

STAFF REPORT

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT



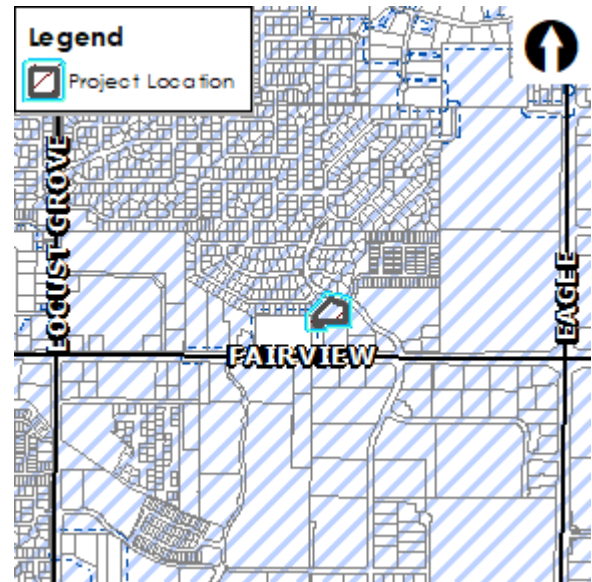
HEARING DATE: September 7, 2021
(Continued from August 10, 2021)

TO: Planning & Zoning Commission

FROM: Sonya Allen, Associate Planner
208-884-5533

SUBJECT: H-2021-0015
Woodcrest Townhomes – CPAM, RZ

LOCATION: 1789 N. Hickory Way, in the SE ¼ of
Section 5, Township 3N., Range 1E.



I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map (CPAM) to change the future land use designation on 2.10-acres of land from Commercial to Medium High-Density Residential; and Rezone (RZ) of 2.10-acres of land from the L-O (Limited Office) to the R-15 (Medium High-Density Residential) zoning district.

II. SUMMARY OF REPORT

A. Project Summary

Description	Details	Page
Acreage	1.97-acres	
Future Land Use Designation	Commercial	
Existing Land Use	Vacant/undeveloped land	
Proposed Land Use(s)	Residential and office	
Current Zoning	Limited Office (L-O)	
Proposed Zoning	R-15 (Medium High-Density Residential)	
Lots (# and type; bldg/common)	NA (property is not proposed to be subdivided at this time)	
Phasing plan (# of phases)	NA	
Number of Residential Units (type of units)	19 units (single-family attached & townhouse dwellings)	
Density (gross & net)	10.8 units/acre (gross)/13.5 units/acre (net)	
Open Space (acres, total [%] / buffer / qualified)	NA	

Amenities	10' wide multi-use pathway along Meridian Rd./SH-69	
Physical Features (waterways, hazards, flood plain, hillside)	None	

Neighborhood meeting date; # of attendees:	1/28/21; 10 attendees	
History (previous approvals)	Annexed & subdivided in 1992 as Angel Park Sub. (Lot 1, Block 1) with L-O zoning; re-subdivided in 2001 (Mallane Commercial Complex PP-00-021); FP-03-001 (Lot 4, Block 1); H-2017-0165 (RZ & CUP – denied)	

B. Community Metrics

Description	Details	Page
Ada County Highway District		
Staff report (yes/no)	Yes	
Requires ACHD Commission Action (yes/no)	No	
Existing Conditions	Hickory Way is improved with 2-travel lanes, curb, gutter & 5' attached sidewalk. <i>No additional improvements or right-of-way dedication is required with this application.</i>	
CIP/IFYWP	NA	

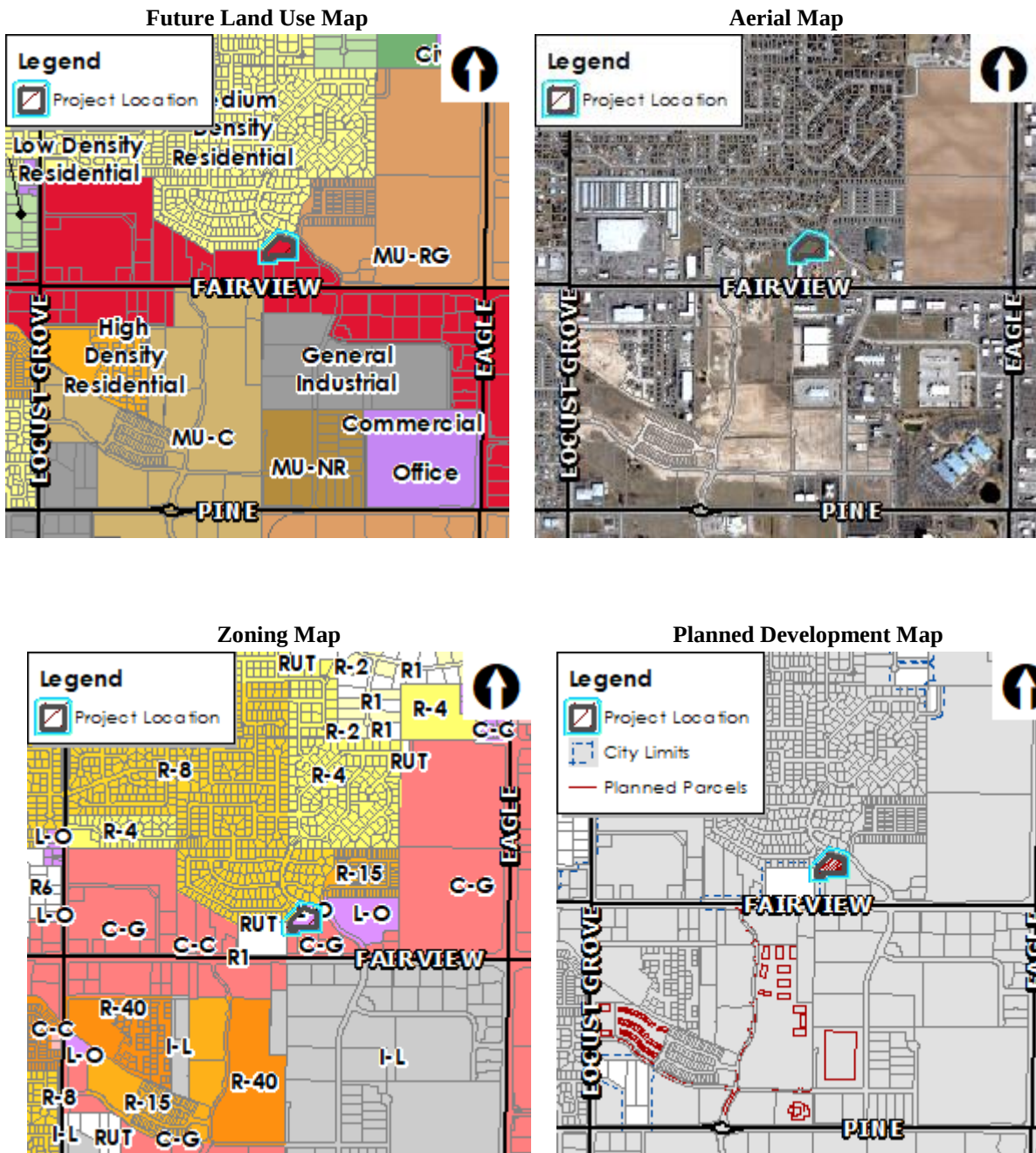
Access (Arterial/Collectors/State Hwy/Local)(Existing and Proposed)	Access is proposed via the existing driveway via Hickory Way.	
Proposed Road Improvements	None	
Fire Service	See Section IX.C	
Police Service	No comment.	

West Ada School District						
Distance (elem, ms, hs)						
Capacity of Schools						
# of Students Enrolled						
	River Valley Elementary	Enrolled for 21-22 445	Capacity 700	Approved prelim plat parcels per attendance area 571	Approved MF units per attendance area 764	Miles (Dev. to School) 1.6
	Lewis & Clark Middle School	866	1000	978	1319	2.4
	Centennial High School	1981	1900	549	1234	4.8
	<u>School of Choice Options</u>					
	Pioneer Elementary (Arts)	713	775	N/A	N/A	4.4
	Spalding Elementary (Stem)	697	750	N/A	N/A	4.1

Wastewater	
Distance to Sewer Services	Directly Adjacent
Sewer Shed	Five Mile Trunkshed
Estimated Project Sewer ERU's	See application
WRRF Declining Balance	14.14
Project Consistent with WW Master Plan/Facility Plan	Yes
Impacts/Concerns	- Do not have services crossing private lots - Flow is committed.

	• Existing sewer not shown correctly. Missing existing manhole and shown as extends further into the property then existing sewer actually goes. • There is an existing 8" stub from existing manhole that looks like it will not be used. If this is the case the existing stub must be abandoned at the manhole per City Requirements. • Ensure that infiltration trenches are located so that sewer services do not pass through them.
Water	
• Distance to Services	Directly adjacent
• Pressure Zone	3
• Estimated Project Water ERU's	See application
• Water Quality Concerns	None
• Project Consistent with Water Master Plan	Yes
• Impacts/Concerns	• Do not have services crossing private lots

C. Project Maps



III. APPLICANT INFORMATION

A. Applicant:

Andrew Newell, Blaine A. Womer Civil Engineering – 4355 W. Emerald St., Ste. 145, Boise, ID 83706

B. Owner:

Don Newell, Landmark Pacific Development, LLC – PO Box 1939, Eagle, ID 83616

- C. Representative:
Same as Applicant

IV. NOTICING

	Planning & Zoning Posting Date	City Council Posting Date
Newspaper notification published in newspaper	5/14/2021	7/23/2021
Radius notification mailed to property owners within 300 feet	5/12/2021	7/20/2021
Public hearing notice sign posted on site	6/10/2021	7/15/2021 & 8/23/21
Nextdoor posting	5/11/2021	7/20/2021

V. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ANALYSIS

LAND USE: This property is designated as Commercial on the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) contained in the [Comprehensive Plan](#). This designation provides for a full range of commercial uses to serve area residents and visitors. Desired uses may include retail, restaurants, personal and professional services, and office uses, as well as appropriate public and quasi-public uses.

The Applicant proposes an amendment to the FLUM to change the existing Commercial designation to Medium High-Density Residential (MHDR). The MHDR designation allows for a mix of dwelling types including townhouses, condominiums, and apartments. Residential gross densities should range from 8 to 12 dwelling units per acre. These areas are relatively compact within the context of larger neighborhoods and are typically located around or near mixed use commercial or employment areas to provide convenient access to services and jobs for residents. Developments need to incorporate high quality architectural design and materials and thoughtful site design to ensure quality of place and should also incorporate connectivity with adjacent uses and area pathways, attractive landscaping and a project identity.

The Applicant proposes to develop the site with a total of 19 single-family attached and townhome dwellings at a gross density of 10.8 units per acre consistent with the land uses and density desired in MHDR designated areas; and an office building.

This site abuts a larger residential neighborhood to the north and is located in close proximity to mixed use designated land and employment uses to the east and southeast, including vacant land yet to be developed, The Village at Meridian, Scentsy and other uses along the Eagle Road corridor, which will provide convenient access to services and jobs for residents. **The development should incorporate high quality architectural and site design to ensure quality of place and incorporate connectivity with adjacent uses and pathways and include attractive landscaping and a project identity as desired in MHDR designated areas.**

Transportation: The Master Street Map (MSM) does not depict any collector streets across this property.

Goals, Objectives, & Action Items: Staff finds the following Comprehensive Plan policies to be applicable to this application and apply to the proposed use of this property (staff analysis in *italics*):

- “Encourage a variety of housing types that meet the needs, preferences, and financial capabilities of Meridian’s present and future residents.” (2.01.02D)

The proposed single-family attached dwellings and 3- and 4-unit townhomes will contribute to the variety of residential housing types in this area and within the City as desired. Single-family detached and attached homes exist to the north and northeast in Dove Meadows subdivision, zoned R-8.

- “Permit new development only where it can be adequately served by critical public facilities and urban services at the time of final approval, and in accord with any adopted levels of service for public facilities and services.” (3.03.03F)

City water and sewer service is available and can be extended by the developer with development in accord with UDC 11-3A-21.

- “Avoid the concentration of any one housing type or lot size in any geographical area; provide for diverse housing types throughout the City.” (2.01.01G)

The proposed single-family attached and townhouse dwellings will contribute to the diversity in housing types in this area, which currently consist of single-family attached and detached homes.

- “Require all new development to create a site design compatible with surrounding uses through buffering, screening, transitional densities, and other best site design practices.” (3.07.01A)

The proposed residential uses will provide a transition in uses between existing single-family homes to the north and commercial/office uses to the south.

- “Encourage compatible uses and site design to minimize conflicts and maximize use of land.” (3.07.00)

The proposed residential development and site design should be compatible with existing abutting single-family residential homes to the north.

- “Support infill development that does not negatively impact the abutting, existing development. Infill projects in downtown should develop at higher densities, irrespective of existing development.” (2.02.02C)

The proposed residential infill development shouldn’t negatively impact abutting development as existing uses are also residential in nature and the medium high-density residential uses will assist in providing a transition to the commercial/office uses to the south.

- “Maintain a range of residential land use designations that allow diverse lot sizes, housing types, and densities.” (2.01.01C)

The proposed MHDR FLUM designation for this property will contribute to the range of residential land use designations in this area of the City which mainly consists of medium density residential (MDR).

- “Ensure development is connected to City of Meridian water and sanitary sewer systems and the extension to and through said developments are constructed in conformance with the City of Meridian Water and Sewer System Master Plans in effect at the time of development.” (3.03.03A)

The proposed development will connect to City water and sewer systems with development of the subdivision; services are required to be provided to and through this development in accord with current City plans.

- “Require appropriate landscaping, buffers, and noise mitigation with new development along transportation corridors (setback, vegetation, low walls, berms, etc.).” (3.07.01C)

A street buffer already exists along N. Hickory Way, a collector street, along the northern boundary of the site.

- “Require urban infrastructure be provided for all new developments, including curb and gutter, sidewalks, water and sewer utilities.” (3.03.03G)

Urban sewer and water infrastructure and curb, gutter and sidewalks are required to be provided with development of the future subdivision.

- “Maximize public services by prioritizing infill development of vacant and underdeveloped parcels within the City over parcels on the fringe.” (2.02.02)

Development of the subject infill parcel will maximize public services.

VI. STAFF ANALYSIS

A. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AMENDMENT (CPAM)

As discussed above, the Applicant requests an amendment to the FLUM to change the future land use designation on 2.10-acres of land from Commercial to MHDR for the development of 19 single-family attached and townhome dwellings at a gross density of 10.8 units per acre. An exhibit map showing the existing and proposed FLUM designations is included in Section VIII.A.

Approval of the proposed amendment to MHDR will contribute to the range of residential land use designations and diversity in housing types and densities in this area as desired. Additionally, it will provide for a transition in land uses between existing medium density residential uses to the north and commercial/office uses to the south and east. The change to a residential designation and subsequent proposed development will provide for fewer vehicle trips per day than would result from commercial development. For these reasons, Staff is in support of the request for a map amendment to MHDR.

B. REZONE (RZ)

The Applicant proposes to rezone 2.10-acre of land from the L-O (Limited Office) to the R-15 (Medium High-Density Residential) zoning district consistent with the proposed FLUM designation of MHDR. A legal description and exhibit map for the rezone area is included in Section VIII.B.

This vacant/undeveloped property is an enclave surrounded by property developed with single-family residential uses to the north and commercial/office uses to the south and east; only the property to the west is yet to develop. Development of the subject property will provide more efficient provision of City services.

A conceptual site plan and building elevations were submitted showing how the property is planned to develop with (19) single-family attached and townhouse dwelling units consisting of (1) single-family attached structure, (3) 3-unit townhouses, (2) 4-unit townhouses and a 2,500 square foot office building.

The property is planned to be subdivided through a future application. The existing subdivision plat (i.e. Mallane Subdivision) requires all lots in the subdivision to obtain conditional use permit approval prior to construction commencing on the lots; this requirement will be removed with re-subdivision of the property. The existing plat also depicts a 10’ PUDI easement and 25’ wide landscape easement along the west and north boundaries and a sanitary sewer, water main and public utilities easement along the east boundary of the site. The landscape buffer easement will be removed since a landscape buffer isn’t required between residential uses and the PUDI easements will be replaced with new easements with the future plat.

Single-family attached and townhouse dwellings are listed as a principal permitted use in the R-15 zoning district per UDC Table 11-2A-2. Future development is subject to the dimensional standards listed in UDC Table [11-2A-7](#) for the R-15 zoning district.

The conceptual development plan depicts access to the site via a cross-access easement from an existing driveway from N. Hickory Way, a collector street; no stub streets exist to this property. Direct access via

N. Hickory Way is prohibited. A private street is planned to provide access to the proposed development and for addressing purposes; an application for such should be submitted with the preliminary plat application and compliance with the standards listed in UDC [11-3F-4](#) is required. **Staff recommends the Applicant work with the property owner to the east to extend the private street to Hickory Way in order to better facilitate emergency access to the site for wayfinding purposes.**

An attached sidewalk is proposed along one side of the private street for pedestrian access.

Off-street parking is required to be provided in accord with the standards listed in UDC Table [11-3C-6](#). A minimum of 2 spaces are required per dwelling unit for 1- and 2-bedroom units, with at least one of those in an enclosed garage, the other space may be enclosed or a minimum 10' x 20' parking pad. For 3- and 4-bedroom units, a minimum of 4 spaces are required per dwelling unit with at least 2 in an enclosed garage, other spaces may be enclosed or a minimum 10' x 20' parking pad. Garages are proposed for each unit with parking pads in front of the garages. Four extra spaces for guests are proposed in the common area near the entry. On-street parking is not allowed due to the width of the private street.

A minimum of one (1) off-street parking space is required for every 500 square feet (s.f.) of gross floor area for non-residential uses (i.e. the office). Based on 2,500 s.f. for the office, a minimum of (5) spaces are required. A total of (9) spaces are proposed, exceeding the minimum standards. Most of the parking spaces for the office encroach within the required 20-foot wide buffer to residential uses, which is not allowed.

Because the site is below 5-acres in size, qualified open space and site amenities are not required by the UDC per UDC 11-3G-2. A total of 0.29-acre of open space is proposed as shown on the concept plan.

A 20-foot wide landscaped street buffer and attached sidewalk exists on this site along N. Hickory Way that was installed with the subdivision improvements that is proposed (and required) to remain.

Conceptual building elevations were submitted for the single-family attached and 3-unit and 4-unit townhouse structures as shown in Section VIII.D. Building elevations consist of a mix of materials including horizontal wood siding, vertical board and batten siding, wood shake siding and cement plaster with stone veneer accents and architectural asphalt roofing. Conceptual building elevations were also submitted for the office with building materials consisting of cement plaster with stone veneer and decorative wood timber accents and architectural asphalt roofing consistent with the residential structures. Final design of all structures is required to comply with the design standards in the [Architectural Standards Manual](#). Detailed review of the elevations for compliance with these standards will take place with the Certificate of Zoning Compliance and Design Review application prior to application for building permits.

The City may require a development agreement (DA) in conjunction with a rezone pursuant to Idaho Code section 67-6511A. **To ensure the site develops as proposed with this application, Staff recommends a DA is required with the provisions discussed above and included in Section IX.A.**

Staff Recommendation: Because this is an infill property and has an irregular configuration, development of this site is difficult. The proposed concept plan with an office at the southeast corner with parking that encroaches within the required land use buffer does not comply with UDC standards as noted above and is constricted. The Comprehensive Plan states development in MHDR designated areas should incorporate high quality architectural and site design to ensure quality of place and incorporate connectivity with adjacent uses and pathways and include attractive landscaping and a project identity. To achieve this goal and alleviate some of the spatial constrictions on the site, Staff recommends as a provision of the rezone that the office building is removed from the plan and open space with quality landscaping and some parking is provided instead with pathways along the south and east sides of the development and a gazebo with a

seating area as an amenity which can be shared between the residential and commercial development. Prior to the City Council hearing, the Applicant should revise the concept plan accordingly.

VII. DECISION

A. Staff:

Staff recommends approval of the proposed amendment to the Future Land Use Map and Rezone with the requirement of a Development Agreement per the provisions in Section IX in accord with the Findings in Section X.

B. The Meridian Planning & Zoning Commission heard these items on June 3, and July 1, 2021. At the public hearing on July 1st, the Commission moved to recommend approval of the subject CPAM and RZ requests to the City Council.

1. Summary of Commission public hearing:

- a. In favor: Blaine Womer, Applicant's Representative; Louie Mallane
- b. In opposition: None
- c. Commenting: Dave McDonald; Shirley Moon; Randy Nelson; Ann Atarian
- d. Written testimony: None
- e. Staff presenting application: Sonya Allen
- f. Other Staff commenting on application: Bill Parsons

2. Key issue(s) of public testimony:

- a. Desire for a time limit to be put on the residential FLUM designation/R-15 zoning (if development doesn't occur within a certain timeline, the land use and zoning would revert to Commercial/L-O zoning); traffic & safety concerns on Hickory Way; maintenance of the existing masonry wall and landscape strip along north boundary of site;
- b. Inadequacy of parking in this area (Louie's restaurant/bank patrons park on this property);
- c. Unsafe driving conditions due to lack of visibility of cars pulling out onto Hickory Way from the site due to the curve of the road.

3. Key issue(s) of discussion by Commission:

- a. In favor of the proposed development plan over previous plans for this site;
- b. Concern pertaining to safety of access onto Hickory Way;
- c. Preference for the 4-unit townhome proposed along the north boundary to be reduced to a 2- or 3-unit townhouses for better transition to the existing homes to the north.

4. Commission change(s) to Staff recommendation:

- a. None

5. Outstanding issue(s) for City Council:

- a. None

C. The Meridian City Council heard these items on August 10, 2021. At the public hearing, the Council moved to continue the project to September 7th in order for the Applicant to prepare a parking analysis for the overall area. See submitted [parking analysis](#).

1. Summary of the City Council public hearing:

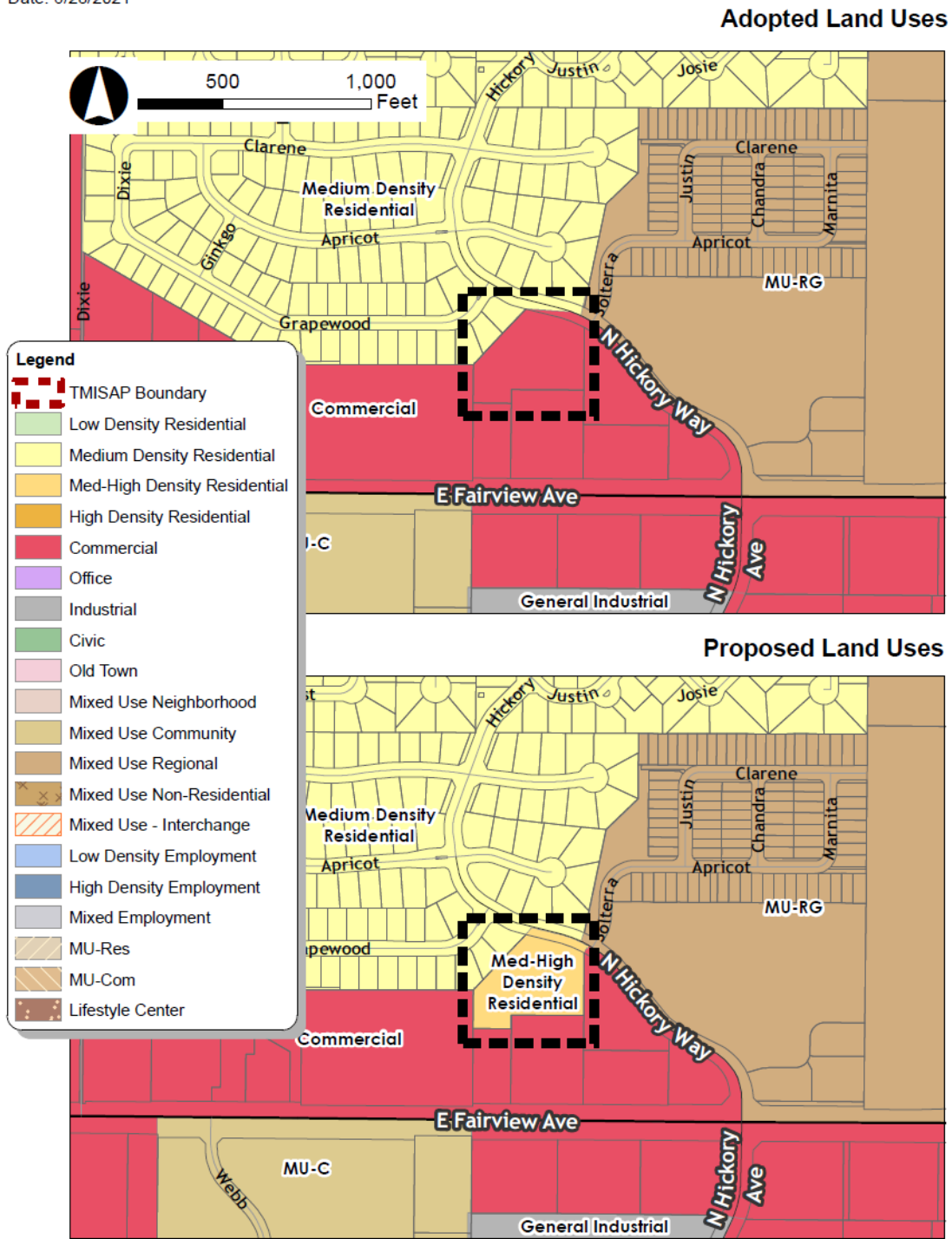
- a. In favor: Blaine Womer, Applicant's Representative
- b. In opposition: None
- c. Commenting: Dave McDonald, Ryan Abbott
- d. Written testimony: None
- e. Staff presenting application: Sonya Allen
- f. Other Staff commenting on application: None

2. Key issue(s) of public testimony:
 - a. Request for the 4-unit townhomes to be relocated to the southern lots or reduced to fewer units;
 - b. Concerns pertaining to traffic and parking.
3. Key issue(s) of discussion by City Council:
 - a. Council questioned the Applicant on why residential is more appropriate than commercial office use of the property as currently zoned – concern due to the loss of commercially zoned land;
 - b. The bulk and height of structures proposed along the northern boundary of the site adjacent to existing single-family residential homes.
 - c. The adequacy of parking proposed for the development and concern for the parking situation for the overall development area including the adjacent restaurant/commercial and bank uses.
4. City Council change(s) to Commission recommendation:
 - a. None

VIII. EXHIBITS

A. Future Land Use Map – Adopted & Proposed Land Uses

Date: 6/28/2021



B. Rezone Legal Description and Exhibit Map

**WOODCREST TOWNHOMES SUBDIVISION
EXHIBIT 'A'
LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

A PARCEL LOCATED IN THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST, BOISE MERIDIAN, ADA COUNTY, IDAHO, AND ALSO BEING A PORTION OF LOT 4, BLOCK 1 OF MALLANE SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN IN BOOK 87 OF PLATS ON PAGES 9881 THROUGH 9883, RECORDS OF ADA COUNTY, IDAHO, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 5 AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAT;

THENCE NORTH 00°28'03" EAST A DISTANCE OF 67.14 FEET TO A 5/8 INCH DIAMETER IRON PIN MARKING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 3, BLOCK 1 OF SAID MALLANE SUBDIVISION;

THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 00°28'03" EAST ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 3, A DISTANCE OF 252.95 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH DIAMETER IRON PIN MARKING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 4 AND THE **TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING**;

THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 00°28'03" EAST ALONG THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT 4, A DISTANCE OF 129.73 FEET TO A 5/8 INCH DIAMETER IRON PIN;

THENCE NORTH 43°19'32" EAST ALONG THE NORTHWESTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT 4, A DISTANCE OF 257.72 FEET TO 5/8 INCH DIAMETER IRON PIN;

THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 43°19'32" EAST ALONG THE NORTHEASTERLY PROLONGATION OF SAID NORTHWESTERLY BOUNDARY, A DISTANCE OF 34.48 FEET TO THE CENTER LINE OF NORTH HICKORY WAY;

THENCE SOUTH 76°12'56" EAST ALONG SAID CENTER LINE, A DISTANCE OF 90.01 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A TANGENT CURVE, CONCAVE SOUTHWESTERLY, HAVING A RADIUS OF 400.00 FEET;

THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID CENTER LINE AND SAID TANGENT CURVE, 93.24 FEET THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 13°21'21" TO A POINT OF INTERSECTION WITH THE NORTHERLY PROLONGATION OF THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT 4;

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THENCE SOUTH 00°26'44" WEST ALONG SAID PROLONGATION, A DISTANCE OF 33.93 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH DIAMETER IRON PIN MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 4;

THENCE SOUTH 00°26'44" WEST ALONG SAID EASTERLY BOUNDARY, A DISTANCE OF 210.08 FEET TO A 5/8 INCH DIAMETER IRON PIN;

THENCE LEAVING SAID EASTERLY BOUNDARY NORTH 89°34'20" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 244.66 FEET TO A 5/8 INCH DIAMETER IRON PIN;

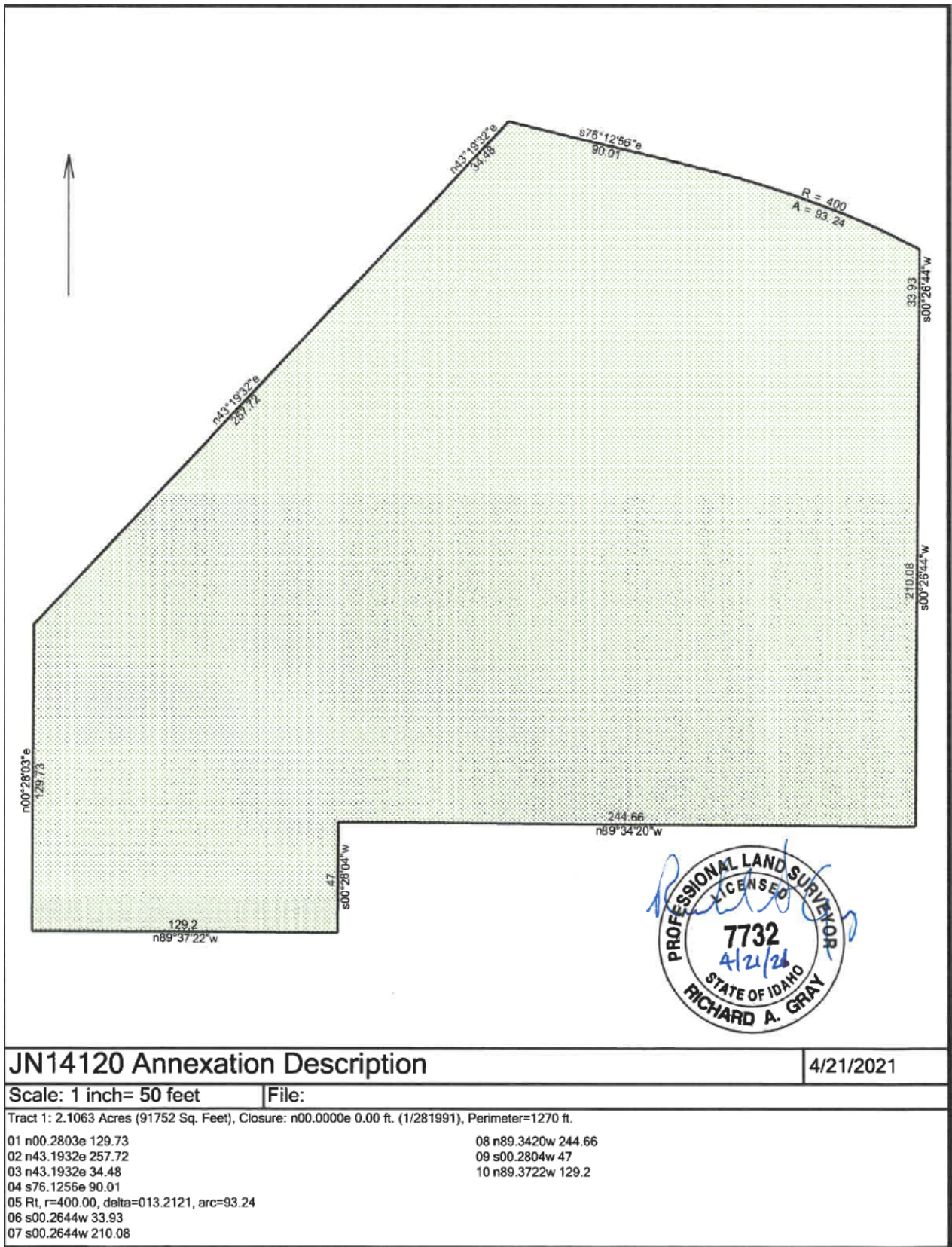
THENCE SOUTH 00°28'04" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 47.00 FEET TO A 5/8 INCH DIAMETER IRON PIN ON THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT 4;

THENCE NORTH 89°37'22" WEST ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY, A DISTANCE OF 129.20 FEET TO THE **TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING**.

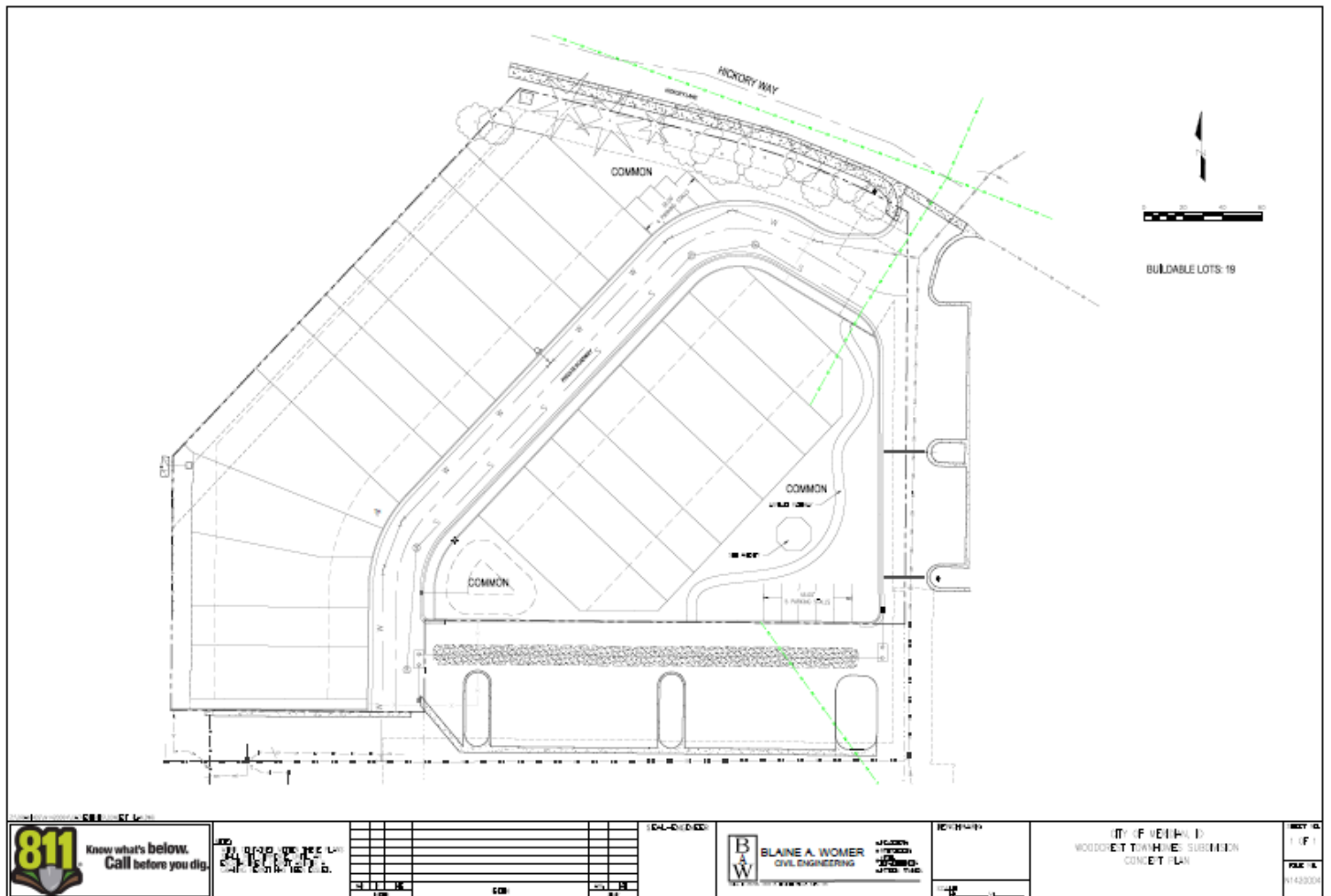
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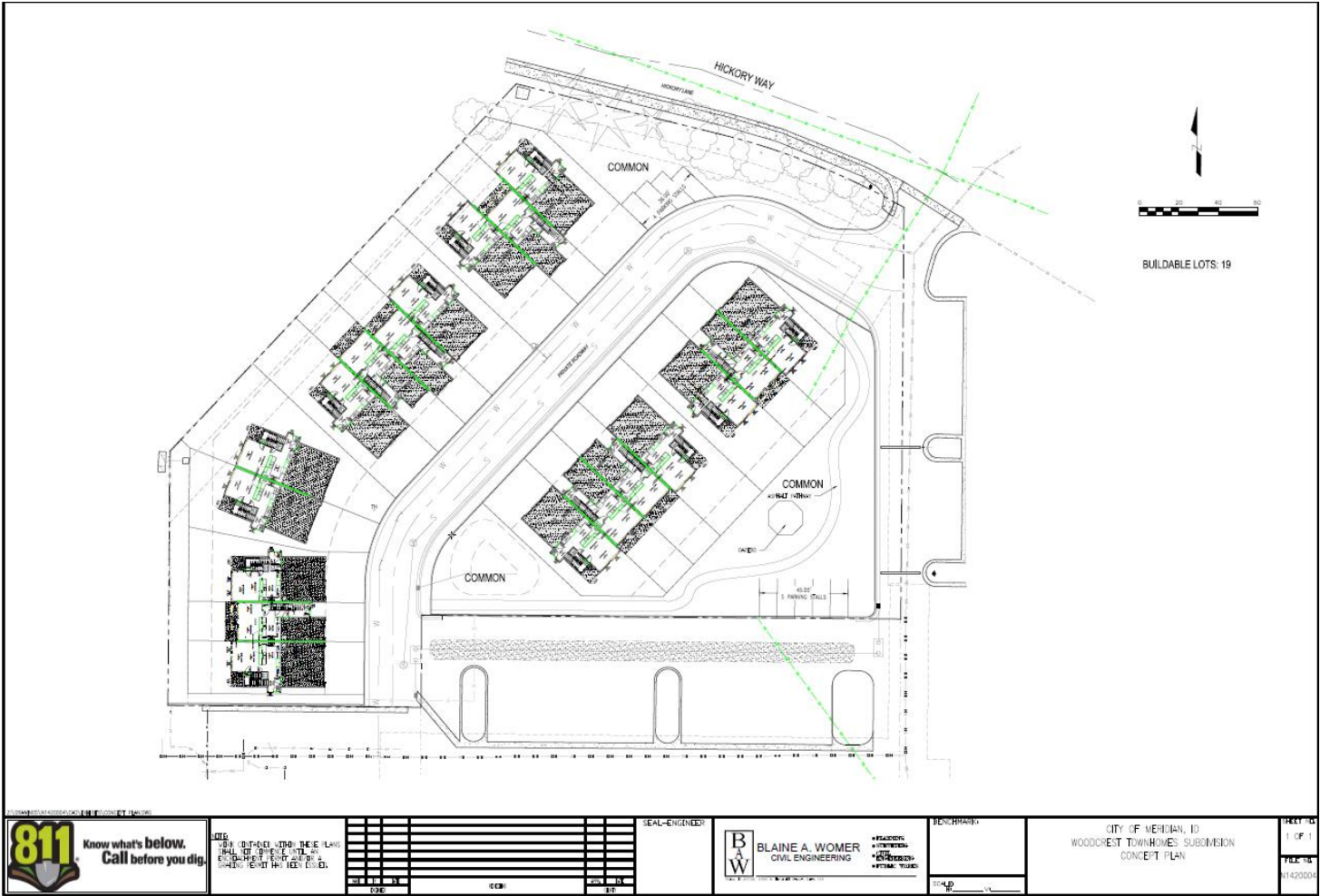
EXHIBIT 'B' ATTACHED HERETO AND BY THIS REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF.



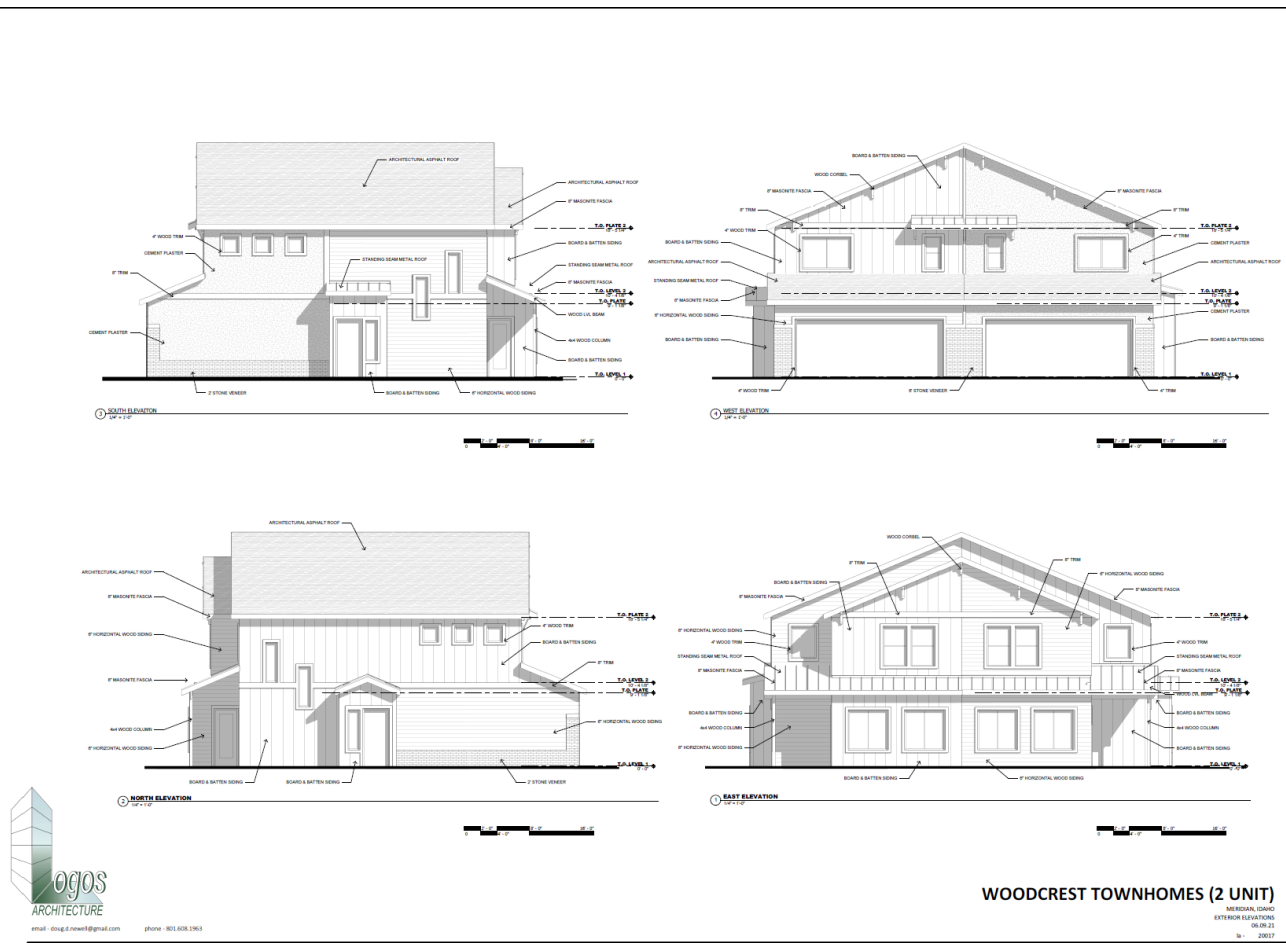


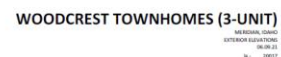
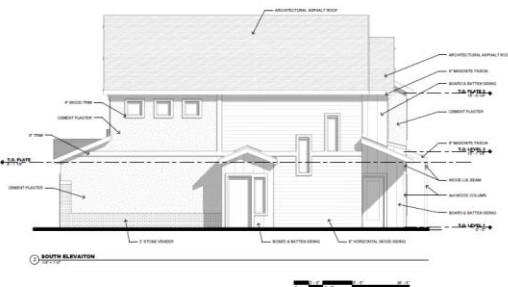
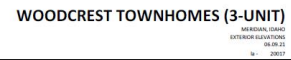
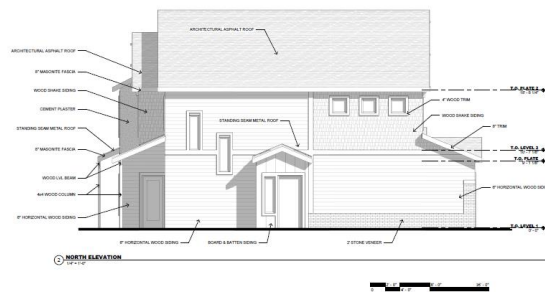
C. Conceptual Development Plan - REVISED

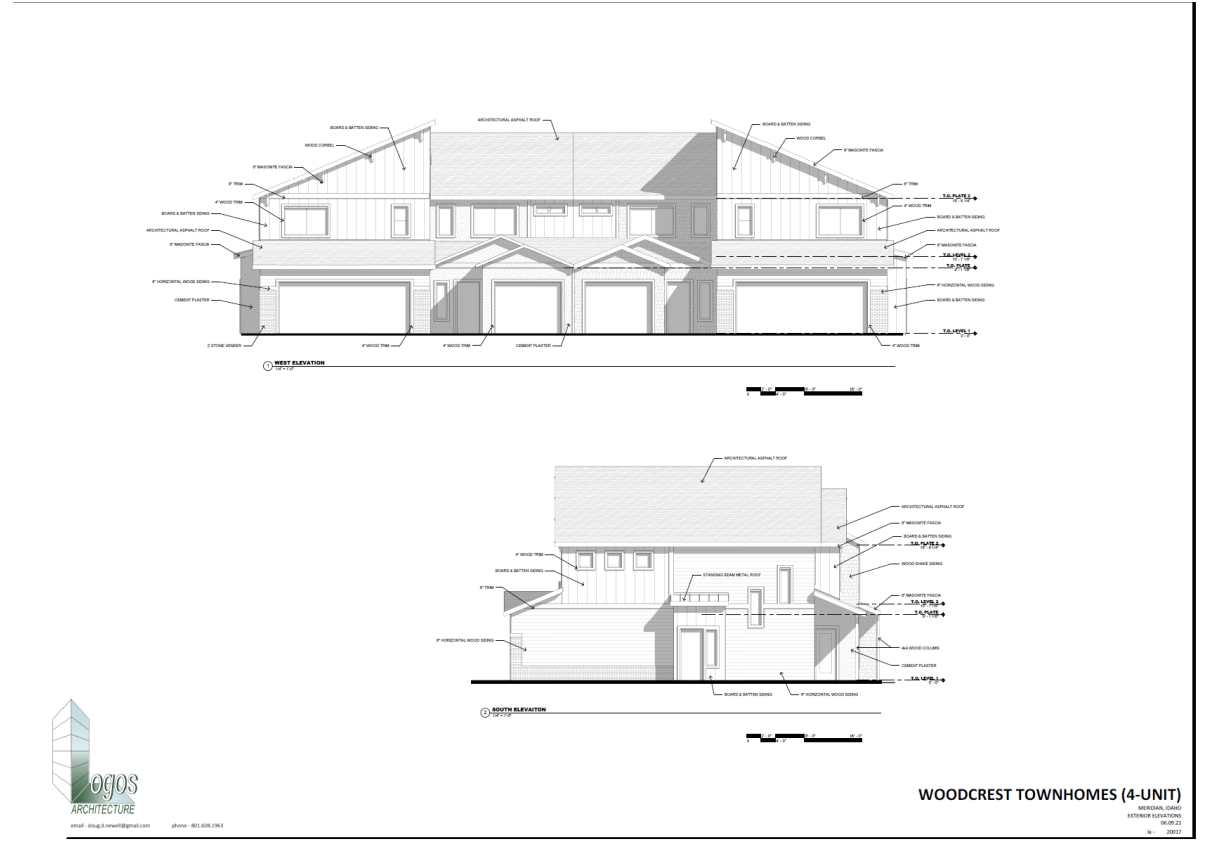
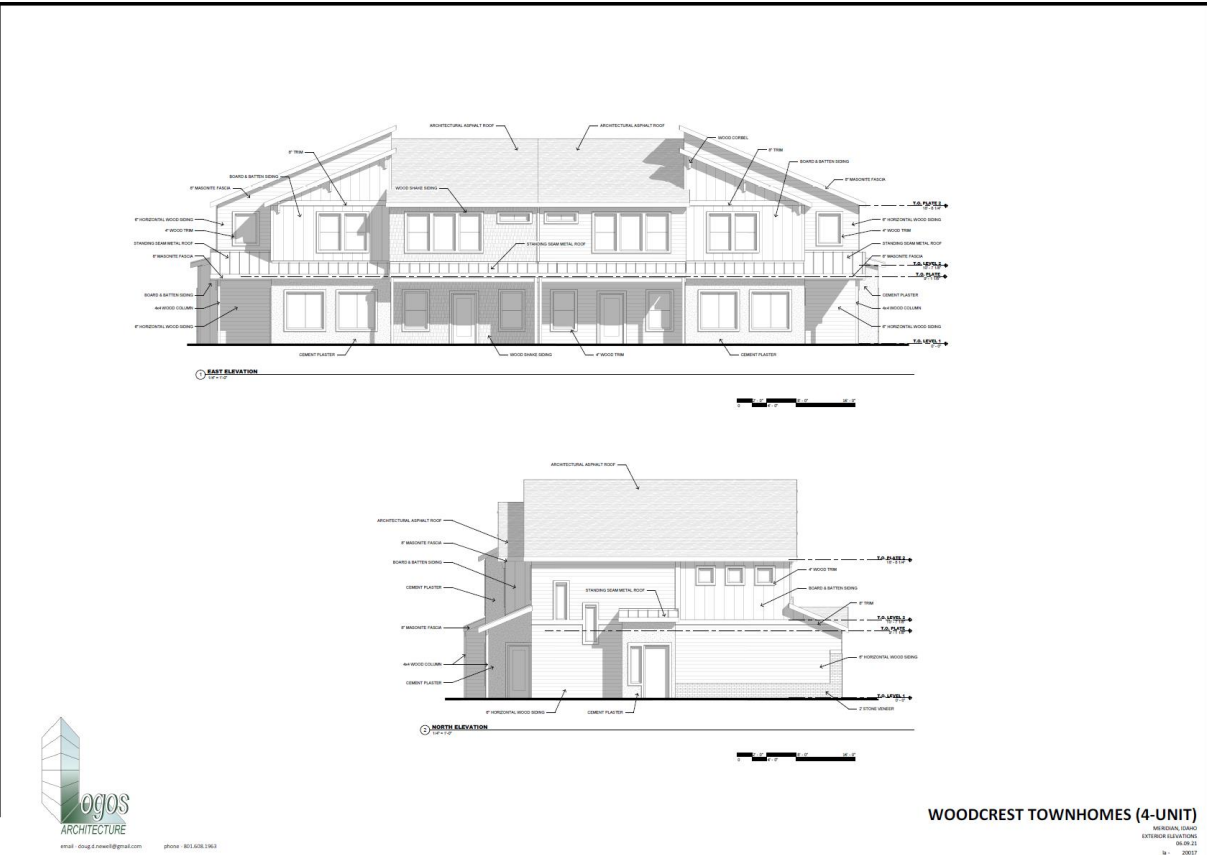




D. Conceptual Building Elevations







IX. CITY/AGENCY COMMENTS & CONDITIONS

A. PLANNING DIVISION

~~Prior to the City Council hearing, Staff recommends the conceptual development plan is revised to remove the office building and replace it with common open space with quality landscaping that incorporates the following: parking, pedestrian pathways along the south and east sides of the development, and a gazebo with a seating area which can be shared between the residential and commercial development.~~

1. A Development Agreement (DA) is required as a provision of annexation of this property. Prior to approval of the annexation ordinance, a DA shall be entered into between the City of Meridian, the property owner(s) at the time of annexation ordinance adoption, and the developer.

Currently, a fee of \$303.00 shall be paid by the Applicant to the Planning Division prior to commencement of the DA. The DA shall be signed by the property owner and returned to the Planning Division within six (6) months of the City Council granting the annexation. The DA shall, at minimum, incorporate the following provisions:

- a. Future development of this site shall be generally consistent with the conceptual development plan and building elevations included in Section VIII and the provisions contained herein.
- b. Future development shall comply with the design standards listed in the Architectural Standards Manual. An application for Design Review shall be submitted and approved for the single-family attached and townhouse structures prior to submittal of building permit applications.
- c. Direct access via Hickory Way is prohibited.
- d. The proposed development shall incorporate high quality architectural design and materials and thoughtful site design to ensure quality of place and also incorporate connectivity with adjacent uses and area pathways, attractive landscaping and a project identity consistent with the Medium High-Density Residential Future Land Use Map designation in the Comprehensive Plan.
- e. The subject property shall be subdivided prior to submittal of a Certificate of Zoning Compliance and Design Review application(s) for the site.
- f. The Applicant shall work with the property owner to the east to extend the private street to Hickory Way if possible in order to better facilitate emergency access to the site for wayfinding purposes.

B. PUBLIC WORKS

Site Specific Conditions of Approval

- 1.1 No Permanent structures (buildings, carports, trash receptacle walls, fences, infiltration trenches, lightpoles, etc.) can be built within the utility easement.
- 1.2 Do not have water and/or sewer services crossing private lots.
- 1.3 The existing sewer is not shown correctly. Missing existing manhole and shown as extending further into the property then existing sewer actually goes.
- 1.4 There is an existing 8" sewer stub from existing manhole that looks like it will not be used. If this is the case the existing stub must be abandoned at the manhole per City Requirements.
- 1.5 Ensure that infiltration trenches are located so that sewer services do no pass through them.

General Conditions of Approval

- 2.1 Applicant shall coordinate water and sewer main size and routing with the Public Works Department, and execute standard forms of easements for any mains that are required to provide service outside of a public right-of-way. Minimum cover over sewer mains is three feet, if cover from top of pipe to sub-grade is less than three feet then alternate materials shall be used in conformance of City of Meridian Public Works Departments Standard Specifications.
- 2.2 Per Meridian City Code (MCC), the applicant shall be responsible to install sewer and water mains to and through this development. Applicant may be eligible for a reimbursement agreement for infrastructure enhancement per MCC 8-6-5.
- 2.3 The applicant shall provide easement(s) for all public water/sewer mains outside of public right of way (include all water services and hydrants). The easement widths shall be 20-feet wide for a single utility, or 30-feet wide for two. The easements shall not be dedicated via the plat, but rather dedicated outside the plat process using the City of Meridian's standard forms. The easement shall be graphically depicted on the plat for reference purposes. Submit an executed easement (on the form available from Public Works), a legal description prepared by an Idaho Licensed Professional Land Surveyor, which must include the area of the easement (marked EXHIBIT A) and an 8 1/2" x 11" map with bearings and distances (marked EXHIBIT B) for review. Both exhibits must be sealed, signed and dated by a Professional Land Surveyor. DO NOT RECORD. Add a note to the plat referencing this document. All easements must be submitted, reviewed, and approved prior to development plan approval.
- 2.4 The City of Meridian requires that pressurized irrigation systems be supplied by a year-round source of water (MCC 12-13-8.3). The applicant should be required to use any existing surface or well water for the primary source. If a surface or well source is not available, a single-point connection to the culinary water system shall be required. If a single-point connection is utilized, the developer will be responsible for the payment of assessments for the common areas prior to receiving development plan approval.
- 2.5 All existing structures that are required to be removed shall be prior to signature on the final plat by the City Engineer. Any structures that are allowed to remain shall be subject to evaluation and possible reassignment of street addressing to be in compliance with MCC.
- 2.6 All irrigation ditches, canals, laterals, or drains, exclusive of natural waterways, intersecting, crossing or laying adjacent and contiguous to the area being subdivided shall be addressed per UDC 11-3A-6. In performing such work, the applicant shall comply with Idaho Code 42-1207 and any other applicable law or regulation.
- 2.7 Any existing domestic well system within this project shall be removed from domestic service per City Ordinance Section 9-1-4 and 9 4 8 contact the City of Meridian Engineering Department at (208)898-5500 for inspections of disconnection of services. Wells may be used for non-domestic purposes such as landscape irrigation if approved by Idaho Department of Water Resources Contact Robert B. Whitney at (208)334-2190.
- 2.8 Any existing septic systems within this project shall be removed from service per City Ordinance Section 9-1-4 and 9 4 8. Contact Central District Health for abandonment procedures and inspections (208)375-5211.
- 2.9 Street signs are to be in place, sanitary sewer and water system shall be approved and activated, road base approved by the Ada County Highway District and the Final Plat for this subdivision shall be recorded, prior to applying for building permits.
- 2.10 A letter of credit or cash surety in the amount of 110% will be required for all uncompleted fencing, landscaping, amenities, etc., prior to signature on the final plat.

- 2.11 All improvements related to public life, safety and health shall be completed prior to occupancy of the structures. Where approved by the City Engineer, an owner may post a performance surety for such improvements in order to obtain City Engineer signature on the final plat as set forth in UDC 11-5C-3B.
- 2.12 Applicant shall be required to pay Public Works development plan review, and construction inspection fees, as determined during the plan review process, prior to the issuance of a plan approval letter.
- 2.13 It shall be the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all development features comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Fair Housing Act.
- 2.14 Applicant shall be responsible for application and compliance with any Section 404 Permitting that may be required by the Army Corps of Engineers.
- 2.15 Developer shall coordinate mailbox locations with the Meridian Post Office.
- 2.16 All grading of the site shall be performed in conformance with MCC 11-12-3H.
- 2.17 Compaction test results shall be submitted to the Meridian Building Department for all building pads receiving engineered backfill, where footing would sit atop fill material.
- 2.18 The design engineer shall be required to certify that the street centerline elevations are set a minimum of 3-feet above the highest established peak groundwater elevation. This is to ensure that the bottom elevation of the crawl spaces of homes is at least 1-foot above.
- 2.19 The applicants design engineer shall be responsible for inspection of all irrigation and/or drainage facility within this project that do not fall under the jurisdiction of an irrigation district or ACHD. The design engineer shall provide certification that the facilities have been installed in accordance with the approved design plans. This certification will be required before a certificate of occupancy is issued for any structures within the project.
- 2.20 At the completion of the project, the applicant shall be responsible to submit record drawings per the City of Meridian AutoCAD standards. These record drawings must be received and approved prior to the issuance of a certification of occupancy for any structures within the project.
- 2.21 A street light plan will need to be included in the civil construction plans. Street light plan requirements are listed in section 6-5 of the Improvement Standards for Street Lighting. A copy of the standards can be found at http://www.meridiancity.org/public_works.aspx?id=272.
- 2.22 The City of Meridian requires that the owner post to the City a performance surety in the amount of 125% of the total construction cost for all incomplete sewer, water and reuse infrastructure prior to final plat signature. This surety will be verified by a line item cost estimate provided by the owner to the City. The surety can be posted in the form of an irrevocable letter of credit, cash deposit or bond. Applicant must file an application for surety, which can be found on the Community Development Department website. Please contact Land Development Service for more information at 887-2211.
- 2.23 The City of Meridian requires that the owner post to the City a warranty surety in the amount of 20% of the total construction cost for all completed sewer, water and reuse infrastructure for duration of two years. This surety will be verified by a line item cost estimate provided by the owner to the City. The surety can be posted in the form of an irrevocable letter of credit, cash deposit or bond. Applicant must file an application for surety, which can be found on the Community Development Department website. Please contact Land Development Service for more information at 887-2211..

C. FIRE DEPARTMENT

1. Roadways: When required by the Fire Marshall, “No Parking Fire Lane” signs shall be used per appendix D of the 2018 IFC. No other signs shall be approved:
Roadways: All entrances, internal roads, drive aisles, and alleys shall have a turning radius of 28’ inside and 48’ outside, per International Fire Code Section 503.2.4.
Roadways: All common driveways and alleys shall be maintained at all times for access by fire, police and EMS at all times of the year.

D. POLICE DEPARTMENT

No comments at this time.

E. NAMPA & MERIDIAN IRRIGATION DISTRICT (NMID)

<https://weblink.meridiancity.org/WebLink/DocView.aspx?id=228988&dbid=0&repo=MeridianCity&cr=1>

F. CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT (CDHD)

<https://weblink.meridiancity.org/WebLink/DocView.aspx?id=228242&dbid=0&repo=MeridianCity>

G. WEST ADA SCHOOL DISTRICT (WASD)

<https://weblink.meridiancity.org/WebLink/DocView.aspx?id=229685&dbid=0&repo=MeridianCity>

H. ADA COUNTY HIGHWAY DISTRICT (ACHD)

<https://weblink.meridiancity.org/WebLink/DocView.aspx?id=228193&dbid=0&repo=MeridianCity>

X. FINDINGS

A. Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment

Upon recommendation from the Commission, the Council shall make a full investigation and shall, at the public hearing, review the application. In order to grant an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan, the Council shall make the following findings:

1. The proposed amendment is consistent with the other elements of the Comprehensive Plan.

The Commission finds the proposed amendment to MHDR is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan in that the proposed infill development will provide a transition in uses from single-family residential to commercial uses to the south and contribute to the diversity in housing types in this area as desired.

2. The proposed amendment provides an improved guide to future growth and development of the city.

The Commission finds that the proposal to change the FLUM designation from Commercial to MHDR will allow a transition in uses between existing medium density residential homes and commercial uses and will provide an improved guide to future growth and development of the City.

3. The proposed amendment is internally consistent with the Goals, Objectives and Policies of the Comprehensive Plan.

The Commission finds that the proposed amendment is consistent with the Goals, Objectives, and Policies of the Comprehensive Plan as noted in Section V.

4. The proposed amendment is consistent with the Unified Development Code.

The Commission finds that the proposed amendment is consistent with the Unified Development Code.

5. The amendment will be compatible with existing and planned surrounding land uses.

The Commission finds the proposed amendment will be compatible with abutting existing residential uses and existing commercial land uses in the near vicinity.

6. The proposed amendment will not burden existing and planned service capabilities.

The Commission finds that the proposed amendment will not burden existing and planned service capabilities in this portion of the city. Sewer and water services are available to be extended to this site.

7. The proposed map amendment (as applicable) provides a logical juxtaposition of uses that allows sufficient area to mitigate any anticipated impact associated with the development of the area.

The Commission finds the proposed map amendment provides a logical juxtaposition of uses and sufficient area to mitigate any development impacts to adjacent properties.

8. The proposed amendment is in the best interest of the City of Meridian.

For the reasons stated in Section V and the subject findings above, the Commission finds that the proposed amendment is in the best interest of the City.

B. Annexation and/or Rezone (UDC 11-5B-3E)

Required Findings: Upon recommendation from the commission, the council shall make a full investigation and shall, at the public hearing, review the application. In order to grant an annexation and/or rezone, the council shall make the following findings:

1. The map amendment complies with the applicable provisions of the comprehensive plan;

The Commission finds the Applicant's request to rezone the subject property with R-15 zoning and develop single-family attached and townhouse dwellings on the site at a gross density of 9.64 units per acre is consistent with the proposed MHDR FLUM designation for this property. (See section V above for more information.)

2. The map amendment complies with the regulations outlined for the proposed district, specifically the purpose statement;

The Commission finds the proposed map amendment to R-15 and development generally complies with the purpose statement of the residential districts in that it will contribute to the range of housing opportunities available in the City consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

3. The map amendment shall not be materially detrimental to the public health, safety, and welfare;

The Commission finds the proposed map amendment should not be detrimental to the public health, safety and welfare as the proposed residential uses should be compatible with adjacent single-family residential homes/uses in the area.

4. **The map amendment shall not result in an adverse impact upon the delivery of services by any political subdivision providing public services within the city including, but not limited to, school districts; and**

The Commission finds City services are available to be provided to this development.

5. **The annexation (as applicable) is in the best interest of city.**

This findings is not applicable as a rezone, not an annexation, is proposed.