

**Zoning Public Hearing  
CITY OF AUSTIN  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**



**AGENDA ITEM NO.: Z-7  
AGENDA DATE: Thu 11/03/2005  
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**SUBJECT:** C14-05-0080 - CTVS Offices - Conduct a public hearing and approve an ordinance amending Chapter 25-2 of the Austin City Code by rezoning property locally known as 3919 and 3921 Medical Parkway (Shoal Creek Watershed) from neighborhood commercial (LR) district zoning and family residence (SF-3) district zoning to general commercial services (CS) district zoning. Zoning and Platting Commission Recommendation: To grant neighborhood commercial (LR) district zoning for the SF-3 zoned portion of the tract, and to deny commercial services (CS) district zoning. Applicant: Thoracic & Cardiovascular Realty (Tom Johnston). Agent: Bryant, Campbell & Swartz, LLP (Henry Gilmore). City Staff: Jorge Rousselin, 974-2975.

**REQUESTING** Neighborhood Planning  
**DEPARTMENT:** and Zoning

**DIRECTOR'S**  
**AUTHORIZATION:** Greg Guernsey

## ZONING CHANGE REVIEW SHEET

**CASE:** C14-05-0080

**Z.A.P. DATE:** June 21, 2005  
July 5, 2005  
August 2, 2005  
August 16, 2005  
September 6, 2005  
September 20, 2005

**ADDRESS**

way

**OWNER/A**

rdiovascular **AGENT:** DuBois, Bryant, Cambell  
Realty (Tom Johnston) & Schwartz, LLP.  
(Henry Gilmore)

**ZONING FROM:** LR & SF-3

**TO:** CS

**AREA:** 0.366 acres  
(15,942.96 square feet)

### **SUMMARY ZAP RECOMMENDATION:**

**September 20, 2005:**

**APPROVED LR ZONING FOR THE SF-3 PORTION; DENIED CS ZONING,  
LEAVING LR IN PLACE.**

**[J.M.; J.P 2<sup>ND</sup>] (6-3) T.R; J.G; K.J – NAY**

### **SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommend rezoning from neighborhood commercial (LR) district zoning and family residence (SF-3) district zoning to general commercial services (CS) district zoning.

### **DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:**

The subject rezoning area is a 0.336 acre site (15,942.96 square feet) fronting Medical Parkway zoned LR and SF-3. The applicant proposes to rezone the property to general commercial services (CS) district to allow for a medical office building with a height of 60 feet and to have the ability to develop the parcel similarly to properties in this area. Staff recommends general commercial services (CS) zoning based on the following considerations:

- 1) The proposed use is compatible with the existing surrounding office uses along the east and west sides of Medical Parkway at the intersections of West 39<sup>th</sup> Street and West 39 ½ Street zoned LO, CS, and LR;
- 2) Access will be taken to one collector roadway on Medical Parkway; and
- 3) Vehicle trip generation is anticipated at 1,809 trips per day.

**EXISTING ZONING AND LAND USES:**

	<b>ZONING</b>	<b>LAND USES</b>
<i>Site</i>	LR & SF-3	Former single family dwelling – removed
<i>North</i>	CS	Medical Office Building
<i>South</i>	LR	Medical Office
<i>East</i>	CS	Restaurant
<i>West</i>	CS	Shopping Center / Fast Food

**AREA STUDY:** No**TIA:** Not Required**WATERSHED:** Shoal Creek**DESIRED DEVELOPMENT ZONE:** Yes**CAPITOL VIEW CORRIDOR:** No**HILL COUNTRY ROADWAY:** No**NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS:**

#066 Rosedale Neighborhood Association  
 #283 North Austin Neighborhood Alliance  
 #344 M.K. Hage  
 #511 Austin Neighborhoods Council  
 #937 Taking Action

**SCHOOLS:**

Austin Independent School District:

- Bryker Woods Elementary School
- O. Henry Middle School
- Austin High School

**CASE HISTORIES:** N/A**RELATED CASES:** N/A**ABUTTING STREETS:**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>ROW</b>	<b>PAVEMENT</b>	<b>CLASSIFICATION</b>
Medical Parkway	64'	Varies	Collector

**CITY COUNCIL DATE:** November 3, 2005

**ACTION:**

**ORDINANCE READINGS:** 1<sup>st</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup>

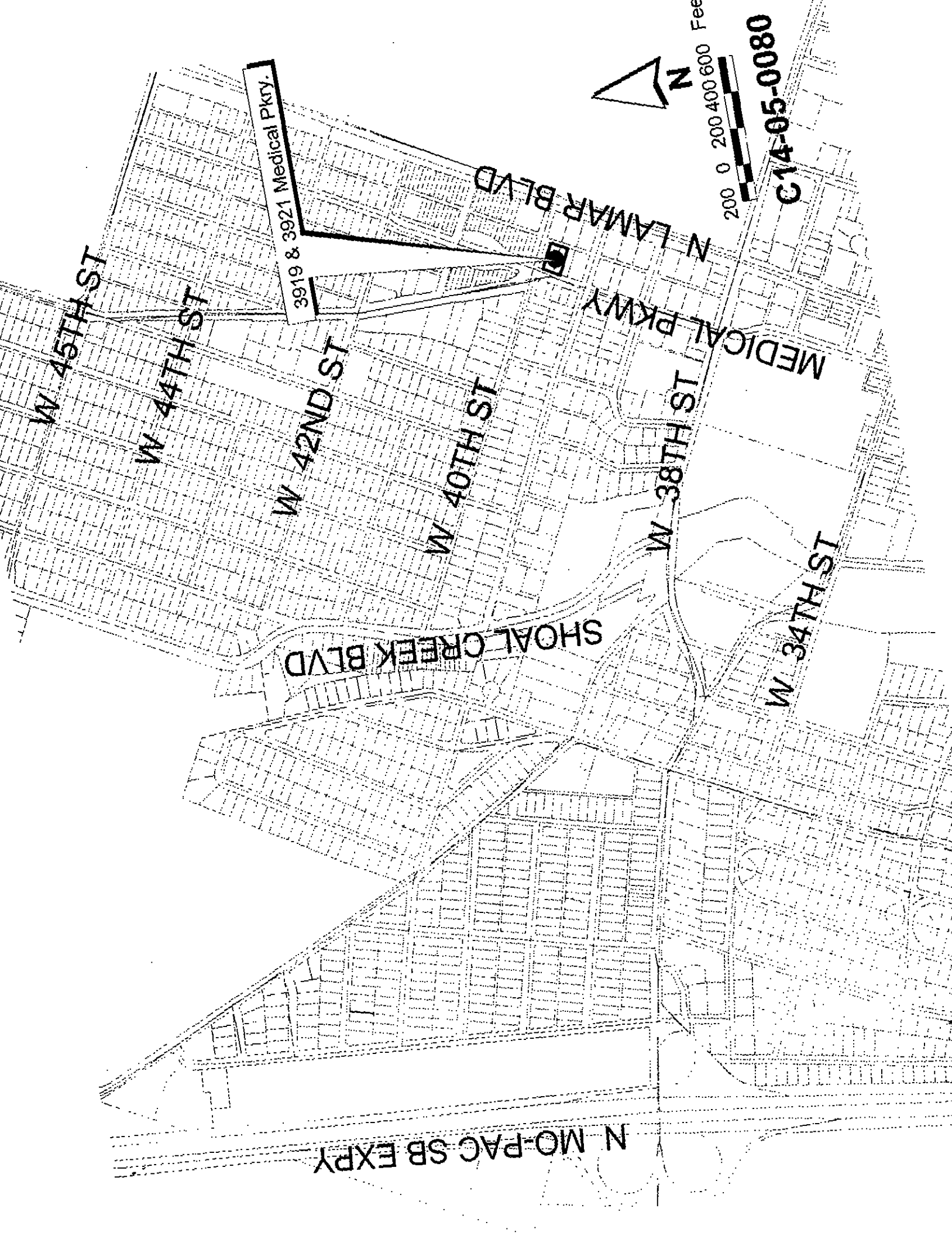
**ORDINANCE NUMBER:**

**CASE MANAGER:** Jorge E. Rousselin, NPZD

**PHONE:** 974-2975

**E-MAIL:** [jorge.rousselin@ci.austin.tx.us](mailto:jorge.rousselin@ci.austin.tx.us)





3919 & 3921 Medical Pkwy.



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W 44TH ST

W 42ND ST

W 40TH ST

W 38TH ST

W 34TH ST

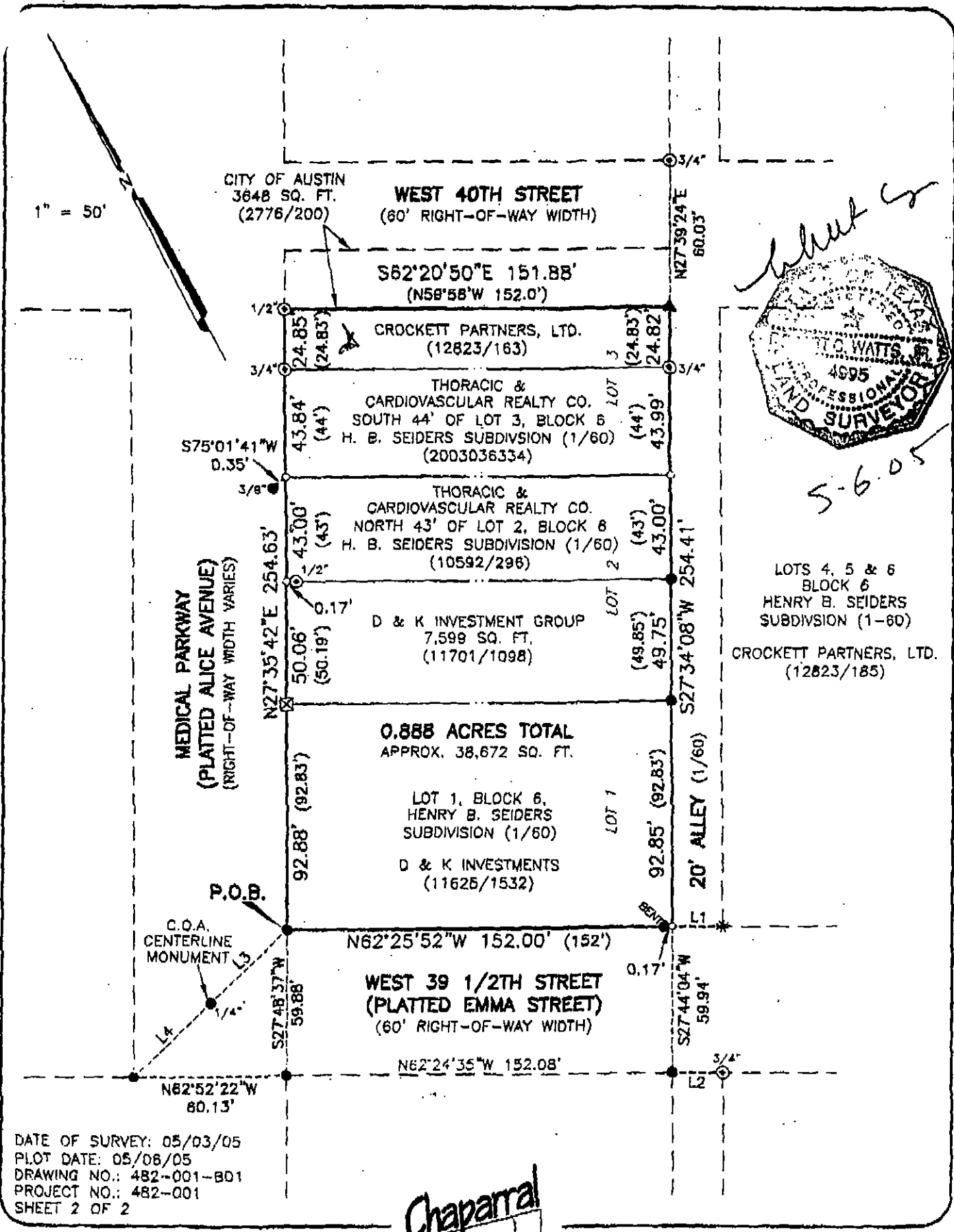
SHOAL CREEK BLVD

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MEDICAL PKWY

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**C-14-05-0080**





## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Recommend rezoning from neighborhood commercial (LR) district zoning and family residence (SF-3) district zoning to general commercial services (CS) district zoning.

## **BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

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

General commercial services (CS) district is the designation for a commercial or industrial use of service nature that has operating characteristics or traffic service requirements that are incompatible with residential environments.

- 2. Zoning should not constitute a grant of special privilege to an individual owner; Granting of the request should result in an equal treatment of similarly situated properties.**

The subject tract is part of a property owned by one company. Development is proposed for the entire property. Different zonings on the same parcel result in development standards that have different development regulations. These regulations cannot be combined for the entire property. Each tract would need to stand-alone.

- 3. Granting of the request should result in an equal treatment of properties.**

Having the same zoning on the entire parcel allows for redevelopment to have consistent development standards uniformly for the entire site. The zonings to the north, east and west are CS with office buildings to the south under limited retail (LR) district zoning.

## **EXISTING CONDITIONS**

The subject rezoning area is a 0.336 acre site (15,942.96 square feet) fronting Medical Parkway zoned LR and SF-3. The SF-3 parcel was omitted previously from the rezoning request due to a map error classifying the parcel with CS zoning.

### **Impervious Cover**

Impervious cover is not limited in this watershed class; therefore the zoning district impervious cover limits will apply.

### **Environmental**

1. The site is not located over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone. The site is located in the Shoal Creek Watershed of the Colorado River Basin, which is classified as an

Urban Watershed by Chapter 25-8 of the City's Land Development Code. It is in the Desired Development Zone.

2. According to flood plain maps, there is no flood plain within the project area.
3. 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.
4. Standard landscaping and tree protection will be required in accordance with LDC 25-2 and 25-8 for all development and/or redevelopment.

#### **Water Quality Control Requirements**

This site is required to provide on-site structural water quality controls (or payment in lieu of) for all development and/or redevelopment when 5,000 s.f. cumulative is exceeded, and detention for the two-year storm. At this time, no information has been provided as to whether this property has any pre-existing approvals, which would preempt current water quality or Code requirements.

#### **Transportation**

1. No additional right-of-way is needed at this time.
2. The trip generation under the requested zoning is estimated to be 1,809 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).
3. 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].
4. Capital Metro bus service is available along Medical Parkway.
5. Medical Parkway is classified in the Bicycle Plan as a Priority 1 bike route.
6. There are existing sidewalks along Medical Parkway.

#### **Water and Wastewater**

The site is currently served with City of Austin water and wastewater utilities. If water or wastewater utility improvements, or offsite main extension, or system upgrades, or utility relocation, or utility adjustment are necessary to serve the land use, the landowner, at own expense, will be responsible for providing. Also, the water and wastewater utility plan must be reviewed and approved by the Austin Water Utility. The plan must be in accordance with

the City design criteria. The water and wastewater utility construction must be inspected by the City. The landowner must pay the associated 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**

This site is subject to compatibility standards along the west property line under the provisions of Chapter 25-2 Article 10.

July 11, 2005

***Via Hand Delivery***

Mr. Thomas Bolt  
Case Manager, City of Austin  
Development Review  
505 Barton Springs Rd.  
Austin, Texas 78704

Re: C14-05-0080: Amended Zoning Request to Include 3921 Medical Parkway

Dear Tom:

On behalf of the applicant in the above-referenced case, application is hereby made to amend the zoning application to include a 0.153 acre tract of land described by metes and bounds in the enclosures herewith and known locally as 3921 Medical Parkway. City Staff has recently determined that this tract, which has been shown on the City's Official Zoning Map since at least 1972 as being zoned "CS", Commercial Services, and represented to the applicant as being zoned "CS", Commercial Services in a Zoning Verification Letter dated as recently as two months ago, is in fact zoned "SF-3", Single Family Residence District. The tract is also owned by the applicant and is currently vacant. The applicant hereby respectfully requests that the above-referenced application be amended to also request "CS" Commercial Services zoning for the 0.153 acre tract.

Note that all of the information in the original zoning application remains the same except for the following information relating to the addition of the 0.153 acre tract:

- (1) The street address is 3921 Medical Parkway;
- (2) The Tax Parcel No. is 0221021304;
- (3) The Decd Reference Conveying the Property to Current Owner: Document No. 2003036334 of the Official Public Records of Travis County, Texas;
- (4) The current zoning for the added tract is "SF-3", Single Family Residence; and
- (5) The use of the added tract is vacant.

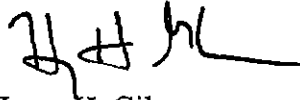
I have also included tax plats covering the added tract and 300' around the added tract for purposes of notice, two sets of certified field notes for the added tract and also included a Tax Certificate for the added tract.

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If everything is satisfactory, please review the amended request and schedule the case for hearing at Staff's earliest convenience. Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or need additional information.

Yours Very Truly,



Henry H. Gilmore  
Attorney for Applicant

cc: Mr. Layton Wilson (via telecopy 450-0475)  
Mr. Thomas Johnston (via telecopy 483-6897)  
Mr. Milton Hime (via telecopy 473-8982)

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August 16, 2005

***Via Telecopy: 974-6654***

Mr. Jorge Rousselin  
City of Austin Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department  
One Texas Center, Suite 225  
PO Box 1088  
Austin, Texas 78767-8810


Re: CTVS Offices (C14-05-0080): Applicant's Request for Postponement to  
September 6, 2005

Dear Jorge:

As per my conversation and email to you, the applicant hereby requests a postponement of the hearing on the above referenced case until the Commission's next meeting which is September 6, 2005. This is the applicant's first request for postponement. The reason for the postponement is that one of our key speakers has unavoidably been called out of town. Also, the applicant would like an opportunity to review and be prepared to respond to information submitted to the City Staff on Friday August 12, a copy of which we just received yesterday.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Yours Very Truly,

  
Henry H. Gilmore

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August 31, 2005

Ms. Teresa Rabago  
612 W. Johanna Street  
Austin, Texas 78704

Re: 3919 and 3921 Medical Parkway (C14-05-0080)

Dear Commissioner:

I represent the applicant in the above referenced case, the Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgeons or "CTVS", which will be heard by you on September 6<sup>th</sup>. The physicians with CTVS have been practicing medicine in Rosedale for over 30 years just on the north side of the intersection of 40<sup>th</sup> and Medical Parkway. CTVS has the pre-eminent cardiology and vascular practice in Central Texas. Their physicians performed the first open heart surgery in Central Texas, the first kidney transplant in Central Texas, the first coronary bypass surgery in Central Texas and their physicians have performed over 150 heart transplants for Central Texas patients. They are currently officing in two separate office buildings on the other side of the intersection that total approximately 17,000 square feet. Being over 30 years old, their current offices are dated and no longer meet their space and technology needs. They would like to build new offices on land they own across the street at the southeast corner of 40<sup>th</sup> and Medical Parkway.

CTVS proposes to build approximately 23,000 square feet of office space on two levels above a 3 level structured parking garage. The new offices will allow them to consolidate their practice in one building. The structured parking will meet current parking Code requirements for Medical Offices, unlike their current space, which is grandfathered under the City's previous parking requirements for Medical Offices. The new offices will provide 79 off street parking spaces, as opposed to 47 currently provided.

For the reasons discussed below, CTVS respectfully requests your approval of CS zoning for the subject tracts, as is being recommended to you by City Staff:

- 1) The subject tracts are bounded by existing CS zoning on 3 sides: immediately adjacent to the north and east and also directly across Medical Parkway to the west.** An important planning principal is to zone land consistently with surrounding zoning. I have included a zoning map exhibit showing the existing zoning in this area. While Rosedale will urge that CS is only appropriate for North Lamar Boulevard, it ignores the clear presence of CS along Medical Parkway. We would submit that the appropriate transition to the existing residential in the neighborhood should begin on the west side of Medical Parkway.

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- 2) While objections from the Rosedale Neighborhood Association focus primarily on height and scale, it is important to point out that the building will meet the height and setback requirements of the City's Neighborhood Compatibility Standards, which are expressly designed to address compatibility between commercial and residential development. The nearest residential zoned or used property is over 190 feet away on the other side of Medical Parkway. The building will be only 54 feet high rather than the 60 maximum permitted by CS zoning. CTVS will agree to limit the building to 54 feet through a conditional overlay, thereby preventing the applicant from potentially requesting a height waiver to the Compatibility Standards at time of site plan.
- 3) Structured parking, while extremely expensive, will avoid the unsightly and negative environmental effects of surface parking and will be more convenient for CTVS patients and employees. In addition, the parking will meet current Code rather than the City's older parking requirements and avoid patients and employees parking on neighborhood streets. As mentioned earlier, the number of off street parking spaces will increase from 47 to 79.
- 4) CTVS will restrict the uses allowed in CS via a conditional overlay to LR uses and the one CS use they need: Medical Offices in excess of 5,000 square feet. This addresses potential concerns about the property being used for heavier, more industrial uses that are also allowed under CS. In addition, the applicant will agree to restrict the FAR for the site to 1.35 to 1, rather than the 2.0 normally allowed in CS.
- 5) Medical Office generates substantially less traffic than a comparable retail use. In fact, 23,000 square feet of Medical Offices, when compared to 23,000 square feet of retail, generates 3.5 to 4 times less traffic. So from a traffic generation standpoint, Medical Office use has far less impact on streets and nearby neighborhoods than retail uses would.

Included for your reference are profiles of what the building would look like in actual context once built. These profiles were made using actual photographs of the site from different angles and then adding in architecturally correct profiles of the building. In addition, as mentioned earlier, I also include a zoning map exhibit showing the subject tracts in the context of existing zoning in this part of town and along Medical Parkway.

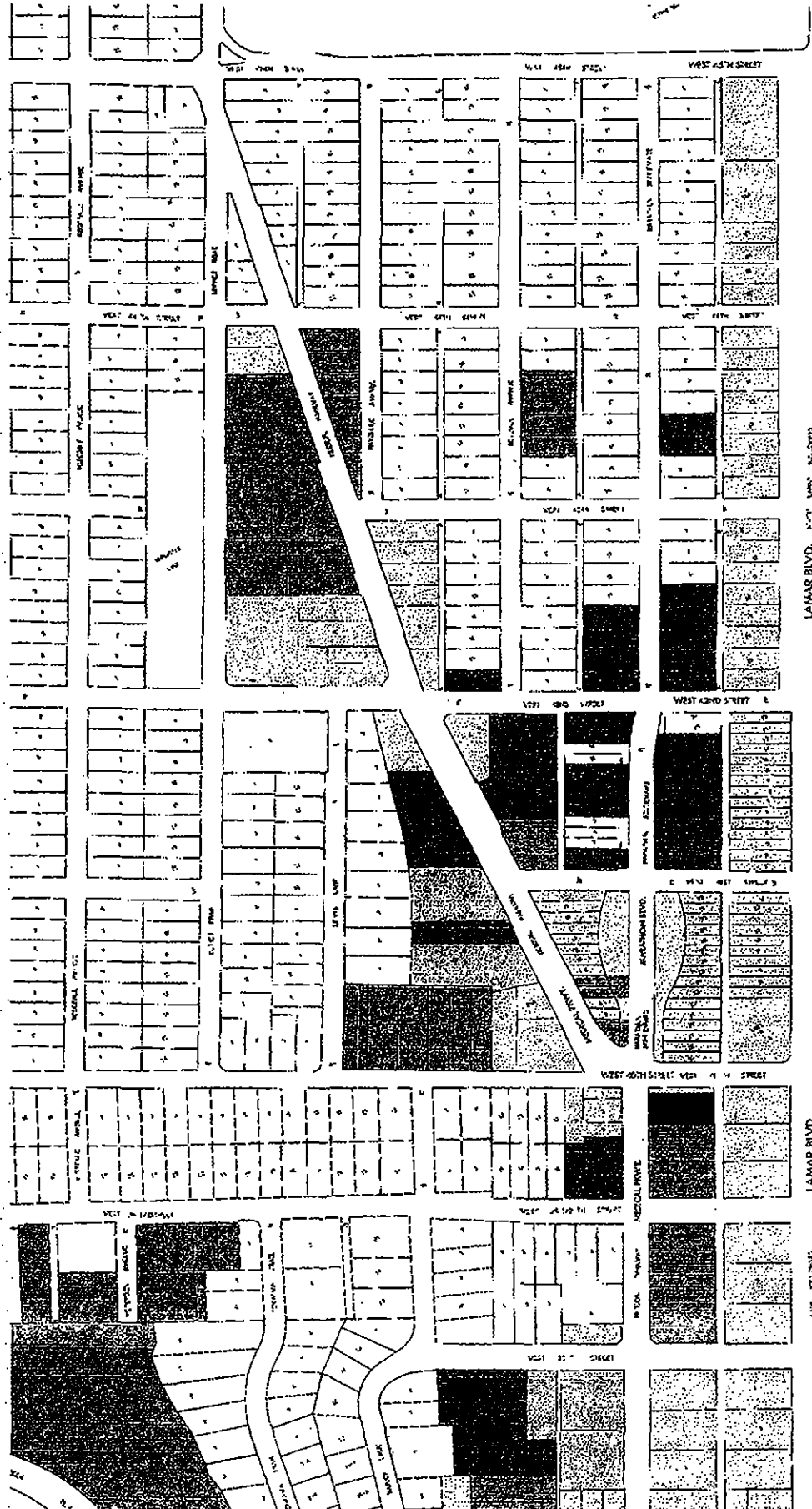
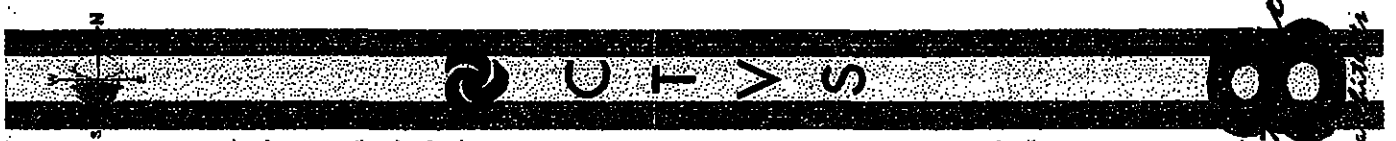
In conclusion, we respectfully request your recommendation of CS zoning for the subject tracts, as recommended to you by City Staff and also restricted to the height, uses and FAR as outlined above. Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or need more information. Otherwise, we look forward to presenting the request on September 6<sup>th</sup>.

Yours Very Truly,



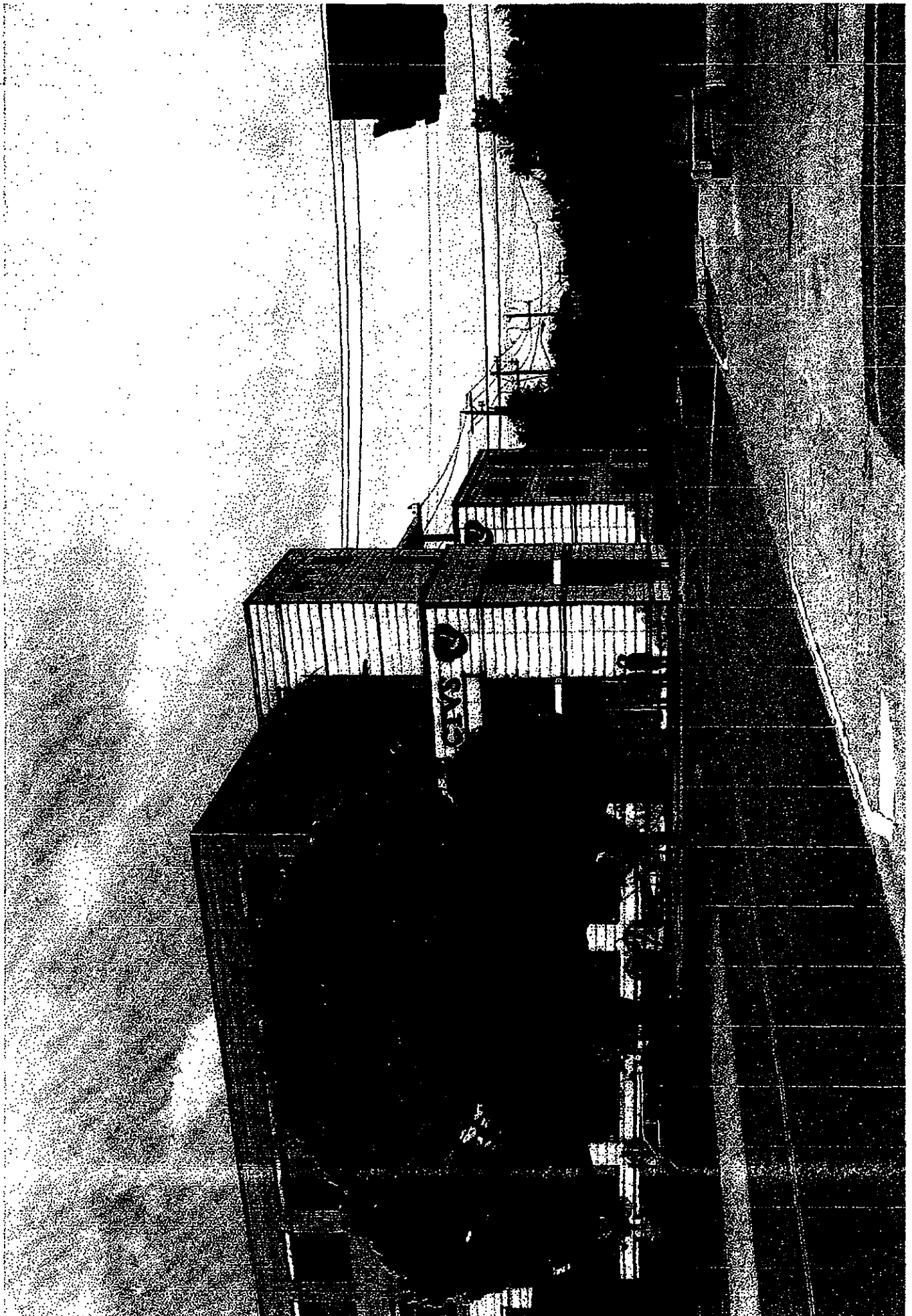
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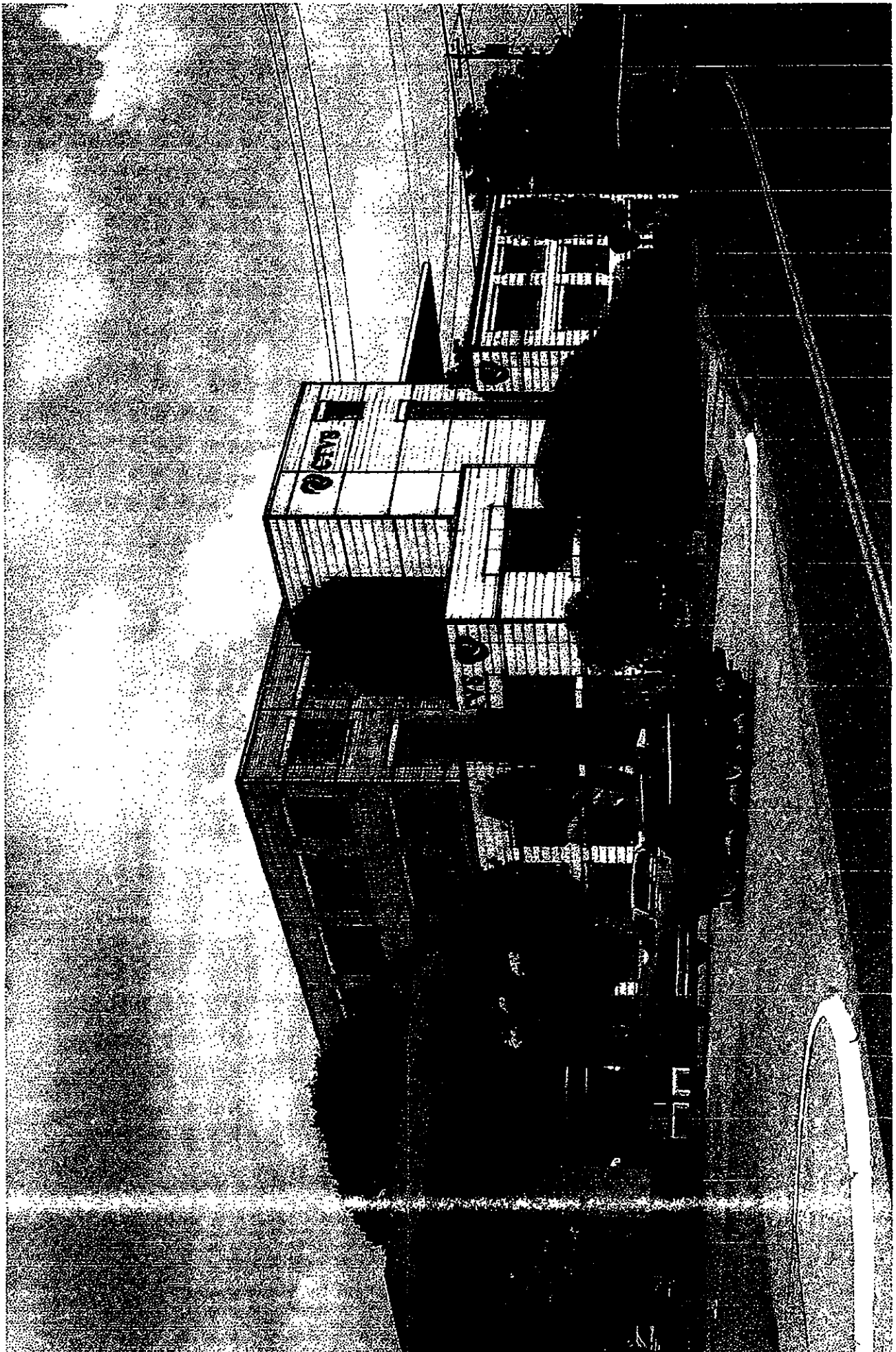




COMMERCIAL SERVICES  
OFFICE  
HOUSING  
COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL  
MULTIFAMILY

NING plan  
Scale





## 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 attend a public hearing, you are not required to attend. However, if you do attend, you have the opportunity to speak FOR or AGAINST the proposed development or change. 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.ci.austin.tx.us/development](http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/development)

Written comments must be submitted to the board or commission (or the contact person listed on the notice) before or at a public hearing. Your comments should include the board or commission's name, the scheduled date of the public hearing, and the Case Number and the contact person listed on the notice.

**Case Number:** C14-05-0080

**Contact:** Thomas Bolt, (512) 974-2755

**Public Hearing:**

August 2, 2005 Zoning and Platting Commission

M. H. Crocker II, JA.

Your Name (please print)

3932 Medical Parkway

Your address(es) affected by this application

M. H. Crocker II

Signature

Date

7/25/05

Comments:



If you use this form to comment, it may be returned to:

City of Austin

Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department

Thomas Bolt

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**Bolt, Thomas**

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**From:** felicia adams [adams4203@yahoo.com]  
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**Cc:** Chris Allen; mbrown1221@aol.com  
**Subject:** Postponement for Case Number C14-05-0080

Tom,

Thank you for meeting with us on Friday regarding the zoning change request for 3919 Medical Parkway. The meeting was very informative and gave us a better perspective. After some discussion, the Rosedale Neighborhood Association would like to request a postponement of the hearing for the case currently scheduled for July 5, 2005. We would like to request a four week postponement so that we may resolve outstanding questions we have regarding:

- 1) Transportation
- 2) Drainage/Runoff
- 3) Further Discussion with Developer

Please let me know what else you need from us to secure a postponement. We sincerely appreciate your assistance in the matter.

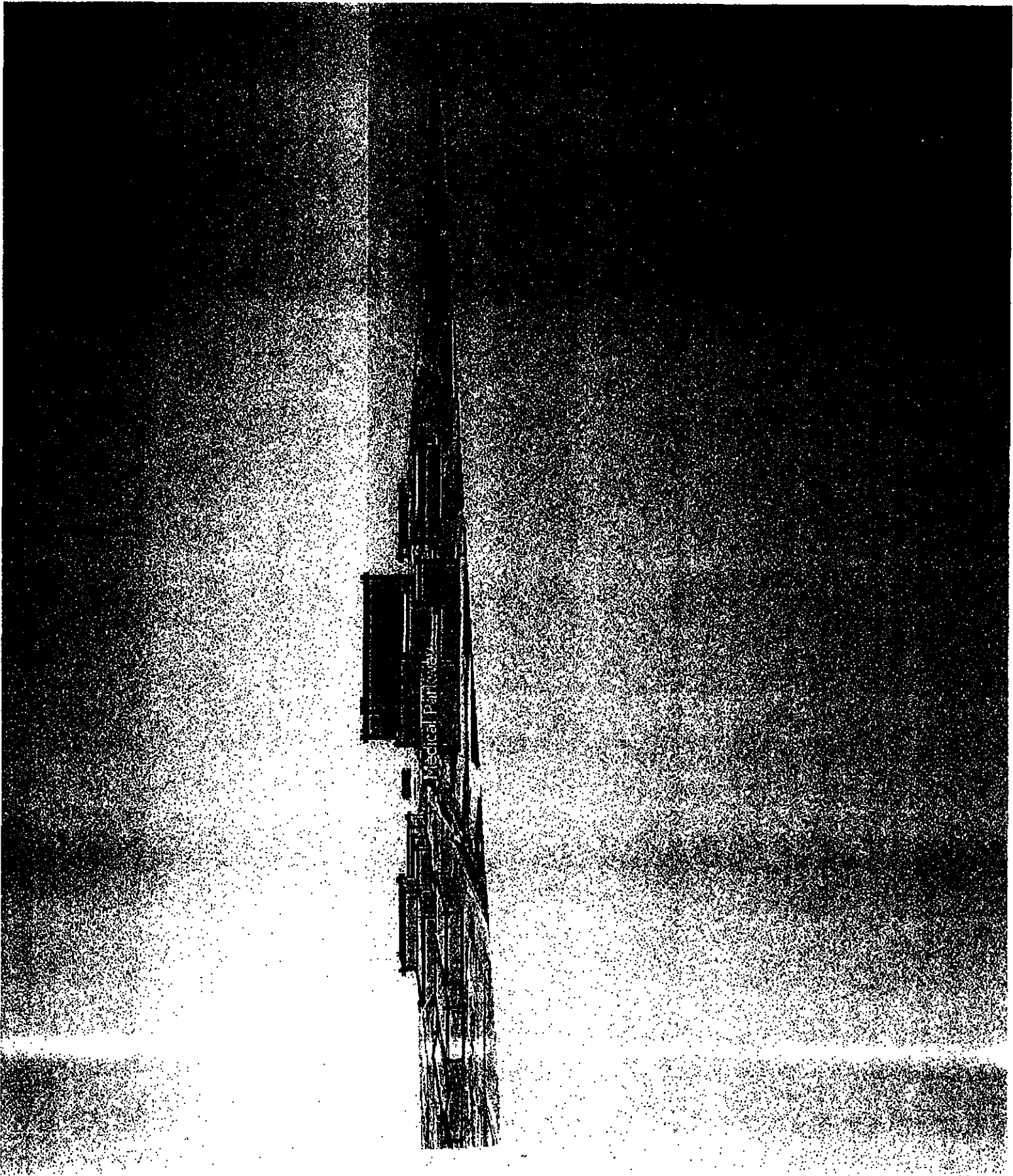
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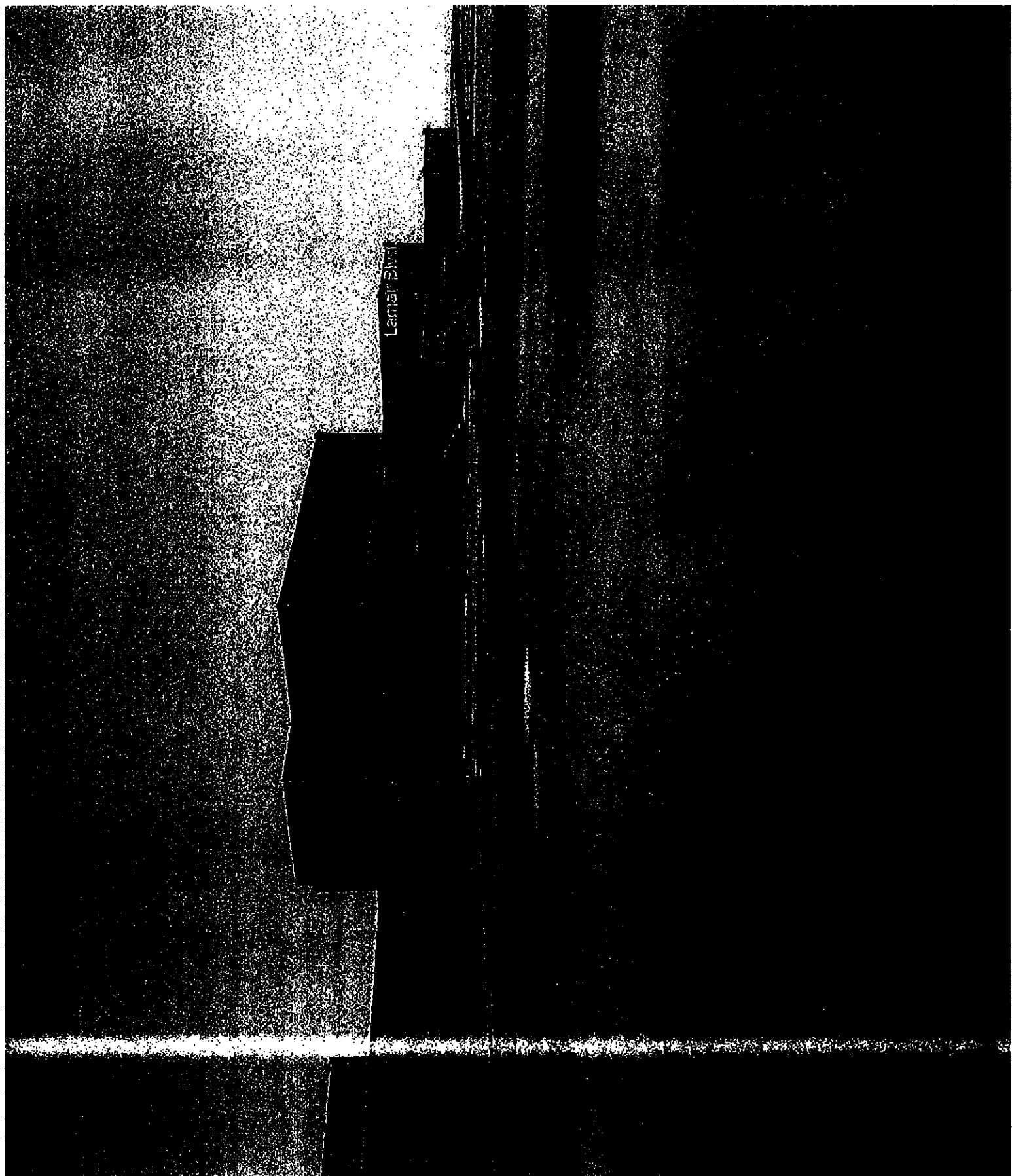
#FROM SOUTH

SUBMITTED BY ROSEDALE NEIGHBORHOOD  
ASSOCIATION



FROM FRONT YARD OF RESIDENCE ON W. 39 1/2 ST.

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ASSOCIATION





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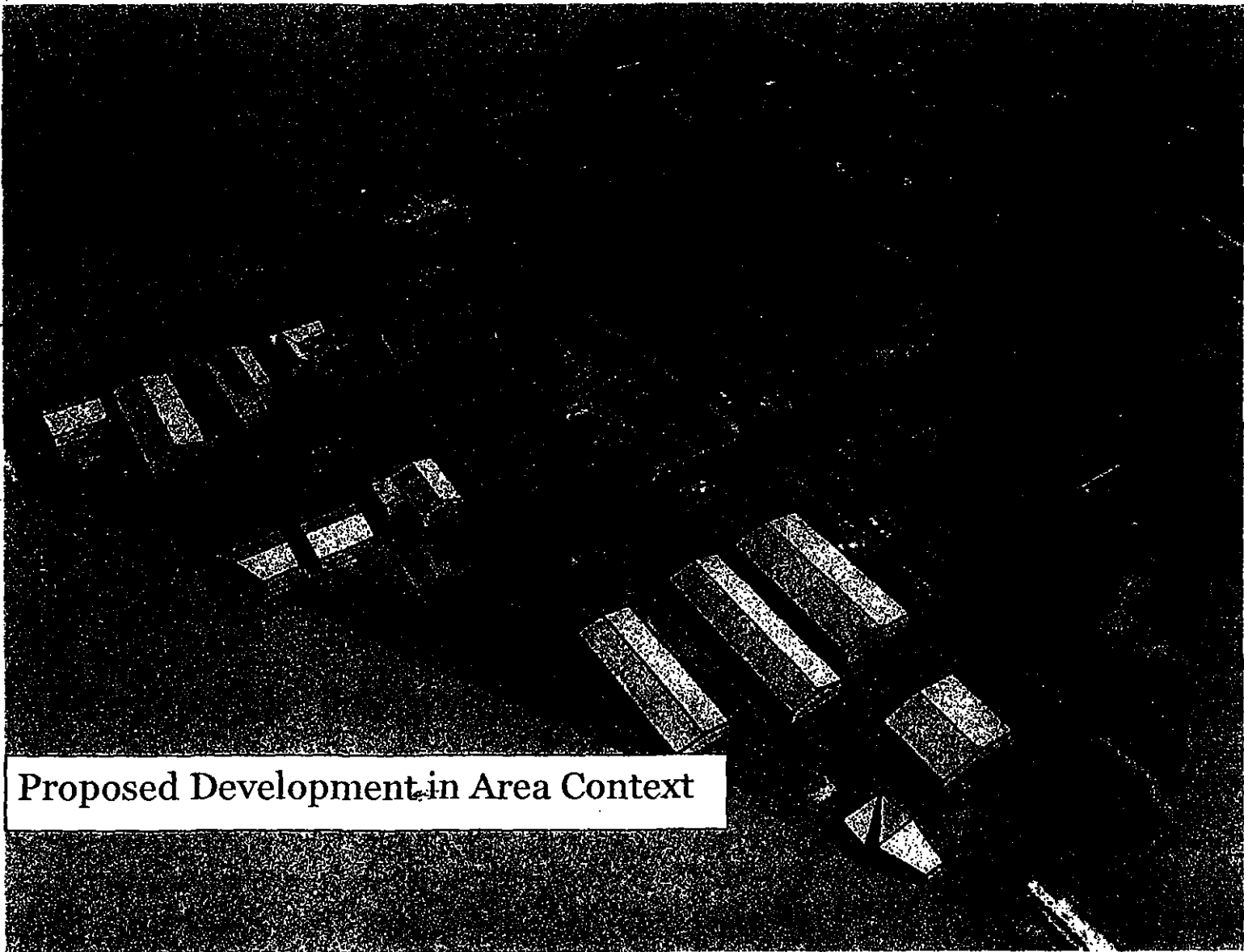




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Request to Recommend LR Zoning for  
3919 & 3921 Medical Parkway

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**§ 25-2-103 GENERAL COMMERCIAL SERVICES (CS) DISTRICT DESIGNATION.**

General commercial services (CS) district is the designation for a commercial or industrial use of a service nature that has operating characteristics or traffic service requirements that are incompatible with residential environments.

*Source: Section 13-2-71; Ord. 990225-70; Ord. 031211-11.*

**Rosedale NA Information Packet**

The Rosedale Neighborhood Association welcomes the redevelopment of commercial properties on North Lamar, 38<sup>th</sup> Street, and Medical Parkway. We envision and support intensive CS (up to 60') on Lamar and 38<sup>th</sup> since they are major arterials. However, Medical Parkway bisects our neighborhood's SF-3 lots and we believe the intensity should transition down to LR zoning with a height of 40'.

**Existing Medical Parkway Scale**



**Canyon Effect of CS Development on Medical Parkway**



**Scale of Medical Pkwy. w/ Inappropriate CS Development**

**Appropriate Commercial Scale on Lamar**



## **MAJOR CONCERNS**

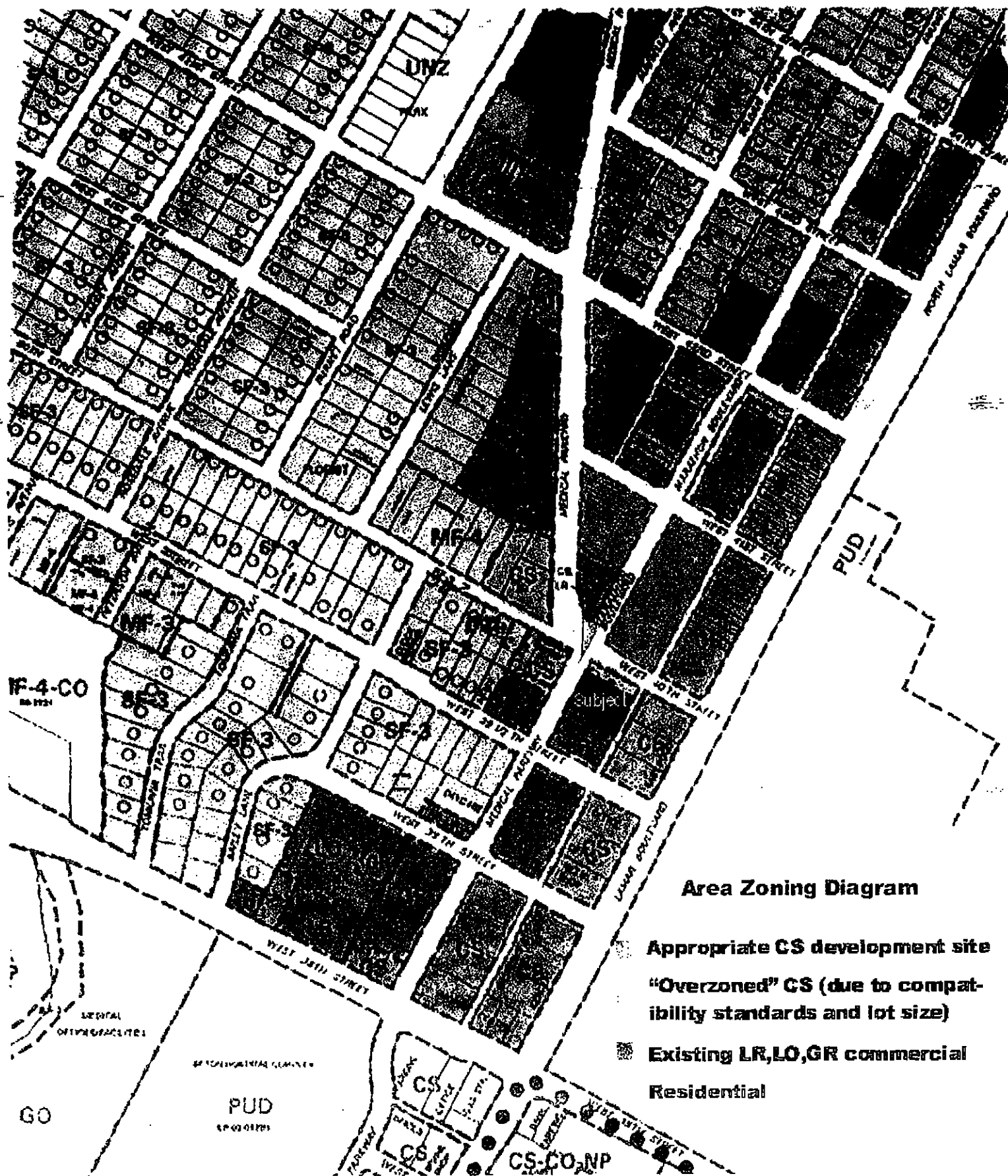
- The Rosedale Neighborhood Association will not reach its turn in the City of Austin Neighborhood Planning process until late 2006.
- Allowing CS on this site would set a precedent that would preempt our ability to determine the future character of this area through Neighborhood Planning
- Existing CS lots on Medical Parkway which were designated as CS prior to today's zoning processes and development standards are not viable for full development due to size and proximity to residential lots. (See attached zoning map)
- A core goal of our Neighborhood Planning would be to downzone properties on Medical Parkway that were inappropriately zoned CS during the 1970's.
- City Staff did not acknowledge the difference in neighborhood character and scale between Lamar and Medical Parkway when they recommended CS. Staff based their decision on proximity to existing inappropriately zoned CS.
- In a Neighborhood Planning process, CS (with development scale similar to the buildings at 6<sup>th</sup> and Lamar) would not be recommended for a neighborhood collector like Medical Parkway.

## **SITE SPECIFICS**

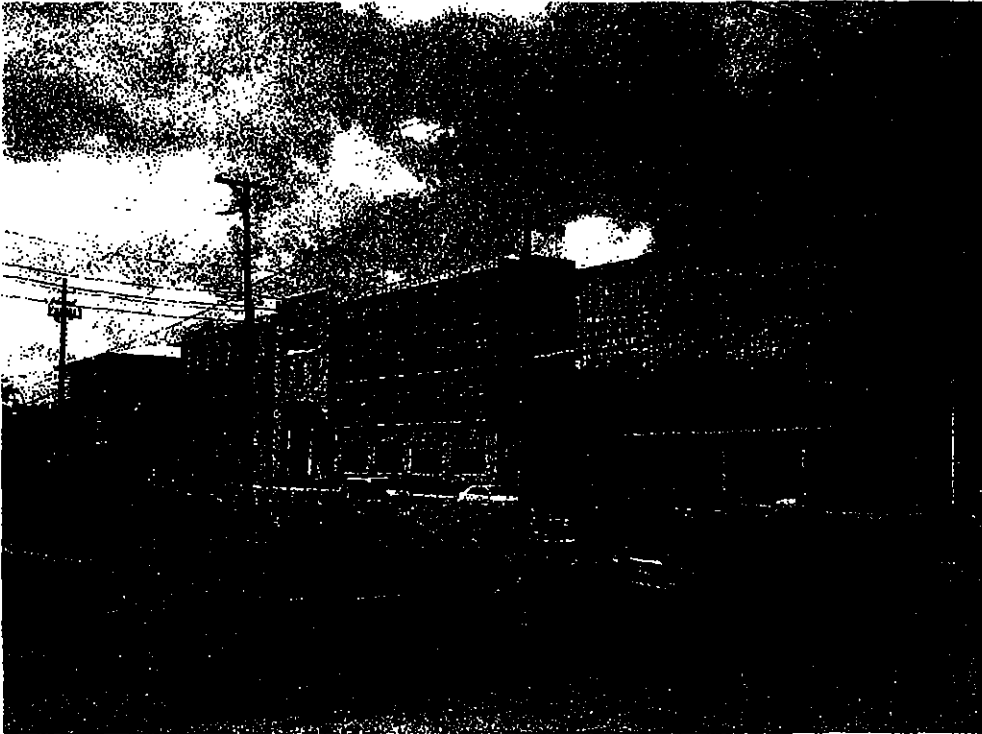
- Rosedale NA is concerned that a 3 story parking garage with 2 stories of office space is over development on only 2.5 residential lots.
- Granting the CS zoning is asking the neighborhood to permanently sacrifice the appropriate scale of the area to maximize their development potential.
- Granting CS would be quadrupling the development entitlement based on F.A.R. as compared to LR
- Proposed development would create a negative traffic impact on Medical Parkway due to the proximity of the garage entrance to an unusual intersection with a traffic island, difficult sight lines, and a Capital Metro Bus Stop.
- Neighborhood concerns about how such a small site will handle dumpsters, medical waste, off-street loading, and EMS vehicles.
- This development would be welcomed on Medical Parkway on a larger lot with LR zoning and 40' height.

## • DEVELOPMENT INTENSITY ANALYSIS

	Major Arterial	Neighborhood Collector
Number of Lots	5	2
Area of Lot (sq. ft.)	32,710	7,900
Development Type	CS	LR/LO
Accession	60'	40'
Frontage	2:1	.5:1
Development Intensity	Serve Austin Community	Buffer adjoining SF-3 lots



**Area Character:  
Medical Parkway in Contrast to Lamar Boulevard**



Southeast corner  
of 38<sup>th</sup> and  
Lamar, showing  
buildings similar  
to the proposed  
development.  
This is an  
appropriate  
context for this  
scale of  
development,  
along five lane  
major arterials.

This is the  
tallest  
building on  
Medical  
Parkway (two  
floors over  
parking with a  
significant  
setback from  
each street).  
Medical  
Parkway is a  
low-scale, tree  
lined  
neighborhood  
street.



**Rousselin, Jorge**

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**From:** Chris Allen [chris@somearchitect.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 05, 2005 8:43 PM  
**To:** Rousselin, Jorge  
**Cc:** hgilmore@dbcslaw.com  
**Subject:** Request for postponement

Jorge.Rousselin@ci.austin.tx.us

City of Austin Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department

RE: c14-05-0080  
3919 and 3921 Medical Parkway

Jorge:

On behalf of Felicia Adams (Rosedale NA president) I am requesting a postponement of the above referenced case. Ms. Adams is volunteering as a Case Worker with the Red Cross relief effort, and is dedicating all of her time to that cause. Additionally, Aletha St. Romain, our past president and scheduled speaker for the hearing, is aiding family and friends displaced by the disaster. Several of our other key speakers are focusing their spare time creating accommodations for refugees in neighborhood homes and apartments. It is therefore unlikely that many of us would be available to attend the hearing on Tuesday evening.

We remain eager to present our case and look forward to rescheduling the hearing on Tuesday October 4<sup>th</sup>.

We appreciate the understanding of staff and board members in this matter.

Sincerely,

Chris Allen  
Rosedale NA past president

Cc: Henry Gilmore

9/6/2005

**Rousselin, Jorge**

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Jorge:

The Rosedale neighborhood has some questions about the proposed zoning at 3919-3921 Medical Parkway. We need your help to answer them.

1. The applicant states (in hearings and in writing) that the proposed building is to be 23,000 s.f. of medical office, with 79 parking spaces provided on site. Our calculations show that for 23,000 s.f. of medical office, 92 spaces would be required ( $23,000/250=92$  urban core reduction= 92). Can you verify this calculation and explain where the additional required parking will be provided?

2. The lot at 3923 Medical Parkway is currently owned by Mr. Milton Crockett, but it is part of the tract CTVS plans to use for its new building. This lot is contiguous with the adjacent EZ's and Banzai restaurants, also owned by Mr. Crockett. For decades (as long as any of us can recall) the lot at 3923 Medical Parkway has been used to provide parking for the restaurants. Until recently, a sign on the site indicated that it was "Parking for EZ's customers". This use goes back at least to 1972, when 3923 Medical Parkway was rezoned CS to allow "erection of a sign and provide parking". That case number was c14-67-227.

Without this parking area, EZ's and Banzai will be left with far less parking than they need. On any given weekday, you'll find 20-30 cars parked on the vacant lot. If CTVS is allowed to build on these lots, where will EZ's customers park?

3. The EZ's building was built as 2J's restaurant in the 50's, but was remodeled and added to in 1995. The permits are very difficult to follow, but permit # 9501697 was issued on 2/10/1995. The permit states "Add and Remodel to Existing Restaurant". This project added seating area to the interior and an outdoor seating area. At that time, this would have triggered parking review. No site plan exemption should have been issued. It appears that an attempt to obtain a permit in January of 1995 failed (BP-94-4252S- it was rejected by zoning). The permit applicant returned a few weeks later and applied for the same project, using a DIFFERENT address (3914 N. Lamar). This time, the permit was approved. We would like to know whether parking was reviewed at that time, if a site plan was required or provided, and how changing the address fooled the system.

4. We have been told that Milton Crockett is planning to sell the lot at 3923 Medical Parkway to CTVS in exchange for ten parking spaces in the new CTVS garage. This tells us that Mr. Crockett knows that he needs the parking for EZ's. Of course, with LESS parking in their proposed garage than required to meet their own needs, CTVS is not in a position to sell parking to an adjacent business.

5. Similarly, CTVS staff has parked on the vacant lots for years. Mr. Crockett has told me that he used to rent parking space to them at 3923 Medical Parkway. CTVS will be vacating their offices at 1010 W. 40<sup>th</sup>, 4005 & 4009 Marathon Blvd. to consolidate their staff to the new building. When they do, their existing offices will be available for a new tenant. This tenant will face a parking shortage also, with the vacant lots gone. CTVS currently has approximately 17,000 s.f. of office at these addresses, with only 47 spaces available on site. This space would require 68 parking spaces, but only 47 will remain available. Taking away the overflow space they have on the vacant lots will dump another 21 cars on the neighborhood streets.

Bottom line- the proposed CTVS building will not only be short of the parking required for its own office needs, it will displace a good deal of parking that is required for EZ's, Banzai, and the new tenant(s) in the existing CTVS buildings.

If you've seen the news or Statesman lately, you know that Rosedale is dealing with major problems with medical parking spillover. We need all the help we can get from the City to ensure that this project doesn't take a bad parking situation and make it far worse.

Thanks for your help!

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