#### ZONING CHANGE REVIEW SHEET

<u>CASE:</u> C814-91-0001.04 – Little Texas PUD – <u>P.C. DATE:</u> September 25, 2007 Revision #4

ADDRESS: 6005 South Congress Avenue

OWNER & APPLICANT: Cohen-Emmett

Joint Venture (Cal L. Donsky)

AGENT: Jim Bennett Consulting
(Jim Bennett)

**ZONING FROM:** PUD TO: PUD, to amend the approved land use and development standards for Block A, Lot 1

AREA: 6.09 acres

SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION: The Staff recommendation is to grant the Applicant's requested amendment to planned unit development – neighborhood plan (PUD-NP) combining district zoning for Tract 1 of Block A of the Little Texas PUD, in order to add "Mixed Use" to the Commercial designation; allow GR base district standards for the maximum floor-to-area ratio (1.0 to 1.0) and maximum building height (60 feet); and prohibit the following uses: pawn shop services, automotive sales and automotive washing, as further illustrated in Exhibit B.

# PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

September 25, 2007: APPROVED AN AMENDMENT TO PUD-NP DISTRICT ZONING FOR TRACT 1 OF BLOCK A, OF THE LITTLE TEXAS PUD, AS STAFF RECOMMENDED; BY CONSENT.

[S. KIRK, T. ATKINS – 2<sup>ND</sup>] (8-0)

# **EXHIBITS TO THE STAFF REPORT:**

Exhibits A and A-1: Current Zoning Map and Aerial View

Exhibit B: General Land Use Plan for the Little Texas PUD

### **ISSUES:**

None at this time.

### **DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:**

The subject rezoning area is an undeveloped tract within the Little Texas Planned Unit Development (PUD) that includes multifamily and commercial areas, and floodplain areas of Williamson Creek. Please refer to Exhibits A, A-1 and B. The tract, which is designated as "Commercial", has frontage on South Congress Avenue and Little Texas Lane. Unlike the eastern portion of the PUD, this tract has not been amended since the PUD was established in

April 1992. This particular tract has a floor-to-area ratio of 0.16 to 1 and a maximum building height of 28 feet.

The Applicant proposes an amendment to the PUD in order to pursue a mixed use development that would include retail and apartment uses, and remove the FAR and height limits. In consideration of the Applicant's proposal, the Staff recognizes that other similarly situated properties have GR-MU base district zoning and the Conditional Overlay along the South Congress Avenue corridor does not limit height or FAR, but does prohibit the following uses: automotive sales, automotive washing and pawn shop services. The Applicant does not object to prohibiting these uses. The Staff supports the Applicant's request based on providing a mix of uses within a single development site, adding density to a designated future core transit corridor, and providing FAR, height limits and prohibited uses that is consistent with similarly situated properties within the Sweetbriar Neighborhood Plan.

## **EXISTING ZONING AND LAND USES:**

	ZONING	LAND USES
Site	PUD-NP	Undeveloped
North	GR-MU-CO-NP	Auto sales; Carpet store; Apartments
South	GR-MU-CO-NP;	Mobile home park; Auto sales
	MH-NP	
East	PUD-NP	Apartments
West	GR-MU-CO-NP;	Undeveloped; Apartments
	MF-2-CO-NP	

**NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AREA:** South

**TIA:** Is not required

Congress Combined NPA (Sweetbriar)

**WATERSHED:** Williamson Creek

**DESIRED DEVELOPMENT ZONE:** Yes

**CAPITOL VIEW CORRIDOR:** No

**SCENIC ROADWAY:** No

### **NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS:**

26 - Far South Austin Community Association

300 – Terrell Lane Interceptor Association

428 - Barton Springs / Edwards Aquifer Conservation District

511 – Austin Neighborhoods Council

627 - Onion Creek Homeowners Association

742 - Austin Independent School District

786 - Home Builders Association of Greater Austin

949 – Sweetbriar I

## **SCHOOLS:**

Pleasant Hill Elementary School

Bedichek Middle School

Crockett High School

## **CASE HISTORIES:**

NUMBER	REQUEST	COMMISSION	CITY COUNCIL	
C814-91-0001.05 -	PUD-NP to	Pending	Pending	
Little Texas PUD	PUD-NP to			
Revision #5	change			
	conditions of			
	zoning			
C14-2007-0100 -	SF-3-NP to MF-	To Grant MF-2-NP	Scheduled for CC 10-	
South Edge II	3-NP	with conditions of	11-07.	
		right-of-way dedication		
		for Crow Lane		

### **RELATED CASES:**

The Little Texas PUD, which encompasses approximately 66 acres of land along the south side of Little Texas Lane between South Congress Avenue and the southbound IH-35 Service Road, was approved by City Council in April 1992 (Ordinance No. 920409-A). The PUD established commercial and multi-family tracts, and research indicates that Staff support was based upon the realignment of Little Texas Lane with the IH-35 frontage road in order to provide a safer separation distance, the dedication of land for a City facility (a fire station), uniform architectural controls, increased landscaping and a treescape along Little Texas Lane, preservation of the 100-year flood plain and an additional 50 foot greenbelt along its western edge, limitation of multi-family density to 23 units per acre, reduced floor-to area ratios of 0.16 to 1.0 for commercial / retail development, 0.15 for commercial development and 0.35 FAR for office development, and berm signs.

The <u>first amendment</u> was approved in August 1997 and revised the Traffic Impact Analysis and Traffic Phasing Agreement and the other concerned adding a list of prohibited uses to the property at the corner of Little Texas Lane and the IH-35 Service Road (Ordinance No. 970807-E). The <u>second amendment</u> was approved in March 1999 and corrected scrivener's errors within the 1997 ordinance and attachments (Ordinance No. 990325-49). The <u>third amendment</u> occurred in November 2000 and modified the Land Use Plan to change the use of a 1.5 acre parcel adjacent to the subject amendment area from a City facility (public) to multifamily (Ordinance No. 001102-42).

The Sweetbriar Neighborhood Plan Rezonings were completed on August 18, 2005 (Ordinance 20050818-Z002). The base district of the subject property did not change, and the NP combining district was added.

# **ABUTTING STREETS:**

Name	ROW	Pavement	Classification	Sidewalks	Bike Route	Bus Routes
South Congress Avenue	122 feet	48 feet	Arterial	No	Rt. 47	1 & 101 S. Congress
Little Texas Lane	64 feet	46 feet	Collector	Yes	Rt. 47	

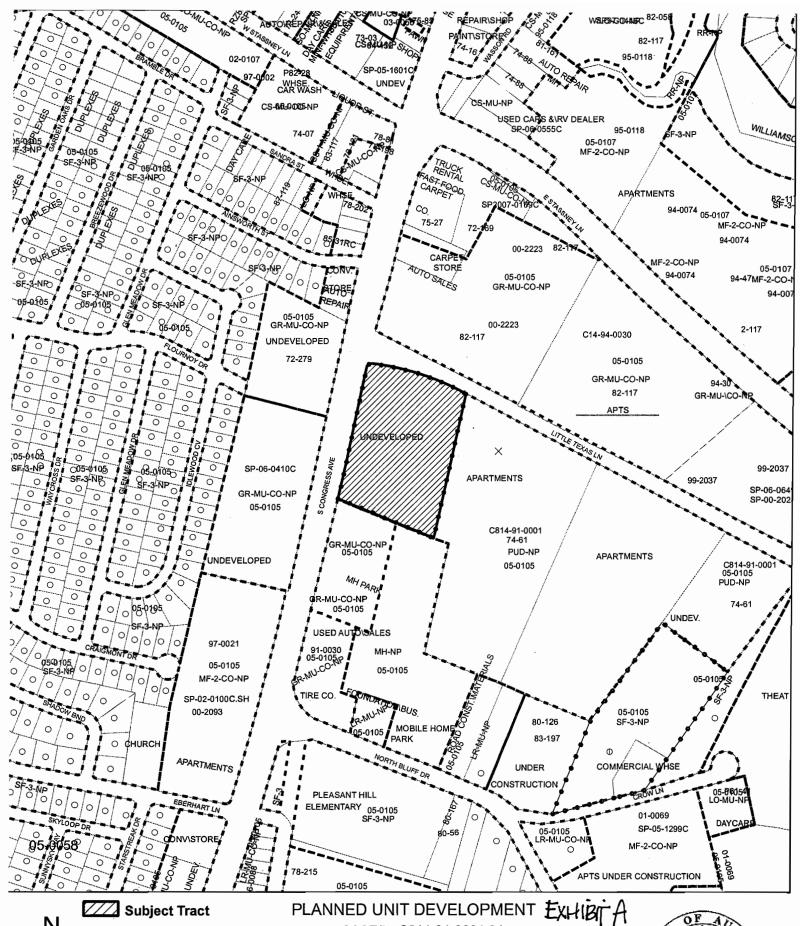
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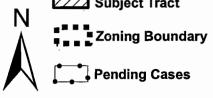
ORDINANCE READINGS: 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup>

**ORDINANCE NUMBER:** 

**CASE MANAGER:** Wendy Rhoades **PHONE:** 974-7719

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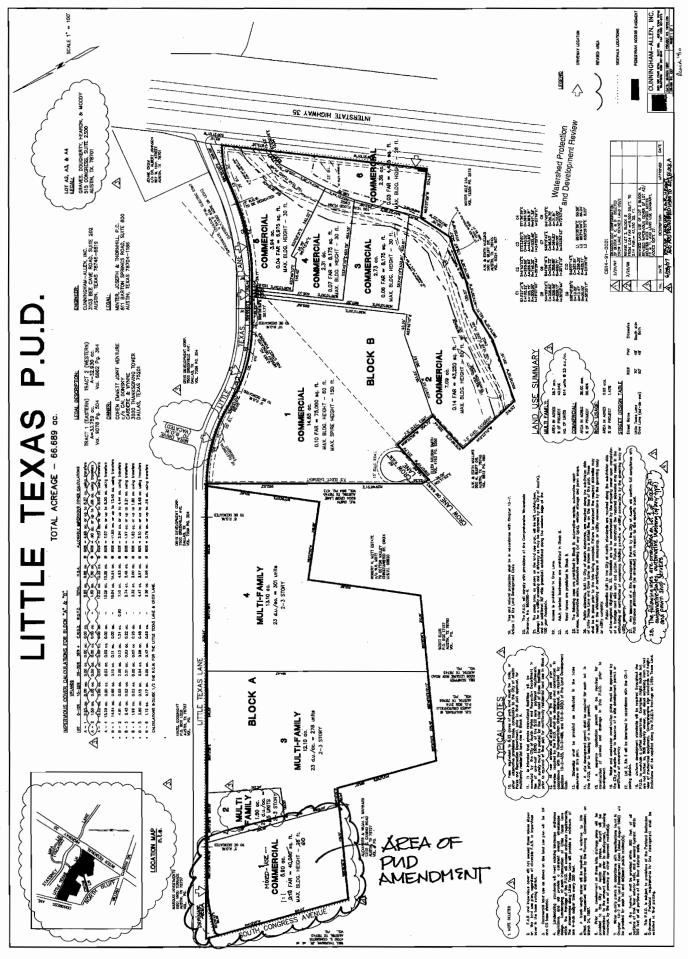
SUBJECT AREA: 6.09 ACRES

GRID: G16

OPERATOR: W. RHOADES







### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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### BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION

1. Zoning changes should promote an orderly and compatible relationship among land uses.

The Staff supports the Applicant's request based on providing a mix of uses within a single development site, adding density to a designated future core transit corridor, and providing FAR, height limits and prohibited uses that is consistent with similarly situated properties within the Sweetbriar Neighborhood Plan.

#### **EXISTING CONDITIONS**

## Site Characteristics

The subject property is undeveloped and relatively flat. There appear to be no significant topographical constraints on the site.

## **Impervious Cover**

The maximum impervious cover allowed by GR base district zoning would be 80%, which is based on the more restrictive watershed regulations, as described below.

### **Environmental**

The site is not located over the Edward's Aquifer Recharge Zone. The site is in the Desired Development 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. 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	% with Transfers	
Single-Family	50%	60%	
(minimum lot size 5750 sq. ft.)			
Other Single-Family or Duplex	55%	60%	
Multifamily	60%	70%	
Commercial	80%	90%	

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, site specific information is unavailable regarding existing trees and 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 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.

### **Transportation**

The Austin Metropolitan Area Transportation Plan calls for a total of 140 feet of right-of-way for South Congress. If the requested zoning is granted, then 15 feet of right-of-way may be required for dedication from the existing centerline of South Congress in accordance with the Transportation Plan. [LDC, Sec. 25-6-51 and 25-6-55)

# Water and Wastewater

The landowner intends to serve the site with City of Austin water and wastewater utilities. The landowner, at his own expense, will be responsible for providing the water and wastewater utility improvements, offsite main extensions, system upgrades, utility relocation, and utility abandonment. The water and wastewater plan must be in accordance with the City of Austin utility design criteria. The water and wastewater utility plan must be reviewed and approved by the Austin Water Utility. 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.

### Site Plan

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. This site is within 500 feet of SF-3.