



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

Agenda Date: August 17, 2023

In Control: City Council

DEPARTMENT: Development Services Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Michael Shannon

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: District 2

SUBJECT:

ZONING CASE Z-2023-10700129 CD

SUMMARY:

Current Zoning: "RM-4 CD H AHOD" Residential Mixed Dignowity Hill Historic Airport Hazard Overlay District with a Conditional Use for a Professional Office

Requested Zoning: "RM-4 CD H AHOD" Residential Mixed Dignowity Hill Historic Airport Hazard Overlay District with a Conditional Use for a Studio - Fine or Performing Arts

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Zoning Commission Hearing Date: July 18, 2023

Case Manager: Ann Benavidez, Zoning Planner

Property Owner: Petra del Sol Eubanks

Applicant: Petra del Sol Eubanks

Representative: Jerry Cavazos

Location: 1512 East Houston Street

Legal Description: Lot 3, Block 15A, NCB 576

Total Acreage: 0.1509 acres

Notices Mailed

Owners of Property within 200 feet: 36

Registered Neighborhood Associations within 200 feet: Dignowity Hill Neighborhood Association

Applicable Agencies: Fort Sam Houston, Office of Historic Preservation, Planning Department

Property Details

Property History: The subject property was part of the original 36 square miles of the City of San Antonio and was originally zoned Historic "K" Commercial District. The property was rezoned by Ordinance 70, 786 dated December 14, 1989, to "R-2" Two-Family Residence District. With the adoption of the 2001 Unified Development Code, established by Ordinance 93881, dated May 03, 2001, the property zoned "R-2" Two-Family Residence District converted to "RM-4" Residential Mixed District. The property was rezoned by Ordinance 2020-02-20-0129 dated February 20, 2020 to "RM-4 CD" Residential Mixed District with a Conditional Use for a Professional Office.

Topography: The property does not include any abnormal physical features such as slope or incursion in a flood plain.

Adjacent Base Zoning and Land Uses

Direction: North

Current Base Zoning: "C-2", I-1"

Current Land Uses: Shuttle bus company

Direction: South

Current Base Zoning: "RM-4"

Current Land Uses: Residential dwelling

Direction: East

Current Base Zoning: "RM-4"

Current Land Uses: Vacant

Direction: West

Current Base Zoning: "RM-4", "IDZ-1"

Current Land Uses: Vacant, Food service establishment

Overlay District Information:

The "AHOD" Airport Hazard Overlay District, due to the location of the property and its proximity to an airport or approach path, does not restrict permitted uses, but can require additional review of construction plans by both the Development Services Department and the Federal Aviation Administration.

The Dignowity Hill Historic District, is an overlay district within the City of San Antonio. This district does not regulate use of the property, but does enforce building exterior design standards meant to maintain the architectural character or cultural significance of the designated area. Building plans and permit applications will be subject to review by the Office of Historic

Preservation and the Historic and Design Review Commission (HDRC) prior to any permits being issued.

Special District Information:

No special district information.

Transportation

Thoroughfare: East Houston Street

Existing Character: Secondary Arterial Type B

Proposed Changes: None Known

Public Transit: There are no VIA bus routes are within walking distance of the subject property.

Routes Served: 22, 24, 222

Traffic Impact: A Traffic Impact Analysis Worksheet was submitted. Any further traffic requirements will be evaluated at the Building Permit phase.

Parking Information: The minimum parking requirement for an art studio is 1 parking space per 300 square feet.

ISSUE:

None.

ALTERNATIVES:

Current Zoning: "RM-4" Residential Mixed District accommodates single-family dwelling (detached, attached or townhouse), two-family dwelling, three-family dwelling, four-family dwelling, row-house or zero-lot line dwelling, accessory dwelling, with a minimum lot size of 4,000 square feet and a minimum lot width of 15 feet, public and private schools.

The current "Conditional Use" permits a professional office.

Proposed Zoning: "RM-4" Residential Mixed District accommodates single-family dwelling (detached, attached or townhouse), two-family dwelling, three-family dwelling, four-family dwelling, row-house or zero-lot line dwelling, accessory dwelling, with a minimum lot size of 4,000 square feet and a minimum lot width of 15 feet, public and private schools.

The proposed "Conditional Use" would permit an art studio on the property.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

PROXIMITY TO REGIONAL CENTER/PREMIUM TRANSIT CORRIDOR:

The subject property is not located within a Regional Center but is within a ½ mile of a Houston-Commerce Premium Transit Corridor.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff Analysis and Recommendation: Staff and Zoning Commission recommend Approval.

Criteria for Review: According to Section 35-421, zoning amendments shall be based on approval criteria below.

1. **Consistency:** The subject property is located within the Dignowity Hill Neighborhood Plan and is currently designated as “Low Density Mixed Use” in the future land use component of the plan. The requested “RM-4 CD” base zoning district is consistent with the future land use designation.
2. **Adverse Impacts on Neighboring Lands:** Staff does not find evidence of likely adverse impacts on neighboring lands in relation to this zoning change request. The proposed use is consistent with the established development pattern of the surrounding area. The property is on a block with a mix of zoning designations in proximity and proposes compatible uses.
3. **Suitability as Presently Zoned:** The current “RM-4 CD” Residential Mixed District with a Conditional Use for a Professional Office is an appropriate zoning for the property and surrounding area. The proposed “RM-4 CD” Residential Mixed District with a Conditional Use Studio - Fine or Performing Arts is also appropriate. While the property resides on a predominantly residential block, the property fronts a secondary arterial and is proximate to industrial and medium to high level commercial uses. A low-intensity commercial use is appropriate given the physical characteristics of the property. The inclusion of the “CD” Conditional Use will regulate various development aspects such as parking and building setbacks; Additionally, any expansion of the proposed use could warrant additional Council consideration and another public process.
4. **Health, Safety and Welfare:** Staff has not found indication of likely adverse effects on the public health, safety, or welfare.
5. **Public Policy:** The request does not appear to conflict with any public policy objectives of the Dignowity Hill Neighborhood Plan:
 - Goal 12: Expand neighborhood businesses that are convenient and safe for residents and visitors to easily access and enjoy
 - o 12.1.1. Create/collaborate with a community development corporation to promote small businesses in the Dignowity Hill neighborhood
6. **Size of Tract:** The subject property is 0.1509 acres, which can reasonably accommodate the proposed residential development.
7. **Other Factors:** The applicant intends to rezone to “RM-4 CD” to develop an art studio on the property. The site plan indicates the applicant’s intention to utilize the existing structure for this use. The current conditional use assigned to the property allows professional office uses. The applicant is unable to work within this “CD” Conditional Use as there is a retail component to their proposed use.

The Conditional Use zoning procedure is designed to provide for a land use that is not permitted by the established zoning district, but due to individual site considerations or unique development requirements would be compatible with adjacent land uses under given conditions.