SITE PLAN REVIEW SHEET SHORELINE MODIFICATION



CASE: SP-2013-0436D

PLANNING COMMISSION DATE: 04-22-2014

PROJECT NAME: 1702 Channel Rd.

APPLICANT: Chris Ellis

AGENT: Aupperle Company

(Bruce Aupperle)

ADDRESS OF SITE: 1702 Channel Rd. & 4000 Sandy Acre Ln.

COUNTY: Travis

AREA: 1.18 Acres

WATERSHED: Lake Austin (Water Supply Rural)

JURISDICTION: Full- Purpose

EXISTING ZONING: SF-2(1702 Channel Rd.) & LA (4000 Sandy Acre)

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:

The proposed project is on two separate lots and consists of removing existing non-conforming structures on both lots, construction of a two-slip, cut-in boat dock in the channel off of the main body of the lake, the construction of a fishing pier along the main body of the lake and a beach area.

DESCRIPTION OF VARIANCES:

According to 25-2-1176(D)(1), approval of the Planning Commission is required for all structures to be constructed or altered within 10' of a side property line. The Fishing pier on 4000 Sandy Acre Lane encroaches on this set back by 8.25' with a distance of 1.75' between the property line and the fishing pier. The same owner owns both lots and is in support of the encroachment.

According to LDC 25-8-652(C), the Planning Commission must approve and shall review and comment on a development application that includes a proposal to modify the shoreline of Lake Austin. The construction of the bulk head and beach is considered to be shoreline modification. Please see memo from the Environmental Review Specialist for more detailed information about the shoreline modification.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the setback waiver. The proposal is in compliance with all other requirements of the Land Development Code and is not opposed by the neighboring owner.

Staff recommends approval of the shoreline modification. Please see memo from the Environmental Review Specialist for more detailed information about the shoreline modification recommendation.

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD ACTION:

Environmental Board review is not required.

ZONING AND PLATTING COMMISSION ACTION:

N/A

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MEMORANDUM

TO:

Dave Anderson, Chairperson, and Members of the Planning Commission

FROM:

Liz Johnston, Environmental Review Specialist Senior

Planning & Development Review Department

DATE:

April 14, 2014

SUBJECT:

1702 Channel Rd, SP-2013-0436D

On your April 22, 2014 agenda is a request for approval of a shoreline modification to allow the construction of a two cut-in slips for a boat dock along Lake Austin as well as the construction of a new bulkhead to replace the existing bulkhead. The existing bulkhead along the main body of Lake Austin does not conform to the current bulkhead requirements. The new bulkhead will bring the entire shoreline condition to current code. Because of recent changes to the approval process of shoreline modifications, the Planning Commission is now the responsible entity to grant approvals of all proposed shoreline modifications along Lake Austin (reference LDC 25-8-652(C)). According to this section of the LDC, the Planning Commission shall review and comment:

- (a) the navigational safety of the proposed development; and
- (b) the effect of the development on the recreational and natural character of the lake.

Description of Property

The subject property consists of two adjacent residential tracts, one a platted residential lot and one an unplatted legal tract. The property is located in the Lake Austin Watershed, which is classified as Water Supply Rural and located in the Drinking Water Protection Zone. The site is not located over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone. The platted lot is part of the Windy Cove subdivision, recorded in 1966. Both lots are located entirely within the Full-Purpose Jurisdiction. The platted lot is zoned SF-2 and the legal tract is zoned LA.

Description of Project

The proposed project consists of one dock with two slips on the platted lot containing a channel and one fishing pier and a beach on the legal tract. Under existing regulations, each individual lot is allowed one dock with two slips. The proposed configuration will include removing existing non-conforming structures on both lots, construction of a two-slip, cut-in dock in the channel off of the main body of the lake, the construction of a fishing pier along the main body of the lake and a beach area. The proposed replacement bulkhead, beach and cut-in slip constitutes the proposed shoreline modification. Because of the narrowness of the channel where the cut-in slip is proposed, staff recommends the shoreline modification to allow the construction of the dock without impeding navigation of the channel. With the recent changes to LDC 25-8 related to the Watershed Protection Ordinance, the cut-in slip is also considered a floodplain modification. Environmental Resource Management Staff have determined that

the proposed project will provide a "significant, demonstrable environmental benefit" regarding tree planting and shoreline restoration and is therefore code-compliant.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of this project.







