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Planning and Development Services Division Vote Report

Meeting Date: January 25, 2016

From: Jessica Henry, Project Planner

- Location: Southeast of the intersection of White Road and Greentrails Drive.
- Petition:P.Z. 12-2015 Warwick on White Road (1050 and 1060 White Rd.): A request for a
zoning map amendment from a "NU" Non-Urban District to an "R-2" Residence
District for an 8.31 acre tract of land located southeast of the intersection of White
Road and Greentrails Drive (18R620266 and 18R340902).

<u>Summary</u>

Stock and Associates Consulting Engineers, Inc., on behalf of Fischer and Frichtel Custom Homes, LLC, has submitted a request for a zoning map amendment from a "NU" Non-Urban District to an "R-2" Residential District for an 8.31 acre tract that currently contains two single family homes. A Public Hearing for this request was held at the January 11, 2016, City of Chesterfield Planning Commission meeting.

During the Public Hearing, three issues were raised and addressed. These issues will be discussed in detail under the Staff Analysis section of this report. As a conventional (versus planned) zoning district, per code the legislation for this request will neither include a preliminary plan nor an Attachment A. If approved, the uses permitted for the subject site will be those specified in the "R-2" Residential District regulations.

Site History

The subject site includes two parcels of 4.307 and 4.003 acres and was incorporated into the City of Chesterfield under the "NU" Non-Urban District designation from St. Louis County. The homes on these lots were constructed prior to the incorporation of the City of Chesterfield.

Surrounding Land Use and Zoning

North: North of the site is the Greentrails West residential subdivision which is currently zoned "R-2" Residence District.

- **South:** To the south is Chesterfield Day School which is zoned "NU" Non-Urban District and the Conway Ridge residential subdivision which is zoned "R-2" Residence District.
- **East:** The Lake on White Road residential subdivision is located to the east of the subject site and is zoned "R1-A" Residence District and "FPR1-A" Flood Plain Residence District with a Planned Environment Unit (PEU) procedure.
- West: Developments located to the west of the subject site include the Chesterfield Day School site and the Greentrails West subdivision. Additionally, the White Road Estates and Conway Forest residential subdivisions, zoned "R1-A" Residence District and "FPR1-A" Flood Plain Residence District with a Planned Environment Unit (PEU) procedure, are located across White Road to the west.



Figure 1: Surrounding Developments

Comprehensive Plan Analysis

The subject site is located within Ward 1 of the City of Chesterfield. The City of Chesterfield Land Use Plan indicates these parcels are within the Residential Single-Family land use designation. This subject site is not located in any sub-area identified by the Comprehensive Plan. The current zoning request is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, as shown in the plan excerpt below.

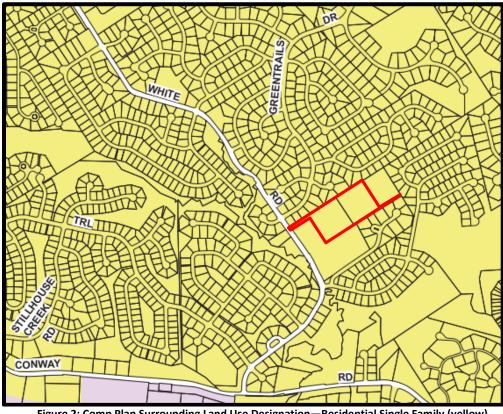


Figure 2: Comp Plan Surrounding Land Use Designation—Residential Single Family (yellow)

Staff Analysis

As this zoning request is for a change to a "straight" (conventional) zoning district, there will be no preliminary plan or Attachment A in accordance with City Code. Therefore, fixed development criteria, such as minimum lot size and building setbacks, are established by the "R-2" Residence District regulations rather than negotiated through the zoning process. The "R-2" Residence District regulations require a minimum lot size of 15,000 square feet for a single-family dwelling. The building setbacks for residential uses are as follows: twenty-five (25) foot front, ten (10) foot side, and fifteen (15) foot rear.

Uses permitted in an "R-2" Residence District include:

- Single family detached dwelling
- Churches and other places of worship
- Golf courses
- Libraries, public or private
- Wildlife reservation, forest and conservation project
- Primary school
- Kindergarten, nursery school
- Public facilities

Parks

The Public Hearing for this request was held at the January 11, 2016 Planning Commission meeting. Three issues were raised at the Public Hearing; however, these issues were advisory in nature and to be fully vetted by Staff during a future Site Plan review if the zoning request is approved. Information pertaining to each of the three issues is provided below:

- 1. Concerns regarding the existing site drainage patterns which negatively impact adjacent properties.
 - During the Public Hearing, adjacent properties owners expressed concern regarding storm • water runoff entering their properties from the subject site. In addition to the response provided by the Petitioner at the Public Hearing, Staff would offer the following information. Currently, the existing topography of subject site, which slopes southward, results in sheet flow runoff of storm water. However, if the subject site is developed, the development would be required to capture, treat, and infiltrate storm water on-site as required by the City of Chesterfield and the Metropolitan Sewer District. Additionally, during grading and construction of the development, a Land Disturbance Permit from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources would be required to ensure that control measures are in place to prevent sediment from leaving the site, particularly during larger rain events. Each of these agencies would review the proposed development to ensure that the site design meets all standards and incorporates storm water Best Management Practices (BMPs). Although engineered drawings have not been submitted at this point, if this zoning request is approved and a Site Plan is submitted for review, Staff would be happy to meet with and share these detailed plans with the adjacent residents.
- 2. Concerns regarding the loss of privacy for adjacent property owners to the south.
 - The City of Chesterfield Unified Development Code (UDC) includes that all new developments include landscape buffers. For proposed residential developments that are adjacent to existing residential developments, a twenty foot (20) landscape buffer is required. The UDC states that *"landscape buffers shall contain a combination of deciduous trees, evergreen trees, ornamental trees and shrubs and should enhance and preserve native vegetation."*
 - Additionally, the UDC states that "Landscaped berms, walls or fences are required to screen automobile headlights from areas zoned residential." Given the location of the existing access and proximity to the adjacent residences, this requirement will ensure minimal impact to the neighborhood character of the area.
- 3. Concerns regarding the preservation of specific trees.
 - If this request for a zoning map amendment is approved, the Petitioner would be required to submit a Tree Preservation Plan with any future Site Plan submittal in accordance with the development standards contained with the UDC. Tree Preservation Plans are required

to show the location, type, size, and proposed removal or preservation of all monarch trees as shown on the Tree Stand Delineation. During the Site Plan review, Staff, including the City Arborist, will issue comments with recommendations that Monarch trees be preserved when possible. At the Public Hearing, the following trees were specifically identified: trees 33 and 35 on the south property line; tree 100, a Linden; and a grove of Walnut trees located near the northeast border of the site. The Petitioner acknowledged the concern for these specific trees and Staff will work with the Petitioner during any future Site Plan review to preserve these trees, if possible.

<u>Request</u>

Staff has reviewed the request for a zoning map amendment by Stock and Associates Consulting Engineers, Inc., on behalf of Fischer and Frichtel Custom Homes, LLC and has found that the request is compliant with the City of Chesterfield Code and consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. Staff requests action on P.Z. 12-2015 Warwick on White Road (1050 and 1060 White Rd.)

Attachments

- 1. Alta Survey
 - 2. Tree Stand Delineation
- cc: Aimee Nassif, Planning and Development Services Director

