



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 7

SUBJECT:

ZONING CASE Z-2023-10700232 HL

SUMMARY:

Current Zoning: “R-6 AHOD” Residential Single-Family Airport Hazard Overlay District

Requested Zoning: “R-6 HL AHOD” Residential Single-Family Historic Landmark Airport Hazard Overlay District

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Zoning Commission Hearing Date: October 3, 2023

Case Manager: Mark Chavez, Zoning Planner

Property Owner: Dana W. Kent & Samuel Rosado

Applicant: Office of Historic Preservation

Representative: Office of Historic Preservation

Location: 1739 West Summit Avenue

Legal Description: Lot 10 and the west 2.2 feet of Lot 9, Block 27, NCB 1939

Total Acreage: 0.1494

Notices Mailed

Owners of Property within 200 feet: 30

Registered Neighborhood Associations within 200 feet: Woodlawn Lake and Jefferson

Applicable Agencies: 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 “R-1” Single Family Residence District. With the adoption of the 2001 Unified Development Code, established by Ordinance 93881, dated May 03, 2001, the property zoned “R-1” Single Family Residence District converted to the current “R-6” Residential Single-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 flood plain

Adjacent Base Zoning and Land Uses

Direction: North

Current Base Zoning: “R-6”

Current Land Uses: Single-Family Residential

Direction: East

Current Base Zoning: “R-6”

Current Land Uses: Single-Family Residential

Direction: South

Current Base Zoning: “R-6”

Current Land Uses: Single-Family Residential

Direction: West

Current Base Zoning: “R-6 CD”

Current Land Uses: Duplex

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 “HL” Historic Landmark, “HS” Historic Significant or “HE” Historic Exceptional overlay district designation signifies the historic architectural character or cultural significance of the structure or location. Historic Landmark designations do not affect the possible uses of the property but do regulate the exterior aesthetic of the structure. 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.

Transportation

Thoroughfare: West Summit Avenue

Existing Character: Local

Proposed Changes: None known.

Thoroughfare: North Elmendorf

Existing Character: Local

Proposed Changes: None known.

Public Transit: There are VIA bus routes are within walking distance of the subject property.

Routes Served: 103, 95,96 & 97.

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

Parking Information: The current use is residential single family and no proposed uses. Any further traffic requirements will be evaluated at the Building Permit phase.

ISSUE:

None.

ALTERNATIVES:

Current Zoning: “R-6” Residential Single-Family District permits single-family dwelling (detached) with a minimum lot size of 6,000 square feet and a minimum lot width of 50 feet, foster family home, public and private schools.

Proposed Zoning: “R-6 HL” Residential Single-Family District permits single-family dwelling (detached) with a minimum lot size of 6,000 square feet and a minimum lot width of 50 feet, foster family home, public and private schools.

The “HL” adds a Historic Overlay.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

PROXIMITY TO REGIONAL CENTER/PREMIUM TRANSIT CORRIDOR:

The subject property is not located within a Regional Center or within half mile of the Premium Transit Corridors.

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 Near Northwest Community Land Use Plan, adopted February 2002, and is currently designated as “Medium Density Residential” in the land use component of the plan. Application of the historic landmark is consistent with the goals and objectives of the adopted plan.
- 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 rezoning is for the application of historic designation and does not change the current use or base zoning designation.
- 3. Suitability as Presently Zoned:** The proposed rezoning is for the application of “HL” Historic Landmark Overlay designation and does not change the current base zoning designation.
- 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 Near Northwest Community Land Use Plan:
 - Objective 3.3: Design Standards- Protect and preserve the Near North-west’s unique housing character.
 - 3.3.2 Investigate the designation of individual historic landmarks or historic districts within the planning area.
- 6. Size of Tract:** The 0.1494-acre site is of sufficient size to accommodate the existing residential development and historic designation.
- 7. Other Factors:** The request for landmark designation was initiated by the owner. The application is for an “HL” Historic Landmark designation for a “R-6” Residential Single-Family District.

On August 16, 2023, the Historic and Design Review Commission (HDRC) approved a Finding of Historic Significance, identifying the property as historically significant based on criteria listed in Section 35-607 (b) of the Unified Development Code. The criteria identified as being applicable to the subject property are specified below. HDRC concurred with the applicant that 1739 W. Summit Avenue met UDC criterion [35-607(b)5], [35-607(b)8], and [35-607(b)13] for a finding of historic significance in the process of seeking designation as a local historic landmark.

In order to be eligible for landmark designation, a property must meet at least three of the criteria; 1739 W. Summit Avenue meets three.

5. Its embodiment of distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style valuable for the study of a period, type, method of construction, or use of indigenous materials; for its association with prolific home builders Gerald Melliff and W.W. McAllister.

8. Its historical, architectural, or cultural integrity of location, design, materials, and workmanship; as an example of an early Craftsman cottage in the Woodlawn Lake District, with low-pitched roof with overhanging eaves, exposed beams, rafters, and triangular braces, clapboard wood siding.

13. It bears an important and significant relationship to other distinctive structures, sites, or areas, either as an important collection of properties or architectural style or craftsmanship with few intrusions, or by contributing to the overall character of the area according to the plan based on architectural, historic, or cultural motif; it is one of the first six addresses on the block, and one of the first two on north side of the street (and the only extant structure), built at the very beginning of the period of significance for the Woodlawn Place Addition.