

Agenda Item

File #: 2018-2403 File Status: Preliminary Item 9/25/2018

Public Hearing: YES INO Department: Planning & Sustainability

SUBJECT: COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): 3 & 7 N7 Grandview Residential, LLC c/o Battle Law, LLC LP-18-1235089 PETITION NO: LP-18-1235089

PROPOSED USE: Townhome Development

LOCATION: 1473 Columbia Drive

PARCEL NO.: 15 186 01 004

INFORMATION CONTACT: Marian Eisenberg

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PURPOSE:

Application of Grandview Residential, LLC c/o Michelle Battle, Esq. to request a Land Use Plan Map amendment from Suburban (SUB) to Town Center (TC) for the development of a 25-unit Townhome project.. The property is located on the west side of Columbia Drive, approximately 357 feet north of Santa Monica Drive at 1473 Columbia Drive, Decatur, Georgia. The property has approximately 191 feet of frontage on the west side of Columbia Drive and contains 2.36 acres.

RECOMMENDATION:

COMMUNITY COUNCIL: DEFERRAL

PLANNING COMMISSION: FULL CYCLE DEFERRAL

PLANNING STAFF: APPROVAL

PLANNING STAFF ANALYSIS: The intent of the Town Center Character Area is to promote the concentration of residential and commercial structures, which serve many communities in order to reduce automobile travel, promote walkability and increased transit usage. The area consists of a focal point for several neighborhoods with a variety of activities such as general retail, commercial, professional office, higher-density housing, and appropriate public and open space uses that are easily accessible by pedestrians. This character area is similar to neighborhood center, but at a larger scale. The preferred density for areas of this type is up to 60 dwelling units

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per acre.

The subject property abuts an existing Town Center, is on a transit route, and is in walking distance to commercial uses. Therefore, staff's recommendation is 'Approval'.

PLANNING COMMISSION VOTE: Full cycle deferral 6-2-0. V. Moore moved, J. Johnson seconded for full cycle deferral. M. Butts & T. Snipes opposed.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL VOTE/RECOMMENDATION: DEFERRAL/7-3-0





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Planning Commission Hearing Date:September 6, 2018, 6:30 P.M.Board of Commissioners Hearing Date:September 25, 2018, 6:30 P.M.

STAFF ANALYSIS

Case No.:	LP-18-1235089		Agenda #: N.7		
Location/Address:	1473 Columbia Drive		Commission District:3 Super District:7		
Parcel IDs:	15 186 01 004				
Request:	To amend the Land Use Plan Map from Suburban (SUB) to Town Center (TC)				
Property Owner(s):	Aaron & Laura Pettiford				
Applicant/Agent:	Battle Law, PC				
Acreage:	2.366 acres.				
Existing Land Use:	Suburban (SUB)				
Surrounding Properties:	Suburban (SUB) & Town Center	(TC)			
Adjacent Zoning:	North: R-75 (SUB) South: R-75 (SUB) East: R-75 (SUB) West: R-75 (SUB) Northeast: R-75				
	(SUB) Northwest: MR-2 (TC) Southeast: R-75 (SUB) Southwest: R-75 (SUB)				
Comprehensive Plan:					
		X Consistent Inconsistent			
Proposed Density: 10.	5 units/acre	Existing Density: 1 dwelling unit			
Proposed Units/Squar	uare Ft.: 25 units/1,000 sq.ft. Existing Units/Square Feet: 4 du/acre				
Proposed Lot Coverag	e: N/A	Existing Lot Co	verage: N/A		

Companion Application:

The applicant has filed a companion application (Z-18-22313) to amend the zoning of the subject property from R-75 (Single-family residential) to MR-2 (Medium Density Residential - 2).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The intent of the Town Center Character Area is to promote the concentration of residential and commercial structures, which serve many communities in order to reduce automobile travel, promote walkability and increased transit usage. The areas consist of a focal point for several neighborhoods with a variety of activities such as general retail, commercial, professional office, higher-density housing, and appropriate public and open space uses that are easily accessible by pedestrians. This character area is similar to neighborhood center, but at a larger scale. The preferred density for areas of this type is up to 60 dwelling units per acre.

The subject property abuts an existing Town Center, is on a transit route, and is in walking distance to commercial uses. Therefore, staff's recommendation is 'APPROVAL'.

SUBJECT PROPERTY AND SURROUNDING AREA

The subject property is currently a 2.633 acre single-family lot that abuts single-family residential on the North, South, and Southwest. The Northwest corner of the lot abuts an existing Townhome Development (Lauren Parc). The subject property is located approximately 360 feet South of the intersection of Columbia Drive and Bobolink Drive and approximately 360 feet North of the intersection of Columbia Drive and Santa Monica Drive.

PROPOSED PROJECT

The proposed project is to construct a 25-unit Townhouse development with proposed enhanced open space on a 2.366 acre parcel.

LAND USE ANALYSIS

Land Use Policies

Land Use Compatibility - Development intensity shall transition from the most dense toward the edge/periphery of the activity center. Smaller scale professional services and residential developments may serve as transitions to existing neighborhoods. Staggered heights, greater setbacks, increased screening/buffers can help mitigate compatibility issues. The "preferred intensity" listed in the DeKalb County 2035 Comprehensive Plan (Chapter 7, Land Use) that applies to this site is up to 12 dwelling units per acre (outer ring). The proposed project site is 10 dwelling units per acres.

Neighborhood Compatibility - Commercial and office uses that would have a negative or blighting influence on adjacent residential neighborhoods or individual residence shall not be permitted.

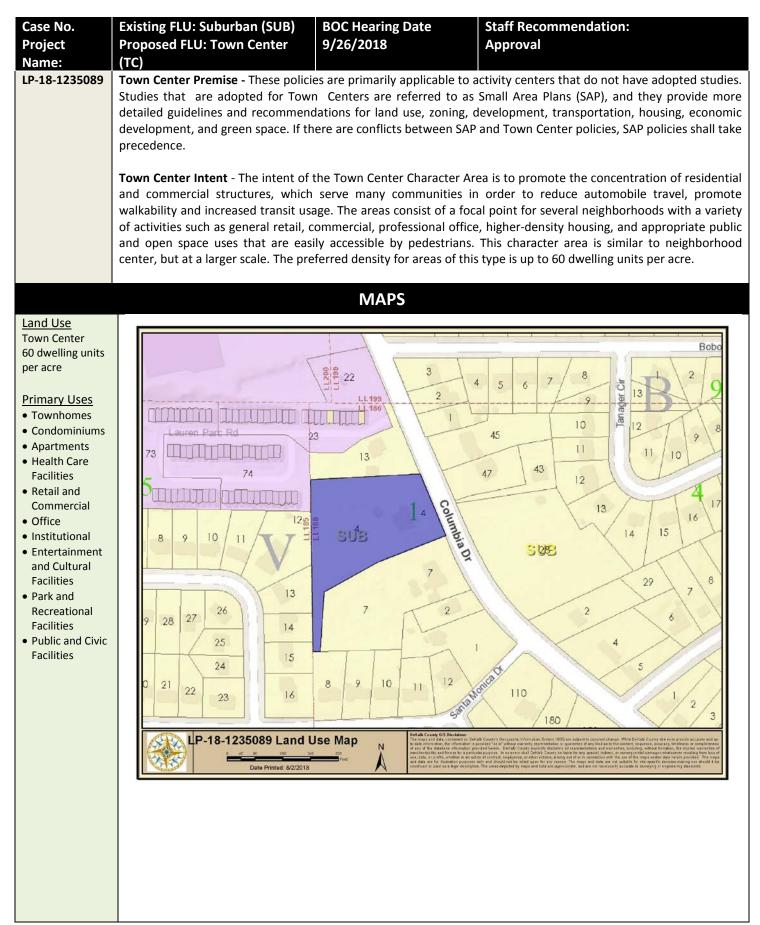
(See attached Supplemental Land Use Report)

Attachments:

- 1. Department and Division Comments
- 2. Supplemental Land Use Report
- 3. Application
- 4. Site Plan
- 5. Zoning Map
- 6. Land Use Plan Map
- 7. Aerial Photograph
- 8. Site Photographs

DeKalb County Long Range Planning Division

Supplemental Land Use Report (for developments proposed in Activity Centers)



Project Description

Location: This proposed development is in unincorporated DeKalb County on West side of Columbia Drive at 1473 Columbia Drive.

Developer/Owner: Grandview Residential, LLC/Aaron and Laura Pettiford

Estimated Completion: N/A

Project Size (Acres, Square Footage, etc.) Acres: 2.366 Acres

- Residential SF: N/A Units: 25 (Townhomes)
- Total SF: N/A (41% Enhanced Open Space)

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Town Center Policies	C	ompli	ant with nsive Plan	Additional comments that justify staff recommendation
	YES	NO	Not Applicable	recommendation
1. Protect Single Family Neighborhoods - Preserve and enhance the integrity and quality of existing residential neighborhoods.				This project adds more dense single family development to the existing single family neighborhood.
2. Maximum Density — Encourage the maximum density of residential in mixed use projects not to exceed 60 dwelling units per acre, with the most intense development located towards the commercial and/or office core of the Town Center. Properties located along the outer edges of the Town Center shall be sensitive to the building height and density of adjacent single family residential. (Refer to Figure 7.3, page 60 of the comprehensive plan)	\boxtimes			
3. Retrofitting - Foster retrofitting for conformity with traditional neighborhood principles.	\boxtimes			See elevations and renderings.
4. Pedestrian Scale Development - Create pedestrian scale communities that focus on the relationship between the street, buildings, streetscaping and people.	\boxtimes			
5. Mixed Use Development - Create compact mixed use districts and reduce automobile dependency and travel to obtain basic services.		\boxtimes		
 Transitional Buffers - Require greater setbacks and/or transitional buffers for developments when located adjacent to lower density residential uses. 	\boxtimes			
7. Enhanced Buffers - Require the incorporation of enhanced buffers in efforts to protect single family neighborhoods.	\boxtimes			
8. Staggered Heights - Require the consideration of staggered height implementation when developments are adjacent to single family residential neighborhoods.	\boxtimes			
9. Streetscaping - Improve street character with consistent signage, lighting, landscaping and other design features.	\boxtimes			
10. Pocket Parks - Create focal points through the use of existing pocket parks and squares for community activities.	\boxtimes			Dog park and common areas are shown on the site plan.
11. Cultural Diversity - Promote activities to highlight historic and cultural assets in the community and provide opportunities for community interaction.				
12. Infill Development - Utilize vacant properties in the neighborhood as an opportunity for infill development of compatible structures.	\boxtimes			
13. Parking - Clearly define road edges by locating buildings near the roadside with parking in the rear.	\boxtimes			Includes rear alley parking for units.
14. Open Space and linkages - Encourage that all development and redevelopment in activity centers provide open space and/or contribute to the public realm with wider public sidewalks, pedestrian linkages and other design features.	\boxtimes			
15. Healthy Neighborhoods - Promote healthy living in neighborhoods by incorporating a	\boxtimes			

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pedestrian environment that encourages socialization, walking, biking and connectivity. Implement the recommendations of the Master Active Living Plans (MALPs).							
16. High Density Residential - Residential							
development shall reinforce the center by locating higher density housing options adjacent to the center. Housing in Town Center shall be targeted to a broad range of income levels.				\boxtimes			
17. Pedestrian Enhancements - Create a pedestrian-friendly environment by adding sidewalks that link neighborhood amenities.	\boxtimes						
18. Traffic Calming - Organize circulation patterns							
through traffic calming techniques and access management. Add traffic calming improvements, sidewalks, and increased street interconnections to increase safety and improve walkability.				\boxtimes			
19. Pedestrian Oriented Design - Design shall be							
pedestrian-oriented with walkable connections between different uses.	\boxtimes						
20. VMT - Promote new and redevelopment at or					Colu	umbia Drive has transit access and is within	
near activity centers as a means of reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT).	\boxtimes					alf mile of a retail center.	
21. High Density Development - Each Town						entage of mixed use:	
Center shall include a very high-density mix of				\boxtimes		esidential Office RetailOpen Space	
retail, office, services, and employment					Jop (Creation Numbers:	
opportunities to serve several neighborhoods.						onstruction Permanent Jobs Wages	
22. Small Area Plans (SAPs) - Implement						edline Activity Center	
appropriate sub-policies (pages 85-114 in					Wesley Chapel LCI		
the comprehensive plan) and					□Ca	andler Road Flat Shoals LCI	
development guidelines in Town Centers					□Re	edan Road Indian Creek Master Active Plan	
that have Small Area Plans, which provide				\boxtimes	□To	co Hills Node of the North Druid Hills LCI	
more guidance to the development of							
mixed use and transition down to single						project is in close proximity to the Belvedere	
family residential.					Mas	ter Active Living Plan Study.	
23. Preferred Uses - Each Town Center shall					Percentage of mixed use:		
include a high density mix of retail, office,				_		esidential Office RetailOpen Space	
services, and employment to serve				\boxtimes		Creation Numbers:	
neighborhoods.					C	onstruction Permanent Jobs Wages	
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	ode stat	es that	the fo	llowing	standar	rds and factors shall govern the review of all proposed	
Questions	nendmei	nts to t					
Questions				omplia	nt	Comments to support zoning proposal	
		-	YES	NO	N/A		
 A. Zoning proposal is in conformity with the polic of the comprehensive plan: 	y and in	tent			N/A	The proposal requires the extension of an existing Town Center.	
of the comprehensive plan:			YES				
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buildings, sites, districts, or archaeological resources:				
G. The zoning proposal will result in a use which will or could				
cause an excessive or burdensome use of existing streets,		\boxtimes		
transportation facilities, utilities, or schools:				
H. The zoning proposal adversely impacts the environment or surrounding natural resources.		\boxtimes		
Transportation	Dian	ning /	\nalvsi	
(Based on the DeKalb County 201		-	-	
Policies		npliant		Additional comments that justify staff
		the CT		recommendation
	Yes	No	N/A	
Functional Classification for the project site:				
□Freeway □Major Arterial ⊠Minor Arterial	\boxtimes			
□Collector □Local				
Freight				
Located on a truck or sanitation route				
Proximity of Landfill or Transfer Station			\boxtimes	
□Located on a state route				
□Located in proximity of rail lines and / or crossings				
Access Management		\boxtimes		
Complete Streets Policy				Belvedere MALP Study recommends
County / Developer will consider installing bicycle and / or	\boxtimes			increased walkability.
pedestrian facilities, and Transit facilities.				
Design: The following street design guidelines and best practices are listed on page 16 in the Appendix document of the		\boxtimes		
CTP.				
Application: See page 16 in the Appendix document of the	_			
CTP		\boxtimes		
Exemptions:				
□Roadway corridor legally prohibits specific users (e.g.				
bicyclists and pedestrians on interstate)				
□Cost of providing bicycle or pedestrian facilities is excessively			\boxtimes	
disproportionate to the need or probable use				
Absence of current and future need is documented				
Roadways not owned or operated by DeKalb County. Performance Macauna Success of complete structure includes				
Performance Measures. Success of complete streets include:				
☐ Miles of new or reconstructed sidewalks				
Percentage completion of bicycle and pedestrian networks as				
envisioned by the latest DeKalb County Comprehensive			\boxtimes	
Transportation Plan				
□Increase in pedestrian and bicycle volumes along key				
corridors				
Human Services Transportation			\boxtimes	
Bicycle and Pedestrian Level of Service Goals and				Located within a Town Center.
Connectivity				
☑LOS B (within an activity center)	\boxtimes			
\Box LOS C (not within an activity center)				
Existing PATH Trail				
Priority Bicycle Network				
First Tier Priority Network Second Tier Priority Network Future DATL				
Existing PATH Future PATH			\boxtimes	
MARTA and TOD				
Bus Routes				
⊠Project is on a bus route	\boxtimes			
⊠Project is near a bus route				
□Project is not close to a bus route				

Transit Stations □ Project is on a transit station site ⊠ Project is near a transit station □ Project is not close to a transit station	\boxtimes		Project is 'near' the Avondale and Kensington MARTA Stations.
Priority Projects for DeKalb County		\boxtimes	



DEKALB COUNTY GOVERNMENT PLANNING DEPARTMENT DISTRIBUTION FORM

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COMMENTS FORM: PUBLIC WORKS TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

Case No.: LP-18-1235089 Parcel I.D. #: 15	-18601.004
Address: 1473	·
columbia DR	
DECATOR, GA.	
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(classification)	(classification)
Capacity (TPD)	Capacity (TPD)
Latest Count (TPD)	Latest Count (TPD)
Hourly Capacity (VPH)	Hourly Capacity (VPH)
Peak Hour. Volume (VPH)	Peak Hour. Volume (VPH)
Existing number of traffic lanes	Existing number of traffic lanes

Existing number of traffic lanes _____ Existing right of way width _____ Proposed number of traffic lanes _____ Proposed right of way width ______ Latest Count (TPD) Hourly Capacity (VPH) Peak Hour. Volume (VPH) Existing number of traffic lanes Existing right of way width Proposed number of traffic lanes Proposed right of way width

Please provide additional information relating to the following statement.

According to studies conducted by the Institute of Traffic Engineers (ITE) <u>6/7TH</u> Edition (whichever is applicable), churches generate an average of fifteen (15) vehicle trip end (VTE) per 1, 000 square feet of floor area, with an eight (8%) percent peak hour factor. Based on the above formula, the ______square foot place of worship building would generate ______ vehicle trip ends, with approximately _____ peak hour vehicle trip ends.

Single Family residence, on the other hand, would generate ten (10) VTE's per day per dwelling unit, with a ten (10%) percent peak hour factor. Based on the above referenced formula, the _____ (Single Family Residential) District designation which allows a maximum of _____units per acres, and the given fact that the project site is approximately _____ acres in land area, _____ daily vehicle trip end, and _____ peak hour vehicle trip end would be generated with residential development of the parcel.

COMMENTS:

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with traffic flow.		<u>-</u>		
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Signature: Jerry White



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Clark Harrison Building 330 W. Ponce de Leon Ave Decatur, GA 30030

Chief Executive Officer Michael Thurmond DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY

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Director Andrew A. Baker, AICP

APPLICATION TO AMEND COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN OF DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA

Application No.: LP 18 1235089 Date Received:
Applicant's Name: Grandview Residential, LLC c/o Battle Law, PC E-Mail: mlb@battlelawpc.com
Applicant's Mailing Address: ONe West Court Square, Suite 750, Decatur, GA 30030
Applicant's Daytime Phone #: 404-601-7616 Fax: 404-745-0045
(If more than one owner, attach information for each owner as Exhibit "A")
Owner's Name: Aaron and Laura Pettiford E-Mail lauraepet@gmail.com
Owner's Mailing Address 5277 Rosser Road, Stone Mountain, GA 30087
Owner's Daytime Phone # _ 770-934-5705 Fax:
Address/Location of Subject Property:1473 Columbia Drive, Decatur, GA
Acreage: 2.366 Commission District(s): 3 & 7
Current Land Use Designation: <u>SUB</u> Proposed Land Use Designation: <u>XXX Town Center (TC)</u>
Current Zoning Classification(s):
PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING BEFORE SIGNING
I. This application form must be completed in its entirety. In addition, any application that lacks any of the required attachments or payment of the filing fee shall be determined to be incomplete and shall not be accepted.
II. III. <u>Disclosure of Campaign Contributions</u> : In accordance with the Conflict of Interest in Zoning Act, O.C.G.A., Chapter 36-67A, the following questions must be answered: Have you, the applicant, made \$250 or more in campaign contributions to a local government official within two years immediately preceding the filling of this application? Yes No
IV. If the answer is yes, you must file a disclosure report with the governing authority of DeKalb County showing:
 The name and official position of the local government official to whom the campaign contribution was made. The dollar amount and description of each campaign contribution made during the two years immediately preceding the filing of this application and the date of each such contribution.
The disclosure must be filed within 10 days after the application is first filed and must be submitted to the C.E.O. and the Board of Commissioners, DeKalb County, 1300 Commerce Drive, Decatur, Ga. 30030.
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EXPIRATION DATE / SEAL Check One Owner Agent DATE
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DECATUR, GA 30030

What is a Community Meeting?

Community meetings are designed to inform the surrounding communities of current rezoning, and special land use permit applications. It's an opportunity for the community to learn about the proposed projects, ask questions, present concerns, and make suggestions. We take this opportunity to encourage you to come out and participate. Owner? Renter? Doesn't matter. All are welcome.

For More Info Contact Batoya Clements at: Phone: 404-601-7616 ext. 2 Fax: 404-745-0045 Email: bdc@battlelawpc.com LAND USE CHANGE TO TRADITIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD & REZONING TO MR-1 FOR 25 UNITS TOWNHOME COMMUNITIES

> Community Meeting Monday, July 2, 2018 6:30 pm until 7:30 pm 1473 Columbia Drive Decatur, Georgia 30032

PROPOSED LOCATION: 1473 Columbia Drive Decatur, Georgia 30032

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 186 of the 15th Land District of DeKalb County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the corner formed by the intersection of the North side of said Land Lot 186 with the southwestern side of Columbia Drive, at a point, thence run southeastern along southwestern Right of Way of Columbia Drive 214 feet to a 0.5"RBF,

Thence run North 89 Degrees 44 Minutes 35 Seconds West a distance of 6.30 feet to a 0.5"RBS, The True Point of Beginning;

From The True Point of Beginning established run southeasterly along said Right of Way of Columbia Drive South 23 Degrees 12 Minutes 30 Seconds East a distance of 193.46 feet to a 0.5"RBS,

Thence leaving said Right of Way run South 67 Degrees 14 Minutes 05 Seconds West a distance of 199.90 feet to a 0.5"RBS,

Thence run South 58 Degrees 14 Minutes 05 Seconds West a distance of 179.00 feet to a 0.5"RBS, Thence run South 03 Degrees 59 Minutes 05 Seconds West a distance of 152.45 feet to a 0.5"RBF, Thence run South 89 Degrees 19 Minutes 33 Seconds West a distance of 22.50 feet to a 0.5"RBF, Thence run North 02 Degrees 05 Minutes 50 Seconds West a distance of 28.99 feet to a 0.5"RBF, Thence run North 01 Degrees 31 Minutes 02 Seconds West a distance of 79.96 feet to a 0.5"RBF, Thence run North 01 Degrees 33 Minutes 35 Seconds West a distance of 138.17 feet to a 0.5"RBF, Thence run North 01 Degrees 20 Minutes 10 Seconds West a distance of 142.89 feet to a 1" ROD, Thence run North 01 Degrees 42 Minutes 09 Seconds West a distance of 113.29 feet to a 0.5"RBS, Thence run South 89 Degrees 44 Minutes 35 Seconds East a distance of 307.01 feet to a 0.5"RBS, said point being the True Point of Beginning.

Land Area = 2.263 AC

Survey completed by Survey Land Express, Inc., dated February 28, 2018

The End

