SUBDIVISION REVIEW SHEET (VARIANCE ONLY)



<u>CASE NO.</u>: C8-2014-0011.0A <u>Z.A.P. DATE</u>: December 16, 2014

SUBDIVISION NAME: Ellis Oaks Subdivision

AREA: 3.212 acres **LOTS**: 2

APPLICANT: Tom Ellis **AGENT:** Jim Bennett Consulting

(Jim Bennett / Hector Avila)

ADDRESS OF SUBDIVISION: 7208 Cooper Lane

GRIDS: F16 **COUNTY**: Travis

WATERSHED: South Boggy JURISDICTION: Full Purpose

EXISTING ZONING: SF-3

PROPOSED LAND USE: Residential

<u>DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:</u> The request is for a variance from the Land Development Code Section 25-4-151 Street Alignment and Connectivity. The applicant is proposing to not extend Lenora Street through the proposed subdivision.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff does not recommend the variance. Refer to the accompanied memorandum for details on the variance request.





MEMORANDUM

DATE:

December 9th, 2014

TO:

Chair and Members of the Planning Commission

CC:

Cesar Zavala, Case Manager

FROM:

Caleb Gutshall, Transportation Review

SUBJECT:

Variance Request for Ellis Oaks subdivision, C8-2014-0011.0A

RECOMMENDATION:

To deny the variance

PROPERTY LOCATION:

The proposed subdivision is located on 3.212 acres west of Cooper Lane and south of Lenora Street which is stubbed out along the subdivision's northern boundary. Please see map exhibit.

DESCRIPTION OF WAIVER:

The applicant for the proposed Ellis Oaks subdivision is requesting a variance from the Land Development Code (LDC) requirement:

(1) Section 25-4-151 that states streets of a new subdivision shall be aligned with and connect to existing streets on adjoining property unless the Land Use Commission determines that the Comprehensive Plan, topography, requirements of traffic circulation, or other considerations make it desirable to depart from the alignment or connection.

The variance requested applies to the extension of Lenora Street.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Both The Austin Transportation Department and Planning and Development Review Department provided input and support the following recommendation.

The Transportation Review Section <u>recommends denial of the variance</u> for the following reasons:

The extension of the roadway helps implement the "compact and connected" vision
and policy identified in the adopted Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan. As further
development occurs south of the site, the continued extension of Lenora Street will
provide needed connectivity options and reduce the existing large block size creating
a more compact city.

- The subdivision is within an existing block formed by Forest Wood Road to the west, Matthews Lane to the north, Cooper Lane to the east and W. Dittmar Road to the south. The block perimeter is approximately 2.2 miles. The extension of Lenora Street with this subdivision and subsequent developments will help reduce the substandard block size.
- As Lenora Street extends with development, additional connections can be created
 with other existing and/or planned roadways in the vicinity. The grid-like roadway
 network created will provide additional access points for emergency response
 vehicles and help reduce response times to the surrounding neighborhoods.

If you have any further questions or require additional information, please contact me at 974-6420.

Caleb Gutshall Senior Planner

Planning and Development Review Department, Transportation Review Section



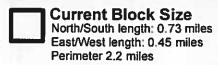
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