

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Mayor and Council

FROM:

Greg Guernsey, Director

Planning and Development Review Department

DATE:

September 17, 2012

SUBJECT:

NPA-2012-0005.1

La Estancia Del Rio

C14-2012-0067

La Estancia Del Rio

City staff is requesting a postponement for a neighborhood plan amendment (NPA-2012-0005.1) and rezoning (C14-2012-0067) of property located at 1700 ½ Frontier Valley Drive, to the October 18, 2012 Council agenda. Applications for the plan amendment and rezoning case have been amended by the applicant since approved by the Planning Commission on September 11, 2012. The amended requests are scheduled to be considered by the Montopolis Neighborhood Plan Contact Team on October 4, 2012, and considered by the Planning Commission on October 9, 2012.

Greg Guernsey, Director

Planning and Development Review Department

x: Marc A. Ott, City Manager

Sue Edwards, Assistant City Manager



September 14, 2012

Mr. Lee Heckman
Planning and Development Review Department
City of Austin
505 Barton Springs Road
Austin, Texas 78704

RE:

1700 ½ Frontier Valley Drive Request to Modify Zoning Request

Dear Mr. Heckman:

Please accept this letter as our request to modify our zoning application, Case Number C14-2012-0067. Our initial application requested to rezone 10.65 acres from CS to CS-MU. Our modified request is to rezone approximately 6 acres from CS to MF-3. Attached is an exhibit of our proposed request. A metes and bounds description will follow next week.

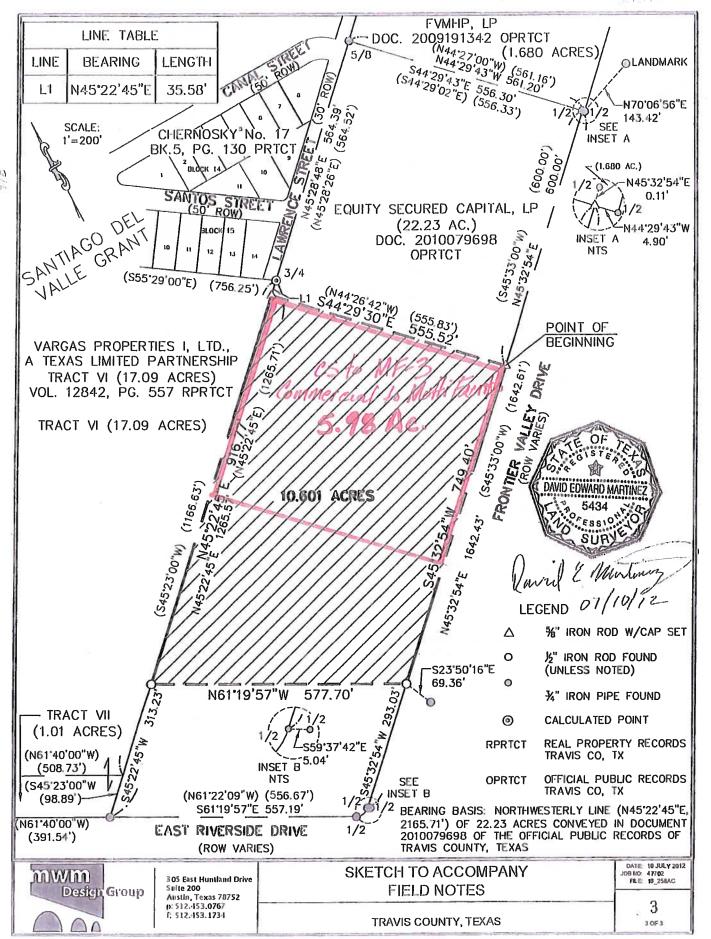
Based upon discussion at the September 11th Planning Commission meeting and discussions with zoning staff, neighborhood planning staff, East Riverside Corridor Plan staff, and neighboring residents, we have modified our site to incorporate future connectivity into our project. To better define the development standards for our project, we feel that the MF-3 zoning district is more appropriate and provides certainty for the neighborhood.

Please review our request to modify the zoning application and consider its approval. Should you have any questions or desire additional information, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Frank H. Del Castillo, Jr.

Land Entitlement Project Manager





September 14, 2012

Mr. Justin Golbabai
Planning and Development Review Department
City of Austin
505 Barton Springs Road
Austin, Texas 78704

RE:

1700 1/2 Frontier Valley Drive

Request to Modify Neighborhood Planning Amendment Request

Dear Mr. Golbabai:

Please accept this letter as our request to modify our Neighborhood Plan Amendment application, Case Number NPA-2012-0005.1. Our initial application requested to change 10.65 acres of the FLUM from Commercial to Mixed Use. Our modified request is to change approximately 6.0 acres from Commercial to Multi-Family Residential. Attached is an exhibit of our proposed request. A metes and bounds description will follow next week.

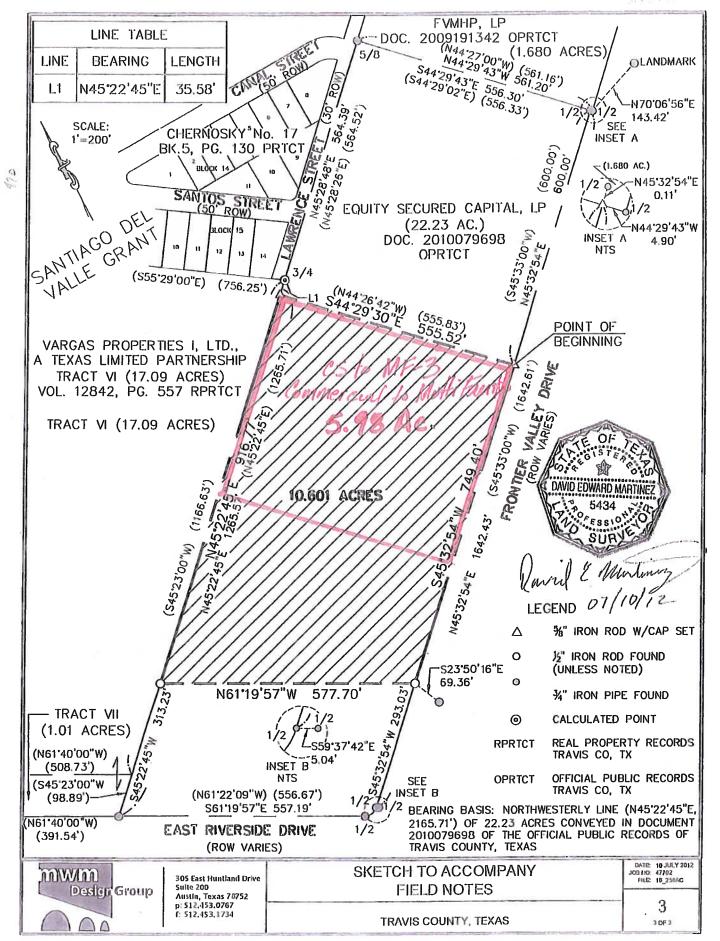
Based upon discussion at the September 11th Planning Commission meeting and discussions with zoning staff, neighborhood planning staff, East Riverside Corridor Plan staff, and neighboring residents, we have modified our site to incorporate future connectivity. To better define the development standards for our project, we feel that the multi-family use is more appropriate and provides certainty for the neighborhood.

Please review our request to modify the neighborhood plan amendment application and consider its approval. Should you have any questions or desire additional information, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Frank H. Del Castillo, Jr.

Land Entitlement Project Manager



From: Frank Del Castillo

Sent: Monday, September 17, 2012 4:22 PM

To: Heckman, Lee

Cc: Golbabai, Justin; Amelia Lopez

Subject: RE: C14-2012-0067 & NPA-2012-000.5.1 La Estancia Del Rio

Mr. Heckman:

We are in agreement with the postponement based upon your explanation. I would, however, like to request that we schedule all three readings of the ordinance at City Council for October 18th. Our schedule is such that we need to have action taken at that meeting.

Frank H. Del Castillo, Jr.

Land Entitlement Project Manager

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From: Heckman, Lee

Sent: Monday, September 17, 2012 12:24 PM

To: Frank Del Castillo Cc: Golbabai, Justin

Subject: C14-2012-0067 & NPA-2012-000.5.1 La Estancia Del Rio

Mr. Del Castillo:

Staff is in receipt of your request to modify the neighborhood plan amendment (from Commercial to Multifamily Residential, replacing the the original Commercial to Mixed Use request) and to amend the rezoning district request (from CS-NP to MF-3-NP, replacing the original CS-NP to CS-MU-NP), as well as a reconfiguration of the rezoning tract. Both cases are currently scheduled for City Council consideration September 27, 2012 after being recommended by the Planning Commission on September 11, 2012.

As we discussed, staff will request a postponement of the cases until October 18, 2012. This postponement will accommodate time for you to present the modified applications to the Montopolis Neighborhood Plan Contact Team, submit updated field notes and sketch of the subject tract, allow for staff to consider the amended applications, and allow for reconsideration of the cases by the Planning Commission on October 9.

Although staff understands the scope of the modifications to the neighborhood plan amendment and rezoning applications, and that these modifications do not substantially alter the proposed affordable rental housing use, we think additional consideration by staff, the neighborhood plan contact team, the Planning Commission, and other interested parties is justified.

If you concur with staff's postponement request and proposed schedule for Planning Commission and City Council, please respond in the affirmative. Thank you.

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