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Zone Hearings/App Ordinances/Restrictive Covenants CITY OF AUSTIN RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA DATE: 4/6/2006

Subject: NPA-06-0011.01 - Ridgetop Offices at 51st Street - Conduct a public hearing and amend Ordinance No. 20020523-30, the North Loop Neighborhood Plan, an element of the Austin Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan, to amend the Future Land Use Map on property located at 910-912 E. 51st (Boggy Creek Watershed) from single-family use to mixed use. Planning Commission Recommendation: To grant mixed use designation. Applicant: Barry and Kathy Garth. Agent: Barry Garth. City Staff: Maureen Meredith, 974-2695. (Related to item #62ph)

Requesting Department: NPZD

For More Information: Maureen Meredith, 974-2695

NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN AMENDMENT REVIEW SHEET

NEIGHORHOOD PLAN: North Loop Neighborhood Plan

CASE#: NPA-06-0011.01

PC DATE: February 28, 2006

ADDRESS: 910-912 E. 51st Street

Legal: Block E Ridgetop, Lots 18 &19

APPLICANTS: Barry and Kathy Garth

OWNERS: Barry and Kathy Garth

AGENT: Barry Garth

TYPE OF AMENDMENT:

Change in Future Land Use Designation

From: Single Family

To: Mixed Use

Related Zoning Case: C14-06-0004

Base District Zoning Change

From: SF-3-NP

To: GR-MU-NP

PLAN ADOPTION DATE: May 23, 2002 NPCD ADOPTION DATE: May 23, 2002

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Single Family

BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommendation is consistent with the future land use map and text written in the North Loop Neighborhood plan, page 26:

"For neighborhoods within the planning area, the preservation of residential interiors is important. Both the Morningside-Ridgetop and Eye 35/Airport neighborhoods, for example are surrounded by commercial development on 1-35 and Airport Blvd....(T)here is a real fear of the continuing encroachment of this commercial property [along Airport Blvd. and I-35 frontage road] and the subsequent demise of the residential character of the interior sections of these neighborhoods.....On adoption of this plan, this Neighborhood Plan does not support further rezoning of residentially zoned property in the interior of these neighborhoods to commercial or other non-residential uses".

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

2/28/06 Approved Mixed-Use/Office and NO-MU-NP zoning. Vote: 8-0 (JMC off dais)

BACKGROUND:

On January 11, 2006, Mr. Barry Garth applied for a zoning change and neighborhood plan amendment on property located at 910-912 E. 51st Street (Block E Ridgetop, Lots 18 & 19). The proposed change to the North Loop Neighborhood Plan is to amend the Future Land Use Map from Single Family to Mixed Use.

In Mr. Garth's concurrent zoning case C14-006-0004, the applicant proposes to rezone the property from SF-3-NP, Family Residence-Neighborhood Plan Combining District to GR-MU-NP, Community Commercial-Mixed Use Neighborhood Plan Combining District. The applicant requests the GR-MU-NP in order to develop the property with 90% impervious cover, although he proposes the uses (office/light retail/mixed use/residential) that are allowed in the LR-MU-NP, Neighborhood Commercial Mixed-Use Neighborhood Plan district Combining District.

The North Loop Neighborhood Planning Team submitted a letter to the City of Austin recommending that Mr. Garth's plan amendment and zoning change application be allowed out of cycle.

Members from the North Loop Neighborhood Association and the Ridgetop Neighborhood Association participated in neighborhood meeting on Monday, February 6, 2006, to discuss the proposed zoning change and plan amendment application with Mr. Garth. Approximately 30 people attended the meeting, but only twenty-three people signed-in.

The Ridgetop Neighborhood Association recommends a zoning change from an SF-3-NP Family Residence-Neighborhood Plan Combining District to an NO-MU-NP, Neighborhood Office-Mixed Use Neighborhood Plan Combining District. The North Loop Neighborhood Association recommends an NO-MU-NP with a conditional overlay to allow a 15-foot front yard setback and a parking reduction.

The North Loop Neighborhood Plan was completed under the City of Austin's Neighborhood Planning Program and was adopted as part of the Austin Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan on May 23, 2002.

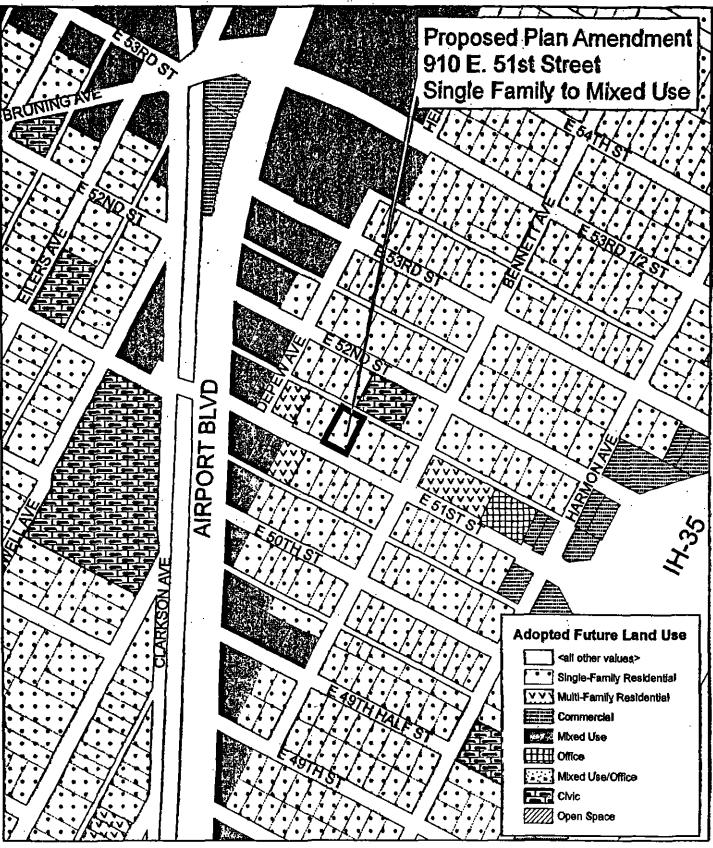
The boundaries of the planning area are Koenig Lane/2222 to the north; I-35 frontage road to the east; 45th Street to Red River to the south, then along the eastern side of Red River, to 51st Street and across 51st Street to Lamar; and Lamar Boulevard to the west.

CITY COUNCIL DATE: April 6, 2006 ACTION: (pending)

CASE MANAGER: Maureen Meredith (plan amendment)
Jorge Rousselin (zoning case) PHONE: 974-2695

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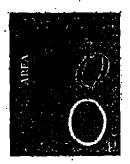
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North Loop Neighborhood Plan Neighborhood Plan Amendment Case # NPA-06-0011.01





December 23, 2005

Herman Thun, Chair
Board of Adjustment
City of Austin
One Texas Center
721 Barton Springs Road
Austin, TX 78704

Dear Mr. Thun and Members of the Board of Adjustment:

At our North Loop Neighborhood Planning Team (NLNPT) meeting on December 14th, 2005, Barry Garth with Garth Construction Company presented a zoning change and variance request proposal for 910 and 912 E. 51st Street. His request is a zoning change for these properties from SF-3 to GR-Mixed Use.

Per our amended bylaws, as Chair of the North Loop Planning Team, I am sending this letter to request that Mr. Garth be allowed to continue with the zone change request process. The NLPT currently neither supports nor opposes the project. We would like for Mr. Garth to be able to file any necessary applications to trigger 300-foot notifications to residents and subsequent posting for consideration by the Board.

We've encouraged Mr. Garth to work with the neighbors around his proposed project as well as the Ridgetop Neighborhood Association to build consensus and support for his project. The North Loop Planning Team plans to consider this zoning change proposal at its next meeting in March and decide on endorsement or opposition.

Sincerely,

Cuatro Groos
Chair, North Loop Planning Team
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http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/zoning/north_loop.htm

cc: Steve Barney; Chair, Ridgetop Neighborhood Association; 916 E. 53rd St., Austin, Texas 78751

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February 15, 2006

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Dear Mr. Rousselin,

This letter will serve as the Ridgetop Neighborhood Association's endorsement of a plan amendment and zoning change to allow <u>NO-MU</u> zoning at Barry Garth's property at 910 E. 51st Street. Please note that this is a less intensive zoning category that what has been requested by the applicant. In the North Loop Neighborhood Plan Future Land Use Map, this part of 51st Street is shown as a residential land use.

Mr. Garth briefed the neighborhood on his proposed development on February 13, 2006. By a wide margin, the neighborhood voted to allow NO-MU. While no vote was taken on the Issue of supporting a variance for a reduced front setback, this is an Issue that has consistently been supported by the neighborhood in discussions with Mr. Garth and there is no known opposition.

Outstanding Issues that (for now) preclude the neighborhood's endorsement of a less restrictive zoning category include:

- 1) In the near future, the North Loop Neighborhood Planning Team needs to go through a planning process to look at the entire 51st Street corridor (east of Airport Blvd) and consider whether the Future Land Use Map in the neighborhood plan should change for this entire corridor. Many (though not all) at the 2/13 meeting agreed that traffic on 51st Street had become so heavy as to lessen the street's desirability for single-occupancy. There were concerns that putting off any change (keeping the property's zoning as SF-3) would be an unfair burden to the property owner, hence the vote for NO-MU. However, most participants were not willing to advocate spot-zoning a mid-block property to a higher intensity beyond NO-MU, in the absence of a comprehensive approach to this stretch of 51st Street.
- 2) Questions remain about the viability of the proposed project in the absence of variances. The proposed 40' height of a new structure would likely trigger compatibility standards and would require a waiver or variance. Likewise, the proposed side-yard setbacks and rear-

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yard setbacks might also trigger compatibility and require a walver or variance. The property is surrounded on three sides by SF-3 zoning and residential (or church) uses.

- 3) At various times, the development proposal has included a 10' section of disused but apparently not vacated alleyway. (To be clear, the entire length of alleyway on this block is unusable and most has been reclaimed by the fences of adjoining property owners). The current proposal is for this section of disused alleyway to be either greenspace or stormwater detention. Despite multiple requests, the neighborhood has never received documentation that Public Works or the Watershed Protection and Development Review Department will allow this 10' strip of disused alley to be used for any purpose associated with a development on this property, including its use as greenspace or stormwater detention.
- 4) Mr. Garth has stated that, without a more intensive zoning category (such as LR), he cannot build his proposed project due to impervious cover limits. However, the neighborhood has not received any solid documentation that this is the case. It is also the neighborhood's general policy to decide matters of zoning on the basis of land use planning principles, and not on the basis of any particular development proposal. If the property sells before the project is built, then what the neighborhood would ultimately get would be a different project than was originally proposed.

Mr. Garth has now attended three neighborhood meetings to provide information on his proposed development and zoning change. The Ridgetop Neighborhood Association (RNA) appreciates Mr. Garth's openness and willingness to communicate about his proposal. To the extent possible, the RNA seeks to be reasonable with respect to Mr. Garth's needs. For the reasons stated above, we cannot currently support a zoning change to a more intensive category than NO-MU.

Please contact me at barneyalt@earthlink.net if you need additional information.

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Steve Barney President Ridgetop Neighborhood Association

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Jorge Rousselin City of Austin, NPZD PO Box 1088 Austin, Texas 76767

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Neighborhood Planning & Zoning

February 17, 2006

Dear Mr. Rousselin,

On Thursday, February 16, the North Loop Neighborhood Planning Team (NLNPT) voted to endorse a plan amendment and zoning change from SP-3 to NO-MU for 910 and 912 E. 51st Street. The Ridgetop Neighborhood Association (RNA) also voted earlier in the week to support NO-MU zoning for these properties.

This decision was reached in part as recognition of the wishes of Ridgetop residents as evidenced by the RNA recommendation. Equally as important, the NLNPT wants to address the future land use for the 51st St. corridor as a whole before recommending spot-zoning changes. We will start that process at our March meeting and intend to make any subsequent amendments to our Neighborhood Pian once we've gone through that review process.

The NLNPT members agree that E. 51st Street between IH-35 and Airport Bivd. has become a unique corridor in our area. Traffic pressures are considerably higher, and it is becoming harder for owners of single family properties to rent or sell their properties on E. 51st Street. However, we still have owners and renters living along the corridor. Their input, as well as the input of other residents and property owners around E. 51st Street, is crucial as we consider the long-term vision for the corridor. The Mueller redevelopment and even the Triangle development are impacting traffic, residential development, and commercial development in the area. These issues deserve thoughtful consideration as we work hard to protect quality of life and improve livability for all our property owners, residents, and businesses in the area.

Many of our members see zoning changes to allow for commercial use as appropriate in the near future for E. 51st Street. However, there is not currently a consensus on how changes would be applied. In the end, the group voted for a much narrower change than the LR-MU requested by Mr. Garth. This allows for some commercial use but also gives the NLNPT a chance to address the corridor as a whole before getting into spot-zoning situations that may or may not fit the vision for the neighborhood. Along with the recommendation for NO-MU zoning, the NLNPT voted to support a conditional overlay for reduced front setback (to 15 feet) and reduced parking requirements on 910 and 912 E. 51st Street.

Please contact me at cuatro@acadlahr.com If you need additional information.

Cuatro Gross

Chair

North Loop Neighborhood Planning Team

Meeting Notes for a Proposed North Loop Neighborhood Plan Amendment

Date: Monday February 6, 2006

Time: 7 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.

Location: Ridgetop Elem. School Library

Applicant: Barry Garth

Property address: 910-912 E. 51"

Legal description: Block E, Lots 18 & 19

Zoning change request: From SF-3-NP to GR-MU-NP (The applicant requests GR zoning, but only needs LR uses. He requests GR to be allowed 90% impervious cover).

Proposed FLUM plan amendment from Single Family to Mixed Use.

The North Loop Neighborhood meeting convened at approximately 7:10 p.m. Sign-in sheets were passed around and attendees were asked to sign-in. There were approximately 30 people in attendance. Twenty-three people signed in.

Maureen Meredith (NPZD Planner) welcomed the participants and then gave a slide presentation showing pictures the property under consideration for rezoning. The slide show also showed pictures of surrounding properties to the north, east, south, and west of the site.

After the presentation, Barry Garth, the applicant in the proposed zoning change, presented his case to the neighborhood as to why he would like to change the zoning. He said that he and his wife bought the property, remodeled it, and then tried to sell it as a single family home. The property was on the market for 3 months, in the course of which, 10 people looked at the property. After lowering the selling price to \$250,000, they were still unable to sell the property. He said 9 out of the 10 people who looked at the home said they were not interested because the house is on a busy street and suggested that the property be rezoned to commercial, which is why the zoning change application was filed. He requests GR zoning, but proposes LR land uses. He stated he needs the 90% impervious cover allowed in the GR zoning in order to meet the parking requirements.

Mr. Garth distributed about 10-15 packets of information on his proposed development. The neighborhood attendees the asked many questions and provided many comments to Mr. Garth.

The property consists of two lots. Lot 19 has a 1700 sq. ft. single family home he proposes could be used for offices. Lot 18 is a vacant lot the applicant proposes to construct a building 2,950 sq. ft. in size, 40 ft. in height.

These are some of the questions asked and answers provided:

- What uses do you propose for the site? Answer: Offices.
- Why ask for commercial zoning when you propose office uses, why not ask for office zoning? Answer: Because we need the 90% impervious cover allowed in the GR zoning.

There was a long discussion about the alley and what could or couldn't be done with it according to City regulations. Steve Barney (President of the Morningside/Ridgetop Neighborhood Assn) said he would like a letter from the City of Austin's Public Works Department detailing what can or cannot be done with the alley to clear up these issues. Mr. Garth agreed to provide this.

The heavy traffic on 51st street was discussed. One attendee pointed out that the traffic has increase since Mueller development began with 18-wheelers and heavy trucks, which has not been an issue in the past. She also pointed out that once the Mueller development is completed, there will probably be more traffic on 51st Street in the future.

One attendee suggested he provide more landscaping abutting the SF zoning around the site. Mr. Garth appeared to agree with that suggestion. Attendees asked City staff to read from the permitted uses list the allowable uses in LR zoning district. After this list was read, comments were made to perhaps restrict some uses (such as 24 hour uses) that they didn't want. Mr. Garth appeared to agree with this suggestion. Maureen Meredith suggested that Mr. Garth contact Jorge Rousselin, the City's zoning planner handling the case, to determine how this could be done.

Steve Barney stated that the North Loop Neighborhood Assn. and the Morningside Ridgetop Neighborhood Assn. would have a meeting on Monday, Feb. 13th to discuss whether to support the applicant's zoning change application and then will inform City staff as to their decision. Staff informed Cuatro Groos and Steve Barney, presidents of the respective neighborhood associations, that the City will need this letter by Tuesday, February 14. The zoning case is scheduled for the February 28, 2006 Plan Commission hearing date and notices will be mailed on Friday, February 17th.

One comment at the end of the meeting from an attendee was that maybe the neighborhood associations need to consider whether that section of E. 51st Street zoned single family between Airport Blvd, and IH-35, where the applicant's site is located, should be reconsidered for commercial zoning in the future.

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City of Austin Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department 505 Barton Springs Road / P.O. Box 1088 / Austin, Texas 78767-8835

NOTICE OF PLANNING COMMISSION A PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND A NEIGBORHOOD PLAN

Mailing Date of this Notice: February 17, 2006

File Number: NPA-06-0011.01

Este aviso es para informaries de una junta pública tocante a un cambio en el uso de la tierra indicado asi abajo. Si requiere asistencia en español habie al (512) 974-7654.

The Neighborhood Planning & Zoning Department has received an application for an amendment to the North Loop Neighborhood Plan for property located at 910 E. 51 Street (See attached map). This notice has been mailed to you because you own property within 300 feet of the subject property, you are in a registered neighborhood association within the planning area, or you are part of the neighborhood planning team or neighborhood plan contact team.

This requested plan amendment will be reviewed and acted on at two public hearings: First, before the Planning Commission and then before the City Council. After a public hearing, the Planning Commission reviews and evaluates City staff's recommendation and public input and then sends its recommendation on the plan amendment request to the City Council. For additional information on the City of Austin's Land Development Process, visit our website. www.cj.austin.tx.us/development or to find out more about the North Loop Neighborhood Plan visit http://www.cj.austin.tx.us/zoning/default.htm.

OWNER/APPLICANT: Barry Decil PHONE: 265-2224

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PI.ANNING COMMISSION HEARING DATE: February 28, 2006 TIME: 6:00 PM LOCATION: 361 W. 200 Street, Piint Floor, Room 1002, City Council Chambers, Austin

If you have any questions concerning this notice, please contact Misureen Mercdith at the City of Austin, Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department, (512) 974-2695. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please be sure to refer to the File Number at the top of the page when you call.

You may send your written comments to the Planning Commission Assistant, Transportation, Planning and Sustainability Department, P. O. Box 1088, Austin, TX 78767-8835.

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City of Austin Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department
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OWNER/APPLICANT: BRINGER

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I am in favor (Estoy de acuerdo)

Address 12606 River Box 126

(No estoy de acuerdo)

 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 20020523-030, WHICH ADOPTED THE NORTH LOOP NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN AS AN ELEMENT OF THE AUSTIN TOMORROW COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, TO CHANGE A LAND USE DESIGNATION ON THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FOR PROPERTY LOCATED 910 – 912 EAST 51ST STREET.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. Ordinance No. 20020523-030 adopted the North Loop Neighborhood Plan as an element of the Austin Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan.

PART 2. Ordinance No. 20020523-030 is amended to change a single family use designation to mixed use on the future land use map attached as Exhibit "A" and incorporated in this ordinance, and described in Case NPA-06-0011.01 at the Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department, for property located at 910 – 912 East 51st Street.

PART 3. This ordinance takes effect on _______, 2006.

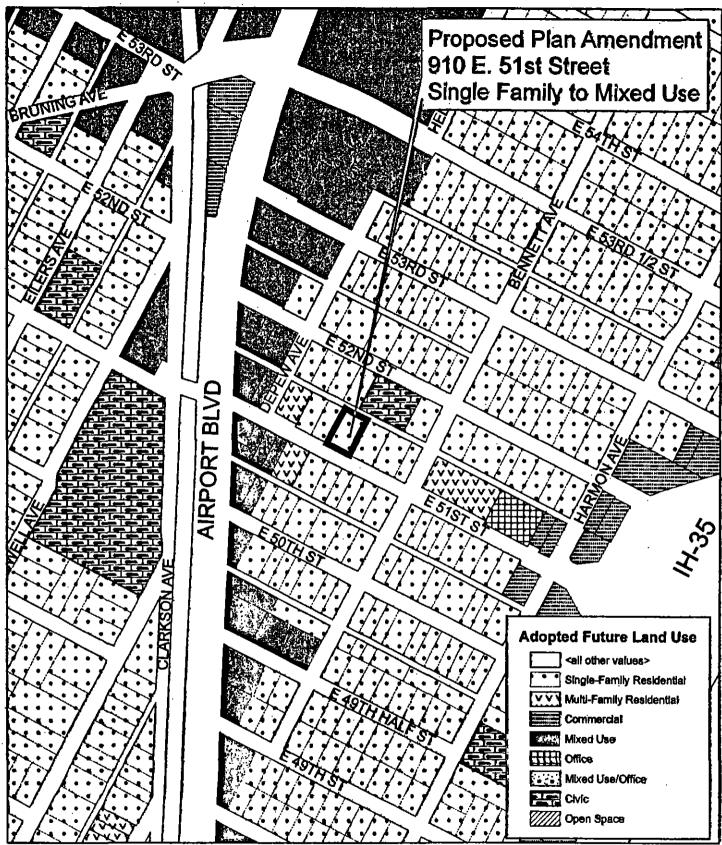
PASSED AND APPROVED

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ATTEST

David Allan Smith
City Attorney

Shirley A. Gentry City Clerk





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