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SUBJECT:

DCP20-327 Public hearing and recommendation to City Council regarding a proposed rezoning of approximately 19.963 acres out of the Sarah DeWitt Survey No. 48, Abstract No. 103, in Guadalupe County, Texas, located at the northeast corner of the intersection of FM 725 and East Klein Road, from "R-1" Single-Family District and "APD" Agricultural/Pre-Development District to "REAPD" River's Edge Apartments Planned Development District.

BACKGROUND / RATIONALE:

Case No.: DCP20-0327

Council District: 2

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The subject property is comprised of 19.963 acres on the northeast corner of the intersection of FM 725 and East Klein Road abutting FM 725 and Lake Dunlap and is developed with a single-family residence and some accessory buildings. The front 300 feet of depth of the subject property adjacent to FM 725 is zoned "R-1" Single-Family District and the remainder of the property is zoned "APD" Agricultural-Pre/Development District. The area around the subject property includes a mixture of residential and non-residential uses including single-family residential neighborhoods, four churches, two self-storage facilities, two convenience stores with fuel sales, a bingo hall, a restaurant, and the site of a future IDEA Public School. Properties to the east, across Lake Dunlap, as well as most properties to the south, across East Klein Road, are outside the city limits.

The applicant is requesting a zoning change from R-1 and APD to a Planned Development District (PD) for multifamily with a maximum density of 20 units per acre. If approved the PD will be known as "River's Edge Apartments".

The base zoning for the proposed PD is "R-3H" Multifamily High Density District, which is intended for development of multiple-family residences at not more than 24 units per acre that should be located on arterials and state roads and not be accessed through single-family and duplex areas. In general, the applicant proposes more restrictive development standards than the R-3H district pertaining to permitted uses, maximum density, minimum lot area, minimum setbacks, maximum building height and maximum lot coverage (see attached R-3H and PD Development Standards Comparison Table). However, the proposed residential setback development standard could potentially allow a less restrictive setback as it proposes an alternate method of measuring building height at the eave of a building rather than at the highest point of a structure. (see notes at the bottom of the attached R-3H and PD Development Standards Comparison Table).

If the Planning Commission chooses to recommend approval of the proposed PD as submitted, staff suggests modifying the residential setback requirement to meet the minimum standard of the R-3H District or at least incorporate an incremental or stair step setback requirement so that the height at any point on the building must have at least an equal distant setback from the adjacent residential property line. For example if the eave of a building is 30 feet above grade and the peak of the roof is 45 feet above grade, the eave must be setback at least 30 feet from the property line and the location of the roof pitch on the building must be setback at least 45 feet from the property line. This would help alleviate any concerns from nearby single-family homes who often prefer increased buffering from multi-story residential structures.

TXDOT has indicated access from FM 725 would be restricted due to its location near the intersection with Klein Road and the traffic signal. The applicant proposes access from Klein Road, a Minor Arterial roadway, but will need to negotiate with the adjacent property owner for access.

If the rezoning is approved for the Planned Development District, a Detail Plan (similar to a site plan) will be required to be submitted to the City and approved by the Planning Commission prior to issuing a building permit for the construction of the multifamily development. The property will also need to be platted prior to obtaining a building permit.

Surrounding Zoning and Land Use:

North - R-1 & APD / Single-family residence and agricultural use
South - APD & R-1, Across E. Klein Rd, C-3 & outside City Limits / Undeveloped parcels, across E. Klein Rd., single-family residences, a church and undeveloped parcels
East - Across Lake Dunlap, outside City Limits / Undeveloped parcels
West - Across FM 725, R-2A / A church

Determination Factors:

In making a decision on zoning, the following factors are to be considered:

- Whether the permitted uses will be appropriate in the immediate area, and their relationship to the area and to the City as a whole (*The proposed zoning would be appropriate and compatible with the mixture of existing residential and commercial development in the area. High density multifamily use is intended along arterials and state roads where it will not be accessed through single-family or two-family areas. The subject property is located on FM 725, a state roadway*

with a Principal Arterial classification that will soon be widened. Access is proposed from Klein Road, a Minor Arterial).

- Whether the change is in accord with any existing or proposed public schools, streets, water supply, sanitary sewers, and other utilities to the area (*The impact on existing streets will be reviewed through the platting process. A TIA will be required at that time, which will determine if any improvements are required to be made by the developer to accommodate traffic associated with the proposed multifamily development. The adequacy of public facilities and utilities to serve any additional demand is evaluated by each provider. NBISD and utility providers have been notified of the proposed rezoning*).
- How other areas designated for similar development will be affected (*The proposed zoning change should not negatively affect other areas designated for similar development as the proposed PD development standards are generally more restrictive than the standard R-3H zoning district with the exception of the residential setback buffer previously mentioned in this report*).
- Any other factors that will substantially affect the public health, safety, morals, or general welfare (*Drainage, utility and traffic impact will be reviewed and addressed through the platting process. A masonry buffer wall (unless objected to by abutting property owner(s)) and landscaping will be required along the common property line shared with the 25-acre parcel to the north with a single family-residence as well a minimum setback of 25 feet. Depending on the pitch of the roof of the buildings near the adjacent residential property line, the proposed residential setback requirement allowing height of the building to be measured at the eave rather than the highest point of the building could potentially result in a lesser setback than required by the R-3H District*).
- Whether the request is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan: See below

ADDRESSES A NEED/ISSUE IN A CITY PLAN OR COUNCIL PRIORITY:

City Plan/Council Priority: Envision New Braunfels	<u>Consistent Actions</u> Action 1.3: Encourage balanced and fiscally responsible land use patterns. Action 3.1: Plan for healthy jobs/housing balance. Action 3.18: Encourage multifamily to disperse throughout the community rather than to congregate in masse. Action 3.13: Cultivate an environment where a healthy mix of different housing products at a range of sizes, affordability, densities, amenities and price points can be provided across the community as well as within individual developments. Future Land Use Plan: The property lies within the Dunlap Sub Area on a Transitional Mixed-Use Corridor (FM 725) and is in close proximity to existing and proposed Outdoor Recreation and Civic Centers.
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FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approval. Multifamily use of the subject property would be compatible and consistent with development and zoning in the surrounding area and the Comprehensive plan. The property fronts

onto FM 725, a Principal Arterial roadway, and access is proposed from Klein Road, a Minor Arterial roadway; high density multifamily use is intended to be located on such roadways, and does not require access through any residential neighborhoods. Staff's recommendation includes modifying the proposed residential setback development standard to meet the minimum requirement of the R-3H District or at least incorporate an incremental or stair step setback requirement so that the height at any point on a building must have at least an equal distant setback from an adjacent single or two-family residential use or zoned property.

Notification:

Public hearing notices were sent to 7 owners of property within 200 feet of the request and inside the City Limits of New Braunfels. The City has received no responses in favor at this time and one opposed from property owner number 5 on the notification map.

Opposition from within the notification area represents more than 20% of the notification area. A $\frac{3}{4}$ majority of City Council (6 votes) will be required for approval of the applicant's request.

Staff received 4 additional responses in opposition representing 3 properties outside of the notification buffer and City Limits on East Klein Road.

RESOURCE LINKS:

- Chapter 144, Sec. 3.3-1 "R-1" Single Family District, of the City's Code of Ordinances:
https://library.municode.com/tx/new_braunfels/codes/code_of_ordinances?
- Chapter 144, Secs. 3.4-1 "APD" Agricultural/Pre-Development District, of the City's Code of Ordinances:
https://library.municode.com/tx/new_braunfels/codes/code_of_ordinances?
- Chapter 144, Secs. 3.5 Planned Development Districts, of the City's Code of Ordinances:
https://library.municode.com/tx/new_braunfels/codes/code_of_ordinances?

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Aerial Map
2. Land Use Maps (Zoning, Existing and Future Land Use)
3. Proposed Concept Plan
4. Proposed Development Standards
5. "R-3H" Multifamily High Density District and "River's Edge Apartments" Planned Development District Development Standards Comparison Table
6. Notification List, Map and Responses