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Planning Commission Staff Report

Meeting Date: July 18, 2007
From: Mike Geisel, Acting Director of Planning
Subject: Ordinance Amendment Vote Report
Location: City of Chesterfield
Petition: P.Z. 26-2007 City of Chesterfield (PC&R Zoning District)

Proposal Summary

The City of Chesterfield is requesting to create a new Zoning District, providing guidelines and regulations relative to “downtown, mixed use developments on large tracts of land within the urban core”.

Issues

A public hearing was held on this request on July 9, 2007. At that time there were no speakers in opposition, but four spoke in support. The following issues were identified at the Public Hearing as well as those by Staff:

- 1. City Attorney was asked to review the proposed zoning category to ensure that the flexibility created by a “tiered” review and imposition of performance standards was provided for.**

City Attorney Heggie has consulted with Staff and is reviewing the text to ensure that the PC&R intent is maintained. At the time of this writing, Mr. Heggie continues his review and will offer language amendments if necessary.

- 2. Planning Commission inquired whether or not the proposed PC&R District is available throughout the entire Urban Core.**

As a minimum qualifying criteria, parcels or groups of parcels in excess of 50 acres, and within the Urban Core as designated within the City’s Comprehensive Plan, would be eligible to petition for the PC&R zoning category. As is the case with any

zoning petition, such a petition would be reviewed by Staff, the Planning Commission, the Planning and Zoning Committee and finally City Council. If City Council ultimately, based upon the series of review and associated recommendations, determined the PC&R zoning category to be appropriate, any such parcel could be rezoned to PC&R.

- 3. The Planning Commission inquired if the reference to the Chesterfield Historical Commission should be updated to reflect the CLPC (Chesterfield Landmark Preservation Commission).**

Staff concurs and has revised the PC&R draft to reflect the CLPC. See PC&R draft, page 3 paragraph 4(x).

Request

Staff requests action on P.Z. 26-2007 City of Chesterfield (PC&R Zoning District.

Respectfully submitted,



Mike Geisel,
Acting Director of Planning

Attachments

1. Draft PC&R Zoning

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PLANNED COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT ("PC&R") DISTRICT

Scope. This Section provides general regulations for the PC&R District and contains the enabling authority for the adoption of site specific ordinances, site development plan, or site development concept plan and site section plans for specific PC&R developments. Specific regulations and conditions governing a PC&R development may be provided in a site specific ordinance as authorized in this Section.

- 1) **Purpose and Intent.** This Section is intended to enable the creation of a PC&R District development comprising a minimum of fifty (50) acres in size and located only in an area designated in the Comprehensive Plan as "Urban Core". A PC&R District development is intended to create a diverse residential and commercial mixed use environment in which residential and commercial uses can be integrated pursuant to a "downtown" concept that encourages creative and coordinated design and architectural styles, efficient and effective pedestrian circulation, conservation of land resources, efficient and effective vehicular circulation, and where people can choose to live, work, eat, shop, enjoy cultural amenities and recreate. By definition, "Downtown" development is mixed-use, and usually follows one of two patterns (or an adaptation of both). First, as a vertical mix on a given parcel, land uses change from floor to floor within the same building. Typically, this pattern is residential above commercial (retail, professional services or office). The second pattern occurs when buildings or spaces of a single use are combined with those of other single uses. Examples are a street of residential buildings with commercial buildings occupying the corners or a commercial "Main Street" combined with residential "side streets."
- 2) **Permitted Uses.** Permitted uses shall be established in the Site Specific PC&R District Ordinance governing a PC&R development and may include commercial uses permitted in the Planned Commercial ("PC") District or any of the residential uses in any of the Residential Districts. Residential and commercial uses may be combined in the same building, combined on the same lot in separate buildings or on separate lots within a PC&R development.
- 3) **Performance Standards.** Performance Standards ~~are established in the Chesterfield City Code and shall be applied based upon land uses within the PC&R development. Specific performance standards may be provided in the~~ Site Specific PC&R District Ordinance governing a PC&R development or ~~provided on the Site Development Plan, Site Development Concept Plan, or Site Development Section Plan. Said performance standards may supplement, modify, alter, or eliminate performance standards provided elsewhere in the Chesterfield City Code.~~ Except where specifically stated otherwise in this Section, performance standards established in the ~~Site Specific PC&R District Ordinance governing a PC&R development or provided on the Site Development Plan, Site Development Concept Plan, or Site Development Section Plan~~ for a PC&R development shall supersede any performance standards required by any other District regulation or Ordinance of the City. Performance Standards may ~~include, but are not limited to~~ addressing one or more of the following:
 - (a) density;
 - (b) maximum height of buildings and structures;
 - (c) minimum setbacks;
 - (d) open space;
 - (e) parking;
 - (f) signage;

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(g) architectural standards.

4) **Procedure to Establish a PC&R District by Adoption of a Site Specific PC&R District Ordinance.**

In order to establish a PC&R District, the procedure shall be as follows:

(a) *Application.* The owner or owner of record or owners under contract of a lot or tract of land, or their authorized representatives, shall petition the Chesterfield City Council on forms prescribed for this purpose by the City. These forms shall be submitted to the City and accompanied by the following:

1. Filing fee per requirements of Section 1003.210, "Fees".

2. Metes and Bounds Legal description of the property.

3. Outboundary survey of the property, Prepared by a registered land surveyor, at any scale from one inch equals twenty (20) feet to one inch equals one hundred (100) feet in any increments of ten (10) feet from an accurate survey on one or more sheets whose maximum dimensions are thirty-six (36) inches by forty-two (42) inches. In certain unusual instances where the property is of unusual size or shape, the Department of Planning may permit a variation in the scale or size of the survey. If more then one sheet is required, a key map on Sheet No. 1 showing the entire project at reduced scale shall be provided if required by the Department. Said survey shall include, but is not limited to the following:

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- i. The record owner or owners of the tract.
- ii. The party who prepared the survey.
- iii. The party for whom the survey was prepared.
- iv. North arrow and graphic scale
- v. The boundary lines within the outboundary of the property with accurate distances and bearings; also all section, U.S. Survey and congressional township and range lines; and the boundary lines of municipalities; sewers, schools, and other legally established districts within and the name of or description of any of the same adjacent to or abutting on the project.
- vi. The boundary lines of all adjoining lands and the right-of-way lines of adjacent streets and alleys with their width and names.
- vii. All survey monuments, together with the descriptions.
- viii. Certification by a land surveyor who performs the property survey to the effect that the plat represents a survey made by him, and that the locations of all required survey monuments, installed or to be installed, are correctly shown thereon. The month and year during which the survey was made shall also be shown.
- ix. The outboundary corners of the tract be tied into the State Plane Coordinate System in accordance with the Missouri Minimum Standards for Property Boundary Surveys.

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4. Preliminary Development Plan, Prepared by a registered land surveyor, at any scale from one inch equals twenty (20) feet to one inch equals one hundred (100) feet in any increments of ten (10) feet from an accurate survey on one or more sheets whose maximum dimensions

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are thirty-six (36) inches by forty-two (42) inches. In certain unusual instances where the property is of unusual size or shape, the Department of Planning may permit a variation in the scale or size of the plan. If more than one sheet is required, a key map on Sheet No. 1 showing the entire project at reduced scale shall be provided. The Preliminary Development Plan shall at a minimum include, but is not limited to the following:

- (i) A key map showing the tract and its relation to the surrounding area.
- (ii) A north arrow and scale.
- (iii) Approximate location of all existing structures to be retained within the tract and within 225 feet thereof.
- (iv) Location of wooded areas within the tract and 225 feet thereof.
- (v) Names of the owners of all property adjoining the tract as disclosed by the most recent assessor's record.
- (vi) Existing streets, roads, and approximate location of wet and dry weather water courses, floodplain areas, sink holes, and other significant physical features within the tract and within 225 feet thereof.
- (vii) Direction of and approximate distance to the nearest major street intersection.
- (viii) Conceptual location of proposed points of access, extensions or improvements to existing streets.
- (ix) Sufficient existing contour data, at not more than 5 foot intervals, to indicate the slope and drainage of the tract and the high and low points thereof. Contour data shall extend 225 feet beyond the limits of the subdivision boundaries. Nothing herein is intended to require a physical topographic survey, U.S.G.S. generated topographic data is sufficient.
- (x) Approximate location of any historical building which exists within the boundaries of the site as identified by the St. Louis County Historic Building Commission or the Chesterfield Landmark Preservation Commission (CLPC).
- (xi) Proposed categories of uses (commercial and residential) and cumulative total square footage of commercial uses and cumulative total number of units of residential uses; and
- (xii) Other information requested by the City.

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(b) *Public hearing.* A public hearing on the petition and Preliminary Development Plan shall be held by the Planning Commission in accordance with the provisions of Section 1003.300, "Procedure for Amending the Zoning Ordinance," provided, however, a public hearing shall be set within forty-five (45) days of acceptance of the petition, filing fee, and Preliminary Development Plan meeting all requirements of this Section by the Department of Planning.

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(c) *Planning Commission recommendation.* No action shall be taken by the City Council with respect to the petition and the Preliminary Development Plan until it has received the recommendation of the Planning Commission. The recommendation shall address planning considerations and may include recommended Performance Standards.

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5) **Procedure to Approve a Site Development Concept Plan and Section Plan(s).** This Subsection 5) assumes the PC&R District development will be developed in phases. A Site Development Concept Plan and Section Plan(s) shall be reviewed by the Planning Commission as follows:

- (a) The Site Development Concept Plan shall assure consistency and continuity of the "downtown" concept and shall comply with the Site Specific PC&R District Ordinance

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and the applicable provisions of the City of Chesterfield Code; any Section Plan shall comply with the Site Specific PC&R District Ordinance, the Site Development Concept Plan and the applicable provisions of the City of Chesterfield Code.

- (b) Within sixty (60) days after approval by the Planning Commission, the Site Development Concept Plan and the Site Development Section Plan(s) shall be recorded with the St. Louis County Recorder of Deeds.

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6) **Procedure to Approve a Site Development Plan.** This Subsection 6) assumes the PC&R District development will not be developed in phases. A Site Development Plan shall be reviewed by the Planning Commission as follows:

- (a) The Site Development Plan shall comply with the Site Specific PC&R District Ordinance and the applicable provisions of the City of Chesterfield Code.
- (b) Within sixty (60) days after approval by the Planning Commission, the Site Development Plan shall be recorded with the St. Louis County Recorder of Deeds.

7) **Procedure to Amend a Site Specific Ordinance, Site Development Plan, Site Development Concept Plan or Site Development Section Plan.** In order to amend an existing Site Specific PC&R District Ordinance or to amend the Site Development Plan, Site Development Concept Plan or a Site Development Section Plan, the procedure shall be as follows:

- (a) *To amend the site Specific PC&R District Ordinance:*
 - 1. The property owner or authorized representative shall submit a written request to amend to the City.
 - 2. A public hearing shall then be held and the request to amend shall be acted upon in accordance with the procedure herein specified in Subsection 4) for an original petition to establish a PC&R District.
- (b) *To amend the recorded Site Development Plan, Site Development Concept Plan or a Site Development Section Plan:*
 - 1. The property owner or authorized representative shall submit a proposed amended Site Development Plan, Site Development Concept Plan or Site Development Section Plan to the City for review.
 - 2. The proposed amendment to the Site Development Plan, Site Development Concept Plan or Site Development Section Plan shall be reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission. Said approved amended plan shall be recorded with the St. Louis County Recorder of Deeds within sixty (60) days after the Planning Commission's approval.