

City of Bel Aire

STAFF REPORT

DATE: 05/05/2023

TO: Bel Aire Planning Commission

FROM: Keith Price

RE: Agenda

STAFF COMMUNICATION

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| FOR MEETING OF | 5/11/23 |
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SUMMARY:

ZON-23-01. Proposed re-zoning approximately 63+ acres zoned AG, to a M-1 Industrial Manufacturing. The current use farm ground.

The city advertised the hearing in the Ark Valley newspaper and sent notices to the property owners within the required distance of 200 ft.

History: The land was annexed into the city during the 2002-2005 timeframe as Bel Aire was in the growth mode to prevent being landlocked.

Discussion:

All M-1 zoning requires a PUD for development. AG zoning has been a holding district for future Use. The 2018 Master growth plan and the antiquated comprehensive indicates this would be a commercial use district. M-1 is two steps from table 1.2 contained within the 2018 Master Growth Plan; commercial use category and meets the initial requirement.

Conclusion:

Staff recommends approving based on other recent zoning changes nearby for the same purpose-for the best and highest use.

PUD-23-02. Proposed document changes within the current PUD to allow single family, duplex, and multi-family. R-5 and R-6 zoning districts Tierra Verde South Addition PUD; doesn't have re-platting changes at this time. 57.38+/- acres.

The city advertised the hearing in the Ark Valley newspaper and notified property owners as required within the required distance of 200 ft.

History:

Tierra Verde started as a concept plan dividing the commercial uses from the residential use with the north addition for housing and the south addition for commercial uses in 2009 master

plan concept. The commercial uses would attempt to meet the LEED standard for gold or silver as a concept. Bio-swales were incorporated in the drainage system. Groundbreaking for the Concierge Surgical Recovery Suites & Wellness Center--Phase I of The Healing Center at Tierra Verde was Friday, May 31, 2013.

During the first building project, the project was in foreclosure, due in part by the untimely death of Dr. George Watson.

The current business in the completed building was established in 2018 with the city on the portion of lot 4, in block 1. The building does have components to help with the LEED points total.

The majority of ground hasn't been developed in the south addition; the current plat was filed 9/21/09; that is almost 14 years without using the infrastructure installed within the development.

Discussion:

New housing is needed within Sedgwick County, there are studies to indicate that is true. Bel Aire's Master Growth Plan that was adopted indicates that is a prime objective for land once owned by the city. Table 1.2 indicates that two steps from local commercial/mixed use would be multi-family uses and allowable. Figure 3.3 describing multi-family acres in 2018 as just under 12 is antiquated with the recent platting and building. The master growth plan indicated 917 acres would be for housing of the 2,267 acres. That is 40% of the total acres available from that point in time. Many of the commercial areas already designated wouldn't be suitable for housing at this moment. Based on the land approved to date for housing since 2018 would be +/-50% of that total.

To follow the LEED design and air space concerns related to green building construction methods and quality of housing to reduce noises would be good to consider.

A good street appeal variation from recent duplex areas would help build a neighbor branding or identifier.

Conclusion:

Recommends approval of the project with the conditions once understanding of the scope of the project is determined.

PUD-23-03. Proposed PUD to allow open self-storage, warehousing, office, partial gravel parking, with basic items not pre-approved with the over-all existing PUD documents. 16+/- acres.

The city advertised the hearing in the Ark Valley newspaper and notified property owners as required within the required distance of 200 ft.

History:

SCP was platted 7/24/12 with a master plan provided with concepts. Prohibited uses:

- Food/Meat Processing
- Fuel Storage/Refinement
- Asphalt/Concrete Plants

- Correctional Facilities
- Group Homes
- Hazardous Operations
- Landfill
- Mining or Quarrying
- Oil and Gas Drilling
- Rock Crushing
- Solid Waste Incinerator
- Transfer Station
- Wrecking/Salvage Yard
- Agricultural Uses: Elevators, grain storage yard, feed lots, etc.

Discussion:

Self-storage units weren't a use listed specifically in any of the master plans for SCP. The history of Bel Aire zoning code self-storage units has required conditional use, special use, or PUD.

The landscape plan provided can be approved as a concept to follow that would need to meet the city code or be approved as proposed. The signage should be discussed and approved as proposed to ensure that it is part of the PUD; industrial uses wall signs are limited to 200s.f. and limited to 3 walls total.

Phasing of the project should be understood to know how the project will look and what to expect with landscaping and construction.

Conclusion:

Recommends approval of the project with any conditions once understanding of the scope of the project is determined.