

KNOXVILLE/KNOX COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION PLAN AMENDMENT/REZONING REPORT

► FILE #: 6-K-07-RZ 6-C-07-SP	AGENDA ITEM #: 86 AGENDA DATE: 6/14/2007				
APPLICANT:	KENNETH GIBSON				
OWNER(S):	GIBSON KENNETH				
TAX ID NUMBER:	57 145				
JURISDICTION:	Commission District 7				
► LOCATION:	Northwest side Dante Rd., southwest of Greer Rd.				
► TRACT INFORMATION:	1 acres.				
SECTOR PLAN:	North County				
GROWTH POLICY PLAN:	Urban Growth Area (Outside City Limits)				
ACCESSIBILITY:	Access is via Dante Rd., a two lane, minor arterial street with 20' of pavement within a 50' right-of-way.				
UTILITIES:	Water Source: Hallsdale-Powell Utility District				
	Sewer Source: Hallsdale-Powell Utility District				
PRESENT PLAN DESIGNATION/ZONING:	MDR (Medium Density Residential) / RA (Low Density Residential)				
PROPOSED PLAN DESIGNATION/ZONING:	C (Commercial) / CA (General Business)				
EXISTING LAND USE:	Residence				
PROPOSED USE:	Phone service and truck storage for contractor's business				
EXTENSION OF PLAN DESIGNATION/ZONING:	Yes				
HISTORY OF ZONING REQUESTS:	None noted				
SURROUNDING LAND USE,	North: Residences MDR/ RA and RB Residential				
PLAN DESIGNATION, ZONING	South: Dante Rd., residences and railroad right-of-way / LDR, MDR / A-1 and RA Residential				
	East: Residences / MDR / RA Residential				
	West: Railroad right-of-way / C, MDR / RA, CB and A-1 Agricultural				
NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXT:	This residential site is located adjacent to the railroad right-of-way, at the western edge of an older group of housing units zoned RA and RB.				
ESTIMATED STUDENT YIELD:	0 (public and private school children, ages 5-18 years)				

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

DENY C (Commercial) designation

Extension of the commercial designation across the railroad right-of-way from the west would remove the physical buffer that separates the RA and RB zoned residential housing along the section of Dante Rd. from

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the commercial uses that occur to the west of the railroad along Dante Rd and Central Ave., within CA, CB, C-4 and C-3 zones. The sector plan proposes medium density uses for this site, maintaining the railroad right-of-way as the separation between the commercial and residential zones and uses.

DENY CA zoning based on the sector plan recommendation

CA zoning on the east side of the railroad right-of-way will adversely impact the residential character of the adjoining properties along Dante Rd., as well as lead to a strip commercial pattern along this section of Dante Rd.

COMMENTS:

NEED AND JUSTICATION FOR THE PROPOSAL

1. The applicant acquired this site for the location of his business office and commercial vehicle storage and is seeking rezoning to CA to allow the propsed use. The C Commercial designation and CA zoning of this property will be an intrusion of non-residential zoning and uses along Dante Rd. to the east across the present separation provided by the railroad ROW.

2. The request is not consistent with the adjoining RA zoning and residential uses found east of the railroad ROW.

THE EFFECT OF THE PROPOSAL

1. Public water and sewer are available in the area.

2. The Commercial designation and CA zone will not impact school enrollment.

3. CA zoning of this site will introduce non-residential zoning further along Dante Rd., northeast of the established railroad buffer ROW changing the established land use pattern of the area and likely leading to future rezoning request for commercial expansion along Dante Rd.

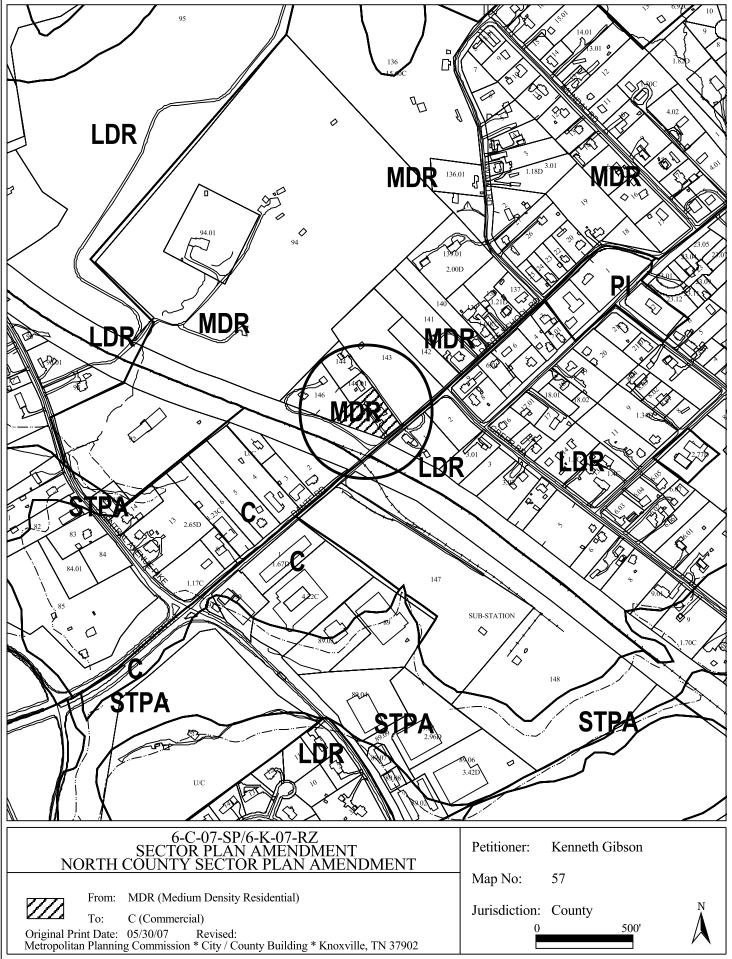
CONFORMITY OF THE PROPOSAL TO ADOPTED PLANS

1. Approval of the Commercial plan amendment will bring the North County Sector Plan into conformity with the requested CA rezoning.

2. The site is located within the Urban Growth Area on the Knoxville-Knox County-Farragut Growth Policy plan map.

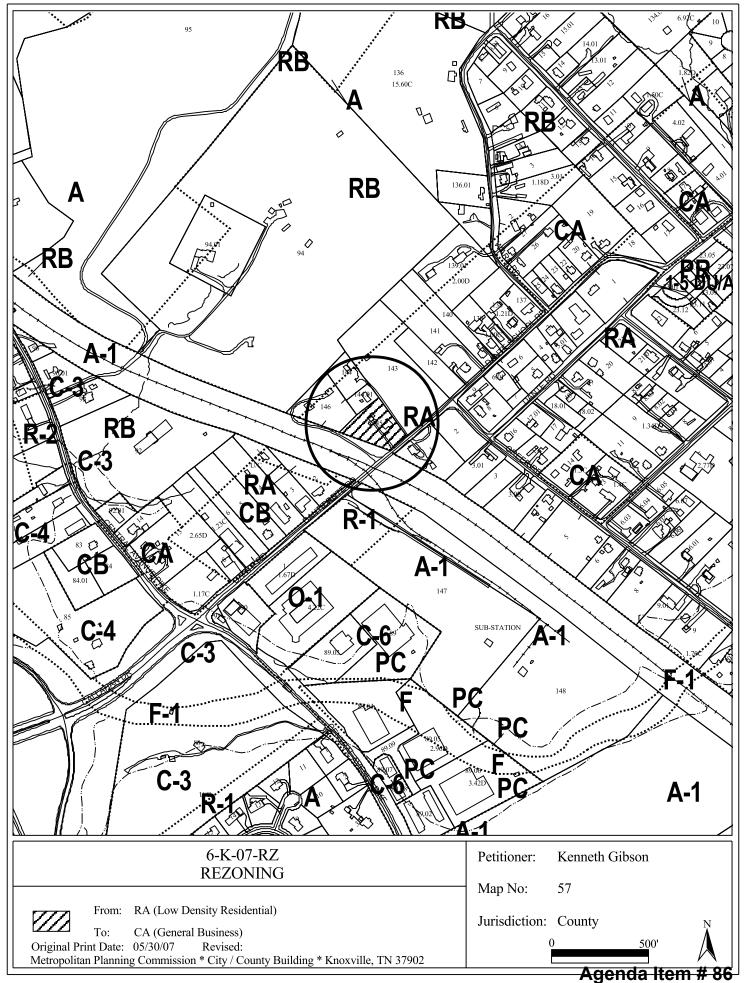
If approved, this item will be forwarded to Knox County Commission for action on 7/23/2007. If denied, MPC's action is final, unless the action to deny is appealed to Knox County Commission. The date of the appeal hearing will depend on when the appeal application is filed. Appellants have 30 days to appeal an MPC decision in the County.

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