



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

Agenda Date: November 2, 2023

In Control: City Council

DEPARTMENT: Development Services Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Michael Shannon

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: District 2

SUBJECT:
ZONING CASE Z-2023-10700220

SUMMARY:

Current Zoning: "RM-4 MLOD-3 MLR-2 AHOD" Residential Mixed Martindale Army Airfield Military Lighting Overlay Military Lighting Region 2 Airport Hazard Overlay District

Requested Zoning: "IDZ-2 MLOD-3 MLR-2 AHOD" Medium Intensity Infill Development Zone Martindale Army Airfield Military Lighting Overlay Military Lighting Region 2 Airport Hazard Overlay District with uses permitted for four (4) dwelling units

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Zoning Commission Hearing Date: September 19, 2023

Case Manager: Ann Benavidez, Zoning Planner

Property Owner: Gerardo Ituarte

Applicant: Gerardo Ituarte

Representative: Gerardo Ituarte

Location: 316 Toledo Street

Legal Description: Lot 5, Block 3, NCB 2796

Total Acreage: 0.1511 acres

Notices Mailed

Owners of Property within 200 feet: 23

Registered Neighborhood Associations within 200 feet: Denver Heights Neighborhood Association

Applicable Agencies: Parks and Recreation, Martindale Army Airfield, Office of Historic Preservation, Planning Department

Property Details

Property History: The subject property was located within the original 36 square miles of the City of San Antonio and was originally zoned "C" Apartment District. The property was rezoned by Ordinance 79329, dated December 16, 1993, to "R-2" Two-Family Residence District. Under the 2001 Unified Development Code, established by Ordinance 93881, dated May 03, 2001, the property zoned "R-2" Two-Family Residence District converted to the current "RM-4" Residential Mixed District.

Code & Permitting Details:

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

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: "R-4 S"

Current Land Uses: Museum

Direction: South

Current Base Zoning: "RM-4"

Current Land Uses: Residential Dwelling

Direction: East

Current Base Zoning: "RM-4 S"

Current Land Uses: Cemetery

Direction: West

Current Base Zoning: "RM-4"

Current Land Uses: Residential Dwelling

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 "MLOD-3" Martindale Army Airfield 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:

The Infill Development Zone (IDZ) District provides flexible standards for developments. IDZ may be approved as either a base zoning district or an overlay zoning district. Typically, IDZ gives flexibility to parking requirements, lots sizes, and setbacks.

Transportation

Thoroughfare: Toledo Street

Existing Character: Local Street

Proposed Changes: None Known

Public Transit: There is public transit within walking distance of the subject property.

Routes Served: 20, 225

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 Multi-Family Dwelling is 1.5 per unit. The maximum parking requirement for Multi-Family Dwelling is 2 per unit. "IDZ-2" waives the minimum parking requirement by 50%.

ISSUE:

None.

ALTERNATIVES:

Current Zoning: "RM-4" Residential Mixed District permits 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.

Proposed Zoning: "IDZ-2" Medium Intensity Infill Development Zone District allows rezoning requests up to 50 units per acre, and uses permitted in "C-2" and "O-1.5". All approved uses must be requested and stated within the ordinance. Provide flexible standards for setbacks and parking for the development and reuse of underutilized parcels within a qualifying area of the city.

If approved, the "IDZ-2" would permit for four (4) residential dwelling units.

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 the New Braunfels Avenue Premium Transit Corridor and Austin Highway 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 Arena District/Eastside Community Plan and is currently designated as “Medium Density Residential” in the future land use component of the plan. The requested “IDZ-2” base zoning district at the proposed density 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 aligns with the established development pattern of the surrounding area.
- 3. Suitability as Presently Zoned:** The current “RM-4” Residential Mixed District is an appropriate zoning for the property and surrounding area. The proposed “IDZ-2” Medium Intensity Infill Development Zone District with uses permitted for four (4) residential dwelling units is also appropriate. The subject property is a residential area comprised predominantly of “RM-4” properties, and the four units proposed aligns with the established residential density in the area. The IDZ-2 base zoning request requires a prescribed site plan that will address various development aspects to include the unit and parking layout, building dimensions, building height and square footage. Furthermore, the proposed residential infill offers missing middle housing, which is consistent with the goals of the Strategic Housing Implementation Plan (SHIP).
- 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 Arena District/Eastside Community Plan.

Relevant Goals and Policies of the SA Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan may include:

- GCF Goal 5: Growth and city form support improved livability in existing and future neighborhoods.
- GCF Policy 8: Continue to focus on the revitalization of neighborhoods adjacent to downtown and extend these efforts to regional centers, urban centers and transit corridors.
- GCF Policy 14: Establish appropriate buffers and transitions (land use, form, and/or landscaping) between residential neighborhoods and surrounding higher-density development.
- Housing Goal 2: A variety of housing types (single-family detached, single-family attached, multifamily, as well as ownership and rental opportunities) is available at a variety of price and rent levels.
- Housing Goal 3: Housing choices are available in walkable and bikeable neighborhoods located near transit, employment, retail, medical and recreational amenities.

- Housing Goal 6: Infill development and revitalized neighborhoods provide a range of housing choices near the city center.
- Housing Policy 30: Ensure infill development is compatible with existing neighborhoods.

Relevant Principles and Goals of the Arena District/Eastside Community Plan may include:

- Land Use Guiding Principles 2.2: Protect the neighborhoods by providing them with the necessary improvements to enable infill development and redevelopment.
- Land Use Plan Goal 4.1: Conserve existing neighborhoods.

- 6. Size of Tract:** The 0.1511 acre site is of sufficient size to accommodate the proposed residential development.
- 7. Other Factors:** The applicant has submitted a site plan in accordance with the requirements of the code. The site plan indicates residential uses, with a proposed four (4) units total on the property.

When “IDZ” development abuts a single-family use or zone then the structure shall not exceed two and one-half (2.5) stories or thirty-five (35) feet in height, if the structure is fifty (50) feet or less from the single-family use or zone.

In accordance with the San Antonio City Unified Development Code, the Office of Historic Preservation reviews all demolition applications for any property located within the city limits of San Antonio. Approval of a zoning change does not imply approval of or take the place of such demolition review as directed by the UDC. To date, no application for demolition at this address to accommodate the proposed use has been submitted for review to the Office of Historic Preservation. There are historic age structures present on these properties. A 30-day review period is required for demolition.

The subject property is located within the Martindale Army Airfield Awareness Zone/Military Influence Area. In accordance with the signed Memorandum of Understanding, Texas Army National Guard and JB SA were notified of the proposed request. The Military has indicated that there are no objections to this request.

The proposed rezoning is seeking additional density for use as residential dwelling units. A rezoning application does not allow Short Term Rentals (STRs) as a use by right. Any applicant seeking to operate an STR must follow the appropriate City and Unified Development Code (UDC) processes and is required to apply and qualify for STR permit(s) through those processes. Short Term Rentals are governed by the UDC Section 16.1100. Also see Section 35-374.01 for STR density limitations, Section 35-399 for establishment regulations, and Section 35-482 for procedures regarding consideration of special exceptions.