

SUBDIVISION REVIEW SHEET

CASE NO.: C8-2015-0030.0A

Z.A.P. DATE: September 15, 2015

SUBDIVISION NAME: Resubdivision of a Portion of Lot 1, Shoalwood Addition Section 4

AREA: 0.727 acres

LOTS: 3

APPLICANT: Andrew Carr

AGENT: Jim Bennett Consulting

(Jim Bennett)

ADDRESS OF SUBDIVISION: 2615 Pembrook Trail

GRIDS: J27

COUNTY: Travis

WATERSHED: Shoal Creek

JURISDICTION: Full Purpose

EXISTING ZONING: SF-2

PROPOSED LAND USE: Residential

SIDEWALKS: Sidewalks will be provided on the subdivision side of all boundary streets.

<u>DEPARTMENT COMMENTS</u>: The request is for the approval of the Resubdivision of a Portion of Lot1, Shoalwood Addition Section 4. The applicant proposes to resubdivide a portion of an existing lot into a three lot subdivision for residential use.

The City of Austin will provide electric services, and water and wastewater. The developer will be responsible for all cost associated with required improvements.

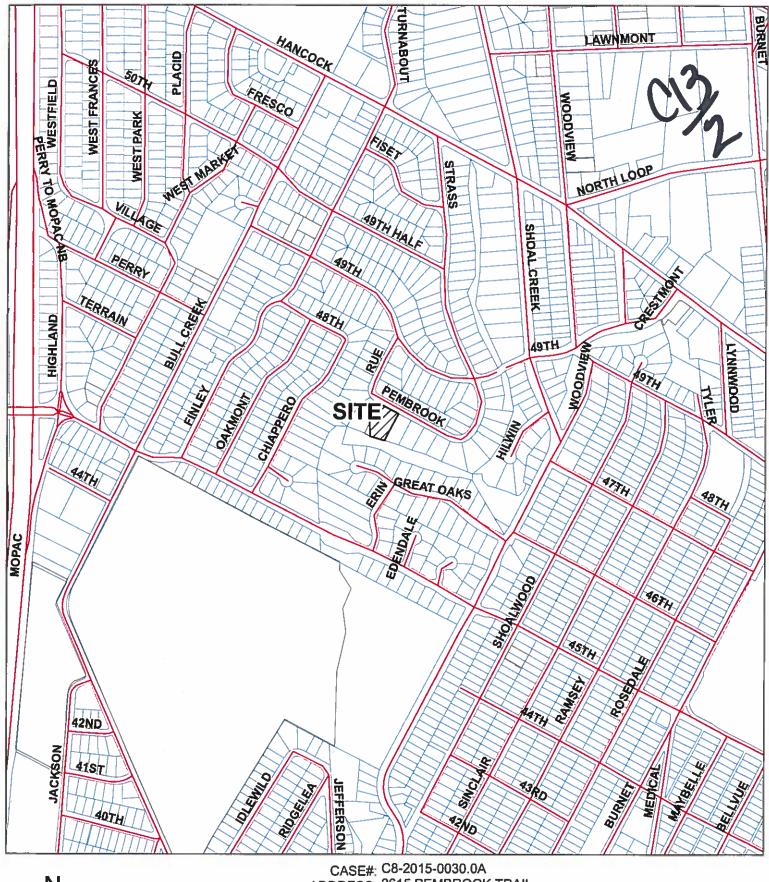
STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the resubdivision, the plat meets applicable State and City of Austin Land Development Code requirements.

ZONING & PLATTING COMMISSION ACTION:

CASE MANAGER: Cesar Zavala

PHONE: 512-974-3404

E-mail: cesar.zavala@austintexas.gov





ADDRESS: 2615 PEMBROOK TRAIL

PROJECT: RESUBDIVISION OF A PORTION

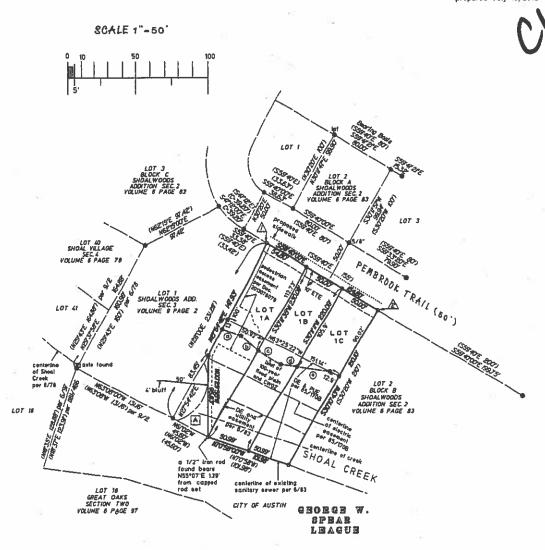
OF LOT 1, SHOALWOOD

ADDITION SECTION 4

CASE MANAGER: CESAR ZAVALA

RESUBDIVISION OF A PORTION OF LOT 1, SHOALWOOD ADDITION SECTION 4





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August 31, 2015

Mr. Cesar Zavala City of Austin Development Services P. O. Box 1088 Austin, Texas 78767 <u>VIA EMAIL</u>

RE: Case # C8-2015-0030.0A. 2615 Pembrook Trail

Dear Mr. Zavala:

The Allandale Neighborhood Association Zoning Committee (the "Committee") unanimously adopted the following motion on August 28, 2015 regarding Case # C8-2015-0030.0A, at 2615 Pembrook Trail:

"Motion for the Allandale Neighborhood Association Zoning Committee to oppose the resubdivision of 2615 Pembrook Trail, and to recommend that the Zoning and Platting Commission deny the applicant's request for a resubdivision of the property."

The Committee is concerned that the resubdivision will negatively impact the neighborhood and surrounding neighbors by increasing impervious cover, adding to traffic congestion, and triggering a development that raises safety concerns, given the property's proximity to Shoal Creek. We also believe that dividing the property would likely expose the lot(s) to instability that could threaten the health and safety of Allandale residents, as the delicate Buda Limestone formation (upon which the lot sits) would be subject to stresses and disturbances from new construction. Further, any new connections to the City's sanitary sewer collection system would likely penetrate through existing root zones (which help prevent erosion).

The Committee appreciates your consideration of the above position and we ask that the Zoning and Platting Commission deny the application for resubdivision.

Please let us know as there are questions.

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Nathan E. Vassar Zoning Chair,

Allandale Neighborhood Association

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PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION

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Caroline C. Reynolds, P.E. CR Solutions 2611 West 49th Street Austin Texas 78731



31 August 2015

Mr. Cesar Zavala City of Austin Development Services. P.O. Box 1088 Austin Texas 78767

Subject:

2615 Pembrook Trail

Resubdivision

Case # C8-2015-0030.0A.

Dear Mr. Zavala,

I strongly oppose any demolition or building activity on the property at 2615 Pembrook.

2615 Pembrook is no longer a feasible location for residential construction.

It has developed a potential for a dangerous, possibly life-threatening accident. Sixty five years of Del Rio soil-creep combined with severe erosion of the land below the retaining wall, the topography of the site has changed significantly since 1950.

I am an affected party and a Licensed Professional Engineer.

I live and work at my home within 200 feet of the subject property. I have been a Health and Safety Officer at a series of hazardous waste remediation companies since the early 1980s. As a Licensed Professional Engineer I believe that I should speak out about the conditions that I see on this property to protect the public health, safety and welfare and insure the safety of life, health and property.

The retaining wall footing is now undermined in several areas.

I have personally observed the retaining wall and it's footing over the past five years. The current lack of soil under the footing in some locations decreases the support and stability of the retaining wall. Moreover, the there is no evidence that a geologist or a structural engineer has recently inspected the 65-year old retaining wall and its footing.

The current house is built on 'made land' behind the retaining wall.

Observing the topography of the two adjacent lots and the height and extent of the retaining wall that begins near the street on the south property line and continues around the entire house to the western edge of the carport, It appears that

well more than half of the house is supported by fill material behind the retaining wall. Nearly all the flat land on the lot is included in the front 25-feet front easement and is occupied by historic trees as well as the driveway and carport.

There is a significant weight and volume of fill material behind the retaining wall
-- soil weighs one ton per cubic yard, rock weighs 50% more. If the footing and/ or retaining wall
fails, the wall and fill material may suddenly flow downhill onto the lower home to the east.

Mr. Carr has previously reported publicly that the house slab is cracked. It is well known that this local area is partially underlain by a slab of weathered Buda limestone and up to 40 feet of high shrink-swell Del Rio clay. It is **highly probable that flow of the Del Rio clay has carried the retaining wall down-slope over the past 65 years.** Consequently, the fill material behind the retaining wall has also moved downward and no longer adequately supports the slab. This is a probable cause of the cracked slab.

The City geologist who previously inspected and wrote waivers for this property, appears to be inexperienced in local soil conditions and has not pointed out this situation that an experienced geologist, such as Dr. Peter Flawn, would have noted. While the City may avoid liability for future events at this property, individual City engineers and geologist may be held to a higher standard by their professional board rules that expect a Licensed Professional Geoscientist or Licensed Professional Engineer to demonstrate a regard and concern for the rights, health, safety, welfare and property of the public. (See Attachments A and B, for engineers, and Attachment C, for geoscientists)

The strength and stability of the footing and retaining wall is of great importance to the workers who will be driving trucks, drilling rigs, tracked dozers, cement trucks and other equipment onto this property to demolish and remove the house, perform cut and fill operations, drill holes and install piers, pour cement caissons and install utilities. These vehicles may weigh from one to 20 tons. A tracked Caterpillar tractor weighs 20 to 49 tons.

If the footing fails, the wall may rupture and allow the fill material to escape, placing the truck or earth moving equipment on a slope of loose fill material. Trucks and dozers will place large static and dynamic downward forces on the fill material and outward forces on the retaining wall. To assure that the extra weight does not rupture the retaining wall or fracture the under-mined footing, a structural engineer should inspect the wall and footing to determine the current condition of the fill, wall and undermined footing. In the best case the heavy equipment may slide downhill with the fill material; in the worst case, the heavy equipment may flip, a potentially deadly event for the driver.

I have provided links to a video and a report of heavy equipment roll over accidents for your perusal.

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PpdO5UNArnY
- http://wildfiretoday.com/2012/06/27/california-dozer-rolls-mendocino-county/

OSHA and an expert structural engineer could also provide you independent information regarding this property and the potential for a lost-life accident during construction on the steep, hilly lot.

I believe that, given the potential for untoward events, neighbors may wish to video the development activities for use in later discussions and negotiations.

For all of the above reasons, I believe that the requested re-subdivision will negatively impact the neighborhood and surrounding neighbors by increasing impervious cover, killing, damaging or removing large and historic trees, and triggering development that may endanger workers and the surrounding structures. If you have any questions or need additional information regarding the safety issues this property poses, please call me at 512.454.8880 during business hours. You may leave a voice message at any time.

Best regards,

Caroline C. Reynolds, P.E. (License No. 57350) President, CR Solutions

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Attachment A

OCCUPATIONS CODE
TITLE 6. REGULATION OF ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURE, LAND
SURVEYING, AND RELATED PRACTICES
SUBTITLE A. REGULATION OF ENGINEERING AND RELATED PRACTICES
CHAPTER 1001. ENGINEER
SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 1001.004. Legislative Purpose and Intent; Liberal Construction of Chapter

- (a) The legislature recognizes the vital impact that the rapid advance of knowledge of the mathematical, physical, and engineering sciences as applied in the practice of engineering has on the lives, property, economy, and security of state residents and the national defense.
- (b) The purpose of this chapter is to:
- (1) protect the public health, safety, and welfare;
- (2) enable the state and the public to identify persons authorized to practice engineering in this state; and (3) fix responsibility for work done or services or acts performed in the practice of engineering.
- (c) The legislature intends that:
- (1) the privilege of practicing engineering be entrusted only to a person licensed and practicing under this chapter; (2) only a person licensed under this chapter may:
- (A) engage in the practice of engineering;
- (B) be represented in any way as any kind of "engineer"; or (C) make any professional use of the term "engineer"; and
- (3) this chapter will be strictly complied with and enforced.
- (d) This chapter shall be liberally construed to carry out the intent of the legislature. (e) This chapter does not:
- (1) prevent a person from identifying the person in the name and trade of any engineers' labor organization with which the person is affiliated;
- (2) prohibit or otherwise restrict a person from giving testimony or preparing an exhibit or document for the sole purpose of being placed in evidence before an administrative or judicial tribunal, subject to the board's disciplinary powers under Subchapter J regarding negligence, incompetency, or misconduct in the practice of engineering;
- (3) repeal or amend a law affecting or regulating a licensed state land surveyor; or
- (4) affect or prevent the practice of any other legally recognized profession by a member of the profession who is licensed by the state or under the state's authority.

Added by Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 1421, Sec. 1, eff. June 1, 2003. Amended by Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 1168, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 2003.

§ 1001.304. Examination

- (a) The board shall administer examinations to determine the qualifications of applicants for a license.
- (b) The board shall prescribe the scope of the examination and the methods of procedure with special reference to an applicant's ability to design and supervise engineering works to ensure the safety of life, health, and property.
- (c) On payment of the examination fee, the board shall administer an oral or written examination to a qualified applicant at a time and place determined by the board.
- (d) The board by rule shall ensure that the examination is administered to applicants with disabilities in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Section 12101 et seq.), and its subsequent amendments.
- (e) The board shall:

(1) adopt policies and guidelines detailing the procedures for the examination process, including examination admission, examination administration, and national examination requirements; and (2) post on the board's Internet website the policies that reference the examination procedures of the board or, if applicable, the national organization selected by the board to administer an examination.

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Attachment B



Rules Concerning the Practice of Engineering and Professional Engineering Licensure

Texas Administrative Code, Title 22: Examining Boards

Part 6 Texas Board of Professional Engineers

Chapter 131: Organization and Administration

SUBCHAPTER A: ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

SUBCHAPTER F: ADMINISTRATION

§131.81 Definitions

Texas Engineering Practice Act and Rules Page 33 of 72 Effective 12/17/13

In applying the Texas Engineering Practice Act and the board rules, the following definitions shall prevail unless the word or phrase is defined in the text for a particular usage. Singular and masculine terms shall be construed to include plural and feminine terms and vice versa.

- (1) ABET ABET, Inc., formerly the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology.
- (2) Act The Texas Engineering Practice Act, Chapter 1001, Texas Occupations Code.

(15) Engineering - The profession in which a knowledge of the mathematical, physical, engineering, and natural sciences gained by education, experience, and practice is applied with judgment to develop ways to utilize, economically, the materials and forces of nature for the benefit of mankind.

(18) Good Standing - (License or Registration) - A license or registration that is current, eligible for renewal, and has no outstanding fees or payments.

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Excerpt from

Chapter 851. Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists Licensing and Enforcement Rules

Subchapter A. Definitions.

§851.10. Definitions.

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

- (1) Act--Texas Occupations Code, Chapter 1002, cited as the Texas Geoscience Practice Act.
- (2) Accredited institutions or programs--An institution or program which holds accreditation or candidacy status from an accreditation organization recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) or other appropriate accrediting entity accepted by the Appointed Board.
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(30) Professional geoscience--Professional service which may include consultation, investigation, evaluation, planning, designing, or direct supervision of construction, in connection with any public or private projects wherein the public welfare, or the safeguarding of life, health, and property is concerned or involved, when such professional service requires the application of geoscience principles and the interpretation of geoscience data.

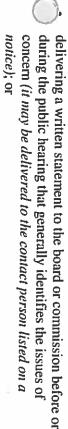
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AUGUST 18, 2015

Mr. Cesar Zavala City of Austin – Development Services Department, 4th Floor P.O. Box 1088 Austin, TX 78767-8810

RE: Case Number C8-2015-0030.0A

Dear Mr. Zavala,

I object to the subdivision requested for Case Number C8-2015-0030.0A. The request to subdivide the single lot into three lots is too dense given the location of the property on Shoal Creek. While a 0.727 acre lot appears to be a sizeable lot and one that could be divided into three lots almost a quarter acre in size, the review committee needs to also take into consideration the topography of the lot and its location along the floodplain of Shoal Creek. The attached Exhibit 1 shows the placement of the house on the lot and shows location of Shoal Creek. Exhibit 2 shows the floodplain for the subject property. Nearly half of the lot is in the floodplain and the back half of the lots slopes steeply to the creek. Therefore, the useable area (i.e., area suitable for building a home) will be closer to 0.12 acres for each of the lots once the other site specific conditions are taken into consideration.

The flooding that occurred on Memorial Day of this year is well documented and a number of homes in our area flooded that day. Building three single-family homes on a lot that is effectively half of the size of documented size will create a sharp increase in impervious cover for the subject property and create the potential for additional flooding for the neighboring properties.

I not opposed to development and would potentially be in favor of a more prudent approach to developing this property, such as limiting the subdivision to two single-family lots, assuming that the development met all of the other criteria for building a home in this area.

Thank you for reviewing the information I have submitted. I hope you and the review committee chose to reject the proposed subdivision in its current form.

Sincerely,

Seth Cunningham 4700 Rue St

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Exhibit 1 - Location Relative to Shoal Creek



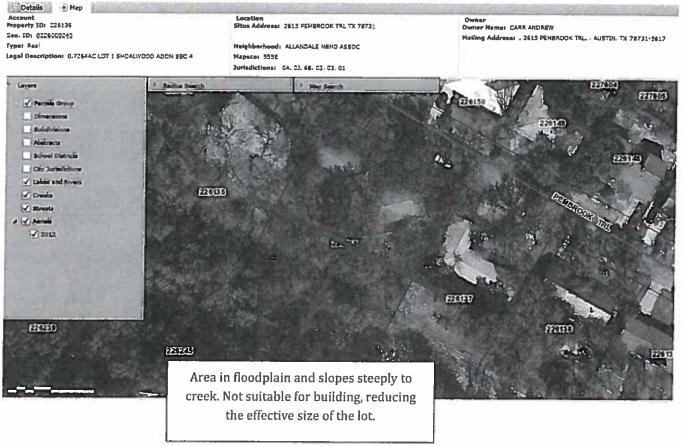
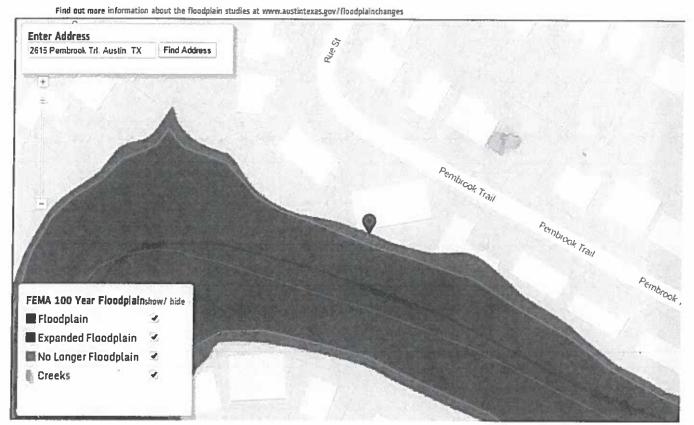


Exhibit 2 - Location of Floodplain

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City of Austin Floodplain Changes Proposed changes to FEMA's 100-Year floodplains for selected watersheds in the City of Austin



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