



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

Agenda Date: October 3, 2023

In Control: Zoning Commission Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Development Services Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Michael Shannon

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: District 9

SUBJECT:

ZONING CASE Z-2023-10700240

SUMMARY:

Current Zoning: "MF-33 GC-3 MLOD-1 MLR-2" Multi-Family US 281 North Gateway Corridor Camp Bullis Military Lighting Overlay Military Lighting Region 2 District

Requested Zoning: "C-3 GC-3 MLOD-1 MLR-2" General Commercial US 281 North Gateway Corridor Camp Bullis Military Lighting Overlay Military Lighting Region 2 District

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Zoning Commission Hearing Date: October 3, 2023

Case Manager: Camryn Blackmon, Zoning Planner

Property Owner: 2021 FII Bulverde LLC

Applicant: 2021 FII Bulverde LLC

Representative: Brown & McDonald PLLC

Location: Generally located in the 26000 block of Bulverde Road

Legal Description: 12.617 acres out of CB 4864

Total Acreage: 12.617 acres

Notices Mailed

Owners of Property within 200 feet: 11

Registered Neighborhood Associations within 200 feet: There are no registered Neighborhood or Community Associations within 200 feet

Applicable Agencies: Camp Bullis, Planning Department

Property Details

Property History: The property was annexed into the City of San Antonio by Ordinance 2016-12-01-0899, dated November 30, 2016, and zoned "C-3" General Commercial District. The property was rezoned by Ordinance 2022-01-27-0070, dated January 27, 2022, to the current "MF-33" Multi-Family District.

Code & Permitting Details:

There is no code enforcement or permitting history for the subject property.

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

Adjacent Base Zoning and Land Uses

Direction: North

Current Base Zoning: "C-2"

Current Land Uses: Auto Body Shop

Direction: East

Current Base Zoning: "C-3"

Current Land Uses: Vacant

Direction: South

Current Base Zoning: "C-3"

Current Land Uses: Contractor

Direction: West

Current Base Zoning: "OCL PMRES"

Current Land Uses: Vacant

Overlay District Information:

The US 281 Gateway Corridor District ("GC-3") provides site development standards for properties within 4,000 feet along the US 281 north right-of-way. The standards primarily address building placement, landscaping, building materials and signage to promote a coordinated development scheme for the Corridor. A zoning review is performed by the Zoning Section of the Development Services Department.

The "MLOD-1" Camp Bullis Military Lighting Overlay District does not restrict permitted uses, but does regulate outdoor lighting in an effort to minimize night-time light pollution and its effects on operations at the military installation

Special District Information:

None.

Transportation

Thoroughfare: US Highway 281 North

Existing Character: None

Proposed Changes: None Known

Thoroughfare: Bulverde Road

Existing Character: Secondary Arterial A

Proposed Changes: None Known

Public Transit: There is no public transit within walking distance of the subject property.

Traffic Impact: A Traffic Impact Worksheet was submitted. Any additional traffic requirements will be reviewed at the build permit phase of the project.

Parking Information: The minimum parking requirement for Auto and Vehicle Sales is 1 per 500 sf GFA of sales and service building. The maximum parking requirement for Auto and Vehicle Sales is 1 per 375 sf GFA of sales and service building.

ISSUE:

None.

ALTERNATIVES:

Current Zoning: "MF-33" Multi-Family District allows any uses permitted in MF-25 but with a maximum density of 33 units per acre for MF-33, 40 units per acre for MF-40, 50 units per acre for MF-50 and 65 units per acre for MF-65.

Proposed Zoning: "C-3" General Commercial Districts are intended to provide for more intensive commercial uses than those located within the NC, C-1 or C-2 zoning districts. C-3 uses are typically characterized as regional shopping centers, power centers, and/or assembly of similar uses into a single complex. There are no building size limitations, and building height is limited to 35 feet. Examples of permitted uses: bar/tavern & nightclub, amusement/theme parks, dance hall, indoor movie theater, auto repair, auto sales, auto glass sales (installation permitted), auto muffler (sales and installation only), hotel, bookbinder, dry cleaning or laundry plant, indoor flea market, home improvement center, body piercing/massage/tattoo parlor. No outdoor storage is permitted. Outdoor operations and display shall be permitted in areas which are screened as provided in 35-510 of the Unified Development Code.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

PROXIMITY TO REGIONAL CENTER/PREMIUM TRANSIT CORRIDOR:

Subject property is located with the Stone Oak Regional Center but is not within ½ a mile from a Premium Transit Corridor

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff Analysis and Recommendation: Staff recommends 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 North Sector Plan, adopted August 2010, and is currently designated as “Regional Center” in the future land use component of the plan. The requested “C-3” 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.
3. **Suitability as Presently Zoned:** The existing “MF-33” Multi-Family District is an appropriate zoning for the property and surrounding area. The proposed “C-3” General Commercial District is more appropriate for the property and surrounding area. The abutting properties are largely zoned “C-3” General Commercial District and “C-2” Commercial District with more intense commercial uses along Highway 281. The request utilizes the properties position along the highway to permit higher intensity commercial uses, and create a buffer between the major thoroughfare to the east and the single-family residential uses to the west.
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 objective. Relevant Goals and Policies of the Comprehensive Plan may include:
 - GCF Goal 1: Higher-density uses are focused within the city’s 13 regional centers and along its arterial and transit corridors.
 - GCF Goal 2: Priority growth areas attract jobs and residents.
 - JEC Goal 1: Employment is focused in the city’s 13 Regional Centers, in site-specific locations in Urban Centers and along mobility corridors, providing easy connectivity for San Antonio’s residents and businesses.
 - JEC Goal 2: Traditional and targeted growth industries support San Antonio’s diversified economy and provide a wide range of job opportunities.

Relevant Goals and Objectives of the North Sector Plan may include:

- Goal ED-1: Compatible economic development along major transportation routes and existing activity centers that do not interfere with the mission of Camp Bullis.
- ED-1.2 Continue to locate compatible employment uses at the intersections of US 281 and Loop 410.
- LU-1.1 Locate buffers between high density/intensity land uses that are potentially incompatible.

6. **Size of Tract:** The 12.617-acre site is of sufficient size to accommodate the proposed commercial development.
7. **Other Factors:** The subject property is located within the Camp Bullis Awareness Zone/Military Influence Area. In accordance with the signed Memorandum of Understanding, JBSA was notified of the proposed request. The Military has indicated that there are no objections to this request.