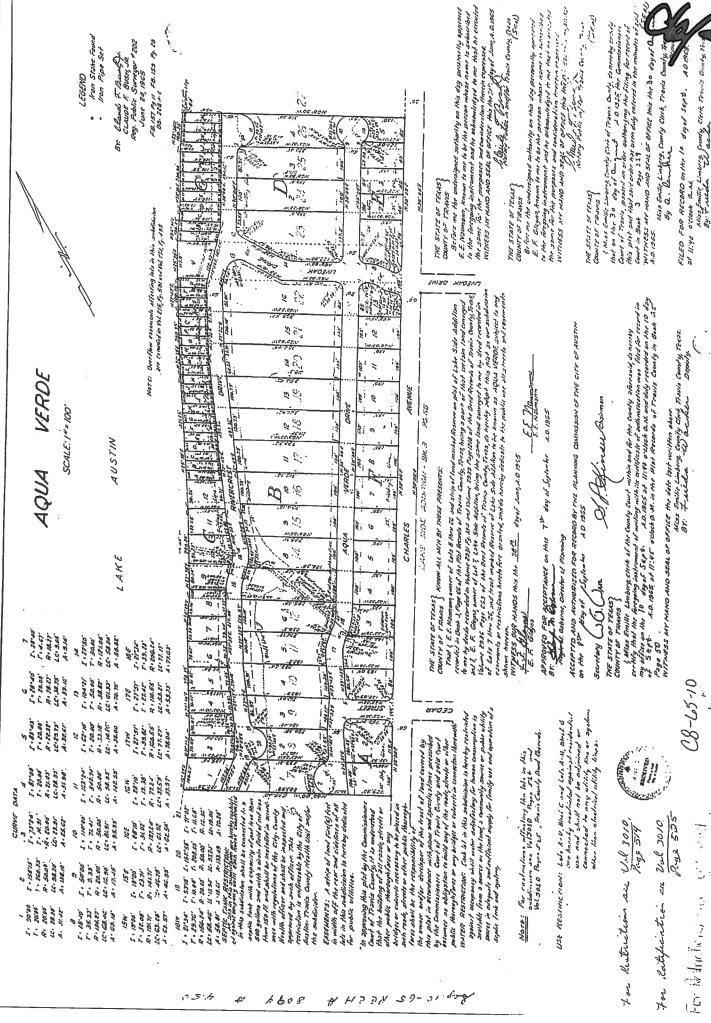


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May 8, 2013

Mr. Clark Patterson, Case Manager City of Austin Neighborhood Planning Department P.O. Box 1088 Austin, TX, 78767

RE: File # C14-2013-0045, Rezoning for 4200 Rivercrest Drive

Dear Mr. Patterson:

The Upper Rivercrest Homeowners Association wishes to issue its support for the proposed rezoning of 4200 Rivercrest Drive from LA-Lake Austia zoning to SF-2-Single Family Residence, Standard Lot zoning. We feel this rezoning is appropriate because of the small size of this property (less than 2/3 acre), the steep slopes that cover more than half of the property, and the limited depth of the lot, which is only approximately 120 feet from the Rivercrest Drive right-of-way to the shoreline of Lake Austin.

Thank you,

Matt Heinrich

President

Upper Rivercrest HOA