# **Planning Commission**

# Staff Report

November 27, 2018



Case No:

18zone1033

**Project Name:** 

Meadows Pointe

Location:

14706/14714 Old Henry Road

Owner(s): Applicant: Meadows Pointe LLC Meadows Pointe LLC

Jurisdiction:

Louisville Metro

**Council District:** 

Case Manager:

17- Glen Stuckel

Julia Williams, AICP, Planning Supervisor

## REQUEST(S)

- Change in zoning from R-4 to PRD
- Variance from 5.3.1.D.1.B.v. to reduce the rear yard setback from 25' to 12.5' for Lots 16-27
- Waiver from 10.3.5 to permit the encroachment of a detention basin into the parkway buffer along Old Henry Road
- District Development Plan/Preliminary Subdivision Plan with Binding Elements

#### CASE SUMMARY/BACKGROUND

The applicant is proposing 31 single family townhomes on approximately 5.69 acres for a density of 5.4 du/ac. PRD zoning has the same density as the R-5 zoning district, which is 7.26 du/ac.

#### STAFF FINDING

Staff finds that the proposal generally complies with the guidelines of Cornerstone 2020 and the requirements of the Land Development Code. Attached single family dwelling units would diversify the mainly detached single family dwelling type that is found in the area. The attached single family dwelling unit could serve the needs of people of differing ages or incomes by providing a different housing choice than what is already available in the area. Walking paths connect the open space to the lots within the community. The larger detention basin open space could be used for both active and passive recreation. The Planning Commission needs to consider whether or not the 17% preservation of trees on the site is enough to mitigate the removal of existing trees on the site or if additional trees should be planted within the development to increase the canopy lost.

#### **TECHNICAL REVIEW**

Transportation Planning and MSD have preliminarily approved the proposal.

#### INTERESTED PARTY COMMENTS

Please see attached citizen letters

## STANDARD OF REVIEW FOR REZONING

Criteria for granting the proposed form district change/rezoning: KRS Chapter 100.213

- The proposed form district/rezoning change complies with the applicable guidelines and policies
   Cornerstone 2020; OR
- 2. The existing form district/zoning classification is inappropriate and the proposed classification is appropriate; **OR**
- 3. There have been major changes of an economic, physical, or social nature within the area involved which were not anticipated in Cornerstone 2020 which have substantially altered the basic character of the area.

## STAFF ANALYSIS FOR CHANGE IN ZONING

Following is staff's analysis of the proposed rezoning against the Guidelines and Policies of Cornerstone 2020.

## The site is located in the Neighborhood Form District

The Neighborhood Form is characterized by predominantly residential uses that vary from low to high density and that blend compatibly into the existing landscape and neighborhood areas. High-density uses will be limited in scope to minor or major arterials and to areas that have limited impact on the low to moderate density residential areas.

The Neighborhood Form will contain diverse housing types in order to provide housing choice for differing ages and incomes. New neighborhoods are encouraged to incorporate these different housing types within a neighborhood as long as the different types are designed to be compatible with nearby land uses. These types may include, but not be limited to large lot single family developments with cul-de-sacs, neo-traditional neighborhoods with short blocks or walkways in the middle of long blocks to connect with other streets, villages and zero lot line neighborhoods with open space, and high density multi-family condominium-style or rental housing.

The Neighborhood Form may contain open space and, at appropriate locations, civic uses and neighborhood centers with a mixture of uses such as offices, retail shops, restaurants and services. These neighborhood centers should be at a scale that is appropriate for nearby neighborhoods. The Neighborhood Form should provide for accessibility and connectivity between adjacent uses and neighborhoods by automobile, pedestrian, bicycles and transit.

Neighborhood streets may be either curvilinear, rectilinear or in a grid pattern and should be designed to invite human interaction. Streets are connected and easily accessible to each other, using design elements such as short blocks or bike/walkways in the middle of long blocks to connect with other streets. Examples of design elements that encourage this interaction include narrow street widths, street trees, sidewalks, shaded seating/gathering areas and bus stops. Placement of utilities should permit the planting of shade trees along both sides of the streets.

The proposal is located in an area of primarily single family residences. While the proposal is also for single family, the proposed housing type is a townhouse style with smaller lots with a density equivalent to R-5. The development is not considered high density and is located on a minor arterial level road. The proposal is for low density adjacent to low density. The proposal is allows for attached style housing in an area of primarily unattached single family residential. There is a mix of density located in the area as a whole with R-5A and other PRD zoning districts located nearby. The proposal will create private streets with sidewalks along one side of the private way that connects to the proposed sidewalk along Old Henry. The proposal displays efficient use of land with smaller lots and the preservation of open green space. The proposal allows for a different housing choice for the area. Single family is compatible with single family because it is the same land use. A 10' multi-use path is proposed along Old Henry Road to allow for alternate transportation.

The site is 79% treed where only 17% is being preserved. Tree canopy is mainly being preserved along the perimeter of the site. The PRD zoning does not appear to substantially change the topography of the site.

All other agency comments should be addressed to demonstrate compliance with the remaining Guidelines and Policies of Cornerstone 2020.

A checklist is attached to the end of this staff report with a more detailed analysis. The Louisville Metro Planning Commission is charged with making a recommendation to the Louisville Metro Council regarding the appropriateness of this zoning map amendment. The Louisville Metro Council has zoning authority over the property in question.

## STANDARD OF REVIEW AND STAFF ANALYSIS FOR VARIANCE

(a) The requested variance will not adversely affect the public health, safety or welfare.

STAFF: The variance will not adversely affect the public health, safety or welfare because the proposed reduced rear yards are located internal to the site and will not affect the existing adjacent residential.

(b) The requested variance will not alter the essential character of the general vicinity.

STAFF: The requested variance will not alter the essential character of the general vicinity because the proposed reduced rear yards are located internal to the site and will not affect the existing adjacent residential.

(c) The requested variance will not cause a hazard or nuisance to the public.

STAFF: The requested variance will not cause a hazard or nuisance to the public because the proposed reduced rear yards are located internal to the site and will not affect the existing adjacent residential.

(d) The requested variance will not allow an unreasonable circumvention of the zoning regulations.

STAFF: The requested variance will not allow an unreasonable circumvention of the zoning regulations because the proposed reduced rear yards are located internal to the site and will not affect the existing adjacent residential.

## **ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

1. <u>The requested variance arises from special circumstances which do not generally apply to land in the general vicinity or the same zone.</u>

STAFF: The requested variance does not arise from any special circumstances. The applicant is proposing to reduce the rear yards of a couple of lots where most of the lots in the area meet the 25' rear yard but are located on large lots.

2. The strict application of the provisions of the regulation would deprive the applicant of the reasonable use of the land or create an unnecessary hardship on the applicant.

STAFF: The strict application of the provisions of the regulation would create an unnecessary hardship on the applicant because the proposed reduced rear yards are located internal to the site and will not affect the existing adjacent residential.

3. The circumstances are the result of actions of the applicant taken subsequent to the adoption of the zoning regulation from which relief is sought.

STAFF: The circumstances are the result of actions of the applicant taken subsequent to the adoption of the zoning regulation from which relief is sought. The applicant chose to reduce the rear yards on only the lots that are internal that will not affect the adjacent properties.

#### STANDARD OF REVIEW AND STAFF ANALYSIS FOR WAIVER

(a) The waiver will not adversely affect adjacent property owners; and

STAFF: The waiver will not adversely affect adjacent property owners since the overlap of the easement will create more green space along Old Henry Road and all planting requirements will still be met.

(b) The waiver will not violate specific guidelines of Cornerstone 2020; and

STAFF: Guideline 3, Policy 9 calls for the protection of the character of residential areas, roadway corridors and public spaces from visual intrusions and mitigate when appropriate. Guideline 3, Policies 21 and 22 call for appropriate transitions between uses that are substantially different in scale and intensity or density, and to mitigate the impact caused when incompatible developments occur adjacent to one another through the use of landscaped buffer vards, vegetative berms and setback requirements to address issues such as outdoor lighting, lights from automobiles, illuminated signs, loud noise, odors, smoke, automobile exhaust or other noxious smells, dust and dirt, litter, junk, outdoor storage, and visual nuisances. Guideline 3, Policy 24 states that parking, loading and delivery areas located adjacent to residential areas should be designed to minimize the impacts from noise, lights and other potential impacts, and that parking and circulation areas adjacent to streets should be screened or buffered. Guideline 13. Policy 7 calls for the protection of the character of parkways and scenic by-ways and corridors through standards for buffers and landscape treatment. The intent of parkway buffers is to protect existing scenic and aesthetic qualities, to ensure a quality visual experience on developing corridors and to protect and improve the visual experience on established corridors. The parkway will still be protected since the overlap of the easement will create more green space along Old Henry Road and all planting requirements will still be met.

(c) The extent of the waiver of the regulation is the minimum necessary to afford relief to the applicant; and

STAFF: The extent of the waiver of the regulation is the minimum necessary to afford relief to the applicant since the overlap of the easement will create more green space along Old Henry Road and all planting requirements will still be met.

(d) Either:

(i) The applicant has incorporated other design measures that exceed the minimums of the district and compensate for non-compliance with the requirements to be waived (net beneficial effect); **OR** 

(ii) The strict application of the provisions of the regulation would deprive the applicant of the reasonable use of the land or would create an unnecessary hardship on the applicant.

STAFF: The strict application of the provisions of the regulation would deprive the applicant of the reasonable use of the land or would create an unnecessary hardship on the applicant since the overlap of the easement will create more green space along Old Henry Road and all planting requirements will still be met.

## STANDARD OF REVIEW AND STAFF ANALYSIS FOR RDDDP

a. The conservation of natural resources on the property proposed for development, including: trees and other living vegetation, steep slopes, water courses, flood plains, soils, air quality, scenic views, and historic sites;

STAFF: The existing intermittent stream is being preserved on the site and the site is preserving 17% of the 79% existing tree canopy on the site.

b. The provisions for safe and efficient vehicular and pedestrian transportation both within the development and the community;

STAFF: Provisions for safe and efficient vehicular and pedestrian transportation within and around the development and the community has been provided, and Metro Public Works and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet have approved the preliminary development plan.

c. The provision of sufficient open space (scenic and recreational) to meet the needs of the proposed development;

STAFF: Open space requirements are being met on the site through the stream buffer preservation and detention basin.

d. The provision of adequate drainage facilities on the subject site in order to prevent drainage problems from occurring on the subject site or within the community;

STAFF: The Metropolitan Sewer District has approved the preliminary development plan and will ensure the provision of adequate drainage facilities on the subject site in order to prevent drainage problems from occurring on the subject site or within the community.

e. The compatibility of the overall site design (location of buildings, parking lots, screening, landscaping) and land use or uses with the existing and projected future development of the area;

STAFF: The overall site design and land uses are compatible with the existing and future development of the area. Appropriate landscape buffering and screening will be provided to screen adjacent roadways. Buildings and parking lots will generally meet all required setbacks.

f. <u>Conformance of the development plan with the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code.</u>

STAFF: The development plan generally conforms to applicable guidelines and policies of the Comprehensive Plan and to requirements of the Land Development Code.

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#### **REQUIRED ACTIONS:**

- RECOMMEND that the Louisville Metro Council APPROVE or DENY the Change-in-Zoning from R-4 to PRD
- APPROVE or DENY the Variance
- APPROVE or DENY the Waiver
- APPROVED or DENY the Detailed District Development Plan/Preliminary Subdivision Plan with Binding Elements

Based upon the information in the staff report, the testimony and evidence provided at the public hearing, the Planning Commission must determine if the proposal is in conformance with the Comprehensive Plan; OR the existing form district/zoning classification is inappropriate and the proposed classification is appropriate; OR if there have been major changes of an economic, physical, or social nature within the area involved which were not anticipated in Cornerstone 2020 which have substantially altered the basic character of the area.

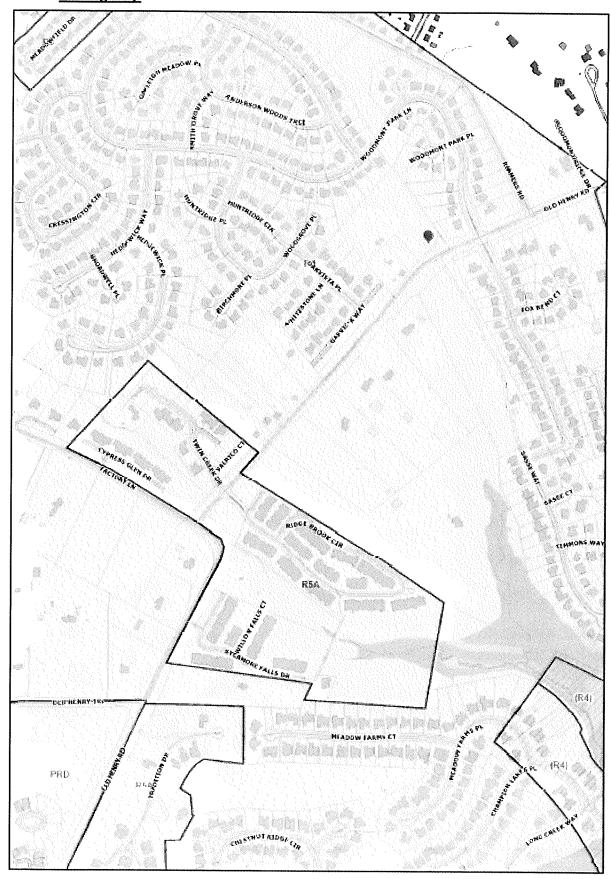
## **NOTIFICATION**

Date	Purpose of Notice	Recipients
9/27/18	Hearing before LD&T on 10/11/18	1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> tier adjoining property owners Registered Neighborhood Groups in Council District 17
11/12/18	Hearing before PC on 11/27/18	1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> tier adjoining property owners Registered Neighborhood Groups in Council District 17
11/9/18	Hearing before PC	Sign Posting on property
	Hearing before PC	Legal Advertisement in the Courier-Journal

## <u>ATTACHMENTS</u>

- 1. Zoning Map
- 2. Aerial Photograph
- 3. Staff Cornerstone 2020 Checklist
- 4. Proposed Binding Elements

# 1. Zoning Map





# 3. Staff Cornerstone 2020 Checklist

- + Exceeds Guideline
- ✓ Meets Guideline
- Does Not Meet Guideline
- +/- More Information Needed
- NA Not Applicable

# Neighborhood: Residential

#	Cornerstone 2020 Plan Element	Plan Element or Portion of Plan Element	Staff Finding	Staff Comments
1	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 1: Community Form	B.3: The proposal supports the creation of a mix of residential housing choices and densities for the neighborhood.	<b>✓</b>	The proposal is located in an area of primarily single family residences. While the proposal is also for single family, the proposed housing type is a townhouse style with smaller lots with a density equivalent to R-5.
2	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 1: Community Form	B.3: If the proposal is classified as high density (greater than 12 dwelling units per acre), it is located on a major or minor arterial or in a location that has limited impact on adjacent low or moderate density developments.	<b>✓</b>	The development is not considered high density and is located on a minor arterial level road. The proposal is for low density adjacent to low density.
3	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 1: Community Form	B.3: If the proposal introduces a new housing type to the neighborhood, it is designed to be compatible with nearby land uses.	<b>✓</b>	The proposal is allows for attached style housing in an area of primarily unattached single family residential. There is a mix of density located in the area as a whole with R-5A and other PRD zoning districts located nearby.
4	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 1: Community Form	B.3: Neighborhood streets are designed to invite human interaction and easy access through the use of connectivity, and design elements such as short blocks or bike/walkways in the middle of long blocks to connect with other streets.	<b>✓</b>	The proposal will create private streets with sidewalks along one side of the private way that connects to the proposed sidewalk along Old Henry.
5	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.1. Locate activity centers within the Neighborhood Form District at street intersections with at least one of the intersecting streets classified as a collector or higher, AND one of the corners containing an established non-residential use.	<b>✓</b>	The proposal is not for non-residential zoning and is located in an existing residential area along a primary collector. The site is surrounded by residential zoning.

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6	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.2: Develop non-residential and mixed uses only in designated activity centers except (a) where an existing center proposed to expand in a manner that is compatible with adjacent uses and in keeping with form district standards, (b) when a proposal is comparable in use, intensity, size and design to a designated center, (c) where a proposed use requires a particular location or does not fit well into a compact center, (d) where a commercial use mainly serves residents of a new planned or proposed development and is similar in character and intensity to the residential development, or (e) in older or redeveloping areas where the non-residential use is compatible with the surroundings and does not create a nuisance.	NA	The proposal is not for mixed use or non-residential uses.
7	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.4: Encourage a more compact development pattern that results in an efficient use of land and cost-effective infrastructure.	<b>✓</b>	The proposal displays efficient use of land with smaller lots and the preservation of open green space.
8	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.5: Encourage a mix of compatible uses to reduce traffic by supporting combined trips, allow alternative modes of transportation and encourage vitality and sense of place.	<b>√</b>	The proposal allows for a different housing choice for the area. Single family is compatible with single family because it is the same land use. A 10' multi-use path is proposed along Old Henry Road to allow for alternate transportation. Transit is not available.
9	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.6: Encourage residential uses in centers above retail and other mixed-use multi-story retail buildings.	NA	The proposal is not in a center and only permits residential uses.
10	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.7: Encourage new developments and rehabilitation of buildings to provide residential uses alone or in combination with retail and office uses.	NA	The proposal is not for mixed use.
11	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.8/11: Allow centers in the Neighborhood Form District that serve the daily needs of residents and that are designed to minimize impact on residents through appropriate scale, placement and design.	NA	The site is not located in an activity center.
12	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.10: Encourage outlot development in underutilized parking lots provided location, scale, signs, lighting, parking and landscaping standards are met. Such outlot development should provide street-level retail with residential units above.	NA	The proposal would not have non-residential outlots.

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13	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.12: Design large developments to be compact, multi-purpose centers organized around a central feature such as a public square, plaza or landscape element.	NA	The proposal is not for a large development.
14	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.13: Encourage sharing of entrance and parking facilities to reduce curb cuts and surface parking.	<b>✓</b>	Connections or stubs to adjacent properties are not provided as there are no vacant lots adjacent to the site. The applicant is allowing for cross connectivity to the private road should the adjacent Forester property ever develop residentially.
15	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.14: Design and locate utility easements to provide access for maintenance and to provide services in common for adjacent developments.	<b>✓</b>	Utility easements are provided and would allow for extensions to adjacent developments.
16	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.15: Encourage parking design and layout to balance safety, traffic, transit, pedestrian, environmental and aesthetic considerations.	<b>✓</b>	Parking is provided within garages and within several additional spaces along the private road.
17	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.16: Encourage centers to be designed for easy access by alternative forms of transportation.	~	The site does encourage pedestrian access and future sidewalk connectivity with proposed sidewalks in and around the site.
18	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.1: The proposal is generally compatible within the scale and site design of nearby existing development and with the form district's pattern of development.	✓	The proposed PRD zoning district constitutes an increase in density, which will be compatible with the scale and site design of nearby existing residential developments since the proposed land use is single family and the existing land uses surrounding he property is also single family.
19	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.2: The proposed building materials increase the new development's compatibility. (Only for a new development in a residential infill context, or if consideration of building materials used in the proposal is specifically required by the Land Development Code.)	<b>√</b>	The building materials for the single family homes are similar to the building materials found in the area.

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20	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.3: The proposal is compatible with adjacent residential areas, and if it introduces a new type of density, the proposal is designed to be compatible with surrounding land uses through the use of techniques to mitigate nuisances and provide appropriate transitions between land uses. Examples of appropriate mitigation include vegetative buffers, open spaces, landscaping and/or a transition of densities, site design, building heights, building design, materials and orientation that is compatible with those of nearby residences.	<b>✓</b>	The proposal is for single family residential and adjacent to single family residential.
21	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	unity Form/Land uideline 3:  A.6: The proposal mitigates any adverse impacts of its associated traffic on pearby existing		Transportation Planning has not indicated that the proposal will have adverse impacts on traffic.
22	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.8: The proposal mitigates adverse impacts of its lighting on nearby properties, and on the night sky.	<b>✓</b>	Light trespass requirements of the Land Development Code will adequately mitigate adverse impacts of lighting.
23	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.10: The proposal includes a variety of housing types, including, but not limited to, single family detached, single family attached, multi-family, zero lot line, average lot, cluster and accessory residential structures, that reflect the form district pattern.	<b>✓</b>	The PRD zoning district encourages affordable and inclusive housing.
24	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	ommunity Form/Land density or intensity use, it is located along a transit corridor.		The proposed change in zoning constitutes an increase in density than the current R-4 zoning but is still low density. It is the same as permitted within the R-5 zoning category.
25	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.13: The proposal creates housing for the elderly or persons with disabilities, which is located close to shopping, transit routes, and medical facilities (if possible).	<b>~</b>	There is no identified user for the proposed single family residences.
26	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.14/15: The proposal creates appropriate/inclusive housing that is compatible with site and building design of nearby housing.	<b>✓</b>	The PRD zoning district encourages affordable and inclusive housing.

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27	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.21: The proposal provides appropriate transitions between uses that are substantially different in scale and intensity or density of development such as landscaped buffer yards, vegetative berms, compatible building design and materials, height restrictions, or setback requirements.	✓	Setbacks appear to be in compliance with LDC standards where adjacent to R-4, single family residential.
28	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.22: The proposal mitigates the impacts caused when incompatible developments unavoidably occur adjacent to one another by using buffers that are of varying designs such as landscaping, vegetative berms and/or walls, and that address those aspects of the development that have the potential to adversely impact existing area developments.	<b>✓</b>	Setbacks appear to be in compliance with LDC standards where adjacent to R-4, single family residential. A detention basin is encroaching into the parkway buffer but the planting requirements will still be met and the detention basin allows for a larger open space.
29	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.23: Setbacks, lot dimensions and building heights are compatible with those of nearby developments that meet form district standards.	✓	All setbacks and building heights appear to be within LDC standards and are compatible with surrounding development with the exception of the rear setbacks for Lots 17-28. This does not appear to affect compatibility with surrounding development.
30	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 4: Open Space			The proposal sets aside a large open space lot containing an intermittent stream and buffer and meets open space standards for the PRD zone.
31	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 4: Open Space	A.4: Open space design is consistent with the pattern of development in the Neighborhood Form District.	✓	The proposal sets aside a large open space lot containing an intermittent stream and buffer and meets open space standards for the PRD zone.
32	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 4: Open Space	A.5: The proposal integrates natural features into the pattern of development.	<b>√</b>	The intermittent stream on site appears to be preserved and will be used as part of the open space area.
33	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 5: Natural Areas and Scenic and Historic Resources	A.1: The proposal respects the natural features of the site through sensitive site design, avoids substantial changes to the topography and minimizes property damage and environmental degradation resulting from disturbance of natural systems.	-	The site is 79% treed where only 17% is being preserved. Tree canopy is mainly being preserved along the perimeter of the site. The PRD zoning does not appear to substantially change the topography of the site.

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34	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 5: Natural Areas and Scenic and Historic Resources	A.2/4: The proposal includes the preservation, use or adaptive reuse of buildings, sites, districts and landscapes that are recognized as having historical or architectural value, and, if located within the impact area of these resources, is compatible in height, bulk, scale, architecture and placement.	<b>√</b>	Staff of Historic Preservation has reviewed the preliminary development plan and found that the proposed zoning change will not affect any known cultural or historic resources.
35	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 5: Natural Areas and Scenic and Historic Resources	A.6: Encourage development to avoid wet or highly permeable soils, severe, steep or unstable slopes with the potential for severe erosion.	~	LOJIC did not identify any wetlands on site.
36	Mobility/Transportation Guideline 7: Circulation	A.1/2: The proposal will contribute its proportional share of the cost of roadway improvements and other services and public facilities made necessary by the development through physical improvements to these facilities, contribution of money, or other means.		Transportation Planning is not requiring any roadway improvements with the proposal. The site is constructing their portion of a proposed 10' multi-use trail along the sites frontage.
37	A.6: The proposal's transportation facilities are compatible with and support access to surrounding land uses, and contribute to the appropriate development of adjacent lands. The proposal includes at least one continuous roadway through the development, adequate street stubs, and relies on cul-de-sacs only as short side streets or where natural features limit development of "through" roads.		<b>✓</b>	The proposal has adequate access and stub streets have been provided for future connectivity.
38	Mobility/Transportation Guideline 7: Circulation	A.9: The proposal includes the dedication of rights-of-way for street, transit corridors, bikeway and walkway facilities within or abutting the development.	<b>✓</b>	No ROW dedication will be required.
39	Mobility/Transportation Guideline 8: Transportation Facility Design	A.8: Adequate stub streets are provided for future roadway connections that support and contribute to appropriate development of adjacent land.	<b>✓</b>	Stub streets are provided for future connectivity.
40	Mobility/Transportation Guideline 8: Transportation Facility Design	A.9: Avoid access to development through areas of significantly lower intensity or density if such access would create a significant nuisance.	<b>✓</b>	This site is accessed from Old Henry Road, a minor arterial.

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41	Mobility/Transportation Guideline 8: Transportation Facility Design	A.11: The development provides for an appropriate functional hierarchy of streets and appropriate linkages between activity areas in and adjacent to the development site.	<b>✓</b>	By connecting to the existing street network, the appropriate linkages are made.
42	Mobility/Transportation Guideline 9: Bicycle, Pedestrian and Transit	A.1/2: The proposal provides, where appropriate, for the movement of pedestrians, bicyclists and transit users around and through the development, provides bicycle and pedestrian connections to adjacent developments and to transit stops, and is appropriately located for its density and intensity.	<b>✓</b>	A sidewalk is provided along Fairground Road and internal walkways through open space areas are provided. Bicyclists will use the internal private roadway and the public ROW.
43	Livability/Environment Guideline 10: Flooding and Stormwater	The proposal's drainage plans have been approved by MSD, and the proposal mitigates negative impacts to the floodplain and minimizes impervious area. Solid blueline streams are protected through a vegetative buffer, and drainage designs are capable of accommodating upstream runoff assuming a fully-developed watershed. If streambank restoration or preservation is necessary, the proposal uses best management practices.	✓	MSD has no issues with the proposal.
44	Livability/Environment Guideline 13: Landscape Character	A.3: The proposal includes additions and connections to a system of natural corridors that can provide habitat areas and allow for migration.	<b>✓</b>	This proposal is removing large amounts of existing tree canopy that likely provides habitat for wildlife, however the site preserves an intermittent stream that connects to other open space areas with the Woodmont subdivision, creating a greenway corridor.
45	Community Facilities Guideline 14: Infrastructure	A.2: The proposal is located in an area served by existing utilities or planned for utilities.	✓	There are existing utility connections on site.
46	Community Facilities Guideline 14: Infrastructure	A.3: The proposal has access to an adequate supply of potable water and water for fire-fighting purposes.	<b>✓</b>	There are existing public water connections.
47	Community Facilities Guideline 14: Infrastructure	A.4: The proposal has adequate means of sewage treatment and disposal to protect public health and to protect water quality in lakes and streams.	<b>✓</b>	The Health Department has no issues with the proposal.

# 4. **Proposed Binding Elements**

1. The development shall be in accordance with the approved district development plan, all applicable sections of the Land Development Code (LDC) and agreed upon binding elements

- unless amended pursuant to the Land Development Code. Any changes/additions/alterations of any binding element(s) shall be submitted to the Planning Commission or the Planning Commission's designee for review and approval; any changes/additions/alterations not so referred shall not be valid.
- 2. The development shall be in accordance with the approved Preliminary Subdivision Plan. No further subdivision of the land into a greater number of lots than originally approved shall occur without approval of the Planning Commission.
- 3. No outdoor advertising signs, small freestanding signs, pennants, balloons, or banners shall be permitted on the site.
- 4. Construction fencing shall be erected when off-site trees or tree canopy exists within 3' of a common property line. Fencing shall be in place prior to any grading or construction to protect the existing root systems from compaction. The fencing shall enclose the entire area beneath the tree canopy and shall remain in place until all construction is completed. No parking, material storage or construction activities are permitted within the protected area.
- 5. Before any permit (including but not limited to building, parking lot, change of use, site disturbance, alteration permit or demolition permit) is requested:
  - a. The development plan must receive full construction approval from Develop Louisville, Louisville Metro Public Works and the Metropolitan Sewer District.
  - b. The property owner/developer must obtain approval of a detailed plan for screening (buffering/landscaping) as described in Chapter 10 prior to requesting a building permit. Such plan shall be implemented prior to occupancy of the site and shall be maintained thereafter.
  - c. A Tree Preservation Plan in accordance with Chapter 10 of the LDC shall be reviewed and approved prior to obtaining approval for site disturbance.
- 6. A certificate of occupancy must be received from the appropriate code enforcement department prior to occupancy of the structure or land for the proposed use. All binding elements requiring action and approval must be implemented prior to requesting issuance of the certificate of occupancy, unless specifically waived by the Planning Commission.
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- maintenance of noise barriers, maintenance of WPAs, TTPAs) and other issues required by these binding elements / conditions of approval.
- c) Bylaws of the Homeowner's Association in a form approved by the Counsel for the Planning Commission.
- 9. At the time the developer turns control of the homeowner's association over to the homeowners, the developer shall provide sufficient funds to ensure there is no less than \$3,000 cash in the homeowner's association account. The subdivision performance bond may be required by the Planning Commission to fulfill this funding requirement.
- 10. The materials and design of proposed structures shall be substantially the same as depicted in the rendering as presented at the November 27, 2018 Planning Commission meeting.
- 11. A note shall be placed on the preliminary plan, construction plan and the record plat that states, "Construction fencing shall be erected prior to any grading or construction activities preventing compaction of root systems of trees to be preserved. The fencing shall enclose the area beneath the dripline of the tree canopy and shall remain in place until all construction is completed. No parking, material storage, or construction activities shall be permitted within the fenced area."
- 12. All street signs shall be installed by the Developer, and shall conform with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) requirements. Street signs shall be installed prior to the recording of the subdivision record plat or occupancy of the first residence on the street, and shall be in place at the time of any required bond release. The address number shall be displayed on a structure prior to requesting a certificate of occupancy for that structure.
- 13. Open space lots shall not be further subdivided or developed for any other use and shall remain as open space in perpetuity. A note to this effect shall be placed on the record plat.
- 14. The signature entrance shall be submitted to the Planning Commission staff for review and approval prior to recording the record plat.
- 15. Cross connectivity to the proposed private road on the development site will be permitted should the adjacent Forester property ever develop residentially.

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# Land Development and Transportation Committee

Staff Report

October 11, 2018



18zone1033

**Project Name:** 

**Meadows Pointe** 

Location:

14706/14714 Old Henry Road

Owner(s):

**Meadows Pointe LLC** 

Applicant:

Meadows Pointe LLC

Jurisdiction: **Council District:** 

Louisville Metro

17- Glen Stuckel

Case Manager:

Julia Williams, AICP, Planning Supervisor

## REQUEST(S)

- Change in zoning from R-4 to PRD
- Variance from 5.3.1.D.1.B.v. to reduce the rear yard setback from 25' to 12.5' for Lots 16-27
- Waiver from 10.3.5 to permit the encroachment of a detention basin into the parkway buffer along Old Henry Road
- District Development Plan/Preliminary Subdivision Plan with Binding Elements

#### CASE SUMMARY/BACKGROUND

The applicant is proposing 31 single family townhomes on approximately 5.69 acres for a density of 5.4 du/ac. PRD zoning has the same density as the R-5 zoning district, which is 7.26 du/ac.

#### STAFF FINDING

The proposal is ready for a public hearing date to be set.

#### **TECHNICAL REVIEW**

Transportation Planning and MSD have preliminarily approved the proposal.

#### **INTERESTED PARTY COMMENTS**

Please see attached citizen letters

#### STANDARD OF REVIEW FOR REZONING

Criteria for granting the proposed form district change/rezoning: KRS Chapter 100.213

- 1. The proposed form district/rezoning change complies with the applicable guidelines and policies Cornerstone 2020; OR
- 2. The existing form district/zoning classification is inappropriate and the proposed classification is appropriate; OR

3. There have been major changes of an economic, physical, or social nature within the area involved which were not anticipated in Cornerstone 2020 which have substantially altered the basic character of the area.

#### STAFF ANALYSIS FOR CHANGE IN ZONING

Following is staff's analysis of the proposed rezoning against the Guidelines and Policies of Cornerstone 2020.

#### The site is located in the Neighborhood Form District

The Neighborhood Form is characterized by predominantly residential uses that vary from low to high density and that blend compatibly into the existing landscape and neighborhood areas. High-density uses will be limited in scope to minor or major arterials and to areas that have limited impact on the low to moderate density residential areas.

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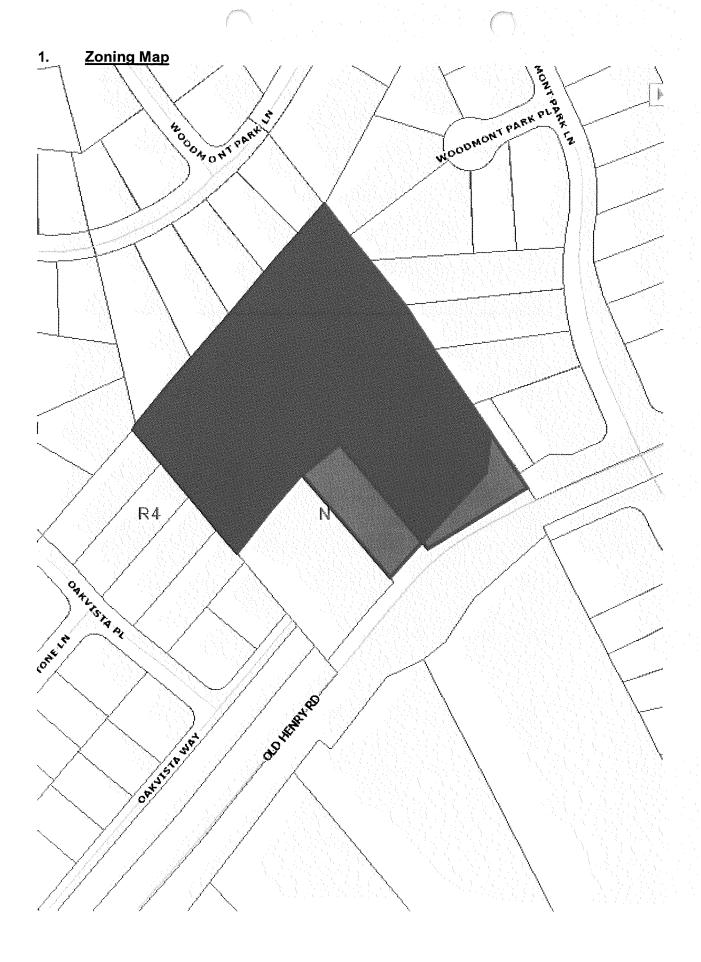
SET the public hearing date

#### **NOTIFICATION**

Date	Purpose of Notice	Recipients
9/27/18	Hearing before LD&T on 10/11/18	1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> tier adjoining property owners
		Registered Neighborhood Groups in Council District 17

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

- 1. Zoning Map
- 2. Aerial Photograph
- 3. Proposed Binding Elements





## 3. Proposed Binding Elements

- The development shall be in accordance with the approved district development plan, all
  applicable sections of the Land Development Code (LDC) and agreed upon binding elements
  unless amended pursuant to the Land Development Code. Any changes/additions/alterations of
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  Commission's designee for review and approval; any changes/additions/alterations not so
  referred shall not be valid.
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# Pre-Application Staff Report

TBD



Case No: 18ZONE1033 Request: R-4 to PRD

Project Name: Meadows Pointe

Location: 14706 & 14714 Old Henry Road
Owner: Meadows Pointe, LLC
Applicant: Meadows Pointe, LLC

Representative: John Addington, BTM Engineering, Inc.

Jurisdiction: Louisville Metro
Council District: 17 – Glen Stuckel

Case Manager: Laura Mattingly, AICP, Planner II

#### **REQUEST**

Change in zoning from R-4 to PRD on 5.69 acres

Detailed District Development Plan with Binding Elements

#### **CASE SUMMARY/BACKGROUND**

The applicant is proposing 32 single family patio homes on an undeveloped parcel east of Anchorage near the Jefferson County line.

#### **STAFF FINDINGS**

The proposal is introducing a slightly higher density and housing style in an area dominated by traditional large lot single family development. This development increases housing choice for the area. Conversely, this is introducing additional single family lots in an area with no pedestrian access and no nearby transit routes. There are no non-residential service type uses nearby, which encourages multiple vehicular trips and offers no travel alternative to vehicles. Additionally, the proposal is removing 2.5 acres of mature tree canopy. Mitigation should be provided for the negative impact on traffic as well as natural features of the site. A neighborhood meeting needs to be held prior to formal filing.

#### **TECHNICAL REVIEW**

See agency comments for development plan review comments.

#### INTERESTED PARTY COMMENTS

Staff has not received any interested party comments.

#### STANDARD OF REVIEW FOR REZONING

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#### STAFF ANALYSIS FOR REZONING

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All other agency comments should be addressed to demonstrate compliance with the remaining Guidelines and Policies of Cornerstone 2020.

A checklist is attached to the end of this staff report with a more detailed analysis. The Louisville Metro Planning Commission is charged with making a recommendation to the Louisville Metro Council regarding the appropriateness of this zoning map amendment. The Louisville Metro Council has zoning authority over the property in question.

#### **NOTIFICATION**

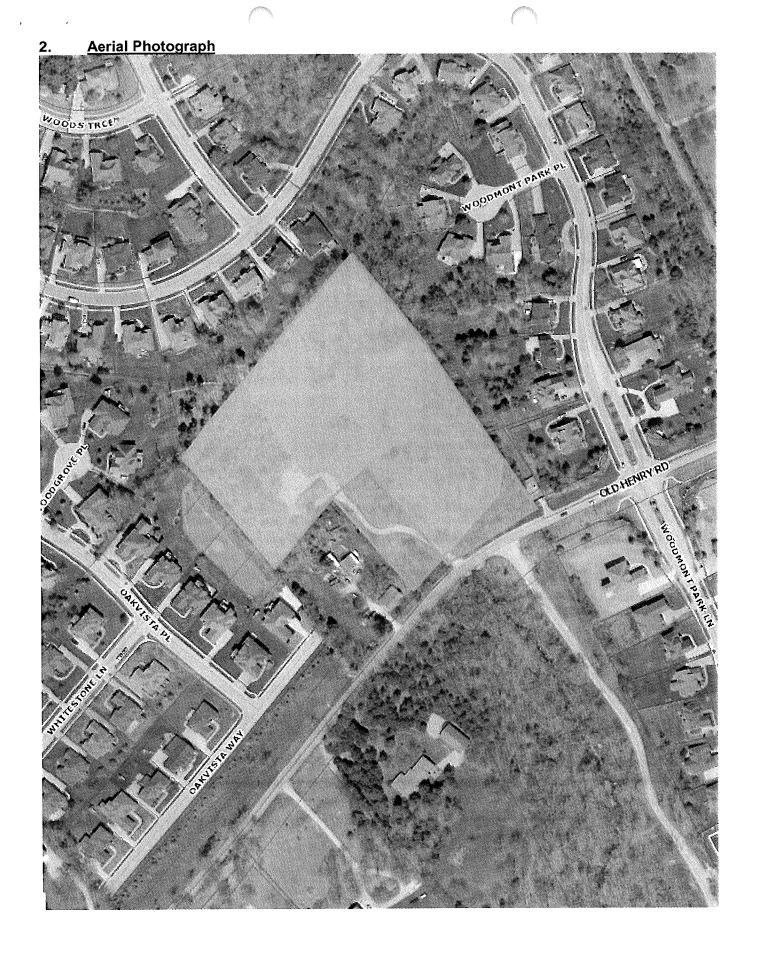
Date	Purpose of Notice	Recipients
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		Speakers at Planning Commission public hearing
		Subscribers of Council District 17 Notification of Development Proposals
	Hearing before PC	1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> tier adjoining property owners
		Speakers at Planning Commission public hearing
		Subscribers of Council District 17 Notification of Development Proposals
	Hearing before PC	Sign Posting on property
	Hearing before PC	Legal Advertisement in the Courier-Journal

# **ATTACHMENTS**

- 1.
- 2.
- Zoning Map Aerial Photograph Cornerstone 2020 Staff Checklist 3.

# 1. Zoning Map





# 3. Cornerstone 2020 Checklist

- + Exceeds Guideline
- ✓ Meets Guideline
- Does Not Meet Guideline
- +/- More Information Needed
- NA Not Applicable

# Neighborhood: Residential

#	Cornerstone 2020 Plan Element	Plan Element or Portion of Plan Element	Staff Finding	Staff Comments
1	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 1: Community Form	B.3: The proposal supports the creation of a mix of residential housing choices and densities for the neighborhood.	<b>√</b>	The proposal is located in an area dominated by single family residences. While the proposal is also for single family, the proposed housing type is a townhouse style with smaller lots and a higher density that what is commonly seen in this area.
2	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 1: Community Form	B.3: If the proposal is classified as high density (greater than 12 dwelling units per acre), it is located on a major or minor arterial or in a location that has limited impact on adjacent low or moderate density developments.	+/-	The development is not considered high density and is located on a minor arterial level road.
3	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 1: Community Form	B.3: If the proposal introduces a new housing type to the neighborhood, it is designed to be compatible with nearby land uses.	<b>✓</b>	The proposal is introducing townhouse style housing in an area dominated by low density traditional style single family residential.
4	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 1: Community Form	B.3: Neighborhood streets are designed to invite human interaction and easy access through the use of connectivity, and design elements such as short blocks or bike/walkways in the middle of long blocks to connect with other streets.	+/-	The proposal will create private streets but no sidewalks are proposed.
5	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.1. Locate activity centers within the Neighborhood Form District at street intersections with at least one of the intersecting streets classified as a collector or higher, AND one of the corners containing an established non-residential use.	NA	This proposal is not an activity center.

#	Cornerstone 2020 Plan Element	Plan Element or Portion of Plan Element	Staff Finding	Staff Comments
6	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.2: Develop non-residential and mixed uses only in designated activity centers except (a) where an existing center proposed to expand in a manner that is compatible with adjacent uses and in keeping with form district standards, (b) when a proposal is comparable in use, intensity, size and design to a designated center, (c) where a proposed use requires a particular location or does not fit well into a compact center, (d) where a commercial use mainly serves residents of a new planned or proposed development and is similar in character and intensity to the residential development, or (e) in older or redeveloping areas where the non-residential use is compatible with the surroundings and does not create a nuisance.	NA	This development is residential only.
7	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.4: Encourage a more compact development pattern that results in an efficient use of land and cost-effective infrastructure.	~	The proposal displays efficient use of land with smaller lots and the preservation of open green space.
8	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.5: Encourage a mix of compatible uses to reduce traffic by supporting combined trips, allow alternative modes of transportation and encourage vitality and sense of place.	+/-	This proposal is located on the outskirts of Jefferson County with few non-residential uses nearby.
9	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.6: Encourage residential uses in centers above retail and other mixed-use multi-story retail buildings.	NA	This residential use is not located in a center.
10	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.7: Encourage new developments and rehabilitation of buildings to provide residential uses alone or in combination with retail and office uses.	+/-	This development is located near other residential uses only.
11	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.8/11: Allow centers in the Neighborhood Form District that serve the daily needs of residents and that are designed to minimize impact on residents through appropriate scale, placement and design.	NA	This proposal is not a center.
12	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.10: Encourage outlot development in underutilized parking lots provided location, scale, signs, lighting, parking and landscaping standards are met. Such outlot development should provide street-level retail with residential units above.	NA	This proposal is not compatible with outlot development.

#	Cornerstone 2020 Plan Element	Plan Element or Portion of Plan Element	Staff Finding	Staff Comments
13	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.12: Design large developments to be compact, multi-purpose centers organized around a central feature such as a public square, plaza or landscape element.	NA	This proposal is a single-family development only and does not fit the definition of a large development.
14	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.13: Encourage sharing of entrance and parking facilities to reduce curb cuts and surface parking.	<b>✓</b>	Access is appropriate.
15	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.14: Design and locate utility easements to provide access for maintenance and to provide services in common for adjacent developments.	+/-	MSD and other utility agencies will review plan for compliance.
16	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.15: Encourage parking design and layout to balance safety, traffic, transit, pedestrian, environmental and aesthetic considerations.	<b>✓</b>	Parking is provided for each single family lot and meets requirements of the Land Development Code.
17	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 2: Centers	A.16: Encourage centers to be designed for easy access by alternative forms of transportation.	_	This development needs better pedestrian connectivity and there is no TARC access in this area.
18	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.1: The proposal is generally compatible within the scale and site design of nearby existing development and with the form district's pattern of development.	<b>√</b>	The proposal is single family with the scale of proposed homes being similar to those nearby.
19	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.2: The proposed building materials increase the new development's compatibility. (Only for a new development in a residential infill context, or if consideration of building materials used in the proposal is specifically required by the Land Development Code.)	+/-	Staff needs to review building elevations for compliance with Section 5.6
20	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.3: The proposal is compatible with adjacent residential areas, and if it introduces a new type of density, the proposal is designed to be compatible with surrounding land uses through the use of techniques to mitigate nuisances and provide appropriate transitions between land uses. Examples of appropriate mitigation include vegetative buffers, open spaces, landscaping and/or a transition of densities, site design, building heights, building design, materials and orientation that is compatible with those of nearby residences.	+/-	Staff needs to review building designs for compatibility.
21	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.6: The proposal mitigates any adverse impacts of its associated traffic on nearby existing communities.	+/-	Traffic impacts are not known at this time. After public works review, it will be determined what measures may need to be taken to mitigate for additional traffic in the area.

#	Cornerstone 2020 Plan Element	Plan Element or Portion of Plan Element	Staff Finding	Staff Comments
22	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.8: The proposal mitigates adverse impacts of its lighting on nearby properties, and on the night sky.	<b>✓</b>	All lighting shall be directed downwards, in compliance with the LDC.
23	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.10: The proposal includes a variety of housing types, including, but not limited to, single family detached, single family attached, multi-family, zero lot line, average lot, cluster and accessory residential structures, that reflect the form district pattern.	✓	The proposal adds some diversity in housing choices to the area by proposing townhomes in an area that offers predominantly traditional low density single family homes.
24	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.11: If the proposal is a higher density or intensity use, it is located along a transit corridor AND in or near an activity center.	+/-	The proposal is higher density but is not near a center or transit line.
25	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.13: The proposal creates housing for the elderly or persons with disabilities, which is located close to shopping, transit routes, and medical facilities (if possible).	+/-	There are very few non-residential uses nearby and no access to transit, resulting in a development that is not conducive to housing for elderly persons or persons with disabilities.
26	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.14/15: The proposal creates appropriate/inclusive housing that is compatible with site and building design of nearby housing.	<b>✓</b>	The proposal is appropriate and inclusive in that it offers a different housing style for those that might not prefer large lot single family homes.
27	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.21: The proposal provides appropriate transitions between uses that are substantially different in scale and intensity or density of development such as landscaped buffer yards, vegetative berms, compatible building design and materials, height restrictions, or setback requirements.	<b>✓</b>	Buffers and setbacks appear to be in compliance with LDC standards where adjacent to R-4, single family residential.
28	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.22: The proposal mitigates the impacts caused when incompatible developments unavoidably occur adjacent to one another by using buffers that are of varying designs such as landscaping, vegetative berms and/or walls, and that address those aspects of the development that have the potential to adversely impact existing area developments.	<b>✓</b>	Buffers and setbacks appear to be in compliance with LDC standards where adjacent to R-4, single family residential.
29	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 3: Compatibility	A.23: Setbacks, lot dimensions and building heights are compatible with those of nearby developments that meet form district standards.	<b>✓</b>	All setbacks and building heights appear to be within LDC standards and are compatible with surrounding development with the exception of the rear setbacks for Lots 17-28. This does not appear to affect compatibility with surrounding development.

#	Cornerstone 2020 Plan Element	Plan Element or Portion of Plan Element	Staff Finding	Staff Comments
30	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 4: Open Space	A.2/3/7: The proposal provides open space that helps meet the needs of the community as a component of the development and provides for the continued maintenance of that open space.	<b>✓</b>	The proposal sets aside a large open space lot containing an intermittent stream and buffer and meets open space standards for the PRD zone.
31	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 4: Open Space	A.4: Open space design is consistent with the pattern of development in the Neighborhood Form District.	<b>✓</b>	The proposal sets aside a large open space lot containing an intermittent stream and buffer and meets open space standards for the PRD zone.
32	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 4: Open Space	A.5: The proposal integrates natural features into the pattern of development.	<b>✓</b>	The intermittent stream on site appears to be preserved and will be used as part of the open space area.
33	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 5: Natural Areas and Scenic and Historic Resources	A.1: The proposal respects the natural features of the site through sensitive site design, avoids substantial changes to the topography and minimizes property damage and environmental degradation resulting from disturbance of natural systems.	+/-	The intermittent stream on site appears to be preserved, although the proposal includes the removal of 114,651 square feet of existing tree canopy.
34	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 5: Natural Areas and Scenic and Historic Resources	A.2/4: The proposal includes the preservation, use or adaptive reuse of buildings, sites, districts and landscapes that are recognized as having historical or architectural value, and, if located within the impact area of these resources, is compatible in height, bulk, scale, architecture and placement.	NA	The site does not appear to have any historically significant structures or features.
35	Community Form/Land Use Guideline 5: Natural Areas and Scenic and Historic Resources	A.6: Encourage development to avoid wet or highly permeable soils, severe, steep or unstable slopes with the potential for severe erosion.	<b>✓</b>	LOJIC did not identify any wetlands on site.
36	Mobility/Transportation Guideline 7: Circulation	A.1/2: The proposal will contribute its proportional share of the cost of roadway improvements and other services and public facilities made necessary by the development through physical improvements to these facilities, contribution of money, or other means.	+/-	Transportation is currently reviewing the proposal.

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37	Mobility/Transportation Guideline 7: Circulation	A.6: The proposal's transportation facilities are compatible with and support access to surrounding land uses, and contribute to the appropriate development of adjacent lands. The proposal includes at least one continuous roadway through the development, adequate street stubs, and relies on cul-de-sacs only as short side streets or where natural features limit development of "through" roads.	<b>√</b>	The proposal has adequate access and stub streets have been provided for future connectivity.
38	Mobility/Transportation Guideline 7: Circulation	A.9: The proposal includes the dedication of rights-of-way for street, transit corridors, bikeway and walkway facilities within or abutting the development.	<b>✓</b>	No ROW dedication will be required.
39	Mobility/Transportation Guideline 8: Transportation Facility Design	A.8: Adequate stub streets are provided for future roadway connections that support and contribute to appropriate development of adjacent land.	<b>✓</b>	Stub streets are provided for future connectivity.
40	Mobility/Transportation Guideline 8: Transportation Facility Design	A.9: Avoid access to development through areas of significantly lower intensity or density if such access would create a significant nuisance.	<b>✓</b>	This site is accessed from Old Henry Road, a minor arterial.
41	Mobility/Transportation Guideline 8: Transportation Facility Design	A.11: The development provides for an appropriate functional hierarchy of streets and appropriate linkages between activity areas in and adjacent to the development site.	<b>✓</b>	By connecting to the existing street network, the appropriate linkages are made.
42	Mobility/Transportation Guideline 9: Bicycle, Pedestrian and Transit	A.1/2: The proposal provides, where appropriate, for the movement of pedestrians, bicyclists and transit users around and through the development, provides bicycle and pedestrian connections to adjacent developments and to transit stops, and is appropriately located for its density and intensity.	-	The proposal does not include sidewalks and is not near any transit access and is not located where services can be easily accessed by any other mode of transportation than a vehicle.
43	Livability/Environment Guideline 10: Flooding and Stormwater	The proposal's drainage plans have been approved by MSD, and the proposal mitigates negative impacts to the floodplain and minimizes impervious area. Solid blueline streams are protected through a vegetative buffer, and drainage designs are capable of accommodating upstream runoff assuming a fully-developed watershed. If streambank restoration or preservation is necessary, the proposal uses best management practices.	+/-	MSD is currently reviewing plan for compliance.

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44	Livability/Environment Guideline 13: Landscape Character	A.3: The proposal includes additions and connections to a system of natural corridors that can provide habitat areas and allow for migration.	_	This proposal is removing large amounts of existing tree canopy that likely provides habitat for wildlife.
45	Community Facilities Guideline 14: Infrastructure	A.2: The proposal is located in an area served by existing utilities or planned for utilities.	✓	There are existing utility connections on site.
46	Community Facilities Guideline 14: Infrastructure	A.3: The proposal has access to an adequate supply of potable water and water for fire-fighting purposes.	<b>✓</b>	There are existing public water connections.
47	Community Facilities Guideline 14: Infrastructure	A.4: The proposal has adequate means of sewage treatment and disposal to protect public health and to protect water quality in lakes and streams.	<b>✓</b>	There are existing MSD connections on site.