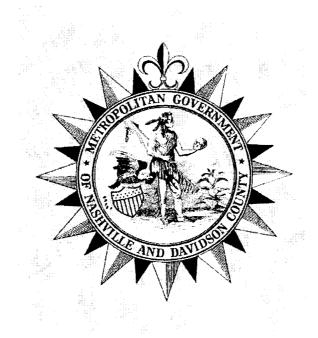
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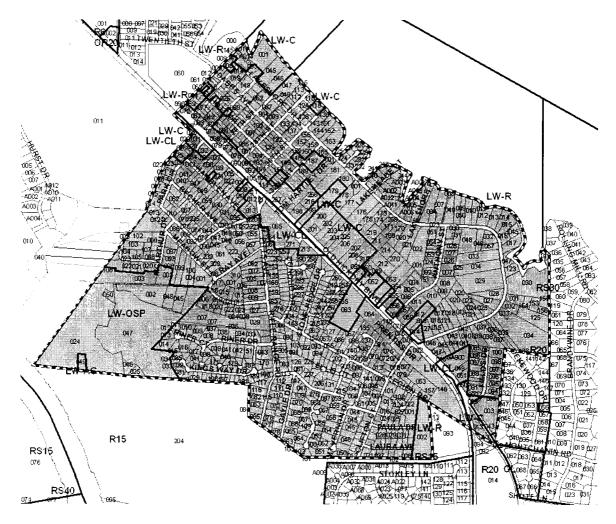
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October 27, 2011

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# COMMUNITY PLAN POLICY CHANGES and ASSOCIATED CASES

• Plan Amendment



#### 2011CP-014-002

Former City of Lakewood

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**Council District** 

**School District** 

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Community Plan Amendment 2011CP-014-002 Amend the *Donelson-Hermitage-Old Hickory* Community Plan: 2004 Update (Former City of

Lakewood)

2011Z-018PR-001 and 2011SP-022-001

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Metropolitan Planning Department

**Staff Reviewer** 

**Staff Recommendation** 

Wood Approve

APPLICANT REQUEST

Amend the land use policies within the former boundary of the City of Lakewood

**Community Plan Amendment** 

A request to amend the Donelson-Hermitage Community Plan: 2004 Update to change the Land Use Policies of properties located within the former City Of Lakewood (553.5 acres) from Residential Low Medium, Neighborhood General, Community Center, Corridor General, Open Space, and Natural Conservation to Conservation, T3 Open Space, T3 Neighborhood Maintenance, T3 Mixed Use Corridor, T4 Neighborhood Maintenance, T4 Mixed Use Neighborhood, and T4 Mixed Use Corridor.

**CRITICAL PLANNING GOALS** 

N/A

#### DONELSON-HERMITAGE-OLD HICKORY **COMMUNITY PLAN**

**Existing Land Use Policies** 

Residential Low-Medium Density (RLM)

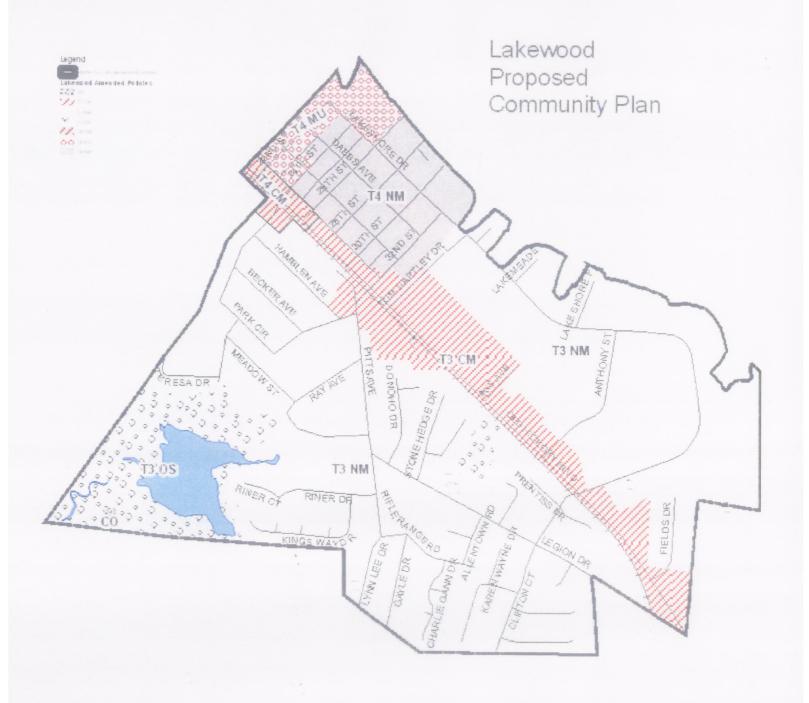
<u>RLM</u> policy is intended to accommodate residential development within a density range of two to four dwelling units per acre. The predominant development type is single-family homes, although some townhomes and other forms of attached housing may be appropriate.

Neighborhood General (NG)

NG policy is intended for areas that are primarily residential in character. To meet a spectrum of housing needs, ideally, NG areas contain a variety of housing that is carefully arranged, not randomly located.

Community Center (CC)

CC policy is intended for dense, predominantly commercial areas at the edge of a neighborhood, which either sit at the intersection of two major thoroughfares or extend along a major thoroughfare. These areas tend to





mirror the commercial edge of another neighborhood forming and serving as "town centers" of activity for groups of neighborhoods.

Corridor General (CG)

<u>CG</u> policy is intended for areas at the edge of a neighborhood that extend along a segment of a major street and are predominantly residential in character. Corridor General areas are intended to contain a variety of residential development along with larger scale civic and public benefit activities.

Open Space (OS)

OS policy is intended for a variety of public, private notfor-profit, and membership-based open space and recreational activities. Types of uses intended within OS areas range from active and passive recreational areas, reserves, land trusts and other open spaces to civic uses and public benefit activities deemed by the community to be open space.

Natural Conservation (NCO)

NCO policy is intended for undeveloped areas with the presence of steep terrain, unstable soils, and floodway/floodplain. Low intensity community facility development and very low density residential development (not exceeding one dwelling unit per two acres) may be appropriate land uses.

**Proposed Land Use Policies** Conservation (CO)

<u>CO</u> policy is intended to preserve and enhance environmentally sensitive land within all Transect Categories except T6 Downtown. CO policy identifies land with sensitive environmental features including, but not limited to, steep slopes, floodway/floodplains, rare or special plant or animal habitats, wetlands and unstable or problem soils.

T3 Suburban Open Space (T3 OS)

T3 OS policy is intended to preserve and enhance existing open space in suburban areas. T3 OS policy includes public parks and may also include private land held in conservation by land trusts and private groups or individuals. Enhancements to existing open space are guided by the *Metropolitan Parks and Greenways Master Plan*. A variation of T3 OS – T3 Potential Suburban Open Space (T3 POS) – may also be utilized to create open space by identifying areas that should be used for suburban open space in the future. T3 POS policy is always used in combination with an alternate community character policy in case the property owner decides not to redevelop the land as open space.







T3 Suburban Neighborhood Maintenance (T3 NM)

T3 Suburban Mixed Use Corridor (T3 CM)

T4 Urban Neighborhood Maintenance (T4 NM)

T4 Urban Mixed Use Neighborhood (T4 MU)

T4 Urban Mixed Use Corridor (T4 CM) T3 NM Policy is intended to preserve the general character of suburban neighborhoods as characterized by their development pattern, building form, land use and associated public realm. T3 NM areas will experience some change over time, primarily when buildings are expanded or replaced. When this occurs, efforts should be made to retain the existing character of the neighborhood, in terms of its development pattern, building form, land use, and the public realm. Where not present, enhancements may be made to improve pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular connectivity.

T3 CM policy is intended to enhance suburban mixed use corridors by encouraging a greater mix of higher density residential and mixed use development along the corridor, placing commercial uses at intersections with residential uses between intersections; creating buildings that are compatible with the general character of suburban neighborhoods; and a street design that moves vehicular traffic efficiently while accommodating sidewalks, bikeways, and mass transit.

T4 NM Policy is intended to preserve the general character of urban neighborhoods as characterized by their development pattern, building form, land use and associated public realm. T4 NM areas will experience some change over time, primarily when buildings are expanded or replaced. When this occurs, efforts should be made to retain the existing character of the neighborhood, in terms of its development pattern, building form, land use and the public realm. Where not present, enhancements are made to improve pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular connectivity.

<u>T4 MU</u> policy is intended to preserve, enhance, and create urban, mixed use neighborhoods characterized by a development pattern that contains a diverse mix of residential and non-residential land uses, and that are envisioned to remain or develop in a mixed use pattern. T4 MU areas are areas intended to be mixed use in nature with the presence of commercial and even light industrial uses, but also a significant amount of moderate to high density residential development.

<u>T4 CM</u> policy is intended to enhance urban mixed use corridors by encouraging a greater mix of higher density residential and mixed use development along the corridor,



placing commercial uses at intersections with residential uses between intersections; creating buildings that are compatible with the general character of urban neighborhoods; and a street design that moves vehicular traffic efficiently while accommodating sidewalks, bikeways, and mass transit.

#### BACKGROUND

The City of Lakewood was dissolved and became part of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County on May 28, 2011. In light of this change, Metro Planning staff began working with District 11 Councilman Darren Jernigan, the Metro Codes Department, and the Metro Legal Department to bring the Lakewood community plan and zoning into the Metro planning and zoning system. Councilman Jernigan sponsored an initial open house meeting on July 25, 2011 that was attended by several Metro departments, including Codes and Planning. Following this, the Planning Department held four community meetings at the DuPont-Hadley Middle School adjacent to Lakewood during August and September to discuss rezoning and amending the community plan (the Donelson-Hermitage-Old Hickory Community Plan: 2004 *Update*) for Lakewood.

Metro planners worked with Lakewood stakeholders on identifying a future vision for the community and translating that into a set of community character policies. The community character policies that were selected are generally consistent with the direction being taken with the zoning, but they do allow for change to take place over time to reflect the vision of the community. Planned changes that could occur under the updated policies include:

- Compatible residential infill in both the urban and suburban neighborhoods of Lakewood. These areas are made up of three distinct sections each with a variety of subdivisions: the oldest, most urban "Dupontonia" section on the Old Hickory Lake side of Old Hickory Boulevard; the suburban neighborhoods to its south on the lake side; and the suburban neighborhoods on the golf course / Cumberland River side of Old Hickory Boulevard.
- The development of a small urban mixed-use neighborhood in the northern part of Dupontonia that would be scaled to be compatible with the character of the existing cottages on small lots.



- Allowing more of the Old Hickory Boulevard frontage to be developed as mixed use with buildings brought closer to the street. Currently only the section between DuPont-Hadley Middle School and the former theater building on the south corner of 24<sup>th</sup> Street is developed with buildings to the edge of the sidewalk.
- Policy support for the SP zoning for Lakewood's parks. This SP zoning was developed by Planning and Parks staff based on previous Lakewood community input that occurred when the former City of Lakewood developed its parkland zoning districts.

#### **ANALYSIS**

The proposed request meets the vision established by the Lakewood stakeholders and is consistent with the existing and planned character of the community. Staff recommends that the request be approved.

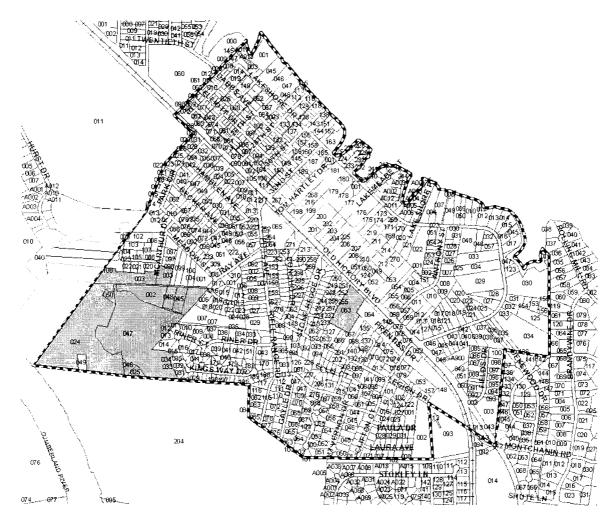
#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval.

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# RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE METRO COUNCIL

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#### 2011SP-022-001

LAKEWOOD PARK AND OPEN SPACE (PRELIM & FINAL)

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Requested by

**Zone Change 2011SP-022-001** 

Lakewood Park and Open Space SP

BL2011-19

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Metro Planning Department and Metro Finance

Department

**Staff Reviewer** 

**Staff Recommendation** 

Bernards

Approve with conditions

#### APPLICANT REQUEST

#### Permit Park and Open Space uses

Preliminary SP and Final Site Plan

A request to rezone the former City of Lakewood to Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County zoning, specifically, from Lakewood Active Park (LW-AP) to Specific Plan Institutional (SP-INS) (4.24 acres) and from Lakewood Open Space Passive (LW-OSP) to Specific Plan – Institutional (SP-INS) (61.68 acres) and for final site plan approval for properties comprising 65.92 acres located at Old Hickory Boulevard (unnumbered) 114 Ray Avenue, Ray Avenue (unnumbered), 111 McArthur Drive, McArthur Drive (unnumbered), Riner Drive (unnumbered) and at Kingsway Drive (unnumbered) and for a portion of properties located at McArthur Drive (unnumbered) and at Ray Avenue (unnumbered).

**Existing Zoning** 

LW-AP

<u>Lakewood- Active Park</u> is a district to preserve and protect municipally or county owned, leased and maintained parkland including both active and passive recreation areas. Only those uses directly associated with public recreation are permitted in this district.

LW-OSP

Lakewood-Open Space Passive is a district to preserve and protect municipally or county owned, leased and maintained parkland for passive recreation areas. Only those uses directly associated with nature preserves, open space, hiking trails and the structures intended to support those uses are allowed in this district.

**Proposed Zoning** SP-INS District

Specific Plan-Institutional is a zoning District category that provides for additional flexibility of design, including

# LAKEWOOD PARK AND OPEN SPACE SP DISTRICT Preliminary and Final Site Plan 2011SP-022-001

#### Park District (4.24 Acres) Map 053-16, Parcel 063

This district is intended to preserve and protect municipally or county owned, leased and maintained parkland including both active and passive recreation areas. Only those uses directly associated with public recreation are permitted in this district.

Within the Park District uses shall be limited to the following:

- (1) Fields used for organized sports
- (2) Golf Courses
- (3) Running Tracks
- (4) Swimming Pools
- (5) Outdoor meeting facilities
- (6) Municipal recreation facilities, walking trails, pavilions, park benches, and open fields.
- (7) Accessory uses customarily incidental to any of the above permitted uses, but not including the conduct of business or industry, or any driveway giving access thereto.
- (8) A garage on the same lot to which it is accessory and used to store equipment for construction and maintenance of the park.

#### Open Space District (61.68 Acres)

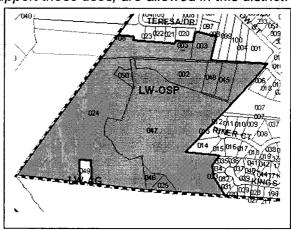
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Part of Parcels: 003, 024

This district is intended to preserve and protect municipally or county owned, leased and maintained parkland for passive recreation areas. Only those uses directly associated with nature preserves, open space, hiking trails and the structures intended to support those uses, are allowed in this district.

Within the Open Space Park District uses shall be limited to the following:

- (1) Municipal recreation facilities, walking trails, pavilions, park benches, and open fields.
- (2) Accessory uses customarily incident to any of the above permitted uses, but not including the conduct of business or industry, or any driveway giving access thereto.
- (3) A garage on the same lot to which it is accessory and used to store equipment for construction and maintenance of the park.



#### **General Provisions**

For any development standards, regulations and requirements not specifically shown on the SP plan and/or included as a condition of Commission or Council approval, the property shall be subject to the standards, regulations and requirements of the AR2a zoning district as of the date of the applicable request or application.



the relationship of streets to buildings, to provide the ability to implement the specific details of the General Plan. This Specific Plan includes park and open space related uses.

#### CRITICAL PLANNING GOALS

- Preserves Sensitive Environmental **Features**
- Creates Open Space

The proposed SP District will preserve 65.92 acres of land with sensitive environmental features including wetlands, floodplain and floodway. It will also continue the recreational facilities within an existing neighborhood.

#### DONELSON/HERMITAGE/OLD **HICKORY COMMUNITY PLAN Proposed Land Use Policies**

T3 Suburban Open Space (T3 OS)

Consistent with Policy?

An amendment to the land use policies for the former City of Lakewood is accompanying the transition of zoning districts to the Metro zoning districts. The proposed policies for these properties is T3 Suburban Open Space.

T3 OS policy is intended to preserve and enhance existing open space in suburban areas. T3 OS policy includes public parks and may also include private land held in conservation by land trusts and private groups or individuals. Enhancements to existing open space are guided by the Metropolitan Parks and Greenways Master Plan.

Yes. The park and open space uses of the Lakewood Park and Open Space SP are consistent with the proposed T3 OS policy.

#### PLAN DETAILS

The proposed SP covers two areas in the former City of Lakewood (Lakewood) that were zoned as active park and passive open space. At this time, the Lakewood zoning is transitioning to the Metro Zoning Code and staff is recommending an SP district for these properties for two reasons.

First, a primary goal of the transitioning process is to rezone property to the closest Metro zoning district. Metro does not have a zoning district specifically for parks and open space. Second, the members of the community that participated in the transitioning process expressed concern that a non-park zoning district would not provide sufficient assurance that these properties would be maintained as park and open space. Through the use of the SP zoning with specific uses identified, an amendment to the SP or a rezoning to an alternative district would be required to permit any other uses but park and open space. Both an



amendment and a rezoning require a public process including a hearing at the Planning Commission and at Council.

Staff worked with the Parks Department staff to develop the SP for the Lakewood city parks. Each SP closely matches the Lakewood Open Space zoning districts while being consistent with Metro Parks' policies and practices.

This district is intended to preserve and protect municipally or county owned, leased and maintained parkland including both active and passive recreation areas. Only those uses directly associated with public recreation are permitted in this district.

Within the Park District uses shall be limited to the following:

- (1) Fields used for organized sports
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- (8) A garage on the same lot to which it is accessory and used to store equipment for construction and maintenance of the park.

This district is intended to preserve and protect municipally or county owned, leased and maintained parkland for passive recreation areas. Only those uses directly associated with nature preserves, open space, hiking trails and the structures intended to support those uses, are allowed in this district.

Within the Open Space Park District uses shall be limited to the following:

- (1) Municipal recreation facilities, walking trails, pavilions, park benches, and open fields.
- (2) Accessory uses customarily incidental to any of the above permitted uses, but not including the conduct of

#### **Park District**





business or industry, or any driveway giving access thereto.

(3) A garage on the same lot to which it is accessory and used to store equipment for construction and maintenance of the park.

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval with conditions of the Lakewood Park and Open Space SP.

#### CONDITIONS

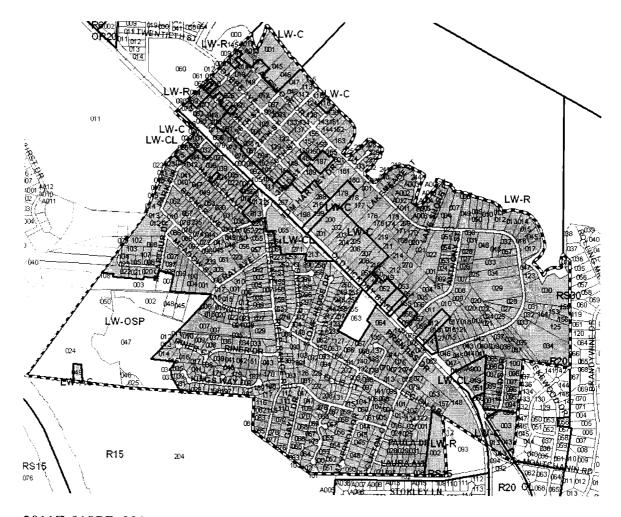
- 1. The uses of this SP shall be limited to those uses shown on the plan.
- 2. For any development standards, regulations and requirements not specifically shown on the SP plan and/or included as a condition of Commission or Council approval, the property shall be subject to the standards, regulations and requirements of the AR2A zoning district as of the date of the applicable request or application.
- 3. A corrected copy of the preliminary SP plan incorporating the conditions of approval by the Council shall be provided to the Planning Department prior to the filing of any additional development applications for this property, and in any event no later than 120 days after the effective date of the enacting ordinance. The corrected copy provided to the Planning Department shall include printed copy of the preliminary SP plan and a single PDF that contains the plan and all related SP documents. If a corrected copy of the SP plan incorporating the conditions therein is not provided to the Planning Department within 120 days of the effective date of the enacting ordinance, then the corrected copy of the SP plan shall be presented to the Metro Council as an amendment to this SP ordinance prior to approval of any grading, clearing, grubbing, final site plan, or any other development application for the property.
- 4. Minor modifications to the preliminary SP plan may be approved by the Planning Commission or its designee based upon final architectural, engineering or site design and actual site conditions. All modifications shall be consistent with the principles and further the objectives of the approved plan. Modifications shall not be permitted, except through an ordinance approved by Metro Council that increase the permitted



density or floor area, add uses not otherwise permitted, eliminate specific conditions or requirements contained in the plan as adopted through this enacting ordinance, or add vehicular access points not currently present or approved.

5. The requirements of the Metro Fire Marshal's Office for emergency vehicle access and adequate water supply for fire protection must be met prior to the issuance of any building permits.

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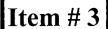
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**Zone Change 2011Z-018PR-001** 

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2011SP-022-001 and 2011CP-014-002

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Metro Planning Department and Metro Finance

Department

Staff Reviewer

Staff Recommendation

Bernards *Approve* 

APPLICANT REQUEST Transition the zoning districts from the former City of Lakewood to the equivalent Metro zoning districts.

**Zone Change** 

A request to rezone from former City of Lakewood Zoning to Metropolitan Government of Nashville and **Davidson County Zoning for 1,135 properties** comprising 487.58 acres: Lakewood-Agriculture (LW-A) to Residential Single-Family (RS20) (.77 acres), Lakewood-Residential (LW-R) to Residential Single-Family (RS5) (55.81 acres), Residential Single-Family (RS7.5) (88.05 acres), Residential Single-Family(RS10) (53.11 acres), Residential Single-Family (RS15) (96.14 acres), Residential One and Two-Family (R15) (2.59 acres), Residential Single-Family (RS20) (128.15 acres), Residential One and Two-Family (R20) (0.07 acres), Residential Single-Family (RS30) (.13 acres), Multi-Family Residential (RM15) (0.52 acres), Lakewood-Commercial Limited (LW-CL) to Mixed-Use Neighborhood (MUN) (17.57 acres), Lakewood-Commercial (LW-C) to Mixed-Use Limited-Alternative (MUL-A) (2.12 acres), and Mixed-Use Limited (MUL) (42.55 acres).

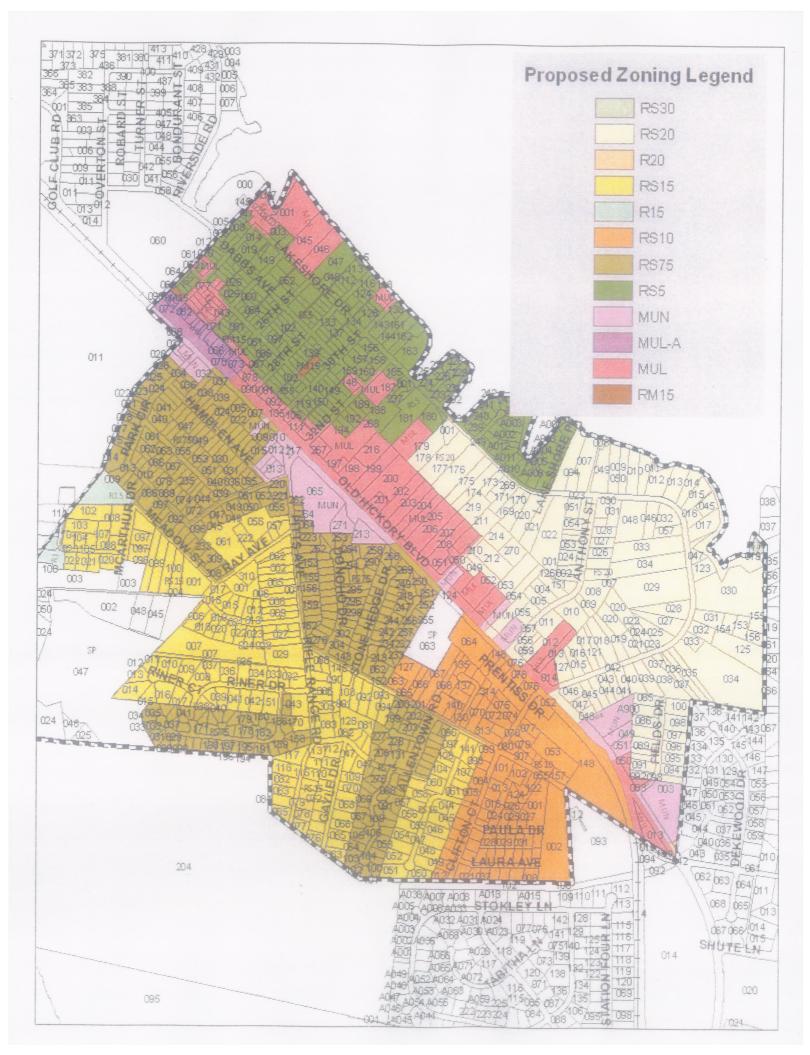
**Existing Zoning** 

Lakewood Agriculture

The LW-A district is intended for all types of agricultural uses on lots of one acre or greater. Single family and two family residential units, churches, schools and hospitals are also permitted uses.

Lakewood Residential

The LW-R districted is intended for single-family residential units on a minimum lot size of 20,000 square feet, two family residential units on a minimum lot size of 32,000 square feet and multi-family residential up to six units per development is permitted by special exception. Certain agricultural uses are permitted.





Lakewood Commercial Limited

The LW-CL district is intended for a limited range of

commercial uses.

Lakewood Commercial

The LW-C district is intended for a range of commercial

uses and all uses permitted in the residential district.

**Proposed Zoning** 

**RS5** District

RS5 requires a minimum 5,000 square foot lot and is intended for single-family dwellings at a density

of 7.41 dwelling units per acre.

**RS7.5** District

RS7.5 requires a minimum 7,500 square foot lot and is intended for single-family dwellings at a density of 4.94 dwelling units per acre.

**RS10** District

<u>RS10</u> requires a minimum of 10,000 square foot lot and is intended for single-family dwellings at a density of 3.7 dwelling units per acre.

**RS15** District

RS15 requires a minimum 15,000 square foot lot and is intended for single-family dwellings at a density of 2.47 dwelling units per acre.

**R15** District

<u>R15</u> requires a minimum 15,000 square foot lot and is intended for single-family dwellings and duplexes at an overall density of 3.09 dwelling units per acre including 25% duplex lots.

**RS20 District** 

RS20 requires a minimum 20,000 square foot lot and is intended for single-family dwellings at a density of 1.85 dwelling units per acre.

R20 District

R20 requires a minimum 20,000 square foot lot and is intended for single-family dwellings and duplexes at an overall density of 2.31 dwelling units per acre including 25% duplex lots.

**RS30 District** 

RS30 requires a minimum 30,000 square foot lot and is intended for single-family dwellings at a density of 1.23 dwelling units per acre.

RM15 District

<u>RM15</u> is intended for single-family, duplex, and multifamily dwellings at a density of 15 dwelling units per acre.

**MUN District** 

<u>Mixed Use Neighborhood</u> is intended for a low intensity mixture of residential, retail, and office uses.



**MUL-A District** 

Mixed Use Limited-Alternative is intended for a moderate intensity mixture of residential, retail, restaurant, and office uses and is designed to create walkable neighborhoods through the use of appropriate building placement and bulk standards.

**MUL District** 

<u>Mixed Use Limited</u> is intended for a moderate intensity mixture of residential, retail, restaurant, and office uses.

**CRITICAL PLANNING GOALS** 

N/A

# DONELSON/HERMITAGE/OLD HICKORY COMMUNITY PLAN

**Proposed Polices** 

In association with the transition of the zoning districts from the Lakewood Code to the Metro Code, the land use policies for this area are being updated. The new polices include Conservation, T3 Open Space, T3 Neighborhood Maintenance, T3 Mixed Use Corridor, T4 Neighborhood Maintenance, T4 Mixed Use Neighborhood, and T4 Mixed Use Corridor. The proposed policies are described in the staff report for the Donelson/Hermitage/Old Hickory Community Plan above. (2011CP-014-002)

Consistent with Policy?

Yes. The proposed zoning districts are consistent with the proposed land use polices for these properties.

ANALYSIS
Background

The City of Lakewood (Lakewood) was dissolved and became part of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County on May 28, 2011. Staff began working with District 11 Councilman Darren Jernigan, the Metro Codes Department, the Metro Legal Department and the community to transition the former city code to the Metro Zoning Code. Councilman Jernigan sponsored an initial open house meeting on July 25, 2011, that was attended by several Metro departments, including Codes and Planning. Following this, the Planning Department held four community meetings at the DuPont-Hadley Middle School adjacent to Lakewood during August and September to discuss rezoning and amending the community plan land use policies for Lakewood.

The approach taken by staff to transition the zoning districts of Lakewood to Metro has been to rezone to the closest equivalent zoning district. The goal was to maintain the status quo as much as possible. The Lakewood zoning ordinance contained one agricultural, one residential, two commercial, and two open space



zoning districts. As Metro does not have an equivalent for the two open space districts, an SP is proposed for these properties. This rezoning is associated case 2011SP-022-001.

Agricultural District (LW-A)

At this time, there was only one property in Lakewood that is within the agricultural district. At 33,500 square feet, the property does not meet the minimum two acre lot size for the AR2a zoning district. There is currently a single-family residence on this property. The proposed zoning district is RS20.

Residential District (LW-R)

For Lakewood's residentially zoned properties, staff identified the various areas with different prevailing lot sizes and matched them with the closest Metro residential zoning districts. As Lakewood's minimum lot size for a two-family structure was 32,000 square feet and the majority of the properties were below this size, RS zoning districts were applied. The Lakewood Code permitted single family residents and this new zoning will continue this. Most lots meet the new minimum lot size with few opportunities for further subdivision. A single family residence can be constructed on any lot that is substandard in size as long as it is 3,750 square feet in size and is a legally created lot. In the rare instances where lots are even smaller, the Chief Zoning Examiner has indicated that a building permit may be issued for these lots, provided that they are legally created lots. The small number of two-family homes in the Lakewood community will become legally non-conforming. For many, this is not a change from the existing situation as these two-family homes were already legally non-conforming due to the lot size under Lakewood's zoning.

The majority of the lots greater than 32,000 square feet are proposed for the RS20 zoning district. An analysis of these lots was undertaken to determine the total number of potential residential units under both RS20 and R30 zoning districts. Due to the Metro code provision that limits duplexes to 25 percent if four or more lots are created, generally, the potential number of dwellings would be greater under RS20 zoning than R30 district and was closer to the unit yield permitted under the Lakewood Code with a duplex permitted with every 32,000 square feet of area.



Commercial Districts (LW-C and LW-CL)

Lakewood had two commercial districts that were essentially mixed use districts because both commercial and residential uses were allowed. The closest equivalent Metro zoning districts are MUN and MUL. MUL-A is the closest equivalent for the older commercial area where buildings are built to the back edge of the sidewalk not only because of the uses but also because of the form of the built environment. There are a number of multi-family developments in Lakewood that were zoned LW-C and these are being placed in the MUL district.

Properties with Split Zoning

There were a number of properties that were only partially in Lakewood with the remaining portion of the property within Metro. For these properties, the existing Metro zoning district was extended to the entire property and include the R15, R20 and RS30 zoning districts.

Non-Conforming Uses

The Codes Department is working with property owners who have a legally non-conforming use under the Lakewood code or will become non-conforming under the proposed zoning to allow these uses to continue. The Zoning Examination Chief has prepared zoning letters based on documentation provided by the property owners.

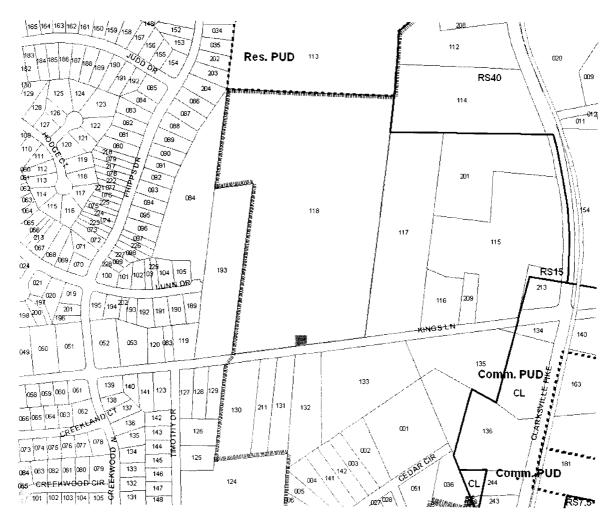
**Future Rezonings** 

As noted above, a key factor in determining the new Metro zoning was finding the equivalent district to the existing Lakewood District. In the various community meetings held to discuss the transition to the Metro Code, a number of property owners indicated an interest in rezoning to a different zoning district. In order to ensure the most transparent transition of zoning, staff is recommending that the equivalent zone be used at this time. Once the Metro zoning has been adopted and the new Community Plan land use policies in place, staff will work with property owners in pursuing other zoning districts. Staff recommends that, for a period of one year ending in December 2012, the Planning Department co-sponsor zone changes in Lakewood that meet the amended community plan policies. Staff will work with property owners on the optimal zoning for each property to continue to assist in providing a smooth transition.

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of rezoning the former City Of Lakewood to the equivalent Metro zoning districts. Staff further recommends that the Planning Department cosponsor rezonings that meet the amended community plan policy for a period of one year ending in December 2012.

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#### 2011SP-020-001

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH DIGITAL SIGN (PRELIM & FINAL) Map 058, Part of Parcel(s) 118
Bordeaux - Whites Creek
01 - Lonnell Matthews, Jr.





Project No.
Project Name

Council Bill
Council District
School District

Requested by

Zone Change 2011SP-020-001

Temple Baptist Church Digital Sign

BL2011-25 1 – Matthews 1 – Gentry

Witt Sign Company, Inc., applicant for Temple Baptist

Church, Inc. owner

Staff Reviewer

**Staff Recommendation** 

Swaggart

Disapprove

APPLICANT REQUEST

Permit an LED changeable message sign

Preliminary SP and Final Site Plan

A request to rezone from Single and Two-Family Residential (RS15) to Specific Plan – Institutional (SP-INS) zoning and for final site plan approval for a portion of property located at 3810 Kings Lane, approximately 1,250 feet west of Clarksville Pike (0.02 acres), to permit a sign totaling 96 square feet in size containing a 33 square foot digital reader board.

**Existing Zoning** 

**RS15** District

RS15 requires a minimum 15,000 square foot lot and is intended for single-family dwellings at a density of 2.47

dwelling units per acre.

**Proposed Zoning** 

**SP-INS District** 

Specific Plan-Institutional is a zoning District category that provides for additional flexibility of design, including the relationship of streets to buildings, to provide the ability to implement the specific details of the General Plan. This Specific Plan includes institutional uses.

**CRITICAL PLANNING GOALS** 

N/A

BORDEAUX/WHITES CREEK COMMUNITY PLAN

**Standard Policy** 

Residential Low Medium (RLM)

<u>RLM</u> policy is intended to accommodate residential development within a density range of two to four dwelling units per acre. The predominant development type is single-family homes, although some townhomes and other forms of attached housing may be appropriate.



DOUBLE FACE INTERNALLY ILLUMINATED MONUMENT SIGN WITH LED DIGPLAY

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#### **Detailed Policy**

Single-Family Detached (SFD)

<u>SFD</u> is intended for single family housing that varies based on the size of the lot. Detached houses are single units on a single lot.

#### Consistent with Policy?

No, the proposed SP district is not consistent with the residential policies that apply to the subject site. The proposed SP would permit a sign that is commercial in nature and is not consistent with the existing surrounding residential development pattern or the envisioned land use.

#### REQUEST DETAILS

This request is to rezone a small portion of property, located on the north side of Kings Lane (0.02 acres; 871 SF) zoned for single-family residential to Specific Plan in order to permit an electronic message board. Temple Baptist Church is located on the property for which the zoning is proposed. The subject site is surrounded by single-family residence and property zoned for single-family residential. The closest non-residentially zoned district is approximately 1,300 feet to the east (Clarksville Pike).

#### **ANALYSIS**

The Zoning Code prohibits electronic message boards in all residential and office zoning districts and some commercial zoning districts. Introduction of electronic message board into this residential policy area conflicts with the current residential uses and the existing zoning.

This zone change request, which seeks to rezone a small portion of an existing property to permit a sign that is not currently permitted, could be considered a zoning application that is intended only to avoid elements of signage requirements of the Zoning Code. The proposed SP zoning district would not only provide a zoning district that would permit an electronic message board, but also would eliminate the distance and height requirements for electronic message boards in relation to residential zoning districts, effectively granting a variance to these sections of the Zoning Code. The Zoning Code requires a minimum setback of 100 feet from residentially-zoned property for an electronic message board with a maximum height of four feet. The proposed electronic message board, at a height of 12 feet, would require a minimum setback of 300 feet from residentially-zoned property.

#### **RECENT ZONE CHANGES**

Over the last few years, the Planning Commission has recommended approval of four zone changes that permitted electronic message boards. Three of those cases



were similar to the current application in the incompatibility of the proposed zoning to the land use policy on each site. In each of those cases, the sign met all distance separation requirements and the Planning Commission made a site-specific finding that would make the electronic message board permissible.

The Commission recently disapproved a similar request on Larking Springs Road in Madison. The request was to change the zoning from Office General (OG) to SP. The policy did not support the request nor did it meet the separation requirement and the Commission recommended that Council disapprove.

In addition to the incompatibility of the proposed zoning district and the land use policy, the current application includes another reason for disapproval that did not apply to the previous applications: none of those previous cases included a proposed sign that would be placed within 100 feet of a residentially-zoned property. This proposal conflicts with the standard requirement of the Zoning Code, which requires a minimum distance of 100 feet from a residentially-zoned district for all electronic message center signs in all zoning districts.

The SP zone is requested, in part, to eliminate the distance requirement of the Zoning Code. Although the Planning Commission has approved several zone changes for electronic message boards, none of them failed to meet the minimum 100 foot distance requirement from an adjacent residential zone. The proposed sign would be approximately less than 15 feet away from surrounding residentially-zoned property, and approximately 50 feet from residentially-zoned property on the adjacent side (south) of Kings Lane.



Location	Policy	Zoning Proposal	Meets LED distance requirement in Zoning Code	Staff recommendation	MPC recommendation	Council action
Credit Union on Clarksville Pk	MH in	CL to CS	Yes	Disapprove – Doesn't meet policy	Approve - Request is consistent with surrounding commercial zoning	Approve
Clarksville Pike church	MH in CC	CL to CS	Yes	Disapprove – Doesn't meet policy	Approve – Request is consistent with the CS zoning that existed on property before it was downzoned to CL.	Approve
Goodpasture (Madison)	OC.	OR20 to CS	Yes	Disapprove – Doesn't meet policy	Approve SP to allow OR20 zoning with one LED sign. Policy is non-residential. No residential districts in immediate area that will be affected.	Approve:
Highway 100 church (Bellevue)	CC	RS40 to CS	Yes	Approve – Proposed zoning and policy are more appropriate than existing	Approve	Approve
Larkin Springs Church (Madison)	T3 RC	OG to SP	No.	Disapprove - Doesn't meet policy or distance requirements	Disapprove	No Council action (Application Withdrawn)

**Table 1**: This table shows all previous LED sign proposals that have received a recommendation from the Planning Commission. The current proposal is shown in the last row.

#### PUBLIC WORKS RECOMMENDATION

Sign is to be located to allow adequate sight distance at driveway.

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends disapproval of the request because:

1. The proposed SP zoning district is incompatible with the surrounding single-family residential development pattern and the residential land use policy; and,



2. The proposed electronic message board does not meet the requirements of the Zoning Code for the minimum required distance from residentially-zoned property.

#### **CONDITIONS (if approved)**

- 1. The sign is to be located to allow adequate sight distance at driveway.
- 2. This SP shall permit an electronic message board with a maximum size of 33 square feet.
- 3. For any development standards, regulations and requirements not specifically shown on the SP plan and/or included as a condition of Council approval, the property shall be subject to the standards, regulations and requirements of the RS15 zoning district as of the date of the applicable request or application.
- 4. A corrected copy of the preliminary SP plan incorporating the conditions of approval by Metro Council shall be provided to the Planning Department prior to the filing of any additional development applications for this property, and in any event no later than 120 days after the effective date of the enacting ordinance. The corrected copy provided to the Planning Department shall include printed copy of the preliminary SP plan and a single PDF that contains the plan and all related SP documents. If a corrected copy of the SP plan incorporating the conditions therein is not provided to the Planning Department within 120 days of the effective date of the enacting ordinance, then the corrected copy of the SP plan shall be presented to the Metro Council as an amendment to this SP ordinance prior to approval of any grading, clearing, grubbing, final site plan, or any other development application for the property.
- 5. Minor modifications to the preliminary SP plan may be approved by the Planning Commission or its designee based upon final architectural, engineering or site design and actual site conditions. All modifications shall be consistent with the principles and further the objectives of the approved plan. Modifications shall not be permitted, except through an ordinance approved by Metro Council that increase the permitted density or floor area, add uses not otherwise permitted, eliminate specific conditions or requirements contained



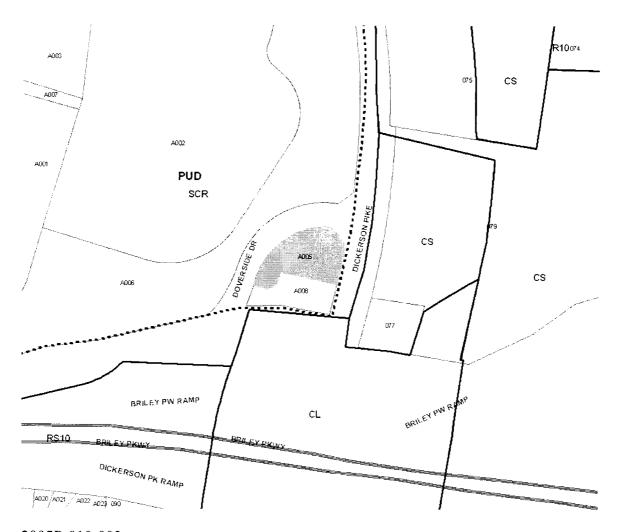
in the plan as adopted through this enacting ordinance, or add vehicular access points not currently present or approved.

6. The SP final site plan as approved by the Planning Commission will be used to determine compliance, both in the issuance of permits for construction and field inspection. While minor changes may be allowed, significant deviation from the approved site plans may require reapproval by the Planning Commission and/or Metro Council.



# PLANNING COMMISSION ACTIONS

- PUD (Preliminary and Final)
- Subdivision (Final)



## 2005P-010-003

NASHVILLE COMMONS AT SKYLINE (MURPHY OIL) Map 050-12-0-A, Parcel(s) 005 Parkwood - Union Hill 03 - Walter Hunt



Item # 5

Project No.
Project Name
Council District
School Board District
Requested By

Staff Reviewer
Staff Recommendation

Revise Preliminary PUD and Final Site Plan Approval

APPLICANT REQUEST

**Zoning**Shopping Center Regional (SCR)

REQUEST DETAILS

CRITICAL PLANNING GOALS

Site Plan

Planned Unit Development 2005P-010-003 Nashville Commons at Skyline (Murphy Oil)

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Greenberg Farrow, applicant, for Murphy Oil, Inc., owner

Swaggart

Approve with conditions

Revise preliminary plan and final site plan approval to permit a fuel center.

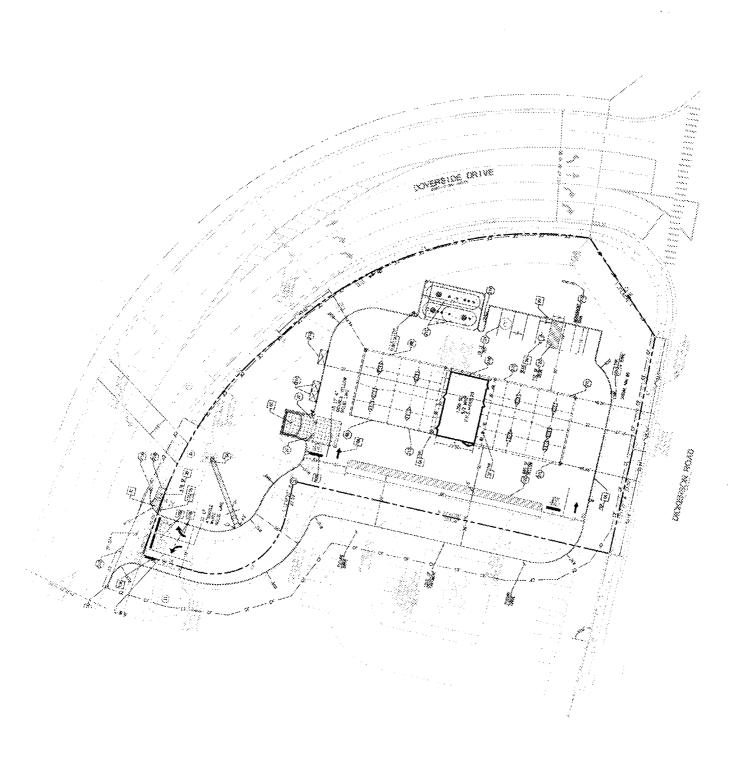
A request to revise the preliminary plan and for final approval for a portion of the Nashville Commons at Skyline Planned Unit Development Overlay located at 3434 Doverside Drive, at the southwest corner of Doverside Drive and Dickerson Pike (1.21 acres), zoned Shopping Center Regional (SCR), to permit a 1,200 square foot automobile convenience facility with ten fuel pumps.

Shopping Center Regional is intended for high intensity retail, office, and consumer service uses for a regional market area.

N/A

This is a request to revise the last approved preliminary plan and for final site plan approval for a portion of the Nashville Commons at Skyline Planned Unit Development. The subject property is currently vacant, and is located on an out-parcel at the southwest corner of Dickerson Pike and Doverside Drive. In 2010, the Planning Commission approved a 2,756 square foot fuel station and market (automobile convenience) and a 2,500 square foot retail space on this site. The plan does not propose any change to the retail portion, which is now on an adjacent parcel, but only to the fuel station.

The proposed plan calls for a 1,200 square foot fuel station with ten pumps. As previously approved, the fuel station will share access to Doverside Drive with the adjacent parcel approved for 2,500 square feet of retail use. In addition to spaces adjacent to the ten fuel pumps, the layout provides eight additional parking spaces. Exterior and interior landscaping is provided and meets all Zoning





Code requirements. The plan calls for one free standing monument sign which is located near the intersection of Doverside and Dickerson. The six foot tall sign is sign is 60 square feet.

Analysis

The proposed plan meets all zoning requirements. The use is permitted by the SCR base zoning district and has been previously approved in the PUD. The request does not increase the floor area from what was approved by Council. Because it does not exceed the Council approved floor area and is consistent with the last approved concept, then it does not require Council approval, but can be approved by the Commission as a revision.

### PUBLIC WORKS RECOMMENDATION

The developer's final construction drawings shall comply with the design regulations established by the Department of Public Works. Final design may vary based on field conditions.

#### STORMWATER RECOMMENDATION

#### Approved

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the request be approved with conditions. The proposal meets all zoning requirements and is consistent with the overall concept of the original PUD plan approved by Council.

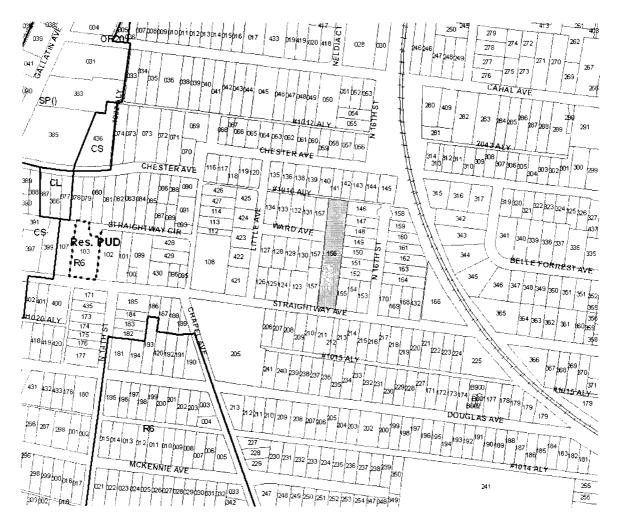
#### **CONDITIONS**

- 1. There shall be no pole signs allowed, and all free standing signs shall be monument style not to exceed six feet in height. Any freestanding signs shall be reviewed and approved by the Metro Planning Department. All other signs shall meet the base zoning requirements, and shall be approved by the Metro Department of Codes Administration.
- 2. Prior to the issuance of any building permits for the fuel station and market a final plat shall be recorded consistent with this PUD plan, and shall include a shared access easement.
- 3. Prior to the issuance of any permits, confirmation of PUD final site plan approval of this proposal shall be forwarded to the Planning Commission by the Stormwater Management division of Water Services.



- 4. Prior to the issuance of any permits, confirmation of PUD final site plan approval of this proposal shall be forwarded to the Planning Commission by the Traffic Engineering Sections of the Metro Department of Public Works for all improvements within public rights of way.
- 5. The requirements of the Metro Fire Marshal's Office for emergency vehicle access and adequate water supply for fire protection must be met prior to the issuance of any building permits.
- 6. Authorization for the issuance of permit applications will not be forwarded to the Department of Codes Administration until four additional copies of the approved plans have been submitted to the Metro Planning Commission.
- 7. The PUD final site plan as approved by the Planning Commission will be used by the Department of Codes Administration to determine compliance, both in the issuance of permits for construction and field inspection. Significant deviation from these plans may require reapproval by the Planning Commission and/or Metro Council.
- 8. A corrected copy of the PUD final site plan incorporating the conditions of approval by the Planning Commission shall be provided to the Planning Department prior to the issuance of any permit for this property, and in any event no later than 120 days after the date of conditional approval by the Planning Commission. Failure to submit a corrected copy of the final PUD site plan within 120 days will void the Commission's approval and require resubmission of the plan to the Planning Commission.

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2011S-077-001 BROWNSVILLE, RESUB LOT 32 Map 072-14, Parcel(s) 156 East Nashville 07 - Anthony Davis





Project No.
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Council District
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Requested by

**Subdivision 2011S-077-001 Brownsville Subdivision** 

7 – Anthony Davis

5 - Porter

Ismael Castiblanco, owner, Campbell, McRae &

Associates Surveying Inc., surveyor

**Staff Reviewer** 

**Staff Recommendation** 

Johnson

Approve with a condition

APPLICANT REQUEST

Final plat to create three lots

**Final Plat** 

A request for final plat approval to create three lots on property located at 1521 Straightway Avenue, approximately 615 feet east of Chapel Avenue (1.11 acres), zoned One and Two Family Residential (R6).

**CRITICAL PLANNING GOALS** 

N/A

#### PLAN DETAILS

Final Plat

The applicant requests final plat approval for a three lot subdivision. Subdivisions of three lots or more must be approved by the Metro Planning Commission.

Unlike many subdivisions that would create additional lots along the same street frontage, the proposed subdivision would not increase the number of lots along Straightway Avenue. Because of the unique depth of the current lot, the subdivision will create two new lots at the terminus of Ward Avenue, one block to the north of Straightway Avenue, with one lot remaining along Straightway Avenue.

Infill Subdivisions

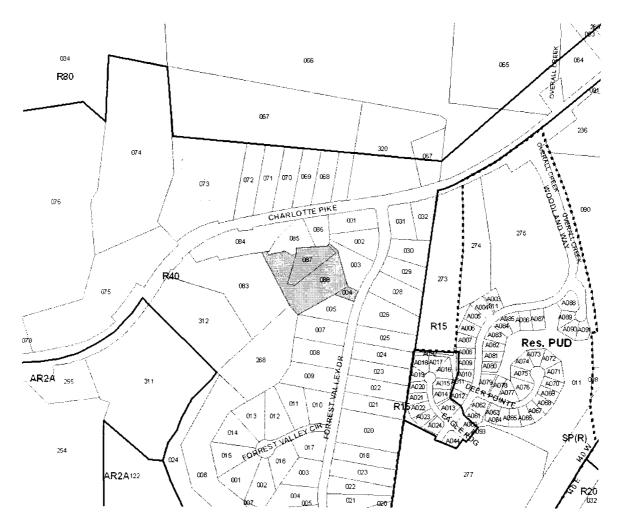
All three lots meet the requirements of the infill subdivisions section of the Subdivision Regulations and the Metro Zoning Code for lot size and orientation.

Section 3-5 of the Subdivision Regulations states that new lots in areas that are predominantly developed are to be generally comparable with surrounding lots. The Subdivision Regulations include several criteria for determining whether a plat is consistent with the character of the area. The proposed lots within the subdivision will be the same general size and character of surrounding lots on Straightway Avenue and Ward Avenue. Development on the proposed lots will be limited to single-family

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	dwellings and duplexes. Development will be within the density recommended by Neighborhood General policy.
Turnaround requirements	Section 3.9 (Requirements for Streets) of the Subdivision Regulations requires the construction of a street turnaround on dead end streets longer than 150 feet. A turnaround is proposed within the subdivision at the terminus of Ward Avenue, which is a dead end street that is almost 300 feet long. Metro Public Works and Fire Marshal have recommended approval of the subdivision with the proposed turnaround.
Sidewalks	Sidewalks are not present along either the Straightway or Ward Avenue frontages. Because the subdivision proposal is located within the Urban Services District, sidewalks will be required along all lot frontages or the applicant may provide a payment in lieu of sidewalk construction to Metro Public Works.
FIRE MARSHAL RECOMMENDATION	No turnaround will be required.
WATER SERVICES RECOMMENDATION	Show existing utilities as marked. If Lot 2 is to take sewer service from Ward Avenue, the owner of said lot shall obtain approval from Metro Public Works. If Lot 2 shall take sewer service from the alley bordering Lot 3, or the sewer through the adjacent lots to the east, the location of the private service line and its corresponding 10' private easement shall be shown on the plat.
STORMWATER RECOMMENDATION	Final Plat Approved (Stormwater)
PUBLIC WORKS RECOMMENDATION	No exception taken
STAFF RECOMMENDATION	Staff recommends approval with a condition. The proposal meets the requirements of the Subdivision Regulations and applicable requirements of the Zoning Code.
CONDITION	Comply with Metro Water Services conditions.



2011S-079-001 CORBY'S THREE LOT SUBDIVISION Map 114, Parcel(s) 087-088 Map 114-14, Parcel(s) 004 Bellevue 22 - Sheri Weiner





Project No.
Project Name
Council District
School District
Requested by

**Subdivision 2011S-079-001 Corby's Three Lot Subdivision** 

22 – Weiner 9 – Simmons

Christopher and Mary Corby, owners, Donlon Land

Surveying, LLC, surveyor

**Staff Reviewer** 

**Staff Recommendation** 

Swaggart

Approve subdivision with a condition. Approve variance

request for street frontage.

APPLICANT REQUEST

Create three lots and a variance from the requirement for street frontage

Final Plat with Variance

A request for final plat approval to create three lots on properties located at 7651 and 7661 Charlotte Pike and a variance from the street frontage requirement, at Forrest Valley Drive (unnumbered), southwest of the intersection of Charlotte Pike and Forrest Valley Drive (4.02 acres), zoned One and Two-Family Residential (R40).

**Existing Zoning** 

Single and Two-Family Residential (R40)

R40 requires a minimum 40,000 square foot lot and is intended for single-family dwellings and duplexes at an overall density of 1.16 dwelling units per acre including 25% duplex lots.

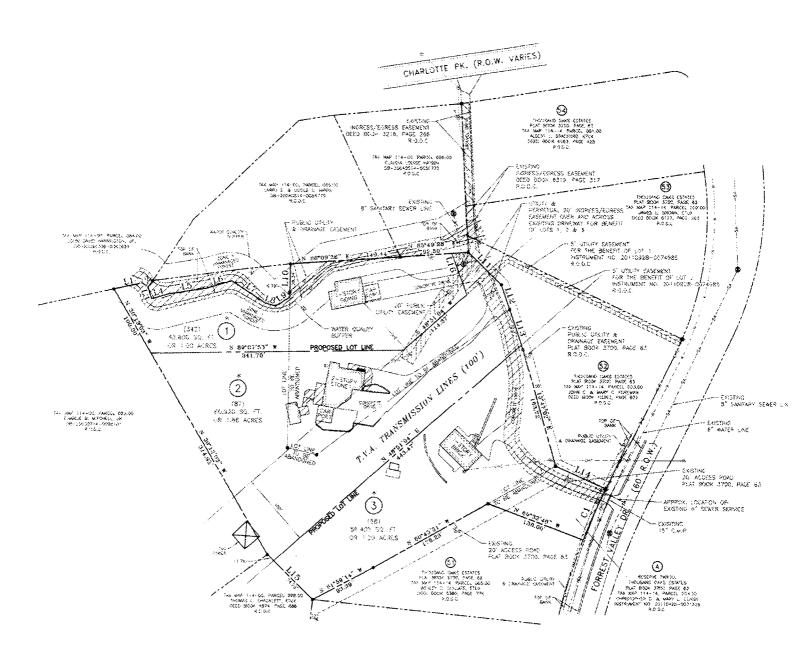
**CRITICAL PLANNING GOALS** 

N/A

#### PLAN DETAILS

Final Plat

This is a request for final plat approval for three new lots, and for a variance from the requirement of the Subdivision Regulations for street frontage. The site currently consists of three parcels with a total of three dwelling units. A residence is located on parcel 88 and two residences are located on 87. The two residences on 87 are not permitted by zoning, and this proposal will place each residence on an individual lot removing the current violation. The existing residences do not have frontage along any public street and access is provided from Charlotte Pike and Forrest Valley Drive by access easements through adjacent properties.





The proposed lots meet the minimum 40,000 square foot minimum lot size required by the R40 zoning district and will have the following land area:

Lot 1: 1 acre (43,600 square feet); Lot 2: 1.8 acres (80,920 square feet); Lot 3: 1.29 acres (56,405 square feet).

Lots 1 and 2 will not have frontage along any public street. Parcel 4 which is currently adjacent to Forrest Valley Drive will become part of Lot 3 giving it frontage along Forrest Valley Drive. Section 3-4.2.c of the Subdivision Regulations requires that all new residential lots have frontage onto a public street or in some instances onto a private street or common open space. The applicant has requested a variance from Section 3-4.2.c, for proposed Lots 1 and 2.

In the review of a variance to the Subdivision Regulations, the Planning Commission must make the following findings in order to grant approval:

- The granting of the variance shall not be detrimental to the public safety, health, or welfare or injurious to other property or improvements in the neighborhood in which the property is located.
- The conditions upon which the request for a variance is based are unique to the property for which the variance is sought and are not applicable generally to other property.
- Because of the particular physical surroundings, shape, or topographical conditions of the specific property involved, a particular hardship to the owner would result, as distinguished from a mere inconvenience, if the strict letter of these regulations were carried out.
- The variance shall not in any manner vary from the provisions of the adopted General Plan, including its constituent elements, the Major Street Plan, or the Zoning Code for Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County (Zoning Code).

The applicant has provided sufficient information to demonstrate that the requested variance would meet the findings shown above. As proposed nothing is really changing on the ground. Currently there are three homes. The request will place the existing homes on separate lots which will have no impact on the surrounding neighbors. Records indicate that the parcels were created in 1962,

Variance



prior to the regulation requiring street frontage. The parcels, with the exception of parcel four which is being incorporated into this subdivision have never had street frontage. Requiring them to have street frontage now would be impractical and impossible without requiring the applicant to purchase more land which may or may not be available. The majority of the land use policy is Natural Conservation (NCO) which recognizes environmentally sensitive lands, and promotes the conservation of sensitive areas. In this instance the policy recognizes steep hillsides. Requiring that a public road be constructed in order to give Lots 1 and 2 street frontage would have a negative impact on the hillsides and not be consistent with the NCO policy.

**Analysis** 

The proposed lots meet the minimum lot area required by zoning. While Lots 1 and 2 will not have street frontage, they will have sufficient access. Staff finds that the applicant has adequately demonstrated a hardship from the frontage requirement, meeting all the requirements for a variance, and recommends that the subdivision be approved with conditions and that the variance be approved.

### STORMWATER RECOMMENDATION

Approved

## PUBLIC WORKS RECOMMENDATION

No Exception Taken

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the subdivision with a condition. Staff recommends approval of the variance request to the frontage requirement of the Subdivision Regulations (Section 3-4.2.c), as the applicant has adequately demonstrated a hardship.

#### CONDITION

1. Final approval from Harpeth Valley Utility District shall be provided prior to the recordation of the plat.