MORRISTOWN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION Agenda April 9th, 2024



Members of the public will have the opportunity to speak as items are presented.

Call to Order

- I. Approval of March 12th, 2024 Minutes
- II. Old Business: None
- **III.** New Business:

Rezoning Request OMP/LI to IB S. Austin Road/W. Andrew Johnson Highway

Rezoning Request RP1 to PCD Sandstone Drive

UGB Final Plat Request Reeds Chapel Road

Hamblen County Zoning Text Amendment Campground Regulations

Preliminary Plat Request Village Greene Subdivision (Noes Chapel Road)

IV. Departmental Reports:

None

Adjournment

The next meeting of the Morristown Regional Planning Commission is scheduled for May 14th, 2024, at 4:00 pm. The deadline to submit applications for this meeting is April 15th, 2024.

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Members Present

Chairman Frank McGuffin Vice-Chairman Jack Kennerly Secretary Roni Snyder Mayor Gary Chesney Councilmember Robert (Bob) Garrett Commissioner Ventrus Norfolk Commissioner John Wallace Commissioner Alpha Alexander

Staff Present

Josh Cole, Senior Planner Lori Matthews, Senior Planner Steve Neilson, Development Director Hope Ross, Administrative Assistant

<u>Members Absent</u> Commissioner Sabrina Seamon

Others Present

T. Clint Harrison Jorge Guzman Others Present Continued Lee Shepard

Chairman Frank McGuffin called the meeting to order.

I. Approval of February 13th, 2024, minutes:

Commissioner Secretary Roni Snyder made a motion for approval of the February 13th, 2024, minutes seconded by Commissioner Ventrus Norfolk.

Voting Results upon voice vote all Ayes. Motion carries.

II. Old Business: None

III. New Business: ROWC-2959: Right of Way Closure Request: Portion of S. Economy Rd.

Josh Cole, Senior Planner, brought forth a request from Mr. Fernando Herrera to close a portion of the South Economy Road right-of-way (ROW) that is adjacent to his property. After reviewing this request, staff proposed to extend the closure request to include the ROW south of the large vacant tract that is to the east of Mr. Herrera's property. The existing developed portion of S. Economy Road ends at the western boundary of Mr. Herrera's property and the rest of this ROW is undeveloped.

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This ROW and surrounding properties were annexed into the city in 2007. It has an office and laydown yard for a construction business being developed to the west, vacant property and the railroad to the south, and vacant property to the north. Additionally, there are no utilities within this ROW.

Staff did not object to this closure and asked the Planning Commission to forward it on to City Council.

Commissioner John Wallace made a motion to approve the right of way closure, seconded by Commissioner Ventrus Norfolk.

Voting Results 8 yes, 0 no. Motion carries.

ROWC-2950: Right of Way Closure: Between Witt Rd. and the Norfolk Southern Railroad Right of Way

Lori Matthews, Senior Planner, brought a request from property owner Mr. Ceasar Soto to abandon an unmaintained right-of-way which divides his properties along Witt Road. The right-of-way is approximately 360 feet in length and 25-feet wide, travelling north from Witt Road and ending at the Norfolk-Southern Railway right-of-way. Neither the City's Public Works Department nor Morristown Utilities has voiced any concerns over this request.

Staff asked the Planning Commission to forward this rezoning request to City Council for their approval.

Commissioner Alpha Alexander made a motion to approve the rezoning seconded by Vice-Chairman Jack Kennerly.

Voting Results 8 yes, 0 no. Motion carries.

MASD-2963 Final Plat Request: Lot 6 of The Plaza at Merchants Greene STNM-2884 Street Naming Evan Greene Plaza to Clay Dr.

Lori Matthews, Senior Planner, brought a request from Engineer Clint Harrison seeking final subdivision plat approval for a portion of the Merchants Greene Phase II development located on the west side of the City, off of West Andrew Johnson Highway. The plat, if approved, will create one lot; however, it will also change the name of a public street, as well as extend a public street, both of which require Planning Commission approval.

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That portion of Evan Greene Plaza which currently runs north/south (from West Andrew fashion) is to be renamed "Clay Drive". The remainder of Evan Greene Plaza, which travels east/west (from Merchants Greene Boulevard) will be extended to the west as a public street. This section was originally platted to be a private street.

Staff asked the Planning Commission to grant final plat approval contingent on the City receiving the necessary geotest reports for that section of Evan Greene Plaza to be made public.

Commissioner Alpha Alexander made a motion to approve the final plat and street name seconded by Secretary Roni Snyder.

Voting Results 8 yes, 0 no. Motion carries.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Roni Snyder, Secretary

RS/hr



TO:	Morristown Regional Planning Commission
FROM:	Josh Cole, Senior Planner
DATE:	April 9 th , 2024
SUBJECT:	Rezoning Request from OMP and LI to IB
	S. Austin Drive and W. Andrew Johnson Highway

BACKGROUND:

Staff has received a request from the applicant, Express Oil Change and Tire Engineers, to rezone a 0.89 acre parcel at the southeastern intersection of S. Austin Road and W. Andrew Johnson Highway. This parcel is currently split zoned as it is zoned both OMP (Office, Medical, Professional District) and LI (Light Industrial District). The applicant is seeking to rezone it solely to Intermediate Business District in order to place a Express Oil Change and Tire Engineering business.

This property is currently vacant and has OMP zoning to the west with an office building, vacant OMP and LI to the east; however, most of the nearby properties along W. Andrew Johnson Highway is zoned Intermediate Business including the property to the north containing the St. Patrick Catholic Church.



RECOMMENDATION:

As noted above, most of the properties fronting W. Andrew Johnson Highway are zoned the Intermediate Business District with uses that fall in line with this district. Thus, staff believes that this district is appropriate at this location along this major corridor and would ask Planning Commission to forward this request onto City Council.









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TO:	Morristown Regional Planning Commission
FROM:	Josh Cole, Senior Planner
DATE:	April 9 th , 2024
SUBJECT:	Rezoning Request from RP1 to PCD
	Sandstone Drive

BACKGROUND:

Staff has received a request from the engineer, Joe Parrott, to rezone a 2.5 acre vacant parcel on Sandstone Drive from RP1 (Planned Residential District) to PCD (Planned Commercial District). The applicant is seeking to rezone it to PCD in order to place an office building for a local HVAC business.

This property has PCD zoning to the south with the Massengill Falls and Massengill Springs development which is anchored by the Food City grocery store and has a multifamily development to the east zoned R-2. The concept plan provided with the application does show a 2,200 square foot building with an office area and storage area. Per the concept plan, the only access for this will be on Sandstone Drive which is similar to all the other commercial uses within this development. It should be stated that this property is heavily constrained as to the size of the development because it contains a flood hazard area along with multiple easements.



RECOMMENDATION:

This property is currently zoned RP1, however, most of the properties within this development contains the PCD zoning designation with commercial uses along this street. Thus, staff recommends approval of this rezoning request and would ask Planning Commission to forward it to City Council.





The City of Morristown



Community Development & Planning

TO:	Morristown Regional Planning Commission
FROM:	Josh Cole, Senior Planner
DATE:	April 9 th , 2024
SUBJECT:	UGB Final Plat
	Reeds Chapel Road

BACKGROUND:

Staff has received a request for preliminary and final plat approval for "Final Plat of American Liberty Homes LLC, Reeds Chapel S/D." This subdivision is located on Reeds Chapel just slightly east of Highway 25E which is outside of the City's municipal boundary but is within the Urban Growth Boundary so it must receive approval from the Regional Planning Commission.

This plat consists of three lots on 8.37 acres in size with the lots being 2.41, 2.56, and 3.29 acres in size.



<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>:

This plat meets all applicable subdivision requirements; thus, staff recommends approval once the appropriate signatures are on the plat.



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Community Development & Planning



TO:	Morristown Regional Planning Commission
FROM:	Josh Cole, City of Morristown Senior Planner
DATE:	April 9th, 2024
SUBJECT:	Hamblen County Zoning Text Amendment: Campground Regulations

BACKGROUND

County planning staff has received many requests for zoning regulations on commercial campgrounds. However, there are no local zoning regulations and the best advice staff has been able to give is the state regulations and guidelines. As a result, staff and Hamblen County Planning Commission (HCPC) have reviewed and studied other local zoning regulations to see how they are governed elsewhere. After workshops with HCPC, a set of regulations was approved by the HCPC at their April 1st meeting. However, all county zoning text amendments must also be reviewed by the Regional Planning Commission.

The entire text amendment is attached to this memo. Some of the highlights include the following:

- Only allowed in the A-1 district
- Must contain at least 5 acres
- Site plan is required to be submitted and approved by the HCPC
- Individual campers cannot be placed on a single lot longer than 29 consecutive days
- A minimum landscape buffer of 15' along the perimeter of the site

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of this text amendment and would ask Planning Commission to forward this on to Hamblen County Commission.

Amendment to the Zoning Resolution of Hamblen County, Tennessee by Establishing Regulations for Campgrounds, Travel Trailers, and Recreations Vehicles within Hamblen County by adding the following:

Section 1-Article 5 hereby amended by adding the definition.

Recreational vehicle (RV) Park aka Travel Trailer Park. A recreational vehicle park is a tract of property containing two (2) or more RV sites and/or tent camping sites.

Section 2-Article 7 is hereby amended by adding the following section.

7.8 Development Standards for Recreational Vehicle Parks and Campgrounds.

The following standards shall apply to all proposed RV Parks and Campgrounds.

A. Zoning Requirement. The property must be located in the A-1 (Agricultural) zone.

B. Minimum Size. The minimum size tract for any RV Park is five (5) acres.

C. Site Plan Requirements. A site plan is required in accordance with Article 6, Section 6.6

D. <u>One-Site Office/Clubhouse Facility.</u> A building housing an office, restrooms, showers, and laundry facilities is required to serve the RV Park occupants.

E. Camper sites are for rent only and are not to be sold or leased for a period of longer than twenty-nine (29) days.

F. <u>RV Park Management</u>. An on-site 24-hour manger is required for all parks with 10 or more campers.

G. <u>Utilities</u>. All sites shall be provided with water, sewer, and electrical services. Utilities shall be underground.

H. <u>Fire Protection</u>. Where available, a minimum of six (6) inch water line and fire hydrants shall be installed along drives so that all buildings and RVs are within five hundred (500) feet of a hydrant.

1. <u>Garbage Collection</u>. A garbage collection container to serve all RV Park occupants is required and must be emptied once a week.

J. <u>Buffering</u>. A minimum of fifteen (15) feet wide natural or planted buffer is required along all side and rear property lines. The buffer shall consist of existing trees and other vegetation or planted cedar or other evergreen trees. Additional landscaping shall be provided at the main entrance(s) to the park.

K. <u>State License Compliance</u>. All RV Parks shall comply with licensing requirements of the State of TN.

L. Access Drives.

1. Primary access roads to an RV park shall be accessed off a county road that does not access through a residential subdivision.

- 2. Internal roads shall be designed:
 - a.) Designed with adequate access and drainage
 - b.) Two-way drives within the park shall be a minimum of twenty (20) feet wide.
 - c.) One-way drives shall be a minimum of twelve (12) feet in width.

M. Parking.

1.) One (1) automobile parking space is required for every two (2) RV sites.

2.) Visitor parking spaces are to be separate from RV sites and may be provided at or near the office and/or in the interior of the park.

N. Tent Camping.

1.) Is allowed in open space areas designated for that purpose.

2.) The number of tent camping sites is limited to the number of parking spaces designated for that purpose.

O. Storage. On-site storage is allowed for park occupants only.

1.) Total storage building(s) serving the occupants is not to exceed fifty (50) sq. ft. per RV site. 2.) Outdoor storage of boats and vehicles is allowed for occupants only provided it is at least one hundred (100) feet from outer property lines and does not exceed five (5) percent of the gross land area.

P. Prohibited Uses.

-Mobile homes

-Permanent residences, excluding the use of a resident management structure.

-Underpinning or the removal of wheels, except for the temporary purpose of repair or stabilization.

-Accessory structures permanently attached to the ground such as carports or cabanas.

Q. General Requirements.

1. No home occupation or commercial activities are to be conducted in the RV park by tenants

The Planning Commission may deny the site plan due to poor site design for traffic patterns, poor visibility at entrance(s), poor drainage plan, or lack of parking, etc.

The City of Morristown

Community Development & Planning



TO:Morristown Regional Planning CommissionFROM:Lori Matthews, Senior PlannerDATE:April 9th, 2024REQUEST:Preliminary Subdivision Plat Approval Request

SUBMITTAL:

Mr. Larry Anglea is seeking preliminary subdivision plat approval for property located at the northeast intersection of Cherokee Drive and Noe's Chapel Road. Construction plans show a 46-lot single-family development on a steeply terraced 15-acre site, which adjoins Lochmere Subdivision. Zoned R-2 (Medium Density Residential), average lot size will be around 9,000 square feet. Lots which front Noe's Chapel road will have 3-connector points via a private driveway in which to enter and exit their property. The remaining lots will front a public street to be named 'Emma Way'.

Morristown Utilities will provide all utilities to this development.

RECOMMENDATION:

Village Greene (preliminary) subdivision and construction plans meet all applicable subdivision and zoning requirements; as such, Staff would ask the Planning Commission to approve the preliminary plat as submitted.



