

ZONING DOCKET FROM MARCH 26, 2014 GCPC MEETING

Docket Number	Applicant	CC DIST.	STAFF REC.	GCPC REC.	P&D REC.	COUNCIL ACTION
CZ-2014-12	John Beeson with Mark III Properties, Inc. for Lewis E. McDonald Woodruff Road and S Bennetts Bridge Road Simpsonville, SC 29681 0548020100400 (portion) R-S to R-M8	27	Denial	No recommendation Request return to Planning Commission to review request to amend 3-26-14		
Public Comments	<p>Some of the general comments made by Speakers at the Public Hearing on March 17, 2014 were:</p> <p><u>Speakers For:</u></p> <p>Property has 2100' of road frontage, located 2900' from intersection of Scuffletown and Woodruff Rd. Concept plan is for 120 high end townhomes, \$200k/unit. Majority of surrounding owners in support. Beeson has a lot at stake, owns 56 lots across Woodruff in Five Forks Plantation. EWRAP and Comprehensive Plan have been discussed. Property not viable for commercial or single family. This project would meet intent of plans. SF attached only viable use. Would be similar to High Grove townhomes, with brick/hardy board, no vinyl. Proposed drive to line up with S. Bennetts Bridge Road. Interconnectivity corridor discussed. 1500' of gravity sewer to be extended by applicant to serve properties to south. Would add \$30 million to the tax rolls. McDonald family has owned the property for 70 years. There is a big need for townhomes in the area for families and older people. Willing to extend sidewalks internally. In response to Councils' questions, Mr. Harrison mentioned the applicant's willingness to deed restrict to 6.35 units/acre, SF attached clientele differs from SF based on Mr. Beeson's other clients, DOT has not formally approved plans, no traffic study completed, square footage of units would be 1,800-2,000, buildings would adhere to 50' setbacks, and no improvements to Dusty Road/Woodruff discussed.</p> <p><u>Speakers Against:</u></p> <p>Concerns over size and placement of rezoning signs. 2,800 homes represented by his concerns. They missed the nearby R-M16 rezoning, wont miss any more.</p> <p>Dense population without fixing roads is a problem. Need to fix traffic problems before development.</p> <p>East Woodruff Road is fastest growing area. Rush hour traffic is bad. Majority of the growth is east of the Five Forks intersection.</p> <p>Has faith and trust that Council will make right choice. Opposes piecemeal development. Should use the EWRAP to fix problems. EWRAP is a citizen driven process, a policy guide and decision maker, and this request does not comply with the plan.</p>					<p>Petition/Letter</p> <p>For: None</p> <p>Against:</p> <p>1) Five Forks Plantation residents with 29 signatures.</p> <p>2) Unknown submitter with 91 signatures</p>
Staff Report	<p>The subject property is comprised of two (2) separate lots (37+ acres), a northern lot and a southern lot, both of which are separated from each other by approximately 350 feet. The southern lot, which is nearly 19 acres, has frontage on Woodruff Road and Dusty Lane, while the northern lot fronts on S. Bennetts Bridge Road. The applicant is requesting to rezone the southern lot to R-M8 and retain the current zoning for the northern lot.</p>					

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3-26-14	<p>The Zoning Administrators Office received a request on 3-25-14 from the applicant to amend the request from RM-8 to RM-6. Staff was unable to make a recommendation due to time. Planning Commission sent the item to the Planning and Development Committee with no recommendation and requested the item be sent back to the Planning Commission for review of the requested amendment.</p>

Planning Report

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APPLICANT: John Beeson with Mark III Properties, Inc. for Lewis E. McDonald

PROPERTY LOCATION: Woodruff Road and S. Bennetts Bridge Road

PIN/TMS#(s): 0548020100400 (portion)

EXISTING ZONING: R-S, Residential Suburban

REQUESTED ZONING: R-M8, Multifamily Residential

ACREAGE: 18.90

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 27 – Kirven

ZONING HISTORY: The parcel was originally zoned R-S in June of 1991 (Area 7). Since then, two unsuccessful attempts (1996 and 2007) were made to rezone the property.

EXISTING LAND USE: Undeveloped residential

AREA CHARACTERISTICS:

	Zoning	Land Use
North	R-S R-12	Right-of-way for Woodruff Rd; farther north is developed residential
East	R-S	Undeveloped residential
South	R-S S-1	Right-of-way for Dusty Lane; farther south is a mix of partially developed residential and industrial services (fabrication)
West	R-S	Government/institutional; farther west is right-of-way for Woodruff Rd; still farther west is undeveloped residential

WATER AVAILABILITY: Greenville Water System

SEWER AVAILABILITY: Metropolitan Sewer Sub District

IMAGINE GREENVILLE PLAN: Residential Land Use 2

ROADS: Woodruff Road: 3-lane State-maintained major arterial;
Dusty Lane: 2-lane County-maintained residential access road; and
S. Bennetts Bridge Road: 3-lane State-maintained major collector

TRAFFIC IMPACT: Traffic generated from the site is expected to increase. The closest and most relevant traffic count was conducted on Woodruff Road in 2012, approximately 1,850 feet west of the

intersection of Woodruff Road and S. Bennetts Bridge Road. The station counted 18,500 average daily traffic trips (ADT), which represented a 6.32% change (increase) from the previous year and an overall 14.19% increase over the last five (5) years. Another traffic count was conducted on S. Bennetts Bridge Road, approximately 2,900 feet northeast of the subject site. This station counted 6,300 ADT, which represented a 4.54% decrease from the previous year, but a 14.54% increase over the last five (5) years.

SUMMARY

The subject property is currently zoned R-S, Residential Suburban, and the applicant is requesting to rezone to the R-M8, Multifamily Residential district. The R-M8 district was established to provide for varying population densities. The principal use of land is for one-family, two-family, and multiple-family dwellings and recreational, religious, and educational facilities normally associated with residential development. The proposed R-M8 district would provide a maximum density of eight (8) dwelling units per acre. Many of the parcels within the immediate vicinity of the subject property are zoned for single-family homes. It should be noted that the northwest portion of the subject lot is located within the GPATS Setback Area.

CONCLUSION

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