



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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Agenda Date: October 13, 2021

In Control: Planning Commission Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Public Works Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Razi Hosseini

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: District 3

SUBJECT:

FPV#21-004 associated with the Heritage Oaks LOMR

SUMMARY:

Request by City of San Antonio Public Works Department's Floodplain Management Team for approval of a variance request associated with a Floodplain Development Permit (FPDP) #2021534 for the as-built, LOMR improvements along the Unnamed Tributary 2 in San Antonio River. The engineering analyses show slight water surface elevation rises within the studied limits of the LOMR. Staff recommends Approval. [Sabrina Santiago, Storm Water Engineering Manager, (210) 207-0182, sabrina.santiago@sanantonio.gov, PWD Department]

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Council Filing Date: District: District 3 – San Antonio
Owner: Mr. Stephen Leix
Staff Coordinator: Sabrina Santiago, Interim Storm Water Engineering Manager, (210) 207-0182

ISSUE:

On March 1 2021, the applicant requested a variance from Sections 35-F124(c)(3) in Appendix F of the Unified Development Code (UDC), which states that an increase in water surface elevation is permitted provided the rise does not exceed six (6) inches. The Public Works Department, Storm Water Division has no objection to the granting of the variance as indicated in the attached staff support letter. PWD is requesting Planning Commission approval of this variance.

ALTERNATIVES:

The only option, as an alternative, would be to require that SAWS remove the sanitary sewer bridge and find another route for this infrastructure. This would be a costly endeavor for SAWS as this may require additional easement acquisition.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff reviewed the as-built, LOMR, submittal and variance request, and found them to be in conformance with the Unified Development Code (UDC) with exception of the Variances mentioned above. In regard to these Variances, staff does concur with the applicant's justification. The rises in water surface elevations occur within a dedicated public drainage easement. Therefore, Public Works Storm Water Division recommends approval of the Variances.