

## City of Bel Aire

# STAFF REPORT

DATE: 01/05/2024

TO: Bel Aire Planning Commission

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RE: Agenda

### STAFF COMMUNICATION

FOR MEETING OF	1/11/24
CITY COUNCIL	
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### SUMMARY:

**PUD-23-04. (formally 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.

This PUD was in front of the planning commission May 11, 2023. Sawmill Creek a Wichita development in Wichita had speakers voice concerns. Through streets at Blade or Scragg Streets, elevated crime rate, Multi-family housing were the concerns listed in the minutes. Motion made and approved at the time.

**Motion:** Commissioner Jordan made a motion to recommend changing the Tierra Verde South Addition PUD to include R-5 and R-6 multi-family zoning with the condition that R-6 not be allowed in Lot 3. Commissioner Floyd seconded the motion. ***Motion Carried 5-0.***

## **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 neighborhood branding or identifier.

## **Conclusion:**

Recommends approval of the project with the conditions once understanding of the scope of the project is determined. An Ordinance will need to be created to contain the PUD revisions. Replatting, if needed or required, would reflect these changes as well.

## **SUMMARY:**

**Notice is Hereby Given that on January 11, 2024; the City of Bel Aire Planning Commission will review code sections to consider an update to the Zoning Code related to adopting an update to the City 2023 Zoning Map**

The city advertised the hearing in the Ark Valley newspaper as required.

## **Discussion:**

The city received a question About Arthur Heights- After looking into the question, the Arthur Heights was zoned R-1 with the 2006 zoning map to match the 2005 adoption of the 2004 code. The basic reasons are the lot size is 1 acre and it is for housing purposes. That district heading was "R-1 Single-family Residential" and not "Rural Residential". The title given for the R-1 since the 2004 code has been "Estate Residential".

The 1994 map used until 2006 indicated these were R-1 zoned, 40,000 s.f. lots. Any lot under 1 acre would be allowed to continue in a non-conforming status.

The 1985 code had this as R-1- and 2-acre lot size requirement. Some of the R-1 lots were not platted as 1 acre so it created many no conforming lots, but the plat was done in the 50's before the city was a city.

The city isn't required to adjust zoning districts to make parcels compliant with the zoning code, but large areas have been adjusted over time to match most closely as to what was built to protect and fortify what could be rebuilt.

Staff would like to update the official zoning map annually to match changes made with zoning hearing processes throughout the year by the governing body as a codification process. This would mean that a zoning code update related to districts, new districts, new or changed boundaries would still come back to planning commission, all approved changes would be incorporated in the newly dated official zoning map.

The request motion should include updating the city official zoning map to reflect as present and any of the recently approved zoning ordinance changes. The added request is to allow updating the official map with the Bel Aire code codifications to reflect only zoning districts that have been approved by the governing body prior to the codification process.

Below is the city zoning code section revision by the 2023 codification listed on the city web site related to the city zoning map:

#### **18.6.1. Official zoning map.**

The location and boundaries of the districts established by this Zoning Code are hereby established to be as shown on a map officially designated as the Zoning District Map. The map and all the notations, references and information shown thereon are hereby made as much a part of this Zoning Code as if the same were set forth in full herein. It shall be the duty of the city clerk to keep in a file in his or her office an authentic copy of the map, all charges, amendments or additions thereto, and duplicate copies thereof shall be kept on file in the office of the Zoning Administrator and/or building inspector.