

## **ZONING CHANGE REVIEW SHEET**

CASE: C14-2020-0041 (Stowers and Schiller)

DISTRICT: 10

ADDRESS: 8500 Bluegrass Drive

ZONING FROM: LR

TO: SF-2

SITE AREA: 2.05 acres (89,298sq. ft.)

PROPERTY OWNER: Ken Schiller

AGENT: Steve T. Stowers

CASE MANAGER: Sherri Sirwaitis (512-974-3057, [sherri.sirwaitis@austintexas.gov](mailto:sherri.sirwaitis@austintexas.gov))

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

**Staff recommends SF-2, Single Family Residence-Standard Lot District, zoning.**

ZONING AND PLATTING COMMISSION ACTION / RECOMMENDATION:

**June 16, 2020: Approved the staff's recommendation of SF-2 zoning by consent (10-0, A. Denkler-absent); H. Smith-1st, D. King-2nd.**

CITY COUNCIL ACTION:

**July 30, 2020**

ORDINANCE NUMBER:

ISSUES: N/A

CASE MANAGER COMMENTS:

The property in question is currently undeveloped. The lots to the north are zoned SF-2-CO and are developed with single-family residences. To the south and east, there are PUD and LO zoned tracts that contain office buildings. To the west, there is undeveloped land that was originally right-of-way area for the construction of Arterial 8. The applicant's request to change in the intensity of land use at this site is consistent with the deletion of Arterial 8 (Forsythia Drive), a ninety-foot arterial roadway that was to connect Loop 360 to Yaupon Drive. The City of Austin's plans to construct Arterial 8 changed, due in part to BCCP issues and with the City's purchase of the adjoining Stennis Tract.

In this request, the applicant is asking to down zone this tract of land to build a single-family residence on the site. The staff recommends SF-2 zoning as the property meets the intent of the Single-Family Residence-Standard Lot district designation and is consistent with the SF-2-CO zoning the north and west. SF-2 zoning will allow the applicant to develop the property with a single-family residence that is compatible with the residential uses adjacent to the site.

The applicant agrees with the staff's recommendation.

BASIS OF RECOMMENDATION:

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

Single-Family Residence (Standard Lot) district is intended as an area for moderate density single-family residential use, with a minimum lot size of 5,750 square feet. This district is appropriate for existing single-family neighborhoods having moderate sized lot patterns, as well as for development of additional single-family housing areas with minimum land requirements.

2. *The proposed zoning should promote consistency and orderly planning.*

The proposed SF-2 zoning is consistent with the existing SF-2-CO zoning to the north and west.

3. *The proposed zoning should allow for a reasonable use of the property.*

SF-2 zoning will allow the applicant to develop the property with a single-family residence that is compatible with the residential uses adjacent to site.

EXISTING ZONING AND LAND USES:

	ZONING	LAND USES
<i>Site</i>	LR	Undeveloped
<i>North</i>	SF-2-CO	Single Family Residences
<i>South</i>	PUD	Office (Prominent Pointe)
<i>East</i>	LO	Office (Great Hills)
<i>West</i>	SF-2-CO	Single Family Residences, Undeveloped

NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AREA: N/ATIA: Not RequiredWATERSHED: Bull CreekSCHOOLS: Austin I.S.D.

Hill Elementary School  
Murchison Middle School  
Anderson High School

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS:

Austin Great Hills Homeowners Association, Inc.  
Austin Independent School District  
Bike Austin  
Bull Creek Foundation  
Friends of Austin Neighborhoods  
Great Hills VII HOA  
Long Canyon Homeowners Association  
Mountain Neighborhood Association (MNA)  
Neighborhood Empowerment Foundation  
North Oaks Neighborhood Association  
SELTEXAS  
Sierra Club, Austin Regional Group  
TNR BCP-Travis County Natural Resources

AREA CASE HISTORIES:

NUMBER	REQUEST	COMMISSION	CITY COUNCIL
C14-2011-0062 (Junior League Office: 8501 Bluffstone Cove)	GR-CO, RR to GR-CO, RR	9/06/11: Approved the staff's recommendation of GR-CO and RR district zoning on consent, adding Bail Bond Services to the conditional overlay as a prohibited use (5-0, S. Baldridge-absent);	9/22/11: Approved GR-CO and RR zoning on consent on all 3 readings (7-0); B. Spelman-1 <sup>st</sup> , L. Morrison-2 <sup>nd</sup> .

		P. Seager-1 <sup>st</sup> , C. Banks-2 <sup>nd</sup> .	
C814-06-0054 (Prominent Pointe II PUD: 5401, 5405, 5505 Bluffstone Lane; 8310 N. Capital of Texas Highway; Bluffstone at Bluegrass Drive	I-RR, SF-2-CO, LO, GR, PUD to PUD	6/20/06: Approved staff recommendation of PUD zoning by consent (7-0, S. Hale, J. Gohil-absent); J. Martinez-1 <sup>st</sup> , M. Hawthorne- 2 <sup>nd</sup> .	7/27/06: Approved PUD zoning by consent, with the following conditions: 1) Parking requirements are temporarily adjusted to the extent necessary during demolition of the existing surface parking and demolition of the existing surface parking and construction of the parking garage to allow continued occupancy of the existing building; 2) Requirements for construction sequencing are temporarily adjusted to allow construction of the parking garage and utilities to utilize the existing pond and allow construction of the new pond to occur after the garage utilities are completed (7-0); 1 <sup>st</sup> reading  8/09/06: Approved 2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> readings for planned unit development (PUD) district zoning, including the following language in the Restrictive Covenant: Restrictive Covenant Language, Page 2, Number 8 will read, “Requirements for construction sequencing are temporarily modified to allow construction of the building, parking garage and utilities to utilize the existing pond and additional erosion and sedimentation controls to allow the construction of the new pond to occur after the garage and utilities are completed.” Vote: (7-0); B. McCracken-1 <sup>st</sup> , B. Dunkerley-2 <sup>nd</sup> .
C814-01-0096	GR, LR to PUD	12/04/01: Approved staff's recommendation of PUD zoning by consent (8-0, M. Casias-absent)	1/17/02: Approved PUD on 3 readings (6-0, Wynn out of room)

C14-97-0100	SF-2 to GR	<p>9/16/97: Approved GR-CO, prohibiting the following uses: Lodginghouse Residential, Administrative and Business Offices, Art and Craft Studio (Limited), Automotive Rentals, Automotive Repair Services, Automotive Sales, Automotive Washing, Business or Trade School, Business Support Services, Commercial Off-Street Parking, Communications Services, Consumer Convenience Services, Consumer Repair Services, Drop-Off Recycling Collection Facility, Exterminating Services, Food Sales, Funeral Services, General Retail Sales (Convenience, General), Hotel-Motel, Indoor Entertainment, Indoor Sports and Recreation, Off-Site Accessory Parking, Outdoor Entertainment, Outdoor Sports &amp; Recreation, Pawn Shop Services, Personal Improvement Services, Personal Services, Pet Services, Research Services, Restaurant (Drive-In, Fast Food), Restaurant (Limited), Service Station, Special Use Historic, Small Plant Nursery, Theater, Club or Lodge, College or University Facilities, Communication Service Facilities, Community Recreation (Private, Public), Counseling Services, Cultural Services, Day Care Services (Limited, General, Commercial), Guidance Services, Hospital Services (Limited, General), Local Utility Facilities, Safety</p>	<p>10/23/97: Approved GR-CO &amp; RR for floodplain w/conditions (7-0), subject to 25% maximum impervious cover; 1<sup>st</sup> reading</p> <p>1/15/98: Approved GR-CO &amp; RR w/ conditions (7-0); 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> readings</p>
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		Services, Private Primary Educational Facilities, Private Secondary Educational Facilities, Public Primary Educational Facilities, Public Secondary Educational Facilities, Residential Treatment, Telecommunication Tower, and Congregate Living (7-0)	
C14-97-0098	SF-6 to SF-2	9/16/97: Approved staff rec. of SF-2 (7-0)	10/23/97: Approved SF-2-CO w/ conditions (7-0), subject to 25% maximum impervious cover; 1 <sup>st</sup> reading  1/15/98: Approved SF-2-CO w/conditions (7-0); 2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> readings
C14r-86-193	LO to GR	9/23/86: Approved GR zoning subject to conditions (8-0)	10/08/86: Approved GR subject to conditions (6-0); all 3 readings
C14r-86-045	TR1: SF-2, DR to LR TR2: SF-2, DR to GR	7/01/86: Approved LR (TR1) and GR (TR2), subject to conditions (9-0)	8/28/86: Approved LR, GR (6-0); 1 <sup>st</sup> reading  1/15/87: Approved LR and GR; 2 <sup>nd</sup> / 3 <sup>rd</sup> readings
C14r-86-044	SF-2, DR to LO	7/01/86: Approved LO (7-2)	10/30/86: Approved LO

RELATED CASES:

C14-97-0098 - Previous Rezoning Case

C8-2019-0196.0A - Subdivision Case in Review

EXISTING STREET CHARACTERISTICS:

Name	Existing ROW	ASMP Required ROW	Pavement	ASMP Classification	Sidewalks	Bicycle Route	Capital Metro (within ¼ mile)
Bluegrass Drive	~60'	70'	38'	2	No	Yes	No
Bluffstone Lane	~89'	92'	56'	2	No	No	No

OTHER STAFF COMMENTS:Comprehensive Planning

This zoning case is situated on a 2.05 acre vacant lot, located on the northwest corner of Bluffstone Drive and Bluegrass Drive, which is continuation of Spicewood Springs Road, which is located on the other side of Highway 360. The property is 1.4 miles driving distance from the **North Burnet/Gateway Station Regional Center**. This case is not located within the boundaries of a neighborhood planning area. Surrounding land uses includes single family houses to the north; to the south and east are several office buildings; and to the west is vacant land. The proposed used is large lot single family housing.

Connectivity

There are no existing public sidewalks, bike lanes, or public transit stops along this portion of Bluffstone Lane, which is a hilly road. The connectivity and mobility options in this are below average.

Imagine Austin

The property is not located along or near an Activity Center or Corridor. Based on the comparative scale of this site relative to mix of uses in the area, including residential (although there is a lack of mobility and connectivity options in the area), this project supports the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan.

Environmental

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

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

<i>Development Classification</i>	<i>% of Net Site Area</i>	<i>% NSA with Transfers</i>
One or Two Family Residential	30%	40%
Multifamily Residential	40%	55%
Commercial	40%	55%

Development within a Water Quality Transition Zone is limited to 18%.

According to floodplain maps there is a floodplain within or adjacent to the project location. Based upon the location of the floodplain, offsite drainage should be calculated to determine whether a Water Quality Transition Zone / Critical Water Quality Zone exist within 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.

At this time, site specific information is unavailable regarding 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.

At this time, no information has been provided as to whether this property has any preexisting approvals that preempt current water quality or Code requirements.

### Site Plan

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

### **COMPATIBILITY**

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.

The site is subject to compatibility standards. Along the northern property lines, the following standards apply:

- No structure may be built within 25 feet of the triggering property lines.
- 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.
- No parking or driveways are allowed within 25 feet of the property line.
- 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, 40 feet plus one foot for each 10 feet of distance in excess of 100 feet from the property zoned SF-5 or more restrictive.
- 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.

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



**SUBCHAPTER E**

Any new development is subject to Subchapter E. Design Standards and Mixed Use. This site will be subject to Suburban Roadway – Corner Lot standards. Additional comments will be made when the site plan is submitted.

**ZONING OVERLAYS**

FYI- This is in the Scenic Roadway Overlay.

**Transportation**

The Austin Strategic Mobility Plan (ASMP) adopted 04/11/2019, calls for 70 feet of right-of-way for Bluegrass Drive. It is recommended that 35 feet of right-of-way from the existing centerline should be dedicated for Bluegrass Drive at the time of subdivision or site plan.

The ASMP calls for 92' of right-of-way for Bluffstone Lane. It is recommended that 46' of right-of-way should be dedicated for Bluffstone Lane at the time of subdivision or site plan. A traffic impact analysis is not required at this time.

**Water Utility**

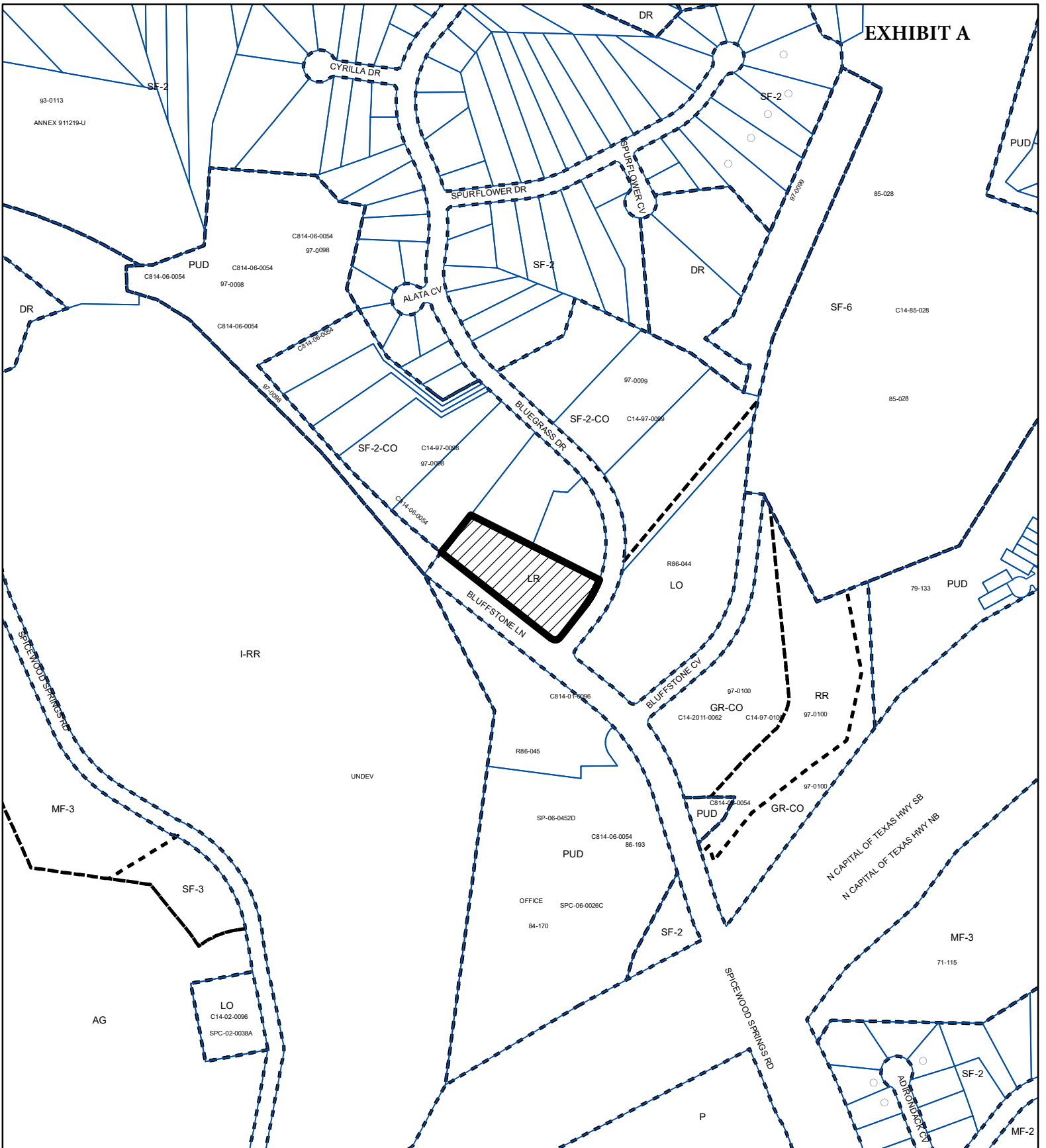
The landowner intends to serve the site with City of Austin water and wastewater utilities. The landowner, at own expense, will be responsible for providing any water and wastewater utility improvements, offsite main extensions, utility relocations and or abandonments required by the land use. The water 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 one the landowner makes an application for a City of Austin water and wastewater utility tap permit.

**INDEX OF EXHIBITS TO FOLLOW**




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## ZONING

ZONING CASE#: C14-2020-0041



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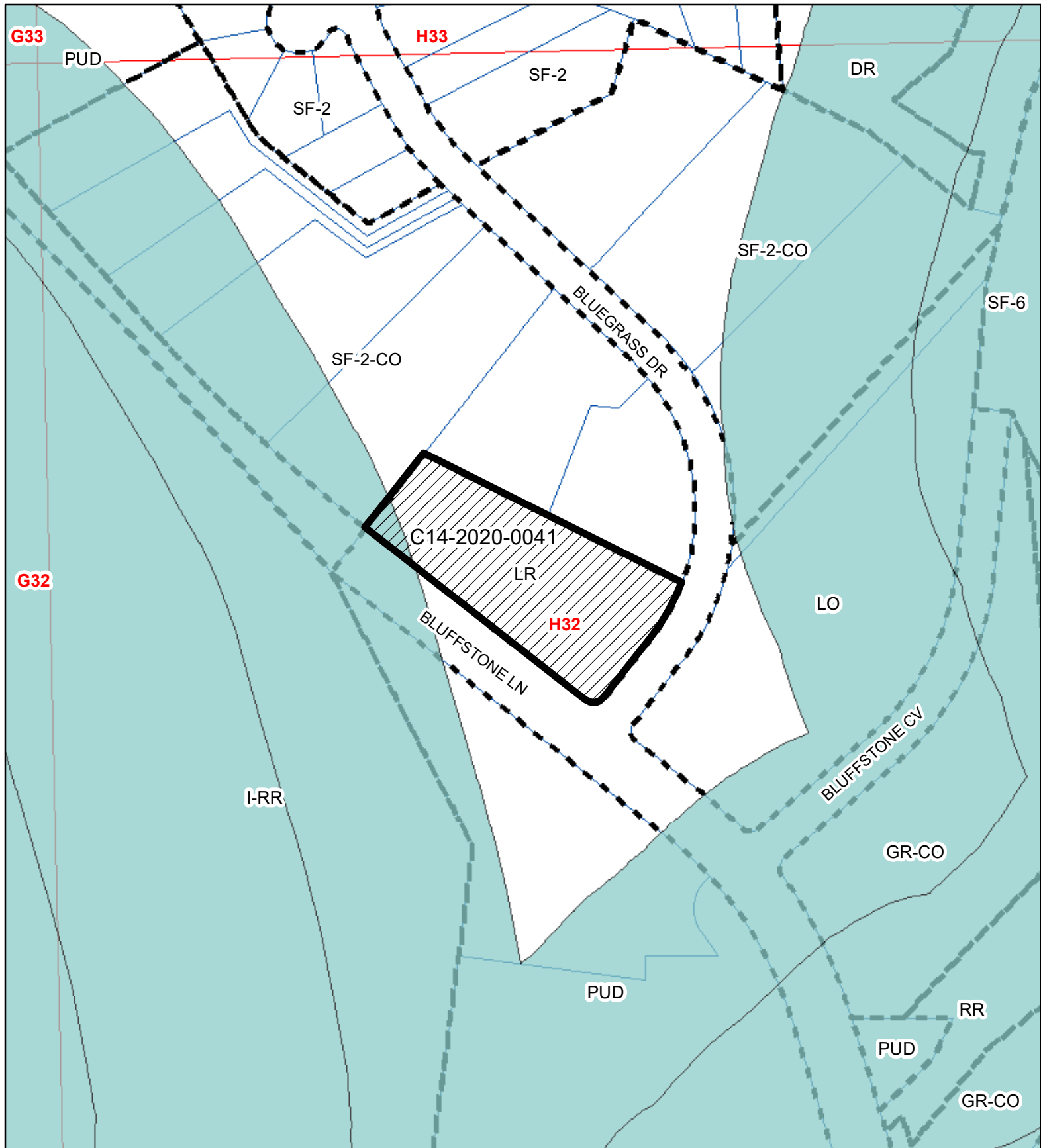
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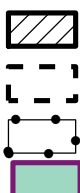
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## STOWERS AND SCHILLER

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SUBJECT AREA: 2.05 ACRES

GRID: H32

MANAGER: Sherri Sirwaitis



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**Contact: Sherri Sirwaitis, 512-974-3057**

**Public Hearing: June 16, 2020, Zoning and Platting Commission**

*Ken Schiller*  
Your Name (please print)

8500 Bluesmass DR Austin, TX  
Your address(es) affected by this application

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I am in favor
<input type="checkbox"/> I object

*Ken Schiller*  
Signature

6-4-2020  
Date

Daytime Telephone:

512-796-8467

Comments:

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

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Bernadette Spencer R. Jose A. Spencer  
Your Name (please print)

☒ I am in favor  
☐ I object

8616 Bluegrass Dr Austin, TX  
Your address(es) affected by this application

B. Spencer MS 6/3/20  
Signature Date

Daytime Telephone: 512-505-8163

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