



# Planning & Zoning Commission Planning Department Staff Report

**Planning & Zoning  
Commission meeting:**

August 23, 2022

**Project No:**

ZA2022-0003

**Project Planner:**

Tory Carpenter, AICP, Senior Planner

## Item Details

**Project Name:**

Dripping Springs Community Library

**Property Location:**

501 Sportsplex Drive

**Legal Description:**

3.209 acres out of the Philip A Smith Survey

**Applicant:**

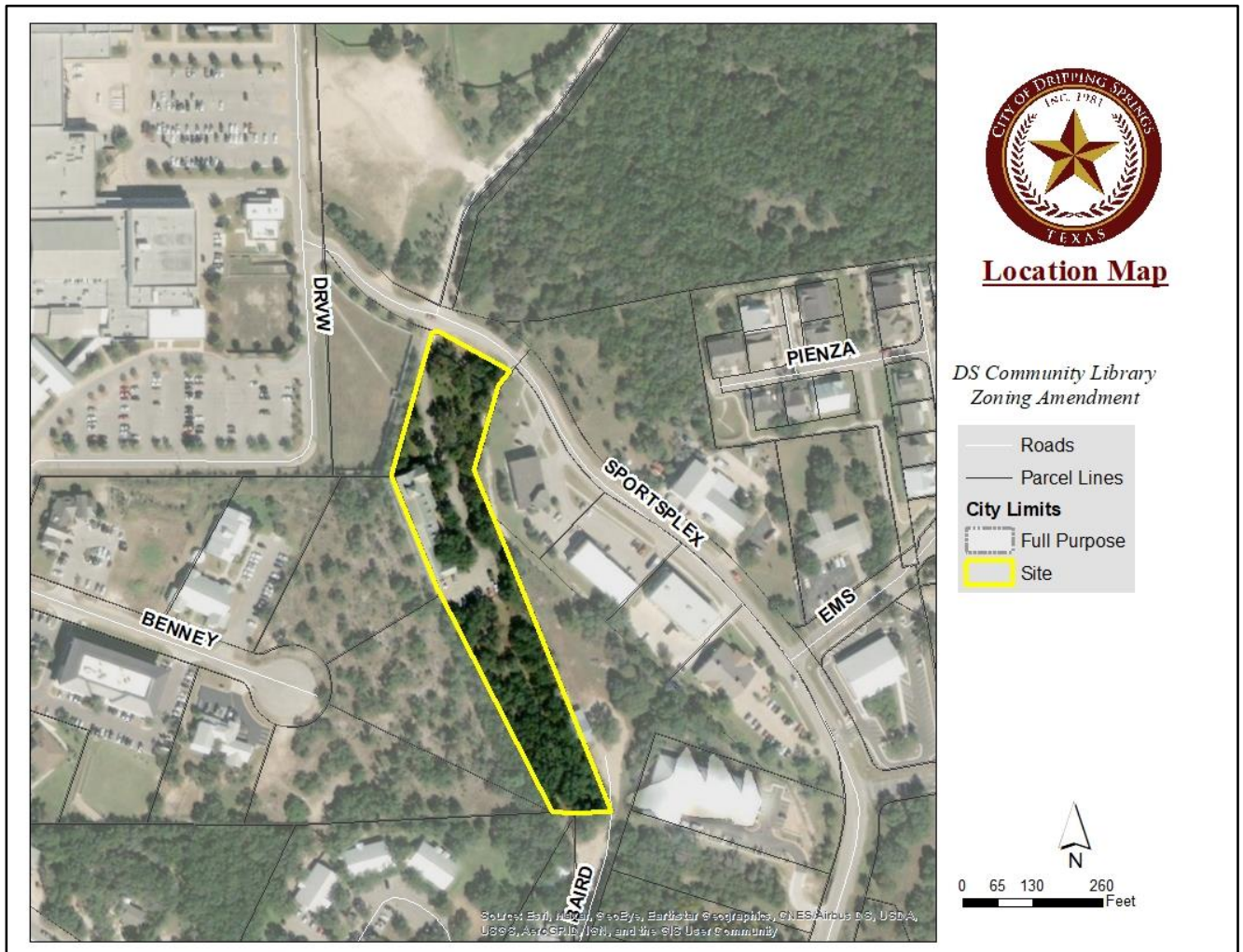
Bob Richardson

**Property Owner:**

Dripping Springs Community Library

**Request:**

Zoning amendment from Agriculture "AG" to  
Commercial Services "CS"



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**Background**

While the property is currently in the ETJ, the default zoning district if it is annexed is Agriculture “AG”

*Per Ch. 30 Exhibit A, §3.5-3.6*

- **AG – Agriculture:** *The AG, agriculture district is designed to permit the use of land for the ranching, propagation and cultivation of crops, small-scale horticultural enterprises, and similar uses. Single-family uses on large lots are also appropriate for this district. Territory that has been newly annexed into the city is initially zoned agriculture. It is anticipated that some portion of agriculturally zoned land may eventually be rezoned to another zoning classification in the future.*

The applicant requests a zoning amendment to Commercial Services “CS”

- **CS – Commercial Services:** *The commercial services (CS) district is intended to provide a location for commercial and service-related establishments, such as wholesale product sales, welding, and contractors shops, plumbing shops, automotive repair or painting services, upholstery shops, and other similar commercial uses. Uses in this district may utilize open storage areas that are screened from public view. The uses envisioned for the district will typically utilize small sites and have operational characteristics that are generally not compatible with residential uses and most other types of nonresidential uses within the city.*

This request is being heard concurrently with an annexation request for the same property. The applicant requests this annexation and zoning amendment to expand the library to an adjacent site. At their meeting on July 19, 2022, the City Council gave direction to staff to proceed with the annexation request for the property. This zoning amendment and the annexation are scheduled to be voted on by the City Council on September 9, 2022.

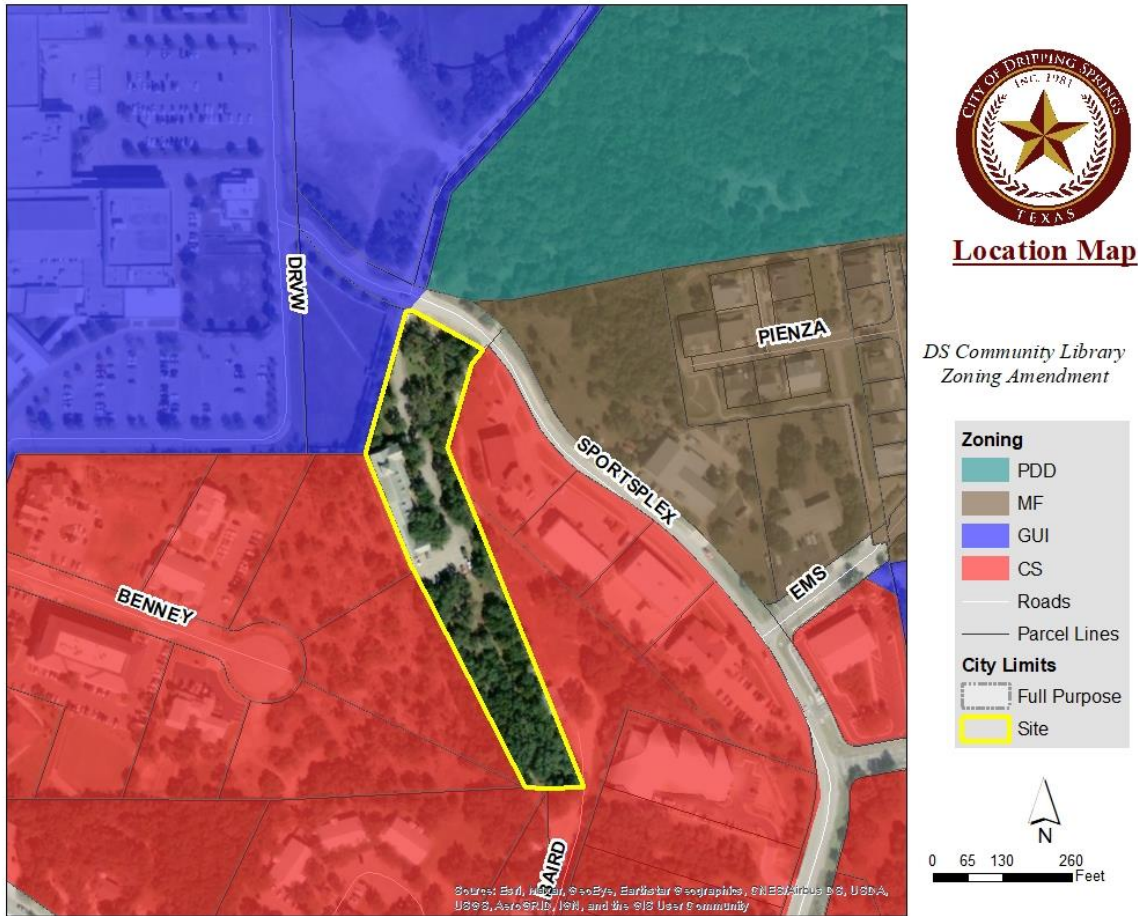
**Analysis**

Based on the adjacent zoning category and land uses, staff finds that the proposed zoning is compatible within the area.

Since the property is currently in the ETJ, staff finds it appropriate to compare ETJ standards with the requested zoning district.

	<b>ETJ</b>	<b>CS</b>	<b>Differences between ETJ &amp; SF-2</b>
<b>Max Height</b>	Not regulated	2 stories / 40 feet	Restricted 2 stories / 40 feet
<b>Min. Lot Size</b>	.75 acres*	8,00 square feet	0.57 acres less
<b>Min. Lot Width</b>	30 feet	80 feet	50 feet more
<b>Min. Lot Depth</b>	unregulated	100 feet	100 feet
<b>Min. Front/Side/Rear Yard Setbacks</b>	10 feet / 5 feet / 5 feet	25 feet / 15 feet / 25 feet	15 feet / 10feet / 20 feet more
<b>Impervious Cover</b>	35%	70%	35% more

Surrounding Properties



The current zoning and existing uses of the adjacent properties to the north, south, east, and west are outlined in the table below:

Direction	Zoning District	Existing Use	Future Land Use
North	PDD / MF	Heritage / Single family residences	Not identified on the Future Land Use Map
East	CS	Various Office	
South	CS	Various Office	
West	CS / GUI	Various Office / Dripping Springs High School	

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**Approval Criteria for Zoning Amendment (Chapter 30 Zoning, Exhibit A, Sec 2.28.1 and 2.28.2)**

2.28.2 The Planning & Zoning Commission and the City Council shall consider the following factors:

Factors	Staff Comments
1. whether the proposed change will be appropriate in the immediate area concerned;	This zoning change is consistent with existing development in the area.
2. their relationship to the general area and the City as a whole;	This zoning change would allow for various office / retail uses and could allow for the expansion of the existing library.
3. whether the proposed change is in accord with any existing or proposed plans for providing public schools, streets, water supply, sanitary sewers, and other utilities to the area;	The property is not within any existing or proposed City Plans.
4. the amount of undeveloped land currently classified for similar development in the vicinity and elsewhere in the City, and any special circumstances which may make a substantial part of such undeveloped land unavailable for development;	This request would not make other land unavailable for development.
5. the recent rate at which land is being developed in the same zoning classification, particularly in the vicinity of the proposed change;	Land with the same zoning classification has been developing rapidly.
6. how other areas designated for similar development will be, or are unlikely to be, affected if the proposed amendment is approved;	No areas designated for commercial development will be affected by this proposed amendment.
7. whether the proposed change treats the subject parcel of land in a manner which is significantly different from decisions made involving other, similarly situated parcels; and	Approval of this zoning amendment would not be significantly different from decisions made involving other similar parcels.
8. any other factors which will substantially affect the public health, safety, morals, or general welfare.	The rezoning does not negatively affect the public health, safety, morals, or general welfare.

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**Staff Recommendation**

Staff recommends **approval** of the zoning amendment as presented.

*Planning and Zoning action:*

2.34.1 *The P&Z shall hold a public hearing on a zoning an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. After all public input has been received and the public hearing closed, the P&Z shall make its recommendations on the proposed zoning request and concept plan, if submitted, stating its findings, its overall evaluation of the request, and its assessment regarding how the request relates to the City's Comprehensive Plan. The P&Z may, on its own motion or at the applicant's request, defer its decision recommendations until it has had an opportunity to consider other information or proposed modifications to the request which may have a direct bearing thereon. If the P&Z elects to postpone or defer its hearing on the request, such action shall specifically state the time period of the postponement by citing the meeting date whereon the request will reappear on the P&Z's agenda.*

2.34.2 *When the P&Z is ready to act upon the zoning request, it may recommend:*

- (a) approval of the request as it was submitted by the applicant;*
- (b) approval of the request subject to certain conditions as in the case of a Planned Development District (PDD) or a Conditional Use Permit (CUP); or*
- (c) disapproval of the request.*

2.34.3 *The P&Z's recommendation will be automatically forwarded to the City Council for a second public hearing thereon.*

**Public Notification**

A legal notice advertising the public hearing was placed in the Dripping Springs Century-News, signs were posted on the-site, notice was placed on the City Website, and all property owners within a 300-foot radius of the site were notified of the zoning map amendment. To date, no letters for or against the request have been received.

**Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Zoning Amendment Application

Recommended Action:	Recommend approval of the requested Zoning Amendment
Alternatives/Options:	Recommend denial of the zoning map amendment.
Budget/Financial Impact:	All fees have been paid.
Public Comments:	None Received at this time.
Enforcement Issues:	N/A