

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



**AGENDA ITEM NO.: Z-24  
AGENDA DATE: Thu 12/01/2005  
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**SUBJECT:** C14-05-0138.001 – Greater South River City Combined Neighborhood Plan (St. Edward's Neighborhood) - Conduct a public hearing and approve an ordinance amending Chapter 25-2 of the Austin City Code by zoning and rezoning property locally known as the St. Edward's Neighborhood, bounded by Town Lake on the north, Oltorf Street on the south, South IH-35 on the east and South Congress Avenue on the west (Blunn Creek; West Bouldin Creek; Harpers Branch & Country Club Creek Watersheds). The proposed zoning change will amend the Neighborhood Plan (NP) combining district to add "Secondary Apartment" and "Small Lot Amnesty" as permitted special uses to the entire area. Planning Commission Recommendation: To include Secondary Apartment in the NP and to not include Small Lot Amnesty. City Council action of September 29, 2005: approved uncontested cases in the St. Edward's Neighborhood as recommended by Planning Commission and postponed action on the secondary apartment and small lot amnesty special uses. Vote: 6-0 (Council Member Kim off the dais). Applicant: City of Austin. Agent: Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department. City Staff: Adam Smith, 974-7685 & Sherri Sirwaitis, 974-3057.

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

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

## **ZONING CHANGE REVIEW SHEET**

**CASE:** C14-05-0138  
(St. Edward's Neighborhood  
Planning Area Rezoning)

**P.C. DATE:** September 13, 2005

**AREA:** Approximately 726.50 acres

**ADDRESS OF PROPOSED ZONING CHANGE:** The boundaries of St. Edward's  
Neighborhood Planning Area are:

North – East Oltorf Street  
East – Interstate Highway-35  
South – Ben White Boulevard  
West – South Congress Avenue

**APPLICANT:** City of Austin (City initiated)

**AGENT:** Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department (Adam Smith/Sherri Sirwaitis)

### **SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

The staff recommends the proposed zoning change to create a Neighborhood Plan Combining District (NPCD) covering the entire area. Under the proposed St. Edward's NPCD, "Small Lot Amnesty," "Secondary Apartment," "Front Porch Setback," "Garage Placement," "Impervious Cover and Parking Placement Restrictions" and "Prohibiting Parking in the Front Yard" zoning regulations are proposed for the entire neighborhood planning area. The "Neighborhood Mixed-Use Building" special use is being proposed for tracts 102-105. The "Neighborhood Urban Center" special use is being proposed for tract 101.

In addition, the staff recommends base district zoning changes for the 26 tracts shown on the attached St. Edward's Neighborhood Planning Area map. The Land Use, Zoning & Infill Option Recommendations tract table lists the property address, existing land use, current zoning, proposed zoning, and infill options. A description of the proposed zoning base district follows the tract table.

### **ISSUES:**

On September 29, 2005, the City Council approved the St. Edward's Neighborhood Plan Combining District rezonings, with the exception of the Secondary Apartment and Small Lot Amnesty special uses, on all 3 readings. The City Council postponed action on the outstanding issues for this case and kept the public hearing open for these items until October 20, 2005.

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:**

The neighborhood does not recommend "Small Lot Amnesty" and "Secondary Apartment." The neighborhood recommends the other infill option and design tool options listed above.

While the neighborhood and staff agree on most of the zoning recommendations, there are several places where they differ. The tract chart identifies where these properties are and how the recommendations differ.

Please note that this case is scheduled for the September 29, 2005 City Council Meeting for all 3 readings of the Neighborhood Plan Rezoning, concurrently with the hearing of the proposed Neighborhood Plan.

**LIST OF ATTACHMENTS:**

- A. Greater South River City Combined Neighborhood Planning Area Map
- B. Overview of the Greater South River City Combined Neighborhood Plan
- C. GIS Staff Zoning Map for St. Edward's Neighborhood Planning Area
- D. Existing Zoning Map
- E. Future Land Use Map
- F. Map of Recommended Zoning Changes
- G. Land Use, Zoning & Infill Option Recommendations Tract Table
- H. Description of Land Use, Zoning, Infill Option, and Design Tool Recommendations
- I. Responses From Property Owners
- J. Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Affordability Impact Statement

**PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:**

9/13/05: **MOTION:** To approve staff recommendation for the Greater South River City Combined Neighborhood Plan and associated rezonings (JMC-1<sup>st</sup>, JR-2<sup>nd</sup>). Amendments to this motion are as follows:

**AMENDMENT #1:**

For Tract 1: Recommend LI-PDA-NP subject to CS, General Commercial, District uses and site development regulations. Encourage discussion between the property owners and the residents about additional conditions for the PDA, including allowing heights greater than 60 feet (Vote: 8-1, DS-opposed; JMC-1<sup>st</sup>, CG-2<sup>nd</sup>).

**AMENDMENT #2:**

For Tract 3: Adopt the neighborhood recommendation of CS-CO-NP zoning with conditional overlay prohibiting uses listed by neighborhood, with the exception of Restaurant (Limited & General) (Vote: 9-0; JMC-1<sup>st</sup>, MD-2<sup>nd</sup>).

**AMENDMENT #3:**

For Tract 35: Recommend the neighborhood's recommendation of GO-NP zoning (Vote: 6-2, MM/CG-abstain; JMC-1<sup>st</sup>, DS-2<sup>nd</sup>).

**AMENDMENT #4: (MOTION FAILED)**

For Tract 116: Commissioner Galindo suggested rezoning Tract 116 from LI zoning to CS-CO-NP and changing the future land use map to reflect commercial use on the site. Apply the conditional overlay (CO) that applies to Tract 117, but do not prohibit Construction Sales and Service use. The motion failed.

**AMENDMENT #5: (MOTION WITHDRAWN)**

To remove the Secondary Apartment infill option from the Neighborhood Plan recommendations (GR-1<sup>st</sup>, CR- 2<sup>nd</sup>- for discussion purposes). The motion was withdrawn.

**AMENDMENT #6:**

To approve neighborhood's recommendation not to adopt the Small Lot Amnesty infill option (Vote: 5-4, JR/JMC/MM/DS-opposed; CR-1<sup>st</sup>, KJ-2<sup>nd</sup>).

**MOTION:** To approve the neighborhood's recommendation to add a vegetative buffer within the existing zoning setbacks for the properties located along IH-35 north of Oltorf and to direct staff to meet with the property owners of 600 E. Riverside (currently Joe's Crab Shack) to discuss the possible addition of an easement along the north side of their property along Town Lake for the extension of the Town Lake Trail (Vote: 9-0; JMC-1<sup>st</sup>, DS-2<sup>nd</sup>).

**MOTION:** To strike the second statement in item C-2 ("...and discourage redevelopment to higher-density housing or other uses.) of the Neighborhood Plan document (Vote: 9-0; CR-1<sup>st</sup>, DS-2<sup>nd</sup>).

**MOTION:** Direct staff to initiate amendments to the Fairview Park NCCD and that amendments to the NCCD will not be subject to the one year waiting period upon passage of the plan (Vote: 9-0; JR-1<sup>st</sup>, CR-2<sup>nd</sup>).

Overall vote to approve the Neighborhood Plan and associated rezonings with proposed amendments and motions (Vote: 8-1, MM-opposed; JMC-1<sup>st</sup>, JR-2<sup>nd</sup>).

**AREA STUDY:** Greater South River City Combined Neighborhood Planning Area  
(St. Edward's)

**TIA:** Not required

**WATERSHEDS:** Blunn Creek  
Harper's Branch  
West Bouldin Creek

**DESIRED DEVELOPMENT ZONE:** Yes

**CAPITOL VIEW CORRIDOR: N/A**      **HILL COUNTRY ROADWAY: N/A**

**SCHOOLS:**

Travis Heights Elementary School  
Fulmore Middle School  
Travis High School

**NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS:**

26 - Far South Austin Community Association  
74 - South River City Citizens Association  
127 - Bouldin Creek Neighborhood Association  
154 - Dawson Neighborhood Association  
189 - Southeast Austin Neighborhood Alliance  
300 - Terrell Lane Interceptor Association  
428 - Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District  
438 - Downtown Austin Alliance  
498 - South Central Coalition  
511 - Austin Neighborhoods Council  
742 - Austin Independent School District  
743 - Southeast Austin Trails & Greenbelt Alliance  
744 - Sentral Plus East Austin Kolation (SPEAK)  
748 - Bouldin Forward Thinking  
752 - SoCo-South First Street  
972 - PODER People Organized in Defense of Earth & Her Resources  
976 - Dawson Neighborhood Planning Team  
995 - South Austin Commercial Alliance

**RELATED CASES:**

NP-05-0022 - Greater South River City Combined Neighborhood Planning Area  
C14-05-0139 - South River City Neighborhood Planning Area Rezoning

**ABUTTING STREETS:**

Name	ROW	Pavement	Classification	Sidewalks	Bus Route	Bike Route
Oltorf Street	90'	60'	Arterial	Yes	#27, 14, 26, 300, 331	Route #76
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Ben White Blvd.	Varies	Varies	Arterial	No	Route #28	No
Congress Ave.	120'	Varies	Arterial	No	Route #13	Route #47
Riverside Dr.	Varies	Varies	Arterial	Yes	#26, 27, 350, 411, LS, NR, CP	#60

**CITY COUNCIL DATE:** September 29, 2005

**ACTION:** The public hearing was closed and Ordinance No. 20050929-Z002 for the St. Edward's Neighborhood Plan Combining District rezonings, with the exception of the Secondary Apartment and Small Lot Amnesty special uses, was approved (6-0, Council Member Kim recussed herself; Mayor Pro Tem Thomas-1<sup>st</sup>, Council Member Dunkerley-2<sup>nd</sup>).

A motion was made to postpone action on the Secondary Apartment and Small Lot Amnesty residential infill options until October 20, 2005 (to keep the public hearing open for these items) was approved (6-0, Council Member Kim-recussed herself; Council Member McCracken-1<sup>st</sup>, Council Member Dunkerley-2<sup>nd</sup>).

October 20, 2005

**ACTION:** Postponed by the City Council to December 1, 2005 on Mayor Pro Tem Thomas' motion, Council Member Dunkerley's second (7-0).

December 1, 2005

**ACTION:**

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

2<sup>nd</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup>

**ORDINANCE NUMBERS:**

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## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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## **BACKGROUND**

The Austin City Council passed a resolution on November 6, 2005, which initiated the Greater South River City Combined Neighborhood planning process. Following a kickoff meeting on May 15, 2004, staff and residents, property owners, business owners, and representatives of area institutions have been attending meetings and developing the plan for the past 16 months.

The plan's goals, objectives, and action items were developed at numerous Greater South River City Combined Neighborhood Planning meetings. The Neighborhood Plan will be considered concurrently with the subject rezoning cases.

The proposed zoning change creates a Neighborhood Plan Combining District (NP) covering the entire area. The purpose of the NP is to allow infill development by implementing a neighborhood plan that has been adopted by Council as an amendment to the City's Comprehensive Plan. The NP modifies the base district of an individual parcel within the entire plan area to allow for the following special uses – Small Lot Amnesty, Secondary Apartment, Front Porch Setback, Garage Placement, Impervious Cover and Parking Placement Restrictions and Prohibiting Parking in the Front Yard. In addition, the Neighborhood Mixed-Use Building special use is being proposed for tracts 102-105 and the Neighborhood Urban Center special use is being proposed for tract 101.

The neighborhood's position on the infill options and design tools are indicated under "Department Comments" above and more specifically on the tract chart.

## **BASIS FOR LAND USE RECOMMENDATION (ZONING PRINCIPLES)**

The staff's basis for recommendation is derived from the goals and objectives for land use as described in the Greater South River City Combined Neighborhood Plan:

### **GOAL (A):**

**Maintain the historic fabric and respect the established neighborhood character and natural assets.**

**Objective:** New single-family construction in residential areas should compliment, reflect,

and respect the character of the single-family houses in the area.

**Objective:** Protect historic resources including buildings, bridges, gateways and other structures.

**GOAL (B):**

**Identify and develop criteria for the interface between residences and commercial development.**

**Objective:** Continue to allow office and limited commercial uses along IH-35, encouraging new development to respect the natural setting and to provide ample landscaping.

**Objective:** To the greatest extent possible, limit commercial development along Oltorf Street and Woodward Street to its current location and intensity.

**Objective:** Encourage redevelopment of the shopping centers at the intersection of Congress Avenue and Oltorf Street as pedestrian-friendly, mixed-use "neighborhood centers".

**Objective:** Maintain the Woodward industrial district in the southern portion of the planning area while protecting the environment as well as nearby residential areas.

**Objective:** Identify and develop criteria to encourage business along South Congress Avenue that serves and is compatible with the surrounding residential neighborhood.

**Objective:** Develop ways to ensure that agreements between the neighborhood and developers are abided by.

**GOAL (C):**

**Identify and develop criteria for density that result in a net benefit to the neighborhood.**

**Objective:** Preserve housing affordability and increase diversity of housing types.

**GOAL (D):**

**Enhance the transportation network to allow residents to walk, bike, roll, ride, and drive safely.**

**Objective:** Improve pedestrian safety and mobility throughout the neighborhood.

**Objective:** Improve bicycle safety and mobility throughout the neighborhood.

**Objective:** Improve the accessibility of public transit.

**Objective:** Improve auto safety and efficiency.

**Objective:** Minimize the impacts of parking and arterial roadways on the neighborhood.



**Objective:** Promote multi-modal approaches to improve mobility.

**GOAL (E):**

**Protect and enhance creeks, greenbelts and watershed systems.**

**Objective:** Preserve and improve the water quality, base flow and natural quality of all creeks and waterways throughout the neighborhood.

**Objective:** Preserve and improve the water quality, base flow, and natural quality of Blunn Creek.

**Objective:** Mitigate problems with localized flooding in the St. Edward's Neighborhood planning area.

**Objective:** Preserve and protect the live oak trees in the neighborhood by mitigating the spread of oak wilt.

**GOAL (F):**

**Preserve and enhance the natural beauty, open spaces, and air quality of the neighborhood.**

**Objective:** Preserve and enhance the Blunn Creek Greenbelt.

**Objective:** Work to create a continuous hike and bike trail along Blunn Creek from Town Lake to Ben White Boulevard.

**Objective:** Preserve and improve the Town Lake Hike and Bike trail.

**Objective:** Preserve and improve Norwood Park.

**Objective:** Preserve passive open space and easement known as "Ravine Park".

**Objective:** Minimize the effects of lighting on the aesthetic and character of the neighborhood.

**GOAL (G):**

**Improve safety and reduce crime.**

**GOAL (H):**

**Foster a locale where each person has the greatest possible opportunity to pursue individual, family and community goals – whether academic, economic, cultural, artistic, athletic, recreational, or spiritual.**

## **EXISTING CONDITIONS**

### **Zoning and Land Use**

#### **Existing Land Use:**

Single Family	29 %
Multi-Family	11 %
Mixed Use	0.5 %
Office	4 %
Commercial	12 %
Industrial	2 %
Civic	20 %
Open Space	7 %

#### **Impervious Cover**

The maximum impervious cover limits for the proposed zoning districts are as follows:

LI, Limited Industrial Services	80%
CS, Commercial Services	95%
CS-1, Commercial – Liquor Sales	95%
W/LO, Warehouse Limited Office	70%
GR, Community Commercial	90%
LR, Neighborhood Commercial	80%
LO, Limited Office	70%
MH, Mobile Home	N/A
MF-4, Multifamily Residence Moderate – High Density	70%
MF-3, Multi-family Residence (Medium Density)	65%
MF-2, Multi-family Residence (Low Density)	60%
SF-6, Townhouse & Condominium Residence	55%
SF-5, Urban Family Residence	55%
SF-3, Family Residence	45%
SF-2, Single Family Residence – Standard Lot	45%
P, Public	varies (refer to the <u>Land Development Code</u> )

The maximum amount of impervious cover is determined as the more restrictive figure of the zoning district and watershed class.

#### **Environmental**

The site is not located over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone. The majority of the site is located in the Blunn, Harpers Branch, and West Bouldin Creek Watersheds of the Colorado River Basin, which are classified as an Urban Watersheds by Chapter 25-8 of the City's Land Development Code. Impervious cover is not limited in this watershed class. 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.

According to flood plain maps, there is flood plain within the project area.

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.

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, no information has been provided as to whether this property has any pre-existing approvals, which would preempt current water quality or Code requirements.

A portion of the site is in the Country Club 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 within this watershed will be subject to the following impervious cover limits:

<i>Development Classification</i>	<i>% of Net Site Area</i>	<i>% with Transfers</i>
Single-Family (minimum lot size 5750 sq. ft.)	50%	60%
Other Single-Family or Duplex	55%	60%
Multifamily	60%	70%
Commercial	80%	90%

In the Water Quality Transition Zones, impervious cover is limited to 30%.

According to flood plain maps, there is flood plain in, or within close proximity of, the project location. Based upon the close proximity of flood plain, offsite drainage should be calculated to determine whether transition zone exists within the project location. If transition zone is found to exist within the project area, allowable impervious cover within said zone shall be limited to 30%.

Under current watershed regulations, development or redevelopment within the portion of this site that is located within a Suburban Watershed (Country Club Creek) will be subject to the following water quality control requirements:

Structural controls: Sedimentation and filtration basins with increased capture volume and 2 year detention.

At this time, no information has been provided as to whether this property has any pre-existing approvals, which preempt current water quality or Code requirements.

**Transportation**

Additional right-of-way (ROW) necessary for future roadway improvements within the proposed zoning may be required during the subdivision review process or the site plan review process.

Since the rezoning of this area is being initiated by the City of Austin through the neighborhood planning process and does not reflect a specific development proposal, no trip generation calculations are provided on a tract by tract basis for any proposed land uses as would typically be provided.

A Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) will be required during the site plan review stage for any proposed land use that would generate over 2,000 vehicle trips per day. Additional ROW, participation in roadway improvements, and/or limitation on development intensity may also be recommended based on review of the TIA.

**Existing Conditions:**

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**Water and Wastewater**

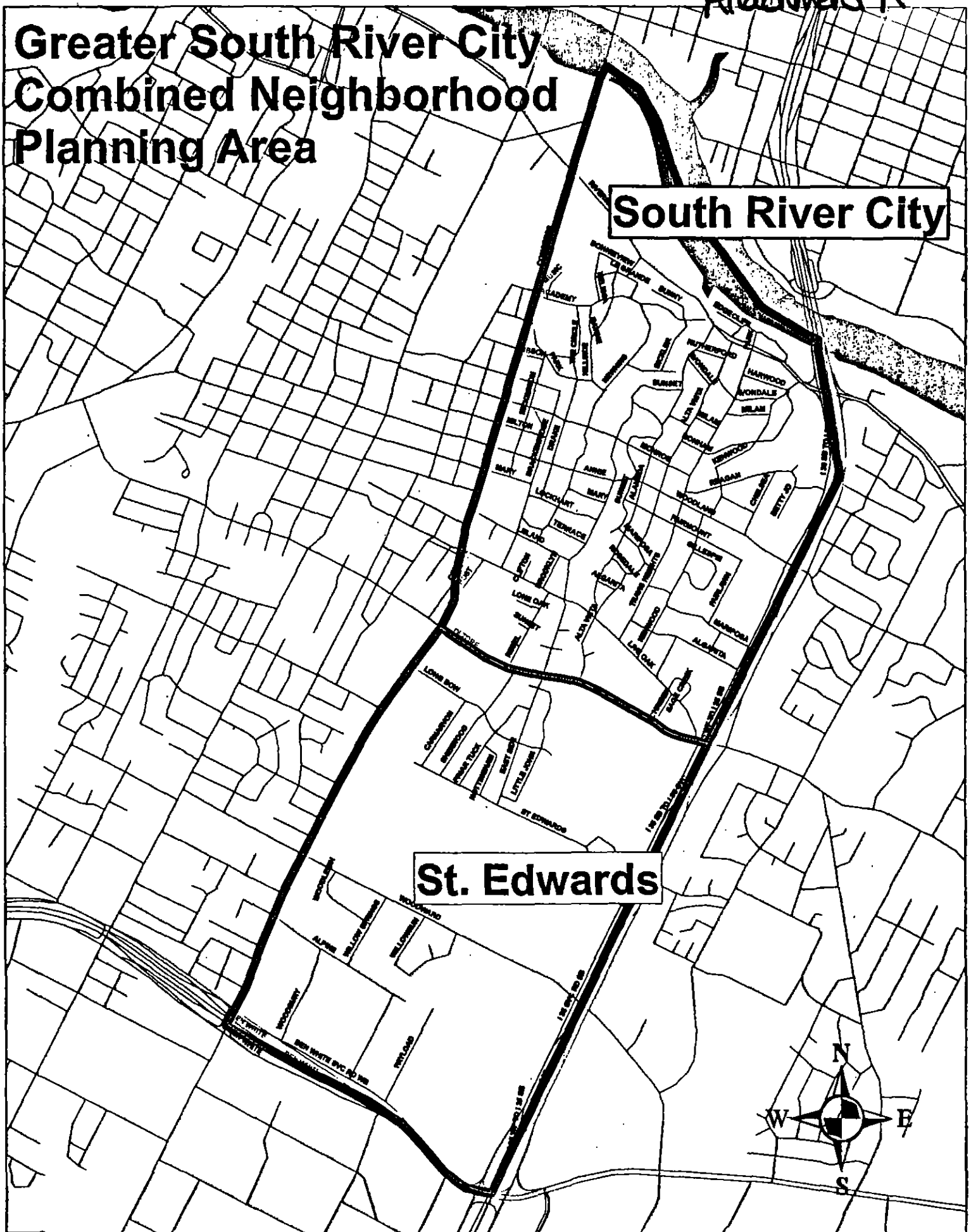
The landowner intends to serve the site with City of Austin water and wastewater utilities. If water or wastewater utility improvements, or offsite main extension, or system upgrades, or utility relocation, or adjustment are required, the landowner, at own expense, will be responsible for providing. Also, the utility plan must be reviewed and approved by the Austin Water Utility. The plan must be in accordance with the City design criteria. The utility construction must be inspected by the City. The landowner must pay the associated City fees.

**Compatibility Standards**

This is a City initiated case that will be under the proposed Greater South River City Combined Neighborhood Plan.

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. Additional design regulations will be enforced at the time a site plan is submitted.

# Greater South River City Combined Neighborhood Planning Area



**South River City**

**St. Edwards**

# Greater South River City Combined Neighborhood Plan

## Presentation to the Planning Commission

September 13, 2005

**STAFF:** Adam Smith, Lead Planner  
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Sherri Sirwaitis, Zoning Case Manager

### AGENDA

- I. Introduction
- II. Planning Process
- III. Vision and Goals
- IV. Overview of Transportation, Environment, Parks and Open Space and Urban Design Recommendations
- V. Design Tool & Infill Options
- VI. Land Use and Zoning
- VII. Unresolved Issues
- VIII. Questions and Answers

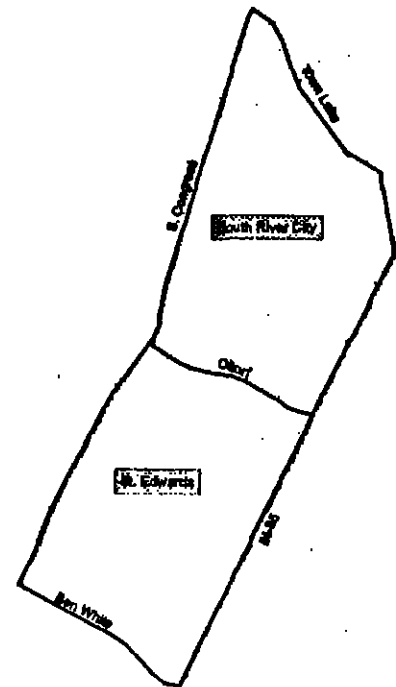
### I. INTRODUCTION

Neighborhood Planning Areas: the Greater South River City Combined Neighborhood Plan is comprised of the South River City and St. Edward's Neighborhoods

Boundaries: Town Lake to the north, IH 35 to the east, Ben White Boulevard to the south and South Congress to the west

#### Statistics:

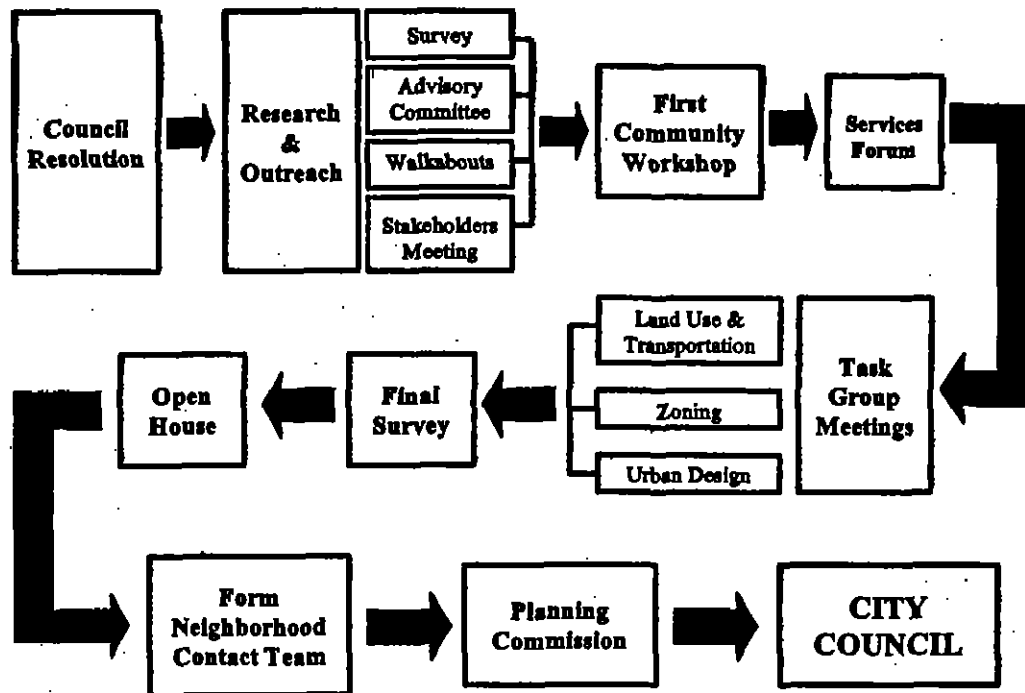
- Population: 10,359 (2000 Census). Up 18% since 1990.
- Land Area: Approximately 1,500 acres
- Current land use distribution:
  - Single Family – 29%
  - Multifamily – 11%
  - Mixed Use – .5%
  - Office – 4%
  - Commercial – 12%
  - Industrial – 2%
  - Civic – 20%
  - Open Space – 7%
- Gross Density: South River City – 8.3 persons/acre; St. Edward's – 5.4 persons/acre
- Owner Occupied Housing Units: 29% (2000 Census)



## II. PLANNING PROCESS

### Significant Dates:

- Official Kickoff: First Community Workshop (May 15, 2004)
- Draft Future Land Use Map developed: October 26, 2004
- Draft Zoning Recommendations completed: April 6, 2005
- Open House: June 22, 2005



Greater South River City neighborhood planning process 11/03 – 10/05

## III. VISION AND GOALS

### Vision

As responsible trustees, preserve, protect, and improve the quality and diversity of residential life in the Greater South River City neighborhood and support the success of institutions and locally owned businesses.

### Goals

1. Maintain the historic fabric and respect the established neighborhood character and natural assets.
2. Identify and develop criteria for the interface between residences and commercial development.
3. Identify and develop criteria for density that result in a net benefit to the neighborhood.

4. Enhance the transportation network to allow residents to walk, bike, roll, ride, and drive safely.
5. Protect and enhance creeks, greenbelts and watershed systems.
6. Preserve and enhance the natural beauty, open spaces, and air quality of the neighborhood.
7. Improve safety and reduce crime.
8. Foster a locale where each person has the greatest possible opportunity to pursue individual, family and community goals—whether academic, economic, cultural, artistic, athletic, recreational, or spiritual.

#### **IV. OVERVIEW OF TRANSPORTATION, ENVIRONMENT, PARKS AND OPEN SPACE & URBAN DESIGN OBJECTIVES**

##### **Transportation**

- Improve pedestrian safety and mobility throughout the neighborhood
- Improve bicycle safety and mobility throughout the neighborhood
- Improve the accessibility of public transit
- Improve auto safety and efficiency
- Minimize the impacts of parking and arterial roadways on the neighborhood
- Promote multi-modal approaches to improve mobility

##### **Environment**

- Preserve and improve the water quality, base flow and natural quality of all creeks and waterways throughout the neighborhood
- Preserve and improve the water quality, base flow and natural quality of Blunn Creek
- Mitigate problems with localized flooding in the St. Edward's Neighborhood planning area
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##### **Parks and Open Space**

- Preserve and enhance the Blunn Creek Greenbelt
- Work to create a continuous hike and bike trail along Blunn Creek from Town Lake to Ben White Boulevard
- Preserve and improve the Town Lake Hike and Bike trail
- Preserve and improve Norwood Park
- Preserve passive open space and easement known as "Ravine Park"
- Minimize the effects of lighting on the aesthetic and character of the neighborhood

##### **Urban Design**

###### **Residential Design Guidelines:**

- New construction, including single family and duplexes, should be built in proportion with the surrounding area
- Secondary apartments should be compatible with existing and historic architecture
- Incorporate green building techniques



- Landscaped front yards with walkways connecting the home to the street or sidewalk are encouraged
- Use of native landscaping is encouraged
- Mechanical equipment and garbage cans should be screened
- Preserve and protect trees to the greatest extent possible
- Fences in the front yard should not create a walled-off appearance
- Locate multifamily parking lots to the side or rear of the building or buffer the lot from street view by a fence or hedge
- Sidewalks and curb ramps should be designed to meet all accessibility requirements
- Minimize number of curb cuts and restrict width of driveways to minimum allowed by City

#### Commercial Design Guidelines:

- Provide same compatibility standards for multifamily as required for single family
- Provide landscape buffers between commercial and residential areas
- Businesses with outside patios adjacent to residential areas should limit their late hours of operation and direct speakers away from homes
- Provide bike racks
- New structures and renovations on South Congress should maintain existing and historic architectural details
- Provide ground floor windows
- Break up the façade of a building by alternating depths of building bays and limiting the width of the façade
- Incorporate locally-produced art
- Signage should be at pedestrian scale and attached to building
- Parking adjacent to residential areas is discouraged. However, parking and service areas are best located to the side or rear of the buildings.
- Provide human-scaled lighting, shade trees and awnings along sidewalks
- Consolidate street furnishings and utilities to make walking easier and safer

## V. DESIGN TOOL AND INFILL OPTIONS

### Design Tools

Neighborhood & Staff Recommendations						
	Front Porch Setback		Impervious Cover & Parking Placement		Garage Placement	
	SRC	SE	SRC	SE	SRC	SE
Neighborhood		X	X	X	X	X
Staff		X	X	X	X	X
SRC = South River City Neighborhood except for the area covered by the Fairview Park NCCD						
SE = St. Edwards Neighborhood						

## Infill Options

Neighborhood & Staff Recommendation								
	Small lot amnesty		Secondary Apartment		Neighborhood Mixed Use Building		Neighborhood Urban Center	
	SRC	SE	SRC	SE	SRC	SE	SRC	SE
Neighborhood					X	X	X	X
Staff	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SRC = South River City Neighborhood except for the area covered by the Fairview Park NCCD SE = St. Edwards Neighborhood								

## VI. LAND USE AND ZONING

### Overall land use patterns (see Neighborhood and Staff FLUMS)

- Preserve existing single family and multifamily housing stock. Pursue remedies for new houses being built out of proportion with the surrounding area.
- Create opportunities for mixed-use development along South Congress and within the Waterfront Overlay (area adjacent to Town Lake and extending to the commercial properties on the south side of Riverside Drive. Preserve retail along South Congress. Develop a strategy for: 1) preventing South Congress from becoming an entertainment district by limiting the number of restaurants and bars; and, 2) limiting the impact of commercial activities on adjacent residences.
- Maintain existing office uses along IH 35
- Limit industrial uses to the southern portion of the neighborhood

### Zoning Recommendations

See zoning tract charts and tract maps

### Differences between the Neighborhood, Property Owner and Staff Recommendations

See the zoning tracts charts for details on the proposed conditional overlays.

South River City Neighborhood			
Tract	Recommendation		
	Neighborhood	Staff	Property Owner
1	GO-NP	CS-NP	N/A
3	CS-CO-NP	CS-NP	CS-NP
28	GO-CO-NP	GR-MU-NP	N/A
29a	GO-CO-NP	GR-MU-NP	N/A
29b	GR-NP	GR-MU-NP	N/A
35	GO-NP	GR-CO-NP	GR-CO-NP & CS-CD-NP (footprint)
37	GO-NP	GO-NP	GR-CO-NP

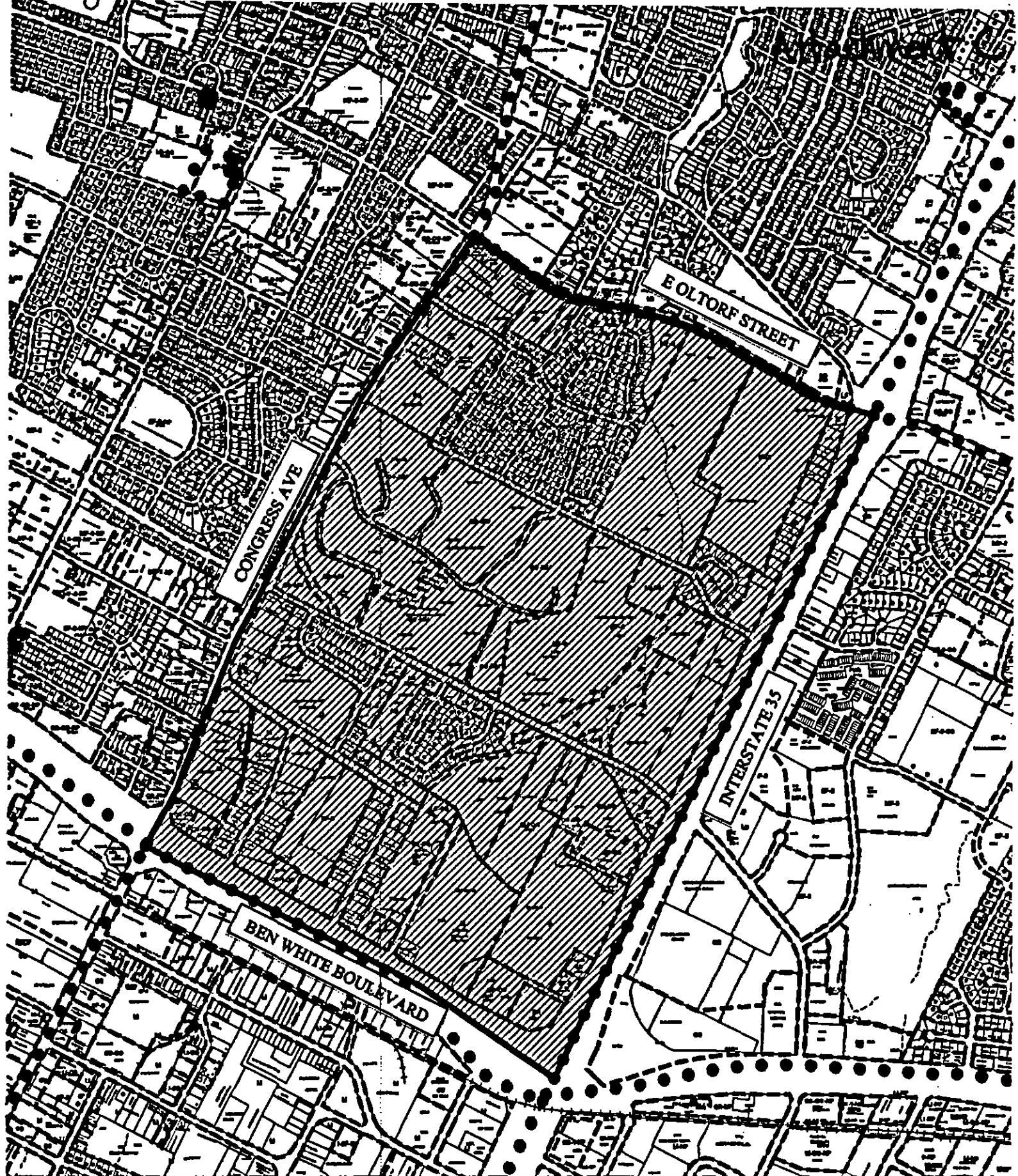
St. Anthony's Neighborhood			
Tract	Recommendation		
	Neighborhood	Staff	Property Owner
104	CS-MU-NP	CS-1-MU-NP (footprint)	CS-1-MU-NP (footprint)
112 (portion s of)	LI-CO-NP	LI-CO-NP	LI-NP
117	GR-NP	CS-CO-NP	N/A





## VII. UNRESOLVED ISSUES

Issue	Area Affected	Possible remedy
New homes being built out of proportion with surrounding neighborhood	All single family zoned properties within the GSRC planning area boundaries	Code amendment to be processed in Fall of this year limiting the permitted height in SF-3 to 30'
Loss of retail along S. Congress, South Congress turning into an entertainment district, the impact bars and restaurants have on surrounding residential areas	Tracts 4-8, 12 & 13	Not yet resolved
Rezoning of offices along S IH 35	2404-2800 S IH 35. Currently developed with offices, medical offices and a medical supply business.	The neighborhood requests that these properties be shown as Office on the FLUM. In order to be consistent with this request, these properties would have to be rezoned from GR to GO-NP. Since staff is not recommending a rezoning of these properties, Committee members, Planning Commission or City Council will have to direct staff to initiate a rezoning.
Amendments to the Fairview Park Neighborhood Conservation Combining District	Area covered by Fairview Park NCCD	Planning Commission and City Council directing staff to continue working with the neighborhood on the amendments and that the amendments will not be subject to the one year waiting period upon passage of the neighborhood plan
Showing land uses on the Future Land Use Map inconsistent with the zoning recommendation	Tracts 32, 33 & 537 Woodward (no tract # assigned)	<p>The intent of the Future Land Use Maps will be discussed at the next Neighborhood Planning Committee meeting (9/14).</p> <p>When developing the Future Land Use Map, the neighborhood and staff recommended Office for these properties. However, when developing the zoning recommendations, the neighborhood either negotiated a commercial zoning with conditions or agreed to leave the commercial zoning as-is. The neighbors request that the FLUM show Office and that</p>

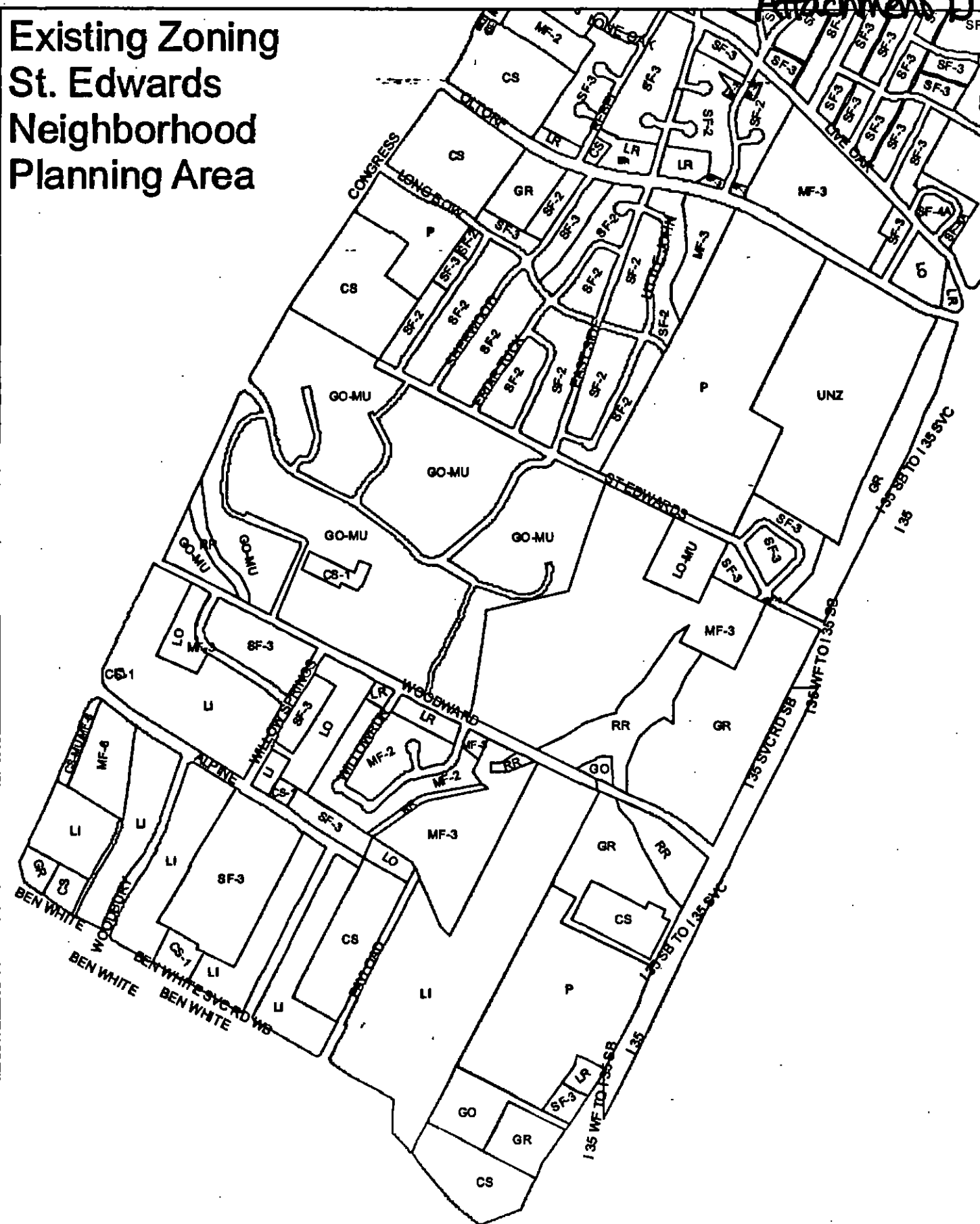
		<p>the commercial zoning go forward as recommended.</p> <p>Staff recommends that the FLUM and zoning be consistent (i.e. commercial zoning = Commercial land use). Keeping land use and zoning consistent prevents confusion in the future when plans or permits are being reviewed.</p>
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## VIII. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS












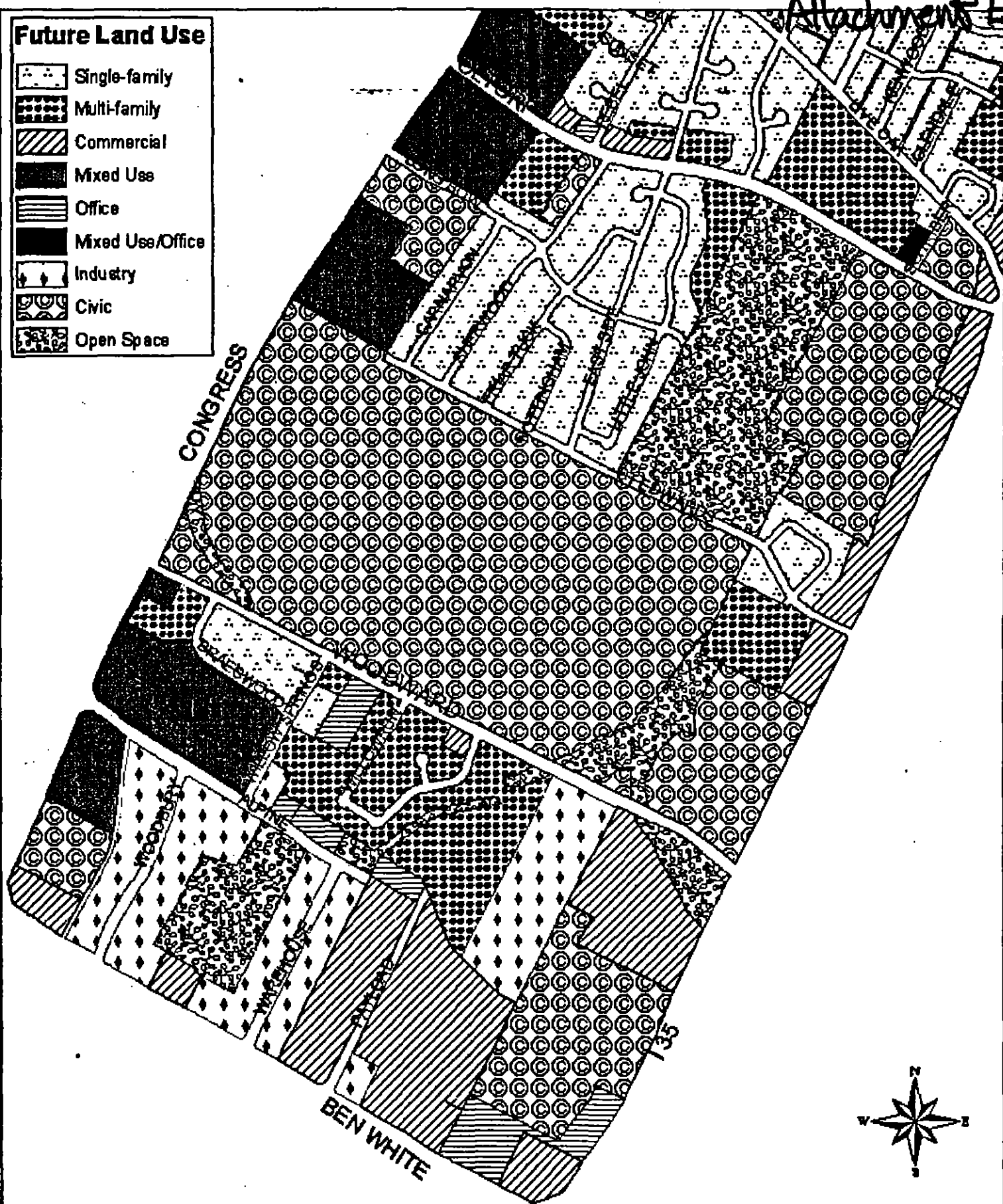
 1" = 1200'	<b>SUBJECT TRACT</b> 	<b>ZONING</b>	<b>CITY GRID REFERENCE NUMBER</b> H & J18-19
	<b>PENDING CASE</b> 		
	<b>ZONING BOUNDARY</b> 		
	<b>CASE MGR: S. BIRWAITIS</b>		
<b>CASE #: C14-05-0138</b>		<b>DATE: 05-08</b>	
<b>ADDRESS: ST EDWARD'S NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AREA</b>		<b>INTLS: SM</b>	
<b>SUBJECT AREA (acres): N/A</b>			

Attachment D



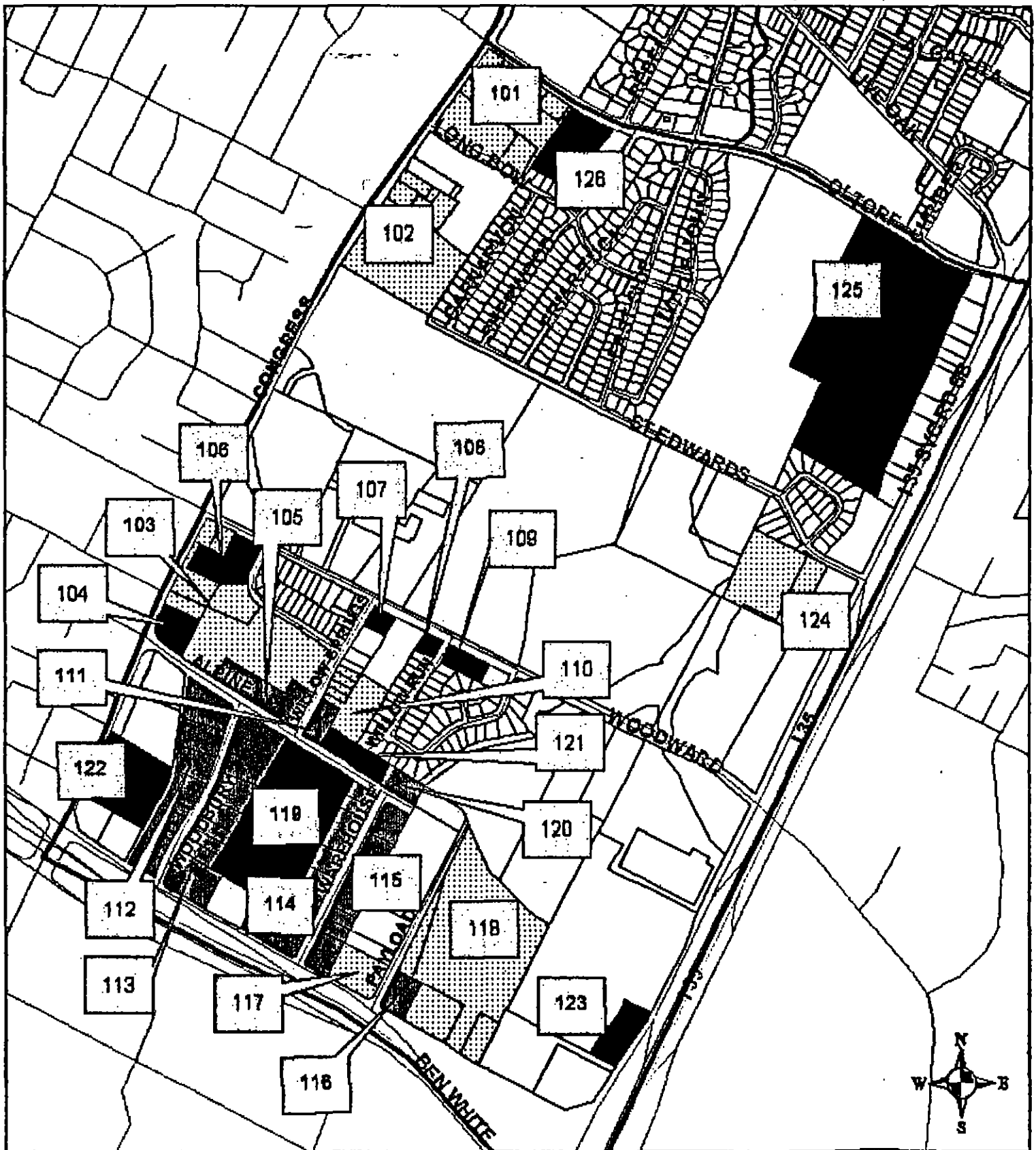
**Future Land Use**

-  Single-family
-  Multi-family
-  Commercial
-  Mixed Use
-  Office
-  Mixed Use/Office
-  Industry
-  Civic
-  Open Space



**St. Edwards  
Neighborhood Planning Area  
Future Land Use Map**

A comprehensive plan shall not constitute zoning regulations or establish zoning district boundaries.



## St. Edwards Neighborhood Planning Area



Zoning Case #  
Adopted:

Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department



Subject Tracts



Planning Area Boundary



Other Tracts

0

0.5 Miles





105	3601 S Congress	Industry (Party supply and rental & Cycled Plastic)	Industry	LI	Maximum building height 20 feet. Maximum building height 20 feet.	Maximum building height 20 feet. Maximum building height 20 feet.
106	121 & 125 Woodward St	Multifamily (Lindy's Landing Apartments)	Multifamily	LI, LO	Maximum building height 20 feet. Maximum building height 20 feet.	Maximum building height 20 feet. Maximum building height 20 feet.
107	3401 Willow Springs Rd	Multifamily (Willowood Apartments)	Multifamily	LO-CO	Maximum building height 20 feet. Maximum building height 20 feet.	Maximum building height 20 feet. Maximum building height 20 feet.
108	439 Woodward St	Multifamily (Chelsea Manor Apartments)	Multifamily	LR	Maximum building height 20 feet. Maximum building height 20 feet.	Maximum building height 20 feet. Maximum building height 20 feet.
109	511 & 521 Woodward St	Multifamily	Multifamily	LR	Maximum building height 20 feet. Maximum building height 20 feet.	Maximum building height 20 feet. Maximum building height 20 feet.
110	3503, 3505, 3507, 3509 & 3601 Willow Springs Rd	Multifamily (Woodwillow Townhomes)	Multifamily	SF-3, LO	Maximum building height 20 feet. Maximum building height 20 feet.	Maximum building height 20 feet. Maximum building height 20 feet.

111*	3615 Willow Springs Rd.	Commercial (Thyssen Krupp Elevator)	Industry	LI	LI	See table for additional conditions	N/A
112	211 Alpine & 3708, 3800, 3900, 3916, 3922, & 4004 Woodbury Dr.	Commercial & Industry (Various businesses including June Janitorial Supply, Newman's Import Auto, & Capitol Engraving)	Industry	LI-CO, LI	LI-CO-NR	See table for additional conditions	N/A
113	304 E Ben White Blvd. & 3701, 3805, 3815, 3901, 3907, & 3911 Woodbury	Commercial & Industry (Various businesses including AISD warehouse, & Orkin)	Industry	LI	LI-CO-NR	See table for additional conditions	N/A
114*	412 E Ben White & 3700, 3708, 3904, 3910, & 3918 Warehouse Row	Commercial & Industry	Industry	LI	LI-CO-NR	See table for additional conditions	N/A

115*	3701, 3817, 3905, 3909, 3911, 3919, & 4001 Warehouse Row	Commercial & Industry (Various businesses including Vadco Marble of Austin, Texas Foam, Inc., Accent Flooring, & International Supply)	Industry	LI	LI-60-NP See below for additional conditions
116	600 Ben White	Commercial (Lumber Liquidators)	Industry	LI	LI-60-NP, LI-60-NP(1) Additional conditions: See below for additional conditions
117**	712 & 716 E Ben White Blvd	Commercial (Pad site for proposed restaurant)	Commercial	LI	NEIGHBORHOOD-GRN STATE-60-NP
118	500 & 502 E Ben White	Commercial (Walmart)	Commercial	LI	CS-60-NP, LI-60-NP(1) Additional conditions: See below for additional conditions
119	3515 Willow Springs Rd	Civic (AISD property - undeveloped)	Open Space	SF-3	LI-60-NP
120	Alpine Rd E	Single Family (Property undeveloped)	Office	SF-3	LI-60-NP, LI-60-NP(1) Additional conditions: See below for additional conditions
121	406 Alpine Rd E	Civic (Veterans of Foreign Wars Lodge)	Office	SF-3, CS-1	LI-60-NP, LI-60-NP(1) Additional conditions: See below for additional conditions

122	3903 S Congress	Civic (US Post Office)	Civic	LI	LI	N/A
123	3910 & 3920 IH 35 S	Office (Farmer's Insurance)	Office	LR, SF-3	LR, SF-3	N/A
124	1401 St Edwards Dr	Multifamily (Forest Creek Village)	Multifamily	GR, SF-3	GR, SF-3	N/A
125	1211 Oltorf Street East	Civic (Travis High School)	Civic	UNZ	UNZ	N/A
126	501 Oltorf East	Multifamily (Sunnymeade Apartments)	Multifamily	GR	GR	STAFF: Small Lot Amnesty, & Secondary Apartment NEIGHBORHOOD: No option

Tract		Proposed Conditional Overlay	
* 111, 114, 115 & portions of 112 & 113		The neighborhood and property owner agreed to the following: 1) the property owner agrees to not oppose a downzoning of Tract 120 to RR, Rural Residential, district zoning and to donate the tract to the City as a conservation easement contingent upon the neighborhood agreeing to Tracts 111, 114, 115, and portions of 112 & 113 being rezoned to LI-CO, Limited Industrial-Conditional Overlay. 2) The City will provide a letter to the property owner, Mr. Joe Jung, stipulating the terms of this agreement. 3) Mr. Jung, in turn, will provide to the neighborhood and City staff a letter formally agreeing to the terms. 4) Upon receipt of this letter, City staff will work with the City's Real Estate department and other pertinent departments in determining which department will operate and maintain this property.	
** 117		The CO limits the site to 80% maximum impervious cover and prohibits adult oriented business, bail bond services, campground, commercial off-street parking, construction sales & services, drop-off recycling collection facility, equipment repair, pawn shops, vehicle storage, transitional housing, and transportation terminal	

## DESCRIPTION OF ZONING DISTRICTS

**RR – Rural Residential district** is the designation for a low density residential use on a lot that is a minimum of one acre. An RR district designation may be applied to a use in an area for which rural characteristics are desired or an area whose terrain or public service capacity require low density.

**SF-2—Single-family residence standard lot district** is the designation for a moderate density single-family residential use on a lot that is a minimum of 5,750 square feet. An SF-2 district designation may be applied to a use in an existing single-family neighborhood that has moderate sized lots or to new development of single-family housing on lots that are 5,750 square feet or more.

**SF-3 – Family Residence district** is intended as an area for moderate density single-family residential use, with a minimum lot size of 5,750 square feet. Duplex use is permitted under development standards that maintain single-family neighborhood characteristics. This district is appropriate for existing single-family neighborhoods having typically moderate sized lot patterns, as well as for development of additional family housing areas with minimum land requirements.

**SF-6 – Townhouse and Condominium Residence district** is intended as an area for moderate density single family, duplex, two family, townhouse, and condominium use. SF-6 is appropriate in selected areas where a transition from single-family to multifamily use is appropriate.

**MF-1 – Multifamily Residence Limited Density district** is the designation for a multifamily use with a maximum density of up to 17 units per acre. An MF-1 district designation may be applied to a use in a residential neighborhood that contains a mixture of single family and multifamily uses or in an area for which limited density multifamily use is desired.

**MF-2 – Multifamily Residence Low Density district** is the designation for a multifamily use with a maximum density of up to 23 units per acre. An MF-2 district designation may be applied to a use in a multifamily residential area located near single-family neighborhoods or in an area for which low-density multifamily use is desirable.

**MF-3 – Multifamily Residence Medium Density district** is intended to accommodate multifamily use with a maximum density of up to 36 units per acre. This district is appropriate for multifamily residential areas located near supporting transportation and commercial facilities, generally in more centrally located areas, and in other selected areas where medium density multifamily use is desirable.

**MF-4 – Multifamily Residence Moderate-High Density district** is intended to accommodate multifamily and group residential use with a maximum density of 36 to 54 units per acre, depending on unit size. This district is appropriate for moderate-high density housing in centrally located areas near supporting transportation and commercial facilities, in areas adjoining downtown Austin and major institutional or employment centers, and in other selected areas where moderate-high density multifamily use is desirable.

**NO – Neighborhood Office district** is the designation for a small office use that serves neighborhood or community needs, is located in or adjacent to a residential neighborhood and on a collector street that has a width of 40 feet or more, and does not unreasonably affect traffic. An office in an NO district may contain not more than one use. Site development regulations applicable to an NO district use are designed to preserve compatibility with existing neighborhoods through renovation and modernization of existing structures.

**LO – Limited Office district** is the designation for an office use that serves neighborhood or community needs and that is located in or adjacent to residential neighborhoods. An office in an LO district may contain one or more different uses. Site development regulations and performance standards applicable to an LO district use are designed to ensure that the use is compatible and complementary in scale and appearance with the residential environment.

**GO – General Office district** is the designation for offices and selected commercial uses predominantly serving community or citywide needs, such as medical or professional offices.

**LR – Neighborhood Commercial district** is intended for neighborhood shopping facilities that provide limited business services and office facilities predominately for the convenience of residents of the neighborhood.



**GR -- Community Commercial district** is the designation for an office or other commercial use that serves neighborhood and community needs and that generally is accessible from major traffic ways.

**L -- Lake commercial district** is the designation for a use located near Town Lake. An L district designation may be applied to a development that includes any combination of office retail, commercial, and residential uses. Use and site development regulations applicable to an L district use are designed to ensure that the use is compatible and complementary with the Town Lake environment.

**CS -- General Commercial Services district** is intended predominately for commercial and industrial activities of a service nature having operating characteristics or traffic service requirements generally incompatible with residential environments.

**CS-1 -- Commercial Liquor Sales district** is intended predominately for commercial and industrial activities of a service nature having operating characteristics or traffic service requirements generally incompatible with residential environments, and also includes liquor sales as a permitted use.

**LI -- Limited Industrial Services district** is the designation for a commercial service use or limited manufacturing use generally located on a moderately sized site.

**P -- Public district** is the designation for a governmental, civic, public service, or public institution use. A P district designation may be applied to a use located on property used or reserved for a civic or public institutional purpose or for a major public facility, regardless of ownership of the land on which the use is located.

#### **Overlay Districts**

An overlay or combining district is a type of zoning district that is used in combination with a standard, base zoning district. Any of the above zoning districts could include any one or more of the following zoning districts:

**CO -- Conditional Overlay combining district** may be applied in combination with any base district. The district is intended to provide flexible and adaptable use or site development regulations by requiring standards tailored to individual properties.

**MU -- Mixed Use combining district** is intended for combination with selected base districts, in order to permit any combination of office, retail, commercial, and residential uses within a single development. Allows development of all types of residential uses, including single-family residential, multifamily residential, and townhomes.

**PDA -- Planned development area (PDA) combining district** is intended to: (1) provide for industrial and commercial uses in certain commercial and industrial base districts; or (2) incorporate the terms of a planned development area agreement into a zoning ordinance following annexation of a property that is subject to a planned development area agreement.

**Special Uses --** Uses allowed in an approved neighborhood plan (NPCD) for a specific location or neighborhood wide. These uses are not normally permitted in other zoning districts.

**NPCD or (NP) -- Neighborhood Plan combining district** is a zoning overlay used to implement a neighborhood plan that has been adopted by City Council and to allow certain special "infill" options. The term infill refers to "filling in" vacant parcels of land within a neighborhood. These infill options are only available when approved as part of an NPCD. Each adopted Neighborhood Plan area is able to establish its own NPCD. For some of the infill options, their location must be specified, but other infill proposals can be applied neighborhood-wide. The infill options available in the NPCD include Mixed Use Buildings, Cottage Lots, Small Lot Amenity, Corners Stores, Secondary Apartments, Neighborhood Urban Center, Residential Infill, and Urban Homes.

## **Neighborhood Special Uses/Neighborhood Design Tools/Prohibiting Parking in the Front Yard**

### **Neighborhood Special Uses**

The following special uses are being recommended as part of the South Congress Combined Neighborhood Plan. They are optional uses granted in addition to the uses allowed in the base-zoning district. They may be applied area or subdistrict wide or to a specific site.

#### **Small Lot Amnesty (area or subdistrict wide)**

Small lot amnesty means permitting construction of new single family homes or major renovation of existing single family homes on existing single family lots that do not meet current minimum standards.

The Small Lot Amnesty would permit existing lots that have a minimum of 2,500 square feet to be developed with new single-family homes. Special site development standards would apply to ensure new homes are compatible with existing homes. This applies only to existing lots.

#### **Secondary Apartment (area or subdistrict wide)**

The Secondary Apartment special use permits a second dwelling unit 850 square feet or less in size on a lot with a minimum area of 5,750 square feet. If chosen, this accessory unit is permitted in SF-1 through SF-3, SF-5, SF-6 and MF-1 through MF-6 zoning districts. Currently, a second unit with similar regulations as the secondary apartment is permitted city-wide on lots at least 7,000 square feet in the SF-3, SF-5 through MF-6 zoning districts. Choosing the secondary apartment special use opens up the opportunity for homeowners with lot sizes between 5,750 square feet and 7,000 square feet and those in the SF-1 and SF-2 zoning districts to build a second unit.

#### **Mixed Use Building (specific site)**

A Mixed Use Building is a structure located in a commercial zoning district that has commercial or retail uses on the ground floor and residential units on one or more upper floors. The standards for the Mixed Use Building require pedestrian-oriented design. For example, buildings must be built closer to the street, and parking must be located to the rear of the building. A Mixed Use Building may contain dwelling units in not more than 50% of the gross floor area of the ground floor.

#### **Neighborhood Urban Center (specific site)**

Neighborhood Urban Center refers to the redevelopment of an existing retail or commercial center, or development of a vacant site, into a mixed use, pedestrian and transit-oriented center. The Neighborhood Urban Center would permit residential, multi-family, commercial and retail uses on certain sites with commercial zoning.

The Neighborhood Urban Center includes limits on how much of each type of development may occur. The goal of these standards is to ensure compatibility with existing neighborhoods while permitting flexibility in project design. The minimum standards for various land uses in a Neighborhood Urban Center are:

Residential Uses	25% of Total Building Area
Commercial Uses	10% of Total Building Area
Open Space	10-20% depending on total site area

### **Neighborhood Design Tools**

The following design tools are being recommended as part of the South Congress Combined Neighborhood Plan. Once adopted, the "Parking Placement and Impervious Cover Restrictions" and Garage Placement" design tools are mandatory for all new residential construction and whenever there is a change of use (e.g., from single-family use to two-family use). The "Front Porch Setback" design tool is optional.

#### **Parking Placement and Impervious Cover Restrictions**

The parking placement and impervious cover restrictions limit the number of parking spaces and the amount of impervious cover to be constructed in the front yard. Any single-family, two-family, or duplex use is subject to the following requirements:

1. No more than forty percent (40%) of the required front yard may be impervious cover (this may be waived if a circular driveway is needed for traffic safety purposes).



2. No more than 4 parking spaces may be located in a front yard, or, in the case of a corner lot, no more than 4 parking spaces may be located in the front and side-street yards combined.

#### **Garage Placement**

This option sets guidelines for developing and/or redeveloping lots in established neighborhoods where existing development emphasizes residential façades and minimizes the parking structure aesthetics dominating single-family residential use of a property. It also allows for attached parking structures without width limitations to be constructed so that parking structure dominated development does not occur. This option allows for a side entry parking structure, which will accommodate residential design along the front wall.

#### **For a Single-Family, Two-Family, or Duplex Residential Use:**

1. Garages and carports must be located flush with the front façade, or behind the front façade of the house.
2. If a garage or carport is located less than 20 feet behind the front façade of the house, its width may not exceed 50% of the width of the house.

No maximum width is established for garages or carports that are 20 feet or more behind the front façade of the house, or for those that have side or rear entrances.

#### **Front Porch Setback**

Covered and uncovered Front Porches (defined as open-sided porches connected directly with the front entrance to a residence, and with a permanent, exterior flooring material) shall henceforth be allowed to within 15 feet of the front property line. Roof overhangs and porch steps may extend an additional 24" toward the front property line. Structural columns (but not walls) are allowed within the footprint of the porch.

#### **Prohibiting Parking in the Front Yard**

Parking of automobiles on unpaved areas in the front yard will become prohibited.

## PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENT FORM

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File # C14-05-0138 &amp; C14-05-0139

Planning Commission Hearing Date: September 13, 2005

Name (please print) RANDAL M. BRANSFORD
☒ I am in favor  
(Estoy de acuerdo)
Address 1901 FAIRLAWN LN. AUSTIN, TX. 78704
☐ I object  
(No estoy de acuerdo)

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Name (please print) Gloria Gonzalez-Lopez
☐ I am in favor  
(Estoy de acuerdo)  
☒ I object  
(No estoy de acuerdo)
Address 2705 FRIAR TUCK LANE

• DO NOT CHANGE MY RESIDENTIAL ZONING TO SECONDARY APARTMENT

• DO NOT OPEN ST. EDWARDS DRIVE TO S. CONGRESS

INFORMATION ON PUBLIC HEARINGS

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Name (please print) D. HAZEL SMITH
☐ I am in favor  
(Estoy de acuerdo)  
☒ I object  
(No estoy de acuerdo)
Address 2010 TRAVIS HGTS BLVD. AUSTIN, 78704

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Name (please print)

Lee Ann Vosel + John Baird

☒ I am in favor

(Estoy de acuerdo)

Address

2115 Brooklyn St 78704

☐ I object

(No estoy de acuerdo)

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Name (please print)

Jackie Chuter

☒ I am in favor

(Estoy de acuerdo)

Address

2015 Kenwood Ave

☐ I object

(No estoy de acuerdo)

I support the addition of the secondary apartment infill option + mixed use at S. Congress + Chiturf

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Name (please print)

STANLEY M. GILBERT JR

☒ I am in favor

(Estoy de acuerdo)

Address

1304 MARIPOSA

☐ I object

(No estoy de acuerdo)

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Name (please print)

Ann del Llano

☒ I am in favor

(Estoy de acuerdo)

Address

1304 Summit #108 Austin TX

☐ I object

(No estoy de acuerdo)

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Planning Commission Hearing Date: September 13, 2005

Name (please print) ROBERT BENTON ARNOLD

☐ I am in favor  
(Estoy de acuerdo)  
☒ I object  
(No estoy de acuerdo)

Address 1507 NEWNINE AVE 78704

Bob Arnold

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File # C14-05-0138 & C14-05-0139

Planning Commission Hearing Date: September 13, 2005

Name (please print) JOSE M. URZEGAS & MARY ELLEN URZEGAS

☐ I am in favor  
(Estoy de acuerdo)  
☒ I object  
(No estoy de acuerdo)

Address 2703 FRIAR TUCK IN

don't change my residential zoning to secondary Apartment, don't open St. Edwards drive to S. Congress

### INFORMATION ON PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department has filed an application for zoning/ rezoning to implement a neighborhood plan. This notice has been mailed to you because City Ordinance requires that all property owners within 300 feet of a proposed development and affected neighborhood organizations be notified that an application for development has been filed.

This request for zoning/rezoning will be reviewed and acted upon 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 recommendation and public input and then sends its own recommendation on the zoning/rezoning request to the City Council. Meeting dates and locations are shown on this notice.

If you have any questions concerning this notice, please contact the City of Austin Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department at the number shown on the first page. If you would like to express your support or opposition to this request, you may do so in several ways:

- by attending the Planning Commission hearing and conveying your concerns at that meeting
- by writing to the Planning Commission, using the form provided on the previous page
- by writing to the city contact, listed on the previous page

As a property owner within 300 feet, you are not required to attend these hearings, but if you do attend, you will be given an opportunity to speak FOR or AGAINST the change. Applicants and/or their agents are expected to attend.

You may also wish to contact any neighborhood or environmental organizations that have expressed an interest in cases affecting your neighborhood.

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File # C14-05-0138 & C14-05-0139

Planning Commission Hearing Date: September 13, 2005

Name (please print) MARTHA MAVERICK FRANK

Address 1601 EVA STREET AUSTIN, TX 78704

- ☐ I am in favor  
(Estoy de acuerdo)  
☒ I object  
(No estoy de acuerdo)

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File # C14-05-0138 & C14-05-0139

Planning Commission Hearing Date: September 13, 2005

Name (please print) EILEEN L. YOUNG

Address 1209 TRAVIS HILLS BLVD.

- ☐ I am in favor  
(Estoy de acuerdo)  
☒ I object  
(No estoy de acuerdo)

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File # C14-05-0138 & C14-05-0139

Planning Commission Hearing Date: September 13, 2005

Name (please print) DAVID TODD

Address 709 EAST MONROE / AUSTIN, TX 78704

- ☐ I am in favor  
(Estoy de acuerdo)  
☒ I object  
(No estoy de acuerdo)

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File # C14-05-0138 & C14-05-0139

Planning Commission Hearing Date: September 13, 2005

Name (please print) MARIE ROESSING

☒ I am in favor  
(Estoy de acuerdo)

Address 2416 LITTLE JOHN AVE AUSTIN, 78704 ☐

I object  
(No estoy de acuerdo)

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sheets for more information on public hearings.

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Planning Commission Hearing Date: September 13, 2005

Name (please print) A. SAATI

☒ I am in favor  
(Estoy de acuerdo)

Address P.O. BOX 1704  
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78767

☐ I object  
(No estoy de acuerdo)



# City of Austin

# Attachment J MEMO

P.O. Box 1088, Austin, TX 78767  
[www.cityofaustin.org/housing](http://www.cityofaustin.org/housing)

## Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department

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Subject: Affordability Impact Statement: South River City Neighborhood Plan

The Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Departments finds that the proposed neighborhood plans from the St. Edward's Planning Team and the South River City Planning Team do not promote housing affordability.

The South River City Planning Team establishes an objective related to preserving housing affordability in Goal (C) and then offers recommendations that will not expand housing affordability opportunities in the neighborhood:

1. Recommendation C1 suggests that areas be identified "where mixed use would enhance the livability of the neighborhoods and rezone accordingly". This recommendation does not link increased development entitlements to housing affordability goals. The pattern of mixed-use and multi-family development in this planning area has not yielded a single S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ since the City Council adopted the S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ Policy Initiative on April 20, 2000. The failure to link multi-family or mixed-use entitlements in the proposed neighborhood plan to housing affordability is likely to reinforce the pattern of the past five years.
2. Recommendation C2 seeks to "preserve existing multi-family housing and discourage redevelopment to higher-density housing or other uses". This recommendation does not acknowledge the link between increasing density and creating housing affordability. Existing multi-family housing can not be replaced with new housing that meets all current City codes unless the rental housing is more expensive than the housing it replaces or a level of affordability is achieved by linking new entitlements to housing affordability. Examples of this approach include the adopted University Neighborhood Overlay governing the West Campus area near the University of

Texas and the proposed North Hyde Park Neighborhood Conservation Combining District (NCCD). In order to achieve the stated goal of housing affordability, the Neighborhood Plan could incorporate these types of linkages between density and development entitlements and housing affordability. The challenge would be making this linkage without either an overlay (such as University Neighborhood Overlay) or a NCCD (such as North Hyde Park). The Community Preservation and Revitalization Implementation Recommendations submitted to the City Council on July 28, 2005 call for density bonuses linked to housing affordability to be examined in all neighborhood planning areas.

3. Recommendation C3 does not adopt the secondary apartment infill option in most of the planning area. This option would allow garage apartments on residential lots that are greater than 5,575 square feet and less than 7,000 square feet except in the neighborhood's Fairview Park NCCD. If the garage apartments are constructed and serve families at 80% Median Family Income or below, then approval of this element of the proposed neighborhood plan could promote housing affordability. Neighborhood Planning and Zoning staff is recommending small lot amnesty and secondary apartments throughout the planning area.

The St. Edward's Neighborhood Plan does not adopt any infill options that are likely to promote housing affordability. The garage apartment infill option is rejected throughout the planning area. In addition, the proposed rezoning would limit several multi-family sites to redevelopment at a maximum height of 40 feet. Lessons learned from redevelopment in the University Neighborhood Overlay is that construction pursuant to the 2003 International Building Code allows a concrete and steel parking garage at ground level and a four-story full sprinklered wood frame multi-family above. This means that the redevelopment results in safer housing, since sprinklered apartments are replacing unsprinklered housing. In addition, the amount of impervious cover is reduced by providing some of the required parking under building. This design reduces costs associated with on-site detention and creates opportunities for housing affordability. Given the neighborhood's location adjacent to St. Edward's University and the projected increase in enrollment there, adopting a change to the neighborhood plan that would eliminate the 40 foot height restriction for development that met S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ standards could create increased opportunities for housing affordability.

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