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# **Planning Commission Vote Report**

Subject: Change of Zoning Vote Report

Meeting Date: May 11, 2015

From: Jessica Henry, Project Planner

**Location:** 16659 Old Chesterfield Road

Petition: P.Z. 18-2014 City of Chesterfield (16659 Old Chesterfield Rd): A request for

a zoning map amendment from "C-7" General Extensive Commercial District to "PS" Park and Scenic District for approximately 1.4 acres located northeast of the intersection of Baxter Road and Old Chesterfield Road

(17T220498).

### **Summary**

This is a City initiated project for a change of zoning only. There are currently no development plans or proposals for this parcel. The "PS" Park and Scenic District is a straight zoning district, therefore there is no preliminary development plan or planned district ordinance associated with this request. A public hearing on this request was held before the City of Chesterfield Planning Commission on January 12, 2015.

### **Site History**

The first 21 acres of land acquired by Christian Burkhardt were platted as "Burkhardt Subdivision" in 1877 and includes the Doorack Property as shown in Figure 1 on the following page. This plat shows that the corner parcel, today known as the Doorack Property, was originally "Burkhardt's Park".

The subject site was originally zoned "C-7" General Extensive Commercial District by St. Louis County in 1965 prior to the incorporation of the City of Chesterfield.

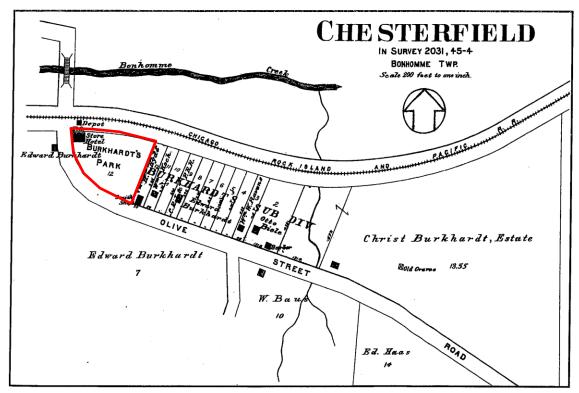


Figure 1 Plat Book of St. Louis County, Missouri (1909)

## **Surrounding Land Use and Zoning**

The land use and zoning for the properties surrounding this parcel and shown in Figure 2 on the following page are as follows:

North: The property to the north contains the railroad and is zoned "C-7" General Extensive Commercial District.

**South:** The property to the south is the historic Burkhart Place subdivision and is zoned "NU" Non-Urban District, "PC" Planned Commercial District, and "UC" Urban Core District. Several of these properties have a Landmark and Preservation Area (LPA) Overlay, as shown on the image on page four.

**East:** The property to the east is zoned "PI" Planned Industrial District.

West: The property to the west is primarily vacant and is zoned "NU" Non-Urban District.



Figure 2 Surrounding Land Uses

## **Comprehensive Plan Analysis**

The subject site is located within the Urban Core designation. The following two Comprehensive Plan Policies are relevant to this request:

# 1. Plan Policy 3.6 Urban Core

"The Urban Core should be developed to contain the highest density of mixed-use development in the City of Chesterfield. It should serve as the physical and visual focus for the City and include both residential and commercial developments with parks, municipal services, and preservation of historic structures and areas, with cultural, entertainment and pedestrian amenities for its residents."

# 2. Plan Policy 3.6.8 Urban Core-Historic Structures

Historic structures, districts, and sites should be preserved and protected and the City's historical heritage should be promoted where appropriate.



Figure 3 Map above is a section of the City's Land Use Plan. Areas in blue are included in the Urban Core area. Areas in yellow and brown are residential while the area to the north, is mixed use commercial.

# **Site and Area Analysis**

As stated in the City of Chesterfield Unified Development Code, the "PS" Park and Scenic District is intended to preserve "the community's cultural values by preserving this land in an essentially natural or native condition." This designation goes hand-in-hand with the surrounding area which contains several properties that have been designated as Landmark and Preservation Areas (LPA). A change of zoning to the "PS" Park and Scenic District for the large, vacant corner parcel would bring greater cohesiveness to this historically significant area in line with the Comprehensive Plan's vision.

# **Staff Recommendation**

Staff has reviewed the change of zoning request and found it to be in compliance with the City of Chesterfield "PS" Parks and Scenic District and all other applicable Unified Development Code requirements. Staff recommends approval of P.Z. 18-2014 City of Chesterfield (16659 Old Chesterfield Rd).

Cc: Aimee Nassif, Planning and Development Services Director

#### Attachments:

1. Outboundary Survey

