

KNOXVILLE/KNOX COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION REZONING REPORT

FILE #: 1-B-10-RZ	AGENDA ITEM # 39
	AGENDA DATE: 1/14/2010
APPLICANT:	BENCHMARK ASSOCIATES, INC.
OWNER(S):	STOCKTON JOEY & BARGER DENNIS
TAX ID NUMBER:	91 076
JURISDICTION:	County Commission District 6
► LOCATION:	Northwest side Ball Rd., southwest of Lobetti Rd.
► APPX. SIZE OF TRACT:	2.22 acres
SECTOR PLAN:	Northwest County
GROWTH POLICY PLAN:	Planned Growth Area
ACCESSIBILITY:	Access is via Ball Rd., a major collector street with 20' of pavement width within 60' of right of way.
UTILITIES:	Water Source: West Knox Utility District
	Sewer Source: West Knox Utility District
WATERSHED:	Beaver Creek
PRESENT ZONING:	A (Agricultural)
ZONING REQUESTED:	RA (Low Density Residential)
EXISTING LAND USE:	House
PROPOSED USE:	Residential development
EXTENSION OF ZONE:	Yes, extension of RA from the southwest
HISTORY OF ZONING:	None noted
SURROUNDING LAND	North: Houses / A (Agricultural)
USE AND ZONING:	South: Ball Rd Houses / A (Agricultural)
	East: Houses / A (Agricultural)
	West: Houses / RA (Low Density Residential)
NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXT:	This area is developed with agricultural, rural residential and low density residential uses under A, PR, RA and RB zoning. There is some CA and PC zoning to the south of the site that has yet to be developed with any commercial uses.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

RECOMMEND that County Commission APPROVE RA (Low Density Residential) zoning.

RA zoning allows compatible uses with the surrounding development and zoning pattern and is consistent with the sector plan proposal for the site.

COMMENTS:

NEED BASED ON SUBSTANTIALLY CHANGED/CHANGING CONDITIONS IN THE AREA OR THE COUNTY GENERALLY:

1. RA zoning is compatible with the scale and intensity of the surrounding development and zoning pattern in the area.

2. There is a large RA zoned area to the west of the site and another RB zoned site to the east.

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3. The proposed RA zoning is consistent with the Northwest County Sector Plan proposal for the site.

CONSISTENCY WITH INTENT AND PURPOSE OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE:

1. RA zoning provides for residential areas with low population densities. These areas are intended to be defined and protected from encroachment of uses not performing a function necessary to the residential environment.

2. Based on the above description, this site is appropriate for RA zoning.

3. If connected to sewer, the RA zone allows detached residential development with a minimum lot size of 10,000 sq. ft. Without sewer, the minimum lot size is 20,000 sq. ft., subject to approval by Knox County Health Department.

THE EFFECTS OF THIS PROPOSAL

- 1. Public water and sewer utilities are available in the area, but may need to be extended to serve the site.
- 2. The impact to the street system will be minimal.
- 3. The proposed zoning is compatible with surrounding development and the impact should be minimal.

4. The applicant intends to subdivide this parcel into 3 lots of greater than 25,000 sq. ft. for detached residential dwellings, as shown on the attached plat (2-SC-10-F). The final plat has been submitted for MPC consideration at the February 11, 2010 meeting.

CONFORMITY OF THE PROPOSAL TO ADOPTED PLANS

1. The Northwest County Sector Plan proposes low density residential use for the site, consistent with the requested RA zoning.

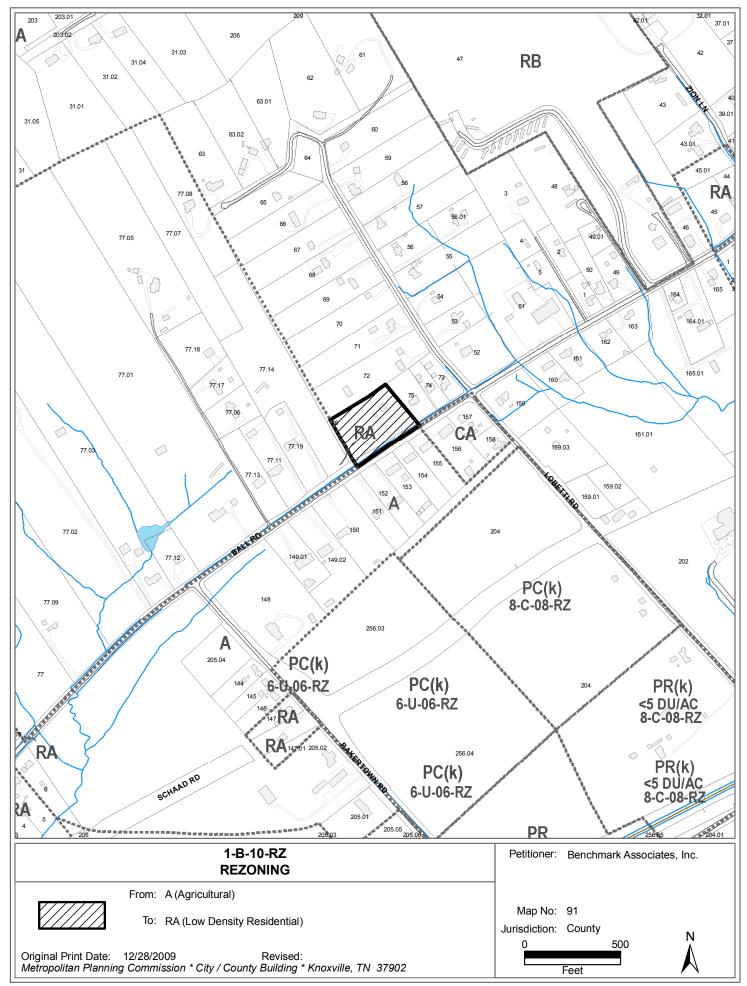
2. The site is located within the Planned Growth Area on the Knoxville-Knox County-Farragut Growth Policy Plan map.

3. Approval of this request may lead to future requests for RA zoning on surrounding properties zoned Agricultural, which is consistent with the sector plan proposal for low density residential uses in the area.

ESTIMATED TRAFFIC IMPACT: Not calculated.

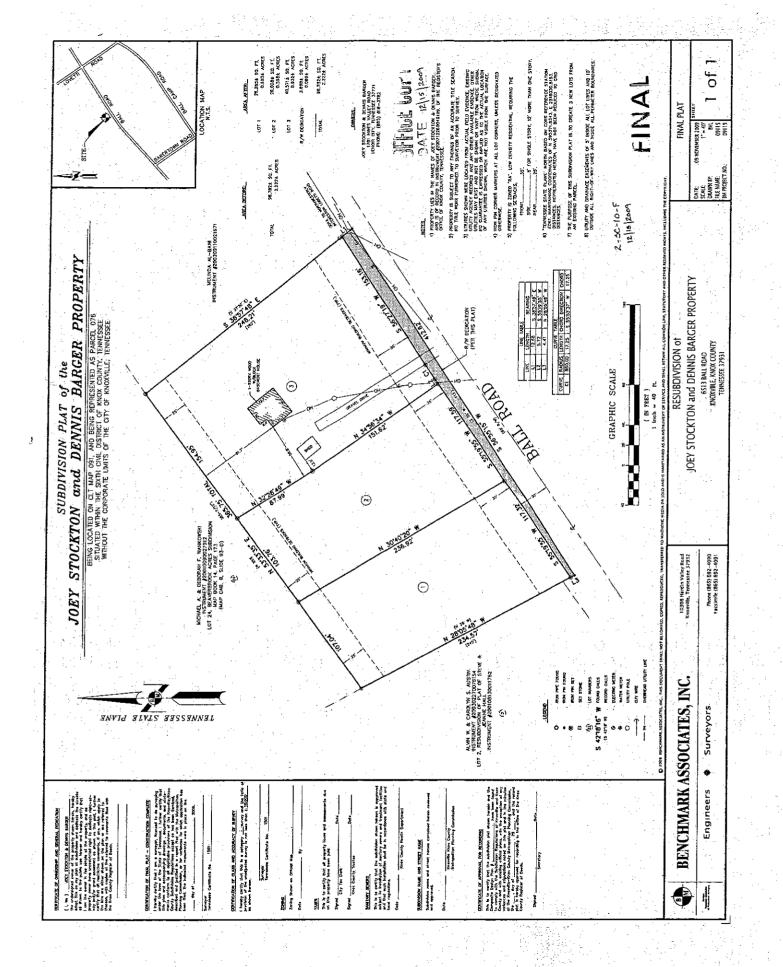
ESTIMATED STUDENT YIELD: Not applicable.

If approved, this item will be forwarded to Knox County Commission for action on 2/22/2010. 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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