



Zoning Committee

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**REQUEST**

Current Zoning: R-5 (single family residential) & R-22MF (multi-family residential)  
Proposed Zoning: UR-2(CD) (urban residential, conditional)

**LOCATION**

Approximately 1 acre located near the SE intersection of Parkwood Avenue and Hawthorne Lane in the Belmont Community.  
(Council District 1 - Egleston)

**PETITIONER**

Ronald Staley, Jr – Verde Homes, LLC

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**ZONING COMMITTEE ACTION/ STATEMENT OF CONSISTENCY**

The Zoning Committee voted 7-0 to recommend APPROVAL of this petition and adopt the consistency statement as follows:

This petition is found to be **inconsistent** with the *Belmont Area Revitalization Plan*, based on the information from the staff analysis and the public hearing and because:

- The plan recommends single family uses up to five dwelling units per acre (DUA) for the site

However, we find this petition to be reasonable and in the public interest based on information from the staff analysis and the public hearing and because:

- The proposal helps achieve the Plan’s vision of a “family-oriented community diverse in age, culture, and income” by committing to three affordable dwelling units (12 percent of total). This provision of affordability also addresses the Plan’s housing goal that seeks to increase and facilitate home ownership.
- The proposal addresses a goal of the Plan to create a more pedestrian friendly community by improving the pedestrian realm through the provision of an 8-foot planting strip and 8-foot sidewalk along Parkwood Ave.
- The site considers the environment by orienting parking in such a way that preserves two existing, mature trees that will reduce any heat island created by the surface parking lot. It also commits to installing pervious pavers to help treat runoff and allow water infiltration to benefit existing trees.
- While not a specific goal or objective, the Plan references, in numerous places, the need for rehabilitated and new single family infill homes. This rezoning provides that infill through the provision of three single family attached homes

- The Belmont Area Revitalization Plan speaks to the opportunity for single family infill development on this vacant site and states that new homes should be compatible in design character with the existing adjacent housing stock. The plan's conditional notes commit to architectural and design features for both the attached single family units and the multi-family units facing Parkwood Ave.
- The proposed density of 25 DUA is just over the entitled density (R-22 MF) for the portion of the site fronting Parkwood Avenue and is a reasonable increase in density for a site that is addressing its context through architectural design standards.

The approval of this petition will revise the adopted future land use as specified by the Belmont Area Revitalization Plan (2003) from single family residential uses up to five dwelling units per acre to residential uses over 22 dwelling units per acre.

Motion/Second: Kelly / Barbee

Yeas: Barbee, Blumenthal, Kelly, McMillan, Nwasike, Samuel, and Welton

Nays: None

Absent: None

Recused: None

#### **ZONING COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

Staff provided a summary of the petition and noted that it is inconsistent with the adopted area plan.

A brief discussion was had regarding the proposed pervious pavers on site and the benefits provided by such. The rules were suspended, and Paul Pennell from Urban Design Partners noted that the pavers were added to decrease runoff and assist in the preservation of on-site trees and that the petitioner was agreeable to increasing the amount of pervious pavers.

There was no further discussion of this petition.

#### **PLANNER**

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