ZONING CHANGE REVIEW SHEET

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CASE:

C14-2015-0019

P.C. DATE:

May 26, 2015, May 12, 2015

5306 Samuel Huston

ADDRESS:

5306 Samuel Huston Avenue

DISTRICT:

AREA: 2.93 Acres

OWNER:

Polis Properties, LLC (Chris Peterson)

AGENT:

Civilitude, LLC (Candace Craig)

FROM:

SF-3-NP

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TO: SF-6-NP

NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN AREA: East MLK Combined

TIA: N/A

WATERSHED: Fort Branch

SCENIC ROADWAY: No

CAPITOL VIEW CORRIDOR: No

<u>DESIRED DEVELOPMENT ZONE:</u> Yes

SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff supports the rezoning request of Townhouse and Condominium Residence, with the added conditional overlay limiting vehicular trips to less than 300 vehicles per day (SF-6-CO-NP). The Applicant supports this conditional overlay.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

May 26, 2015:

May 12, 2015: TO POSTPONE TO MAY 26, 2015, AT DIRECTION OF COMMISSION. (5-0) [R. HATFIELD - I^{ST} , J. NORTEY - 2^{ND} ; B. ROARK- ABSENT]

ISSUES:

The subject property is a flag lot with 50 feet of frontage on a residential collector street. The lot configuration greatly constrains any development that would require resubdivision, which includes most scenarios below SF-5 zoning. The residential collector street, Samuel Huston Avenue, serves a neighborhood that is entirely SF-3-NP, and several neighbors are concerned about existing traffic and safety issues.

Planning Commission granted a postponement from May 12, 2015, to May 26, 2015, to allow the Applicant and Neighborhood additional time to meet and discuss the rezoning request.

DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:

The subject property is located between Webberville Road and Tannehill Lane, on the north side of Samuel Huston Avenue, and is zoned SF-3-NP. The property is a flag lot and only has access to Samuel Huston Avenue. Lots on the east and west side of the flag portion of the lot are zoned SF-3-NP and are developed with single family residences. To the South, across Samuel Huston, the flag is aligned with an intersection with Bunche Road, a local residential street. Adjacent lots are all zoned SF-3-NP, and are used for religious assembly and residential.

The main portion of the property is north of the abovementioned residential neighborhood, and is immediately adjacent to residential lots. To the east of the rezoning tract is an SF-3-NP zoned lot that appears to contain a demolished residence. To the north is a large tract of land that is zoned SF-3-NP; a church is located on the

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northern portion of the tract. West of the subject property are several lots zoned MF-3-NP. These lots are developed with residences. All properties that are used or zoned SF-4 or more restrictive will trigger compatibility standards, resulting significant setbacks and other limitations on the subject property. Please refer to Exhibits A and B (Zoning Map and Aerial View).

The Applicant proposes construct a 21 unit detached condominium development. There is significant concern from the neighborhood to the south regarding the proposed rezoning due to existing and anticipated traffic issues. Neighborhood representatives have submitted a Valid Petition request regarding the rezoning request; the request totals 7.895% of signatures at this time, and does not currently meet Valid Petition requirements. Please refer to Exhibit C (Valid Petition Request). Other correspondence from interested parties regarding the rezoning request is attached in Exhibit D (Correspondence).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff supports the rezoning request, with the added conditional overlay limiting vehicular trips to less than 300 vehicles per day (SF-6-CO-NP). The conditional overlay and compatibility standards will both affect the maximum development on the property.

1. Zoning should allow for reasonable use of the property.

The subject property is a flag lot with 50 feet of frontage on a residential collector street. The lot configuration greatly constrains any development that would require resubdivision, which includes most scenarios below SF-5 zoning. SF-3-NP zoning does not allow the property to be used to a reasonable level.

EXISTING ZONING AND LAND USES:

	ZONING	LAND USES
Site	SF-3-NP	Vacant
North	SF-3-NP	Religious assembly
South	SF-3-NP	Residential, Religious assembly
East	SF-3-NP	Vacant/Residential
West	MF-3-NP	Residential

RELATED ZONING CASES:

Properties in this area were zoned in conjunction with the MLK / 183 Neighborhood Plan, which later became part of the East MLK Combined Neighborhood Plan. The zoning was filed under City File # C14-02-0142.002, and was approved by City Council November 18, 2002 (Ord.# 021107-Z-12b). No changes were made to base zoning districts and no additional conditions were added to any of the properties in the vicinity of the subject tract—the only change was to add the –NP designation.

ABUTTING STREETS:

Name	ROW	Pavement	Classification	Sidewalks	Bike Route	Capital Metro (within ¼ mile)
Samuel Huston Ave.	50'	30'	Collector	Yes, south side only	Route No. 344	No



NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS:

Del Valle Community Coalition Truman Heights Neighborhood Association East MLK Combined Neighborhood Contact Team Austin Heritage Tree Foundation Real Estate Council of Austin M.E.T.S.A. Neighborhood Association East MLK Combined Neighborhood Association Sierra Club, Austin Regional Group

East Austin Conservancy Stonegate Neighborhood Association Lincoln Garden Association Austin Neighborhoods Council The **Preservation Austin** Friends of the Emma Barrientos MACC FRS Property Owners Association **SELTexas**

CITY COUNCIL DATE/ACTION:

June 11, 2015:

2nd 3rd **ORDINANCE READINGS: 1st**

ORDINANCE NUMBER:

CASE MANAGER: Heather Chaffin e-mail: heather.chaffin@austintexas.gov

PHONE: 512-974-2122

ADDITIONAL STAFF COMMENTS:

SITE PLAN



SP2. 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.

SP3. Any new development is subject to Subchapter E. Design Standards and Mixed Use. Additional comments will be made when the site plan is submitted.

SP4. The site is subject to compatibility standards the following standards apply:

- No structure may be built within 15 feet of the side and rear property line and 25 feet for the front property line.
- No structure in excess of two stories or 30 feet in height may be constructed within 50 feet of the property line.
- No structure in excess of three stories or 40 feet in height may be constructed within 100 feet of the property line.

A landscape area at least 25 feet wide is required along the property line. In addition, a fence, berm, or dense vegetation must be provided to screen adjoining properties from views of parking, mechanical equipment, storage, and refuse collection.

Additional design regulations will be enforced at the time a site plan is submitted.

SP5. This property is within the Controlled Compatible Land Use Area defined by Chapter 241 of the Local Government Code. Development on this property is limited by Chapter 25-13 of the Austin City Code. Airport hazards as defined in Federal Aviation Regulations Part 77, as adopted by the City in Sections 25-13-23, are prohibited. For more information, contact Joe Medici, Noise Abatement Officer at (512) 530-6652.

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING

This zoning case is located on the north side of Samuel Houston Road on a vacant 2.93 acres parcel, which is also a flag lot. The subject property is located within the boundaries of the East MLK Combined Neighborhood Planning Area, in the MLK-183 Neighborhood Planning Area in the Fort Branch section.

The East MLK Neighborhood Plan (EMNP)

The EMNP Future Land Use Map (FLUM) designates this portion of the planning area as 'Mixed Residential.' Zone SF-6 is permitted under the Mixed Residential FLUM category. The Mixed Residential Land Use Category supports a variety of different housing types in one area, including single-family residential, townhouses, duplexes, and apartments. Single-family residential should comprise approximately half of a mixed residential area. The Mixed Use Land Use Category is defined as an area appropriate for a mix of residential and non-residential uses.

Planning Policies:

Goal One - Preserve established residential areas and improve opportunities for home ownership by promoting the rehabilitation of existing housing and new, infill housing compatible with the existing style of this neighborhood. (p 44)

Objective 1.1: Maintain single-family zoning in established residential areas.

Objective 1.2: Promote new infill housing in appropriate locations.

Goal Five - Provide housing that helps maintain the social and economic diversity of residents. (p 45)

Objective 5.1: Allow a mix of residential types on larger tracts having access to major roadways.



Fort Branch Text (p 69)

Existing Conditions: The Fort Branch neighborhood consists of two fairly distinct residential areas separated by the Fort Branch Creek. Flooding from the creek and the area's steep topography has limited development. Some of the homes at the southern end of Fort Branch Boulevard experience severe flooding problems, even during 2-year storm events. Substandard housing and vacant lots have been a problem in the area, but several affordable housing developers have undertaken significant infill development. Some commercial uses are scattered throughout the neighbor-hood, mostly on Webberville Road, but overall local commercial services are limited.

Recommendations: The greatest need in the Fort Branch area is continued development of quality residential infill. Some larger tracts on Webberville, Tannehill Lane, and Jackie Robinson Street could be developed with mixed residential, while new single-family homes are appropriate on the smaller vacant lots. Planned channel improvements to Fort Branch Creek should improve the safety and desirability of many vacant lots. Neighborhood-oriented commercial development should be encouraged in small, existing nodes on Webberville. Consideration should also be given to preserving flood plain lands south of Springdale Park as a natural greenbelt. While this project does not include a mix of housing types, including single family housing, the development would provide an opportunity for home ownership and infill housing via condominium ownership and therefore this request seems to be supported by the MLK Plan.

Imagine Austin

The comparative scale of the site relative to other residential uses, as well as the site not being located along an Activity Corridor or within an Activity Center as identified on the Imagine Austin Growth Concept Map falls below the scope of Imagine Austin, which is broad in scope, and consequently the plan is neutral on the proposed rezoning. However, the developer of this proposed condominium project could design this complex so that it is connected to the adjoining residential neighborhood and be an asset to both the city and support Imagine Austin by including the following features and options to this project that would support Imagine Austin: (1) add street trees to provide shade and beauty; and (2) vary the density and height of the project so the massing does not overwhelm the abutting single family neighborhood and is harmonious with the area.

TRANSPORTATION

- TR1: No additional right-of-way is needed at this time. Additional right-of-way for Samuel Huston Ave. may be required during the subdivision or site plan development stage.
- TR2. 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]. A Neighborhood Traffic Analysis may be required for this case unless the development is limited through a conditional overlay to less than 300 trips per day.
- TR3. Samuel Huston Ave. is classified in the Bicycle Plan as Bike Route No. 344.
- TR4. Capital Metro bus service is not available along Samuel Huston Ave.
- TR5. There are existing sidewalks along the north side of Samuel Huston Ave.
- TR6. The Public Works Dept. may provide additional comments regarding mobility enhancement and bicycle/pedestrian facilities.

TR7. Existing Street Characteristics:

Name	ROW	Pavement	Classification	ADT
Samuel Huston Ave.	50'	30'	Collector	9,660

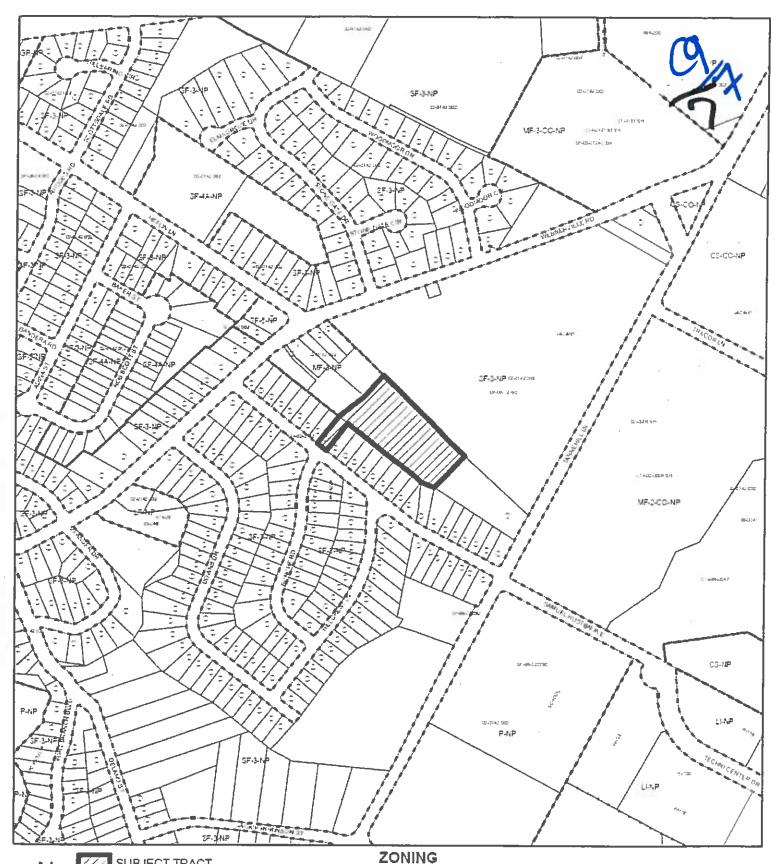


ENVIRONMENTAL

- 1. The site is not located over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone. The site is located in the Fort Branch Watershed of the Colorado River Basin, which is classified as an Urban Watershed by Chapter 25-8 of the City's Land Development Code. It is in the Desired Development Zone.
- 2. Zoning district impervious cover limits apply in the Urban Watershed classification.
- 3. According to floodplain maps there is no floodplain within or adjacent to 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. This site is required to provide on-site water quality controls (or payment in lieu of) for all development and/or redevelopment when 8,000 s.f. cumulative is exceeded, and on site control for the two-year storm.
- 7. At this time, no information has been provided as to whether this property has any preexisting approvals that preempt current water quality or Code requirements.

WATER UTILITY

FYI: 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 proposed land use. Depending on the development plans submitted, water and or wastewater service extension requests may be required. Water and wastewater utility plans 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.







SUBJECT TRACT

PENDING CASE

ZONING CASE#: C14-2015-0019



ZONING BOUNDARY

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C14-2015-0019 Case Number:

PETITION

Total Square Footage of Buffer:

3/3/2015 470883.2303

Percentage of Square Footage Owned by Petitioners Within Buffer:

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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PETITION

Date: 2.25.15

File Number: 2015 · 018699 2C Case number: C14-2015-0019

304 Samuel Huston Rezoning Request:

Austin City Council

We, the undersigned owners of property affected by the requested zoning change described in

the referenced file, do hereby protest against any change of the Land Development Code which would zone the property to any classification other than Single family homes

Samuel Huston: The Surrounding Truman Highes Subdivision

(STATE REASONS FOR YOUR PROTEST)

Cannot handle the traffic of a 21 unit Condo Complex (PLEASE USE BLACK INK WHEN SIGNING PETITION)

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Contact Name: HANNY MCCOYA Phone Number: S/2. 484. 4405

PETITION

5306 Samuel Huston Address of

To: **Austin City Council**

We, the undersigned owners of property affected by the requested zoning change described in the referenced file, do hereby protest against any change of the Land Development Code which would zone the property to any classification other than 5101/4 family homes Subdivision (STATE REASONS FOR YOUR PROTEST) The Subdivision (PLEASE USE BLACK INK WHEN SIGNING PETITION)

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From:

Hilda Gutierrez ◀

Sent:

Tuesday, March 10, 2015 3:30 PM

To:

Chaffin, Heather

Subject:

Zoning Change at 5306 Samuel Huston Ave. Case number C14-2015-0019

Hi Heather,

Thank you so much for taking the time to speak to me yesterday. It was immensely helpful! As I mentioned over the phone, I am really concerned about this zoning change for a number of reasons. My hope is that you recommend that these changes not take place in my neighborhood. As I mentioned over the phone, the 21 condo unit will be constructed only one house away from mine, so I will be deeply impacted by these changes.

My primary concern is not just for myself but for the working class people that live in my neighborhood. I suspect that the introduction of these new condos would result in an increase in property taxes. This suspicion is based on the kind of new development that is taking place in my neighborhood. I have lived there for a little over a year now and already my taxes are increasing and many families are moving out. The houses that are being sold are selling way above the market price. Some are being demolished to create space for expensive homes that are out of the reach of the working class families in the neighborhood. Just the other day when I was outside of my house gardening I overheard three little girls talking about how one of their mom's was going to buy the house next to ours so she wouldn't have to walk up and down the hill of our very busy street. The only thing that I could think about was how sad it was that her mother cannot guarantee her daughter's safety as she walks in our neighborhood, even though she aspires to.

While I can afford the tax changes, the working class families that have lived there for many generations will not be able to. This means that eventually they too will get displaced like so many other working class families in Austin. I would hate for people who have established their roots in my neighborhood to be pushed out by outside entities. People that have lived there for generations are what make my community unique. Additionally, we will have a new generation of young people that will experience economic displacement within our own city limits. I hope that the city of Austin understands the impact that this can have on younger generation's health and economic outcomes as well as older generations that will be moved further away from access to services and healthy food options. Every day our elderly neighbor gets picked up by the city bus and she is taken to an adult care facility. What will happen to her if her family is forced to move out of the city due to an increase in taxes? What will happen to the children who are able to access transportation to attend the neighboring charter schools?

I am also really concerned about the increase in traffic in our neighborhood if 21 condos are introduced. Our road is home to two churches and a school. It is also an access point to 183. Cars drive very fast down our road already. I have been in almost two car accidents driving out/in to my own driveway and I am concerned that increasing the amount of people who live on my street would also lead to an increase in traffic. There are many children that walk up and down my street to access transportation and I worry about their safety.

My final concern has to do with drainage. Two duplexes were built in the neighboring lot to ours. Now, we are noticing that our backyard is collecting pools of water. This is a new phenomenon since those duplexes were built. Would this new construction lead to additional water drainage to my own backyard?

Thanks again for listening to my concerns and presenting them to other members in your division. I am happy to talk to them directly if you believe it would be helpful and to answer any additional questions you may have. Thank you for the role that you play to ensure housing equity in the city of Austin.

Sincerely, Hilda Gutierrez



Homeowner 5302 Samuel Huston., Ave., Austin, TX 78721 Tel. 505-573-6326

From:

Lindsey Loughry 4

Tuesday, March 10, 2015 11:51 AM

To: Chaffin, Heather

Subject: Case number C14-2015-0019

Hi Heather,

Sent:

My name is Lindsey and I previously called you regarding the case number above for the rezoning of 5306 Samuel Huston Ave. I own one of the properties adjacent to/in front of said property at 5404 Samuel Huston Ave.

I recently received a notice in the mail with a quick explanation of the proposed rezoning application and wanted to write an email to give my opinion, as I work out of the country and will most likely not be in town when the public hearing occurs.

The thing that mainly stands out to me in the SF-6-NP designation is that it states this type of district is "appropriate for areas in which unusually large lots predominate with access to other than minor residential streets, and in selected areas where a transition from a single-family to multifamily use is appropriate."

Id like to address these two items separately. As is apparent on the map that was sent out with this notice, I do see that the idea that there are "unusually large lots" in the area could be conceivable. However, these larger lots include a church, a school, etc..not "larger lots" that would be included as a potential for denser housing options in the near future. The area where this land is located is actually in our neighborhood...which includes NO "unusually large lot" sizes. This neighborhood consists of small lots with small houses. Seeing that the point of egress for this property would come out onto our street, between two of said small residential lots, I just can not imagine this being an ideal situation for any type of "traffic" that would be associated with a "townhouse and condominium residence for moderate density homes" of any sort. Our small street is already quite busy with traffic, including residential parking on either side, and the addition of this type of residence located BEHIND our houses with only one access point BETWEEN two houses is not something Id be willing to support. I understand Austin is growing and expanding, but do we need to start changing EVERY neighborhood into those of condominiums and densely populated living, or is it feasible to keep these quaint neighborhoods what they are, quaint neighborhoods? I purchased my house in this area for just that reason, the lack of condos and the predominance of single family homes.

On the second topic, as I have already previously touched upon, this area does not seem to be one where "a transition from single-family to multifamily use is appropriate." Again, this is a small neighborhood with small lots and small houses. It is certainly not in the midst of transitioning into something other than that, and this property would be the first to put such high density housing in the area. Again, Id like to stress the single point of access which comes out onto a residential street, between two residential homes. This single access point, to me, seems to show this property was not intended for any type of moderate to high density housing, and that it would not be ideal for such a plan.

I called and spoke with the applicant, Candice Craig, and she informed me that this lot, pending rezoning approval, is intended for a 23 (single family) unit condominium. This would, effectively, increase the number of houses on our street, between Webberville and Tannehill Lane, by an additional 55% going from 42 residences to 65. Adding the same number of residents to this small street (via a single access point) as the number that already reside on one side of the ENTIRE street is not acceptable for what is, on the actual street of Samuel Huston, a single residential property.



As I said before, I will most likely be out of town for the public hearing regarding the rezoning application for this area. I don't know if there is anything else I can do to have my opinion heard regarding my opposition to this rezoning, but I thought this was a good place to start. I will have email access while I am away, and would be greatly appreciative of any information regarding this process that you could send my way. Again, any support in keeping our neighborhood a quaint and single family home neighborhood would also be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, Lindsey Loughry

From:

Sent:

Terry Rogers
Thursday, March 12, 2015 11:07 PM
Chaffin, Heather

To:

Subject:

Re the condos on Samuel Huston.

Not sure how the other neighbors think, but I think it is a great idea. I'd like to think the condos will improve this neighborhood, and help drive out the bad elements, like drug dealingt. I live at 5307 Downs Dr, just over from that area. sincerely. TJ Rogers

From:

Chelsea Connelly

Sent:

Friday, March 13, 2015 7:50 AM

To:

Chaffin, Heather

Subject:

Case Number C14-2015-0019

I'm writing in regards to the potential condo unit going in at 5306 Samuel Huston Ave, in East Austin. I just moved into the neighborhood last June (Bunche Rd, off Samuel Huston.) and although I'm excited about new development in the area, this is not what I had in mind.

For one, people in the area (including myself) don't want to see our taxes go up. Especially for something that we don't even believe in.

Secondly, I was excited to move into an actual neighborhood and something about a 21 unit condo building doesn't scream neighborhood to me. When I hear 'condos' I don't think long term living either and when moving into our house I was excited to meet our neighbors that I know we'll be living around for years to come. It's very likely that these condo units could be bought and then rented out and that's not what a neighborhood is about to me.

Third, there are already times I have to wait in a line of cars at the end of Samuel Huston and I can't, nor do I want to, imagine the amount of cars 21 units of condos would produce. The neighborhood is too small for such high traffic. We want our quaint little east side neighborhoods to stay as quaint as they can, for as long as possible in the growing craziness of Austin. Absolutely nothing about a condo building says quaint.

I would be very disappointed to see this plan followed through.

-Chelsea Connelly

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From:

Andrea Petit

Sent:

Wednesday, March 25, 2015 5:19 PM

To: Subject: Chaffin, Heather RE: Stone gate

T8

OK thanks for that information. I am an officer of the Stonegate Neighborhood Association located at the corners f Webberville Rd. And Stonegate/Woodmoor. We are an active association who want to keep up with deveolments in our area. Don't know if we are within 500 feet but I guess if my neighborhood is please contact us. The president of our Association is Billy Owens.

Thanks, Andrea!

"Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen." Galatians 6:18 KJV

On Mar 25, 2015 12:14 PM, "Chaffin, Heather" < Heather. Chaffin@austintexas.gov wrote:

Okay, I didn't know what "Front Door" was—it sounds like it's a website that your neighborhood uses.

I am the zoning case manager for a proposed rezoning at 5306 Samuel Huston Avenue (Case # C14-2015-0019). The property does not connect to Webberville Road. The property owner is requesting a rezoning from SF-3-NP, a single family category that allows houses and duplexes, to SF-6-NP, which would also allow townhouses and condominiums. The property owner is proposing a townhouse / condominium development with approximately 20 units. It is not an apartment project and apartments would not be permitted, if the rezoning is approved. I haven't heard it called "Stonegate" before, so I think that might be a different project.

The case is still under review and has not yet been scheduled for Planning Commission or City Council. Notices will be sent to neighbors within 500 feet when those meetings are scheduled, and I don't need the petition until then.

Heather

From: Andrea Petit [mailto

Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 10:47 AM

To: Chaffin, Heather Subject: RE: Stone gate

Your name was given on "Front Door" to contact about your petition (proposed apartments Webberville and Sam Houston area).

Thanks, Andrea!

"Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen." Galatians 6:18 KJV

On Mar 25, 2015 9:30 AM, "Chaffin, Heather" < Heather. Chaffin@austintexas.gov > wrote:



Andrea,

I do not recognize the project you are referring to—I don't have anything labeled "Stonegate Apartments" or similar.

Do you have an address, Zoning Case #, or approximate location?

Thanks,

Heather

From: Andrea Petit [mailtq

Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2015 11:05 PM

To: Chaffin, Heather Subject: Stone gate

Hello Heather,

I'm concerned about these proposed apartments in your immediate area and would like to sign petition. I can also get others to sign in our neighborhood association. Our next neighborhood MTG is April 7th @ Precinct 1. How soon will you need petition completed?

Thanks, Andrea!

"Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen." Galatians 6:18 KJV

From: Sent:

To: Subject: tatiana oria Monday, May 11, 2015 8:48 PM Chaffin, Heather

Samuel Huston rezoning

Heather

Samuel Huston is already so dangerous, as it is a main artery to 183. I have personally made more than one request for speed bumps, at minimum, to be evaluated and or implemented, to no avail. I believe rezoning makes this an even more dangerous situation to kids on foot and bike in our neighborhood and even drivers who cannot get out of the way fast enough of those zooming up and down the hill. Please reconsider this effort for the safety of those who live here.

Tatiana Oria Hillcrest Lane

From: Sent: To:

Subject:

MARGARET WILLIAMSON

Monday, May 11, 2015 6:09 PM

Chaffin, Heather

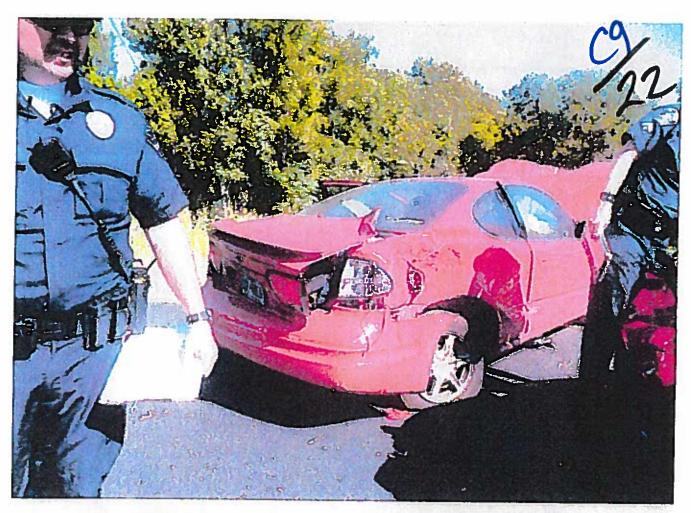
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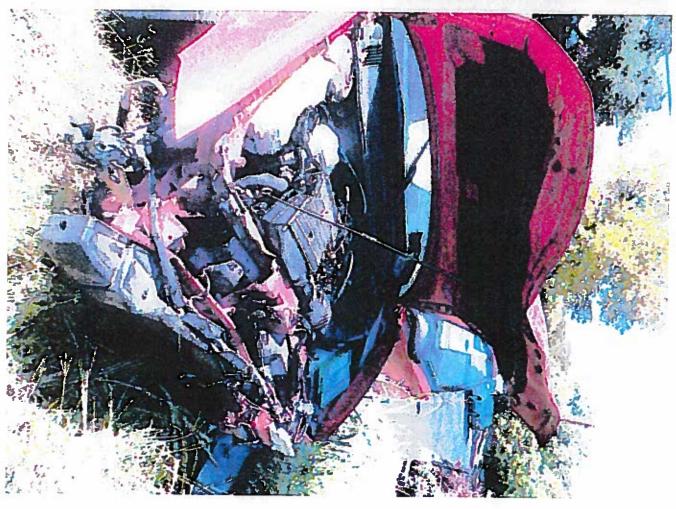
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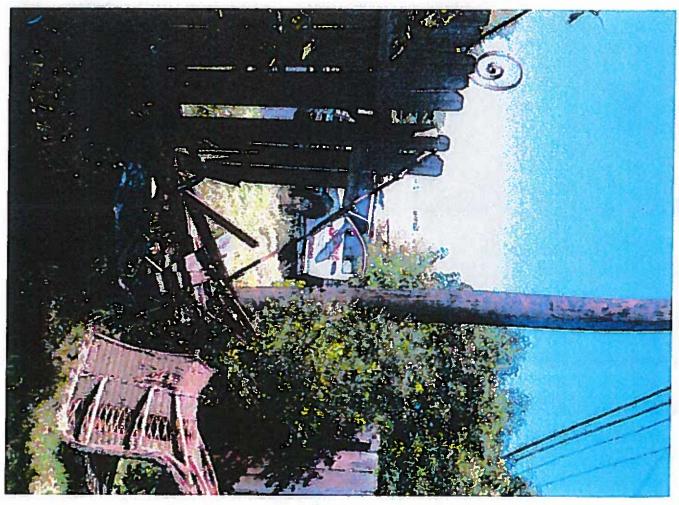
Thank you so very much for your quick response Heather. This is my letter of objection to the proposed development due for public hearing with the Planning Commission May, 12th, 2015. I have been a home-owner for near 10 years currently in the area and 'though I understand there are housing needs, I have been personally affected greatly within just the last few months by having my own vehicle totaled while parked and my privacy fence driven through due to excess speed and excessive traffic on the street. I am unsure if the passenger even survived the crash. Photos included. It has become increasingly dangerous and currently there are new developments underway at the corner of Samuel Huston Avenue and Webberville Road and this is not even with consideration of what the latest proposal will bring. It has become a death-trap to be frank and is not an exaggeration as the neighbors can attest and are collisions frequently 'though they may be unreported, children are discouraged from play and can no longer ride bikes or walk pets, I bury strays frequently. There is an elementary school on the street now, 183 being within a block of, and the only flashing school light very near the school and only at certain times of the day, traffic traveling at 50 mph is a regular occurrence including commercial traffic. Capital Metro did attempt also a route on the street but was not possible and discontinued thank goodness. The street is a particular nightmare during peak work/school travel time with traffic backed-up halfway down the street with very dangerous loading and unloading of children onto school buses. Parent's including myself, do not leave children unsupervised at bus stops. Parking is very limited and those that do live on the street if at all possible, keep their vehicle off...I am currently parking in the grass since my latest loss as are most but what has happened unfortunately, is that speed has increased due to being more room at certain times of the day and suddenly, traffic is backed-up with the half dozen school buses at the end of the street and no place to go if an accident should occur, it is a matter of time and we pray daily for the best. I have requested speed-bumps for years or at minimum, radar on the street and have been told to contact my representative. We are also talking of a petition. The folks that have lived here for many years are very aware of the on-going problem, which is not due those on the street mainly as we have developed the courtesy over the years of taking turns pulling over and giving right-of-way as there is not the room now for two lanes of travel, those new to the area or those using the street as a short-cut do not practice this courtesy nor the commercial traffic which increases daily and don't seem to recognize this as a residential neighborhood. Thank you very much for your consideration.

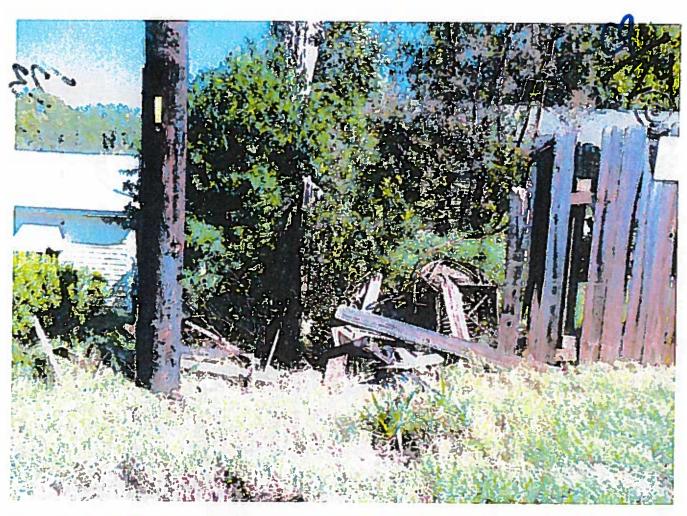
Sincerely, Margaret Ann Williamson 512-926-2220 5402 Samuel Huston Avenue Austin, Texas 78721



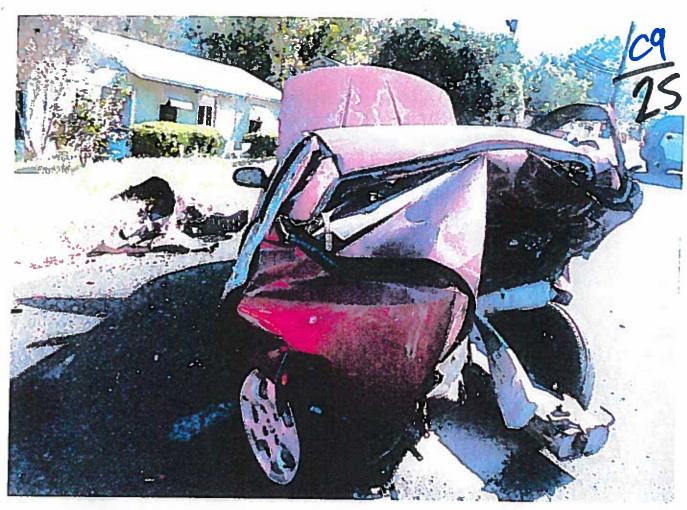
















From:

Sent:

Monday, May 18, 2015 2:42 PM

To: Subject: Chaffin, Heather Samuel Huston Petition

Follow Up Flag:

Follow up

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Dear Ms. Chaffin,

As a member of the Rehoboth Baptist Church, which is located across the street from the proposed Rivendale Homes Development on Samuel Huston Ave., I am writing to express my support of the project.

Mr. Ben Goudy along with other members of the Rivendale Homes staff presented the project to our Board of Deacons for our opinion, and we wholeheartedly approved.

I do hope approval of the project will be given strong consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

James C. Harris

Subject:

FW: LATM process

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From: Bollich, Eric < Eric.Bollich@austintexas.gov >

Date: Wed, May 20, 2015 at 5:04 PM

Subject: RE: LATM process

To: Candace Craig

Cc: "Austin, Lee" < Lee. Austin@austintexas.gov>

Candace,

We completed the counts this week and measured the 85th-percentile speeds to be 30.9 mph eastbound and 30.0 mph westbound, respectively.

Because the speed limit on Samuel Houston is 30 mph, we do not consider the operating speed to be egregious and do not support traffic calming being placed between Webberville and Tannehill.

Eric

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