

KNOXVILLE/KNOX COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION USE ON REVIEW REPORT

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POSTPONEMENT(S): 8/10/2006-9/14/2006 **AGENDA DATE: 10/12/2006**

► APPLICANT: STUART HENRY

OWNER(S): WOODLANDS OF KNOXVILLE, LLC

TAX ID NUMBER: 108 8

JURISDICTION: City Council District 1

► LOCATION: North side of Cherokee Trail, north end of Candora Rd.

► APPX. SIZE OF TRACT: 78.69 acres
SECTOR PLAN: South City

GROWTH POLICY PLAN: Urban Growth Area (Inside City Limits)

ACCESSIBILITY: Access is via Cherokee Trail, a minor collector street with an 18' pavement

width within a 50' right-of-way.

UTILITIES: Water Source: Knoxville Utilities Board

Sewer Source: Knoxville Utilities Board

► ZONING: RP-1 (Planned Residential)

► EXISTING LAND USE: Residence and vacant land

► PROPOSED USE: Park facilities and green space

HISTORY OF ZONING: Property rezoned to RP-1 (Planned Residential) at a density of up to 3 du/ac

by Knoxville City Council on April 11, 2006.

SURROUNDING LAND

North: Tennessee River / F-1 (Floodway)

USE AND ZONING:

South: Student housing, residence and vacant land / RP-1 (Planned

Residential) & R-1 (Low Density Residential)

East: Residences and vacant land / RP-1 (Planned Residential) & R-1A

(Low Density Residential)

West: Residences and vacant land / RP-1 (Planned Residential)

NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXT: This site which is located on the north side of Cherokee Trail and east of UT

Hospital is in an area that has a mix of medium and low density residential

development and vacant land areas.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE the development plan for the park facilities and greenspace plan subject to 8 conditions

- 1. Connection to sanitary sewer and meeting any other relevant requirements of the Knox County Health Department.
- 2. Meeting all applicable requirements of the Knoxville Zoning Ordinance.
- 3. Provision of street names which are consistent with the Uniform Street Naming and Addressing System within Knoxville (City Ord. 0-280-90).
- 4. Prior to the issuance of any grading permits for this development, submitting design plans to the Knoxville Engineering Division for review and approval of the alteration of Cherokee Trail that is necessary for obtaining the required sight distance at the development entrance.

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- 5. Prior to obtaining any building permits for the development, establishing and certifying to the Knoxville Engineering Division a minimum of 300' of sight distance at the development entrance in both directions along Cherokee Trail.
- 6. Meeting all applicable requirements of the Knoxville Engineering Division.
- 7. Providing an adequate turn-around area for emergency vehicles at the amphitheater/activity field site subject to approval by the Knoxville Fire Marshal's Office.
- 8. Providing a public greenway trail easement across the property as designated on the plan and subject to approval by the Knoxville Greenways Coordinator.

With the conditions noted, this plan meets the requirements for approval within a RP-1 (Planned Residential) district and the criteria for approval of a use on review.

COMMENTS:

The applicant is proposing the development of a park/recreational area for The Woodlands of Knoxville development. The facilities will serve the first and second phases of the student housing development that are located on the north and south side of Cherokee Trail and the third phase of the development that will be located out near the bluff along the Tennessee River. This will be a private facility that will include an activity field, amphitheater, boardwalks at the two ponds, an overlook at the bluff, a pavilion and walking trails. A public greenway will be located along the river.

The proposed access for the park facility will also serve as the access for the third phase of the development that will be submitted for review at a later date. In order to achieve the required sight distance at the entrance off of Cherokee Trail, the applicant will be required at their expense to alter the existing roadway for Cherokee Trail. Alteration of Cherokee Trail is subject to approval by the Knoxville Engineering Division.

EFFECT OF THE PROPOSAL ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, SURROUNDING PROPERTIES AND THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE

- 1. Public water and sewer utilities are available to serve the site.
- 2. The proposed park facilities will not impact the public school system.
- 3. With the establishment of the required sight distance at the entrance and other improvements to the road system that will be implemented as a result of the Woodlands of Knoxville development, the traffic impact of this development will be addressed.

CONFORMITY OF THE PROPOSAL TO CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE KNOX COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE

- 1. With the recommended conditions, the proposal meets all requirements of the RP-1 zoning as well as the general criteria for approval of a use-on-review.
- 2. The proposed park facilities are consistent with the following general standards for uses permitted on review: The proposal is consistent with the adopted plans and policies of the General Plan and Sector Plan. The use is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Zoning Ordinance. The use is compatible with the character of the neighborhood where it is proposed. The use will not significantly injure the value of adjacent property. The use will not draw substantial additional traffic through residential areas since the development is located on a collector street. No surrounding land uses will pose a hazard or create and unsuitable environment for the proposed use.

CONFORMITY OF THE PROPOSAL TO ADOPTED MPC PLANS

- 1. The South City Sector Plan proposes low density residential uses for the site. The development as proposed complies with the Sector Plan and the current zoning of the site (RP-1).
- 2. The site is located within the Urban Growth Area on the Knoxville-Knox County-Farragut Growth Policy Plar map.

MPC's approval or denial of this request is final, unless the action is appealed to the Knoxville City Council. The date of the Knoxville City Council hearing will depend on when the appeal application is filed. Appellants have 15 days to appeal an MPC decision in the City.

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