# ZONE CHANGE REVIEW SHEET

**CASE:** C814-88-0001.10

Canyons at Rob Roy Rezoning

**Z. P. C. DATE:** 11/05/13, 11/19/13, 12/03/13

ADDRESS: 800 N. Capital of Texas Highway

**AREA:** 16.82 acres

APPLICANT: Brandywine Acquisition Partners, LP AGENT: Armbrust & Brown, L.L.P.

(Ralph Bistline)

(Amanda Morrow)

**NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN AREA:** N/A

**CAPITOL VIEW:** No

**T.I.A.:** Yes

HILL COUNTRY ROADWAY: Yes

**WATERSHED:** Bee Creek

**DESIRED DEVELOPMENT ZONE:** No

**ZONING FROM:** PUD – Planned Unit Development

**ZONING TO:** PUD – Planned Unit Development

# SUMMARY OF STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Planned Unit Development (PUD) zoning with the following changes to Exhibit "H" of the PUD Land Use Plan -

- Change the Overall Summary by General Land Use Table on Sheet 1 to reflect a change 1. from office use to multifamily use; adjust the acreages accordingly.
- Change the Land Use Summary Table on Sheet 1 to reflect the correct lot and change the 2. proposed land use from office to multifamily.
- Clarify Ordinance Compliance Note #1 on Sheet 2 to read "Single family residential areas 3. are limited to a density of one unit per two acres of gross site area, with minimum one acre lots."
- Change the Hill County Roadway Ordinance Calculations on Sheet 2 to deduct the site 4. area calculations of Lot A-1.
- Change the F.A.R & Parking Summary Table on Sheet 2 to reflect Lot A-1 as a 5. multifamily project.
- Change the diagram on Sheet 2 for Lot A-1 from "LO" to "MF-2". 6.
- Remove the floor to area multiplier calculations and the allowable square footage 7. calculations on Sheet 3.
- 8. Change the proposed impervious cover from 3.16 acres to 3.50 acres on sheet 3.
- Change the Impervious Cover Summary Table on Sheet 3 to reflect the proposed 9. impervious cover and to account for a different building configuration and parking layout.

- 10. Remove the Hill County Roadway Ordinance Table on Sheet 3.
- 11. Change the Comprehensive Watershed Ordinance Table on Sheet 3 to reflect the proposed impervious cover.
- 12. Remove the diagram on Sheet 3 of the office project.
- 13. Add a note on Sheet 3 that clarifies the maximum height allowed on Lot A-1 is 35 feet.
- 14. Remove the note on Sheet 3 that reads "Due to the pitch of the roof design and height limitations the square footage of the third story of this building will be reduced by approximately 50% from the first two stories.

# ZONING AND PLATTING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

November 5, 2013: The motion to postpone to November 19, 2013 by the request of the neighborhood was approved by Commissioner Patricia Seeger, Commissioner Gabriel Rojas seconded the motion on a vote of 7-0.

November 19, 2013: The motion to postpone to December 3, 2013 by the request of staff was approved by Commissioner Gabriel Rojas, Commissioner Patricia Seeger seconded the motion on a vote of 7-0.

December 3, 2013: The motion to approve staff's recommendation for PUD, Planned Unit Development to change a condition of zoning and to limit the number of units to 225 was approved by Commissioner Sean Compton's motion, Commissioner Patricia Seeger seconded the motion on a vote of 4-0; Commissioner's Rahm McDaniel, Gabriel Rojas and Jason Meeker were absent.

# **ISSUES:**

A valid petition of 28.21% has been filed by the adjacent property owners in opposition to this rezoning request. Petition information is located at the back of the Staff report.

RELATED CASE: C814-88-0001(RCA) Canyons at Rob Roy Rezoning (also known as Davenport Ranch West P.U.D.)

# **DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:**

The site is located at 800 North Capital of Texas Highway and is currently undeveloped. The property is part of the Davenport Ranch West Planned Unit Development (PUD) that was approved by ordinance number 890202-B on February 2nd, 1989. The Davenport Ranch West PUD consists of approximately 113.46 acres. This tract is known as Lot A-1, Tract D, Section 1 of the Davenport Ranch West PUD. The site is currently designed as "office" under the Davenport Ranch West PUD. The applicant proposes to amend the PUD to allow multifamily residential use of the Property in accordance with multifamily residence low density "MF-2" district. The project will consist of a maximum of 245 dwelling units with structured parking on 16.29 acres. The project will comply with the height and impervious cover allowances for the Property as originally proposed and shown on the land use plan. The staff is recommending approval of the change in land use since the proposed "multifamily" use is a less intense use than an "office" use as well as an overall vehicle trip reduction with the proposed "multifamily" use.

In order to change the uses, the following changes need to be made to the PUD Land Use Plan. And they are as follows:

Exhibit "H" Land Use Plan. Change the Overall Summary by General Land Use Table on Sheet 1 to reflect a change from office use to multifamily use; adjust the acreages accordingly.

Justification. The Property was zoned for office use in 1988, since then it has remained undeveloped. West Austin lacks a sufficient supply of multifamily development for families looking to move to the area that otherwise might not be able to afford owning their own home. The few multifamily developments located in the surrounding area experience an occupancy rate of over 90%. Additionally, the proposed low density multifamily residential use provides a better transition between Capital Texas Highway located to the west and the residential uses located to the north and east of the site.

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Exhibit "H" Land Use Plan. Clarify Ordinance Compliance Note #1 on Sheet 2 to read "Single family" residential areas are limited to a density of one unit per two acres of gross site area, with minimum one acre lots."

Justification. As supported by Section 1.04 of the Restrictive Covenant recorded in Volume 10909, Page 1601 of the Real Property Records of Travis County, Texas for the Davenport Ranch West Planned Unit Development Section One, this restriction was intended to apply solely to single family residential development. I have attached a copy of the Restrictive Covenant for your reference with the companion Restrictive Covenant Amendment case.

Exhibit "H" Land Use Plan. Change the Hill County Roadway Ordinance Calculations on Sheet 2 to deduct the site area calculations of Lot A-1.

Justification. Per the Hill County Roadway Ordinance the floor to area limitations only apply to nonresidential buildings.

Exhibit "H" Land Use Plan. Change the F.A.R & Parking Summary Table on Sheet 2 to reflect Lot A-1 as a multifamily project.

Justification. The parking table only provides parking calculations associated with the office development on Tract D. Since the use is changing from office to multifamily we have updated the table accordingly.

Exhibit "H" Land Use Plan. Change the diagram on Sheet 2 for Lot A-1 from "LO" to "MF-2".

Justification. The Property was zoned for office use in 1988, since then it has remained undeveloped. West Austin lacks a sufficient supply of multifamily development for families looking to move to the area that otherwise might not be able to afford owning their own home. The few multifamily developments located in the surrounding area experience an occupancy rate of over 90%. Additionally, the proposed low density multifamily residential use provides a better transition between Capital Texas Highway located to the west and the residential uses located to the north and east of the site.

Exhibit "H" Land Use Plan. Remove the floor to area multiplier calculations and the allowable square footage calculations on Sheet 3.

Justification. Per the Hill County Roadway Ordinance the floor to area limitations only apply to nonresidential buildings.

Exhibit "H" Land Use Plan. Change the proposed impervious cover from 3.16 acres to 3.50 acres.

Justification. While the proposed impervious cover is slightly more than the previous office project, this project is still under the 3.52 acres of impervious cover allowed for Lot A-1.

Exhibit "H" Land Use Plan. Change the Impervious Cover Summary Table on Sheet 3 to reflect the proposed impervious cover and to account for a different building configuration and parking layout.

Justification. While the proposed impervious cover is slightly more than the previous office project, this project is still under the 3.52 acres of impervious cover allowed for Lot A-1. The prior office project proposed a vast amount of surface parking with a small building footprint. Since the use of the site is changing from office to multifamily the size and configuration of the building and parking area must also change to accommodate a more user friendly development. The proposal is to provide a wrapped product type with structured parking within.

Exhibit "H". Land Use Plan. Remove the Hill County Roadway Ordinance Table on Sheet 3.

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Exhibit "H" Land Use Plan. Change the Comprehensive Watershed Ordinance Table on Sheet 3 to reflect the proposed impervious cover.

Justification. While the proposed impervious cover is slightly more than the previous office project, this project is still under the 3.52 acres of impervious cover allowed for Lot A-1.

Exhibit "H" Land Use Plan. Remove the diagram on Sheet 3 of the office project.

Justification. Zoning is used to establish the best use for a site and should not be used to dictate the location of site improvements. This should be deferred to the site development stage when engineered documents and related reports are available to assess the proper location of improvements based on site constraints. Also by removing the diagram from the land use plan it prevents future amendments to the PUD should the location of the site improvements fluctuate slightly.

Exhibit "H" Land Use Plan. Add a note on Sheet 3 that clarifies the maximum height allowed on Lot A-1 is 35 feet.

Justification. There is no change from the previous proposal.

Exhibit "H" Land Use Plan. Remove the note on Sheet 3 that reads "Due to the pitch of the roof design and height limitations the square footage of the third story of this building will be reduced by approximately 50% from the first two stories.

Justification. This note is unnecessary since the building is limited to 35 feet with height limit exceptions, as prescribed by 25-2-531 of the City Code, for certain architectural elements including pitched roof designs.

# **BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION:**

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

Granting PUD zoning to change the land use from "Office" to "Multifamily" for the subject tract will be compatible with adjacent uses and adjacent zoning in the area to the north and west and act as a buffer for the adjacent uses from N. Capital of Texas Highway.

# **EXISTING ZONING AND LAND USES:**

	ZONING	LAND USES
SITE	PUD	Undeveloped
NORTH	PUD	Single family residential
SOUTH	LO	Office complex
EAST	SF-2	Undeveloped
WEST	SF-2	Single family residential

# **CASE HISTORIES:**

CASE NUMBER	REQUEST	PLANNING COMMISSION	CITY COUNCIL
C14-93-0060	From SF-2 to P	Approved P [Vote: 7-0]	Approved P [Vote: 7-0]
C14-98-0180	From RR to SF-1	Approved SF-1 [Vote: 7-0]	Approved SF-1 [Vote: 7-0]

# NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS:

- Austin Neighborhood Council
- Rob Roy HOA, Inc.

# **SCHOOLS:**

Bridge Point Elementary School

West Ridge Middle School

West Lake High School

### **SITE PLAN:**

- SP 1. Site plans will be required for any new development other than single-family or duplex residential.
- SP 2. 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.
- SP 3. There is currently a site plan application in review for office development on this tract, case number SPC-2013-0214C. Upon approval of this PUD Land Use Plan amendment to multifamily, the office site plan case must be withdrawn.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL:**

1. The site is not located over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone. The site is in the Bee Creek 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 density 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 flood plain maps there is no flood plain in or within close proximity of the project location.
- 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. The land use plan currently includes a map showing proposed commercial development along with undisturbed areas / downstream buffers. This map is proposed to be removed from the land use plan. If this map is to be removed, notes or a replacement map illustrating the undisturbed areas / downstream buffers must be added to the land use plan. The undisturbed areas / downstream buffers must be clearly shown in the land use plan revision.

### **TRANSPORTATION:**

TR1. The Transportation Review Section has no objections to the proposed PUD amendment since the estimated traffic generation for the proposed MF-2 land use will be significantly less than the currently approved Office land use.

# **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:**

The Canyons at Rob Roy (a 16.29 acre parcel) is part of the Davenport Ranch PUD, which is a 444 acre mixed use project, containing single family houses, condos, multi-family apartments, offices, commercial land uses, and the St. Stephens School. The property is not located in the boundaries of an area with an adopted neighborhood plan and is located to the west of N. Capital of Texas Highway, south of Pascal Lane and east of St. Stephens School Road. The request is to construct a 245 unit multi-family apartment complex.

# **Imagine Austin**

The following Imagine Austin policies are taken from Chapter 4 of the IACP, which specifically discusses mixed use development and promoting a compact and connected city:

- 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 P5. Create healthy and family-friendly communities through development that includes a mix of land uses and housing types and affords realistic opportunities for transit, bicycle, and pedestrian travel and provides both community gathering spaces, parks and safe outdoor play areas for children.
- N P1. Create complete neighborhoods across Austin that have a mix of housing types and land uses, affordable housing and transportation options, and access to schools, retail, employment, community services, and parks and recreation options.

Based on the property being located within a project that is developing into a complete community with a variety of residential and commercial uses, and the Imagine Austin policies

above that promote complete communities, staff believes that this proposed project is supported by the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan.

**CITY COUNCIL DATE:** December 12, 2013

ACTION: Approved a Postponement request by the Neighborhood to January 23, 2014 (7-0).

January 23, 2014

**ORDINANCE READINGS:** 1<sup>ST</sup>

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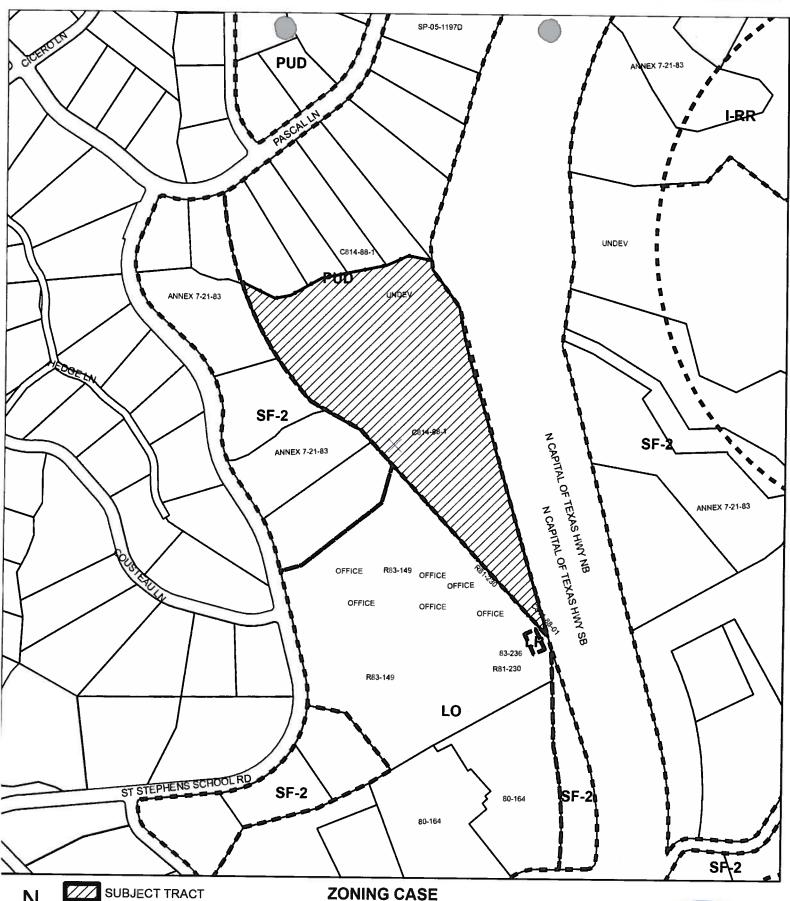
**ORDINANCE NUMBER:** 

**CASE MANAGER:** 

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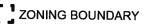
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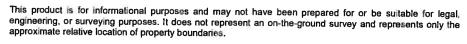




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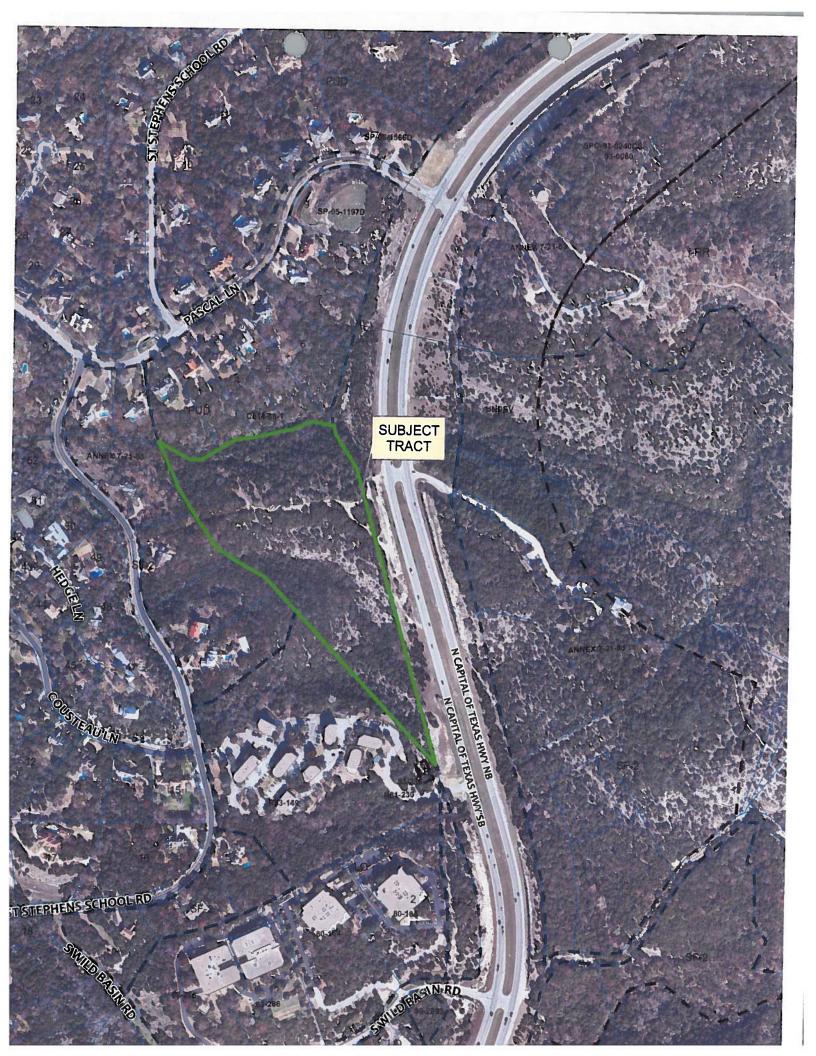
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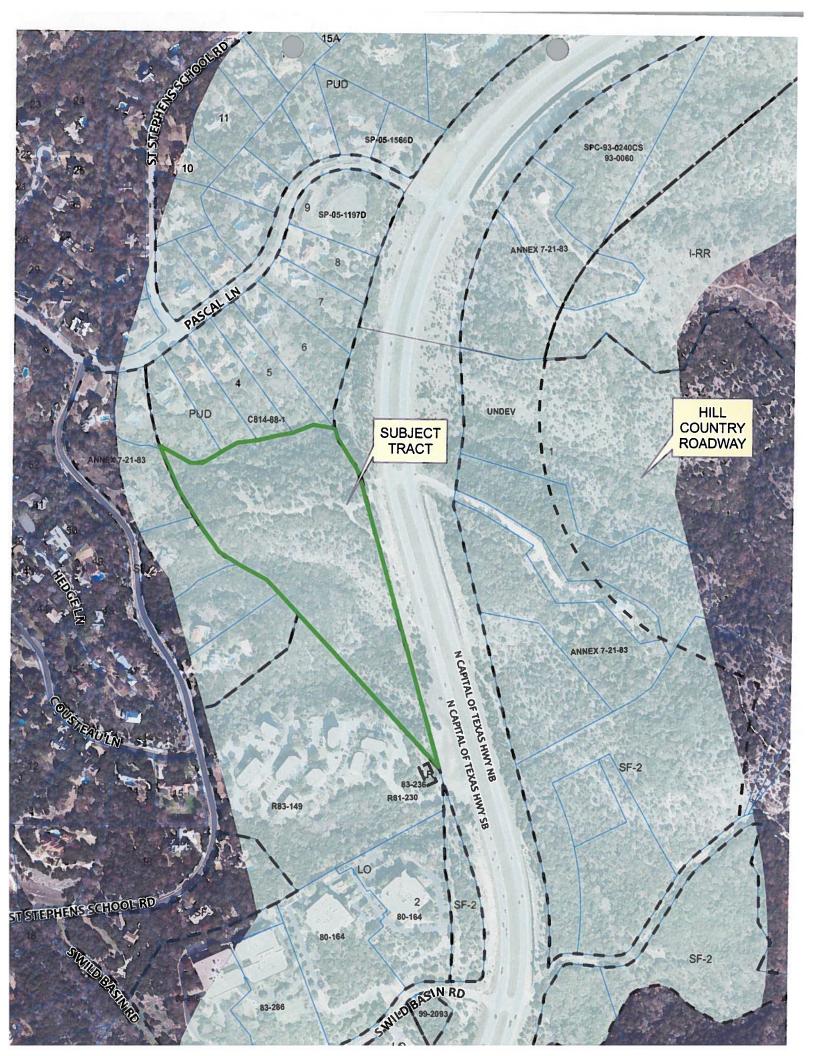






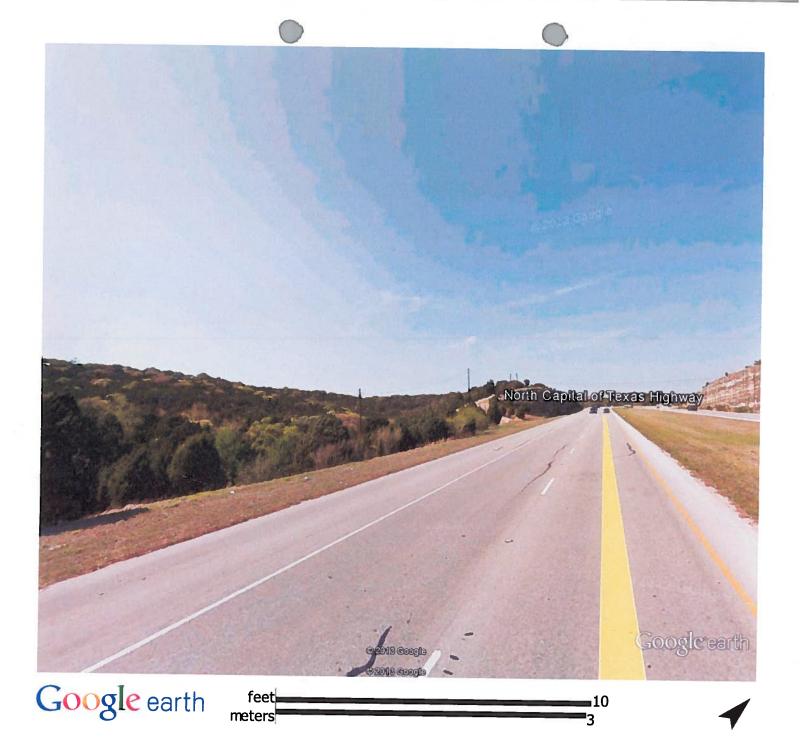
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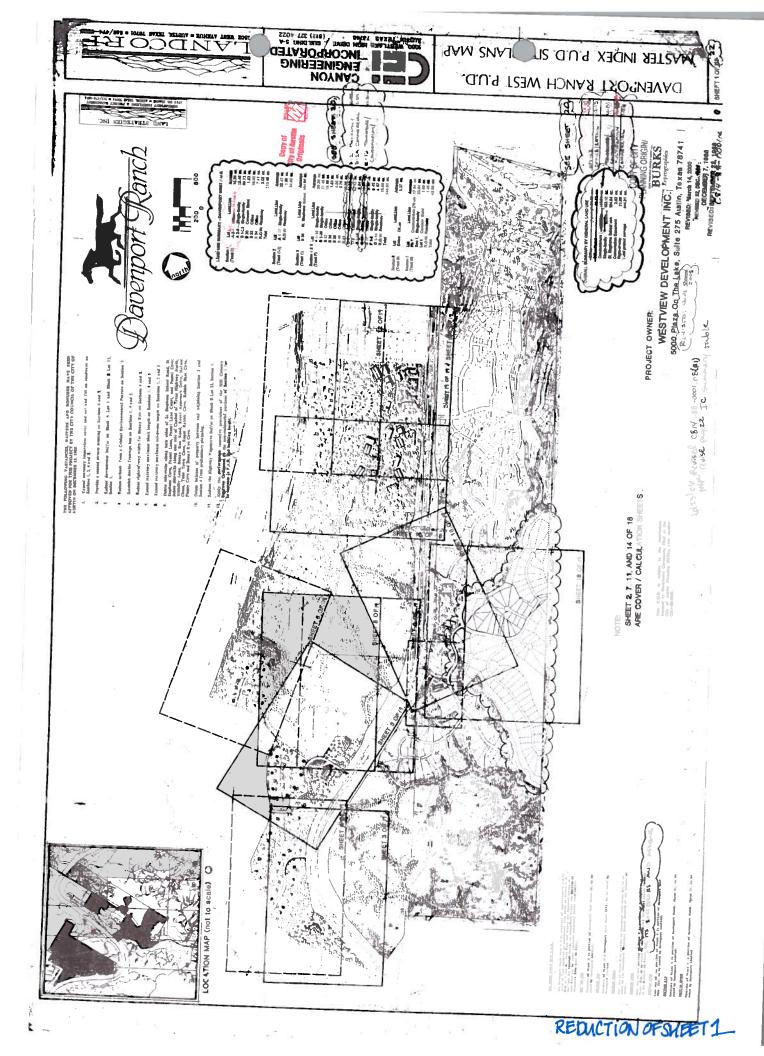


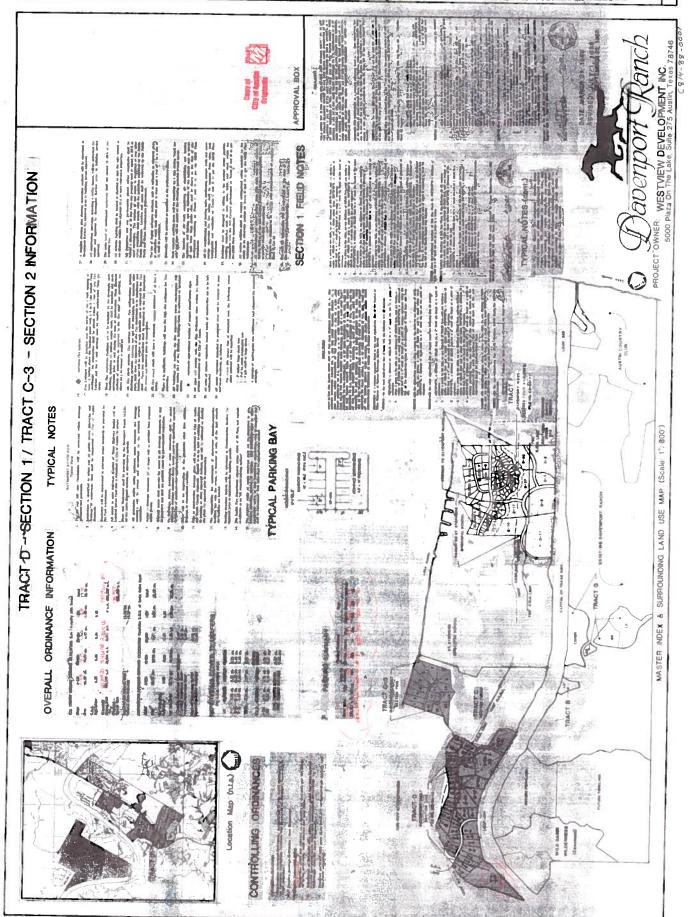


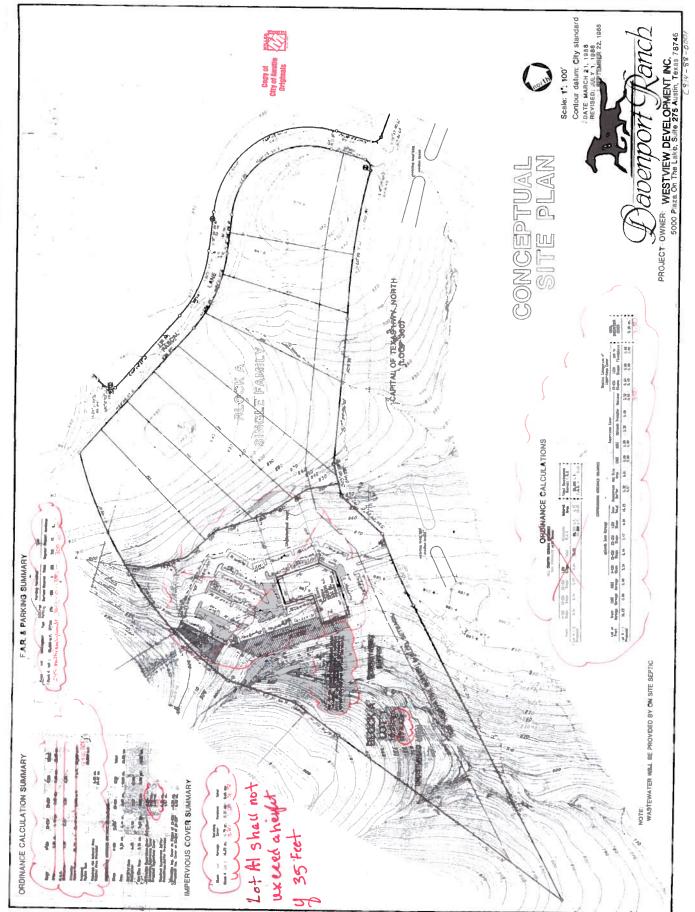


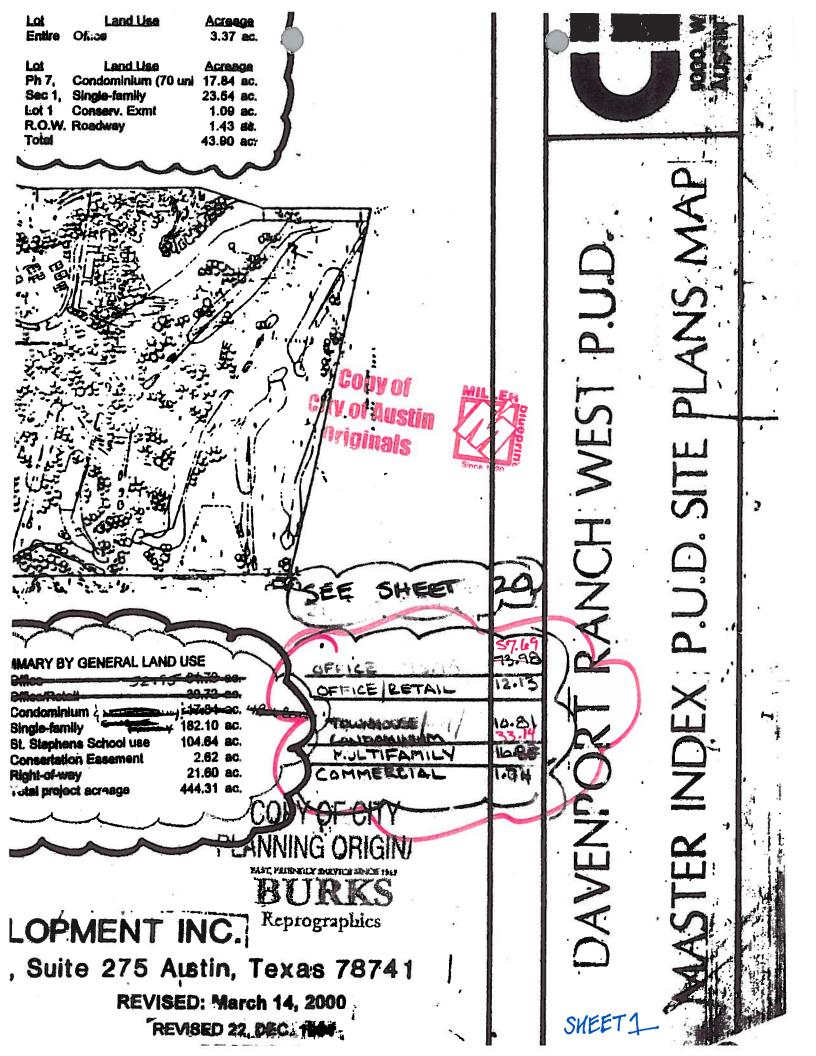






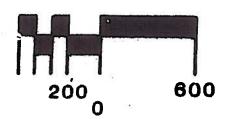








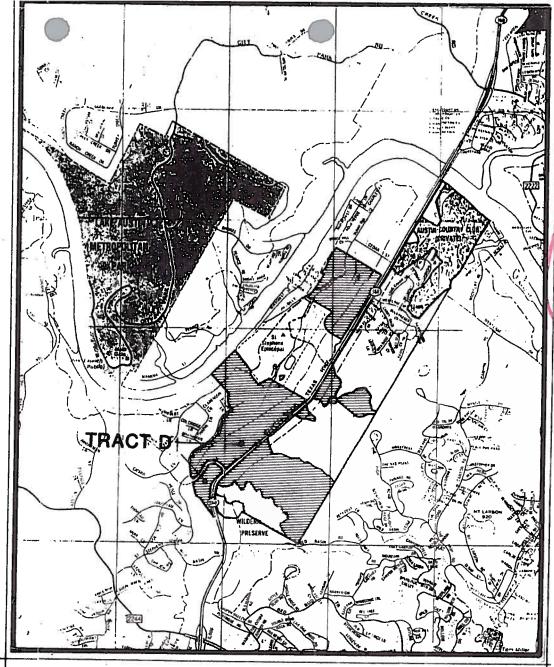




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Section	Lot	Land Use	Acreage	
(Tract D)	A-21		₩ 16,29 BC	
1	AZ.	Single family	18.48 ac.	
	B		58.73 ac.	
	B 30		1.53 ac.	
8.	B 33		10.00 ac.	
	B 34		7.41 ac.	
		N. Roadway		
	Total		3.02 ac.	
•			113.46 ac.	
Section 2	Lot	Land Use	<b>A</b>	4
(Tract C-3)		7 Single-family	Acreage	
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Section 4 &	5 Lot	Land Use	Acreage	4
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	B 1-38		11.45 ac.	
	B 37	Office		l
	B 38	Office	10.56 ac.	
	B 39.	Office	1.83 ac.	
	B 40	Office	4.56 ac.	1
	B41		3.78 ac.	4
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Location Map (n.t.s.)



# CONTROLLING ORDINANCES

### Controlling Ordinances

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> Comprehensive Watershed Ordinance, as modified by the First Amendment to the Apreement Concerning Creation and Operation of Davenport Ranch H.U.D. (First Amendment)

Hill Country Roadway Ordinance (Low Intensity)

### Ordinance Compliance Notes

- 1. Residential areas are limited to a density of one unit per two acres of gross site area, with minimum one acre lots.
- Subalasion of detailed site plans, landscape plans and tree surveys will be postponed until final site development permitting, in accordance with the First Amendment.
- 3. Required parkland will come from Tract A-1 as depicted on Exhibit A of the First Amendment.

# TRACTO - SECIL

# OVERALL ORDINANCE INFORMATION

# HILL COUNTRY RORDHDAY ORDINANCE CALCULATIONS (Low Intensity with Bonus)

Slope 0-15% Area 16.82 ac.	15-25x 25-35x 10.59 ac. 4.77 ar.	35x Total 1.52 ac. 33.76 ac.	
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Square feet Required 40% Natural Area		13.48 ac. 19.57 ac.	

# COMPREHENSIVE WATERSHED ORDINANCE CALCULATIONS (Includes R.O.W. of Santa Anita Cove)

Slope	0-15#	15-25%	25-35%	) 35%	Total	
Area	18.55 ac.	10.98 ac.	4.77 ac.	1.52 ac.	35.82 ac.	
Net Site Area Multiplier	1.00	0.40	0.20	0.00		
Net Site Area	18.55 ac.	4.39 ac.	0.95 ac.	0.00 ac.	23.90 ac.	
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Required Downst Downstream Buff	ream Buffer er Provided	27	13.48 a:. 10.69 ac.			

# IMPERVIOUS COVER TRANSFERS

(For R.O.W. transfers only)

Natural Area Provided

LOT	ALLOHABLE	PROPOSED	REMAINING
A-1 B-33 B-34	2.88 ac. 2.57 ac. 2.29 ac.	2.67 ac. 2.39 ac. 2.11 ac.	0.21 ac. 0.18 ac. 0.18 ac.
TOTAL.	7.74 ac.	7.17 ac.	0.57 ac.
R.O.W.	, ALLOHABLE	PROPOSED	REQUIRED TRANSFER
0-15% }15%	0.71 ac. 0.04 ac.		0.20 ac. 0.37 ac.
TOT	AL TRANSFER	REDUIRED AVAILABLE	0.57 ac. 0.57 ac.

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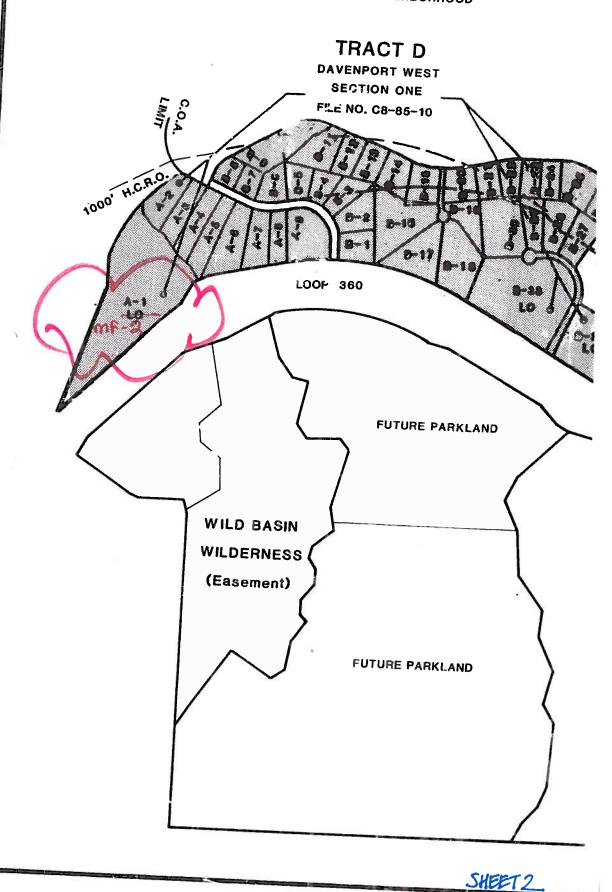
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- 12. The responsibility facilities lies with the facilities are k
- 13. Parking structure approval prior to a
- 14. The Austin Fire I or concrete as an
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# ORDINANCE CALCULATION SUMMARY

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Allowable Square Feet	60.331 s.f.	99 AN - 4	6,046 s.f.		
Proposed Square feet			. 0.046 S. F.	0 s.f.	434,200
Required 40% Nat Natural Area Pro	ural Area Wided			6.52 ac. 10.02 ac.	88,800 s.f.
COMPREHENSIVE WA	TERSHED ORDI	NANCE CALCULA	ÁTIONS		
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# IMPERVIOUS COVER SUMMARY

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Block A	Lot 1	16.29 ac.	40+79-ac	2.37 ac.	3,16 ac.
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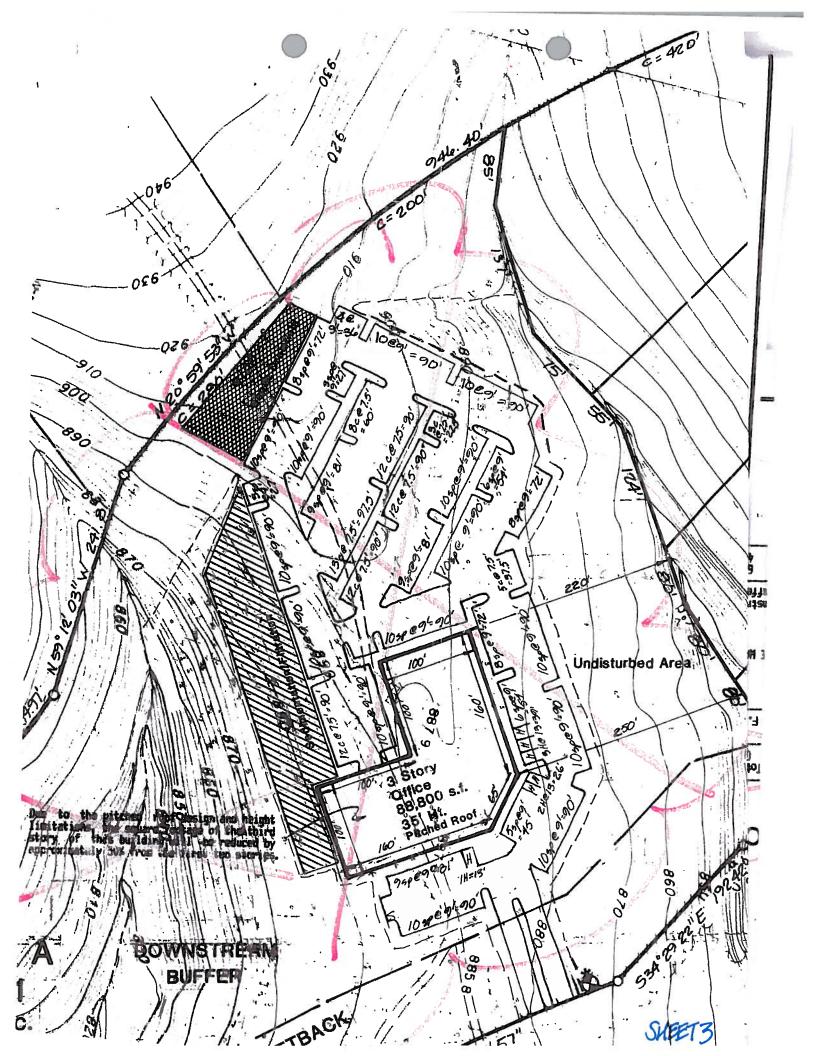
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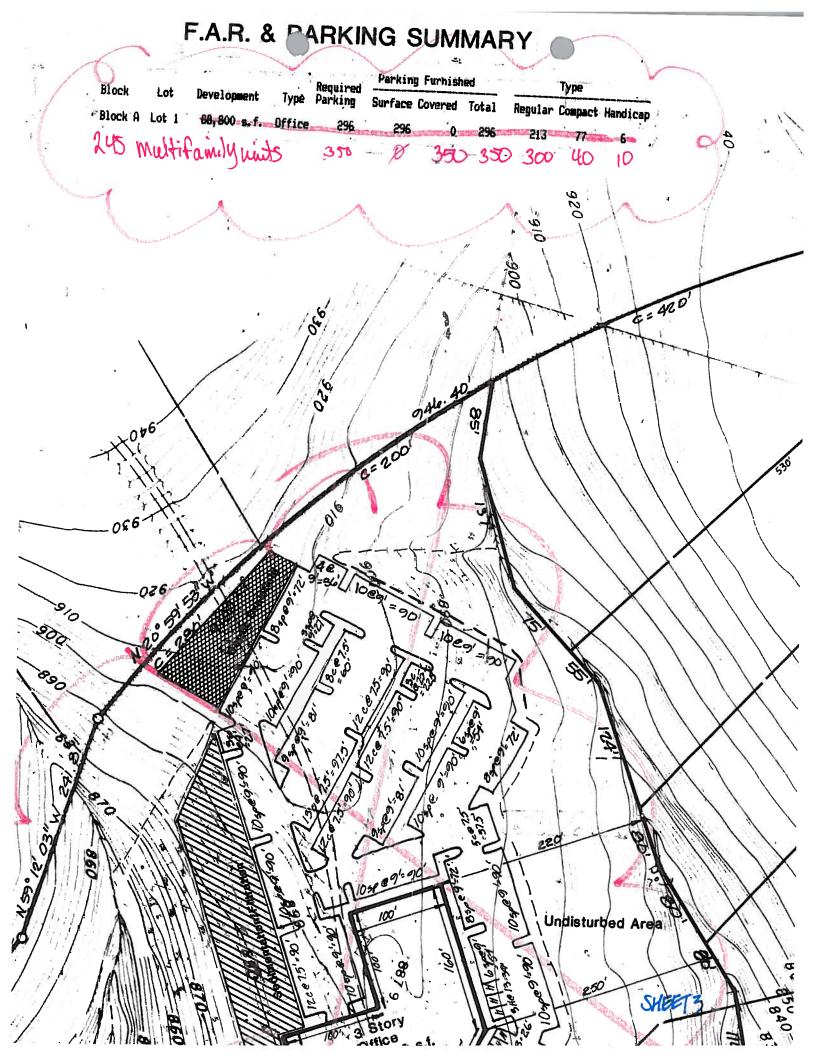
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November 5, 2013

**VIA EMAIL** 

Ms. Betty Baker, Chair Zoning and Platting Commission City of Austin P.O. Box 1088 Austin, Texas 78767

Re: Canyons @ Rob Roy Rezoning (C814-88-0001(RCA)); Postponement Request

Dear Madam Chair and Zoning and Platting Commissioners:

I am writing to you on behalf of our client, Rob Roy Homeowner's Association ("Client"), to formally request a postponement of the above-referenced case to the December 3, 2013 Zoning & Platting Commission hearing. Our Client would like to have additional time to work with the Applicant on the proposed revisions to the Restrictive Covenant. This is our Client's first request for a postponement.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

ponn IVI. Joseph

cc: Clark Patterson, City of Austin
Jerry Rusthoven, City of Austin
Richard Suttle, Attorney for the Applicant

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Via Email
Jim Williams
City of Austin
P.O. Box 1088
Austin, Texas 78767

Re: Case No. C814-88-0001(RCA)

Dear Mr. Williams,

On behalf of the Rob Roy Homeowners Association ("Rob Roy"), I am writing to object to the amendment of the above-referenced restrictive covenant by City Council. The amendment has been requested by Brandywine Acquisition Partners, LP (the "Applicant") in order to allow the development of a 16.82-acre tract at 800 N. Capitol of Texas Highway (the "Property") for 245 multi-family dwellings. The restrictive covenant limits the development of the Property to an 88,800 square foot building with limited office (LO) use. For the reasons explained below, the restrictive covenant cannot be amended without the agreement of all property owners directly affected by the amendment, which includes, at a minimum, the Rob Roy homeowners whose property is also subject to the restrictive covenant. Because the Applicant has not secured the agreement of these property owners, Staff should be directed to cease processing the restrictive covenant and the case should be indefinitely postponed.

The restrictive covenant is attached as Exhibit "1". It was executed in 1989 and recorded in the real property records of Travis County as Document No. 89027440. The restrictive covenant was executed by the developer of Davenport Ranch, Davenport Limited ("Davenport"), and the City of Austin. It burdens 113.5 acres of land in total, including the Property and other land that was subsequently platted as single-family lots and incorporated into the pre-existing Rob Roy Homeowners Association by agreement of Rob Roy. These lots include all of the single-family lots abutting the northern and western boundaries of the Property, as well as other single family lots to the north of Pascal Lane.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A map of the 35.3859 tract showing the Property and certain of these single-family lots prior to platting is attached to the restrictive covenant as Exhibit "A". For reference, attached as Exhibit "2" is a map of the current boundaries of the Property and surrounding single-family lots prepared by Staff.

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To date, Staff has interpreted the language in bold as requiring *only* the consent of City Council and the Applicant, and continues to process the requested amendment without requiring the consent of other property owners. This is an unduly narrow interpretation of the restrictive covenant. The property owners whose homes adjoin or lie near the Property – all of whom, like Applicant, are bound by the restrictive covenant<sup>3</sup> – are "directly affected" by proposed changes in the intensity and scale of development on the Property. As noted above, the restrictive covenant permits only an 88,800 square foot limited office building. The Applicant is proposing to construct an apartment building with 245 units and structured parking, which inevitably will entail a structure at least three times the size of the permitted structure. The wholesale increase in the building's scale and bulk will impair the sightlines across the Property, increase the ambient lighting at night, and intensify the traffic in the evening and early morning hours. Each of these has a "direct effect" on nearby homeowners.

Each of these homeowners purchased his or her property subject to the restrictive covenant, and each is entitled to rely upon its protections. Allowing it to be amended solely upon the Applicant's request and the blessing of City Council would deprive these owners of their bargain and subvert one of the covenant's chief purposes. Staff's interpretation, in fact, would render the covenant's restrictions on use superfluous because the P.U.D. ordinance contains identical limitations on the size and use of development on the Property. Council actually adopted the P.U.D. zoning for the Property before the City (through the acting City Manager) executed the restrictive covenant. If the parties' intent had been to allow these restrictions to be removed at the sole discretion of Council (and the Applicant), there would have been no purpose in placing these restrictions in a covenant since any change to P.U.D. zoning restrictions automatically requires Council assent. The evident purpose in incorporating these restrictions into a restrictive covenant was instead to ensure that other property owners "directly affected" by the amendment must consent.

This interpretation is bolstered by contemporaneous agreements executed by the developer. On December 1, 1988, the Rob Roy Homeowners Association and Westview Development, Inc., the predecessor to Davenport, executed a Letter of Agreement (the "Rob Roy Agreement") that spelled out restrictions on the use of several Davenport Ranch tracts, including the Property. See Exhibit "5" hereto. Among other things, the Rob Roy Agreement specified a maximum of 88,800 square feet of commercial space on Tract D, Lot A-1 (the lot at issue), which matches the amount of development permitted by the concept plan approved by Council as part of the P.U.D. ordinance. See Exhibit "2". The Rob Roy Agreement further specified that "lot A-1 is to be LO," see Rob Roy Agreement, ¶ 4, and that "[r]esidential areas of Tracts D and C-3 will be single family detached with an average over-all density of 2 acres per unit." Rob Roy Agreement, ¶ 7. The Rob Roy Agreement also set forth detailed restrictions to protect the sight lines of nearby residential development, implicitly acknowledging one of the many ways that development of the Property can "directly affect" surrounding homeowners. ¶ 6. Last, but not least, the Agreement provided for the creation of a Joint Architectural Control Committee, and required the Davenport developer to impose deed restrictions upon three commercial parcels including the Property (Lot A-1) - which were to provide "that they cannot be amended without the consent of Rob Roy Homeowners Association, Inc." This Agreement simultaneously

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Inquiry with a title company has confirmed that the restrictive covenant appears as a restriction of record on each of the single-family homes adjoining the Property.

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zoning case. Given the developer's extensive consultation and negotiation with Rob Roy concerning the use of the land, it would be nonsensical to interpret the restrictive covenant now to permit the restrictions to be removed without the consent of Rob Roy homeowners affected by the change.

Neither the Applicant nor Staff has obtained the consent of nearby property owners to the proposed amendment to the Restrictive Covenant. Council does not have the authority to amend the restrictive covenant without their consent. Rob Roy, which itself owns one of the parcels burdened by the restrictive covenant and which would be directly affected by the Applicant's proposed change, certainly objects. We know that most of the homeowners bordering the Property object as well. We accordingly asked you to instruct Staff to cease processing this amendment and to remove this matter from all Commission and Council agendas. Because the Applicant's concurrent P.U.D. zoning application is futile without an amendment of the restrictive covenant, we ask you to direct Staff to cease processing the zoning application as well.

Finally, I would also like to point out that the final plat for the subject Property contains a plat note restricting the Property from being developed for residential use. See Exhibit "8". The Applicant's attorney has informed me during informal discussions of this matter that he believes Staff will not enforce this restriction as long as the Applicant pays parkland dedication fees. We do not believe that staff has the authority to unilaterally disregard a plat note, however. We ask you to confirm that, even if the Applicant succeeds in amending the restrictive covenant and P.U.D. zoning, it must amend the plat to remove the note (including obtaining Travis County Commissioners Court approval) before submitting the site plan for approval.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

John M. Aseph

cc: Case Manager Clark Patterson, City of Austin Richard Suttle Betty Baker, Chair Zoning and Platting Commission Zoning and Platting Commission Members

Written comments must be submitted to the board or commission (or the contact person listed on the notice) before or at a public hearing. Your comments should include the board or commission's name, the scheduled date of the public hearing, and the Case Number and the contact person listed on the notice. Case Number: C814-88-0001.10 Contact: Clark Patterson, 512-974-7691 Public Hearing: Nov 5, 2013, Zoning and Platting Commission Dec 12, 2013, City Council ☐ I am in favor Your Name (please print) ☐ Tobject Daytime Telephone: Comments: If you use this form to comment, it may be returned to: City of Austin Planning & Development Review Department Clark Patterson P. O. Box 1088 Austin, TX 78767-8810

# PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION

This zoning/rezoning request will be reviewed and acted upon at two public hearings: before the Land Use Commission and the City Council. Although applicants and/or their agent(s) are expected to attend a public hearing, you are not required to attend. However, if you do attend, you have the opportunity to speak FOR or AGAINST the proposed development or change. You may also contact a neighborhood or environmental organization that has expressed an interest in an application affecting your neighborhood.

During its public hearing, the board or commission may postpone or continue an application's hearing to a later date, or may evaluate the City staff's recommendation and public input forwarding its own recommendation to the City Council. If the board or commission announces a specific date and time for a postponement or continuation that is not later than 60 days from the announcement, no further notice is required.

During its public hearing, the City Council may grant or deny a zoning request, or rezone the land to a less intensive zoning than requested but in no case will it grant a more intensive zoning.

However, in order to allow for mixed use development, the Council may add the MIXED USE (MU) COMBINING DISTRICT to certain commercial districts. The MU Combining District simply allows residential uses in addition to those uses already allowed in the seven commercial zoning districts. As a result, the MU Combining District allows the combination of office, retail, commercial, and residential uses within a single development.

For additional information on the City of Austin's land development process, visit our website:

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KELLY WRIGHT

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November 19, 2013

# **VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Mr. Clark Patterson City of Austin P.O. Box 1088 Austin, Texas 78767

Re: Case Nos. C814-88-0001.10 and C814-88-0001(RCA)

Dear Mr. Patterson,

Enclosed please find the original signatures on a Petition for the above-referenced cases. Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Kelly Wright

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ACKNOWLEDGED:

**Enclosures** 

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# **PETITION**

Date: 4 November 2013

File Number: C814-88-0001.10

Address of

Rezoning Request: 800 N. Capitol of Texas Highway

To: Austin City Council

We, the undersigned owners of property within 200 feet of the property affected by the requested zoning change described in the referenced file, do hereby protest against any change of the Land Development Code, including any change to the Planned Unit Development regulations for the property, which would permit any use other than office on the property.

Since 1988, the use of the property has been limited to office by a PUD, a Letter Of Agreement with the Rob Roy Homeowners Association, and a restrictive covenant. These allowed an 88,000 square foot, 35 foot high office building to be built on the referenced property. We bought our homes on the understanding that the property was restricted in this way. The requested zoning change to multi-family to allow the construction of a 245-unit apartment complex will impact our home values by putting adjacent to our neighborhood a facility three times the size of the office building, will impact the already overcrowded traffic on 360 and impact our already crowded neighborhood schools much more than the office building.

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From: Mike Killfoil killfoil@yahoo.com

Subject: Re: Petition

Date: November 19, 2013 at 2:42 PM
To: william king williamfrankking@aol.com

Cc: Mike killfoil@yahoo.com

### Attached is my signed petition form.

I do feel some of the main points to be talked about at ZAPCO should be revised.

Point 1: Perfect

Point 2: Traffic is always getting worse along 360 as more people move in to Travis County. Maybe saying an apartment complex will make 360 more dangerous since people will be entering/leaving 24/7 as opposed to an office building schedule of 9 to 5 pm.

Point 3: Again, schools are always getting more crowded everywhere as more people move to Austin. That's another issue I think.

Point 4: I agree. Those 240 units will be nice and shiny for a few years but will eventually deteriorate and command much less rent in the future and become sort of an affordable housing complex for transitional people. I also think noise issues will be a concern. Apartment sponsored weekend pool parties with DJ's to lure tenants or people blaring music in the middle of the night from their balconies will be a major nuisance by being so close which would negatively impact property values. Point 5: Security Issues: I agree that security issues will get worse everywhere nearby. With an apartment complex it's just a lot of transitional people who are moving into the complex for a year or two and then moving out. I don't think they really care about the community or schools for the short time they live in the area. I also think an apartment complex could be a potential fire hazard. Just drive around any apartment complex and look at all the illegal Barbecue Grills on balconies...even though they are banned by apartments.

I would love an office building instead. Maybe people who worked there would move closer, buy a house and become involved in the community by volunteering, etc. and make the area even better than it is now.

Reina Killfoil 20 Pascal Lane Austin, TX 78746

See More from william king

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Signature	Printed Name	Address	Date
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# **PETITION**

Case Number: C814-88-0001

Date: 12/3/2012

Total Square Footage of Buffer:

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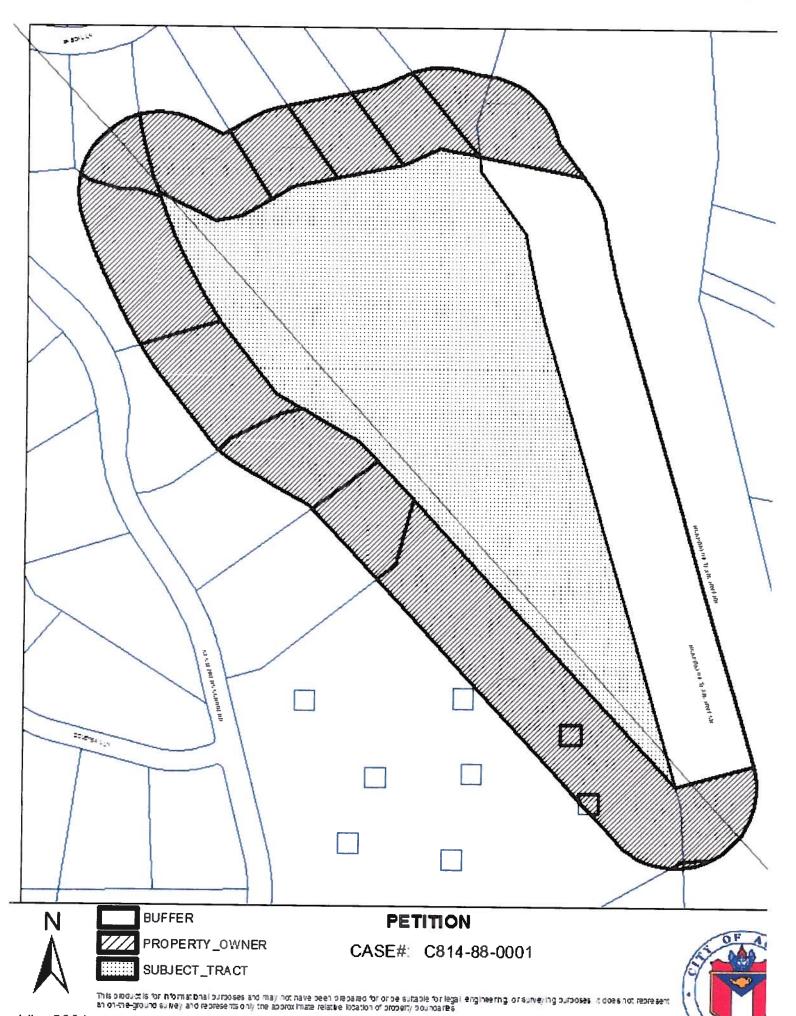
Percentage of Square Footage Owned by Petitioners Within Buffer:

28.21%



Calculation: The total square footage is calculated by taking the sum of the area of all TCAD Parcels with valid signatures including one-half of the adjacent right-of-way that fall within 200 feet of the subject tract. Parcels that do not fall within the 200 foot buffer are not used for calculation. When a parcel intersects the edge of the buffer, only the portion of the parcel that falls within the buffer is used. The area of the buffer does not include the subject tract.

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December 5, 2013

**VIA EMAIL** 

Mr. Greg Guernsey, Director Planning & Development Review Department City of Austin 505 Barton Springs, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Austin, Texas 78704

Re: Canyons @ Rob Roy (C814-88-0001.10 and C814-88-0001(RCA)); Postponement Request

Dear Mr. Guernsey:

I am writing to you on behalf of our client, Rob Roy Homeowner's Association ("Client"), to formally request a postponement of the above-referenced case to the January 23, 2014 City Council hearing. A large number of my Clients (residents of Rob Roy) are abroad and are not able to attend the public hearing scheduled for December 12, 2013. This is our Client's first request for a postponement.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely.

John M. Joseph

cc: Mayor & City Council Members Clark Patterson, City of Austin Jerry Rusthoven, City of Austin

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