ZONING CHANGE REVIEW SHEET

CASE: C14-2020-0038 – 508 Kemp Street

DISTRIBUTION: 3

ZONING FROM: SF-3-NP

TO: SF-6-NP

ADDRESS: 508 Kemp Street

SITE AREA: 2.16 acres

PROPERTY OWNER:
Johnny A. Steen

AGENT:
Drenner Group (Leah M. Bojo)

CASE MANAGER: Kate Clark (512-974-1237, kate.clark@austintexas.gov)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
Staff recommends denial of the applicant’s request for Townhouse and Condominium Residence – Neighborhood Plan (SF-6-NP) combining district zoning. For a summary of the basis of staff’s recommendation, see page 2.

PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION / RECOMMENDATION:
June 23, 2020 Scheduled for Planning Commission

CITY COUNCIL ACTION:
July 30, 2020 Planned to be scheduled for City Council

ORDINANCE NUMBER:

ISSUES
On May 26, 2020 the Montopolis Neighborhood Planning Contact Team (MNPCT) met to discuss their recommendation of this rezoning case. They voted to oppose the rezoning request, please refer to Exhibit C: MNPCT Opposition to Rezoning.

Staff has received communication in opposition to this rezoning case from neighboring properties, please refer to Exhibit D: Correspondence Received.

CASE MANAGER COMMENTS:
This property is located on the west side of Kemp Street and is approximately 2.16 acres in size. It is currently developed with a single-family residential building. Adjacent to the north is right-
of-way reserved for Grove Boulevard. This is a proposed road in the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan (ASMP) and is not currently built. Across the proposed right-of-way are tracts zoned SF-3-NP with single-family residential buildings on them. Across Kemp Street to the east are tracts zoned SF-3-NP with single family residential and religious assembly buildings. Adjacent to the south are tracts zoned SF-3-NP which are undeveloped. Adjacent to the west are tracts zoned GR-CO-NP which are undeveloped.

BASIS OF RECOMMENDATION:

1. The proposed zoning should be consistent with the purpose statement of the district sought. Zoning changes should promote compatibility with adjacent and nearby uses.

The applicant is requesting a base zoning district of SF-6. This district is intended as an area for moderate density single family, duplex, two family, townhouse and condominium use. It is appropriate for areas in which unusually large lots predominate with access to other than minor residential streets, and in selected areas where a transition from single-family to multifamily use is appropriate. This property is located midblock on a local residential street, is predominately surrounded by SF-3-NP zoning and is internal to the Montopolis Neighborhood. Kemp Street is classified as a Level 1 road in the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan (ASMP) and is not a through street. Additionally, Housing and Neighborhood Policy 11 (HN P11) states: Protect neighborhood character by directing growth to areas of change and ensuring context sensitive infill in such locations as designated redevelopment areas, corridors, and infill sites.

Because this site is located internally to the neighborhood, is not located along a through street nor is it close to or have easy access to a major thoroughfare, Staff does not recommend rezoning this property to SF-6-NP. For this area of the Montopolis Neighborhood, the base zoning of SF-6 is more appropriate along major collectors/thoroughfares and/or towards the periphery of the neighborhood boundary.

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UNDEVELOPED, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL AND PUBLIC PARK

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SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, RELIGIOUS ASSEMBLY BUILDING

UNDEVELOPED (ECOLOGY ACTION CIRCLE ACRES NATURE PRESERVE)

NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AREA: Montopolis Neighborhood Plan (NP Ordinance No. 010927-05)
TIA: A traffic impact analysis was not required for this case because the traffic generated by the proposed zoning does not exceed the threshold of 2,000 vehicle trips per day. [LDC 25-6-113]

WATERSHED: Country Club East (suburban)

OVERLAYS: Airport Overlay (Controlled Compatible Land Use Area) and Residential Design Standards

SCHOOLS: Allison Elementary, Martin Middle and Eastside Memorial High Schools

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS

Austin Independent School District
Austin Neighborhoods Council
Bike Austin
Bonnett Neighborhood Association
Carson Ridge Neighborhood Association
Crossing Gardenhome Owners Assn. (The)
Del Valle Community Coalition
Del Valle Independent School District
East Austin Conservancy
East Riverside/Oltorf Neighborhood Plan
El Concilio Mexican-American Neighborhoods
Friends of Austin Neighborhoods
Homeless Neighborhood Association
Montopolis Community Alliance
Montopolis Neighborhood Plan Contact Team
Montopolis Tributary Trail Association
Montopolis-Ponca Neighborhood Association
Neighborhood Empowerment Foundation
Pleasant Valley
Preservation Austin
River Bluff Neighborhood Assoc.
SELTexas
Sierra Club, Austin Regional Group
Southeast Austin Neighborhood Alliance
Vargas Neighborhood Association

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### RELATED CASES:
C14-01-0060: Montopolis Neighborhood Plan rezoning (Ordinance No. 010927-28). This property was not rezoned during this process.

### EXISTING STREET CHARACTERISTICS:

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<td>Kemp St</td>
<td>50’-56’</td>
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<td>Level 1</td>
<td>None</td>
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### OTHER STAFF COMMENTS:

**Comprehensive Planning**

This zoning case is located on the west side of Kemp Street, 500 feet north of Atwood Drive on vacant parcel that is approximately 2.158 acres in size, which contains a single-family house. The property does not abut nor is it close to an Activity Corridor or Center. This project is located within the boundaries of the Montopolis Neighborhood Planning Area. Surrounding land uses includes single family housing and vacant land to the north; to the south is vacant land and single-family housing; to the east is a church and single family housing; and to the west is the
Ecology Action Circle Acres Nature Preserve, which is privately owned. The Roy Guerrero Metropolitan Park is located northwest of the private nature preserve.

**Connectivity**
A Cap Metro bus stop is located 800 feet from the subject property. There are no public sidewalks located along this street or along several streets that abut Kemp Street. While there is park close by, the mobility and connectivity options are fair and lacks neighborhood serving goods and services in the area.

**Montopolis Neighborhood Plan**
The Montopolis Future Land Use Map classifies this portion of Montopolis Drive as Single Family. For all plans adopted prior to January 2002 (the Montopolis Plan was adopted in 2001), zone SF-6 is permitted in the “Single Family” land use designation. The following goal, objections and actions are taken from the Montopolis Plan.

- **Goal 2:** Create Homes for all Stages of Life within Montopolis. (p 14)
  - **Objective 4:** Enhance and protect existing single family housing.
    - Action 12: Preserve the existing Single Family uses and zoning in the older, established areas of Montopolis.
    - Action 13: Preserve residential zoning in the interior of East Montopolis to allow for new homes to be built.
    - Action 14: Preserve Single Family zoning in the interior of South Montopolis.
  - **Objective 5:** Create multiple housing types of varied intensities.

**Imagine Austin**
The Montopolis neighborhood has a mix of single-family houses and larger apartment complexes. The following Imagine Austin policies support the zoning change:

- **LUT P5.** Create healthy and family-friendly communities through development that includes a mix of land uses and housing types and affords realistic opportunities for transit, bicycle, and pedestrian travel and provides both community gathering spaces, parks and safe outdoor play areas for children.
- **HN P10.** Create complete neighborhoods across Austin that have a mix of housing types and land uses, affordable housing and transportation options, and access to healthy food, schools, retail, employment, community services, and parks and recreation options.

Based on a lack of connectivity and mobility options in the area, Imagine Austin is neutral on this project.
Environmental

The site is not located over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone. The site is in the Country Club East 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:

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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 Critical Water Quality Zone exists 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. 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. Any new development is subject to Subchapter E. Design Standards and Mixed Use. Additional comments will be made when the site plan is submitted. Additional design regulations will be enforced at the time a site plan is submitted.
Compatibility Standards

The site is subject to compatibility standards due to adjacency of SF-3-NP to the north and south and proximity of SF-3-NP to the east across Kemp St. The following standards apply:

- No structure may be built within 25 feet of the property line.
- 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.
- Landscaping or screening is required along the south and north property line in accordance with the screening requirements (Section 25-2-1006 and ECM 2.9.1.), Parking Design Standards (Section 25-6-563) and/or Screening Standards (Section 25.2.1066) to screen adjoining properties from views of parking, mechanical equipment, storage, and refuse collection.
- An intensive recreational use, including a swimming pool, tennis court, ball court, or playground, may not be constructed 50 feet or less from property in an SF-5 or more restrictive zoning district.

Please note, the property is subject to any additional restrictions of the Neighborhood Plan Amendment Ordinance Number 010927-28 and the Neighborhood Plan Amendment Ordinance Number 20101209-059.

Airport Overlay

This site is located within the Austin-Bergstrom Airport Controlled Compatible Land Use Area Overlay. No use will be allowed that can create electrical interference with navigational signals or radio communications between airport and aircraft, make it difficult for pilots to distinguish between the airport lights and others, result in glare in the eyes of pilots using the airport, impair visibility in the vicinity of the airport, create bird strike hazards or otherwise in any way endanger or interfere with the landing, taking off, or maneuvering of aircraft intending to use the Austin-Bergstrom Airport. Height limitations and incompatible uses with each Airport Overlay zone are established in the Airport Overlay Ordinance. Airport Hazard Zoning Committee review may be required prior to Planning Commission Hearing. Additional comments may be generated during the site plan review process.

Demolition and Historic Resources

The applicant is responsible for requesting relocation and demolition permits once the site plan is approved. The City Historic Preservation Officer will review all proposed building demolitions and relocations prior to site plan approval. If a building meets city historic criteria, the Historic Landmark Commission may initiate a historic zoning case on the property.
Residential Design Standards Overlay
The site is subject to 25-2 Subchapter F. Residential Design and Compatibility Standards.

Transportation
The Austin Strategic Mobility Plan (ASMP) adopted 04/11/2019, calls for 60 feet of right-of-way for Grove Blvd. ATD Staff will coordinate a meeting with the applicant regarding this comment. [LDC 25-6-51 and 25-6-55].

04/14/2020: Staff reviewed the ASMP proposed alignment of Grove Blvd. and determined no right of way dedication would be required from this site at this time. This comment is cleared.

A Neighborhood Traffic Analysis is required and will be performed for this project by ATD staff. Results will be provided in a separate memo. LDC 25-6-114. NTA requires three (3) consecutive 24-hour tube counts, preferably on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, during a non-holiday week when school is in session. Staff will contact the applicant to discuss the location of the tube counts. Results will be provided in a separate memo. LDC 25-6-114. Please pay the NTA fees with the Intake staff on the 4th floor. This comment will be cleared once the Memo is approved and the fees are paid.

04/14/2020: Staff is recommending the NTA be deferred to site plan submittal.

A traffic impact analysis was not required for this case because the traffic generated by the proposed zoning does not exceed the threshold of 2,000 vehicle trips per day. [LDC 25-6-113]

Austin 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 once the landowner makes an application for a City of Austin water and wastewater utility tap permit.

INDEX OF EXHIBITS TO FOLLOW
Exhibit A: Zoning Map
Exhibit B: Aerial Map
Exhibit C: MNPCT Opposition to Rezoning
Exhibit D: Correspondence Received
This map has been produced by the Communications Technology Management Dept. on behalf of the Planning Development Review Dept. for the sole purpose of geographic reference. No warranty is made by the City of Austin regarding specific accuracy or completeness.
To:    Kare Clark, Planning Commissioners & Austin City Council Members

From:  Montopolis Neighborhood Plan Contact Team
       Susana Almanza, President MNPCT

Re:    508 Kemp Street/C14-2020-0038/ SF-3-NP to SF-6

The Montopolis Neighborhood Plan Contact Team met on May 26th, 2020 at the Southeast Health and Wellness Center. The Contact Team reviewed Leah Bojo’s presentation regarding the property at 508 Kemp Street (C14-2020-0038) and had additional questions. Leah Bojo responded to the Contact Teams additional questions on June 8th, 2020.

The Montopolis Neighborhood Plan Contact Team opposes the zoning change for the property located at 508 Kemp Street.

The Montopolis Neighborhood Plan was completed under City of Austin’s Neighborhood Planning Program and was adopted as part of the Austin Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan on September 27th, 2001. The property at 508 Kemp was approved as SF-3-NP. We ask that the Austin City Council respect the adopted Montopolis Neighborhood Plan.

After emerging successful against the forces of rapacious development at the Montopolis Negro School in 2018, the Montopolis community is once again being besieged by profit-seeking real estate developers with little to no regard for the community’s fragile natural and cultural environment, or its iconic history.

Montopolis, also known as “Poverty Island,” has a per capita income of $16,226, a Median Family Income of $31,875, and a poverty rate of 33% according to 2018 American Community Survey data. Accordingly, we guard our existing SF-3 owned property jealously, as we are a community of families.

The Austin Human Rights Commission has declared gentrification to be a human rights violation. We call upon the Planning Commission and Austin City Council to reject this gentrifying up zoning in the name of racial justice and reconciliation. Montopolis has too much history and culture to be sliced up by the forces of unscrupulous real estate development in this fashion. The highest and best use of our land is protection, not speculation.
Kate,

We would like the group to work directly with the neighbors, myself included representing 600 Kemp st. 5.383 acres directly adjacent) to do a traffic impact analysis as well as formulate a restrictive covenant and or memorandum of understanding should we agree to the up-zoning.

As it stands today, they have made no efforts to workshop it with us so until that’s done we oppose. Please sign me up to speak.

Thanks

Andrew Ashmore
A.R.E.A. GROUP
4826 E. Cesar Chavez
Austin, Texas 78702
512.222.9233

On May 14, 2020, at 12:51 PM, Clark, Kate <Kate.Clark@austintexas.gov> wrote:

Good Afternoon Mr. Ashmore,

This case is being planned to be scheduled for Planning Commission on June 23rd. Public Notices have not gone out yet but should be going out later this month. If you would like to send me a statement of position (in favor of or opposed to) the rezoning, you may either email it to me or send it to me in the mail. Once received I will include it in staff backup that will be read/seen by Planning Commissioners and Council Members.

Due to current events, we do not know if the Planning Commission on June 23rd will be held virtually or in person. Things are ever changing, and I am sorry I cannot give you a definitive answer on that at this moment. If you are interested in signing up to speak on this case, I can make a note in my case file to follow up with you when it gets closer to go over the process. Just let me know.
From: andrew ashmore
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 12:10 PM
To: Clark, Kate <Kate.Clark@austintexas.gov>
Subject: Zoning Case # C14-2020-0038

*** External Email - Exercise Caution ***

Kate,

Can you please provide me with an update on this case. I’m unable to engage in this in a meaningful way with Covid-19

Thanks,

Andrew Ashmore
4826 East Cesar Chavez
Austin, Texas 78702
512 222 9233

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From: Eric Dillaman
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 10:10 AM
To: Clark, Kate
Subject: Re: Case Number C14-2020-0039

I am writing in opposition to C14-2020-0030 (200 Montopolis Rezoning), C14-2020-0038 (508 Kemp Street), and C14-2020-0039 (Clovis and Kemp Rezone).

I am somewhat shocked to learn of the scope of the proposed zoning changes for our neighborhood; it feels like a concerted and coordinated effort by developers to shred the very fabric of our community in order to maximize their return on investment. Those of us who bought homes or land in the area, investing a life's worth of savings, did so knowing that this would be an SF-3 zoned residential neighborhood. The three streets in question: Kemp St, Clovis St, and the small offshoot of Montopolis apart from the main thoroughfare of the same name are narrow, have no city sidewalks, and I already worry about the safety of pedestrians and bikers. There is a blind hill that exists right next to C14-2020-0039 which was almost the scene of a serious accident a year ago when a car came over the top when my young son and I were walking back to our house and almost hit us (again, no continuous sidewalks). By increasing the density of these lots, we will be substantially increasing the vehicle traffic on infrastructure that is not designed to handle it.

I realize that the staff has recommended rezoning of C14-2020-0030 and C14-2020-0039, but I wonder if they have come out and understood what this neighborhood is like, short of looking at it on paper. This type of dense development is extremely out of character with the reality on the ground. I think it would only take a quick drive around the neighborhood to see that this type of zoning is not in the character, design, and function of this neighborhood.

Additionally, the new construction on Montopolis & 183 was conceived poorly for those of us on the west side of Montopolis Dr. We used to be able to turn north onto Montopolis Dr. towards 183 from the Clovis/Montopolis intersection. However, the new design has put a median in the way to block a left turn. That means the only way out of the neighborhood to go north of the river is through Clovis and Kemp Sts. All of the traffic from these new dense condo builds would, therefore, be routed onto our streets. In morning traffic, it is already very difficult to turn north onto Montopolis from the streets that feed out of our neighborhood. There is one long light that backs up (Ponca), but has no protected left turn. Frequently only one car can make the turn out of our neighborhood in a light cycle. There are some mornings when it takes about ten minutes just to turn out of the neighborhood when traffic is heavy! This is without the added density that this new zoning would inflict upon us.

Lastly, this type of development is out of touch and character with the socioeconomics of the neighborhood. Montopolis is one of the last places in Austin where there is real ethnic and socioeconomic diversity. That is because people have not yet been priced out of their homes by large developments such as this, and the increasing tax burdens that they bring. In a time where we are beginning, as a city, to come to grips with some of the racist policy and zoning decisions that have plagued the city's development decisions in the past (think Clarksville & the East of I-35 plan), this type of development is anathema to real community need, desire, want, or benefit. A development that would spring from a zoning change like this benefits few people— the owner and developer— at the expense of all other people in the neighborhood.

I sincerely hope that you take Staff’s recommendation to deny the zoning change to C14-2020-0038, and break with Staff’s recommendation by denying the change to C14-2020-0030 (200 Montopolis Rezoning) and C14-2020-0039 (Clovis and Kemp Rezone).

Thanks for you time,
On Mon, Jun 15, 2020 at 11:46 AM Clark, Kate <Kate.Clark@austintexas.gov> wrote:

Dear Mr. Dillaman,

Below is a list of cases that are within the Montopolis Neighborhood Area that are planned to be heard next Tuesday, June 23rd at Planning Commission and their status. I have also included a PDF of the maps for each case for your reference. If you would like to oppose the rezoning of any of these cases, please send me an email (can be one email, doesn’t have to be separate ones) stating the case number and your opposition. My case backup is due tomorrow and I would like to include it in my backup.

- **C14-2020-0029 (Montopolis Acres Rezoning)**
  - Applicant Request: SF-3-NP to SF-6-NP;
  - Staff Recommendation: To recommend the rezoning request;
  - Montopolis Neighborhood Plan Contact Team Recommendation: Pending, requested a postponement of this case to July 14th; and
  - City Council Meeting: Planned to be scheduled for July 30th.

- **C14-2020-0030 (200 Montopolis Rezoning)**
  - Applicant Request: SF-3-NP to SF-6-NP;
  - Staff Recommendation: To recommend the rezoning request;
  - Montopolis Neighborhood Plan Contact Team Recommendation: Pending, requested a postponement of this case to July 14th; and
  - City Council Meeting: Planned to be scheduled for July 30th.

- **C14-2020-0038 (508 Kemp Street)**
  - Applicant Request: SF-3-NP to SF-6-NP;
  - Staff Recommendation: To recommend denial of the rezoning request;
  - Montopolis Neighborhood Plan Contact Team Recommendation: Pending; and
  - City Council Meeting: Planned to be scheduled for July 30th.

- **C14-2020-0039 (Clovis and Kemp Rezone)**
  - Applicant Request: SF-3-NP to SF-6-NP;
  - Staff Recommendation: To recommend the rezoning request;
  - Montopolis Neighborhood Plan Contact Team Recommendation: Pending, requested a postponement of this case to July 14th;
  - City Council Meeting: Planned to be scheduled for July 30th.

- **C14-2020-0044 (Saxon Acres Residential Zoning)**
  - Applicant Request: SF-3-NP to SF-6-NP;
  - Staff Recommendation: To recommend the rezoning request;
  - Montopolis Neighborhood Plan Contact Team Recommendation: Pending, requested a postponement of this case to July 14th; and
  - City Council Meeting: Planned to be scheduled for July 30th.

I verified with staff that you cannot sign up to speak on an item for next week’s Commission meeting until the agenda is posted. This should be sometime on Friday morning, usually around 10:00 AM. **You must register to speak by noon on Monday, June 22nd.** I will send you information on how to sign up on Friday after the agenda is posted.
As for the statistics you requested, we do not track how often Council approves a rezoning case when there is a valid petition, nor do we track how often Planning Commission recommends something different than Staff. We do track the approval of Council cases to the number of cases Staff recommends. This fiscal year (started October 1, 2019) Council has approved 92.6% of the cases that Staff has recommended. For the last fiscal year, the percentage of Council approved cases to Staff recommended cases was 88.89%.

I have also attached some information on Zoning Petitions. If you wish to start one I suggest contacting Susana Almanza (contact information redacted) prior to doing so. She requested this same information from me last week. These petitions can sometimes take time and effort to coordinate, I wouldn’t want you to duplicate the effort if she has already started one.

I understand that this is a lot of information. If you would like to have another call later this week if you have any questions after reading through it, please let me know.

Kate Clark, AICP, LEED AP

Senior Planner

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Physical Address: 505 Barton Springs Rd, 5th floor, Austin, Texas 78704

Tel: 512-974-1237

Email: kate.clark@austintexas.gov
PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION

This zoning/rezoning request will be reviewed and acted upon at two public hearings: before the Land Use Commission and the City Council. Although applicants and/or their agent(s) are expected to participate in a public hearing, you are not required to participate. This meeting will be conducted online and you have the opportunity to speak FOR or AGAINST the proposed development or change. Contact the case manager for information on how to participate in the public hearings online. You may also contact a neighborhood or environmental organization that has expressed an interest in an application affecting your neighborhood.

During its public hearing, the board or commission may postpone or continue an application’s hearing to a later date, or may evaluate the City staff’s recommendation and public input forwarding its own recommendation to the City Council. If the board or commission announces a specific date and time for a postponement or continuation that is not later than 60 days from the announcement, no further notice is required.

During its public hearing, the City Council may grant or deny a zoning request, or rezone the land to a less intensive zoning than requested but in no case will it grant a more intensive zoning.

However, in order to allow for mixed use development, the Council may add the MIXED USE (MU) COMBINING DISTRICT to certain commercial districts. The MU Combining District simply allows residential uses in addition to those uses already allowed in the seven commercial zoning districts. As a result, the MU Combining District allows the combination of office, retail, commercial, and residential uses within a single development.

For additional information on the City of Austin’s land development process, visit our website: www.austintexas.gov/planning.