

KNOXVILLE/KNOX COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION PLAN AMENDMENT REPORT

► FILE #: 7-J-17-SP AGENDA ITEM #: 43

POSTPONEMENT(S): 7/13/2017 AGENDA DATE: 8/10/2017

► APPLICANT: **MPC**

OWNER(S):

TAX ID NUMBER: 68 P A 018,01802,019&020 View map on KGIS

JURISDICTION: Council District 3

STREET ADDRESS:

► LOCATION: Northwest side Murray Dr., southwest of Clinton Hwy.

APPX. SIZE OF TRACT: 13.2 acres

SECTOR PLAN: Northwest City

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

ACCESSIBILITY: Access is via Murray Dr., a local street with 19' of pavement width within 40'

of right-of-way.

UTILITIES: Water Source: **Knoxville Utilities Board**

> Sewer Source: Knoxville Utilities Board

WATERSHED: Third Creek

► PRESENT PLAN AND **ZONING DESIGNATION:** MDR (Medium Density Residential) / R-1 (Low Density Residential)

PROPOSED PLAN

DESIGNATION:

LDR (Low Density Residential)

EXISTING LAND USE: Residential

PROPOSED USE: No proposed change

EXTENSION OF PLAN

DESIGNATION:

No

HISTORY OF REQUESTS: None noted

SURROUNDING LAND USE

AND PLAN DESIGNATION:

North: Clinton Highway, Commercial, GC (General Commercial)

South: Murray Drive, Single Family Residential, LDR (Low Density

Residential)

Murray Drive, Single Family Residential, LDR (Low Density East:

Residential)

Clinton Highway. Commercial, GC (General Commercial) West:

NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXT The property is located between commercial businesses to the north and

west along Clinton Highway and single-family residential to the south and

east.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

RECOMMEND that City Council APPROVE LDR (Low Density Residential) Sector Plan designation on parcels 068PA020, 068PA019, 068PA01802, and the western portion of 068PA018.

AGENDA ITEM #: 43 FILE #: 7-J-17-SP 7/28/2017 01:55 PM PAGE #: JEFF ARCHER 43-1 This tract is 13.2 acres and is located on the northwest side of Murray Drive, southwest of Clinton Highway. The area was changed from LDR (Low Density Residential) to MDR (Medium Density Residential) during the update of the 2015 Northwest City Sector Plan.

Parcel 068PA018 has both a MDR (Medium Density Residential) and GC (General Commercial) land use designation. The GC (General Commercial) is recommended to remain and the MDR (Medium Density Residential) portion is recommended to be changed to LDR (Low Density Residential).

During the sector plan update, staff analyzed the Northwest City Sector planning boundary for potential MDR (Medium Density Residential) areas and this tract was identified due to its development pattern and proximity to the community commercial node intersection of Schaad Road, Callahan Road, and Clinton Highway. However, road widening along Murray Drive and intersection improvements at Murray Drive and Clinton Highway would be needed to handle the housing density associated with MDR (Medium Density Residential). In addition, the topographic change in elevation from this tract to the community commercial node makes any future pedestrian connection difficult. There is no bus service that serves this area directly and the remoteness would make people reliant on automobile transportation. In addition, the sector plan recommends a park in this area, but it is not listed in the 15 Year Plan section because the limited park funding availability, this was not a high priority park recommendation.

COMMENTS:

SECTOR PLAN REQUIREMENTS FROM GENERAL PLAN (May meet any one of these):

CHANGES OF CONDITIONS WARRANTING AMENDMENT OF THE LAND USE PLAN:

INTRODUCTION OF SIGNIFICANT NEW ROADS OR UTILITIES THAT WERE NOT ANTICIPATED IN THE PLAN AND MAKE DEVELOPMENT MORE FEASIBLE:

No known improvements have been recently or are scheduled to be made to this section of Clinton Highway and Murray Road.

AN OBVIOUS OR SIGNIFICANT ERROR OR OMISSION IN THE PLAN:

There was an error in the plan. The Northwest City Sector Plan did not take into full account the limits of Murray Road and that there are no scheduled future improvements to be made to it. In addition, the plan did not take into full account the topographic differences from the nearby community commercial node. All these factors, illustrate how the designated land use should have remained LDR (Low Density Residential). The Northwest City Sector Plan designate this areas as MDR (Medium Density Residential) because of its proximity to the nearby community commercial node and because it is a large undeveloped tract.

CHANGES IN GOVERNMENT POLICY, SUCH AS A DECISION TO CONCENTRATE DEVELOPMENT IN CERTAIN AREAS:

No change in public policy directly impacts this plan amendment.

TRENDS IN DEVELOPMENT, POPULATION OR TRAFFIC THAT WARRANT RECONSIDERATION OF THE ORIGINAL PLAN PROPOSAL:

No new information has become available to reveal the need for a plan amendment.

State law regarding amendments of the general plan (which include Sector Plan amendments) was changed with passage of Public Chapter 1150 by the Tennessee Legislature in 2008. The law provides for two methods to amend the plan at TCA 13-3-304:

- 1. The Planning Commission may initiate an amendment by adopting a resolution and certifying the amendment to the Legislative Body. Once approved by majority vote of the Legislative Body, the amendment is operative.
- 2. The Legislative Body may also initiate an amendment and transmit the amendment to the Planning Commission. Once the Planning Commission has considered the proposed amendment and approved, not approved, or taken no action, the Legislative Body may approve the amendment by majority vote

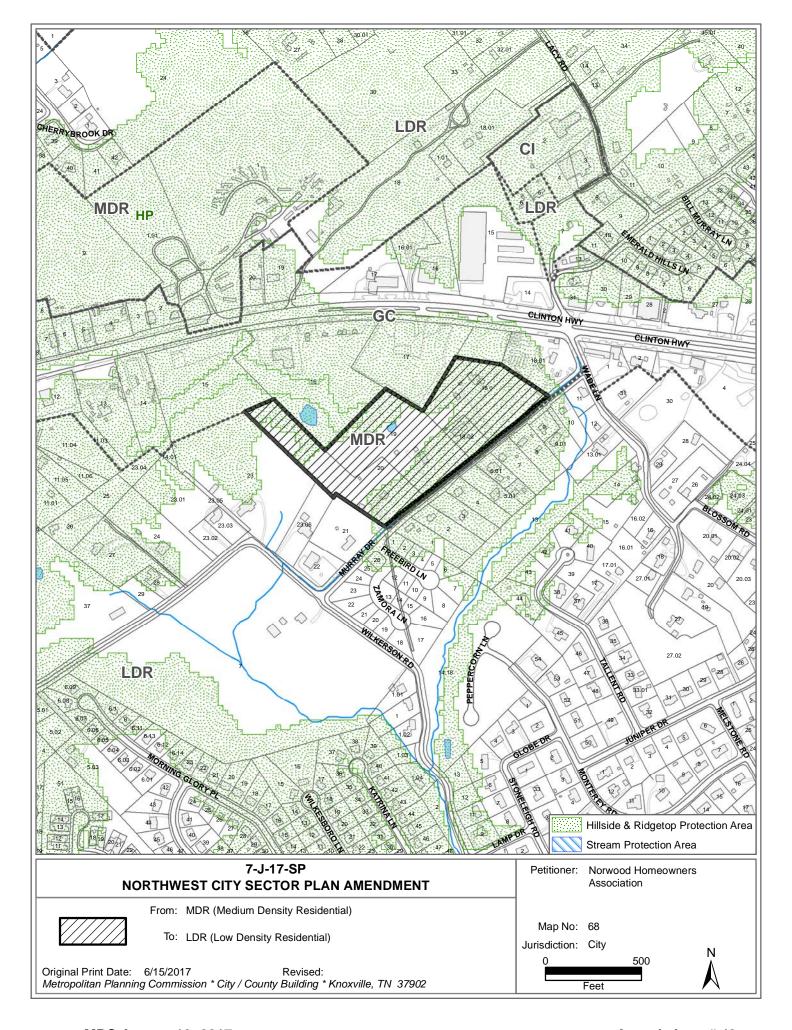
ESTIMATED TRAFFIC IMPACT: Not required.

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ESTIMATED STUDENT YIELD: Not applicable.

If approved, this item will be forwarded to Knoxville City Council for action on 9/12/2017 and 9/26/2017. If denied, MPC's action is final, unless the action to deny is appealed to Knoxville City Council. The date of the appeal 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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KNOXVILLE-KNOX COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE NORTHWEST CITY SECTOR PLAN

WHEREAS, the Knoxville-Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission, a regional planning commission established pursuant to state statute, has the duty to make, adopt and amend plans for the physical development of Knoxville and Knox County; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Planning Commission pursuant to state statute has prepared and adopted the Knoxville-Knox County General Plan 2033, as the official comprehensive plan for Knoxville and Knox County; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Knoxville and the Commission of Knox County have adopted the Knoxville Knox County General Plan 2033, as the official comprehensive plan for Knoxville and Knox County; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Planning Commission has prepared the Knox County Future Land Use Map, a portion of which is contained within the Northwest City Sector Plan, consistent with the requirements of the General Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Knoxville-Knox County General Plan 2033, provides criteria for periodic updates and amendments of the land use maps contained within plans initiated by the Planning Commission or in response to applications from property owners; and

WHEREAS, Norwood Homeowners Association, has submitted an application to amend the Sector Plan from Medium Density Residential to Low Density Residential, for property described in the application; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Planning Commission staff recommends approval of a revised amendment to the Northwest City Sector Plan, consistent with General Plan requirements that such amendment represents either a logical extension of a development pattern, or is warranted because of changing conditions in the sector as enumerated in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Planning Commission, at its regularly scheduled public hearing on August 10, 2017, after consideration of the staff recommendation and testimony from those persons in support and opposed to the plan amendment, approved the amendment for the subject property, as requested, and/or amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KNOXVILLE-KNOX COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION:

SECTION 1: The Planning Commission hereby adopts the revised amendment to the Northwest City Sector Plan, with its accompanying staff report and map, file #7-J-17-SP.

SECTION 2: This Resolution shall take effect upon its approval.

SECTION 3: The Planning Commission further recommends that Knoxville City Council likewise consider this revised amendment to the General Plan 2033.

_	Date	
Chairman		Secretary



[MPC Comment] Agenda number 7-17-SP

1 message

Kathy Ball <kbthepb@gmail.com> Reply-To: kbthepb@gmail.com To: commission@knoxmpc.org Sun, Jul 30, 2017 at 8:26 PM

It has come to my attention that 4 parcels on Murray Road are being zoned as MDR. This is unacceptable to me, a 35 year resident of nearby 1400 Murray Drive. Please change the zoning back to the original LDR as the roads here are unable to accept any more traffic. Murray Drive is very narrow, curvy, and dangerous, as is the adjacent nearby Wilkerson Road. And getting onto Clinton Highway at Murray Drive is extremely treacherous, especially if trying to make a left hand turn. There is no safe way to exit this neighborhood. More traffic would just exaggerate this safety issue.

Thank you for reconsidering this matter.

Kathy Ball 1400 Murray Drive Knoxville, TN 37912

Kathy E Ball 865- 789-5522	
"Education is not the filling of a bucket but the lighting of a William Butler Yeats	fire.

This message was directed to commission@knoxmpc.org



[MPC Comment] Fwd: 7-J-17-SP Sector Plan & 7-F-17-P A One Year Plan Proposed Changes

1 message

Michael Brusseau <mike.brusseau@knoxmpc.org>

Reply-To: mike.brusseau@knoxmpc.org
To: Commission < commission@knoxmpc.org>

Fri, Jul 14, 2017 at 1:25 PM

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From: Sam Tate <state@koellamoore.com>

Date: Thu, Jul 13, 2017 at 3:33 PM

Subject: 7-J-17-SP Sector Plan & 7-F-17-PA One Year Plan Proposed Changes

To: Michael Brusseau <michael.brusseau@knoxmpc.org>, Jeff Archer <jeff.archer@knoxmpc.org>

Cc: James Roberson iroberson@koellamoore.com, "Steve and Delores Mahan (tootnmater@knology.net)"

<tootnmater@knology.net>

Michael and Jeff.

I represent the property owners of parcels 18 and 18.01, at the corner of Clinton Hwy and Murray Drive, which is the subject of a Sector Plan Amendment and One Year Plan Amendment and wish to voice my opposition to the proposed changes. My opposition is upon the following basis:

- 1. Thoughtful zoning and planning should take into consideration typical requirements for today's commercial developments. Insufficient depth of commercial zoning limits the development and re-development of commercial corridors, since the design standards of most commercial users requires minimum depth of 250' 300'. If those users cannot get the depth, they move on to other locations or other communities where they can find it. This leaves us with older buildings or un-used properties, which are undesirable. Therefore, the depth of the commercial portion of Parcel 18 on the One Year Plan should not be less than is shown on the current C-4 zoning for the property. In fact, thoughtful planning would allow greater depth (from 230' to 300') on the Sector Plan and One Year Plan to accommodate a grading plan to deal with topographic changes.
- 2. MDR should be maintained on the sector plan as a transitional zone between the commercial properties on Clinton Hwy and the lower density residential which is further down Murray Drive. This is a proper use of transitional zoning and should be maintained as such.
- 3. Most of the commercial zoning on each side of Clinton Highway goes much deeper than it does on Parcel 18 and 18.01. It is unreasonable to think that LDR uses will want to be tucked back into a pocket of commercial zoning. The property immediately to the west of the subject property has commercial zoning which extends 480' in depth from Clinton Hwy. And the property just to the west of that tract has commercial zoning which extends 670' deep from the highway. Planning which projects future LDR uses so close to the highway does not take into account what is needed in terms of quality commercial development along the highway and tries to force a LDR use upon a property for which there is no market.

Thank you for taking these matters into consideration.

Sam Tate, CCIM

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[MPC Comment] Agenda number 7-17-SP

1 message

'Connie Holland' via Commission <commission@knoxmpc.org> Reply-To: tigger37912@yahoo.com

Thu, Jul 27, 2017 at 11:22 PM

To whom it may concern,

To: commission@knoxmpc.org

I live at 2234 Murray Dr. I am asking that you change the property relating to agenda number 7-17-SP from medium density to low density. The traffic on Murray has increased greatly and there are many places on that road that only one car can pass at a time. Also trying to turn left or right off Murray onto Pleasant Ridge is absolutely dangerous! This is related to traffic and speed! God help you if you do the speed limit. Also hard to get on Clinton Highway from Murray. Turning right is not so bad but turning left is a hazard! I really don't see how Murray can handle the additional traffic if an apartment complex is added.

I have been staying with my mom (due to illness) on McClain and we are boxed in with apartments! Hate to say it but they have caused nothing but trouble! Drugs, shootings and generalized crime have increased in the area. In the neighborhood people are complaining of an increase in wild animals! Raccoons, opossums, and coyotes have been seen with increasing frequency. I'm not complaining but we've got to share this area with them and we continue to take their habitat. Enough is enough! We need some actual green spots left in the area!

There is a new subdivision going in on the corner of Murray and Wilkerson! They've worked on the area almost a year doing nothing but destroying habitat space and moving dirt! If and when that ground ever settles, there's going to be some real issues.

The other issue is with all the subsidized apartments, what happens to our property values? They go down and tax revenue goes down.

I wish I had all the money in the world to buy all the undeveloped land in Knoxville! I would leave it as is. We need some green left in this world. Just as in people, there is a time to stop growing! This should also happen in this area! Thank you for the opportunity to express my thoughts! Please change the density relating to this agenda item from medium density to low density.

Sincerely, Connie Holland Sent from my iPhone

Sent from my iPhone

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This message was directed to commission@knoxmpc.org



Re: Norwood Amendment

Jeff Archer <jeff.archer@knoxmpc.org>

Wed, Jul 19, 2017 at 10:08 AM

To: Dan Kelly <an.kelly@knoxmpc.org>, Betty Jo Mahan <bettyjo.mahan@knoxmpc.org>

Cc: Amy Brooks <amy.brooks@knoxtrans.org>, Gerald Green <gerald.green@knoxmpc.org>, Mike Brusseau <mike.brusseau@knoxmpc.org>

Thank you for the feedback. I have attached the letter that was sent to the following property owners this morning.

Property located at 1203 Murray Drive HUGHES GROVER C & MARGERY M 1211 MURRAY DR KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

Property located at 1211 Murray Drive MAHAN STEVEN & DELORES 1211 MURRAY DR. KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

Property located at 1231 Murray Drive J & J PROPERTIES LLC 6226 CLINTON HWY KNOXVILLE. TN 37912

Property located at 1317 Murray Drive BALL S B & WILLIE J 1317 MURRAY DR. KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

Thank you, Jeff

On Wed, Jul 19, 2017 at 8:58 AM, Dan Kelly <an.kelly@knoxmpc.org> wrote:

Jeff

MPC is now the applicant. Lynn's name and the Norwood Homeowners Association have been taken off of the application.

Dan

On Wed, Jul 19, 2017 at 8:39 AM, Amy Brooks <amy.brooks@knoxtrans.org> wrote:

I have no additional edits to provide.

Amy

On Tue, Jul 18, 2017 at 5:22 PM, Gerald Green <gerald.green@knoxmpc.org> wrote: | Made a couple small edits (attached). Otherwise looks good.

Thanks, Gerald

Gerald Green AICP
Executive Director
Knoxville-Knox County
Metropolitan Planning Commission
400 Main Street, Suite 403
Knoxville, TN 37902

865.215.3758 gerald.green@knoxmpc.org

On Tue, Jul 18, 2017 at 1:54 PM, Jeff Archer <jeff.archer@knoxmpc.org> wrote:

At the request of Dan, I have drafted a letter to be sent to the property owners of Murray Drive. Please review this draft letter (attached) and let me know if you have any recommended changes. In talking this over with Dan, we would like to get this out this week, so if you can provide me your edits by Thursday that would be great.

Thank you, Jeff

Jeff Archer, AICP Principal Planner Knoxville / Knox Metropolitan Planning Commission 400 Main St, Suite 403 Knoxville, TN 37902 (865) 215-3821

Amy Brooks, AICP **Integrated Planning Manager**

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Dan Kelly

MPC, Deputy Director / Development Services Manager (865) 215-2500

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July 19, 2017

Dear property owner,

The Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) received two applications (File #7-F-17-PA and 7-J-17-SP) made by the Norwood Homeowners Association to amend the proposed land use maps within both the City of Knoxville One Year Plan and the Northwest City Sector Plan. This application involves four properties, including yours, located on the north side of Murray Road (Parcel #'s: 068PA020, 068PA019, 068PA01802, and 068PA018 or Address #'s: 1203, 1211, 1231, and 1317 Murray Drive.) The application was first heard at the July 13th at the Metropolitan Planning Commission's (MPC) monthly meeting, the Commission voted to postpone the application until all impacted property owners were sent a letter, notifying them of this pending decision.

The applicant, Mr. Lynn Redmond, spokesman for the Norwood Homeowners Association is proposing to change the land use map of the One Year Plan and Northwest City Sector Plan from (Medium Density Residential) to LDR (Low Density Residential). This application addresses a concern he raised during the 2017 Knoxville One Year Plan adoption process.

Mr. Redmond has stated that Murray Drive is narrow and winding and inadequate to support the traffic that would be generated by multi-family housing. Additionally, he has stated that the existing development in the immediate area is limited to detached single family dwellings. It is his belief that MDR (Medium Density Residential) uses would be out of character with the existing development and would negatively impact the area. As a result, he has stated that changing the designation of the affected properties to MDR (Medium Density Residential) was a mistake and the One Year Plan and the Northwest City Sector plan should be amended to return the properties in question back to LDR (Low Density Residential).

This proposed change does not alter your current zoning of your property, which is R-1 (Low Density Residential). It would only affect you-if you wanted to rezone your property in the future. MPC uses these plans to guide zoning decisions. Your current zoning is appropriate for an area designated LDR. Amending the plans as requested by Mr. Redmond would bring the plans and zoning into conformity.

The difference between LDR (Low Density Residential) and MDR (Medium Density Residential) is in the residential density allowed. For instance, LDR (Low Density Residential) allows up to 6 dwelling units per acre, typically single family detached and condominiums. MDR (Medium Density Residential) allows 6-24 dwelling units per acre, typically including attached houses and apartments.

On August 10, 2017 at 1:30 PM in the Large Assembly Room of the City County Building the Metropolitan Planning Commission will consider an amendment to the Knoxville One Year Plan and the Northwest City Sector Plan that would change the designation of your property from MDR (Medium Density Residential) to LDR (Low Density Residential). This is a public hearing at which anyone interested in this matter has the right to express their opinion to the MPC. The applicant is now the MPC and not Mr. Redmond of the Norwood Homeowners Association.

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Should you have further	questions re	egarding this	matter,	please	feel 1	free to	contact	me at	(865)	215-	3821
or jeff.archer@knoxmpc	.org.										

Sincerely,

Jeff Archer, AICP Principal Planner

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Date Filed: 5/30/2017

Name of Applicant: NORWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

Meeting Date: 7/13/2017

Application Accepted By: Michael Brusseau

Rezoning File Number:

Plan Amendment File Number: 7-J-17-SP

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Street Address:

General Location:

Northwest side Murray Dr., southwest of Clinton Hwy.

Tract Size: 13.2 acres

Parcel ID: 68 P A 018,01802,019&020

Existing Land Use:

Residential

Planning Sector: Northwest City

Growth Plan: Urban Growth Area (Inside City Limits)

Census Tract(s): 48
Traffic Zone(s): 210

Jurisdiction: City Council District 3

APPROVAL REQUESTED Rezoning

Plan Amendment

Type: Northwest City Sector Plan Amendment

FROM:

MDR (Medium Density Residential)

TO:

LDR (Low Density Residential)

PROPOSED USE OF PROPERTY

No proposed change

Density Proposed:

Previous Rezoning Requests:

PROPERTY OWNER/OPTION HOLDER

Norwood Homeowners Association

5246 Oakhill Dr

Knoxville, TN 37912

Telephone: 865-688-3136

Northwest C. ty SP PLAN AMENDMENT

Fax:

Email: Iredmon865@gmail.com

APPLICATION CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence relating to this application should be sent to:

Norwood Homeowners Association

5246 Oakhill Dr

Knoxville, TN 37912

Telephone: 865-688-3136

Fax:

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APPLICATION AUTHORIZATION

I hereby certify that I am the authorized applicant, representing ALL property owners involved in this request or holders of option on same, whose signatures are included on the back of this form.

Signature: _

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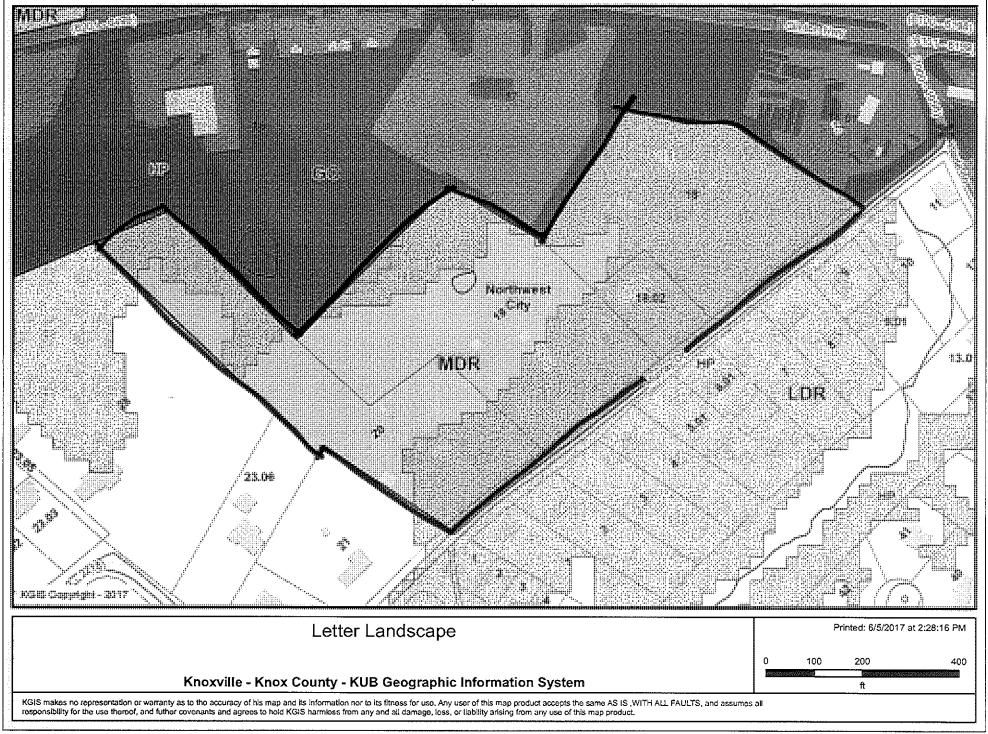
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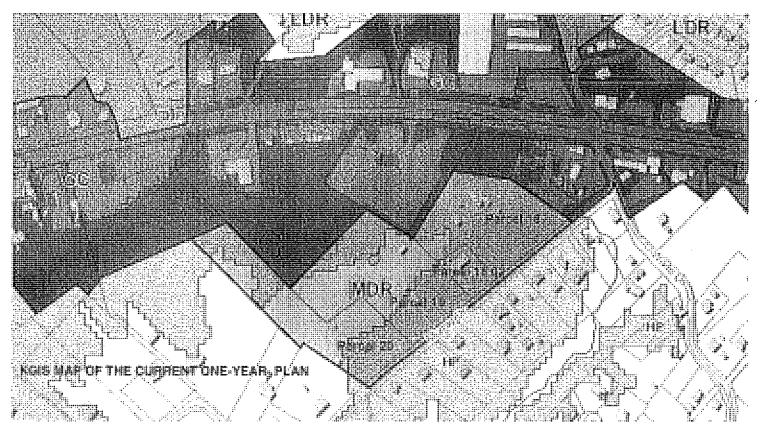


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KNOXVILLE KNOX COUNTY □REZONING ⊠PLAN AMENDMENT Name of Applicant: Norwood Homeowner's Association / Lyun Redmon METROPOLITAN Date Filed: May 30, 2017 Meeting Date: July 13, 2017 PLANNING COMMISSION TENNESSEE Application Accepted by: _____ Suite 403 . City County Building 3 Pamentment 400 Main Street Knoxville, Tennessee 37902 Fee Amount: _____ File Number: Rezoning _ 865 • 215 • 2500 Bre Year FAX • 2 1 5 • 2 0 6 8 Fee Amount: File Number: Plan Amendment www.knoxmpc.org PROPERTY INFORMATION ☐ PROPERTY OWNER ☐ OPTION HOLDER PLEASE PRINT Address: General Location: MURRA Y ROAD Name: ____ NEAR CLINTON HIGHWARD Company: ___ Address: Parcel ID Number(s): 18,02 State: ____ Zip: _____ City: + 30 Telephone: _____ Tract Size: Existing Land Use: Fax: Planning Sector: ___ E-mail: ___ Growth Policy Plan:__ APPLICATION CORRESPONDENCE Census Tract: All correspondence relating to this application should be sent to: Traffic Zone: PLEASE PRINT LYNN Red MON Jurisdiction: ☐ City Council ______ District Name: _ ☐ County Commission _____ District Company: Norwood Homeowners ASSOC. Requested Change Address: 5246 OAKHILL DRIVE REZONING City: KNOXUILE State: TN Zip: 37913 FROM: Telephone: 865-688-3136 TO:_____ Fax: E-mail: Lredmon \$65@Gmail.com **PLAN AMENDMENT** MOne Year Plan M NW City Sector Plan APPLICATION AUTHORIZATION MDR I hereby certify that I am the authorized applicant, representing FROM: __ ALL property owners involved in this request or holders of option TO: LDR on same, whose signatures are included on the back of this form. Signature: __ PLEASE PRINT PROPOSED USE OF PROPERTY Name: ____ Water Charle Company: __ Address: ___ Density Proposed ______ Units/Acre City: _____ State: ___ Zip: ____ Previous Rezoning Requests: _____ Telephone:

E-mail: _____

Requested change #1 to the current One-Year-Plan - Change the MDR on Murray Road back to LDR as it has been for many years under the Former One-Year-Plan



The four parcels on Murray Road have been LDR for many, many years until the 2016 Sector Plan update when they suddenly were changed to MDR.

Parcel 18 - 1203 Murray Road

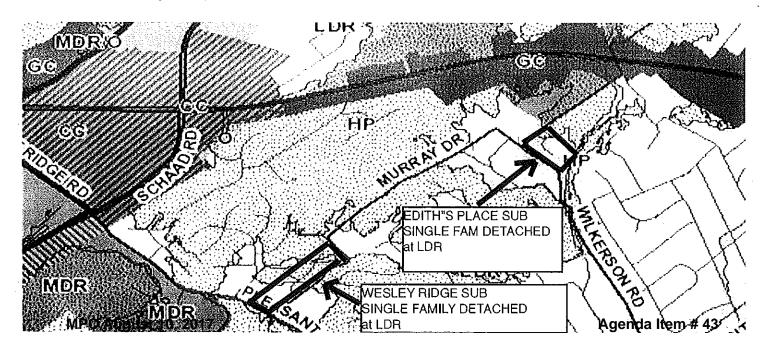
Parcel 18.02 - 2111 Murray Road

Parcel 19 - 1231 Murray Road

Parcel 20 - 1317 Murray Road.

This change lowers the standard for all the existing property on Murray Road. It devalues all the property along Murray.

The existing Murray Road corridor is prime vacant property and the highest and best use for all the property is single family detached at LDR. Recent developments include Edith's Place subdivision of single family detached houses at LDR and Wesley Ridge Subdivision of single family detached houses at LDR.



Murray Road proposed change from MDR to LDR - page - 2

- 1. This is the worst place possible for a MDR development.
 - A. The isolation of these 4 parcels GUARANTEES the every resident must have a car. There is nothing nearby that is walkable. No grocery stores, no recreation, no library is accessible without riding a bus from Clinton Highway. A simple trip to the grocery store evolves a two-way bus ride. Elderly and handicapped residents will be trapped in their apartments with limited access to basic needs. With the current emphasis of walkability this is the wrong place to allow MDR.
 - B. The Murray Road corridor contains several hundred acres of mostly vacant land. As this land develops, single family detached is the best use. To allow MDR on these four parcels devalues the remaining acreage and may create a race to the bottom for future development.
 - C. No resident of Murray Road to my knowledge has ever requested MDR for their property. Certainly the owners of the 4 parcels did not know in 2016 that their property was going to be reclassified in the One-Year Plan update none were ever directly notified.
 - At one time the property that is now the Edith's place LDR subdivision was classified MDR. On two different occasions in 1995 and 2005 developers tried to do MDR developments. Both were turned down by City Council, were turned down by local courts and were turned down by the Tennessee Court of Appeals.

After the second Tennessee Court of Appeals decision, <u>MPC staff changed the classification</u> from MDR to the current LDR in their One-Year-Plan update.

I am asking MPC staff and Commissioners to do the same with the 4 MDR parcels on Murray Road.

Sincerely,

Lynn Redmon, President, The Norwood Homeowners Association 5246 Oakhill Drive Knoxville, TN 37912 865-688-3136 Iredmon865@gmail.com



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STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

RECOMMEND that City Council APPROVE LDR (Low Density Residential) One-Year Plan designation on parcels 068PA020, 068PA019, 068PA01802, and the western portion of 068PA018.

This tract is 13.2 acres and is located on the northwest side of Murray Drive, southwest of Clinton Highway. The area was changed from LDR (Low Density Residential) to MDR (Medium Density Residential) during the update of the 2015 Northwest City Sector Plan. The 2016 One Year Plan update incorporated the

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Parcel 068PA018 has both a MDR (Medium Density Residential) and GC (General Commercial) land use designation. The GC (General Commercial) is recommended to remain and the MDR (Medium Density Residential) portion is recommended to be changed to LDR (Low Density Residential).

During the sector plan update, staff analyzed the Northwest City Sector planning boundary for potential MDR (Medium Density Residential) areas and this tract was identified due to its development pattern and proximity to the community commercial node intersection of Schaad Road, Callahan Road, and Clinton Highway.

However, road widening along Murray Drive and intersection improvements at Murray Drive and Clinton Highway would be needed to handle the housing density associated with MDR (Medium Density Residential). In addition, the topographic change in elevation from this tract to the community commercial node makes any future pedestrian connection difficult. There is no bus service that serves this area directly and the remoteness would make people reliant on automobile transportation. In addition, the sector plan recommends a park in this area, but is not listed in the 15 Year Plan section because the limited park funding availability, this was not a high priority park recommendation.

COMMENTS:

ONE YEAR PLAN AMENDMENT REQUIREMENTS:

CHANGES OF CONDITIONS WARRANTING AMENDMENT OF THE LAND USE PLAN (May meet any one of these):

AN ERROR IN THE PLAN: There was an error in the plan. The One Year Plan did not take into full account the limits of Murray Road and that there are no scheduled future improvements to be made to it. In addition, the plan did not take into full account the topographic differences from the nearby community commercial node. All these factors, illustrate how the designated land use should have remained LDR (Low Density Residential). The One Year Plan designated this area as MDR (Medium Density Residential) because of its proximity to the nearby community commercial node and because it is a large undeveloped tract.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN THE DEVELOPMENT PATTERN, OR THE COMPLETION OF A PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT (ROAD, PARK, SEWER), WHICH CHANGES THE BASIS ON WHICH THE PLAN WAS DEVELOPED FOR AN AREA: In order to accommodate MDR (Medium Density Residential) densities road improvements would be needed. There are no transportation improvements scheduled that could accommodate these densities in this area. There are public water and sewer utilities are available to serve the site.

A CHANGE IN PUBLIC POLICY, UNANTICIPATED BY THE PLAN: No change in public policy directly impacts this plan amendment.

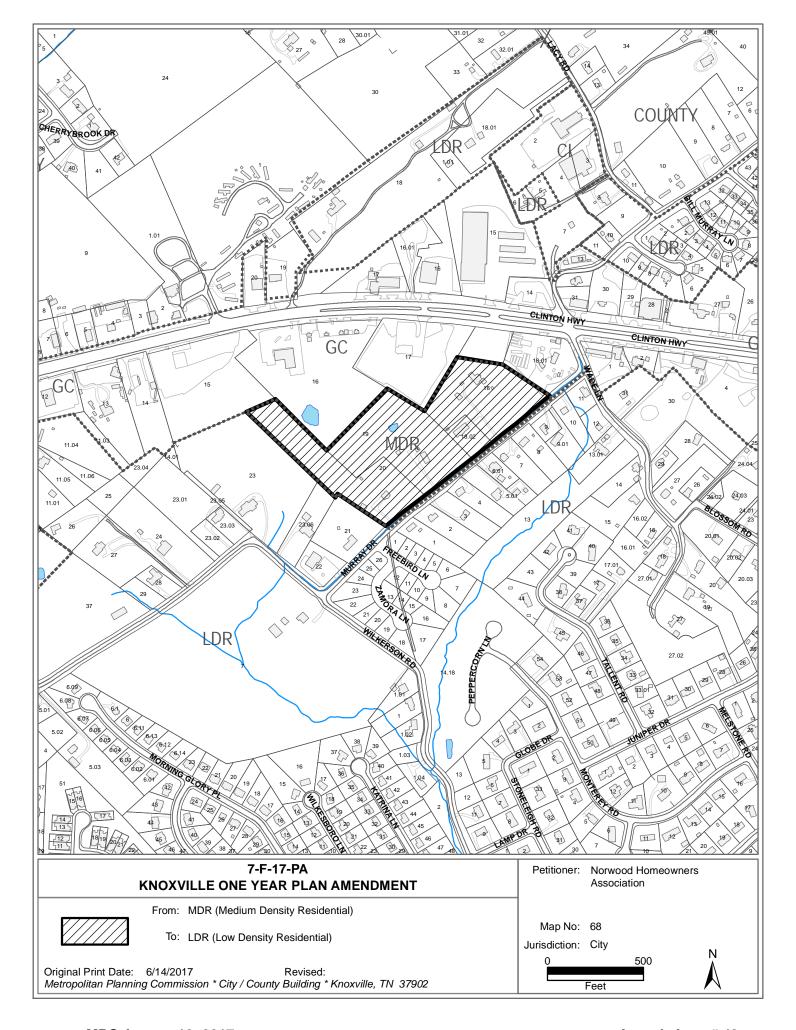
NEW TRENDS OR NEW INFORMATION (INCLUDING NEW PLANS AND STUDIES PRODUCED BY MPC) BECOMING AVAILABLE, WHICH REVEALS THE NEED FOR A PLAN AMENDMENT - No new information has become available to reveal the need for a plan amendment.

ESTIMATED TRAFFIC IMPACT: Not required.

ESTIMATED STUDENT YIELD: Not applicable.

If approved, this item will be forwarded to Knoxville City Council for action on 9/12/2017 and 9/26/2017. If denied, MPC's action is final, unless the action to deny is appealed to Knoxville City Council. The date of the appeal 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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[MPC Comment] Agenda number 7-17-SP

1 message

Kathy Ball <kbthepb@gmail.com> Reply-To: kbthepb@gmail.com To: commission@knoxmpc.org Sun, Jul 30, 2017 at 8:26 PM

It has come to my attention that 4 parcels on Murray Road are being zoned as MDR. This is unacceptable to me, a 35 year resident of nearby 1400 Murray Drive. Please change the zoning back to the original LDR as the roads here are unable to accept any more traffic. Murray Drive is very narrow, curvy, and dangerous, as is the adjacent nearby Wilkerson Road. And getting onto Clinton Highway at Murray Drive is extremely treacherous, especially if trying to make a left hand turn. There is no safe way to exit this neighborhood. More traffic would just exaggerate this safety issue.

Thank you for reconsidering this matter.

Kathy Ball 1400 Murray Drive Knoxville, TN 37912

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"Education is not the filling of a bucket but the lighting of a William Butler Yeats	fire."

This message was directed to commission@knoxmpc.org



[MPC Comment] Fwd: 7-J-17-SP Sector Plan & 7-F-17-P A One Year Plan Proposed Changes

1 message

Michael Brusseau <mike.brusseau@knoxmpc.org>

Reply-To: mike.brusseau@knoxmpc.org
To: Commission < commission@knoxmpc.org>

Fri, Jul 14, 2017 at 1:25 PM

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From: Sam Tate <state@koellamoore.com>

Date: Thu, Jul 13, 2017 at 3:33 PM

Subject: 7-J-17-SP Sector Plan & 7-F-17-PA One Year Plan Proposed Changes

To: Michael Brusseau <michael.brusseau@knoxmpc.org>, Jeff Archer <jeff.archer@knoxmpc.org>

Cc: James Roberson iroberson@koellamoore.com, "Steve and Delores Mahan (tootnmater@knology.net)"

<tootnmater@knology.net>

Michael and Jeff.

I represent the property owners of parcels 18 and 18.01, at the corner of Clinton Hwy and Murray Drive, which is the subject of a Sector Plan Amendment and One Year Plan Amendment and wish to voice my opposition to the proposed changes. My opposition is upon the following basis:

- 1. Thoughtful zoning and planning should take into consideration typical requirements for today's commercial developments. Insufficient depth of commercial zoning limits the development and re-development of commercial corridors, since the design standards of most commercial users requires minimum depth of 250' 300'. If those users cannot get the depth, they move on to other locations or other communities where they can find it. This leaves us with older buildings or un-used properties, which are undesirable. Therefore, the depth of the commercial portion of Parcel 18 on the One Year Plan should not be less than is shown on the current C-4 zoning for the property. In fact, thoughtful planning would allow greater depth (from 230' to 300') on the Sector Plan and One Year Plan to accommodate a grading plan to deal with topographic changes.
- 2. MDR should be maintained on the sector plan as a transitional zone between the commercial properties on Clinton Hwy and the lower density residential which is further down Murray Drive. This is a proper use of transitional zoning and should be maintained as such.
- 3. Most of the commercial zoning on each side of Clinton Highway goes much deeper than it does on Parcel 18 and 18.01. It is unreasonable to think that LDR uses will want to be tucked back into a pocket of commercial zoning. The property immediately to the west of the subject property has commercial zoning which extends 480' in depth from Clinton Hwy. And the property just to the west of that tract has commercial zoning which extends 670' deep from the highway. Planning which projects future LDR uses so close to the highway does not take into account what is needed in terms of quality commercial development along the highway and tries to force a LDR use upon a property for which there is no market.

Thank you for taking these matters into consideration.

Sam Tate, CCIM

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[MPC Comment] Agenda number 7-17-SP

1 message

'Connie Holland' via Commission <commission@knoxmpc.org> Reply-To: tigger37912@yahoo.com

Thu, Jul 27, 2017 at 11:22 PM

To whom it may concern,

To: commission@knoxmpc.org

I live at 2234 Murray Dr. I am asking that you change the property relating to agenda number 7-17-SP from medium density to low density. The traffic on Murray has increased greatly and there are many places on that road that only one car can pass at a time. Also trying to turn left or right off Murray onto Pleasant Ridge is absolutely dangerous! This is related to traffic and speed! God help you if you do the speed limit. Also hard to get on Clinton Highway from Murray. Turning right is not so bad but turning left is a hazard! I really don't see how Murray can handle the additional traffic if an apartment complex is added.

I have been staying with my mom (due to illness) on McClain and we are boxed in with apartments! Hate to say it but they have caused nothing but trouble! Drugs, shootings and generalized crime have increased in the area. In the neighborhood people are complaining of an increase in wild animals! Raccoons, opossums, and coyotes have been seen with increasing frequency. I'm not complaining but we've got to share this area with them and we continue to take their habitat. Enough is enough! We need some actual green spots left in the area!

There is a new subdivision going in on the corner of Murray and Wilkerson! They've worked on the area almost a year doing nothing but destroying habitat space and moving dirt! If and when that ground ever settles, there's going to be some real issues.

The other issue is with all the subsidized apartments, what happens to our property values? They go down and tax revenue goes down.

I wish I had all the money in the world to buy all the undeveloped land in Knoxville! I would leave it as is. We need some green left in this world. Just as in people, there is a time to stop growing! This should also happen in this area! Thank you for the opportunity to express my thoughts! Please change the density relating to this agenda item from medium density to low density.

Sincerely, Connie Holland Sent from my iPhone

Sent from my iPhone

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This message was directed to commission@knoxmpc.org



Re: Norwood Amendment

Jeff Archer <jeff.archer@knoxmpc.org>

Wed, Jul 19, 2017 at 10:08 AM

To: Dan Kelly <an.kelly@knoxmpc.org>, Betty Jo Mahan <bettyjo.mahan@knoxmpc.org>

Cc: Amy Brooks <amy.brooks@knoxtrans.org>, Gerald Green <gerald.green@knoxmpc.org>, Mike Brusseau <mike.brusseau@knoxmpc.org>

Thank you for the feedback. I have attached the letter that was sent to the following property owners this morning.

Property located at 1203 Murray Drive HUGHES GROVER C & MARGERY M 1211 MURRAY DR KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

Property located at 1211 Murray Drive MAHAN STEVEN & DELORES 1211 MURRAY DR. KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

Property located at 1231 Murray Drive J & J PROPERTIES LLC 6226 CLINTON HWY KNOXVILLE. TN 37912

Property located at 1317 Murray Drive BALL S B & WILLIE J 1317 MURRAY DR. KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

Thank you, Jeff

On Wed, Jul 19, 2017 at 8:58 AM, Dan Kelly <an.kelly@knoxmpc.org> wrote:

Jeff

MPC is now the applicant. Lynn's name and the Norwood Homeowners Association have been taken off of the application.

Dan

On Wed, Jul 19, 2017 at 8:39 AM, Amy Brooks <amy.brooks@knoxtrans.org> wrote:

I have no additional edits to provide.

Amy

On Tue, Jul 18, 2017 at 5:22 PM, Gerald Green <gerald.green@knoxmpc.org> wrote: | Made a couple small edits (attached). Otherwise looks good.

Thanks, Gerald

Gerald Green AICP
Executive Director
Knoxville-Knox County
Metropolitan Planning Commission
400 Main Street, Suite 403
Knoxville, TN 37902

865.215.3758 gerald.green@knoxmpc.org

On Tue, Jul 18, 2017 at 1:54 PM, Jeff Archer <jeff.archer@knoxmpc.org> wrote:

At the request of Dan, I have drafted a letter to be sent to the property owners of Murray Drive. Please review this draft letter (attached) and let me know if you have any recommended changes. In talking this over with Dan, we would like to get this out this week, so if you can provide me your edits by Thursday that would be great.

Thank you, Jeff

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July 19, 2017

Dear property owner,

The Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) received two applications (File #7-F-17-PA and 7-J-17-SP) made by the Norwood Homeowners Association to amend the proposed land use maps within both the City of Knoxville One Year Plan and the Northwest City Sector Plan. This application involves four properties, including yours, located on the north side of Murray Road (Parcel #'s: 068PA020, 068PA019, 068PA01802, and 068PA018 or Address #'s: 1203, 1211, 1231, and 1317 Murray Drive.) The application was first heard at the July 13th at the Metropolitan Planning Commission's (MPC) monthly meeting, the Commission voted to postpone the application until all impacted property owners were sent a letter, notifying them of this pending decision.

The applicant, Mr. Lynn Redmond, spokesman for the Norwood Homeowners Association is proposing to change the land use map of the One Year Plan and Northwest City Sector Plan from (Medium Density Residential) to LDR (Low Density Residential). This application addresses a concern he raised during the 2017 Knoxville One Year Plan adoption process.

Mr. Redmond has stated that Murray Drive is narrow and winding and inadequate to support the traffic that would be generated by multi-family housing. Additionally, he has stated that the existing development in the immediate area is limited to detached single family dwellings. It is his belief that MDR (Medium Density Residential) uses would be out of character with the existing development and would negatively impact the area. As a result, he has stated that changing the designation of the affected properties to MDR (Medium Density Residential) was a mistake and the One Year Plan and the Northwest City Sector plan should be amended to return the properties in question back to LDR (Low Density Residential).

This proposed change does not alter your current zoning of your property, which is R-1 (Low Density Residential). It would only affect you-if you wanted to rezone your property in the future. MPC uses these plans to guide zoning decisions. Your current zoning is appropriate for an area designated LDR. Amending the plans as requested by Mr. Redmond would bring the plans and zoning into conformity.

The difference between LDR (Low Density Residential) and MDR (Medium Density Residential) is in the residential density allowed. For instance, LDR (Low Density Residential) allows up to 6 dwelling units per acre, typically single family detached and condominiums. MDR (Medium Density Residential) allows 6-24 dwelling units per acre, typically including attached houses and apartments.

On August 10, 2017 at 1:30 PM in the Large Assembly Room of the City County Building the Metropolitan Planning Commission will consider an amendment to the Knoxville One Year Plan and the Northwest City Sector Plan that would change the designation of your property from MDR (Medium Density Residential) to LDR (Low Density Residential). This is a public hearing at which anyone interested in this matter has the right to express their opinion to the MPC. The applicant is now the MPC and not Mr. Redmond of the Norwood Homeowners Association.

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Should you have further	questions re	egarding this	matter,	please	feel 1	free to	contact	me at	(865)	215-	3821
or jeff.archer@knoxmpc	.org.										

Sincerely,

Jeff Archer, AICP Principal Planner

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PLAN AMENDMENT

Date Filed: 5/30/2017

Name of Applicant: NORWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

Meeting Date: 7/13/2017

Application Accepted By: Michael Brusseau

Rezoning File Number:

Plan Amendment File Number: 7-F-17-PA

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Street Address:

General Location:

Northwest side Murray Dr., southwest of Clinton Hwy.

Tract Size: 13.2 acres

Parcel ID: 68 P A 018,01802,019&020

Existing Land Use:

Residential

Planning Sector: Northwest City

Growth Plan: Urban Growth Area (Inside City Limits)

Census Tract(s): 48 Traffic Zone(s): 210

Jurisdiction: City Council District 3

APPROVAL REQUESTED
Rezoning

Plan Amendment

Type: One Year Plan Amendment

FROM:

MDR (Medium Density Residential)

TO:

LDR (Low Density Residential)

PROPOSED USE OF PROPERTY

No proposed change

Density Proposed:

Previous Rezoning Requests:

PROPERTY OWNER/OPTION HOLDER

Norwood Homeowners Association

5246 Oakhill Dr

Knoxville, TN 37912

Telephone: 865-688-3136 Fax:

Email: Iredmon865@gmail.com

APPLICATION CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence relating to this application should be sent to:

Norwood Homeowners Association

5246 Oakhill Dr

Knoxville, TN 37912

Telephone: 865-688-3136 Fax:

Email: Iredmon865@gmail.com

APPLICATION AUTHORIZATION

Fax:

I hereby certify that I am the authorized applicant, representing ALL property owners involved in this request or holders of option on same,

whose signatures are included on the back of this form.

Signature: ___

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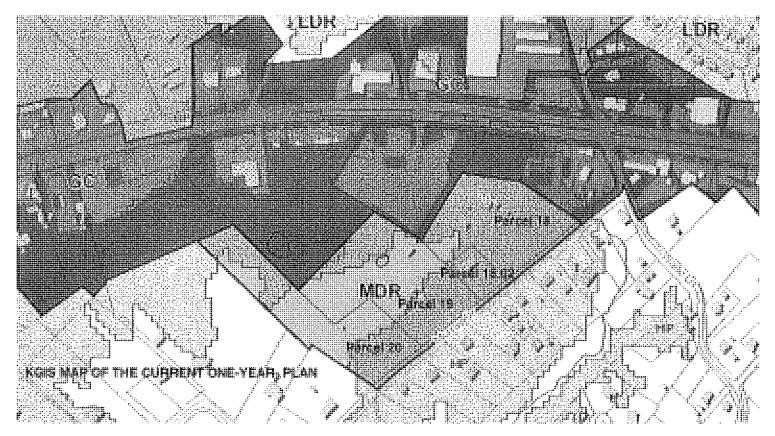
Email: Iredmon865@gmail.com

6/16/2017 11:50:25 AM

KNOXVILLE KNOX COUNTY DREZONING SPLAN AMENDMENT Name of Applicant: Noawood Homeowners Association Lynn Redmon Date Filed: May 30, 2017 Meeting Date: July 13, 2017 LANNING COMMISSION TENNESSEE Application Accepted by: __ Suite 403 • City County Building Spanishment -400 Main Stroet Fee Amount: _____ File Number:-Rezoning _ Knoxville, Tennessee 37902 8 6 5 • 2 1 5 • 2 5 0 0 Fee Amount: _____ File Number: Plan Amendment _ FAX • 2 1 5 • 2 0 6 8 www·knoxmpc·org PROPERTY INFORMATION PROPERTY OWNER POPTION HOLDER Address:____ PLEASE PRINT Address: General Location: MURRAY NEAR CLINTON HIGHWARD Parcel ID Number(s): 18, 18,02 Telephone: Tract Size:____ Existing Land Use: Fax: _____ Planning Sector: ____ E-mail: Growth Policy Plan:___ APPLICATION CORRESPONDENCE Census Tract:_____ All correspondence relating to this application should be sent to: Traffic Zone: PLEASE PRINT LYNN RedMON Jurisdiction: ☐ City Council ______ District Name: ___ ☐ County Commission _____ District Company: Norwood Homeowners ASSOC. Requested Change Address: 5246 OAKHILL DRIVE REZONING City: KNOXUILLE State: TN Zip: 37912 FROM: Telephone: 865-688-3136 TO:_____ E-mail: Lredmon \$65@Gmail.com PLAN AMENDMENT ♥One Year Plan ♥ NWCity Sector Plan APPLICATION AUTHORIZATION MDR FROM: ___ I hereby certify that I am the authorized applicant, representing ALL property owners involved in this request or holders of option TO: LDR on same, whose signatures are included on the back of this form. Signature: ___ PLEASE PRINT PROPOSED USE OF PROPERTY Name: _____ War495) Company: ___ Address: ___ Density Proposed ______Units/Acre City: _____ State: ___ Zip: ____ Previous Rezoning Requests: _____ Telephone:

E-mail: _____

Requested change #1 to the current One-Year-Plan - Change the MDR on Murray Road back to LDR as it has been for many years under the Former One-Year-Plan



The four parcels on Murray Road have been LDR for many, many years until the 2016 Sector Plan update when they suddenly were changed to MDR.

Parcel 18 - 1203 Murray Road

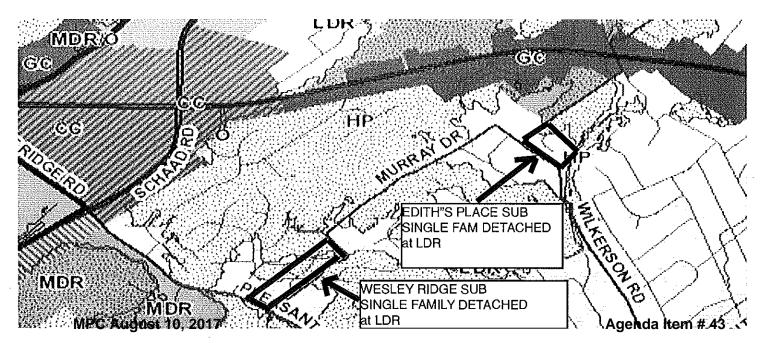
Parcel 18.02 - 2111 Murray Road

Parcel 19 - 1231 Murray Road

Parcel 20 - 1317 Murray Road.

This change lowers the standard for all the existing property on Murray Road. It devalues all the property along Murray.

The existing Murray Road corridor is prime vacant property and the highest and best use for all the property is single family detached at LDR. Recent developments include Edith's Place subdivision of single family detached houses at LDR and Wesley Ridge Subdivision of single family detached houses at LDR.



Murray Road proposed change from MDR to LDR - page - 2

- 1. This is the worst place possible for a MDR development.
 - A. The isolation of these 4 parcels GUARANTEES the every resident must have a car. There is nothing nearby that is walkable. No grocery stores, no recreation, no library is accessible without riding a bus from Clinton Highway. A simple trip to the grocery store evolves a two-way bus ride. Elderly and handicapped residents will be trapped in their apartments with limited access to basic needs. With the current emphasis of walkability this is the wrong place to allow MDR.
 - B. The Murray Road corridor contains several hundred acres of mostly vacant land. As this land develops, single family detached is the best use. To allow MDR on these four parcels devalues the remaining acreage and may create a race to the bottom for future development.
 - C. No resident of Murray Road to my knowledge has ever requested MDR for their property. Certainly the owners of the 4 parcels did not know in 2016 that their property was going to be reclassified in the One-Year Plan update none were ever directly notified.
 - At one time the property that is now the Edith's place LDR subdivision was classified MDR. On two different occasions in 1995 and 2005 developers tried to do MDR developments. Both were turned down by City Council, were turned down by local courts and were turned down by the Tennessee Court of Appeals.

After the second Tennessee Court of Appeals decision, MPC staff changed the classification from MDR to the current LDR in their One-Year-Plan update.

I am asking MPC staff and Commissioners to do the same with the 4 MDR parcels on Murray Road.

Sincerely,

Lynn Redmon, President, The Norwood Homeowners Association 5246 Oakhill Drive Knoxville, TN 37912 865-688-3136 Iredmon865@gmail.com