

Zoning Request

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2400 Block of Hwy 123



Summary

Request:	Zoning change from "FD" Future Development to "CD-5" Character District – 5		
Applicant:	Ed Theriot Doucet & Associates, Inc. 7401B Hwy 71 W Ste 160 Austin, TX 78735	Property Owner:	Jaime J Russek Martinez 910 Rio Verde New Braunfels, TX 78130

Notification

Application:	September 22, 2020	Neighborhood Meeting:	N/A
Published:	October 11, 2020	# of Participants	N/A
Posted:	October 9, 2020	Personal:	October 9, 2020
Response:	None as of Staff Report date		

Property Description

Legal Description:	+/- 32.24 acre tract out of the Barnett O. Kane Survey, Abstract No. 281, Hays County and being Lot 1, Block 1, R&R Subdivision Section 2		
Location:	2400 Block of Hwy 123		
Acreage:	32.24	PDD/DA/Other:	Pending Annexation
Existing Zoning:	"FD" Future Development	Proposed Zoning:	"CD-5" Character District - 5
Existing Use:	Vacant / Rural	Proposed Use:	Multifamily
Preferred Scenario:	Growth Area – Medium Intensity	Proposed Designation:	Growth Area – Medium Intensity
CONA Neighborhood:	N/A	Sector:	5
Utility Capacity:	Developer is responsible for extending utilities.	Floodplain:	No
Historic District	N/A		

Surrounding Area

	Zoning	Existing Land Use	Preferred Scenario
North of Property:	ETJ (Outside City Limits)	Commercial / Warehouse	Growth Area – Medium Intensity
South of Property:	Multifamily-12 (MF-12) ETJ (Outside City Limits)	Rural / Vacant	Area of Stability – Low Intensity
East of Property:	Character District-4 (CD-4) ETJ (Outside City Limits)	Senior Living / Multifamily	Growth Area – Medium Intensity
West of Property:	ETJ (Outside City Limits)	Rural / Vacant	Growth Area – Medium Intensity

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Staff Recommendation

X	Approval as Submitted	Approval with Conditions / Alternate	Denial
Staff: Andrea Villalobos, AICP, CNU-A Title: Senior Planner Date: October 22, 2020			

History

The majority of the subject property is currently located outside the City Limits in the San Marcos Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ). There is an approximately 30 foot wide strip of land along the southeastern property line that was annexed and zoned Future Development "FD" in 2008 as part of a wastewater line extension and easement (see survey for depiction). The property is currently vacant and is adjacent to rural/vacant property and a few commercial/warehouse structures along Redwood. The property is also across the street from the La Vista retirement community, a proposed multifamily project along Redwood Road, and also abuts Hwy 123. The purpose of this zoning change is for the development of a potential residential multifamily project or other allowable uses in CD-5.

The City of San Marcos will provide water and wastewater services at the site. The developer will be responsible for extending water and wastewater facilities through the site. Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative will provide electric service to this development. This zoning request is being processed concurrently with an annexation request for the property.

Additional Analysis

Upon annexation, the property will be zoned "FD", the default classification for newly annexed land. The annexation request will be considered prior to the zoning change by City Council. At this time, the applicant has stated that the property is intended to be developed as multifamily, however, other uses allowed in CD-5 zoning may be considered.

Additional details regarding this analysis is outlined in the staff report and the Comprehensive Plan Analysis checklist.

Comments from Other Departments

Police	No Comment
Fire	No Comment
Public Services	No Comment
Engineering	No Comment

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Evaluation			Criteria for Approval (Sec.2.5.1.4)
Consistent	Inconsistent	Neutral	
<u>X</u>			<p>Whether the proposed zoning map amendment implements the policies of the adopted Comprehensive Plan and preferred scenario map</p> <p><i>The subject property is located within the Medical District Growth Area – Medium Intensity designation as outlined on the Preferred Scenario Map. Vision San Marcos states that the Medical District Medium Intensity Zone should include a mix of uses to allow residents to live, work, and do many day-to-day tasks within the district. Character Districts, such as CD-5, are intended for new development within this designation on the Preferred Scenario Map and is designated as “C” Considered on the Comprehensive Plan / District Translation Table within a Medium Intensity District.</i></p> <p><i>Zoning districts, such as Character Districts allow for a diverse array of building types, land uses, and densities that provide additional housing opportunities and services for a neighborhood so that resident’s needs are more accessible. Character Districts are intended to be walkable and require multi-modal transportation improvements through block standards and streetscape standards such as sidewalks and street trees.</i></p>
		<u>N/A</u>	<p>Whether the proposed zoning map amendment is consistent with any adopted small area plan or neighborhood character study for the area</p> <p><i>Studies were not complete at time of request.</i></p>
		<u>N/A</u>	<p>Whether the proposed zoning map amendment is consistent with any applicable development agreement in effect</p> <p><i>A development agreement is not required because the property is requesting annexation into the city limits.</i></p>

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<u>X</u>			<p>Whether the uses permitted by the proposed change in zoning district classification and the standards applicable to such uses shall be appropriate in the immediate area of the land to be reclassified</p> <p><i>CD-5 zoning allows for a variety of uses including residential, commercial, and office (see attached land use matrix comparison table). Per the Development Code, "The CD-5 district is intended to provide for a variety of residential, retail, service, and commercial uses. To promote walkability and compatibility, auto-oriented uses are restricted. CD-5 promotes mixed use and pedestrian-oriented activity."</i></p> <p><i>The subject property's location in the Medical District Medium Intensity Zone indicates that the area is planned for a mix of uses that should be well-connected. CD-5 zoning aligns with this vision as outlined in the comprehensive plan.</i></p>
<u>X</u>			<p>Whether the proposed zoning will reinforce the existing or planned character of the area</p> <p><i>Approval of this zoning change would allow the property to develop according to the vision of the Comprehensive Plan, which states that the Medical District Medium Intensity Zone is planned for a live, work, play built environment.</i></p> <p><i>Character District-5 allows for a diverse array of building types, land uses, and densities that provide additional housing opportunities and services for a neighborhood so that resident's needs are more accessible. CD-5 is intended to be walkable and require multi-modal transportation improvements through block standards and streetscape standards such as sidewalks, shared use paths, and street trees.</i></p>
<u>X</u>			<p>Whether the site is appropriate for the development allowed in the proposed district</p> <p><i>The property is vacant and shown to be in a low to moderately constrained area. The rezoning does serve a public purpose as it furthers the goals and vision of the Comprehensive Plan and the Medical District Medium Intensity Zone by providing a zoning district that allows for a diverse array of uses.</i></p>

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		<u>N/A</u>	<p>Whether there are substantial reasons why the property cannot be used according to the existing zoning</p> <p><i>The property is currently not zoned as it is located outside City Limits.</i></p>
<u>X</u>			<p>Whether there is a need for the proposed use at the proposed location</p> <p><i>The rezoning does serve a public purpose as it furthers the goals and vision of the Comprehensive Plan.</i></p>
<u>X</u>			<p>Whether the City and other service providers will be able to provide sufficient public facilities and services including schools, roads, recreation facilities, wastewater treatment, water supply and stormwater facilities, public safety, and emergency services, while maintaining sufficient levels of service to existing development</p> <p><i>The property is located within the City's water service area and adjacent to the City's wastewater service area. There are several public water and wastewater lines existing on the subject property that are located along the perimeter of the property. Additional services lines may be extended through the property depending on the proposed site and subdivision layout. Once the property is annexed, the City's wastewater service area boundary will be updated.</i></p> <p><i>The developer will be responsible for constructing public roadways in accordance with the Transportation Master Plan and the block standards required for CD-5. These roadways will include streetscape improvement such as sidewalks, bike lanes, street trees, and landscaping in accordance with the Development Code. In addition, a greenway is required through the property that will connect the proposed High Branch greenway east of the property to the south per the Greenway Master Plan.</i></p>

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<u>X</u>			<p>Whether the proposed rezoning will have a significant adverse impact on property in the vicinity of the subject property</p> <p><i>The subject property is surrounded by a mix of uses and zoning districts. There are two sites immediately surrounding the property that are planned for multifamily (CD-4 and MF-12 zoning) and the existing La Vista Senior Housing across the street from the subject property includes multifamily residential units for seniors. In addition, there are several vacant tracts of land that are either located outside the city limits or are still zoned Future Development. A few commercial/warehouse uses exist along Redwood Road. In general, the majority of the immediately surrounding area is located in the Medium Intensity Zone and is planned for a diverse array of uses. The proposed zoning district to CD-5 will align with the comprehensive plan and provide additional uses, services, and transportation connections in the Medical District Intensity Zone.</i></p>
		<u>N/A</u>	<p>For requests to a Neighborhood Density District, whether the proposed amendment complies with the compatibility of uses and density in Section 4.1.2.5</p> <p><i>This request is not for a Neighborhood Density District.</i></p>
<u>X</u>			<p>The impact the proposed amendment has with regard to the natural environment, including the quality and quantity of water and other natural resources, flooding, and wildlife management</p> <p><i>The property is located within a moderately constrained area according to the Land Use Suitability Map and there is no floodplain on the property. A Watershed Protection Plan is required prior to development.</i></p>
<u>X</u>			<p>Any other factors which shall substantially affect the public health, safety, morals, or general welfare</p> <p><i>None noted.</i></p>