#### SECOND/THIRD READING SUMMARY SHEET

**ZONING CASE NUMBER:** C14-06-0157 (Pond Springs Plaza)

### **REQUEST:**

Approve second/third readings of an ordinance amending Chapter 25-2 of the Austin City Code, zoning the property locally known as 13233 Pond Springs Road from I-RR, Interim-Rural Residence District, zoning to GR-CO, Community Commercial-Conditional Overlay District, zoning for Tract 1 (shopping center), CS-1-CO, Commercial-Liquor Sales District, zoning for Tract 2 (bar area), and GR-CO, Community Commercial-Conditional Overlay District, zoning for Tract 3 (deck area).

The ordinance and public restrictive covenant reflect those conditions imposed by Council on 1<sup>st</sup> reading.

PROPERTY OWNER: The London Management Trust (Michael S. London)

AGENT: Vincent Gerard and Associates, Inc. (Vince Huebinger)

### **DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:**

The property in question is currently developed with a commercial retail center that was recently annexed by the City of Austin (Annexation Case: C7A-05-014). The Pond Springs Plaza center currently contains a restaurant-general use (Jardin Corona Mexican Restaurant), retail sales-convenience uses (Q Fashions, Just Between Us Resale), personal services uses (Alterations/Cleaners, Family Clips Beauty and Barber Shop, Super Nails, Skin & Beyond), a cocktail lounge (Shenanigan's Night Club), an office use (Professional Real Estate Delivery Services), and a food preparation use (Courtney's Catering). The applicant is requesting permanent zoning to bring the existing uses on the site into conformance with the City of Austin Land Development Code use regulations.

The staff is recommending GR-CO, Community Commercial-Conditional Overlay District, zoning for Tract 1 and CS-1, Commercial-Liquor Sales-Conditional Overlay District, zoning for Tract 2. The proposed GR-CO zoning and CS-1-CO zoning footprint will be compatible and consistent with the surrounding uses because there is currently commercial zoning and commercial and industrial uses located to the south and east of this tract of land. The proposed GR-CO zoning for Tract 1 will permit the current restaurant, retail sales, personal services, office uses and the proposed CS-1-CO zoning for Tract 2 will permit the continuation of the cocktail lounge use on the property with a conditional use permit. This recommendation for permanent zoning will allow the existing land uses on the site to come into conformance with the City of Austin Land Development Code. GR-CO zoning and CS-1-CO zoning are appropriate for this location because the property meets the intent of the GR and CS-1 districts as it fronts onto an arterial roadway and will provide services to the residential areas to the north and west.

The applicant agrees with the City Council's recommendation at first reading.

# **DATE OF FIRST READING/VOTE:**

December 7, 2006 / Approved the ZAP recommendation, striking the requirement for double door access from the bar (Tract 2) to the deck (Tract 3) and adding a condition for speakers be removed from the deck area (7-0).

CITY COUNCIL DATE: April 12, 2007

**CITY COUNCIL ACTION:** 

ASSIGNED STAFF: Sherri Sirwaitis PHONE: 974-3057

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#### ZONING CHANGE REVIEW SHEET

<u>CASE</u>: C14-06-0157 <u>ZAP DATE</u>: September 5, 2006

September 19, 2006 October 3, 2006 November 7, 2006

ADDRESS: 13233 Pond Springs Road

OWNER/APPLICANT: The London Management Trust (Michael S. London)

AGENT: Vincent Gerard and Associates, Inc. (Lee Small)

ZONING FROM: I-SF-2 TO: Tract 1: CS AREA: 1.560 acres (67,990 sq. ft.)

Tract 2: CS-1 <u>0.154 acres ( 6,723 sq. ft.)</u>

Total: 1.714 acres (74,713 sq. ft.)

### **SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff's recommendation is to grant GR-CO, Community Commercial-Conditional Overlay District, zoning for Tract 1 and CS-1-CO, Commercial-Liquor Sales-Conditional Overlay District, zoning for Tract 2 (a 6,723 sq. ft. suite within the existing shopping center). The conditional overlay would limit the site to uses that generate no more than 2,000 vehicle trips per day and prohibit Automotive Rentals, Automotive Repair Services, Automotive Sales, Automotive Washing-of any type, and Service Station uses on the property.

### **ZONING & PLATTING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:**

9/05/06: Ist Motion: Approved staff's recommendation of GR-CO for Tract 1 and CS-1-CO for Tract 2, with additional condition to prohibit Pawn Shop Services, by consent (8-0, J. Shiehabsent); J. Martinez-1<sup>st</sup>, S. Hale-2<sup>nd</sup>.

2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: To rescind and reconsider 1<sup>st</sup> motion (6-0, J. Shieh-absent; T. Rabago, J. Martinez-off dias); J. Gohil-1<sup>st</sup>, K. Jackson-2<sup>nd</sup>.

3<sup>rd</sup> Motion: To postpone and place on the September 19, 2006 ZAP Agenda (6-0, J. Shiehabsent; T. Rabago, J. Martinez-off dias); J. Gohil-1<sup>st</sup>, K. Jackson-2<sup>rd</sup>.

9/19/06: Continued to October 3, 2006 by Zoning and Platting Commission (7-0, J. Martinez, J. Pinnelli-absent); S. Hale-1<sup>st</sup>, J. Shieh-2<sup>nd</sup>.

10/03/06: Postponed to November 7, 2006 by the applicant (7-0, K. Jackson, J. Pinnelli-absent); J. Martinez-1<sup>st</sup>, S. Hale-2<sup>nd</sup>.

11/07/06: Approved staff's recommendation of GR-CO zoning for Tract 1 (shopping center), CS-1-CO zoning for Tract 2 (bar area), and GR-CO zoning for newly created Tract 3 (deck area). The Commission added the following conditions to Tract 2:

- 1) Prohibit Adult Oriented Businesses:
- To require double door access to the deck from the bar (if allowable by Code and Building Permit regulations);

- 3) To place permanent signage on the property at the driveway entries to restrict motorcycle parking in the rear/alleyway.
- 4) To place permanent signage along the fence/property line between the residential site to the west and the property in question designating the parking spaces in the rear/alleyway as, "Employee Parking Only".
- 5) To construct an 8-foot masonry/or sound retardant fence around the deck to mitigate sound emanating from the deck.

The Commission also placed the following conditions on Tract 3 (the deck area):

- 1) Place an 85 decibel limit (in accordance with LDC Sec. 9-2-4) on the deck to reduce noise emanating from the deck.
- 2) Restrict amplified sound on the deck.
- 3) Place permanent signage on the deck for noise mitigation.
- 4) Remove the pool table off of the deck.

Vote: (7-2, B. Baker, J. Martinez-No); J. Shieh-1<sup>st</sup>, S. Hale-2<sup>nd</sup>.

# **DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:**

The property in question is currently developed with a commercial retail center that was recently annexed by the City of Austin (Annexation Case: C7A-05-014). The Pond Springs Plaza center currently contains a restaurant-general use (Jardin Corona Mexican Restaurant), retail sales-convenience uses (Q Fashions, Just Between Us Resale), personal services uses (Alterations/Cleaners, Family Clips Beauty and Barber Shop, Super Nails, Skin & Beyond), a cocktail lounge (Shenanigan's Night Club), an office use (Professional Real Estate Delivery Services), and a food preparation use (Courtney's Catering). The applicant is requesting permanent zoning to bring the existing uses on the site into conformance with the City of Austin Land Development Code use regulations.

The staff is recommending GR-CO, Community Commercial-Conditional Overlay District, zoning for Tract 1 and CS-1, Commercial-Liquor Sales-Conditional Overlay District, zoning for Tract 2. The proposed GR-CO zoning and CS-1-CO zoning footprint will be compatible and consistent with the surrounding uses because there is currently commercial zoning and commercial and industrial uses located to the south and east of this tract of land. The proposed GR-CO zoning for Tract I will permit the current restaurant, retail sales, personal services, office uses and the proposed CS-1-CO zoning for Tract 2 will permit the continuation of the cocktail lounge use on the property with a conditional use permit. This recommendation for permanent zoning will allow the existing land uses on the site to come into conformance with the City of Austin Land Development Code. GR-CO zoning and CS-1-CO zoning are appropriate for this location because the property meets the intent of the GR and CS-1 districts as it fronts onto an arterial roadway and will provide services to the residential areas to the north and west.

The applicant agrees with the staff's recommendation.

# **EXISTING ZONING AND LAND USES:**

	ZONING	LAND USES
Site	I-RR	Commercial Retail Center (Jardin Corona Mexican Restaurant,
		Alterations/Cleaners, Q Fashions, Family Clips Beauty and
		Barber Shop, Shenanigan's Night Club, Professional Real
		Estate Delivery Services, Courtney's Catering, Super Nails,
		Skin & Beyond, Just Between Us Resale)
North	County	Townhouses, Duplexes
South	I-RR, CS-CO	Office/Industrial/Warehouse uses(Roxie Drive Business Park-
		All Star Heating & Air, Bartz Paint & Drywall, Legacy Custom
		Decks, Hammerhead Bikes, Capital Screen, Centex Electric,
		Inc., Triumph Graphic Supply, Flynn Company, Maluski
		Woodworking, Texas Solar Source), Monument Sales
		use(Southwest Marble & Granite Works)
East	I-RR	Commercial Retail Center (Bum's Billiard's, Jonnie's Liquor,
		Hair Fashions, Clothing Care Cleaners, Kwik Wash Laundry,
		Egg Roll Express, Dominoes Pizza), Service Station (Shell)
West	County	Townhouses

AREA STUDY: N/A TIA: Waived

<u>WATERSHED</u>: Lake Creek <u>DESIRED DEVELOPMENT ZONE</u>: Yes

<u>CAPITOL VIEW CORRIDOR</u>: N/A <u>HILL COUNTRY ROADWAY</u>: N/A

**NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS:** N/A

# **CASE HISTORIES:**

NUMBER	REQUEST	COMMISSION	CITY COUNCIL
C14-06-0107	I-SF-2 to LI 6/20/06: Approved staff's recommendation for LI-CO zoning by consent (7-0, J. Gohil, S. Hale – absent)		7/27/06: Approved LI- CO district zoning (7-0); all 3 readings
C14-05-0143	I-RR to Tract 1: GR, Tract 2: CS-1	9/20/05: Approved GR-CO for Tract 1 and CS-1-CO for Tract 2, prohibit on-site consumption, limit to 2,000 vehicle trips per day (9-0)	10/27/05: Approved GR-CO zoning for Tract 1, CS-1-CO zoning for Tract 2 by consent (6-0, Alvarez-off dias); all 3 readings
CI4-04-0157	I-RR to CS	11/2/04: Approved staff's recommendation of CS-CO zoning by consent (9-0)	12/02/04: Approved CS- CO (7-0); all 3 readings
C14-03-0169	I-SF-2 to CS-CO	12/16/03: Approved staff's recommendation for CS-CO by consent (8-0, C. Hammond-absent)	1/15/04: Approved PC rec. of CS-CO by consent (6-0, McCracken-off dias); all 3 readings

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C14-02-0159	I-RR to GR-CO	10/29/02: Approved staff's	12/05/02: Granted GR-
		recommendation of GR-CO	CO on all 3 readings
		zoning with the deletion of	(7-0), the CO limits site
	ĺ	Congregate Living as a	to less than 2,000 vehicle
		prohibited use, by consent	trips per day and
		(7-0, A. Adams-absent)	prohibits the following
			uses: Automotive
1			Rentals, Automotive
			Repair Services,
			Automotive Sales,
			Automotive Washing (of
	ì		any type), Commercial
			Off-Street Parking,
			Drop-Off Recycling
	;		Collection Facility,
			Exterminating Services,
			Funeral Services, Hotel-
			Motel, Indoor
			Entertainment, Indoor
			Sports and Recreation,
			Outdoor Entertainment,
			Outdoor Sports and
			Recreation, Pawn Shop
ļ			Services, Research
1			Services, Service
			Station, Theater,
}			Guidance Services,
			Residential Treatment
C14-02-0158	I-RR to GR-CO	10/29/02: Approved staff's	12/05/02: Granted GR-
		recommendation of GR-CO	CO on all 3 readings
		zoning with the deletion of	(7-0), the CO limits site
		Congregate Living as a	to less than 2,000 vehicle
		prohibited use, by consent	trips per day and
		(7-0, A. Adams-absent)	prohibits the following
			uses: Automotive
			Rentals, Automotive
			Repair Services,
			Automotive Sales,
			Automotive Washing (of
			any type), Commercial
			Off-Street Parking,
			Drop-Off Recycling
			Collection Facility,
			Exterminating Services,
			Funeral Services, Hotel-
			Motel, Indoor
			Entertainment, Indoor
			Sports and Recreation,
			Outdoor Entertainment,
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			Outdoor Sports and
			Recreation, Pawn Shop

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			Services, Research
			Services, Service
			Station, Theater,
			Guidance Services,
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C14-01-0163	I-RR to CS-CO	12/11/01: Approved staff's	1/17/02: Approved CS-
		recommendation of CS-CO	CO on 3 readings (6-0,
		zoning, adding a condition	Wynn out of room)
		prohibiting vehicle storage	
		(6-0, A. Adams, V.	
		Aldridge-Left Early)	!
C14-01-0111	I-RR, SF-2 to	11/27/01: Approved staff	1/10/02: Postponed to
	GR	rec. of GR by consent	1/31/02 at the request of
		(8-0)	the applicant (7-0)
	}		
			I/31/02: Approved GR
			on all 3 readings (6-0,
			Goodman-off dias)
C14-01-0074	I-RR to LI	6/19/01: Approved staff's	7/19/01: Approved CS-
		alternate recommendation	CO, all 3 readings
		of CS-CO district zoning,	00, 200 1002111.gs
		with CO limiting the site to	
	1	2,000 vtpd, by consent	
		(7-1, Cravey-Nay, Garza-	
		Absent)	
C14-99-2036	I-RR to GR	10/5/99: Approved GR-CO	11/4/99: Approved GR-
	114110 011	(7-1, RC-Nay) w/ only	CO (6-0); all 3 readings
		permitted GR use being a	co (o o), an o readings
		car wash and prohibiting	
		the following uses:	
•		Automotive Rental,	
		Automotive Repair	
		Services, Automotive	
		Sales, Business Trade	
		School, Business Support	
	1	Services, Commercial Off-	
		Street Parking,	
		Communication Services.	
		Drop-Off Recycling	
		Collection Facility,	
		Exterminating Services,	
		Funeral Services, Hotel-	
		Motel, Indoor	
		Entertainment, Indoor	
		Sports and Recreation,	
		Medical Offices, Outdoor	į
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		Sports and Recreation,	
		Pawn Shop Services,	
	l	Research Services,	<u> </u>

		Restaurant (General), Theater, Hospital Services (General), Off-Site	
		Accessory Parking	
C14-98-0238	I-RR to CS	2/2/99: Approved staff alternate rec. of CS-CO, limiting the site to 2,000 vtpd (8-0)	3/4/99: Approved CS-CO (7-0); all 3 readings
C14-98-0229	I-SF-2 to GR	1/19/99: Approved staff rec. of GR-CO, limiting the site to 2,000 vtpd	2/25/99: Approved PC rec. of GR-CO (7-0); all 3 readings
C14-98-0201	I-SF-2 to LI	12/8/98: Approved LI by consent (8-0)	1/7/99: Approved LI-CO w/ condition of 2,000 vehicle trips per day limit (7-0); all 3 readings
C14-98-0199		1/12/99: Approved GR-CO zoning, limiting the site to 2,000 vtpd	2/11/99: Approved PC rec. of GR-CO (5-0); all 3 readings
C14-98-0198	I-RR to GR	1/19/99: Approved staff rec. of GR-CO zoning, limiting the site to 2,000 vtpd (9-0)	2/25/99: Approved PC rec. of GR-CO (7-0), all 3 readings
C14-98-0167	I-SF-2 to CS	11/17/98: Approved staff alternate rec. of CS-CO, w/ 2,000 vehicle trips per day limit, by consent (9-0)	1/21/99: Approved CS- CO w/ conditions (7-0); all 3 readings
C14-98-0152	I-RR to CS	11/10/98: Approved staff alternate rec. of CS-CO, prohibiting adult oriented businesses, by consent (8-0)	12/10/98: Approved CS-CO, with CO limiting the site to 2,000 vtpd (7-0, 1 <sup>st</sup> )  2/25/99: Approved CS-
C14-98-0099	I-RR to CS	8/18/98: Approved CS-CO, w/ 2,000 vehicle trips per day limit, by consent (7-0)	CO (7-0, 2 <sup>nd</sup> / 3 <sup>rd</sup> )  10/8/98: Approved PC rec. of CS-CO w/ conditions (6-0); 1 <sup>st</sup> reading  12/10/98: Approved CS-
C14-98-0097	I-RR to CS	8/18/98: Approved CS-CO,	CO w/ conditions (7-0); 2 <sup>nd</sup> / 3 <sup>rd</sup> readings 10/8/98: Approved PC
		w/ conditions (7-0)	rec. of CS-CO w/ 35 feet of deferred ROW dedication and 2,000 vehicle trips per day limit by consent (6-0); 1st reading

			12/10/98: Approved CS-CO with conditions (7-0); 2 <sup>nd</sup> / 3 <sup>rd</sup> readings
C14-98-0096	I-SF-2 to LI-CO	8/18/98: Approved CS-CO w/ conditions (7-0)	10/8/98: Approved PC rec. of CS-CO w/ 35 feet of deferred ROW dedication and 2,000 vehicle trips per day limit by consent (6-0); 1st reading 12/10/98: Approved CS-CO w/ conditions (7-0); 2nd/ 3rd readings
C14-98-0036	I-SF-2 to LI-CO	4/14/98: Approved LI-CO w/ conditions of 2,000 vehicle trips per day limit, prohibiting Agricultural Sales and Service, Automotive Repair Services, Construction Sales and Services, Equipment Sales, Equipment Repair Services, Scrap and Salvage, Vehicle Storage, Basic Industry, Recycling Center, Resource Extraction, and Railroad Facilities (8-0)	5/14/98: Approved PC rec. of LI-CO w/ conditions (5-0); 1 <sup>st</sup> reading  1/21/99: Approved LI-CO w/ conditions (7-0); 2 <sup>nd</sup> / 3 <sup>rd</sup> readings

**RELATED CASES:** C7A-05-014 (Annexation Case)

# **ABUTTING STREETS:**

Name	ROW	Pavement	Classification	Sidewalks	Bus Route	Bike Route
Roxie Drive	72'	30'	Collector	No	No	No

CITY COUNCIL DATE: December 7, 2006

ACTION: Approved the ZAP recommendation, striking the requirement for double door access from the bar (Tract 2) to the deck (Tract 3) and adding a condition for speakers be removed from the deck area (7-0).

April 12, 2006 ACTION:

ORDINANCE READINGS: 1st 12/07/07

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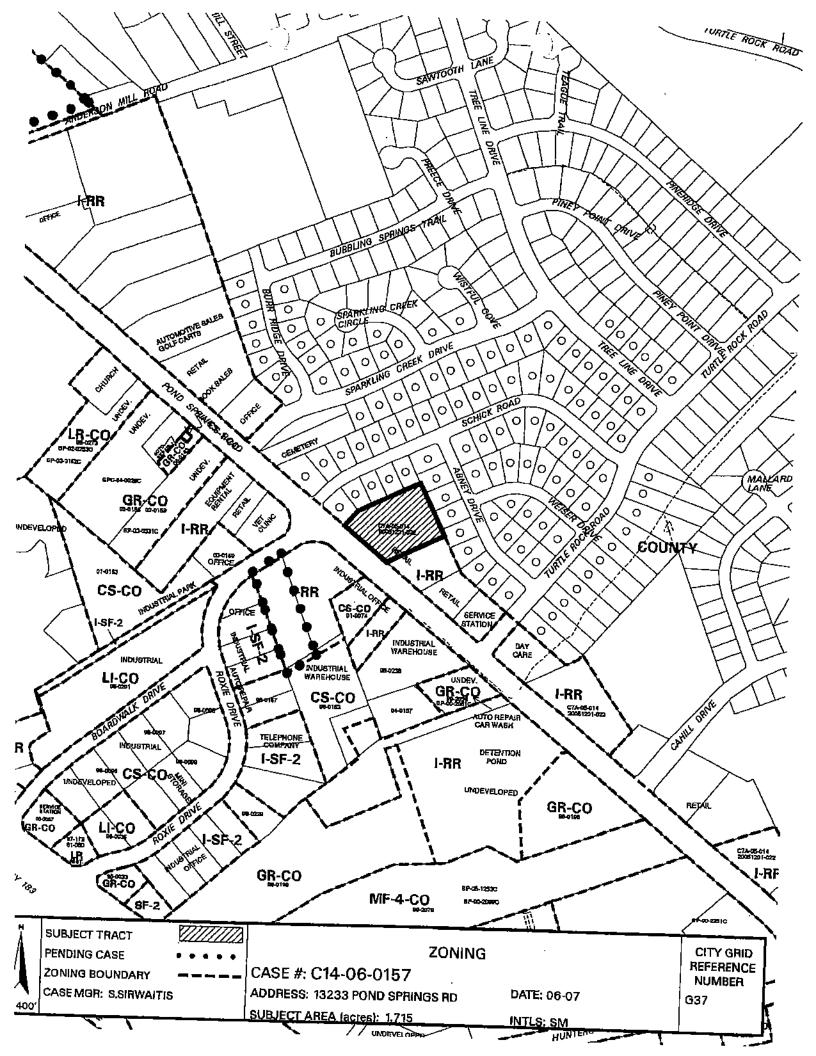
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**ORDINANCE NUMBER:** 

**CASE MANAGER:** Sherri Sirwaitis

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#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff's recommendation is to grant GR-CO, Community Commercial-Conditional Overlay District, zoning for Tract 1 and CS-1-CO, Commercial-Liquor Sales-Conditional Overlay District, zoning for Tract 2 (a 6,723 sq. ft. suite within the existing shopping center). The conditional overlay would limit the site to uses that generate no more than 2,000 vehicle trips per day and prohibit Automotive Rentals, Automotive Repair Services, Automotive Sales, Automotive Washing-of any type, and Service Station uses on the property.

#### BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION

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

"Community commercial (GR) district is the designation for an office or other commercial use that serves neighborhood and community needs and that generally is accessible from major traffic ways."

GR-CO zoning is appropriate for this location because the property meets the intent of the GR district as it fronts onto an arterial roadway and provides services to the residential areas to the north and west.

"The Commercial-Liquor Sales (CS-1) district is intended for the development of a commercial or industrial use of a service nature that has operating characteristics or traffic service requirements that are incompatible with residential environments."

CS-1 zoning is appropriate for a footprint within this existing shopping center because the property in question fronts onto and will take access from an arterial roadway, Pond Springs Road.

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

The proposed GR-CO zoning and CS-I-CO zoning footprint will be compatible and consistent with the surrounding uses because there is currently commercial zoning to the south and east of this tract of land.

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

The requested GR-CO zoning for Tract 1 will permit the current restaurant, retail sales, personal services, office uses and the proposed CS-1-CO zoning for Tract 2 will allow for the continuation of the cocktail lounge use on the property with a conditional use permit. This recommendation for permanent zoning will bring the majority of the existing land uses on the site into conformance with the land use regulations set out in the City of Austin Land Development Code.

The current food preparation use on the property will become a conditional use if is discontinued for ninety (90) days or more.

#### EXISTING CONDITIONS

## Site Characteristics

The subject tract is developed with a commercial retail center that contains a restaurant-general use, retail sales-convenience uses, personal services uses, a cocktail lounge, an office use, and a food preparation use. There are townhouse and duplex uses to the north and west, commercial and industrial uses across Pond Springs Road to the south, and another commercial retail center with a service station to the east.

### Impervious Cover

The maximum impervious cover allowed by the CS-1 zoning district would be 95%. However, because the watershed impervious cover is more restrictive than the zoning district's allowable impervious cover, the impervious cover is limited by the watershed regulations.

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

Development Classification	% of Net Site Area	% NSA with Transfers	
Single-Family Residential	45%	50%	
(min. lot size 5750 sq. ft.)		1	
One or Two Family Residential	55%	60%	
(lot size < 5750 sq. ft.)	!		
Multifamily Residential	60%	65%	
Commercial	65%	70%	

In the Water Quality Transition Zones, impervious cover is limited to 30%.

## **Environmental**

The site is located over the North Edward's Aquifer Recharge Zone. It is in the Desired Development Zone. The site is in the Lake Creek Watershed, which is classified as a Suburban Watershed by Chapter 25-8 of the City's Land Development Code. According to flood plain maps, there is no floodplain within, or adjacent to the project boundary.

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, it appears that the site is entirely developed, therefore there are no significant environmental features.

Under current watershed regulations, development or redevelopment on this site will be subject to the following water quality control requirements:

 Structural controls: Sedimentation and filtration basins with increased capture volume and 2 year detention.

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

### **Transportation**

No additional right-of-way is needed at this time.

The trip generation under the requested zoning is estimated to be 8,813 trips per day, assuming that the site develops to the maximum intensity allowed under the zoning classification (without consideration of setbacks, environmental constraints, or other site characteristics).

A traffic impact analysis was waived for this case because the applicant agreed to limit the intensity and uses for this development. If the zoning is granted, development should be limited through a conditional overlay to less than 2,000 vehicle trips per day. [LDC, 25-6-117]

# Existing Street Characteristics:

Name	ROW	Pavement	Classification	Sidewalks	Bus Route	Bike Route
Pond Springs Road	100'	34'	Collector	No	No	No

# Water and Wastewater

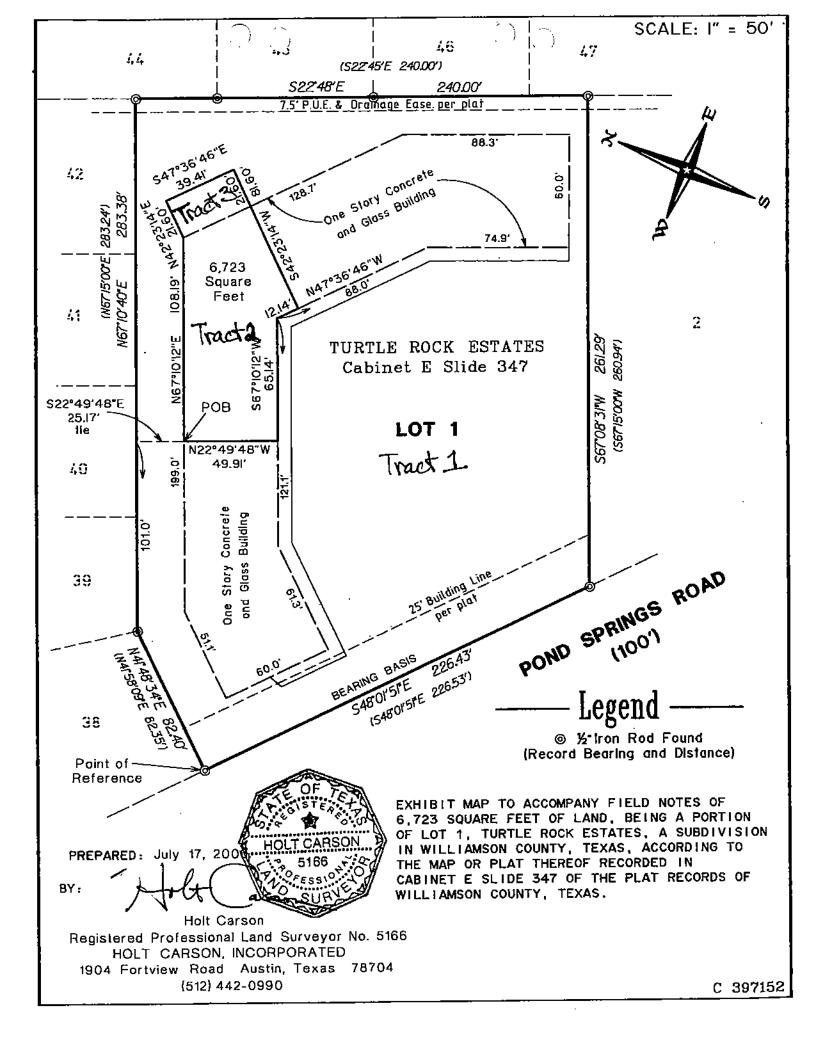
The landowner intends to serve the site with City of Austin water and wastewater utilities. If water or wastewater utility improvements, or offsite main extension, or system upgrades, or utility adjustments, or utility relocation are required, the landowner, at own expense, will be responsible for providing. Also, the utility plan must be reviewed and approved by the Austin Water Utility. The plan must be in accordance with the City utility design criteria. The utility construction must be inspected by the City. The landowner must pay all associated and applicable City fees.

#### Stormwater Detention

At the time a final subdivision plat, subdivision construction plans, or site plan is submitted, the developer must demonstrate that the proposed development will not result in additional identifiable flooding of other property. Any increase in stormwater runoff will be mitigated through on-site stormwater detention ponds, or participation in the City of Austin Regional Stormwater Management Program if available.

# Compatibility Standards

No comments.



October 26, 2006

Mr. John A. Leary 8300 Tyndale Cove Austin, TX 78733

Re: Rezoning of 13233 Pond Springs Road, Austin Pond Springs Plaza – Shenanigans Nightclub

Mr. Leary,

I have appreciated the opportunities, most recently yesterday morning, to meet and discuss with you the objections you have raised regarding the smoking deck that Mr. Fischer constructed at the rear of the premises of Shenanigans. I was pleased to learn that the actions already taken by Mr. Fischer have substantially reduced the noise emanating from the deck. Among other things, Mr. Fischer has established motorcycle parking in the front of the building, far away from your properties.

I had not heard from you regarding your problems until after you had made a couple of appearances before the Planning and Zoning and Commission and objected to the zoning that we had requested to permit the continuation of the businesses that have been established at Pond Springs Plaza for over a decade. As I told you, I had not been attending the hearings because my wife is a cancer patient and her care and needs take up most of my time. She is treated every other week in San Antonio and the hearings have been taking place on the day that we get back in town after her treatments.

You stated that you own ninety some units in the area behind Pond Springs Plaza and presently have about five or six vacancies. From the tax records, I've been able to determine that you own 24 buildings, which would be 96 units if the buildings are all fourplexes. You also stated that you've had to reduce your rents by \$100 per month for the units that are adjacent to the deck but almost all of those units are leased.

I also wish to confirm the additional remedial actions that Mr. Fischer and I have offered to take, and which I re-offered during our meeting yesterday, to mitigate your problems.

Specifically, we offered to do the following:

- 1. Designate the parking spaces along your fence, across the driveway from the deck, as "employee only" parking.
- 2. Place reflective signs at the driveway entries to the rear of the building that state "no motorcycles." These signs have been ordered and will be installed soon.

- 3. Remove the pool table from the deck.
- 4. Construct a fence, with sound panels, around the deck to mitigate sound emanating from the deck. The obligation to construct the fence will be subject to obtaining all necessary city approvals, including those for allowing the deck to continue to be used as part of Shenanigans' business. We don't want the fence to cause the deck to become an enclosed area in which smoking would become prohibited.

As I informed you, our intent is to reduce the traffic, and prevent motorcycle traffic, around the rear of the building and to have the deck used mainly by smoking customers. These actions should result in further substantial reduction of the noise in the rear of the building.

I asked you yesterday, as I had before, if there was anything else we could do, other than shutting down the operation on the deck, which would prompt you to drop your objection to our rezoning request. You had nothing to suggest and nothing to offer.

If you should have any additional suggestions or solutions, I would be glad to discuss them with you.

Sincerely yours,			
Michael S. London			

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