

# **Blue Spruce Ridge**

Town Council Hearing

October 21, 2024

#### **Blue Spruce Summary**



- March 13<sup>th</sup> P&Z recommended unanimous approval for R1 zoning
  - Note: This recommendation was against Caliber's request for R-2 zoning. After consideration, Caliber decided to proceed with R2 zoning at Council
- April 1<sup>st</sup> First reading of annexation and zoning 4-1 to approve annexation and R2 zoning
- April 15<sup>th</sup> Second Reading of Zoning and Annexation Motion to continue zoning to May 6<sup>th</sup> agenda
  - Annexation Ordinance passed
- May 6<sup>th</sup> Second Reading of Zoning 4-3 vote in denial (New Councilmembers/Mayor)
- July 16<sup>th</sup> Neighborhood Meeting #1
- August 6<sup>th</sup> Neighborhood Meeting #2
- September 25<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission unanimously voted 7-0 to recommend approval

# **Zoning Proposal – R2 with conditions**



- R-2 Zoning with conditions.
  - Must be consistent with the provided conceptual site plan
  - Maximum unit count of 200 units or 4.83 du/ac
  - Min. 6,000 sq. ft. lots around the perimeter, single story restrictions along perimeter
  - Linear open space along perimeter
  - Central amenity and natural open space corridor
  - Min. 30% open space
  - Limit to 2 stories on proposed townhomes, centrally located
  - Only townhome, SF courtyard/alley loaded, and SF detached product allowed
    - No traditional multi-story multi-family buildings permitted

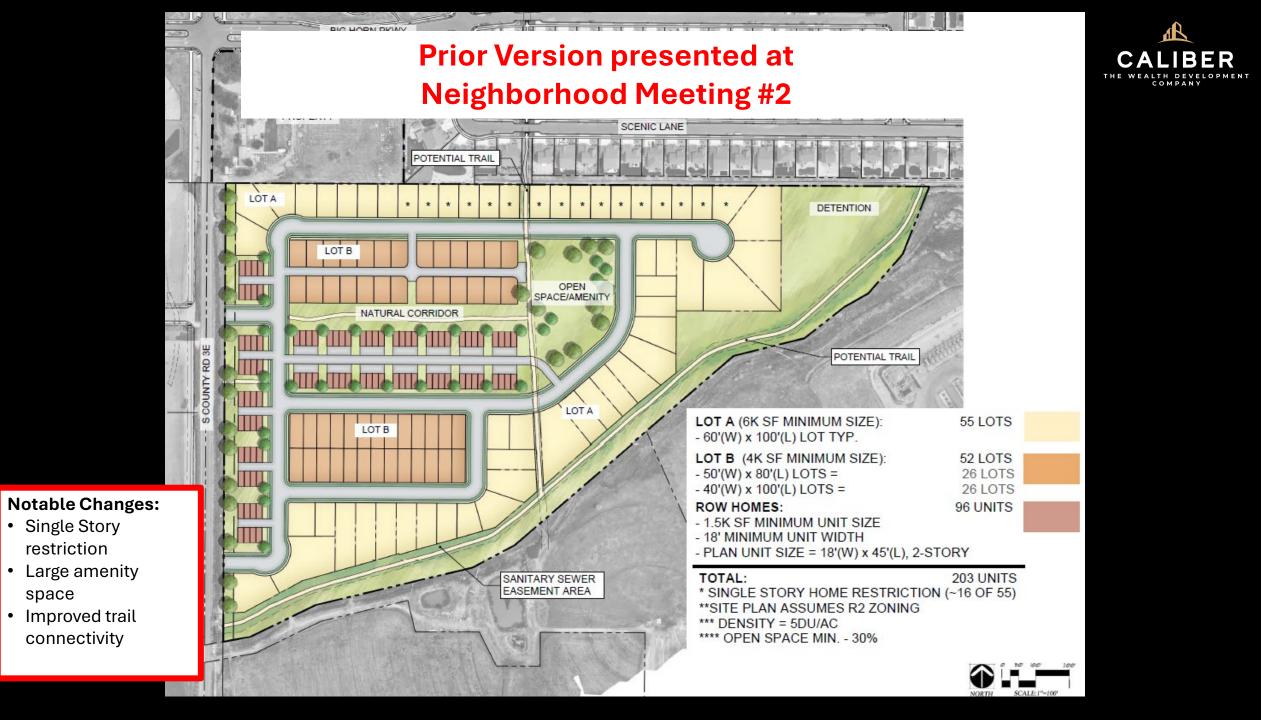


### **Neighborhood Meeting 1 Recap**



- Many homeowners were told this site would be vacant forever
- Drainage concerns along perimeter of existing development and this site
- Additional trail system needed through the proposed community
- Provide an exhibit that shows setbacks from existing Ridge Filing 1
- Concern with to 2-story homes blocking views
- Concern with proposed R-2 zoning
- Desire for Single Family homes, concerns about the Townhomes
- Desire for more park space and open space
- Lack of park space in the entire Ridge area
- Suggestion to look at the Revere community for park and design inspiration
- Traffic concerns
- Fire access questions
- The Ridge ongoing maintenance issues / Metro District questions
- Perimeter easement around the property/irrigation ditch

#### Please note this is a non-exhaustive list of the discussion items





### View from trail/easement along perimeter





#### **Neighborhood Meeting 2 Recap**



- Additional trail system needed through the proposed community
- Desire for linear park adjacent to existing neighborhood to north
- Additional single-story restrictions along County Road 3E
- Concern with 2-story homes blocking views
- Desire for more park space and buffering
- R1 vs. R2 comparison
- Concerns with density and proposed R2
- Concerns about height

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# R1 Zoning vs. R2 Zoning



- "Straight" R1 Zoning
  - No concept plan is provided with zoning and site will comply with Zoning Ordinance
  - Detached SF homes only
  - Allows 4K size SF lots in courtyard pattern
  - 35' max height / 2.5 stories
  - Minimum 30% Open Space
  - No large park/amenity requirement (optional to meet zoning ordinance)
  - No single-story restrictions along perimeter
- R2 Zoning as proposed by Caliber
  - SF detached homes with single story restriction along perimeter
  - Large amenity/park space with connectivity to existing community
  - Linear open space buffer
  - Improved trail connectivity
  - Concept plan with commitments
  - Max 2-story height on townhomes
  - Will comply with all other zoning ordinance requirements



### Summary

- Incorporated neighborhood feedback heard through public outreach meetings
- Proposed R2 zoning is consistent with General Plan and Zoning Ordinance housing diversity standards
- Received 4 letters of support for the proposed R2 zoning and concept plan
- Multiple residents preferred R2 plan with conditions vs. R1 straight zoning
- The concept plan meets the zoning ordinance requirements and provides elevated design commitments
- Unanimous recommendation of approval from Planning Commission with a vote of 7-0