REPORT OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOR

APPLICATION FOR REZONING ORDINANCE 2019-312

JUNE 6, 2019

The Planning and Development Department hereby forwards to the Planning Commission, Land Use and Zoning Committee, and City Council its comments and recommendation regarding Application for Rezoning Ordinance 2019-312.

Location: South side of AC Skinner Parkway between

Belfort Road and Southside Boulevard (SR

115)

Real Estate Number(s): 154378-0000

Current Zoning District(s): Commercial Office (CO)

Industrial Business Park (IBP)

Proposed Zoning District: Residential Medium Density-D (RMD-D)

Current Land Use Category: Community General Commercial (CGC)

Business Park (BP)

Proposed Land Use Category: Medium Density Residential (MDR)

Planning District: Southeast, District 3

Applicant/Agent: Curtis Hart

8051 Tara Lane

Jacksonville, Florida 32216

Owner: Jacksonville Transportation Authority

100 North Myrtle Ave, P.O. Box O

Jacksonville, Florida 32203

Staff Recommendation: APPROVE

GENERAL INFORMATION

Application for Rezoning Ordinance 2019-312 seeks to rezone approximately 38.27 acres of land from Commercial Office (CO) to RMD-D. The rezoning is being sought construct multi-family dwellings on the property.

STANDARDS, CRITERIA AND FINDINGS

Pursuant to Section 656.125 of the Zoning Code, an applicant for a proposed rezoning bears the burden of proving, by substantial competent evidence, that the proposed rezoning is consistent with the City's comprehensive plan for future development of the subject parcel. In determining whether a proposed rezoning is consistent with the 2030 Comprehensive Plan, the Planning and Development Department considers several factors, including (a) whether it is consistent with the functional land use category identified in the Future Land Use Map series of the Future Land Use Element; (b) whether it furthers the goals, objectives and policies of the Comprehensive Plan; and (c) whether it conflicts with any portion of the City's land use regulations. Thus, the fact that a proposed rezoning is permissible within a given land use category does not automatically render it consistent with the 2030 Comprehensive Plan, as a determination of consistency entails an examination of several different factors.

1. Is the proposed rezoning consistent with the <u>2030 Comprehensive Plan?</u>

Yes. There is a companion Application for Semi-Annual Land Use Amendment to the Future Land Use Map Series of the <u>2030 Comprehensive Plan</u>, Ordinance 2019-311 (Application L-5237-19A) requesting to change the functional land use category of the subject property from BP and CGC to MDR. The Planning and Development Department has submitted its report on the companion Large-scale Land Use Amendment L-5237-19A and recommends that the same be approved.

2. Does the proposed rezoning further the goals, objectives and policies of the <u>2030</u> Comprehensive Plan?

Yes. This proposed rezoning to RMD-D is consistent with the <u>2030 Comprehensive Plan</u>, and furthers the following goals, objectives and policies contained herein, including:

Future Land Use Element:

FLUE Policy 1.2.9 Require new development and redevelopment in the Central Business District, Urban Priority Area, Urban Area, and Suburban Area to be served by centralized wastewater collection and potable water distribution systems when centralized service is available to the site. New septic tanks in this area maybe permitted only as interim facilities pursuant to the requirements of the Sanitary Sewer Sub-Element.

The proposed project will be served by centralized wastewater and potable water distribution per the provided JEA Letter dated March 20, 2017. The proposed project is consistent with Policy 1.2.9

Policy 3.1.6 The City shall provide for development of a wide variety of housing types by area, consistent with the housing needs characteristics and socioeconomic profiles of the City's households as described in the Housing Element.

The proposed rezoning will provide an additional housing type for those employed in the area.

FLUE Policy 6.3 The City shall accommodate growth in Jacksonville by encouraging and facilitating new infill development and redevelopment on vacant, bypassed and underutilized land within areas that already have infrastructure, utilities, and public facilities, while addressing the needs of City residents.

The proposed project will be built along a long stretch of A.C. Skinner Parkway which is currently vacant and underutilized. The proposed project will be consistent with policy 6.3.

Archaeological Sensitivity

According to the Duval County Archaeological Predictive Model, the subject property is located within an area of high sensitivity for the presence of archaeological resources. Projects that move forward through the Site Review process may be required to perform a Professional Archaeological Reconnaissance Survey. If archaeological resources are found during future development/redevelopment of the site, Section 654.122 of the Code of Subdivision Regulations should be followed.

Historic Preservation Element

Policy 1.2.6 The Planning and Development Department shall maintain and update for planning and permitting purposes, a U.S.G.S. series of topographic maps upon which recorded archaeological sites are shown.

Flood Zones

Approximately 3.0 acres of the subject site is located within either the 0.2 PCT Annual Chance Flood Hazard or AE flood zones (Attachment E). Flood zone designations are assigned by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). FEMA defines the various flooding characteristics of different lands based on a 100-year storm. The 100-year storm of Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) refers to a flood occurring from a storm event that happens an average of every 100 years. This does not mean that a storm of this type will happen every 100-years. There is a 1-percent chance that a storm of this magnitude will occur in any given year.

The 0.2 PCT Annual Chance Flood Hazard flood zone is defined as areas within the 500-year floodplain and outside of the SFHA. Flood insurance is not mandatory within these flood zones. The areas are deemed to be subject to moderate flood hazards. The AE flood zone is defined as areas within the 100-year floodplain or SFHA where flood insurance is mandatory. Any development within the floodplain will be required to comply with Chapter 652, the Floodplain Management Ordinance.

Conservation / Coastal Management Element (CCME)

Policy 1.4.4 The City shall require all development within the 100-year flood plain to be in strict conformance with all applicable federal, State, regional and local development regulations.

Policy 2.7.1 The City shall continue to define the surface hydrology of the area to determine flood plain vulnerability and sensitivity, and will determine appropriate protection measures. Policy 2.7.3 The City shall protect appropriate floodplain areas for the public benefit and

restore degraded floodplain areas by:

- A. Land acquisition or conservation easement acquisition;
- B. Regulation, including setbacks, buffer zones, designated wildlife corridors, low density zoning, performance standards and open space requirements; and
- C. Incentives, including tax benefits and transfer of development rights.

SURROUNDING LAND USE AND ZONING

The surrounding uses, land use category and zoning are as follows:

Adjacent	Land Use	Zoning	Current Use
Property	Category	District	
North	CGC	CO	Undeveloped
South	BP	IBP	Undeveloped
East	RPI	CRO	Multi-family units
West	CGC	PUD (18-515)	Proposed multi-family units

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Upon visual inspection of the subject property on June 6, 2019, the required Notice of Public Hearing sign was posted.



RECOMMENDATION

Based on the foregoing, it is the recommendation of the Planning and Development Department that Application for Rezoning 2019-312 be APPROVED.



Aerial view of subject property

