

# KNOXVILLE/KNOX COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION REZONING REPORT

► FILE #: 7-F-11-RZ AGENDA ITEM # 35

AGENDA DATE: 7/14/2011

► APPLICANT: JUDY PAYNE, AMY AND BRAD SABOL

OWNER(S): Amy Hawkins-Sabol

TAX ID NUMBER: 51 D C 007

JURISDICTION: County Commission District 8

► LOCATION: Southeast side Foust Dr., southwest of Mascot Rd.

► APPX. SIZE OF TRACT: 1.7 acres

SECTOR PLAN: Northeast County

GROWTH POLICY PLAN: Planned Growth Area

ACCESSIBILITY: Access is via Foust Dr., a local street with 14-15' of pavement width within

35-50' of right-of-way.

UTILITIES: Water Source: Northeast Knox Utility District

Sewer Source: Knoxville Utilities Board

WATERSHED: Holston and French Broad

► PRESENT ZONING: A (Agricultural)

ZONING REQUESTED: RA (Low Density Residential)

► EXISTING LAND USE: Two dwellings
► PROPOSED USE: Two dwellings

EXTENSION OF ZONE: Yes, extension of RA from the north

HISTORY OF ZONING: None noted

SURROUNDING LAND North: Foust Dr. - Residences / RA (Low Density Residential)

USE AND ZONING: South: Vacant land / A (Agricultural)

East: Residences / A (Agricultural)
West: Residences / A (Agricultural)

NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXT: This area is developed with agricultural and rural to low density residential

uses under A and RA zoning. Commercial uses are located to the north

along Rutledge Pike.

## 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 area of RA zoning already in place to the north of this site. This proposal is an extension of that RA from the north.

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3. The proposed RA zoning is consistent with the Northeast 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. When a plat is submitted to subdivide the property, a right-of-way dedication will be required. In this section of Foust Dr., this dedication will be 25 feet from the right-of-way centerline.
- 3. The proposed zoning is compatible with surrounding development, and the impact should be minimal, as the two residential structures are already in place.
- 4. The applicant intends to subdivide this 1.7 acre parcel into 2 lots to provide separate lots for the two residential structures on site.

## CONFORMITY OF THE PROPOSAL TO ADOPTED PLANS

- 1. The Northeast 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 8/22/2011. 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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