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## **Planning Commission Public Hearing Report**

Meeting Date: November 25, 2019

From: Andrew Stanislav, Planner AS

Location: 1 Wiegand Drive & 16905 Baxter Road

Petition: P.Z. 15-2019 Wiegand Studio (Wiegand Foundation): A request for a zoning map amendment from the "NU" Non-Urban District and "C-3" Shopping District to the "PC" Planned Commercial District with an existing "H" Historic Designation to remain for two tracts of land totaling 2.82 acres located on the east side of Baxter Road at its intersection with Edison Avenue (17T220942, 17T310335).

## **SUMMARY**

The Wiegand Foundation, with Volz, Inc., is requesting a zoning map amendment from the "NU" Non-Urban District and "C-3" Shopping District to the "PC" Planned Commercial District with an existing "H" Historic Designation to remain for two tracts of land totaling 2.82 acres located on the east side of Baxter Road at its intersection with Edison Avenue. The new "PC" Planned Commercial District would allow for the property to resume use as an "Art Studio", and no physical improvements are proposed at this time.

## **HISTORY OF SUBJECT SITE**

The original building was constructed as the Kroeger Slaughterhouse in 1926 by Andrew Kroeger, Edward Burkhardt, and Arthur Bierbauer. This property was used as a



Figure 1: Subject Site Aerial

slaughterhouse, auction barn, and horse shoeing school for approximately 40 years. Frank Wiegand purchased the property in the mid-1950s, with restoration work and additions to the property beginning

in 1965 by Don Wiegand. A fourth phase of work began in 1985 to utilize the property an art studio. Restoration work again occurred to the site following the flood of 1993.

The current "NU" Non-Urban District zoning (1 Wiegand Drive) was established prior to the City's incorporation, and the "C-3" Shopping District zoning (16905 Baxter Road) was established in February 1997 via City of Chesterfield Ordinance 1228 in conjunction with the Chesterfield Grove development later amended in February 1998 via Ordinance 1371.

The existing "H" Historic Designation was established on June 16, 2008, via the passage of Ordinance 2461 as recommended by the former Landmarks Preservation Commission (now Chesterfield Historic and Landmark Preservation Committee, or CHLPC) to be included on the Chesterfield Historic Register. This designation provides regulations pertaining to the building's exterior architectural features and other features of the site which have historical significance.

#### LAND USE AND ZONING OF SURROUNDING PROPERTIES

The land use and zoning for the properties surrounding the subject property are as follows:

Direction	Zoning	Land Use
North	"C-3" Shopping District	Commercial/Retail
West	"M-1" Industrial District	Stone Supplier
South	"FPNU" Floodplain Non-Urban District	Levee Trail/Bonhomme Creek
East	"C-3" Shopping District	Commercial/Office

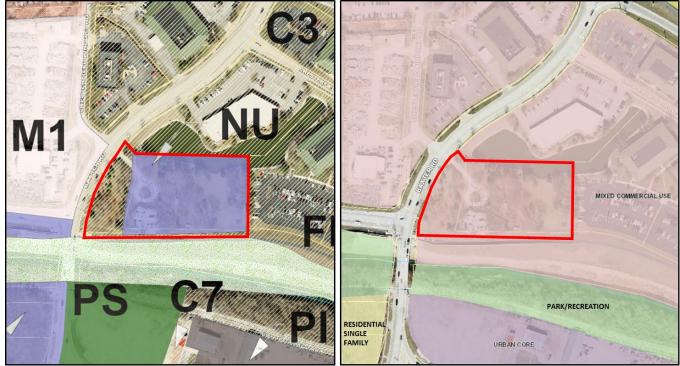


Figure 2: Zoning Map

Figure 3: Future Land Use Map

### **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ANALYSIS**

The subject site is located within Ward 4 of the City of Chesterfield. The City of Chesterfield Land Use Plan indicates this parcel is within the "Mixed Commercial Use" along with all adjacent properties. The Comprehensive Plan designates appropriate land uses of the "Mixed Commercial Use" designation as "retail, low-density office, and limited office/warehouse facilities."

There are limited Plan Policies applicable to this request considering there are no physical improvements proposed for this site and the request is solely to resume use of the property as an art studio:

**<u>3.6.8 Historic Preservation</u>** – Historic structures, districts, and sites should be preserved and protected and the City's historical heritage should be promoted where appropriate.

The proposed use to resume the use of an art studio at the subject property aligns with the above stated policy, as well as the intent to preserve the existing building and site conditions. Retaining the "H" Historic Designation for this property also follows this intention.

#### STAFF ANALYSIS

The Petitioner is requesting a change of zoning from the "NU" Non-Urban District and "C-3" Shopping District to the "PC" Planned Commercial District with an existing "H" Historic Designation to remain, with the purpose of resuming use of the property as an art studio.

#### Art Studio Use

The petitioner is requesting "art studio" as the sole permitted use for this development. The Unified Development Code (UDC) defines art studio as the following: *"Work space for artists or artisans, including individuals practicing one of the fine arts or skilled in an applied art or craft."* 

This property was formerly utilized as an art studio as a legal non-conforming use in the "NU" Non-Urban District, which has subsequently expired as this use was discontinued for greater than a twelve month period in accordance with the City's Code. In order to resume use of this property as an art studio, a change of zoning is required to an active zoning district that allows art studio as a permitted use.

#### **Preliminary Development Plan**

A zoning map amendment to a planned zoning district, such as "PC" Planned Commercial District, requires a Preliminary Development Plan which has been included in the Planning Commission's packet. The subject property is an existing development, and the applicant is not proposing any physical improvements at this time. All existing structures and site conditions are to remain unchanged as depicted in the attached Preliminary Development Plan. Any future improvements to the property would be required to follow the necessary review and approval process by the City.

A Public Hearing further addressing the request will be held at the November 25, 2019 City of Chesterfield Planning Commission meeting. Attached please find a copy of the Public Hearing Notice, Applicant's Narrative Statement, and the Preliminary Development Plan.

P.Z. 15-2019 Wiegand Studio (Wiegand Foundation)

#### Attachments

- 1. Public Hearing Notice
- 2. Narrative Statement
- 3. Preliminary Development Plan



# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF CHESTERFIELD PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Chesterfield will hold a Public Hearing on November 25, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Chesterfield City Hall, 690 Chesterfield Parkway West, Chesterfield Missouri 63017.

Said Hearing will be as follows:

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## **PROPERTY DESCRIPTION**

Parcel 1: A tract of land in U.S. Survey 2031 Township 45 North Range 4 East AND Parcel 2: A tract of land located in U.S. Survey 2031 Township 45 North Range 4 East.





Information on this Public Hearing may be found on the City's website at http://www.chesterfield.mo.us/public-notice.html or by contacting Planner Andrew Stanislav at 636.537.4738 or via e-mail at astanislav@chesterfield.mo.us. All interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard at the Public Hearing.



September 26, 2019

#### Wiegand Foundation

The project located at 1 Wiegand drive is an existing Art Studio with a "H" Historical designation recently purchased by the Wiegand Foundation it is their desire to rezone the site which is currently zoned "C3" and "NU" to "PC" Planned Commercial. There are no improvements planned at this time and the use will remain "Artist Studio".

#### Setbacks:

30' Building & Parking setback from Baxter Road

- 15' Building & Parking setback from the northern property line & from the Lake easement.
- 10' Building & Parking setback from the southern property line
- 15' Building & Parking setback from the eastern property line

16905 Baxter Rd – Locator # 17T220942 "C3"

1 Wiegand Dr – Locator # 17T310335 "NU"

#### **Studio History**

- The original part of the building (brick structure) is the restored Andy Kroeger slaughter house constructed in 1926;
- Restoration and expansion for art studio begun in 1965 by sculptor, Don Wiegand;
- Recipient of Excellent Adaptive Reuse award, St. Louis County Historic Buildings Commission, 1985;
- Restoration and renovation of structure begun in 1993 after the great flood, concluded in 1997 and inspected and approved by St. Louis County;
- City Council of Chesterfield, MO, in association with the Landmarks Preservation Commission of Chesterfield, recognized the building and property as an historical site in 2008;
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers constructed flood wall on the property's southern boundary, 2009-2011;
- Mr. Wiegand holds three copyrights on the structure, registered with the Library of Congress, Washington, DC: an architectural copyright on the design and construction of the building itself and two copyrights for embellishments within the structure;
- Mr. Wiegand considers the studio his largest sculpture. The surrounding grounds were designed and maintained as Land Art;

