

**ZONING CHANGE REVIEW SHEET**

**CASES:** C14-2018-0141 – 1907 Inverness Zoning Change **P.C. DATE:** January 22, 2019  
February 12, 2019  
February 26, 2019  
April 23, 2019

**ADDRESS:** 1907 Inverness Boulevard

**DISTRICT AREA:** 5

**OWNER/APPLICANT:** Marquee Investments, LLC **AGENT:** Austex Building  
(Alex Bahrami) Consultants (Jonathan Perlstein)

**ZONING FROM:** SF-3-NP **TO:** NO-MU-NP, **AREA:** 0.1944 acres  
as amended (8,467 square feet)

**SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

The Staff recommendation is to grant neighborhood office – mixed use – neighborhood plan (NO-MU-NP) combining district zoning.

**PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:**

January 22, 2019: *APPROVED A POSTPONEMENT REQUEST BY THE NEIGHBORHOOD TO FEBRUARY 12, 2019*  
*[J. SCHISSLER; C. KENNY – 2<sup>ND</sup>] (11-0) A. DE HOYOS HART, P. SEEGER – ABSENT*

February 12, 2019: *MEETING CANCELLED DUE TO LACK OF QUORUM*

February 26, 2019: *APPROVED A POSTPONEMENT REQUEST BY THE APPLICANT TO APRIL 23, 2019*

*[J. SCHISSLER; P. SEEGER – 2<sup>ND</sup>] (8-4) K. MCGRAW, R. SCHNEIDER, C. KENNY, Y. FLORES – NAY; A. DE HOYOS HART – ABSENT*

April 23, 2019: *APPROVED NO-MU-NP DISTRICT ZONING, AS STAFF RECOMMENDED*

*[C. KENNY; J. SCHISSLER – 2<sup>ND</sup>] (7-4) Y. FLORES, K. MCGRAW, T. SHAW, R. SCHNEIDER – NAY; P. SEEGER; J. SHIEH – ABSENT*

**ISSUES:**

On February 21, 2019, the Applicant amended the rezoning request from LO-MU-NP to NO-MU-NP.

The Applicant plans to discuss this case with residents on Inverness Boulevard. Please refer to correspondence attached at the back of this packet.

In April 2018, a Code Department investigation resulted in a citation of the owner regarding to the need to obtain a survey exhibiting that the property's impervious cover does not exceed 45% of the total square footage of the property, and to obtain required permits for the addition of the dormers, window and door replacement (CV-2017-082578). The rezoning case was filed on November 9, 2018.

A survey with impervious cover figures was provided on April 3, 2019 and shows the impervious cover is 61.2%. A general comparison between the 1986 aerial and the March 2019 survey indicates new impervious cover has been added along the rear half of the property and that portion would not be grandfathered. Please refer to Exhibits C and D.

A valid petition of 33.34% has been filed by the adjacent property owners in opposition to this rezoning request. Petition materials and comment response forms are located at the back of the Staff report.

#### **DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:**

The subject lot contains a 1,576 square foot single family residence and parking area and is zoned family residence – neighborhood plan (SF-3-NP) district. The building was used for commercial purposes (a psychic reader) for many years, and is across from and adjacent to single family residences to the north and east (SF-3-NP), a service station and apartments to the south (GR-V-NP; GR-NP), and a mix of commercial uses across Manchaca Road to the west (GR-NP, CS-1-NP).

The Applicant's amended request is to rezone to the neighborhood office – mixed use – neighborhood plan (NO-MU-NP) district so that the property retains the existing residential unit, and can be occupied as an administrative and business office. As information, the NO base district allows for up to 35 feet (except where limited by compatibility standards of the adjacent SF-3 zoning or uses), 60% impervious cover and a 0.35:1 floor-to-area ratio.

This segment of Manchaca Road is located in a Neighborhood Transition character district which encourages small scale offices. Granting additional entitlements to develop an administrative and business office within the Neighborhood Transition district is seen as in accord with the SACNP (See Comprehensive Planning section beginning on page 8). Therefore, Staff supports the Applicant's amended request for NO-MU-NP zoning based on its location at the intersection of an arterial roadway, proximity to other commercially zoned properties, location within a Neighborhood Transition district, and the Applicant's intention to retain residential use of the property.

**EXISTING ZONING AND LAND USES:**

	<b>ZONING</b>	<b>LAND USES</b>
<i>Site</i>	SF-3-NP	Single family residence
<i>North</i>	SF-3-NP	Single family residences
<i>South</i>	MF-3-NP; GR-V-NP; GR-NP	Service station with food sales; Apartments
<i>East</i>	SF-3-NP	Single family residences
<i>West</i>	GR-NP; CS-1-NP; MF-2-NP; P-NP	Auto washing; Commercial center; Insurance office; Restaurant (vacant); Pawn shop; Apartments; Library

**NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN AREA:** South Austin Combined      **TIA:** Is not required  
(South Manchaca)

**WATERSHED:** Williamson Creek – Suburban

**CAPITOL VIEW CORRIDOR:** No

**SCENIC ROADWAY:** No

**NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS:**

- 511 – Austin Neighborhoods Council
- 742 – Austin Independent School District
- 950 – Southwood Neighborhood Association
- 1228 – Sierra Club, Austin Regional Group
- 1315 – Southern Oaks Neighborhood Association
- 1363 – SEL Texas
- 1429 – Go!Austin/Vamos!Austin (GAVA) – 78745
- 1528 – Bike Austin
- 1531 – South Austin Neighborhood Alliance
- 1578 – South Park Neighbors
- 1590 – South Manchaca Neighborhood Plan Contact Team
- 1596 – TNR BCP – Travis County Natural Resources
- 1599 – Neighborhood Association of Beckett Ranch at Southern Oaks
- 1616 – Neighborhood Empowerment Foundation
- 627 – Onion Creek Homeowners Association
- 943 – Save Our Springs Alliance
- 1108 – Perry Grid 644
- 1424 – Preservation Austin
- 1530 – Friends of Austin Neighborhoods
- 1550 – Homeless Neighborhood Association

**SCHOOLS:**

Sunset Valley Elementary School      Covington Middle School      Crockett High School

**CASE HISTORIES:**

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>REQUEST</b>	<b>COMMISSION</b>	<b>CITY COUNCIL</b>
C14-2013-0069 – 5107 and 5109 Manchaca Rd	SF-3 to SF-6, as amended	To Grant	Apvd (10-24-2013).
C14-2007-0216 –	Apply -V to 20	To Grant VMU related	Apvd (12-13-2007).

South Manchaca Vertical Mixed Use (VMU) Rezonings – W Ben White, S 1 <sup>st</sup> St, Stassney Ln, Manchaca Rd (west)	tracts on 65.64 acres	standards to all Tracts except Tracts 10 and 12 (dimensional standards only), 60% MFI for VMU rental developments	
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**RELATED CASES:**

The property is platted as Lot 1, Block G of Deer Park Section 3, recorded in October 1964 (C8-64-018). Please refer to Exhibit B.

The subject property is within the boundaries of the South Austin Combined (South Manchaca) Neighborhood Planning Area and is designated as a Neighborhood Transition District on the adopted Character District Map (NP-2014-0030). The –NP combining district was appended to the existing base districts on November 6, 2014 (C14-2014-0018 – Ordinance No. 20141106-087).

**EXISTING STREET CHARACTERISTICS:**

Name	ROW	Pavement	Classification	Sidewalks	Bicycle Route	Capital Metro (within ¼ mile)
Inverness Boulevard	50 feet	30 feet	Local	No	No	Yes, Route 3
Manchaca Road	74 feet	43 feet	Arterial	Yes	Yes, shared lane	Yes, Route 3

**CITY COUNCIL DATE:** February 21, 2019

**ACTION:** Approved a Postponement request by Staff to March 7, 2019 (Vote: 11-0).

March 7, 2019                      Approved a Postponement request by Staff to April 25, 2019 (11-0).

April 25, 2019                      Approved a Postponement request by Staff to May 9, 2019 (11-0).

May 9, 2019                          Approved a Postponement request by the Applicant to June 6, 2019 (11-0).

June 6, 2019

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

2<sup>nd</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup>

**ORDINANCE NUMBER:**

**CASE MANAGER:** Wendy Rhoades  
e-mail: wendy.rhoades@austintexas.gov

**PHONE:** 512-974-7719

**SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

The Staff recommendation is to grant neighborhood office – mixed use – neighborhood plan (NO-MU-NP) combining district zoning.

**BASIS FOR LAND USE RECOMMENDATION (ZONING PRINCIPLES)**

*1. The proposed zoning should be consistent with the purpose statement of the district sought.*

The neighborhood office (NO) district is intended for offices predominantly serving neighborhood or community needs, which may be located within or adjacent to residential neighborhoods. Offices in the NO district would typically locate on collector streets with a minimum of 40 feet of pavement width, and would not unduly affect traffic in the area. The NO district is designed to accommodate small, single-use offices and to encourage and preserve compatibility with existing neighborhoods through renovation and modernization of existing structures. The mixed use (MU) district is intended to allow for office, retail, commercial and residential uses to be combined in a single development. The NP, neighborhood plan district denotes a tract located within the boundaries of an adopted Neighborhood Plan.

*2. Zoning changes should promote compatibility with adjacent and nearby land uses.*

This segment of Manchaca Road is located in a Neighborhood Transition character district which encourages small scale offices. Granting additional entitlements to develop an administrative and business office within the Neighborhood Transition district is seen as in accord with the SACNP (See Comprehensive Planning section beginning on page 8). Therefore, Staff supports the Applicant's amended request for NO-MU-NP zoning based on its location at the intersection of an arterial roadway, proximity to other commercially zoned properties, location within a Neighborhood Transition district, and the Applicant's intention to retain residential use of the property.

**EXISTING CONDITIONS****Site Characteristics**

The subject property contains a single-story single family residence and a parking area adjacent to Inverness Boulevard. According to aerial photographs taken in 1986, the parking area was paved by that date, and may be considered a legal, non-complying structure by Code.

**Impervious Cover**

The maximum impervious cover allowed by the NO-MU zoning district would be 60%, which is based on the more restrictive zoning regulations. According to a March 2019 survey of the property, the impervious cover is 61.2%.

There are a couple of different general scenarios regarding impervious cover. If all of the impervious cover that exists today was in place before 1986, then it may be considered a legal, non-complying structure and would be grandfathered under any zoning district (SF-3, NO-MU, etc.). The 1986 grandfathering date is based on Section 1.9.2 (C) - *Criteria for Watersheds Other Than Barton Springs Zone* out of the Environmental Criteria Manual. This section states: “Base impervious cover is that which existed on the site on the effective date of the Comprehensive Watershed Ordinance which is May 18, 1986, and which currently exists at the time of application for a new or revised permit, or which is permitted or existing for which water quality controls have been previously provided, and is not proposed to be redeveloped.”

On the other hand, if impervious cover (flatwork, other new structures, building addition), was added after 1986, then it is not grandfathered and the Applicant will need to remove at least the portion that isn't grandfathered in order to clear that portion of the code violation.

If the property is successfully rezoned to NO-MU-NP, then the impervious cover limit is 60% and all but 1.2% of the non-grandfathered impervious cover becomes permitted by the zoning district. If the SF-3-NP zoning on the property is maintained, then the Owner will need to remove impervious cover that is not grandfathered, even though that figure may exceed the maximum of 45% allowed by the zoning district.

### **Comprehensive Planning**

This rezoning case is located on the southeast corner of Manchaca Road and Inverness Blvd., on a 0.185 acre lot that contains a one-story single family house. The property is located within the boundaries of the South Austin Combined Neighborhood Planning Area, in the South Manchaca NP. Surrounding land uses around the subject property include: single family houses to the north and east; a gas station, two large apartment complexes, a public library, and a shopping center to the south; and a shopping center and single family houses to the west. The proposed use is to convert the existing single family house into an office.

### **Connectivity**

The Walkscore for this property is **72/100, Very Walkable**, meaning most errands can be accomplished on foot. Public sidewalks are located along Manchaca Road but not along Inverness Blvd. A public transit stop is located across the street from the property. There are no bike lanes or urban trails in the area. The mobility and connectivity options available in the area are average.

### **South Austin Combined (SACNP) Neighborhood Plan**

The SACNP Character District Map of this plan designates this portion of Manchaca Road as a **Neighborhood Transition Character District**, which is intended primarily for residential uses, such as clusters of duplexes, fourplexes, and apartment buildings, along with small-scaled offices and neighborhood-serving businesses. Neighborhood Transition districts create a buffer between Residential Core districts and more intense character districts or busy roads. Many of these districts are located along Imagine Austin Activity Corridors. NO zoning is

permitted in the Neighborhood Transition Character District. The following text and policies taken from the SACNP are applicable to this request:

***Neighborhood Transition Character District (p 53 and 54)***

**Neighborhood Transition Vision:** The Neighborhood Transition District blends seamlessly with the Residential Core. It contains an abundance of mature trees and landscaping and is walkable, bikeable, and supportive of transit.

Neighborhood Transition character districts, along with Neighborhood Nodes, border the Residential Core along arterial roadways. Primarily residential, these areas consist of clusters of duplexes, fourplexes, and apartment buildings, along with small-scaled offices and neighborhood-serving businesses. Neighborhood Transition districts create a buffer between Residential Core districts and more intense character districts or busy roads. Many of these districts are located along Imagine Austin Activity Corridors. Neighborhood Transition districts in particular present an opportunity to incorporate more missing middle housing types that are compatible with the neighborhood. The missing middle refers to duplexes and other housing types, such as row houses, bungalow courts and other housing types compatible with the existing neighborhood, that provide options between the scale of single-family houses and mid-rise apartments or condos. As Austin's population grows and its demographics change, these housing types provide the opportunity to accommodate growth in walkable neighborhoods while respecting neighborhood character. The variety of housing types in the missing middle promote multi-generational communities, providing options for young people and for older generations to age in place.

**NT P1:** This district should primarily consist of residential housing types, but at higher densities than in the Residential Core. The following building types should be encouraged in the district to meet the needs of a wider range of households: (p 54)

- Duplexes
- Fourplexes
- Small- and medium-sized apartments
- Cottage clusters/bungalow courts
- Row houses or townhouses
- Single family houses adapted into offices or retail
- Live/work buildings

**NT P2:** Building scale, height and siting within the Neighborhood Transition district should be harmonious with the adjacent Residential Core district.

**NT P3:** Moving from the Neighborhood Transition to the Residential Core, setbacks, similar building footprints, landscaping (including green infrastructure), similar building heights or stepbacks in building height, and/or other means should be used to create compatible developments which fit within the fabric of the neighborhood. Buildings should be no more than 3 stories tall.

**NT P4:** New construction in the Neighborhood Transition district should front the street, with surface or structured parking located behind buildings. Where the

Neighborhood Transition character district abuts the Residential Core either mid-block or across a street, special care should be taken to create compatibility between the districts. (p. 57)

**NT P5:** Encourage missing middle housing types that are compatible with the neighborhood character. In the interim between the adoption of this neighborhood plan and the adoption of the revised Land Development Code, the following zoning districts should be generally considered appropriate to the Neighborhood Transition character district:

SF-2#: Standard lot single family

SF-3#: Family residence

SF-4A#: Small lot single family

SF-4B#: Single family condo

SF-5: Urban family residence

SF-6: Townhouse & condo residence

MF-1: Limited density multi-family

MF-2: Low density multi-family

MF-3: Medium density multi-family

NO: Neighborhood office

LO: Limited office

LR: Neighborhood Commercial

Note: # Zone can be in a given FLUM category, but a zoning change to this district is not recommended.

**HA P2:** Encourage development of additional affordable housing integrated into the neighborhood (p. 93)

**HA A9:** Encourage affordable housing in all character districts to meet the needs of a diverse population at different income levels:

- Residential Core: secondary apartments
- Neighborhood Transition: duplexes, “missing middle” housing types, multi-family buildings.
- Neighborhood Node: multi-family buildings, vertical mixed use buildings
- Mixed Use Activity Hub: multi-family buildings, vertical mixed use buildings

Residential uses, along with small-scaled offices and neighborhood-serving businesses appear to be support the SACNP as long as massing, height, and the intensity of a proposed project is compatible and harmonious with the adjoining Residential Core land uses located to the north, east and south.

### **Imagine Austin**

This portion of Manchaca Road is not located along an Activity Corridor or by an Activity Center. Although this property is not located along an Activity Corridor or Center, The following IACP policies are applicable to this case:

- **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 P4.** Protect neighborhood character by directing growth to areas of change that includes designated redevelopment areas, corridors and infill sites. Recognize that different neighborhoods have different characteristics and new and infill development should be sensitive to the predominant character of these communities.
- **HN P11.** Protect neighborhood character by directing growth to areas of change and ensuring context sensitive infill in such locations as designated redevelopment areas, corridors, and infill sites.

**Conclusions:**

Based upon: (1) the comparative scale of the site relative to nearby commercial and office uses located along Manchaca Road; (2) the SACNP policies that supports small-scale office uses in the Neighborhood Transitional Character District; and (3) the above-referenced Imagine Austin policies that supports context sensitive infill along corridors, this case appears to support the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan.

**Drainage**

The developer is required to submit a pre and post development drainage analysis at the subdivision and site plan stage of the development process. The City’s Land Development Code and Drainage Criteria Manual require that the Applicant demonstrate through engineering analysis that the proposed development will have no identifiable adverse impact on surrounding properties.

**Environmental**

The site is not located over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone. The site is in the Williamson Creek Watershed of the Colorado River Basin, which is classified as a Suburban Watershed by Chapter 25-8 of the City's Land Development Code. The site is in the Desired Development Zone.

Under current watershed regulations, development or redevelopment on this site will be subject to the following impervious cover limits:

<i>Development Classification</i>	<i>% of Gross Site Area</i>	<i>% of Gross Site Area with Transfers</i>
Single-Family (minimum lot size 5750 sq. ft.)	50%	60%
Other Single-Family or Duplex	55%	60%
Multifamily	60%	70%
Commercial	80%	90%

According to floodplain maps there is no floodplain within or adjacent to the project location.

Standard landscaping and tree protection will be required in accordance with LDC 25-2 and 25-8 for all development and/or redevelopment.

No trees are located on this property. 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.

Under current watershed regulations, development or redevelopment requires water quality control with increased capture volume and control of the 2 year storm on site.

### **Site Plan and Compatibility Standards**

Site plans will be required for any new development other than single-family or duplex residential.

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.

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

The site is subject to compatibility standards. Along the northeast and east property line, the following standards apply:

- No structure may be built within 25 feet of the 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.
- For a structure more than 100 feet but not more than 300 feet from property zoned SF-5 or more restrictive, height limitation is 40 feet plus one foot for each 10 feet of distance in excess of 100 feet from the property line.
- An intensive recreational use, including a swimming pool, tennis court, ball court, or playground, may not be constructed 50 feet or less from adjoining SF-3 property.
- No parking or driveways are allowed within 25 feet of the property line.

## **Transportation**

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].

Per Ordinance No. 20170302-077, off-site transportation improvements and mitigations may be required at the time of site plan application.

This project is adjacent to a street that has been identified in Austin's Corridor Mobility Program (Manchaca Road). The sidewalk and bicycle facilities shall comply with the required cross-section for Manchaca Road at the time of the site plan application. At the time of this application, CPO does not have comments apart from a caveat that the Bicycle Program's required 8-foot shared use path located 13 feet from the back of curb may be demolished in the future for the future corridor improvements. Find additional information about the Corridor Mobility Program here: <https://data.austintexas.gov/stories/s/Corridor-Mobility-Program/gukj-e8fh/>.

Janae Spence, Urban Trails, Public Works Department, Mike Schofield, Bicycle Program, Austin Transportation Department may provide additional comments regarding bicycle and pedestrian connectivity per the Council Resolution No. 20130620-056.

According to the Austin 2014 Bicycle Plan approved by Austin City Council in November, 2014, a protected bike lane for all ages and abilities is recommended for Manchaca Road. Per the Bicycle Program, an 8-foot shared use path should be constructed 13 feet from back of curb to accommodate the protected bike lane along Manchaca Road. Mike Schofield, Bicycle Program, Austin Transportation Department may provide additional comments and requirements for right-of-way dedication and bicycle facility construction in accordance with LDC 25-6-55 and LDC 25-6-101. Please review the [Bicycle Master Plan](#) for more information.

Additional right-of-way may be required at the time of subdivision and/or site plan.

FYI – The existing driveway accessing Inverness Boulevard shall be removed and reconstructed and sidewalks shall be constructed along Inverness Boulevard at the time of the site plan application in accordance with the Land Development Code and Transportation Criteria Manual.

FYI – the existing sidewalks and curb ramp along Manchaca Road do not appear to be ADA compliant based on Google Images. The existing sidewalks shall be reconstructed to City of Austin standards in accordance with the Land Development Code and Transportation Criteria Manual at the time of the site plan application.

FYI – Per LDC 25-6-381, direct access to Manchaca Road (major roadway) is prohibited at the time of the subdivision and site plan applications since alternative access to Inverness Boulevard is provided.

**Water and Wastewater**

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 land use. The water and wastewater utility plan must be reviewed and approved by Austin Water for compliance with City criteria and suitability for operation and maintenance. Depending on the development plans submitted, water and or wastewater service extension requests may be required. 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.

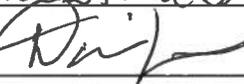
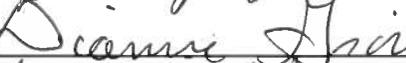
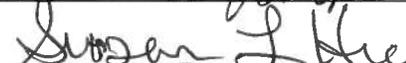
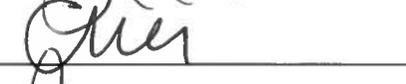
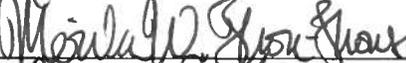
# PETITION

Address of  
Rezoning Request: 1907 Inverness Blvd

File Number: C14-2018-0141

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 SF-3.

The Southwood Neighborhood and its small streets, including Inverness Boulevard, is a family-friendly community that has been reinvigorated with an influx of young families and their reinvestment. If the City of Austin changes the zoning of 1907 Inverness Blvd from SF-3 to LO-MU, the character of our neighborhood would be determined by whatever office, store, or other commercial space was at the entrance to Inverness Blvd.

	SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	ADDRESS
1		Jonathan Donaruma	1904 Inverness Blvd
2		Dylan Williams	1710 Saint Albans Blvd
3	Christina Carson	Christina Carson	1708 St. Albans Blvd
4		DAVID JONES	1706 St. Albans Blvd
5		Thomas Edwards	1300 St. Albans Blvd
6		LINDA RYNCAUME	5218 Kings Hwy.
7		Diana Groves	5219 Kings Hwy.
8		Monika Wagner	1707 St Albans
9		Susan Hickman	1802 St Albans
10		ZACH BLAIR	1709 Fair Oaks
11		CECILIA MIRELES	1709 FAIR OAKS DR.
12		JOHN THORNE-THOMSEN	1902 INVERNESS BLVD
13		Merila W Thorne-Thomsen	1902 Inverness Blvd
14		Alanna Dayton	1905 Inverness Blvd
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CONTACT NAME: GREGORY DAYTON  
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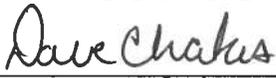
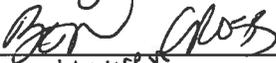
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1		Dave Chakos	1807 Inverness Blvd
2		CARYE WEST	1807 Inverness
3		BEN CROSS	1709 INVERNESS
4	 <small>Ben Chinisci</small>		5211 St Georges Gm.
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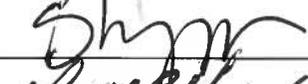
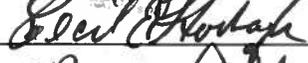
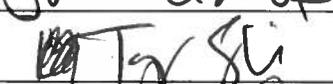
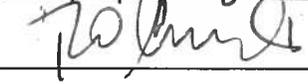
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3		MURIEL STEWART	1905 ST ALBANS
4		DEANNA CRENSHAW	1807 ST. ALBANS
5		KATHRYN FISCHER	1801 ST ALBANS
6		SHAYNA BLACKMAR	1705 ST ALBANS
7		CECIL HARBAUGH	1703 ST. ALBANS.
8		MIRANDA GROVER	5229 Kings Highway
9		Kyle Canzian	5223 Kings Hwy
10		DANIEL BENNIS	5221 Kings Hwy
11		June Clark	5214 Kings Highway
12		David A. Stein	1901 St. Albans Blvd.
13		R. Olmedo	1704 Inverness
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CONTACT NAME: GREGORY DAYTON  
PHONE NUMBER: (512) 888 - 9655

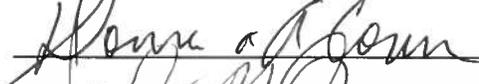
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1		STANLEY REEDER	1907 S. Alburns Blvd.	78745
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3		Kate Dand	5407 Kings Hwy	
4		Jorge L Farias	5505 Kings Hwy	
5		Brad Kuhn	5307 Kings Hwy	
6		DANNA ACWIN	5507 Kings Hwy.	
7		Leah Mill	1705 Brittany	
8		Zachary Torres	5404 Kings Hwy	
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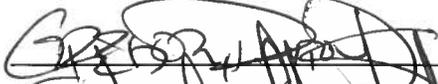
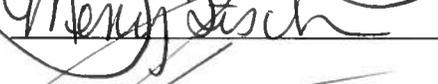
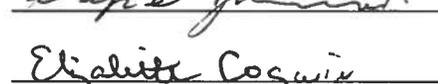
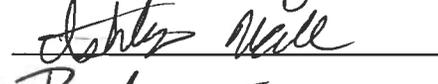
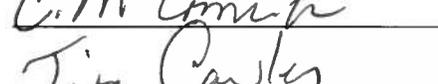
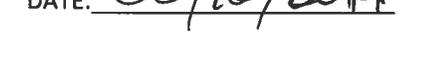
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1		GREGORY DAYTON	1905 INVERNESS BLVD AUSTIN TX
2		Skye Best	1800 Inverness Blvd.
3		Merry Fischer	1706A Brittany Blvd
4		Jean-Louis Horvilleu	1706 Inverness Blvd
5		Wayne Jasienowski	1701 Inverness Blvd
6		Elizabeth Cogwin	1705 Inverness Blvd
7		Martha Teague	1711 Inverness Blvd
8		Ashley Wall	1803 Inverness Blvd
9		Brian Andress	1804 Inverness Blvd
10		Carolyn McCormick	5401 Kings Hwy
11		Jill Kelley	5401 Kings Hwy
12		William Borgida	1808 Inverness Blvd.
13		James Chambers	1903 Inverness Blvd
14		PHILIP M. COCHRAN	1900 St. Albans Blvd
15		NANCY BUSSEY	1804 St. Albans Blvd.

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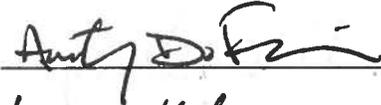
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1		ANTONY Ferrucci	1703 Inverness Blvd. Austin, TX 78745
2		LAUREN KAHAN	1703 Inverness Blvd. Austin, TX 78745
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1 Elizabeth M. Mosley ELIZABETH M. MOSLEY } 1802 INVERNESS BLVD

2 George E. Mosley GEORGE E. MOSLEY } AUSTIN, TX 78745

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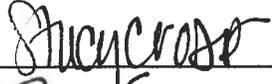
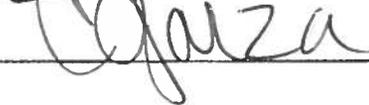
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3		C Garza	1707 Inverness
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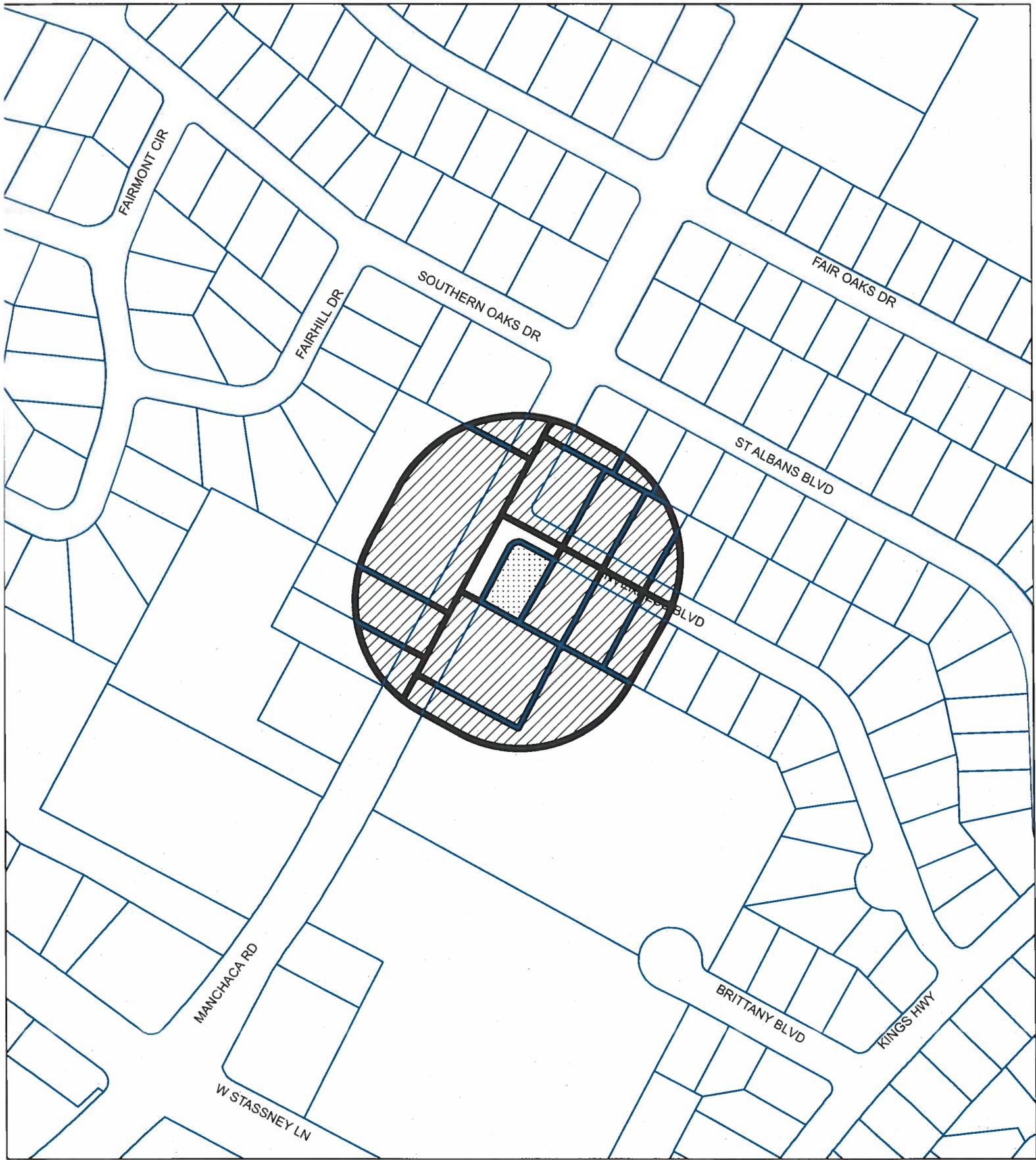
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Calculation: The total square footage is calculated by taking the sum of the area of all TCAD Parcels with valid signatures including one-half of the adjacent right-of-way that fall within 200 feet of the subject tract. Parcels that do not fall within 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.

TCAD ID	Address	Owner	Signature	Petition Area	Percent
0411130927	1902 INVERNESS BLVD 78745	2017 THORNE-THOMSEN FAMILY TRUST	yes	9900.01	4.99%
0411131003	1903 INVERNESS BLVD 78745	CHAMBERS JAMES N JR	yes	10355.35	5.22%
0414110101	5318 MANCHACA RD 78745	CROCKETT CENTER PARTNERSHIP	no	43305.89	0.00%
0411130903	1903 ST ALBANS BLVD 78745	CROUCH WILLIAM C & JORDAN C	no	198.19	0.00%
0411131002	1905 INVERNESS BLVD 78745	GREGORY & ALANNA DAYTON REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST	yes	10296.62	5.19%
0411130901	1907 ST ALBANS BLVD 78745	EPPS MITCHELL P & STACEY C REEDER	yes	4298.90	2.17%
0411130928	1904 INVERNESS BLVD 78745	DONARUMA JONATHAN RALPH	yes	10368.34	5.23%
0413140214	5401 MANCHACA RD 78745	KAF II DEVELOPMENT COMPANY	no	27239.64	0.00%
0412110905	5300 MANCHACA RD 78745	MACAULEY MARK A	no	4996.21	0.00%
0411130929	1906 INVERNESS BLVD 78745	PAUL BRYAN & JENNIFER	yes	15601.78	7.87%
0411130926	1900 INVERNESS BLVD 78745	STEIN DAVID A & LEIGH H	yes	3425.67	1.73%
0411130902	1905 ST ALBANS BLVD 78745	STEWART ROBERT CHARLES & MURIE MURIEL RADISSON-STEWART	yes	1874.16	0.95%
0413140213	5413 MANCHACA RD 78745	TPI CHANNINGS MARK LTD	no	25101.43	0.00%
0414110103	5408 MANCHACA RD 78745	ZAPDAK INC	no	5962.65	0.00%
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**PETITION**

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-  SUBJECT\_TRACT



1" = 200'

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## January 22, 2019 Planning Commission Agenda Question and Answer Report

- 14. Rezoning:** [C14-2018-0141 - 1903 Inverness Zoning Change; District 5](#)  
Location: 1903 Inverness Boulevard, Williamson Creek Watershed; South Manchaca Combined (South Manchaca) NP Area  
Owner/Applicant: Marquee Investments, LLC (Alex Bahrami)  
Agent: Austex Building Consultants (Jonathan Perlstein)  
Request: SF-3-NP to LO-MU-NP  
Staff Rec.: **Recommended**  
Staff: [Wendy Rhoades](#), 512-974-7719  
Planning and Zoning Department

**Question: Commissioner McGraw**

Could you send the NP document that shows the Transition Zone? Is this part of the FLUM?

Is this why there was no city sponsored meeting?

I see that the next door neighbor objects. Did others weigh in?

**Answer: Staff**

Link to the Character District Map (also known as the FLUM) for the South Manchaca NP Area.

[ftp://ftp.ci.austin.tx.us/npzd/Austingo/SACNPChar\\_districts.pdf](ftp://ftp.ci.austin.tx.us/npzd/Austingo/SACNPChar_districts.pdf)

The rezoning to LO-MU-NP is allowed within the Neighborhood Transition District (as info, it allows for the SF-5, SF-6, MF-1, MF-2, MF-3, NO and LO base districts), so there is not a change in the Character District Map, and hence, not a requirement for a City sponsored meeting.

Staff has been in contact with the adjacent and across Inverness Boulevard neighbors.

**Question: Commissioner McGraw**

So when you say the neighbors have been in contact, do you know whether they support this? Are there any other reply sheets?

**Answer: Staff**

Two other adjacent neighbors have provided response sheets as of this morning and are opposed to the rezoning ([link to late backup](#)). Staff is in the process of answering emails from a group of residents on Inverness Boulevard.

## February 26, 2019 Planning Commission Agenda Q&A Report

6. **Rezoning:** C14-2018-0141 - 1907 Inverness Zoning Change; District 5  
Location: 1907 Inverness Boulevard, Williamson Creek Watershed ; South Austin Combined (South Manchaca) NP Area  
Owner/Applicant: Marquee Investments, LLC (Alex Bahrami)  
Agent: Austex Building Consultants (Jonathan Perlstein)  
Request: SF-3-NP to LO-MU-NP  
Staff Rec.: **Recommended**  
Staff: Wendy Rhoades, 512-974-7719, wendy.rhoades@austintexas.gov  
Planning and Zoning Department

### Question: Commissioner McGraw

The staff states that the property was used for a commercial use for many years. Is that suggesting that after a certain amount of time that an illegal use becomes legal? I have always thought that a use established without proper zoning and permits is illegal. I don't know of any situation where a single family use was legal for commercial unless it was previously zoned commercial or constructed prior to 1931.

Also, there is a comment that the pavement existed by 1986 and is likely non-conforming. this would mean it was placed there legally at some point. Same comments as above.

Both of these situations are illegal. I know the neighbors have brought this up, but why would staff use this as a basis for recommending a zoning change?

### Answer: Staff

- 1) As explanation, I am conveying information about a previous use of the property.
- 2) I am conveying information that the parking lot existed in 1986, based on aerial photography taken that year. Council adopted the Comprehensive Watershed Ordinance in 1986 and established site plan requirements at that time. Impervious cover in place before adoption of the Comprehensive Watershed Ordinance is considered grandfathered, hence my response that the parking area is likely a non-conforming structure.
- 3) The basis for Staff's recommendation of the Applicant's request is its location in the Neighborhood Transition character district which encourages small scale offices of the adopted Neighborhood Plan.

## Rhoades, Wendy

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**From:** McGraw, Karen - BC  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 26, 2019 1:47 PM  
**To:** Walters, Mark  
**Cc:** Rivera, Andrew; Rhoades, Wendy  
**Subject:** Re: 1907 Inverness

Mark,

Thanks for getting back to me. My understanding is that the commercial uses on this particularly lot has been operated without zoning or permits.

Karen McGraw  
District 9 Planning Commissioner

On Feb 26, 2019, at 1:27 PM, Walters, Mark <[Mark.Walters@austintexas.gov](mailto:Mark.Walters@austintexas.gov)> wrote:

Karen,

I wasn't heavily involved with the plan's development since I live in the area and due to conflict of interest concerns I could not directly participate and nobody who worked on the plan still works for the City. That said, from reading the plan and talking to my wife (who represented our household in the planning process) I can discuss as to why the Neighborhood Transition (NT) was applied to houses abutting Manchaca Road. The main reasons were that some houses along Manchaca are already being used for some small-scale retail/office uses and that the participants recognized that these emerging uses represented the changing character of the roadway, and combined with heavy traffic volumes, made the location less than ideal for the past SF uses. Also, there was a recognition that many of the uses (small-scale commercial, live-work housing and middle-density, smaller scaled housing) allowed in the zoning districts allowed in NT could be a benefit and contribute to a more complete community. The introductory paragraphs in the plan regarding NT discuss this in greater detail.

Neighborhood Transition character districts, along with Neighborhood Nodes, border the Residential Core along arterial roadways. Primarily residential, these areas consist of clusters of duplexes, fourplexes, and apartment buildings, along with small-scaled offices and neighborhood-serving businesses. Neighborhood Transition districts create a buffer between Residential Core districts and more intense character districts or busy roads. Many of these districts are located along Imagine Austin Activity Corridors.

Neighborhood Transition districts in particular present an opportunity to incorporate more missing middle housing types that are compatible with the neighborhood. The missing middle refers to duplexes and other housing types, such as row houses, bungalow courts and other housing types compatible with the existing neighborhood, that provide options between the scale of single-family houses and mid-rise apartments or condos. As Austin's population grows and its demographics change, these housing types provide the opportunity to accommodate

growth in walkable neighborhoods while respecting neighborhood character. The variety of housing types in the missing middle promote multi-generational communities, providing options for young people and for older generations to age in place. (*South Austin Combined Neighborhood Plan*, p. 53)

Here is a link to the plan: [ftp://ftp.ci.austin.tx.us/npzd/Austingo/SACNP\\_FINAL.pdf](ftp://ftp.ci.austin.tx.us/npzd/Austingo/SACNP_FINAL.pdf). The NT discussion starts on p. 53.

Mark

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**From:** Rhoades, Wendy  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2019 4:46 PM  
**To:** McGraw, Karen - BC <[bc-Karen.McGraw@austintexas.gov](mailto:bc-Karen.McGraw@austintexas.gov)>  
**Cc:** Walters, Mark <[Mark.Walters@austintexas.gov](mailto:Mark.Walters@austintexas.gov)>; Rivera, Andrew <[Andrew.Rivera@austintexas.gov](mailto:Andrew.Rivera@austintexas.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: 1907 Inverness

Karen,  
Mark Walters (copied here) was involved in the creation of the South Austin NP and may be able to provide additional explanation about how the neighborhood transition character district was developed.

Wendy

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**From:** McGraw, Karen - BC  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2019 4:01 PM  
**To:** Rhoades, Wendy <[Wendy.Rhoades@austintexas.gov](mailto:Wendy.Rhoades@austintexas.gov)>  
**Cc:** Rivera, Andrew <[Andrew.Rivera@austintexas.gov](mailto:Andrew.Rivera@austintexas.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: 1907 Inverness

Wendy,

Thanks for your answers. I had forgotten that pre 1985 impervious cover is exempted.

Since this did not trigger a plan amendment, can you find a staff member who participated in the neighborhood plan and can speak to why the transition zone was placed on existing viable homes?

Thanks,

Karen McGraw  
District 9 Planning Commissioner

On Feb 25, 2019, at 12:25 PM, Rhoades, Wendy  
<[Wendy.Rhoades@austintexas.gov](mailto:Wendy.Rhoades@austintexas.gov)> wrote:

Commissioner McGraw,

February 19, 2019

City of Austin  
Planning & Zoning Department  
P.O. Box 1088  
Austin, Texas 78767-1088

Re: Notices from the City of Austin

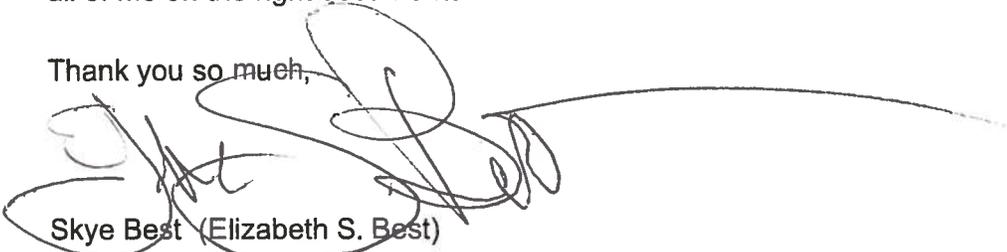
Dear City of Austin,

I am not sure what is happening in the records division. However, I have clearly been the recorded owner and a residence of 1800 Inverness Blvd., Austin, Texas, 78745 since August of 2017. For some reason, you keep on sending letter to me addressed Sophie Rogers.

Since I am paying the absorbent financially clenching real estate taxes, very involved in the recent attempts regarding the rezoning of 1907 Inverness Boulevard and immersed into the community, I would very-very much appreciate you helping to resolve the ownership-residence corrections .

Please let me know what needs to be done for both Travis County and the City of Austin to have all of me on the right documents?

Thank you so much,



Skye Best (Elizabeth S. Best)  
1800 Inverness Blvd.  
Austin, Texas 78745  
425-466-2060  
[Studio4llc@gmail.com](mailto:Studio4llc@gmail.com)

## Rhoades, Wendy

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**From:** Rhoades, Wendy  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2019 11:22 AM  
**To:** 'Miss Best'; John Thorne-Thompson; 'Greg Dayton'  
**Subject:** RE: OBJECTION: Rezoning of 1907 Inverness C14-2018-0141

All,

Please see my responses below and let me know if there are additional questions.

Sincerely,  
Wendy Rhoades

**From:** Miss Best [mailto:studio4llc@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2019 12:05 AM  
**To:** John Thorne-Thomsen <jthornethomsen@gmail.com>; Rhoades, Wendy <Wendy.Rhoades@austintexas.gov>  
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**Subject:** Re: OBJECTION: Rezoning of 1907 Inverness C14-2018-0141

Dear Wendy,

I would like to further support John's letter with my attached letter to the City of Austin Planning Commission & City Council. To date there is no facts or findings to support a rezone of 1907 Inverness Blvd. Until we have fair and reasonable factual information that fully supports a rezone to best serve our neighborhood, I request the rezone be denied. The basis for Staff's recommendation of the Applicant's request is its location in the Neighborhood Transition character district which encourages small scale offices of the adopted Neighborhood Plan. Adjacent residents have a valid petition in opposition to anything other than SF-3-NP. The Applicant, the Staff and the Neighborhood have the opportunity to present their position regarding the Applicant's rezoning request of NO-MU-NP to the Planning Commission and City Council.

If there is some person(s) or other substantial reason that factually can prove substantial reasons to support a rezone today for one single family home that is not even contiguous to other commercial properties, please submit the information to us. Until the existing zoned commercial properties are revitalized and prove prosperous, sustainable and retail/restaurant influencers that make a positive impact, show significant interest in providing goods & services to our neighborhood, I do not understand why the Planning Commission or City Council would approve a rezone for a single family house on a pure residential street to spread already challenged commercial services.

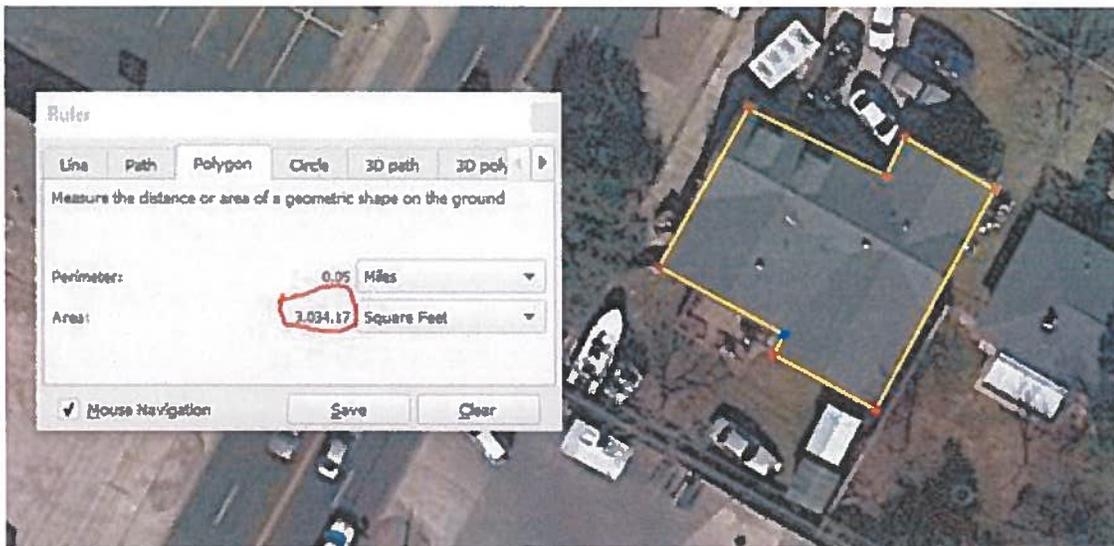
Let's have smart growth! Let's have conscious growth! Let's support retailers & services that add vitality to our neighborhood. Let's encourage and support retail property owners to transition their property into a vital retail hub first. Imagine Austin is about thriving & vitality and each layer of each neighborhood having character, design and consciousness on how the plan is implemented. Austin deserves the best!

Thanks  
Skye Best (Elizabeth S. Best)  
18000 Inverness Blvd.

On Fri, Feb 22, 2019 at 3:49 PM John Thorne-Thomsen <[jthornethomsen@gmail.com](mailto:jthornethomsen@gmail.com)> wrote:

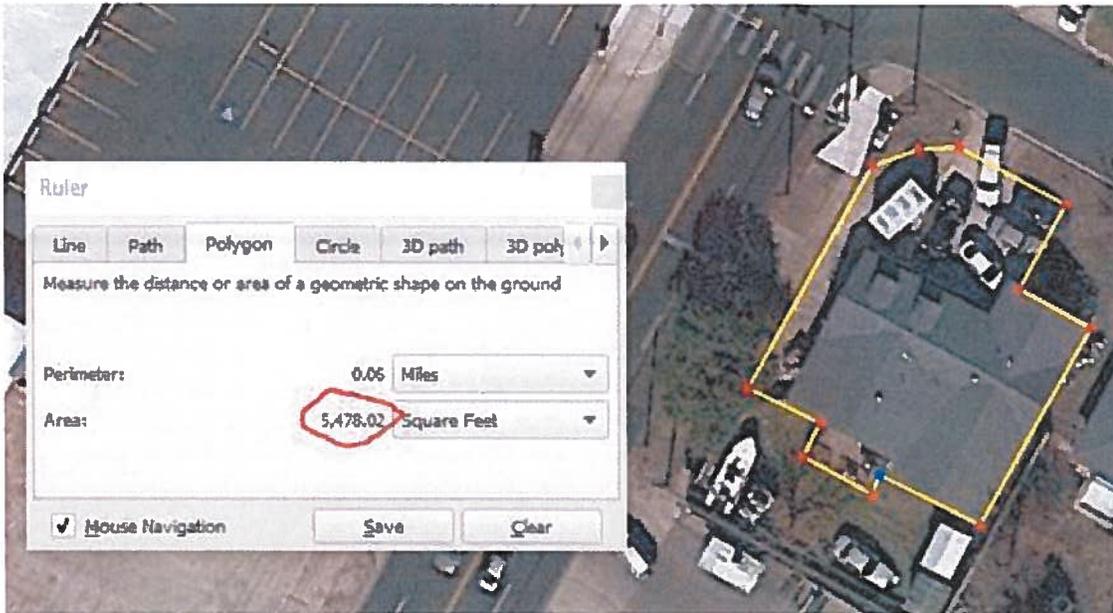
Ms. Rhoades-

Thank you again for your attention to this case. I have a few questions and wanted to offer the justification/basis of the concerns I raised earlier this morning. For reference, this is how I estimated the building coverage and impervious cover at 1907 Inverness. I've marked up an image from Google Earth dated 1/13/2018 (attached as 1907 Building Coverage).



I did my best to outline the building extents and found approximately 3500 sf for the building footprint. Taking the 8050 sf listed on Travis CAD's website, I estimate the building coverage to be  $3500/8050 = 37\%$ , which is greater than that allowed for in both the NO and SF-3 zoning designations.

Similarly, I did my best to outline the impervious cover on the property using the same image from Google Earth (attached as 1907 Impervious Coverage):



Again, taking the lot size from Travis CAD's website, I estimate the impervious cover as  $5478/8050 = 68\%$ , which is also greater than the impervious coverage allowed in both the NO and SF-3 zoning designations. My understanding from the Applicant is that a survey of the lot by Registered Surveyor is underway (or about to be) and that will establish the amount of impervious cover.

My questions are as follows:

- Is there a formal mechanism to request the rezoning application be tabled or dismissed pending receipt of a survey and/or a remediation plan for the outstanding code violations? The Neighborhood can request that the rezoning application be postponed until such time as a survey is provided to me and the Applicant. A postponement request can either be to a date certain (the Planning Commission meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month) or an indefinite postponement which is undefined, but between (approximately) 2 ½ months and 6 months from the date of its postponement. Relatedly, granting an indefinite postponement allows for the case to return to the Commission within 6 months and requires re-notification to the residents.
- Can I bring supporting documentation to the meeting on Tuesday? If so, what formats are appropriate for that documentation? Paper copies can be distributed to the Planning Commission membership. If you would like to distribute paper copies, please bring 18 sets to the meeting. You can also bring a thumb drive or CD, and the City's audiovisual staff will display the information on a large screen that is viewed by the Commission and the audience.
- I don't quite understand the purpose of the upcoming vote. Is the council reconsidering its recommendation to the city council? The Planning Commission will hear a presentation from Staff first. The Applicant then has the opportunity to outline his request for rezoning, and then those in the audience who are in favor of the rezoning, and those in opposition to the rezoning have the opportunity to address the Commission. Below is a link to tomorrow night's agenda; page 9 of the agenda outlines the speaking order and upcoming Planning Commission meeting dates. The Commission deliberates on the information presented and positions in favor / opposition to the rezoning and issues a recommendation to the City Council.

<http://www.austintexas.gov/edims/document.cfm?id=315270>

- What are the next steps after the planning commission's vote? Will the case be forwarded to the city council? Yes, this case is currently scheduled to be reviewed by Council on Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. Is that dependent of the planning commission vote? The Council takes into consideration the Applicant's request, the Staff recommendation, the Neighborhood's position (especially the valid petition of 33.34%), and makes a final decision on the case. Please note that if the Planning Commission postpones this case, then the case will be postponed at Council, so that the Planning Commission has the opportunity to make a recommendation on the case.

Thanks,

John

On Fri, Feb 22, 2019 at 2:07 PM Rhoades, Wendy <[Wendy.Rhoades@austintexas.gov](mailto:Wendy.Rhoades@austintexas.gov)> wrote:

Mr. Dayton,

Thank you for speaking with me earlier today. The code violations must be addressed by the owner whether or not the rezoning application is approved by Council. The owner must still obtain permits from the City's Development Services Department for the work done without permits (dormers, window and door replacement, as outlined in the August 27, 2018 Notice of Violation). Relatedly, even if the property is successfully rezoned to NO-MU-NP, a rezoning is not a permit issued by the City. Approval of a property's rezoning takes the form of a rezoning ordinance that is signed by the Mayor, City Attorney and City Clerk, and doesn't "cure" the permit issue described above or authorize the owner to proceed with work without permits. The code violations are "closed" by the Austin Code Department after the permitting issues have been resolved.

I have previously requested a survey of the property from Mr. Perlstein, but not received it yet. At the time Mr. Perlstein amended his rezoning request to NO-MU-NP, I reiterated the 60% maximum impervious cover and his response was that the impervious cover was over 50% but less than 60%.

I am meeting with Mr. Perlstein next Tuesday afternoon to further emphasize the need for the property survey and plan to resolve the permitting issues. As a note, it is within the Planning Commission's purview to direct the Applicant to resolve or have resolution of the permitting issues underway prior to their action or Council consideration of the case. Again, whether or not the Applicant's rezoning request is successful at Council, the Owner must still resolve the code violations.

Lastly, the valid petition in opposition to anything other than SF-3-NP zoning results in the need for 9 of 11 Council votes in favor of rezoning to anything other than SF-3-NP.

Please let me know if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

Wendy Rhoades

**From:** Greg Dayton [mailto:[gregory.dayton@gmail.com](mailto:gregory.dayton@gmail.com)]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 22, 2019 9:03 AM  
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**Subject:** Fwd: OBJECTION: Rezoning of 1907 Inverness C14-2018-0141

Ms. Rhoades,

I just left you a voicemail about the case and was hoping we could speak today about the zoning application change (LO to NO) as well as the concerns that John Thorne-Thomsen expressed in the attached email.

Thanks,

Greg Dayton

512.827.6200

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**From:** John Thorne-Thomsen <[jthornethomsen@gmail.com](mailto:jthornethomsen@gmail.com)>  
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Hello Ms. Rhoades, Mr. Craig and members of the planning commission,

I am writing to follow up on Mr Dayton's point regarding the outstanding code violations at 1907 Inverness Blvd. The Notice of Violation from the Austin Code Department is publicly available; please find it attached. The notice was filed on August 27, 2018 and pertains to unpermitted work performed including a recommendation to "obtain required permits for the addition of the dormers, window and door replacements, and any other work performed that requires a permit." According to the Austin Build and Connect website, there have been no subsequent permits filed. How does this outstanding violation get reconciled with the application to rezone the property? Will the property owner have to address the violations named in the Notice? Does the property owner have plans to address these issues?

For context, please find satellite imagery of the property from Google Earth. This first image is dated February 2016 (also attached as 1907 Inverness Before), note the absence of the dormers listed in the notice:



The second image is dated January 2017 (also attached as 1907 Inverness After). I've circled the dormers in yellow, and also an addition in red:



I also searched the Austin Build and Connect website for permits filed in 2016 and 2017 and found none pertaining to this work or otherwise. Per the recommendation in the Notice of Violation, is this addition and changes to the interior/exterior of the house subject to a building plan review, and HVAC/electrical/plumbing inspections?

Furthermore, has the landowner demonstrated that the property adheres to the zoning restrictions with respect to maximum building coverage, maximum impervious cover and maximum floor area ratio? A rough estimation based on the Google imagery suggests that the house is now approximately 3500 square feet and the overall impervious cover is around 5500 square feet. Per the Travis Central Appraisal District's numbers, the lot is 8050 square feet. Thus, a quick back of the envelope calculation suggests that the building coverage is >35% and the impervious cover is approaching 70%.

Given the outstanding code compliance issue and the extent of the work done to the property, shouldn't the property owner have a duty to remediate this property prior to approval of his rezoning application?

Please forgive me if this concern has been already addressed. Thanks,

John Thorne-Thomsen, PE

1907 Inverness Blvd

On Sat, Feb 9, 2019 at 11:55 PM Greg Dayton <[gregory.dayton@gmail.com](mailto:gregory.dayton@gmail.com)> wrote:

Wendy and Planning Commission Representatives:

We wanted to give you an update on the status of our questions and concerns after reviewing the case back-up notes posted on the Austin.gov website.

Following the postponement of the January 22nd hearing and our introduction with Johnathan Perlstein, the owners of properties adjacent and near 1907 Inverness Blvd met and agreed that we are still in **OBJECTION** of the property being rezoned. We have worked to gather additional support of our position in the form of a petition which we will deliver to Wendy Rhoades on Monday. This petition has the signatures of property owners from Inverness Blvd., St. Albans Blvd., Kings Highway, Brittnay Blvd., and Fair Oaks Dr. **The owners who signed the petition are requesting that the Planning Commission deny the zoning change at 1907 Inverness so that it remain SF-3.**

**Please include the following in the case back-up materials for the review of the planning and zoning representatives: The forthcoming petition, this email, and any other emails sent since January 22 and before the February 12 hearing in objection to this zoning change.**

Also, the back-up materials included comments about the "Psychic Business" that operated in that home before the current owner took possession. It is our understanding that this was an unpermitted business that was shut down by the city. Further, it was a business that seemed to be more of a hobby for the previous owner than an income-generating business. Specifically, we did not see any foot traffic that could be identified as customers.

**Why we Object:**

1. *Neighborhood safety* - Due to the substantial number of uses that could be permitted under the LO-MU designation, we strongly protest the rezoning of 1907 Inverness Blvd and insist it remain SF-3. It is clear to us that what could begin as an insurance office and living space might quickly become something different and less stable for our community.

2. *Truthfulness and intent*: Following the January 22 meeting, Wendy Rhoades introduced the neighborhood owners in attendance to the representative of Marquee Investments, Mr. Johnathan Perlstein. Mr. Perlstein assured us that a tenant was in negotiation to live and work out of 1907 Inverness Blvd (one who was a State Farm agent and would only see a few clients a month - this seems counterintuitive). At that time, we pointed out that the property was listed for sale online and there was a large for sale sign from a commercial realtor posted on the property. Mr. Perlstein said that was a mistake and the property was not for sale. However, since that meeting, the property has been continuously listed for sale as a commercial space both online and the for sale sign remains (the listing was updated as recently as February 5, 2019 by the realty company "Commercial Market Exchange": <https://www.loopnet.com/Listing/1907-Inverness-Blvd-Austin-TX/14081542/> - screenshot attached as pdf as well as photo of sign). Therefore, we do not believe in the assurances of the owner or their representatives. Further, this discrepancy in the facts leads us to doubt the integrity and intentions of Marquee Investments.

3. *Current ownership, commercial zoning, and a lack of stability* - The following is a list of properties and the tenants of the owners of Marquee Investments that was culled from the Travis Central Appraisal District, Austin Zoning Records, and internet research:

- 2105 Justin Lane, 78757 - Justin Plaza. Costmetics & beauty company, State Farm Insurance, AA, 2 salons, auto title, surveying company, barber shop, nail salon,
- 1705 Bench Mark Dr, 78728 - two contracting companies
- 15307 Ginger St, 78728 - warehouse property [for sale by Commercial Market Exchange](#) which [listed 1907 Inverness as a commercial property for sale](#)
- 11102 Bluff Bend Dr, 78753 - commercial warehouse - Austin Countertops
- 11020 Bluff Bend Dr, 78753 - commercial lot adjacent to 11102 Bluff Bend used by Austin Countertops
- 2711 Kelly Ln, 78660 - warehouse space [also for sale by Commercial Market Exchange](#) that has [listed 1907 Inverness as a commercial property for sale](#).
- 201 W. Powell Lane, 78753 - lawn maintenance company,
- 1934 Rutland Dr, 78758 - Paris Hookah Lounge
- 2801 East 5th Street, 78702 - dog grooming business
- Corner of West 5th & Congress in 2015/2016. The owners Proposed strip club at this location and a site plan application was submitted to the city by [Aus-Tex Consulting](#). (the company contracted by

Marquee investments to coordinate 1907 Inverness zoning change ). Currently home to Shiner's Saloon

- 103 W. 5 St - office
- 4605, 4607, 4609 N Interstate HY 35 TX 75751 - A children's science academy, empty lot, and the Royal Hookah Cafe.
- 9558 HY 290 78724 - empty lot, second to the west from Reservoir Ct
- 9701 E HY 290 78724 - empty lot on east side of Reservoir Ct and Frontage road
- 9705 Reservoir Ct, 78724 - lot adjacent to 9701 E HY 290. Formerly Pink Monkey Caberet adult club.
- 9704 Reservoir Ct, 78724 - empty lot across from 9705 Reservoir Ct.
- 9570 Reservoir Ct, 78724 - empty lot at corner of Reservoir Ct and 290 frontage road.
- 704 W St. Johns Ave 78752 - Visible Style Hair Salon
- 7205 N Lamar Blvd, 78752 - DC Tatts (tattoo shop), Happy Clouds (head shop/smoke shop), Queen Eyebrow Threading, Beauty Salon
- Property ID 267821 - empty lot
- Property ID 267822 - empty lot
- 401 FM RD 685, 78660 - Commercial lot with shopping at front (am/pm Grocery), and warehouse space behind it early learning center, sign shop, boxing gym, tire shop, wrestling gym.
- 15505 I-35, 78660 - car sales
- Property ID 821836 - empty lot

We don't have an issue with Marquee Investments using their resources to develop properties. And we also understand that not all of these businesses could operate on an LO-MU property but we list Marquee Investment's properties and tenants to illustrate the wide net that an investment company casts when finding tenants (and, by extension, buyers of the property). However, we do not want to see this lot rezoned and opened for the many types of uses that fall under the LO-MU code - we have no doubt that the highest bidder will win the day and the desires of the community will not be a driving concern of Marquee Investments' owners. Further, we object to the uncertainty that may come with a commercial lot as opposed to the stability and certainty of an SF-3 residential lot, no matter who the owner may be. Finally, we see a possibility where this building is razed and the lot left empty until a commercial buyer is found at the right price. We base this on the fact that the building has some [outstanding code violations](#).

**Also, in looking over the above list, it is important to note that Marquee Investments has two of their other properties listed for sale with Commercial Exchange Market. Again, we find it hard to believe in any promises made by the owners as to the immediate and future use of the property.**

4. *Availability of commercial property in the surrounding neighborhood.* There are numerous available and/or vacant commercial spaces on Manchaca Rd. and W Stassney La. The following are all less than 0.5 miles from 1907 Inverness and the adjacent bus stop. This search was done in one afternoon and without the benefit of a realtor's aid. We simply walked the neighborhood, took notes, and checked the city and county records:

1. 1500 W Stassney La (see attached photos): formerly AAA News Inc. Zoned CS-V-LR-NP. apx. 14,000 sq ft, total. [Travis CAD - ID 511151](#)
2. 1604-1606 W Stassney La (see attached photos): 18,500 sf warehouse space listed as Stassney Business Center for lease on [LoopNet](#). [Travis CAD - ID 319736](#)
3. 2056 W Stassney La (see attached photos). Building is vacant - [City Zoning profile is blank](#) zoned as SM Store according to Travis CAD records. Building was submitted to Austin 311 for graffiti removal apx. 5 months ago (ID [18-00237957](#)). [Travis CAD - ID 511103](#)
4. 5700 Manchaca Road - Cherry Creek Plaza main building. [Three spaces listed on LoopNet for lease](#) : a) Suite 300 - retail (4000 sf) [currently City of Austin Municipal Court]. b) Suite 240 - Standard Retail (11,292-22,585 sf) currently retail, owner willing to divide. [Currently Thrift Town] c) Suite 310 - Office/Retail (900 sf). [Currently used as bakery kitchen but not for direct sale]. [Travis CAD - ID 319824](#)
5. 5608 Manchaca Rd (see attached photos). Formerly Subway currently empty and part of Cherry Creek Plaza Partnership. Note the commercial "For Lease" sign for food truck spaces. There is only one food truck in Cherry Creek Plaza [Travis CAD - ID 319826](#)
6. 2007 West Stassney Rd (see attached photos). Building is currently empty - food truck in front. part of Cherry Creek Plaza Partnership [Travis CAD - ID 319827](#)
7. 4908 Manchaca Rd. There is an office space for lease on [LoopNet](#), This property was purchased in late 2017 and renovated. The lease space is still available. [Travis CAD - ID 51013](#)
8. 5316 Manchaca Rd. Part of Crocket Square where Strange Brew was located. There is a for lease sign in front (directly across from the for sale sign for 1907 Inverness Blvd. See attached photos. [Travis CAD - ID 511072](#)

Further, we have several vape shops, a tattoo shop, several barber shops and hair salons, a title loan broker, and a pawn shop in the neighborhood. We don't see the need for more of these types of businesses but worry that this is the kind of "Storefront Retail/Office" that Marquee Investments and Commercial Market Exchange are marketing in the sale listing referenced above and attached. And we do have some empty buildings that investors are not in a hurry to rent out or sell, instead taking the loss as a write-off. Again, we don't want to see that happen on our street.

5. *Parking and Street Safety.* Parking has been a chronic issue for all residents in this area of Manchaca Road. However, for those of us across the street from Crocket Square, we have a unique problem. When Austin favorite Strange Brew was open, the overflow parking landed directly across the street on Inverness Blvd. We also have ACC students that park on our street since we are the closest side street to the South Austin ACC Campus on the east side of Manchaca. And since Austin Java opened across the street, the parking on Inverness has gotten worse (see attached photos). With the old Strange Brew space under renovation and [expected to be occupied by "Captain Quackenbush's Coffeehouse and Bakery"](#) soon, this problem will only intensify. Adding a commercial lot at 1907 Inverness, even if there are 4-6 available spaces on the property, will make a difficult problem even more dangerous. We don't have sidewalks on Inverness and a lot of children (infant - high school) and adult pedestrian traffic. During afternoon rush hour, Inverness, St. Albans, and Fair Oaks experience a high volume of traffic as people headed south will cut through our neighborhood to get to Stassney La. *Add in commercial traffic coming and going from a*

***property that faces Inverness Blvd, not Manchaca, we have serious concerns for the safety of our families and all that come through our neighborhood.***

Given the number of lots that have available or unused space, and the lack of affordable housing in South Austin, as well as our interest in keeping our neighborhood safe, we don't see the logic in changing the zoning of 1907 Inverness Blvd. In this case, the South Austin Neighborhood Combined Plan would not meet its stated vision if 1907 is rezoned. The vision: "Create a complete community that is mobile and interconnected; compact, accessible, and affordable; natural and sustainable; healthy, safe, creative, and engaged." As outlined above, rezoning 1907 Inverness would negatively impact the residential character of our neighborhood, likely reduce the affordability of housing in the immediate neighborhood (by removing an SF-3); it would not be healthy or safe for the residents or South Austin at large, would degrade neighborhood safety and diminish the a growing community that has been building since ground was broken in 1967.

It is with this additional information and wider context that we urge the staff to change their position from "Recommend" to "Not Recommended. We will be in attendance on Tuesday and plan to formally address the Planning Commission with our wishes that 1907 Inverness Blvd remain SF-3.

Thank you for your time. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday.

Greg Dayton

1905 Inverness Blvd

# Neighborhood Opposition to Rezone of Single Family Residential to Office, Mixed Use/other

Objection Location: 1907 Inverness Blvd

Applicant: Landlord/Investor/Developer: Alex Bahrami, Marquee Investments, LLC

**On November 9, 2018, the Owner / Applicant, Marquee Investments, LLC (Alex Bahrami) filed a rezoning application requesting LO-MU-NP zoning. Planning Commission meeting was to take place on January 22nd, 2019. Neighborhood & Marquee Investments mutually agreed to postpone hearing to:**

**February 26, 2019. The meeting will be held at City Hall Council Chambers, 301 West 2nd Street beginning at 6:00 p.m.**

## Primary Neighborhood Objections:

- Current site has significant code violations and other former/current ownership have/allowed to be constructed without permits. To date these code violations have not been corrected that may result in safety or any other unknown issues (fact support letter to city from John Thorne-Thomsen, February 22, 2019).
  - Applicant/Marquee Investments is saying they want a zone change to lease to a State Farm Insurance agent whom also wants to live + work out of the dwelling. However, already under current code 25-2-900 - Home Occupation (see attached), we can find nothing that prohibits the agent from conducting his/her business under the existing code definitions (austintexas.gov -search "Home Occupations")
  - Applicant/Marquee told the neighborhood that they were only leasing the property, not selling the property. We researched and found a listing that the property is advertised for sale & referencing the property was in the process of a "rezone". To date, we have been getting conflicting answers. (fact support letter to city from Gregory Dayton 2-11-2019)
  - Research on existing commercial space vacancy & business health/wealth in the/close like type neighborhood was accomplished by our neighborhood. We found that many of the commercial businesses overall were struggling & many commercial spaces, including multi-family, continue to be vacant/experiencing hardships or most do not represent prosperous commercial businesses (fact support letter to city - letter from Gregory Dayton 2-11-2019)
  - Stores like Trader Joes/other specialty or grocery stores, sporting goods, clothing stores, pet food stores, etc. do significant studies to determine if a neighborhood is ready in city growth plans for their products & services. These retailers pay special attention to growing transition neighborhoods. Filling in space with churches, pawn shops, quick pay loans, goodwill, insurance companies & vapor shops proves the neighborhood has yet to have the demand by retailer influencers that build community retail shoppable hubs that serve the neighborhood. There is no current
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need to further spread commercial lands. Also, fill ins do nothing to add to the vitality of the demographic/psychographics of our neighborhood. (fact support to city-all businesses are physically visible, most with for lease signs posted on properties)

- If the 1907 Inverness is allowed to be rezoned, with the property having no ingress/egress directly onto Manchaca, in essence Inverness will become a commercial street. Our vehicle traffic has picked up considerably over the last year and Austin Java, the college and other businesses have been trying to use our street as a parking facility. Our street is not set up to be a parking facility. (testimony in writing from Gregy Dayton has been submitted & more letters can be secured).
- Currently Inverness has no proper sidewalks, striping or any safety installations to accommodate safety related issues for the impact of commercial businesses to the street. Safety 1st, we have grade school level students, children & elders in wheelchairs using the streets daily.

### **Please support conscious growth for our neighborhood!**

We all know that Austin is growing. Let's just make it conscious growth. It makes absolutely no sense to trigger any commercial re-zone of any residential properties on Inverness Blvd. The existing commercial properties along Manchaca **are not** overall: thriving, proving financial success, providing products & services for the majority of the neighborhood (minus schools, library & bus stop) and the design of our neighborhood should be considered to serve the majority, not one developer/investor/property owner or one (1) tenant. To date, most of the commercial properties look worn out/worn down. Let's first have the existing commercial space prove it's vitality & transformation!

Please accept my apologies in advance if I am misunderstanding the attached Home Occupation criteria & signage provided on the Texas Government website. Otherwise, to date, I have heard, nor seen, any substantial, fair or reasonable information to support a rezone to a commercial property at this time on Inverness Blvd. More than anything, there is a necessity for the house to be right sized to conform to laws &, corrected and restored to a safe home for our neighborhood.

Respectfully Yours,

(Skye)

Legal Owner Resident: Elizabeth S. Best (Skye)



1800 Inverness Blvd. , Austin, Texas 78745

Studio4llc@gmail.com



# City of Austin

P.O. Box 1088, Austin, TX, 78767

## AUSTINCODE DEPARTMENT

### NOTICE OF VIOLATION

**Case Number: CV-2017-082578**

Via Certified Mail #7017 2680 0001 1442 4030

August 27, 2018

BAHRAMI BEHZA  
7117 AVIGNON DR  
ROUND ROCK TX 78661

RE: 1907 INVERNESS BLVD AUSTIN TX 78745  
Locally known as 1907 INVERNESS BLVD AUSTIN TX 78745  
Legally described as LOT 1 BLK G DEER PARK SEC 3  
Zoned as SF-3-NP  
Parcel Number 0411131001

Dear BAHRAMI BEHZA:

The City of Austin Code Department investigated the property described above. Austin City Code violations were found that require your immediate attention. A description of the violation(s) and compliance timeframe(s) are provided in the attached violation report.

After receipt of this Notice, and until compliance is attained, the Austin City Code prohibits the sale, lease, or transfer of this property unless:

- You provide the buyer, lessee, or other transferee a copy of this Notice of Violation; and
- You provide the name and address of the buyer, lessee, or other transferee to the Code Official.

For additional information, I can be reached at (512)974-2345 or [Erica.Thompson@austintexas.gov](mailto:Erica.Thompson@austintexas.gov). Please reference **case number** CV-2017-082578. Hours of operation are: Monday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Para obtener más información, llame al (512)974-2345 o envíe un correo electrónico a [Erica.Thompson@austintexas.gov](mailto:Erica.Thompson@austintexas.gov). Por favor, consulte caso número CV-2017-082578. El horario de atención es: lunes a viernes, 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

Erica Thompson, Austin Code Officer  
City of Austin Code Department

## VIOLATION REPORT

**Date of Notice:** August 27, 2018

**Code Officer:** Erica Thompson  
**Case Number:** CV-2017-082578  
**Property Address:** 1907 INVERNESS BLVD AUSTIN TX 78745  
Locally known as 1907 INVERNESS BLVD AUSTIN TX 78745  
Zoned as SF-3-NP

The items listed below are violations of the Austin City Code, and require your immediate attention. If the violations are not brought into compliance within the timeframes listed in this report, enforcement action may be taken. Timeframes start from the Date of Notice.

### Violation Type: **LAND USE**

Austin City Code Section: Building Permit Requirement (§25-12-241 [2012 IRC R105.1])  
Description of Violation: Residential construction performed without required permit(s).  
Date Observed: 07/05/2017  
Timeframe to Comply: 20 Day(s)  
Recommended Resolution: Obtain required permits for the addition of the dormers, window and door replacements, and any other work performed that requires a permit.

**Notes:** Permit violations require the permit(s) to be issued and all required inspections to be completed to attain compliance. For questions concerning land use violations, please contact the Development Services Department at 512-978-4000. You can also visit <http://www.austintexas.gov/department/development-services> for more information.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Failure to Correct

If the violations are not brought into compliance within the timeframes listed in the violation report, enforcement action may include:

- Criminal charges in the City of Austin Municipal Court subjecting you to fines of up to \$2,000 per violation, per day.
- Civil penalties in an Administrative Hearing subjecting you to fines of up to \$1,000 per violation, per day, along with additional fees.
- Suspension or cancellation of existing site plan, permit or certificate of occupancy. If the site plan, permit or certificate of occupancy is suspended or revoked, the utility service to this property may be disconnected.
- Civil injunctions or penalties in State court.
- For dangerous or substandard buildings, the City of Austin may also take action with the Building and Standards Commission (BSC) to order the vacation, relocation of occupants, securing, repair, removal or demolition of a building, and civil penalties.

### Ownership Information

According to the records of the County, you own the property described in this notice. If this property has other owners, please provide me with this information. If you no longer own this property, you must

execute an affidavit form provided by our office. This form should state that you no longer own the property, the name of the new owner, and their last known address. The affidavit must be delivered in person or by certified mail, with return receipt requested, to the Austin Code Department office no later than 20 days after you receive this notice. If you do not submit an affidavit, it will be presumed that you own the property described in this notice.

An affidavit form is available at [www.austintexas.gov/code-resources](http://www.austintexas.gov/code-resources), or at the office at 1520 Rutherford Lane. The completed affidavit should be mailed to: **City of Austin Code Department, P.O. Box 1088, Austin, Texas 78767.**

**Complaints**

You may file a written complaint or commendation regarding an Austin Code Department Officer no later than 3 days after you receive this notice. Please reference your case number. The complaint or commendation should be mailed to: **City of Austin Code Department, ATTN: Code Official, P.O. Box 1088, Austin, Texas 78767**



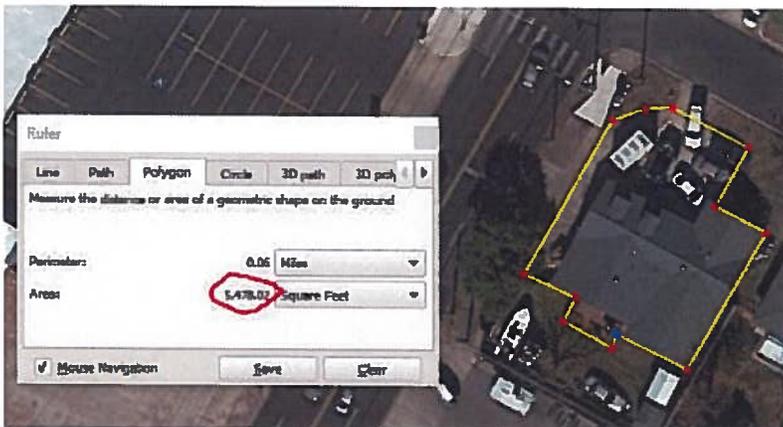
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## § 25-2-900 - HOME OCCUPATIONS.

- (A) A home occupation is a commercial use that is accessory to a residential use. A home occupation must comply with the requirements of this section.
- (B) A home occupation must be conducted entirely within the dwelling unit or one accessory garage.
- (C) Participation in a home occupation is limited to occupants of the dwelling unit, except that one person who is not an occupant may participate in a medical, professional, administrative, or business office if off-street parking is provided for that person.
- (D) The residential character of the lot and dwelling must be maintained. A home occupation that requires a structural alteration of the dwelling to comply with a nonresidential construction code is prohibited. This prohibition does not apply to modifications to comply with accessibility requirements.
- (E) A home occupation may not generate more than three vehicle trips each day of customer-related vehicular traffic.
- (F) The sale of merchandise directly to a customer on the premises is prohibited.
- (G) Equipment or materials associated with the home occupation must not be visible from locations off the premises.
- (H) A home occupation may not produce noise, vibration, smoke, dust, odor, heat, glare, fumes, electrical interference, or waste run-off outside the dwelling unit or garage.
- (I) Parking a commercial vehicle on the premises or on a street adjacent to residentially zoned property is prohibited.
- (J) Advertising a home occupation by a sign on the premises is prohibited, except as provided under Section 25-10-156 ( *Home Occupation Signs* ). Advertising the street address of a home occupation through signs, billboards, television, radio, or newspapers is prohibited.

- (K) The following are prohibited as home occupations:
- (1) animal hospitals, animal breeding;
  - (2) clinics, hospitals;
  - (3) hospital services;
  - (4) contractors yards;
  - (5) dance studios;
  - (6) scrap and salvage services;
  - (7) massage parlors other than those employing massage therapists licensed by the state;
  - (8) restaurants;
  - (9) cocktail lounges;
  - (10) rental outlets;
  - (11) equipment sales;
  - (12) adult oriented businesses;
  - (13) recycling centers;
  - (14) drop-off recycling collection facilities;
  - (15) an activity requiring an H-occupancy under Chapter 25-12, Article 1 (*Uniform Building Code*);
  - (16) automotive repair services; and
  - (17) businesses involving the repair of any type of internal combustion engine, including equipment repair services.

Source: Section 13-2-260; Ord. 990225-70; Ord. 990520-38; Ord. 031211-11; Ord. 20090827-032.

## § 25-10-156 - HOME OCCUPATION SIGNS.

- (A) A home occupation that is allowed under Section 25-2-900 ( *Home Occupations* ) may display one on-premise sign if the following requirements are met:
- (1) The home occupation sign and the principal structure associated with the home occupation must both directly front a Core Transit Corridor or Future Core Transit Corridor. *- note: property is not located on a CTC or FCTC*
  - (2) The home occupation sign may not exceed:
    - (a) for a sign that is placed on or attached directly to the ground, six square feet in area and three feet in height, as measured from the lower of natural or finished grade adjacent to the principal structure; or
    - (b) for a sign attached to a monopole of four feet in height and up to 12 inches in diameter, three square feet in area and four feet in height, with the height of both the pole and the sign measured from the lower of natural or finished grade adjacent to the principal structure.
  - (3) If an electric home occupation sign is used, the sign must be:
    - (a) non-illuminated or externally illuminated;
    - (b) energy efficient, as determined by Austin Energy; and
    - (c) compliant with International Dark Sky standards for pollution reduction.
- (B) A home occupation sign permitted under this section must be removed if the home occupation ceases to be used or fails to comply with the requirements of this section or Section 25-2-900 ( *Home Occupations* ).

Source: 20090827-032; Ord. No. 20170817-072, Pt. 18, 8-28-17.

## Rhoades, Wendy

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**From:** Rhoades, Wendy  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 27, 2019 6:32 PM  
**To:** 'Miss Best'  
**Cc:** 'Gregory Dayton'; John Thorne-Thompson; Dave Chakos  
**Subject:** RE: Why Rezone 1907 Inverness Blvd. - Now?  
**Attachments:** Core Transit Corridors Map and List.doc

Miss Best,

Please see my responses below.

I also received a letter from you on Friday, February 22nd stating that the public hearing notices were addressed to Sophie Rogers. I checked the TCAD records and see that you are the current owner and that Ms. Rogers previously lived at this address. I also contacted Austin Energy and was able to confirm that your name was listed on an account with City of Austin Utilities (from which the City generates its address lists for development review cases, such as this rezoning case). I believe that the address list generated at the time the Notice of Filing was mailed on November 21, 2018 did not reflect your name due to a property transaction with the Rogers in 2017 (still, that's quite a gap in time to recompiling data). The same address list generated in November 2018 was used for the public hearing notices sent on January 11<sup>th</sup> and February 14<sup>th</sup>. If there are any future notices, I'll request that the address list be re-compiled and it should produce an updated notification list.

Sincerely,  
Wendy Rhoades

**From:** Miss Best [mailto:studio4llc@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2019 3:44 PM  
**To:** Rhoades, Wendy <Wendy.Rhoades@austintexas.gov>  
**Cc:** John Thorne-Thomsen <jthornethomsen@gmail.com>; Craig, Ken <Ken.Craig@austintexas.gov>; Greg Dayton <gregory.dayton@gmail.com>; Mendoza, Richard [AW] <Richard.Mendoza@austintexas.gov>; John Donaruma <donaruma01@gmail.com>; Dave Chakos <dchakos@gmail.com>; Merila Thorne-Thompson <merila.walker@gmail.com>; Mitch Epps <mitch\_epps1@hotmail.com>; Jennifer Paul <jengauldingpaul@gmail.com>; bryan paul <bryanpaul@gmail.com>; Alanna Gold <gold.alanna@gmail.com>; Flores, Yvette - BC <bc-Yvette.Flores@austintexas.gov>; DeHoyosHart, Angela - BC <bc-Angela.DeHoyosHart@austintexas.gov>; Kazi, Fayez - BC <bc-Fayez.Kazi@austintexas.gov>; Kenny, Conor - BC <BC-Conor.Kenny@austintexas.gov>; Anderson, Greg - BC <bc-Greg.Anderson@austintexas.gov>; McGraw, Karen - BC <bc-Karen.McGraw@austintexas.gov>; Teich, Ann - BC <BC-Ann.Teich@austintexas.gov>; Thompson, Jeffrey - BC <bc-Jeffrey.Thompson@austintexas.gov>; Seeger, Patricia - BC <bc-Patricia.Seeger@austintexas.gov>; Shieh, James - BC <bc-James.Shieh@austintexas.gov>; Burkhardt, William - BC <bc-William.Burkhardt@austintexas.gov>; Schissler, James - BC <bc-James.Schissler@austintexas.gov>; Schneider, Robert - BC <BC-Robert.Schneider@austintexas.gov>; Shaw, Todd - BC <BC-Todd.Shaw@austintexas.gov>  
**Subject:** Why Rezone 1907 Inverness Blvd. - Now?

Dear Wendy, City Council & Planning Commission,  
I sincerely apologize for this misunderstanding of not clearly representing my professional credentials. I am absolutely not against Austin growing and expanding our retail, and services that serve my immediate neighborhood. That is one of the main reasons I moved to Austin and bought my house where it resides. I consult developers/property owners, retailers, restaurants, hospitality and mixed use developers locally & across the USA. I have also been a keynote speaker at prestigious national events that are attended by city officials, architects, attorneys and all other business representatives associated with city development & growth.

You can find my profile on LinkedIn and I would be happy to provide full case studies to you of my collaboration with Mayors, Planning Commissioners & City Officials in merchandising our cities to sustain its vitality & build its financial returns. <https://www.linkedin.com/in/elizabethbest4retail/>

for over 20 years, I have worked with every type of commercial property from mixed use, multi-family, retail, industrial, office and corporate facilities. All I would like to see is that we don't just sprawl commercial or trigger the gate for this one house with so many outstanding safety issues, unless it makes good business sense right now, the right way.

Please address my specific questions (I have reattached my letter & addendum's) as to why we need to change the zoning on 1907 Inverness Blvd. when it looks like the current codes already allow a small office/owner occupied tenant to conduct its business? The Applicant has requested rezoning due to the possibility that the proposed use exceeds the terms of the home occupation ordinance. Please note that the signage for home occupations is permitted only on designated Core Transit Corridors and Future Core Transit Corridors, and Manchaca Road has not been as designated as either type of roadway (please refer to the attachment). Also, why is this particular house being triggered under the huge umbrella of commercial expansion when we have existing commercial properties that are not thriving & need to first go through a transition? There are commercial zoned properties in the immediate vicinity, however, the Owner filed a rezoning application for this particular lot on November 9, 2018. The City's Land Development Code requires that Staff issue a recommendation on a rezoning application within 28 days of filing, and thereafter schedule the case for review by the Land Use (Planning) Commission. Given the December and January holidays, I scheduled this case for consideration by the Planning Commission on January 22, 2019. Why are we making a purely residential street into a commercial street when its not ready? The rezoning only applies to this particular lot, not adjacent properties on Inverness. I checked with one of the planners who was involved in developing the Neighborhood Plan in 2012-2014, and he reported that the main reasons for the creation of the Neighborhood Transition (NT) character district was that some houses along Manchaca were already being used for some small-scale retail/office uses and that the plan participants recognized that these emerging uses represented the changing character of the roadway, and combined with heavy traffic volumes, made the location less than ideal for the past single family uses. Also, there was a recognition that many of the uses (small-scale commercial, live-work housing and middle-density, smaller scaled housing) allowed in the zoning districts allowed in NT could be a benefit and contribute to a more complete community. The introductory paragraphs in the plan regarding NT discuss this in greater detail, as excerpted below:

Neighborhood Transition character districts, along with Neighborhood Nodes, border the Residential Core along arterial roadways. Primarily residential, these areas consist of clusters of duplexes, fourplexes, and apartment buildings, along with small-scaled offices and neighborhood-serving businesses. Neighborhood Transition districts create a buffer between Residential Core districts and more intense character districts or busy roads. Many of these districts are located along Imagine Austin Activity Corridors.

Neighborhood Transition districts in particular present an opportunity to incorporate more missing middle housing types that are compatible with the neighborhood. The missing middle refers to duplexes and other housing types, such as row houses, bungalow courts and other housing types compatible with the existing neighborhood, that provide options between the scale of single-family houses and mid-rise apartments or condos. As Austin's population grows and its demographics change, these housing types provide the opportunity to accommodate growth in walkable neighborhoods while respecting neighbor-hood character. The variety of housing types in the missing middle promote multi-generational communities, providing options for young people and for older generations to age in place. (*South Austin Combined Neighborhood Plan*, p. 53)

Thanks so much,

Elizabeth S. Best (Skye)  
1800 Inverness Blvd.

**Rhoades, Wendy**

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**From:** Rhoades, Wendy  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 22, 2019 5:00 PM  
**To:** 'Miss Best'  
**Subject:** RE: Inverness Blvd - Case #C14-20180141

Thank you Miss Best. I have copied your postponement request for the Planning Commission membership.

Wendy Rhoades

**From:** Miss Best [mailto:~~skye@best.com~~]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 22, 2019 4:44 PM  
**To:** Rhoades, Wendy <Wendy.Rhoades@austintexas.gov>  
**Subject:** Inverness Blvd - Case #C14-20180141

Dear Ms. Rhoades,

Thank you so much for discussing the above referenced case number. This letter serves as a formal request for postponing the Public Hearing until the following month for the following reasons:

1. Fair Council: Due to the holidays, mail service may have been delayed. Public Notice is post dated January 11th, I returned from the Winter holiday on January 14th and the letter arrived on January 18th, 2019, right before a holiday weekend. There has been no reasonable time for our street/neighborhood in a reasonable populated forum to initiate fair discussion or share an informative meeting.
2. Findings: There is no description or specific use code to identify the type of business that will occupy the premises which does not allow the property owners to understand the impact on the street for any reasons that made adversely effect the quality of life on Inverness Blvd. We need adequate time to discuss any concerns or questions we may have with or neighbors.
3. Timing: The Public Hearing is directly after a national holiday, which statistically and historically is known to be a day that many citizens may not be available or attend the meeting. In addition, we do not have reasonable time to research, investigate or create adequate questions to be addressed for any zoning changes, for any reasonable or non-reasonable reasons.

(Skye) Elizabeth S. Best  
1800 Inverness Blvd.  
Austin, Texas 78745



## Rhoades, Wendy

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**From:** Aus-Tex Building Consultants <austexb@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 08, 2019 11:05 PM  
**To:** Rhoades, Wendy  
**Cc:** Rivera, Andrew; Alex Bahrami  
**Subject:** Re: For PC 2-12-2019 C14-2018-0141 1907 Inverness Zoning Change

Wendy,

Thank you for the call for this project. I am going to request a postponement until the next planning commission meeting as I was waiting for the residents to contact me regarding this project as we discussed in the last hearing and now got word that there are new residents opposing the zoning change, and will need more time to prepare for this case, in coming up with a solution which makes everyone happy. I have been out of town for business and will not have enough time to get back and meet with the residents by the hearing date. Upon getting back, I will contact the residents and Mr. Bahrami and I will meet with them on site to try and come up with a solution for this, by the next hearing date.

Regards,  
Jonathan Perlstein

↳ February 26, 2019

On Thu, Feb 7, 2019 at 11:24 AM Aus-Tex Building Consultants <austexb@gmail.com> wrote:  
Wendy,

I gave everyone my email address and contact number I haven't received anything from anybody yet, have they been in contact with you?

I would've thought I'd receive correspondence by now because I don't have any of their contact information.

Regards,  
Jonathan

Sent from my iPhone

> On Feb 7, 2019, at 11:10 AM, Rhoades, Wendy <Wendy.Rhoades@austintexas.gov> wrote:

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> Jonathan,

> Attached is the updated Staff report prepared for next week's Commission meeting which includes additional correspondence received from neighbors on Inverness. Have you been able to meet with the neighbors on Inverness yet? If not, my suggestion is to meet with them and Alex Bahrami before next Tuesday's meeting.

> Please let me know if you have any questions.

> Wendy

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## Rhoades, Wendy

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**From:** Rhoades, Wendy  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 17, 2019 6:05 PM  
**To:** Greg Dayton; Alanna Gold; Craig, Ken; John Thorne-Thomsen  
**Subject:** RE: 1907 Inverness Blvd - April 23 Hearing  
**Attachments:** C14-2018-0141 1986 aerial.pdf

All,

Thanks for the update. The Applicant has not indicated an intent to amend the rezoning request and return to the LO-MU-NP zoning district, and I don't anticipate that there will be any impacts to the current hearing schedule. The NO-MU zoning district permits a smaller set of land uses than LO-MU.

Here are a couple of different general scenarios regarding impervious cover. If all of the impervious cover that exists today was in place before 1986, then it may be considered a legal, non-complying structure and would be grandfathered under any zoning district (SF-3, NO-MU, etc.). On the other hand, if impervious cover (flatwork, other new structures, building addition), was added after 1986, then it is not grandfathered and the Applicant will need to remove at least the portion that isn't grandfathered in order to clear that portion of the code violation. A general comparison between the 1986 aerial (attached) and the March 2019 survey indicates new impervious cover has been added along the rear half of the property and that portion would not be grandfathered.

If the property is successfully rezoned to NO-MU-NP, then the impervious cover limit is 60% and all but 1.2% of the non-grandfathered impervious cover becomes permitted by the zoning district. If the SF-3-NP zoning on the property is maintained, then the Owner will need to remove impervious cover that is not grandfathered, even though that figure may exceed the maximum of 45% allowed by the zoning district.

I am checking in again with the Code Department representative covering this case to find out if the Applicant is currently attempting to work on resolving the Code violations. As of April 1<sup>st</sup>, the Applicant had not been in contact with Code.

Please see my answers to questions from John Thorne-Thomsen's email inserted below:

Ms Rhoades,

Greg forwarded an email that he and Alanna sent regarding the survey that Marquee Investments submitted on 1907 Inverness. In addition to the questions Alanna asked, I have a few more that I would like some clarification on:

The survey lists the total lot area as 8,467 square feet, but the tax assessor's office lists it as 8040 square feet. Is there a way to reconcile these two values? I'm unsure how to account for the difference between these two figures, but expect that a survey is more accurate than TCAD records. Typically, the difference would be accounted for by right-of-way acquisition or an exclusive use utility easement, but I don't find that to be the situation on this lot. One of our concerns is the impervious cover/building area, so this concern would be relevant to that discussion.

My other question about the survey pertains to the set back lines. The survey shows the front setback along Inverness and the setback along Manchaca, but none along the back of the lots or the eastern/southeastern boundary. The setback lines along Inverness and Manchaca on the survey are taken from the recorded subdivision plat of Lot 1, Block G of Deer Park Section 3. On the plat, there aren't setbacks along the interior

and rear setback lines shown on this lot or on other lots in this Deer Park section. However, zoning setbacks also apply, and the SF-3 district requires a 5' interior setback. If the southernmost corner of the building was built sometime in 2016 (as we're arguing), shouldn't it have to be at least 5' clear of the property line? It's being shown at 4.2'. Yes, a portion of the building encroaches into the required 5' interior setback, by 10 inches. The Board of Adjustment considers variances to encroachments that occur within 5' of a property line.

Thanks,  
John

Sincerely,  
Wendy Rhoades

**From:** Greg Dayton [mailto:greg.dayton@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 17, 2019 9:20 AM

**To:** Alanna Gold <gold.alanna@gmail.com>, Craig, Ken <Ken.Craig@austintexas.gov>

**Cc:** Rhoades, Wendy <Wendy.Rhoades@austintexas.gov>; Greg Dayton <greg.dayton@gmail.com>

**Subject:** Re: 1907 Inverness Blvd - April 23 Hearing

Ms. Rhoades,

In addition to Alanna's question about how the failure to meet the 60% impervious cover requirement affects the zoning application, did the applicant or Mr. Perlstein address the code violations? As I understand the situation, the planning commission expects not only the survey on Tuesday but a plan from the applicant to remedy the code issues.

I spoke with Ken Craig this morning and Cc'd him on this email at his request.

Thanks,

Greg Dayton

On Tue, Apr 16, 2019 at 3:24 PM Alanna Gold <gold.alanna@gmail.com> wrote:

Wendy,

Thanks for the update. In one of our correspondence you stated "I have previously requested a survey of the property from Mr. Perlstein, but not received it yet. At the time Mr. Perlstein amended his rezoning request to NO-MU-NP, I reiterated the 60% maximum impervious cover and his response was that the impervious cover was over 50% but less than 60%."

Given that the survey indicates that the impervious cover exceeds 60%, what will happen with the filing in its current state? Will they need to refile using the other MU designation as they originally applied for? Will this impact the hearing schedule for next week? Also, please note that Mr. Perlstein has not reached out to us in regards to a meeting.

Thank you,

Alanna

On Tue, Apr 16, 2019 at 3:09 PM Rhoades, Wendy <[Wendy.Rhoades@austintexas.gov](mailto:Wendy.Rhoades@austintexas.gov)> wrote:

Mr. Dayton,

I received a survey of the property from Mr. Perlstein and it is attached. I visited with him very briefly at the One Texas Center about two weeks ago and he mentioned that he was going to meet with the Inverness neighbors on a Thursday before next Tuesday's Planning Commission meeting (I don't recall if he specified which Thursday). Did he contact you about such a meeting and did one occur?

I am in the process of updating the backup to be forwarded to the Planning Commission and it will be uploaded to the Planning Commission website by this Friday afternoon. The backup can be obtained by clicking on the link below, and then clicking on the "View Meeting Documents" icon on the left side of the page.

<http://www.austintexas.gov/planningcommission>

The case is scheduled for the April 25<sup>th</sup> City Council agenda, however Staff is requesting postponement to May 9<sup>th</sup> so that there is adequate time to update the backup materials after next Tuesday's Planning Commission meeting. The postponement memo will be attached at the end of the backup material.

Sincerely,

Wendy Rhoades

**From:** Greg Dayton [mailto:~~greg.dayton@gmail.com~~]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 16, 2019 11:38 AM  
**To:** Rhoades, Wendy <[Wendy.Rhoades@austintexas.gov](mailto:Wendy.Rhoades@austintexas.gov)>  
**Cc:** Alanna Gold <~~alanna.gold@gmail.com~~>  
**Subject:** 1907 Inverness Blvd - April 23 Hearing

Ms. Rhoades,

I hope all is well with you. I am checking in on the status of the rezoning case and would like to know if you have any information for us. We are planning to attend the hearing with our neighbors this coming Tuesday.

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Thanks,

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Greg Dayton



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Gregory I. Guernsey, AICP, Director  
Planning and Zoning Department

**DATE:** April 9, 2019

**SUBJECT:** C14-2018-0141 – 1907 Inverness Zoning Change  
Request for Postponement (District 5)

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Staff is requesting a postponement of the above-referenced rezoning case to May 9, 2019. The Planning Commission is scheduled to review this case on April 23, 2019.

If you need additional information, please contact Assistant Director, Jerry Rusthoven, at 512-974-3207.

**Gregory I. Guernsey, AICP, Director  
Planning and Zoning Department**

xc: Spencer Cronk, City Manager  
J. Rodney Gonzales, Assistant City Manager

## Rhoades, Wendy

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**From:** John Thorne-Thomsen <[jthornethomsen@gmail.com](mailto:jthornethomsen@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 18, 2019 9:22 PM  
**To:** Alanna Gold  
**Cc:** Rhoades, Wendy; greg.anderson@austintexas.gov; Flores, Yvette - BC; DeHoyosHart, Angela - BC; Kazi, Fayez - BC; Kenny, Conor - BC; McGraw, Karen - BC; Schissler, James - BC; Schneider, Robert - BC; Seeger, Patricia - BC; Shaw, Todd - BC; Shieh, James - BC; Thompson, Jeffrey - BC; Burkhardt, William - BC; Mendoza, Richard [AW]; Craig, Ken; Anderson, Greg - BC; Teich, Ann - BC; John Thorne-Thompson; Greg Dayton; Merila Walker; bryan paul; Jennifer Paul; Skye Best; John Donaruma; Dave Chakos  
**Subject:** Re: OBJECTION: Rezoning of 1907 Inverness C14-2018-0141

Planning Commission Members and Ms. Rhoades,

I am writing to elaborate on Alanna's email with respect to the unpermitted addition, specifically with respect to its quality, workmanship and the suitability of its foundation. As I mentioned at the meeting in February, I am a licensed professional engineer in the state of Texas, specializing in civil and structural engineering. While my current work relates to telecommunications infrastructure, I have worked in residential structural design in the past. Based on the photos Alanna attached in her email and observations I have made, I believe that the foundation on the addition is substandard.

As can be seen in photos 1 and 2, the foundation underneath the southern/southeastern part of the house does not appear to be slab on grade -- the concrete post block in the first photo would not fit under the siding if there were a slab foundation. The erosion underneath the siding in photo 2 would be extremely unlikely with a slab foundation as well. If this is indeed some sort of post and beam foundation, the installation of siding all the way to grade is not an appropriate design; there is little or no ventilation of the crawlspace, water infiltration does not appear to have been considered, and there are multiple access points for pests.

Furthermore, the addition already appears to be settling. The rear wall is not plumb, the roof ridgeline is sagging, and as can be seen in Alanna's fifth photo, the trim on corner of the building is beginning to tear apart, and the siding is showing evidence of deflection. In light of the visible settlement of the foundation, and in the absence of design documentation or even a permit, it is my opinion that this is an inadequate foundation.

Also, according to the survey submitted to Ms Rhoades, the addition appears to be too close to the property boundary: the corner is 4.2' from the property line, while the minimum setback on that side is 5'. This would also presumably be an issue to getting this property back into compliance.

Lastly, considering the poor workmanship on the dormers that can be seen from the street, the shingles that have blown off the roof and seals around building envelope penetrations evident in Alanna's third and sixth photos, I am also concerned about the adequacy of the framing, roofing, electrical, plumbing and HVAC work done on the addition and throughout the rest of the house.

In total, the required remediation on this property may be substantial.

I spoke with Erica Thompson, the Code Department contact listed on the Notice of Violation, this afternoon. She informed me the code complaint enforcement is on hold pending resolution of this rezoning application. Per the notice of violation, the property owner must bring this structure into compliance in a timely fashion or risk fines, "suspension or cancellation of existing site plan, permit or certificate of occupancy" or in

the case of "dangerous or substandard buildings, the City of Austin may also take action with the Building and Standards Commission (BSC) to order the vacation, relocation of occupants, securing, repair, removal or demolition of a building, and civil penalties." I do not believe that a property that could lose its certificate of occupancy or be ordered demolished is a good candidate for a rezoning application.

Given the potentially extensive remediation and the severity of the possible consequences from the city Code Department on this property I request the **Planning Commission deny this rezoning application** so the code violations may be addressed. Rezoning this property as it currently stands will not serve to improve our neighborhood or community, nor will letting this property languish in disrepair. I believe the code violations should be assessed fully and addressed prior to considering the suitability of this property for the rezoning application.

Thank you again for your time,

John Thorne-Thomsen, PE  
1902 Inverness

On Thu, Apr 18, 2019 at 2:44 PM Alanna Gold <[goldalanna@gmail.com](mailto:goldalanna@gmail.com)> wrote:

Wendy and Planning Commission Representatives:

We wanted to give you an update on the status of our questions and concerns regarding 1907 Inverness Blvd C14-2018-0141.

Following the postponement of the February 26th meeting due to the applicant not present, and in anticipation of the hearing on April 23rd, we want to inform you that the owners of properties adjacent and near 1907 Inverness Blvd met and agreed that we are still in **OBJECTION** of the property being rezoned. Not only are the concerns from an email dated February 9th (below) still applicable, but we have additional concerns about the safety of property due to the code violations and the general state of the house. As you can see, in the attached photos, the quality of the construction is evident through the lack of supportive foundation that unpermitted extension (photos 1 & 2). In addition, the owners have not maintained the exterior of the house in sometime, with roof singles laying by the front door (photo 3), large weeds and an unkempt lawn (photo 4 & 5), and improper drainage from the home/ rat entrance (photo 6). The drainage that comes from the house when occupied flows onto our property (1905 Inverness Blvd) and the applicant was informed of this on January 22nd. This, in addition to other reason outlined by Greg Dayton on February 9th, leads us to the conclusion that the home is unsafe, and that the applicant doesn't have the best interest of the neighborhood in mind. No progress has been made to improve the home and add value to the neighborhood. The only activity seen in the past nine months was the survey being completed, which was requested by Ms. Rhodes for the application. Also, please note, that according to the updated survey submitted by the applicant, the amount of impervious cover exceeds the maximum allowed under the NO-MU designation.

Given this, I would argue that given the recent increase in our property taxes as of April, 2019, the value of our homes would be impacted by the general appearance and status of this unoccupied structure and not accurately reflected in the market value assessed by the City of Austin. Also, this will be the fourth time that we've come down to City Hall, and hope that we're able to make progress on this matter on Tuesday, and that the applicant will be present and we can finally move forward with this matter.

Based on the these factors, along with the factors outlined by Greg Dayton in February, **we urge you to deny the applicant's request to rezone the property.**

Thank you,

Alanna Dayton

**Email from Greg Dayton on February 9th**

We have worked to gather additional support of our position in the form of a petition which we will deliver to Wendy Rhoades on Monday. This petition has the signatures of property owners from Inverness Blvd., St. Albans Blvd., Kings Highway, Brittnay Blvd., and Fair Oaks Dr. **The owners who signed the petition are requesting that the Planning Commission deny the zoning change at 1907 Inverness so that it remain SF-3.**

**Please include the following in the case back-up materials for the review of the planning and zoning representatives: The forthcoming petition, this email, and any other emails sent since January 22 and before the February 12 hearing in objection to this zoning change.**

Also, the back-up materials included comments about the "Psychic Business" that operated in that home before the current owner took possession. It is our understanding that this was an unpermitted business that was shut down by the city. Further, it was a business that seemed to be more of a hobby for the previous owner than an income-generating business. Specifically, we did not see any foot traffic that could be identified as customers.

**Why we Object:**

1. *Neighborhood safety* - Due to the substantial number of uses that could be permitted under the LO-MU designation, we strongly protest the rezoning of 1907 Inverness Blvd and insist it remain SF-3. It is clear to us that what could begin as an insurance office and living space might quickly become something different and less stable for our community.
2. *Truthfulness and intent:* Following the January 22 meeting, Wendy Rhoades introduced the neighborhood owners in attendance to the representative of Marquee Investments, Mr. Johnathan Perlstein. Mr. Perlstein assured us that a tenant was in negotiation to live and work out of 1907 Inverness Blvd (one who was a State Farm agent and would only see a few clients a month - this seems counterintuitive). At that time, we pointed out that the property was listed for sale online and there was a large for sale sign from a commercial realtor posted on the property. Mr. Perlstein said that was a mistake and the property was not for sale. However, since that meeting, the property has been continuously listed for sale as a commercial space both online and the for sale sign remains (the listing was updated as recently as February 5, 2019 by the realty company "Commercial Market Exchange": <https://www.loopnet.com/Listing/1907-Inverness-Blvd-Austin-TX/14081542/> - screenshot attached as pdf as well as photo of sign). Therefore, we do not believe in the assurances of the owner or their representatives. Further, this discrepancy in the facts leads us to doubt the integrity and intentions of Marquee Investments.
3. *Current ownership, commercial zoning, and a lack of stability* - The following is a list of properties and the tenants of the owners of Marquee Investments that was culled from the Travis Central Appraisal District, Austin Zoning Records, and internet research:
  - 2105 Justin Lane, 78757 - Justin Plaza. Costmetics & beauty company, State Farm Insurance, AA, 2 salons, auto title, surveying company, barber shop, nail salon,
  - 1705 Bench Mark Dr, 78728 - two contracting companies
  - 15307 Ginger St, 78728 - warehouse property [for sale by Commercial Market Exchange](#) which [listed 1907 Inverness as a commercial property for sale](#)
  - 11102 Bluff Bend Dr, 78753 - commercial warehouse - Austin Countertops
  - 11020 Bluff Bend Dr, 78753 - commercial lot adjacent to 11102 Bluff Bend used by Austin Countertops

- 2711 Kelly Ln, 78660 - warehouse space [also for sale by Commercial Market Exchange](#) that has [listed 1907 Inverness as a commercial property for sale](#).
- 201 W. Powell Lane, 78753 - lawn maintenance company,
- 1934 Rutland Dr, 78758 - Paris Hookah Lounge
- 2801 East 5th Street, 78702 - dog grooming business
- Corner of West 5th & Congress in 2015/2016. The owners Proposed strip club at this location and a site plan application was submitted to the city by [Aus-Tex Consulting](#). (the company contracted by Marquee investments to coordinate 1907 Inverness zoning change ). Currently home to Shiner's Saloon
- 103 W. 5 St - office
- 4605, 4607, 4609 N Interstate HY 35 TX 75751 - A children's science academy, empty lot, and the Royal Hookah Cafe.
- 9558 HY 290 78724 - empty lot, second to the west from Reservoir Ct
- 9701 E HY 290 78724 - empty lot on east side of Reservoir Ct and Frontage road
- 9705 Reservoir Ct, 78724 - lot adjacent to 9701 E HY 290. Formerly Pink Monkey Caberet adult club.
- 9704 Reservoir Ct, 78724 - empty lot across from 9705 Reservoir Ct.
- 9570 Reservoir Ct, 78724 - empty lot at corner of Reservoir Ct and 290 frontage road.
- 704 W St. Johns Ave 78752 - Visible Style Hair Salon
- 7205 N Lamar Blvd, 78752 - DC Tatts (tattoo shop), Happy Clouds (head shop/smoke shop), Queen Eyebrow Threading, Beauty Salon
- Property ID 267821 - empty lot
- Property ID 267822 - empty lot
- 401 FM RD 685, 78660 - Commercial lot with shopping at front (am/pm Grocery), and warehouse space behind it early learning center, sign shop, boxing gym, tire shop, wrestling gym.
- 15505 I-35, 78660 - car sales
- Property ID 821836 - empty lot

We don't have an issue with Marquee Investments using their resources to develop properties. And we also understand that not all of these businesses could operate on an LO-MU property but we list Marquee Investment's properties and tenants to illustrate the wide net that an investment company casts when finding tenants (and, by extension, buyers of the property). However, we do not want to see this lot rezoned and opened for the many types of uses that fall under the LO-MU code - we have no doubt that the highest bidder will win the day and the desires of the community will not be a driving concern of Marquee Investments' owners. Further, we object to the uncertainty that may come with a commercial lot as opposed to the stability and certainty of an SF-3 residential lot, no matter who the owner may be. Finally, we see a possibility where this building is razed and the lot left empty until a commercial buyer is found at the right price. We base this on the fact that the building has some [outstanding code violations](#).

**Also, in looking over the above list, it is important to note that Marquee Investments has two of their other properties listed for sale with Commercial Exchange Market. Again, we find it hard to believe in any promises made by the owners as to the immediate and future use of the property.**

*4. Availability of commercial property in the surrounding neighborhood.* There are numerous available and/or vacant commercial spaces on Manchaca Rd. and W Stassney La. The following are all less than 0.5 miles from 1907 Inverness and the adjacent bus stop. This search was done in one afternoon and without the benefit of a realtor's aid. We simply walked the neighborhood, took notes, and checked the city and county records:

1. 1500 W Stassney La (see attached photos): formerly AAA News Inc. Zoned CS-V-LR-NP. apx. 14,000 sq ft, total. [Travis CAD - ID 511151](#)
2. 1604-1606 W Stassney La (see attached photos): 18,500 sf warehouse space listed as Stassney Business Center for lease on [LoopNet](#). [Travis CAD - ID 319736](#)

3. 2056 W Stassney La (see attached photos). Building is vacant - [City Zoning profile is blank](#) zoned as SM Store according to Travis CAD records. Building was submitted to Austin 311 for graffiti removal apx. 5 months ago (ID [18-00237957](#)). [Travis CAD - ID 511103](#)
4. 5700 Manchaca Road - Cherry Creek Plaza main building. [Three spaces listed on LoopNet for lease](#) : a) Suite 300 - retail (4000 sf) [currently City of Austin Municipal Court]. b) Suite 240 - Standard Retail (11,292-22,585 sf) currently retail, owner willing to divide. [Currently Thrift Town] c) Suite 310 - Office/Retail (900 sf). [Currently used as bakery kitchen but not for direct sale]. [Travis CAD - ID 319824](#)
5. 5608 Manchaca Rd (see attached photos). Formerly Subway currently empty and part of Cherry Creek Plaza Partnership. Note the commercial "For Lease" sign for food truck spaces. There is only one food truck in Cherry Creek Plaza [Travis CAD - ID 319826](#)
6. 2007 West Stassney Rd (see attached photos). Building is currently empty - food truck in front. part of Cherry Creek Plaza Partnership [Travis CAD - ID 319827](#)
7. 4908 Manchaca Rd. There is an office space for lease on [LoopNet](#), This property was purchased in late 2017 and renovated. The lease space is still available. [Travis CAD - ID 51013](#)
8. 5316 Manchaca Rd. Part of Crocket Square where Strange Brew was located. There is a for lease sign in fron (directly across from the for sale sign for 1907 Inverness Blvd. See attached photos. [Travis CAD - ID 511072](#)

Further, we have several vape shops, a tattoo shop, sever barber shops and hair salons, a title loan broker, and a pawn shop in the neighborhood. We don't see the need for more of these types of businesses but worry that that this is the kind of "Storefront Retail/Office" that Marquee Investments and Commercial Market Exchange are marketing in the sale listing referenced above and attached. And we do have some empty buildings that investors are not in a hurry to rent out or sell, instead taking the loss as a write-off. Again, we don't want to see that happen on our street.

5. *Parking and Street Safety.* Parking has been a chronic issue for all residents in this area of Manchaca Road. However, for those of us across the street from Crocket Square, we have a unique problem. When Austin favorite Strange Brew was open, the overflow parking landed directly across the street on Inverness Blvd. We also have ACC students that park on our street since we are the closest side street to the South Austin ACC Campus on the east side of Manchaca. And Since Austin Java opened across the street, the parking on Inverness has gotten worse (see attached photos). With the old Strange Brew space under renovation and [expected to be occupied by "Captain Quackenbush's Coffeehouse and Bakery"](#) soon, this problem will only intensify. Adding a commercial lot at 1907 Inverness, even if there are 4-6 available spaces on the property, will make a difficult problem even more dangerous. We don't have sidewalks on Inverness and a lot of children (infant - high school) and adult pedestrian traffic. During afternoon rush hour, Inverness, St. Albans, and Fair Oaks experience a high volume of traffic as people headed south will cut through our neighborhood to get to Stassney La. ***Add in commercial traffic coming and going from a property that faces Inverness Blvd, not Manchaca, we have serious concerns for the safety of our families and all that come through our neighborhood.***

Given the number of lots that have available or unused space, and the lack of affordable housing in South Austin, as well as our interest in keeping our neighborhood safe, we don't see the logic in changing the zoning of 1907 Inverness Blvd. In this case, the South Austin Neighborhood Combined Plan would not meet its stated vision if 1907 is rezoned. The vision: "Create a complete community that is mobile and interconnected; compact, accessible, and affordable; natural and sustainable; healthy, safe, creative, and engaged." As outlined above, rezoning 1907 Inverness would negatively impact the residential character of our neighborhood, likely reduce the affordability of housing in the immediate neighborhood (by removing an SF-3); it would not be healthy or safe for the residents or South Austin at large, would degrade neighborhood safety and diminish the a growing community that has been building since ground was broken in 1967.

It is with this additional information and wider context that we urge the staff to change their position from "Recommend" to "Not Recommended. We will be in attendance on Tuesday and plan to formally address the Planning Commission with our wishes that 1907 Inverness Blvd remain SF-3.

Thank you for your time. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday.



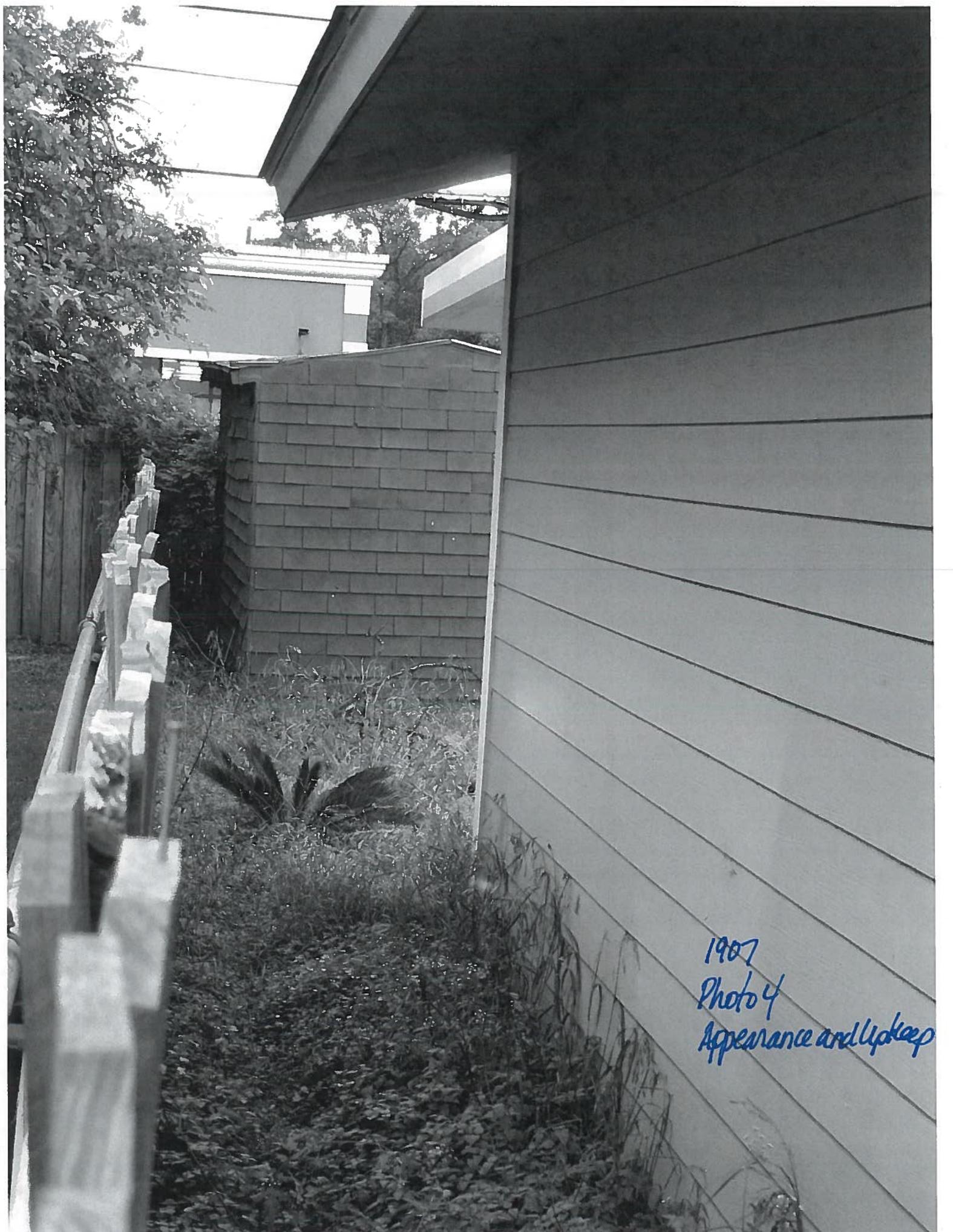
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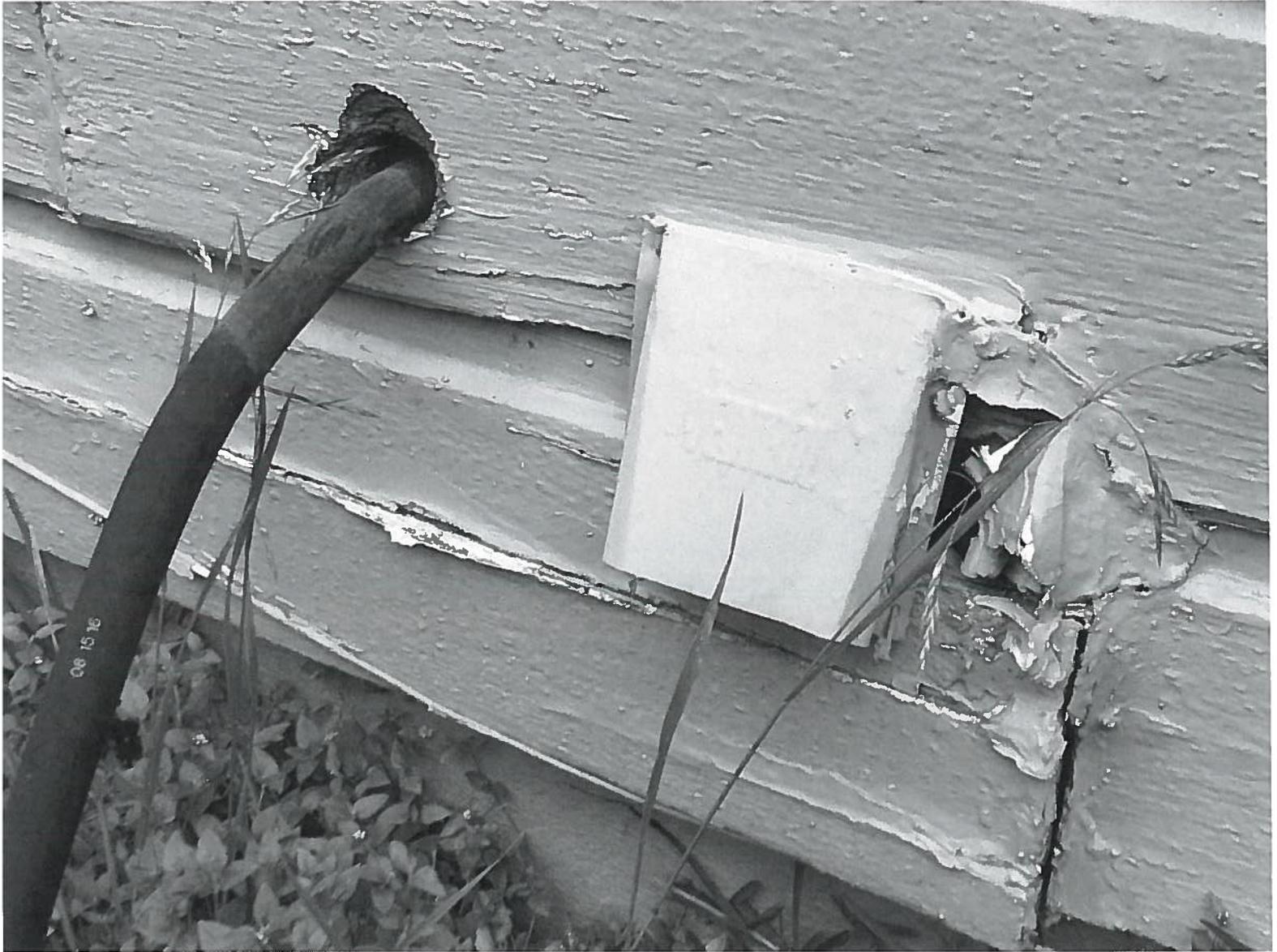
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1907 Roof Shingles



1907  
Photo 4  
Appearance and Upkeep

1907 Photo 5  
Appearance and Upkeep





1907 Photo 6  
Improper Drainage and  
Rat entrance

## April 23, 2019 Planning Commission Q&A Report

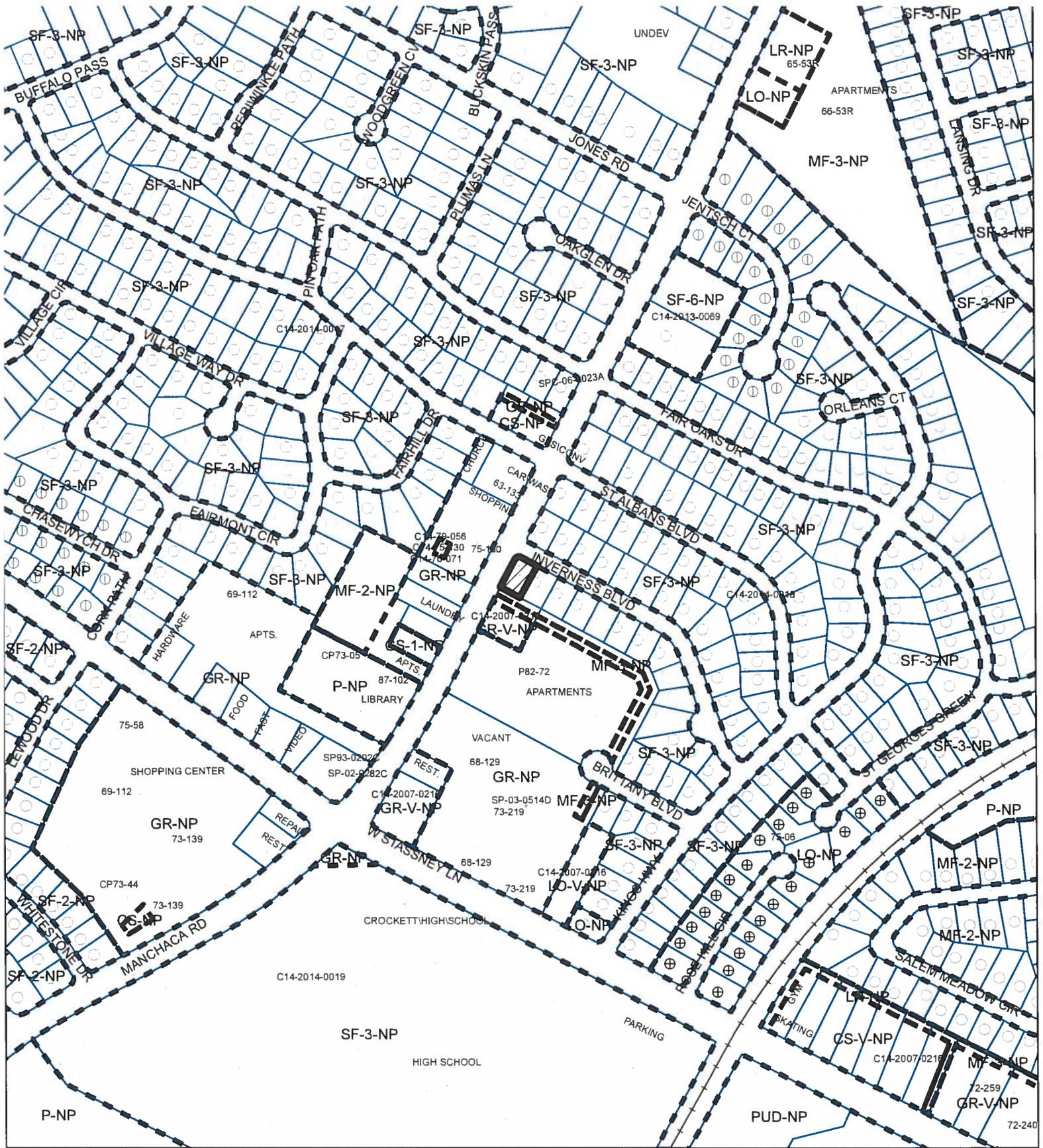
7. **Rezoning:** [C14-2018-0141 - 1907 Inverness Zoning Change; District 5](#)  
Location: 1907 Inverness Boulevard, Williamson Creek Watershed; South Austin Combined (South Manchaca) NP Area  
Owner/Applicant: Marquee Investments, LLC (Alex Bahrami)  
Agent: Austex Building Consultants (Jonathan Perlstein)  
Request: SF-3-NP to NO-MU-NP, as amended  
Staff Rec.: **Recommended**  
Staff: [Wendy Rhoades](#), 512-974-7719  
Planning and Zoning Department

Question: Commissioner Schneider

- Since this was last before the PC, have there been discussions between the neighbors and the owner/developer? What has been the outcome of those discussions?
- There were concerns raised that there may be numerous code violations at the proposed property, have those concerns been addressed?
- Has there been a change in the opposition to the proposed change from the neighbors? Is there a valid petition in place and if so can you explain what that means for approval at the PC or the council?

Answer: Staff

1. Discussions between the Owner and Agent and the neighbors have not occurred since the last Planning Commission meeting on February 26, 2019.
2. The Owner and Agent provided a survey of the Property with impervious cover figures (61.2% of the property), but to my knowledge they have not done background work to start addressing the code violations, and have not been in contact with the Code Department.
3. The neighbors remain opposed to the proposed rezoning to the NO-MU-NP district. The valid petition remains at 33.34% and is informational to the Planning Commission. At final readings of the rezoning ordinance at Council, 9 out of 11 Council members must vote in favor of the rezoning change to NO-MU-NP in order for the case to be approved. This case is listed on Council's April 25th agenda, however, Staff is requesting postponement to May 9th in order to have adequate time to re-compile the backup that will be forwarded to Council.



**ZONING**

*EXHIBIT A*

ZONING CASE#: C14-2018-0141

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-  SUBJECT TRACT
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-  ZONING BOUNDARY

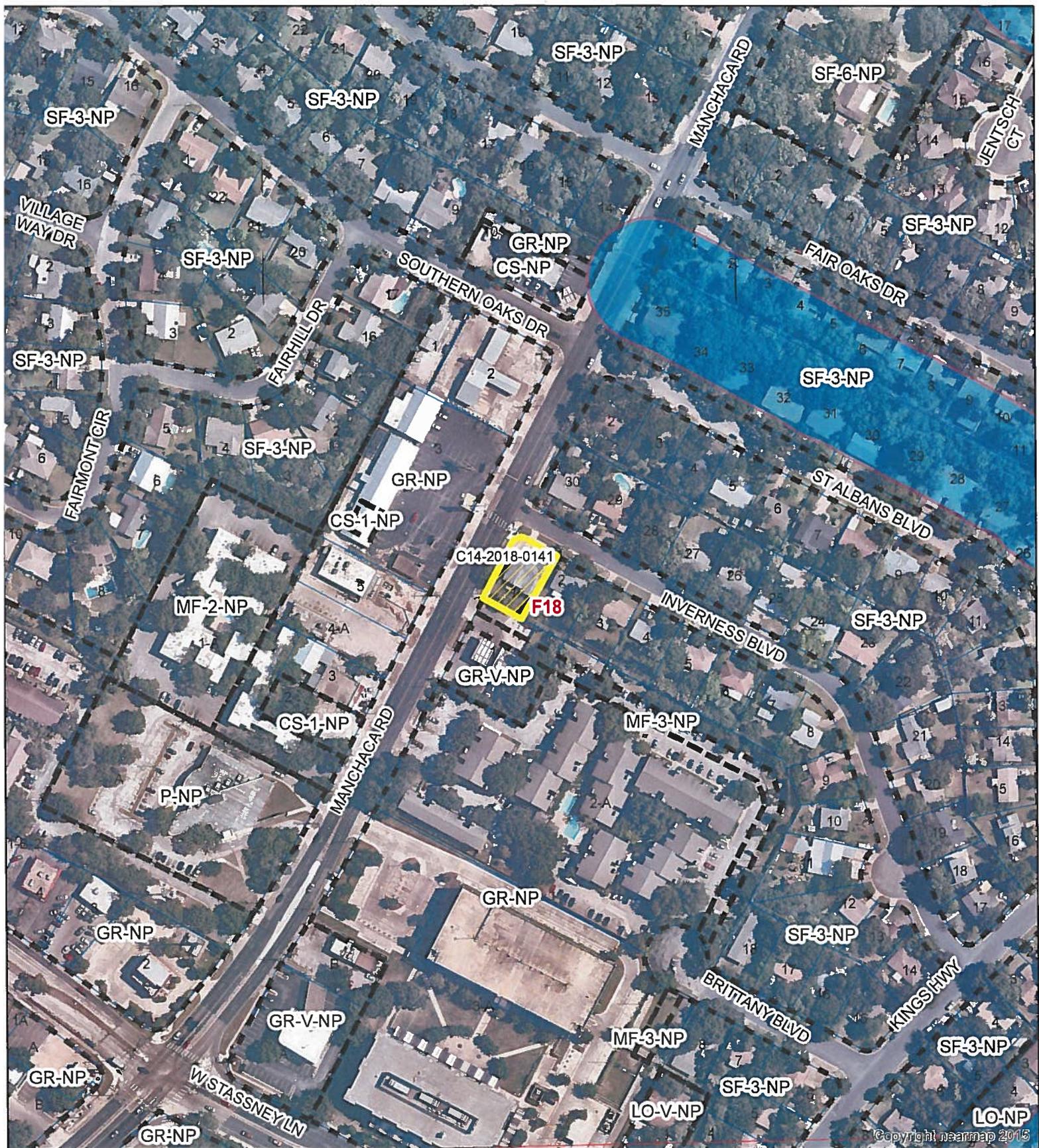
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### 1907 INVERNESS ZONING CHANGE *Exhibit A-1*

ZONING CASE#: C14-2018-0141  
 LOCATION: 1907 INVERNESS BLVD  
 SUBJECT AREA: 0.1846 ACRES  
 GRID: F18  
 MANAGER: WENDY RHOADES

- N
- SUBJECT TRACT
- PENDING CASE
- ZONING BOUNDARY
- CREEK BUFFER

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EXHIBIT C  
1996 AERIAL



Waterloo Surveyors Inc.  
**SURVEY PLAT**

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**NOTE:**  
THE ELEVATIONS SHOWN HEREON ARE NAVD88, BASED ON LOCAL NETWORK GPS OBSERVATION.

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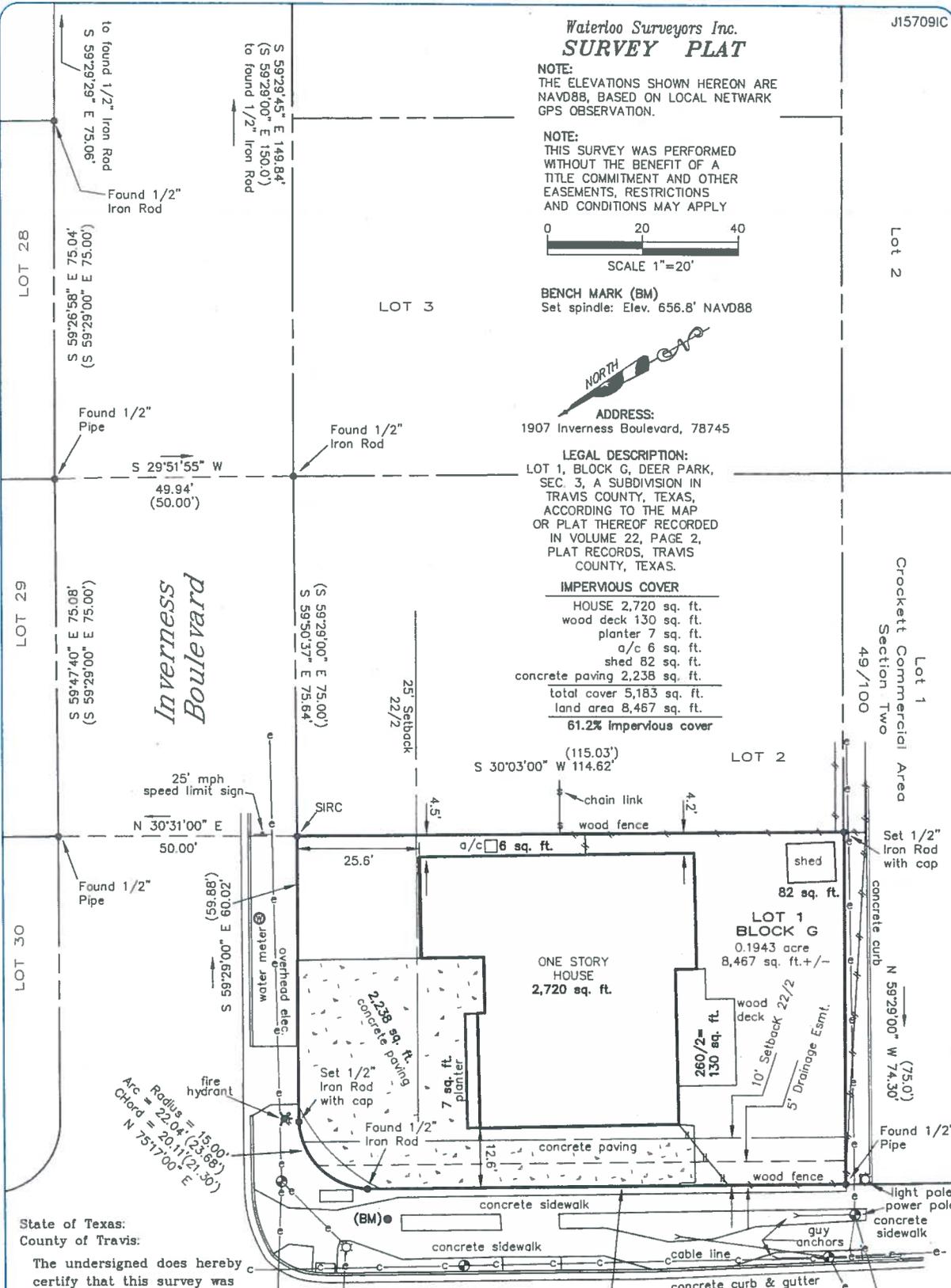


**ADDRESS:**  
1907 Inverness Boulevard, 78745

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:**  
LOT 1, BLOCK G, DEER PARK, SEC. 3, A SUBDIVISION IN TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN VOLUME 22, PAGE 2, PLAT RECORDS, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS.

**IMPERVIOUS COVER**

HOUSE	2,720 sq. ft.
wood deck	130 sq. ft.
planter	7 sq. ft.
a/c	6 sq. ft.
shed	82 sq. ft.
concrete paving	2,238 sq. ft.
<b>total cover</b>	<b>5,183 sq. ft.</b>
<b>land area</b>	<b>8,467 sq. ft.</b>
<b>61.2% Impervious cover</b>	



State of Texas:  
County of Travis:

The undersigned does hereby certify that this survey was this day made on the property legally described hereon and is correct, and this survey substantially complies with the current Texas Society of Professional Surveyors Standards and Specifications for a Category B1 Condition II Survey. Dated this the 6TH day of MARCH, 2019.

And I certify that the property shown hereon IS NOT within a special flood hazard area as identified by the Federal Insurance Adm. Department of HUD Flood hazard boundary map revised as per Map Number: 48453C0585H  
Zone: X  
Dated: SEPTEMBER 26, 2008

N 30°03'00" E 100.34' as found\*\*\*  
BEARING BASE (99.91') record\*\*\*  
**Mandchaca Road**

*Thomas P. Dixon*  
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**EXHIBIT D  
PROPERTY  
SURVEY**

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Case Number: C14-2018-0141

Contact: Wendy Rhoades, 512-974-7719

Public Hearings: January 22, 2019, Planning Commission  
February 21, 2019, City Council

GREGORY DAXTON  
Your Name (please print)

1905 INVERNESS BLVD, AUSTIN TX 78745  
Your address(es) affected by this application

GREGORY DAXTON  
Signature

01.15.2019  
Date

Daytime Telephone: 512.827.6200

Comments: CHANGING ZONING IS A SUPPERY SLOPE; THE IMPACTS MAY NOT BE IMMEDIATE BUT OWNERS, OCCUPANTS, & BUSINESS MODELS WILL CHANGE. THIS IS A YOUNG FAMILY NEIGHBORHOOD (AT LEAST 3 CHILDREN & 2 EXPECTANT MOMS W/IN 500 FT OR INVERNESS ALONG). WE WORRY ABOUT THE QUALITY OF LIFE & SAFETY FOR OUR 2 CHILDREN (AGES 10 MOS + GIRLS) + THE NEGATIVE IMPACT ON OUR HOME VALUE STREET PARKING IS ALREADY AN ISSUE AT OUR HOUSE AND THERE ARE EMPTY COMMERCIAL LOTS WITHIN 1/4 MI THAT COULD SERVE THIS NEED WITHOUT SACRIFICING 15-F-3 HOUSING. THANK YOU

If you use this form to comment, it may be returned to:

City of Austin  
Planning & Zoning Department

Wendy Rhoades  
P. O. Box 1088  
Austin, TX 78767-8810

I am in favor  
 I object

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Your Name (please print) Dave Chakos / Carve West

1807 Inverness Blvd

Your address(es) affected by this application

D Chakos / Carve West

Signature

1-14-19

Date

Daytime Telephone: 406-855-0825 / 512-426-1188

Comments: We want to keep Inverness a family residence neighborhood. We don't want a business here that will generate worse parking problems than we have due to all the businesses on Manchaca. neighbors on Inverness are also concerned that the type of business that may go in this spot is undesirable for us all

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Thank you,  
Jan

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**Case Number: C14-2018-0141**  
**Contact: Wendy Rhoades, 512-974-7719**  
**Public Hearings: January 22, 2019, Planning Commission**  
**February 21, 2019, City Council**

Bryan & Jen Paul  
 Your Name (please print)

I am in favor  
 I object

1906 TAVENESS BLVD AUSTIN TX  
 Your address(es) affected by this application 78745  
11819

[Signature]  
 Signature

512-825-8784  
 Daytime Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

Comments: WE HAVE LIVED HERE FOR OVER 6 YEARS AND HAVE SEEN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRESS SIGNIFICANTLY. YOUNG FAMILIES MOVED IN, MORE ARE BEING INFITED AND SEVERAL NEW HOMES BUILT. 3 YOUNG FAMILIES LIVE WITHIN 500 FT OF THIS PROPERTY. I WAS 2 YOUNG CHILDREN, THE OTHERS INCLUDES 2 EXPECTING MOMS (INCLUDING ME). THIS IS A RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD, ALL HOMES FACE RESIDENTIAL STREETS. WE WOULD RE-ZONING WILL IMPACT THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN, AS WELL AS THE VALUE OF CITY OF AUSTIN  
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PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT AND PLUKE ARE SEVERAL EMPTY  
**Wendy Rhoades**  
 P. O. Box 1088  
 Austin, TX 78767-8810  
WE FEAR OPENING  
ST-3 HOUSING. WE FEAR OPENING  
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COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS  
THIS PARKING INSTEAD OF SPECIFICITY

needed to re-zone. It will change the neighborhood and is available to this neighborhood community

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2/17/2019

George E. Albrecht M. Mosley

Your Name (please print)  
1802 N. VERNESS AVE  
AUSTIN, TX 78745

I am in favor  
 I object

Your address(es) affected by this application

George E. Mosley & Elizabeth M. Mosley 7 PEA 19

Date

Daytime Telephone: 512-944-5124

Comments: "NO" - THIS CORNER LOT HAS BEEN A PROBLEM FOR DECADES + WE'VE PUT UP WITH PALM READERS WITH ILLEGAL SIGNS - USED CAR LOT & CARS PARKED EVERYWHERE ON THE FRONT LANE.

There is NO PARKING room for any business. I'm tired of our street filled on both sides

G.M.M.

If you use this form to comment, it may be returned to:

City of Austin  
Planning & Zoning Department  
Wendy Rhoades  
P. O. Box 1088  
Austin, TX 78767-8810

## Rhoades, Wendy

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**From:** Alanna Gold <[gold.alanna@gmail.com](mailto:gold.alanna@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 22, 2019 3:01 PM  
**To:** Rhoades, Wendy  
**Cc:** Greg Dayton; Jennifer Paul; John Donaruma; bryan paul; Merila Thorne-Thompson; John Thorne-Thompson; Dave Chakos  
**Subject:** Re: Available to Meet? Case #: C14-2018-0141

That context is helpful, thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 22, 2019, at 2:59 PM, Rhoades, Wendy <[Wendy.Rhoades@austintexas.gov](mailto:Wendy.Rhoades@austintexas.gov)> wrote:

The property is currently owned by Alex Bahrami of Marquee Investments, LLC. I spoke with Mr. Bahrami and he said that a prospective tenant is interested in occupying this structure with an insurance office (the admin / business office use) and also residing there. Occupying the property with an office use and retaining a residential component is the basis for the rezoning request to LO-MU-NP.

Wendy

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**From:** Alanna Gold [<mailto:gold.alanna@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 22, 2019 2:30 PM  
**To:** Rhoades, Wendy <[Wendy.Rhoades@austintexas.gov](mailto:Wendy.Rhoades@austintexas.gov)>  
**Cc:** Greg Dayton <[gregory.dayton@gmail.com](mailto:gregory.dayton@gmail.com)>; Jennifer Paul <[jensgoldingspaul@gmail.com](mailto:jensgoldingspaul@gmail.com)>; John Donaruma <[Donaruma01@gmail.com](mailto:Donaruma01@gmail.com)>; bryan paul <[bryannpaul@gmail.com](mailto:bryannpaul@gmail.com)>; Merila Thorne-Thompson <[merilawalker@gmail.com](mailto:merilawalker@gmail.com)>; John Thorne-Thompson <[jthornethompson@gmail.com](mailto:jthornethompson@gmail.com)>; Dave Chakos <[dchakos@gmail.com](mailto:dchakos@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Available to Meet? Case #: C14-2018-0141

Thanks, Wendy. I'm confused about the applicant wanting to occupy the structure and use it for a business given that it's currently for sale. Am I misunderstanding the intent at this point? I would be my assumption that the applicant can't guarantee that it will be used as stated I'd they're selling the property.

Alanna Dayton

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 22, 2019, at 1:58 PM, Rhoades, Wendy <[Wendy.Rhoades@austintexas.gov](mailto:Wendy.Rhoades@austintexas.gov)> wrote:

Hi everyone,

Please see my responses below.

Wendy

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**From:** Greg Dayton [<mailto:gregory.dayton@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 18, 2019 7:41 PM

To: Jennifer Paul <jengauldingpaul@gmail.com>  
Cc: Rhoades, Wendy <Wendy.Rhoades@austintexas.gov>; Alanna Gold <goldalanna@gmail.com>; John Donaruma <Donaruma01@gmail.com>; bryan paul <thepaulb@gmail.com>; Merila Thorne-Thompson <merila.walker@gmail.com>; John Thorne-Thompson <jthornethompson@gmail.com>; Dave Chakos <dchakos@gmail.com>  
Subject: Re: Available to Meet? Case #: C14-2018-0141

Hi Wendy,

I'm Jen's neighbor across the street at 1905 Inverness and I agree with Jen. I have sent in a written response to the notification and will be attending both hearings. I received your comment response form by mail and it is part of the packet that the Planning Commission is reviewing in advance of tonight's meeting. I also received Jen's comments and Dave Chakos / Carye West's comments in this morning's mail and these two comment response forms will be made available to the Planning Commission before tonight's meeting.

I have another question: It's my understanding that the structure at 1907 Inverness does not meet code. The property will likely be completely redeveloped if the property gets the new zoning. Would a new build comply with the setback and height standards in [Subchapter C, Article 10](#)? As I read it, any new build on 1907 Inverness would probably have to be setback 20-25 feet from 1905 Inverness Blvd, given that the frontage road travels apx. 100 feet along 1907 Inverness [ [§ 25-2-1062 - HEIGHT LIMITATIONS AND SETBACKS FOR SMALL SITES](#)]. To my knowledge, the Applicant intends to occupy the existing structure with an administrative and business office and also reside within the existing structure (hence the MU overlay). However, if the Applicant wishes to remove the existing structure, then yes, they would have to comply with the setback and height standards cited above.

Will any driveway or parking lot comply with the requirements in article 10 if it is rezoned? [ [§ 25-2-1067 - DESIGN REGULATIONS](#) ] Yes, at the time of site plan application, the Applicant will have to demonstrate that the parking area on Inverness meets current driveway and parking standards or is otherwise grandfathered (see below).

Essentially, I'd like to know what assurances I have, as the adjacent property owner, that there will be a buffer for proper redevelopment of the site under LO zoning.

Still, it is our preference that Inverness Blvd. remain a residential neighborhood.

Thanks,

Greg Dayton

On Jan 18, 2019, at 6:11 PM, Jennifer Paul <jengauldingpaul@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Wendy,

Thanks again for meeting with me a while back regarding the rezoning application for 1907 Inverness Blvd Case # C14-2018-0141

We received the notice of the 1/22 Planning Commission and 2/21 City Council this past Monday 1/14 (attached). Several of the neighborhood residents met to discuss our thoughts around this application. All of us live within 500 ft of the property. Most of us are adjacent or catty -corner from it. We will represent our community at both of the meetings. This most recent notice proposes LO as well as MU-Mixed Use, which was not included on the original notice. This raises additional concerns of ours as MU appears to allow more flexibility including commercial use.

Is that correct? The MU allows for residential use to occur, but not commercial use. In this case, the Applicant wants to continue occupying the structure as his residence, and also convert a portion of it to an insurance office, which is a type of administrative and business office.

My husband and I have lived here for over 6 years and we have seen the community significantly improve during that time. Young people and families moved in, multiple homes have been updated, and there have been several nice new homes built. Businesses that boost our community such as the new Austin Java and Bikes-A-Lot across Manchaca are moving in. This is a family-friendly, safe, close-knit neighborhood and we want to preserve that community value. There are at least 3 young families within 500 feet of the property. One has 2 young children and the others include 2 expecting mothers. 1907 faces Inverness, not Manchaca Street. It is at the end of our established residential neighborhood, and though there is commercial space across Manchaca Street there is no commercial in our neighborhood. Our neighborhood is a pocket consisting of 6 streets and all homes face those residential streets.

Below are our initial responses. Please let us know if you have any additional information that would shed some light on these.

1. Do we have any say as to what type of business would be opened or once the permit is granted, it could be anything listed on the approved use chart? Land uses allowed by the LO zoning district and the MU, Mixed Use overlay would be allowed if the requested zoning change is approved by the City Council. However, an administrative / business office use is broadly defined as the use of a site for the provision of executive,

management, or administrative services, and for example includes real estate, property management, investment firms, travel agencies, personnel agencies, and business offices for organizations or associations. If the use changes from an insurance office to a real estate office for example, then the owner is still operating an administrative and business office use and may not need to obtain any new building permits.

2. If it does get turned into LO, MU space, is it easier for it to turn into other types of businesses with different permits? If LO-MU zoning is approved, then other uses permitted in the LO district would be allowed (unless otherwise prohibited by the zoning ordinance). These include professional offices, medical office, personal services and residential treatment. As info, a personal services use is a conditional use in the LO district which requires Planning Commission approval of the site plan, but a few examples are a dry cleaners, or a hair / nail salon, or a tattoo shop. A residential treatment facility is also a conditional use. At the time of site plan or site plan exemption application, the Applicant will have to demonstrate compliance with the City's parking and access standards.

3. How do illegal additions/ non-permitted structures factor into what happens to the property? Any illegal additions or non-permitted structures will be addressed with a site plan or a site plan exemption application. Unpermitted work may need to be brought into compliance with City Code. As info, a 1986 aerial shows that the parking area was in place at that time, and therefore, may be grandfathered.

4. Is there anything in particular we need to prepare for the Planning Commission and City Council Meetings? Please help us understand the purpose of these meetings and our role. This case is Agenda Item #14 on tonight's PC agenda and will be a discussion case. Please arrive by 6 p.m. to sign in for this case and be sure to bring your City Hall parking ticket with you so that we can validate it.

#### Concerns

1. Type of Business, given it's a family neighborhood and would not want it to become a treatment facility/ public housing.
2. Potential negative impact on home value.
3. Sellers aren't interested in making the lot something beneficial for the community, given the other types of business they own around Austin (strip clubs, etc)
4. Parking - a business will bring more people needing to park on our street. Given the other business and retail in close proximity, this will make parking even more challenging. Parking is already an issue.

5. There are several empty commercial spaces within 1/4 miles that could serve this need without sacrificing SF-3 housing and our community.

We appreciate your time and insight,  
Jen Paul

On Mon, Dec 10, 2018 at 7:02 PM Jennifer Paul  
<[jengauldingpaul@gmail.com](mailto:jengauldingpaul@gmail.com)> wrote:

Thanks again Wendy.

It was nice meeting you last week. I appreciate your time and insight. I have reached out to the South Manchaca Contact Team and will let you know if I have any more questions.  
Jen

On Thu, Dec 6, 2018 at 4:05 PM Rhoades, Wendy  
<[Wendy.Rhoades@austintexas.gov](mailto:Wendy.Rhoades@austintexas.gov)> wrote:

[Link to case info.](#)

<https://abc.austintexas.gov/attachment/attachmentDownload.jsp?p=rhL9yeJHMmUCynYV0gpaHYQIUeakbjOS5oWueW5EJlq7inE%2BsPiJR3CO38Fn9WPo5kPrLtpNNStXeZqZRRcx%2Flp5lbjViGuhHQxezm7nSR1bjDFK%2FANngBAdk0D06>

**From:** Jennifer Paul [mailto:[jengauldingpaul@gmail.com](mailto:jengauldingpaul@gmail.com)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 06, 2018 4:01 PM  
**To:** Rhoades, Wendy <[Wendy.Rhoades@austintexas.gov](mailto:Wendy.Rhoades@austintexas.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Available to Meet? Case #: C14-2018-0141

## Rhoades, Wendy

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**From:** John Thorne-Thomsen <~~john.thomsen@gmail.com~~>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 22, 2019 6:19 PM  
**To:** Rhoades, Wendy  
**Cc:** Greg Dayton; Jennifer Paul; Alanna Gold; John Donaruma; bryan paul; Merila Thorne-Thompson; Dave Chakos  
**Subject:** Re: Available to Meet? Case #: C14-2018-0141

Hi Wendy-

My wife, our two sons and I live at 1902 Inverness. I wanted to take a chance to voice my opinion and concerns on this matter. We are unable to attend tonight's meeting as we were just discharged from the hospital with our second-born this afternoon. My family and I have been in touch with Greg and Alanna, and Jen and Bryan about this matter and we believe they have accurately voiced our feelings on this matter. We fully support their opinions and have similar questions with respect to rezoning that property.

For what it's worth, my wife and I have lived on Inverness since 2008. There are many of us who have moved to this neighborhood started families. We have worked hard to improve our home and improve our neighborhood. In doing so, we've built a strong community of young families around ourselves. While we are open-minded, we are concerned about the character of the development in the transition zone along Manchaca as outlined in the neighborhood plan. In addition to the concerns Greg listed, street parking and the through traffic on our street continue to be a huge concern and we aren't sure how to reconcile the proposed rezoning with our safety as we walk and live along our streets.

Thank you for your time,  
John

On Tue, Jan 22, 2019 at 1:58 PM Rhoades, Wendy <[Wendy.Rhoades@austintexas.gov](mailto:Wendy.Rhoades@austintexas.gov)> wrote:

Hi everyone,

Please see my responses below.

Wendy

## Rhoades, Wendy

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**From:** Dave Chakos <~~XXXXXXXXXX~~>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 28, 2019 7:39 AM  
**To:** Burkhardt, William - BC; Seeger, Patricia - BC; Shieh, James - BC; Kazi, Fayez - BC; Thompson, Jeffrey - BC; DeHoyosHart, Angela - BC; Anderson, Greg - BC; Kenny, Conor - BC; McGraw, Karen - BC; Shaw, Todd - BC; Witte, Tracy - BC; Schneider, Robert - BC; Flores, Yvette - BC; Teich, Ann - BC  
**Cc:** Carye West (ICE); Gregory Dayton; to: Jennifer Paul; Rhoades, Wendy; Alanna Gold; John Donaruma; bryan paul; Merila Thorne-Thompson; John Thorne-Thompson; Dave Chakos  
**Subject:** 1907 Inverness Blvd; Case Number: C14-2018-0141 Rezoning Request

Good morning Austin Planning Commission,

I am e-mailing to you all this morning regarding the proposed zone change of 1907 Inverness (at the zoning commission meeting last Wednesday it was incorrectly labeled as 1903 Inverness) from SF-3/NP to LO/MU.

Myself and 4 other homeowners close to 1907 Inverness were all at the planning commission meeting on January 22nd and were disappointed that our case had been postponed. There has been a rally of many homeowners on our block to try to find out how to keep this rezoning from passing so I wanted to reach out to you because going to meetings is both time consuming and ineffective.

1907 Inverness was built along with all the other houses on Inverness Blvd. in the 1960's and zoned as "family residence". When the previous owner of 1907 Inverness Blvd purchased the property, they operated a "palm reading" business out of the home (illegally I assume) and after extensive renovations were done on that property (I understand also illegally or at least without any permits) again, a "palm reading" was operated out of it (again illegally I assume). Someone in the neighborhood gave the Austin Code department a heads up of the additions without a permit which resulted in the family moving out and the home being sold. The current owner of the property who is requesting the zoning change purchased the home knowing the property is zoned "family residence".

At least 10 homes on Inverness Blvd. along with their 10+ inhabitants were all very upset to learn about the proposed zoning change of this property. There have been a slough of emails directed at the case manager Wendy Rhodes (and bless her heart for her patience and professionalism) but she has no control over what happens to this property.

In a nutshell (and this is VERY important):

There are at least 20 tax paying homeowners on Inverness Boulevard who oppose this proposes zoning change and only 1 person who wants it to pass (the current homeowner). For the record, 5 homeowners from Inverness Blvd appeared at the January 21st meeting and the homeowner did not show up (just a paid representative).

Please do the right thing and keep Inverness Blvd a Family Residence.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter,

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Dave Chakos  
1807 Inverness Blvd.  
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

## Rhoades, Wendy

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**From:** Gregory Dayton <gregory.dayton@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 28, 2019 11:32 AM  
**To:** Dave Chakos  
**Cc:** Burkhardt, William - BC; Seeger, Patricia - BC; Shieh, James - BC; Kazi, Fayez - BC; Thompson, Jeffrey - BC; DeHoyosHart, Angela - BC; Anderson, Greg - BC; Kenny, Conor - BC; McGraw, Karen - BC; Shaw, Todd - BC; Witte, Tracy - BC; Schneider, Robert - BC; Flores, Yvette - BC; Teich, Ann - BC; Carye West (ICE); to: Jennifer Paul; Rhoades, Wendy; Alanna Gold; John Donaruma; bryan paul; Merila Thorne-Thompson; John Thorne-Thompson  
**Subject:** Re: 1907 Inverness Blvd; Case Number: C14-2018-0141 Rezoning Request

Austin Planning Commission,

I agree with Dave Chakos's email. My wife and two children (ages 10 months and 3 years) live in the house immediately next door to 1907 Inverness Blvd.

We too are concerned about maintaining the family character of our neighborhood. We were very happy to discover when we moved to Inverness Blvd four years ago that there were many young families. It's a great place to live and we've made a lot of good friends - friends who watch each others' houses, who's children play together, and spend afternoons together.

As Dave mentioned, we did not meet the owner at the recent meeting. Though we were told by his representative that the owner is negotiating with a tenant to live and work in 1907 Inverness, the property is currently listed for sale both online and with a large commercial "For Sale" sign on the property's fence facing Manchaca Road. We find this discrepancy to be very concerning.

There appears to be no motivation or incentive by the current property owner to respect the character of the neighborhood or the desires of its residents. Further, if the property is rezoned, we have neither a guarantee of the owner's stated intent nor protections against further attempts to change the LO designation that would allow other types of use.

Please listen to the homeowners and residents and help us maintain our family neighborhood.

Thank you for your time.

Greg Dayton  
1905 Inverness Boulevard  
~~gregory.dayton@gmail.com~~

On Jan 28, 2019, at 7:39 AM, Dave Chakos <dchakos@gmail.com> wrote:

Good morning Austin Planning Commission,

## Rhoades, Wendy

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**From:** Jennifer Paul ·  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 10, 2019 10:43 PM  
**To:** Merila Walker  
**Cc:** Greg Dayton; Rhoades, Wendy; Flores, Yvette - BC; DeHoyosHart, Angela - BC; Kazi, Fayez - BC; Kenny, Conor - BC; McGraw, Karen - BC; Schissler, James - BC; Schneider, Robert - BC; Seeger, Patricia - BC; Shaw, Todd - BC; Shieh, James - BC; Thompson, Jeffrey - BC; Burkhardt, William - BC; Mendoza, Richard [AW]; John Donaruma; Dave Chakos; John Thorne-Thompson; Skye Best; Mitch Epps; bryan paul; Alanna Gold; Anderson, Greg - BC; Teich, Ann - BC  
**Subject:** Re: OBJECTION: Rezoning of 1907 Inverness C14-2018-0141

Planning Commission Representatives,

Please let the record reflect that my family also opposes the rezoning of 1907 Inverness Blvd. My husband Bryan and I echo the concerns outlined by our neighbors. We are the owners of 1906 Inverness Blvd directly across the street from this property. Greg is correct, the palm reader did not have a permit to conduct business and eventually was forced to take down her sign.

This neighborhood has been our home since 2012 and it means so much to us. We have had the pleasure of building a community with our neighbors and see their families grow. We ourselves are expecting our first child this month and look forward to raising her here. Please hear our united voice and help us preserve the safe, family-oriented culture of our neighborhood.

Thank you for your time, we appreciate it.  
Jen and Bryan Paul  
1906 Inverness Blvd

On Sun, Feb 10, 2019 at 9:05 PM Merila Walker wrote:  
Wendy and Planning Commission Representatives:

Please let the record reflect that my family and I strongly oppose the rezoning of the property at 1907 Inverness Blvd. Greg Dayton (at 1905 Inverness Blvd) laid out the many reasons for our opposition to the rezoning of that property. I wholeheartedly concur with each of the reasons he described for this opposition.

My husband John and I have lived at 1902 Inverness Blvd since the summer of 2008. We love our neighborhood and our neighbors. We are looking forward to raising our two sons (ages 3.5 years and three weeks) here. Please don't erode the edge of our neighborhood. Please help us keep our neighborhood and our kids safe.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Merila Walker Thorne-Thomsen  
1902 Inverness Blvd

On Sat, Feb 9, 2019 at 11:55 PM Greg Dayton <[\[redacted\]](#)> wrote:  
Wendy and Planning Commission Representatives:

We wanted to give you an update on the status of our questions and concerns after reviewing the case back-up notes posted on the Austin.gov website.

Following the postponement of the January 22nd hearing and our introduction with Johnathan Perlstein, the owners of properties adjacent and near 1907 Inverness Blvd met and agreed that we are still in **OBJECTION** of the property being rezoned. We have worked to gather additional support of our position in the form of a petition which we will deliver to Wendy Rhoades on Monday. This petition has the signatures of property owners from Inverness Blvd., St. Albans Blvd., Kings Highway, Brittnay Blvd., and Fair Oaks Dr. **The owners who signed the petition are requesting that the Planning Commission deny the zoning change at 1907 Inverness so that it remain SF-3.**

**Please include the following in the case back-up materials for the review of the planning and zoning representatives: The forthcoming petition, this email, and any other emails sent since January 22 and before the February 12 hearing in objection to this zoning change.**

Also, the back-up materials included comments about the "Psychic Business" that operated in that home before the current owner took possession. It is our understanding that this was an unpermitted business that was shut down by the city. Further, it was a business that seemed to be more of a hobby for the previous owner than an income-generating business. Specifically, we did not see any foot traffic that could be identified as customers.

### **Why we Object:**

1. *Neighborhood safety* - Due to the substantial number of uses that could be permitted under the LO-MU designation, we strongly protest the rezoning of 1907 Inverness Blvd and insist it remain SF-3. It is clear to us that what could begin as an insurance office and living space might quickly become something different and less stable for our community.
2. *Truthfulness and intent*: Following the January 22 meeting, Wendy Rhoades introduced the neighborhood owners in attendance to the representative of Marquee Investments, Mr. Johnathan Perlstein. Mr. Perlstein assured us that a tenant was in negotiation to live and work out of 1907 Inverness Blvd (one who was a State Farm agent and would only see a few clients a month - this seems counterintuitive). At that time, we pointed out that the property was listed for sale online and there was a large for sale sign from a commercial realtor posted on the property. Mr. Perlstein said that was a mistake and the property was not for sale. However, since that meeting, the property has been continuously listed for sale as a commercial space both online and the for sale sign remains (the listing was updated as recently as February 5, 2019 by the realty company "Commercial Market Exchange": <https://www.loopnet.com/Listing/1907-Inverness-Blvd-Austin-TX/14081542/> - screenshot attached as pdf as well as photo of sign). Therefore, we do not believe in the assurances of the owner or their representatives. Further, this discrepancy in the facts leads us to doubt the integrity and intentions of Marquee Investments.
3. *Current ownership, commercial zoning, and a lack of stability* - The following is a list of properties and the tenants of the owners of Marquee Investments that was culled from the Travis Central Appraisal District, Austin Zoning Records, and internet research:
  - 2105 Justin Lane, 78757 - Justin Plaza. Costmetics & beauty company, State Farm Insurance, AA, 2 salons, auto title, surveying company, barber shop, nail salon,
  - 1705 Bench Mark Dr, 78728 - two contracting companies
  - 15307 Ginger St, 78728 - warehouse property [for sale by Commercial Market Exchange](#) which [listed 1907 Inverness as a commercial property for sale](#)

- 11102 Bluff Bend Dr, 78753 - commercial warehouse - Austin Countertops
- 11020 Bluff Bend Dr, 78753 - commercial lot adjacent to 11102 Bluff Bend used by Austin Countertops
- 2711 Kelly Ln, 78660 - warehouse space [also for sale by Commercial Market Exchange](#) that has [listed 1907 Inverness as a commercial property for sale](#).
- 201 W. Powell Lane, 78753 - lawn maintenance company,
- 1934 Rutland Dr, 78758 - Paris Hookah Lounge
- 2801 East 5th Street, 78702 - dog grooming business
- Corner of West 5th & Congress in 2015/2016. The owners Proposed strip club at this location and a site plan application was submitted to the city by [Aus-Tex Consulting](#). (the company contracted by Marquee investments to coordinate 1907 Inverness zoning change ). Currently home to Shiner's Saloon
- 103 W. 5 St - office
- 4605, 4607, 4609 N Interstate HY 35 TX 75751 - A children's science academy, empty lot, and the Royal Hookah Cafe.
- 9558 HY 290 78724 - empty lot, second to the west from Reservoir Ct
- 9701 E HY 290 78724 - empty lot on east side of Reservoir Ct and Frontage road
- 9705 Reservoir Ct, 78724 - lot adjacent to 9701 E HY 290. Formerly Pink Monkey Caberet adult club.
- 9704 Reservoir Ct, 78724 - empty lot across from 9705 Reservoir Ct.
- 9570 Reservoir Ct, 78724 - empty lot at corner of Reservoir Ct and 290 frontage road.
- 704 W St. Johns Ave 78752 - Visible Style Hair Salon
- 7205 N Lamar Blvd, 78752 - DC Tatts (tattoo shop), Happy Clouds (head shop/smoke shop), Queen Eyebrow Threading, Beauty Salon
- Property ID 267821 - empty lot
- Property ID 267822 - empty lot
- 401 FM RD 685, 78660 - Commercial lot with shopping at front (am/pm Grocery), and warehouse space behind it early learning center, sign shop, boxing gym, tire ship, wrestling gym.
- 15505 I-35, 78660 - car sales
- Property ID 821836 - empty lot

We don't have an issue with Marquee Investments using their resources to develop properties. And we also understand that not all of these businesses could operate on an LO-MU property but we list Marquee Investment's properties and tenants to illustrate the wide net that an investment company casts when finding tenants (and, by extension, buyers of the property). However, we do not want to see this lot rezoned and opened for the many types of uses that fall under the LO-MU code - we have no doubt that the highest bidder will win the day and the desires of the community will not be a driving concern of Marquee Investments' owners. Further, we object to the uncertainty that may come with a commercial lot as opposed to the stability and certainty of an SF-3 residential lot, no matter who the owner may be. Finally, we see a possibility where this building is razed and the lot left empty until a commercial buyer is found at the right price. We base this on the fact that the building has some [outstanding code violations](#).

**Also, in looking over the above list, it is important to note that Marquee Investments has two of their other properties listed for sale with Commercial Exchange Market. Again, we find it hard to believe in any promises made by the owners as to the immediate and future use of the property.**

4. *Availability of commercial property in the surrounding neighborhood.* There are numerous available and/or vacant commercial spaces on Manchaca Rd. and W Stassney La. The following are all less than 0.5 miles from 1907 Inverness and the adjacent bus stop. This search was done in one afternoon and without the benefit of a realtor's aid. We simply walked the neighborhood, took notes, and checked the city and county records:

1. 1500 W Stassney La (see attached photos): formerly AAA News Inc. Zoned CS-V-LR-NP. apx. 14,000 sq ft, total. [Travis CAD - ID 511151](#)
2. 1604-1606 W Stassney La (see attached photos): 18,500 sf warehouse space listed as Stassney Business Center for lease on [LoopNet](#). [Travis CAD - ID 319736](#)
3. 2056 W Stassney La (see attached photos). Building is vacant - [City Zoning profile is blank](#) zoned as SM Store according to Travis CAD records. Building was submitted to Austin 311 for graffiti removal apx. 5 months ago (ID [18-00237957](#)). [Travis CAD - ID 511103](#)
4. 5700 Manchaca Road - Cherry Creek Plaza main building. [Three spaces listed on LoopNet for lease](#) : a) Suite 300 - retail (4000 sf) [currently City of Austin Municipal Court]. b) Suite 240 - Standard Retail (11,292-22,585 sf) currently retail, owner willing to divide. [Currently Thrift Town] c) Suite 310 - Office/Retail (900 sf). [Currently used as bakery kitchen but not for direct sale]. [Travis CAD - ID 319824](#)
5. 5608 Manchaca Rd (see attached photos). Formerly Subway currently empty and part of Cherry Creek Plaza Partnership. Note the commercial "For Lease" sign for food truck spaces. There is only one food truck in Cherry Creek Plaza [Travis CAD - ID 319826](#)
6. 2007 West Stassney Rd (see attached photos). Building is currently empty - food truck in front. part of Cherry Creek Plaza Partnership [Travis CAD - ID 319827](#)
7. 4908 Manchaca Rd. There is an office space for lease on [LoopNet](#), This property was purchased in late 2017 and renovated. The lease space is still available. [Travis CAD - ID 51013](#)
8. 5316 Manchaca Rd. Part of Crocket Square where Strange Brew was located. There is a for lease sign in front (directly across from the for sale sign for 1907 Inverness Blvd. See attached photos. [Travis CAD - ID 511072](#)

Further, we have several vape shops, a tattoo shop, several barber shops and hair salons, a title loan broker, and a pawn shop in the neighborhood. We don't see the need for more of these types of businesses but worry that that this is the kind of "Storefront Retail/Office" that Marquee Investments and Commercial Market Exchange are marketing in the sale listing referenced above and attached. And we do have some empty buildings that investors are not in a hurry to rent out or sell, instead taking the loss as a write-off. Again, we don't want to see that happen on our street.

5. *Parking and Street Safety.* Parking has been a chronic issue for all residents in this area of Manchaca Road. However, for those of us across the street from Crocket Square, we have a unique problem. When Austin favorite Strange Brew was open, the overflow parking landed directly across the street on Inverness Blvd. We also have ACC students that park on our street since we are the closest side street to the South Austin ACC Campus on the east side of Manchaca. And since Austin Java opened across the street, the parking on Inverness has gotten worse (see attached photos). With the old Strange Brew space under renovation and [expected to be occupied by "Captain Quackenbush's Coffeehouse and Bakery"](#) soon, this problem will only intensify. Adding a commercial lot at 1907 Inverness, even if there are 4-6 available spaces on the property, will make a difficult problem even more dangerous. We don't have sidewalks on Inverness and a lot of children (infant - high school) and adult pedestrian traffic. During afternoon rush hour, Inverness, St. Albans, and Fair Oaks experience a high volume of traffic as people headed south will cut through our neighborhood to get to Stassney La. ***Add in commercial traffic coming and going from a property that faces Inverness Blvd, not Manchaca, we have serious concerns for the safety of our families and all that come through our neighborhood.***

Given the number of lots that have available or unused space, and the lack of affordable housing in South Austin, as well as our interest in keeping our neighborhood safe, we don't see the logic in changing the zoning of 1907 Inverness Blvd. In this case, the South Austin Neighborhood Combined Plan would not meet its stated vision if 1907 is rezoned. The vision: "Create a complete community that is mobile and interconnected; compact, accessible, and affordable; natural and sustainable; healthy, safe, creative, and engaged." As

outlined above, rezoning 1907 Inverness would negatively impact the residential character of our neighborhood, likely reduce the affordability of housing in the immediate neighborhood (by removing an SF-3); it would not be healthy or safe for the residents or South Austin at large, would degrade neighborhood safety and diminish the a growing community that has been building since ground was broken in 1967.

It is with this additional information and wider context that we urge the staff to change their position from "Recommend" to "Not Recommended. We will be in attendance on Tuesday and plan to formally address the Planning Commission with our wishes that 1907 Inverness Blvd remain SF-3.

Thank you for your time. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday.

Greg Dayton  
1905 Inverness Blvd



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# 1907 Inverness Blvd

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## TRANS CORNER PROPERTY ON MANCHACA RD

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Price	Upon Request	Lot Size	0.18 AC
Property Type	Retail	Gross Leasable Area	1,575 SF
Property Sub-type	Storefront Retail/Office	No. Stories	1
Building Class	C	Year Built	1967
Sale Type	Owner User	Zoning Description	SF-3
Listing ID: 14081542	Date Created: 10/15/2018	Last Updated:	2/5/2019

### DESCRIPTION

A prime, versatile property, on the corner of Inverness Blvd and Manchaca Rd. Located less than 4 miles from Barton Creek Greenbelt, and less than 6 miles south of Auditorium Shores at Town Lake and Downtown Austin, in the ever-evolving Westgate area. The surrounding neighborhood is full of Austin culture, including local restaurants, retail, and residential.




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## Rhoades, Wendy

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**Subject:** Re: OBJECTION: Rezoning of 1907 Inverness C14-2018-0141

Planning Commission Representatives:

I agree with Greg's outline of why it's necessary to keep 1907 Inverness SF-3, and ask that you please keep the zoning as is. It is imperative for the preservation of the neighborhood and safety of the many children who live in the immediate vicinity and surrounding homes.

Thank you,

Alanna Dayton

On Sat, Feb 9, 2019 at 11:55 PM Greg Dayton <~~greg.dayton@gmail.com~~> wrote:  
Wendy and Planning Commission Representatives:

We wanted to give you an update on the status of our questions and concerns after reviewing the case back-up notes posted on the Austin.gov website.

Following the postponement of the January 22nd hearing and our introduction with Johnathan Perlstein, the owners of properties adjacent and near 1907 Inverness Blvd met and agreed that we are still in **OBJECTION** of the property being rezoned. We have worked to gather additional support of our position in the form of a petition which we will deliver to Wendy Rhoades on Monday. This petition has the signatures of property owners from Inverness Blvd., St. Albans Blvd., Kings Highway, Brittnay Blvd., and Fair Oaks Dr. **The owners who signed the petition are requesting that the Planning Commission deny the zoning change at 1907 Inverness so that it remain SF-3.**

**Please include the following in the case back-up materials for the review of the planning and zoning representatives: The forthcoming petition, this email, and any other emails sent since January 22 and before the February 12 hearing in objection to this zoning change.**

Also, the back-up materials included comments about the "Psychic Business" that operated in that home before the current owner took possession. It is our understanding that this was an unpermitted business that was shut down by the city. Further, it was a business that seemed to be more of a hobby for the previous owner than an income-generating business. Specifically, we did not see any foot traffic that could be identified as customers.

**Why we Object:**

## Rhoades, Wendy

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**Attachments:** 1907 Inverness - Commercial For Sale Listing.pdf; Case C14-2018-0141 Photos.zip; Petition Protesting Rezoning - Case C14-2018-0141.pdf

Planning Commission Representatives and Ms. Rhoades,

I've attached electronic copies of our signed petition opposing the rezoning of 1907 Inverness Blvd. As mentioned in my previous email, these 55 signatures are from property owners on Inverness Blvd, St. Albans, Kings Highway and Fair Oaks.

My wife and I, who are the parents of two small children, spent the last two weekends, along with our immediate neighbors, knocking on doors and asking for the community's support opposing the rezoning of 1907 Inverness Blvd. We weren't able to speak with every property owner in our community but of the owners with whom we did speak, an overwhelming majority supported our position and signed the petition.

I am planning to drop off the hard copies to Ms. Rhoades on Monday.

Thank you,

Greg Dayton  
512.827.6200

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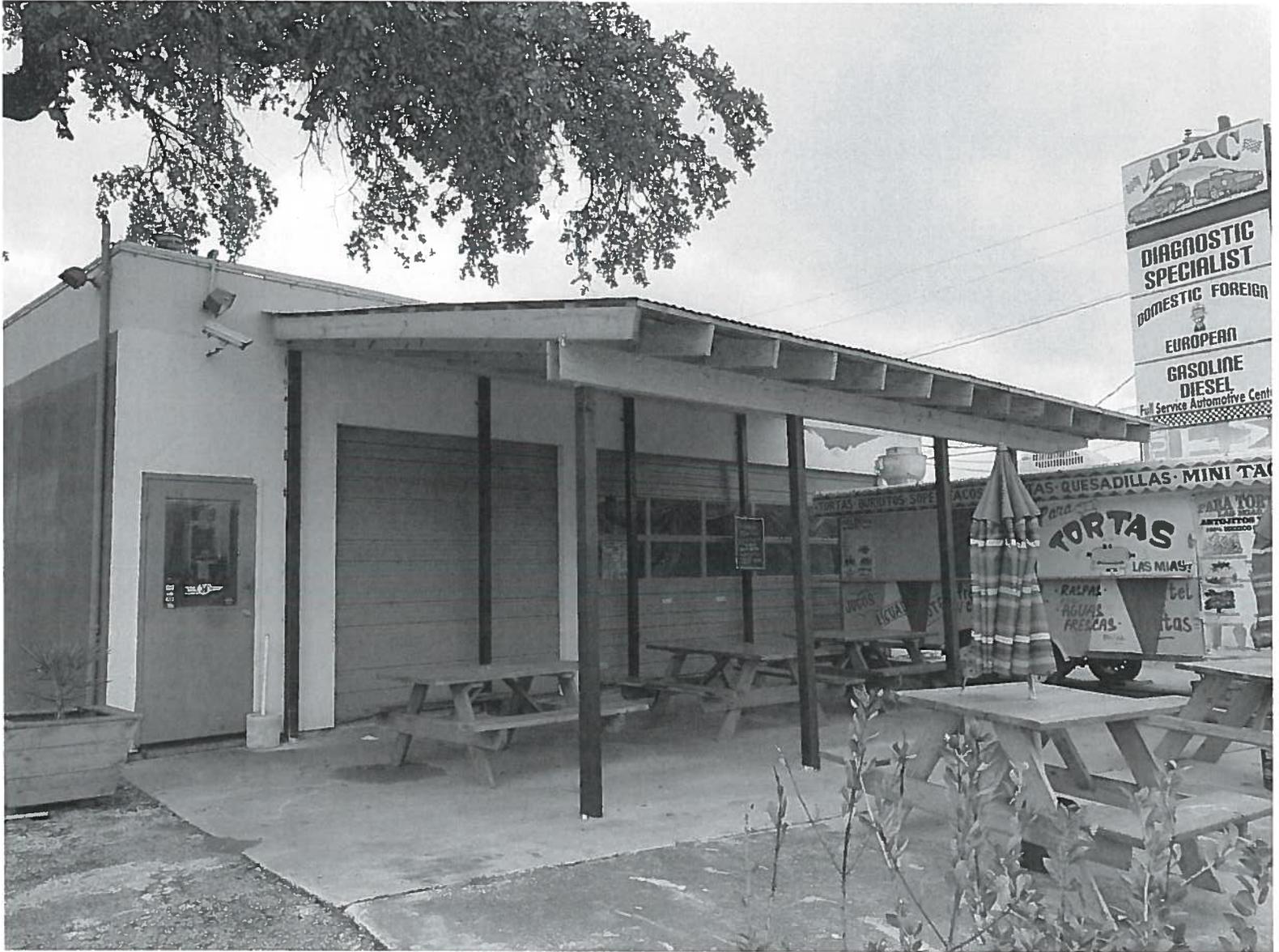
5608 Manchaca Road - Business closed



Inverness & Manchaca Parking



5316 Manchaca Road - For Lease (across 1907 Inverness)



2700 West Stassney



2056 West Stassney - Abandoned



1606 West Stassney - For Lease

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1606



1606 West Stassney -  
For Lease



1606 West Stassney - For Lease



1500 West Stassney - vacant



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