

#### Lee County - Leesburg - Smithville Planning Commission

CHAIRMAN JASON SHEFFIELD, VICE-CHAIRMAN JIM QUINN JOHNNY GOLDEN, KYLE LUCKIE, MIKE MCVEY, TONYA MYRICK, SHIRLEY STILES

#### **AGENDA**

April 6, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.
Opal Cannon Auditorium
T. Page Tharp Governmental Building
102 Starksville Avenue North
Leesburg, GA 31763

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- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GEORGIA LAW REGARDING CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS
- III. NEW BUSINESS
  - (A) Welcome of new member Tonya Myrick.
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - (A) Approval of the minutes from the March 2, 2023 Planning Commission meeting. 1 6
- V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

#### ZONING APPLICATION

- (A) <u>Deer Trace Development, LLC. (Z23-003)</u> has submitted an application to the Lee County Planning Commission requesting to rezone a total of 1.69 acres from R-1 (Single Family Residential) to C-1 (Neighborhood Business District). The property owner is Deer Trace Development, LLC. The subject property, located at 100 Bermuda Lane, lies in Parcel 029D 104 in Land Lot 266 of the Second Land District of Lee County, Georgia.
- (B) George McIntosh has submitted a request to the Lee County Planning Department to convert one lot at a total of 3.26 acres from greenspace/common space to a buildable lot. This property is Parcel 025 038 in Land Lot 90 of the Second Land District of Lee County, Georgia. The applicant proposes to swap two (2) other non-buildable lots in the same subdivision, Parcel Numbers 025 039 (2.5 acres) and 025 040 (2.52 acres), both lying in Land Lot 71 of the Second Land District of Lee County, Georgia, for the proposed lot, which is currently reserved as greenspace/common space.

#### VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE



#### VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lee County Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on the zoning requests on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>April 11</u>, <u>2023 at 6:00 p.m.</u> and a final vote on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>April 25</u>, <u>2023 at 6:00 p.m.</u> in the Opal Cannon Auditorium of the T. Page Tharp Governmental Building, located at 102 Starksville Avenue North, Leesburg, Georgia 31763.

#### VIII. ADJOURNMENT

\*Agenda subject to change without notice\*

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#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Lee County - Leesburg - Smithville Planning Commission

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Exact legal descriptions of the property are on file at the Lee County Planning, Zoning and Engineering Department, 102 Starksville Avenue North, Room 202, Leesburg, GA 31763 and can be reviewed along with any other information regarding this request between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The Lee County Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on the zoning requests on <u>Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.</u> in the Opal Cannon Auditorium of the T. Page Tharp Governmental Building, located at 102 Starksville Avenue North, Leesburg, Georgia 31763. The Planning Commission will forward its recommendation to the Lee County Board of Commissioners.

The Lee County Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on the zoning requests on <u>Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.</u> and a final vote on <u>Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.</u> in the Opal Cannon Auditorium of the T. Page Tharp Governmental Building, located at 102 Starksville Avenue North, Leesburg, Georgia 31763.

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#### Lee County - Leesburg - Smithville Planning Commission

#### JOHNNY GOLDEN, KYLE LUCKIE, MIKE MCVEY, JIM QUINN, JASON SHEFFIELD, SHIRLEY STILES

# MEETING MINUTES March 2, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. Opal Cannon Auditorium T. Page Tharp Governmental Building 102 Starksville Avenue North Leesburg, GA 31763

Members Present:

Johnny Golden, Kyle Luckie, Mike McVey, Jim Quinn, and Jason Sheffield

Members Absent:

Shirley Stiles

Staff Present:

Christi Dockery, Kaitlyn Good, Meagan Matechak (via phone), and Lee Walton (via

phone)

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Jason Sheffield called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

II. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GEORGIA LAW REGARDING CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

County Manager Christi Dockery read the Georgia Law regarding campaign contributions.

#### III. NEW BUSINESS

- (A) Welcome of new members Johnny Golden and Kyle Luckie.
- (B) Selection of a Chairperson of the Planning Commission for 2023.

  Commissioner Jim Quinn made the MOTION to APPOINT Commissioner Jason Sheffield as Chairperson of the Planning Commission for 2023, seconded by Commissioner Kyle Luckie. The MOTION was unanimous with Commissioners Johnny Golden and Mike McVey voting yea. Commissioner Jason Sheffield is Chairman of the Lee County Leesburg Smithville Planning Commission for 2023.
- (C) Selection of a Vice-Chairperson of the Planning Commission for 2023.

  Commissioner Mike McVey made the MOTION to APPOINT Commissioner Jim Quinn as Vice-Chairperson of the Planning Commission for 2023, seconded by Commissioner Johnny Golden. The MOTION was unanimous with Commissioner Kyle Luckie ad Chairman Jason Sheffield voting yea. Commissioner Jim Quinn is Vice-Chairman of the Lee County Leesburg Smithville Planning Commission for 2023.



#### IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(A) Approval of the minutes from the December 1, 2022 Planning Commission meeting.

Commissioner Jim Quinn made the MOTION to APPROVE the minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Kyle Luckie. The MOTION was unanimous with Commissioners Johnny Golden and Mike McVey voting yea.

#### V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

#### **ZONING APPLICATION**

(A) Starksville, LLC. (222-005) has submitted an application to the Lee County Planning Commission requesting to rezone a total of 36.78 acres. The property owner is Mossy Dell, Inc. and the request includes four (4) tracts, as follows: Tract 1 (3.07 acres) requesting to be rezoned from AG-1 (Active Agricultural District) to C-2 (General Commercial), Tract 2 (4.90 acres) requesting to be rezoned from AG-1 (Active Agricultural District) to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential), Tract 3 (6.79 acres) requesting to be rezoned from AG-1 (Active Agricultural District) to C-2 (General Commercial), and Tract 4 (22.02 acres) requesting to be rezoned from AG-1 (Active Agricultural District) to R-1 (Single-Family Residential District). All lots being part of Parcel Number 037C 276 and Land Lot 83 of the Second Land District, City of Leesburg, Lee County, Georgia.

Chairman Jason Sheffield opened the public hearing at 6:11 p.m. and read the application into the record.

#### **Public Hearing Discussion**

#### Staff Presentation

Meagan Matechak (via phone) summarized the provided staff report, stating staff's recommendation is denial, with an emphasis on runoff concerns and the fact that much of the property is wetlands.

#### Applicant Presentation

Bobby Donley, Lanier Engineering, summarized the property and application. Mr. Donley also addressed concerns related to the wetlands, stating that precautions have been taken and will continue to be taken.

#### **Public Opposition**

George Johnson

Steve Phillips

Coni Grebel

Steve Gross

Dennis Roland

Tommy Clifton

#### Commission Discussion

Commission members voiced concerns over the application in the following areas: environmental concerns, property values, traffic, and general public safety concerns. Specific concerns discussed



were how the area is mostly wetlands, the amount of water and runoff that already exists in the area and the prospective increase of such once construction begins, current traffic concerns and the potential increase of such during the construction phase as well as once established, and the effect on area property values.

With no further comments or questions from the Commission or audience, the Public Hearing was closed.

#### Recommendation

Commissioner Jason Sheffield made a **MOTION** to **APPROVE** the rezoning application from Starksville, LLC. (Z22-005) with the condition that only the tracts to be rezoned to C-2 were approved, seconded by Commissioner Mike McVey. The **MOTION** failed with Commissioners Johnny Golden, Kyle Luckie, and Jim Quinn voting no.

Commissioner Johnny Golden made a **MOTION** to **DENY** the rezoning application from Starksville, LLC. (Z22-005), seconded by Commissioner Kyle Luckie. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioners Mike McVey, Jim Quinn, and Jason Sheffield voting yea.

#### CONDITIONAL USE APPLICATIONS

(B) Starksville, LLC. (Z23-001) has submitted an application to the Lee County Planning Commission requesting a conditional use to allow for construction of self-storage units for a total of 6.29 acres. The property owner is Mossy Dell, Inc. and the request includes portions of two (2) of the aforementioned tracts, as follows: Tract 1 (1.83 acres) and Tract 3 (4.46 acres), both having been requested to be rezoned from AG-1 (Active Agricultural District) to C-2 (General Commercial). Both tracts being part of Parcel Number 037C 276 and Land Lot 83 of the Second Land District, City of Leesburg, Lee County, Georgia.

Chairman Jason Sheffield opened the public hearing at 7:24 p.m. Commissioner Mike McVey read the application into the record.

#### **Public Hearing Discussion**

#### Staff Presentation

Meagan Matechak (via phone) summarized the provided staff report, stating that the same comments apply to this item and the staff's recommendation is denial.

#### **Applicant Presentation**

Bobby Donley, Lanier Engineering, summarized the application and project, noting that this application is really dependent on what the City of Leesburg decides to do about the previous item.

#### **Public Opposition**

Coni Grebel

With no further comments or questions from the Commission or audience, the Public Hearing was closed.



#### Recommendation

Commissioner Jim Quinn made a **MOTION** to **APPROVE** the conditional use application from Starksville, LLC. (Z23-001) should the City of Leesburg grant approval for the previous rezoning application, seconded by Commissioner Mike McVey. The **MOTION** carried with Commissioners Mike McVey and Jason Sheffield voting yea and Commissioner Johnny Golden voting no.

(C) <u>Langford & Associates, Inc. (Z23-002)</u> has submitted an application to the Lee County Planning Commission requesting a conditional use to allow for construction of a residential dwelling. The property owner is Stuart Franklin and the Parcel Number is 042 004. The lot is a total of 6.201 acres and is currently zoned AG-1, being part of Land Lot 3 of the 14th Land District, **Lee County**, Georgia.

Chairman Jason Sheffield opened the public hearing at 7:37 p.m. and read the application into the record.

#### **Public Hearing Discussion**

#### Staff Presentation

Meagan Matechak (via phone) summarized the provided staff report, stating staff's recommendation is approval.

#### **Applicant Presentation**

Stuart Franklin summarized the application, stating he owns approximately 85 acres and is wishing to split 6.201 acres from that total acreage on which a residence is already built so as to clearly separate the residential property from the planted pines.

#### Commission Discussion

Clarification was sought from the Commission as to why a previous similar application was recommended for denial, yet this application was recommended for approval. Meagan Matechak (via phone) stated that to complete a division of land zoned AG, per code, there must be a remaining 25 acres; this applicant property abides by that code whereas the previous applicant property did not.

With no further comments or questions from the Commission or audience, the Public Hearing was closed.

#### Recommendation

Commissioner Jim Quinn made a **MOTION** to **APPROVE** the conditional use application from Langford & Associates, Inc. (Z23-002), seconded by Commissioner Mike McVey. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioners Johnny Golden and Mike McVey voting yea.

#### **TEXT AMENDMENT**

(D) An ordinance to amend <a href="Chapter 70">Chapter 70</a>, <a href="Article V">Article V</a>, <a href="Section 70-162">Section 70-162</a> (T23-001) of the <a href="Lee County Code of Ordinances">Lee County Code of Ordinances</a> with respect to permitted uses that may be located in an R-1 Single-Family Residential District; to provide authority for the construction of accessory structures located in an R-1 Single-Family Residential District where the



accessory structure is located or to be located upon a vacant lot adjacent to a lot which has constructed on it a single-family residence and the single-family residence is owned by the owner of the adjacent lot where the accessory structure is to be located; to provide for acreage limitations; to provide for additional restrictions; to provide for repeal of conflicting ordinances; to provide for an effective date; and for other purposes.

Chairman Jason Sheffield opened the public hearing at 7:46 p.m. and read the application into the record.

#### **Public Hearing Discussion**

#### Staff Presentation

Lee Walton (via phone) and County Manager Christi Dockery summarized the text amendment and respective changes to the existing ordinance, stating staff's recommendation is approval. The current ordinance states that a property owner can build an accessory structure on the same parcel as their home as long as it doesn't exceed half the square footage of the lower level of their home. The proposed ordinance, which has been discussed publicly by the Board of Commissioners, keeps the current provision and adds an amendment stating that if a property owner has a home on one lot and an adjoining lot that is exceeding one (1) acre, an accessory structure may be built on that adjoining lot without the requirement of a house.

With no further comments or questions from the Commission or audience, the Public Hearing was closed.

The Planning Commission discussed suggesting the acreage requirement be 1.25 acres, as that is the lot size required for sewer and water. The amendment states the lot must exceed 1 acre in size.

#### Recommendation

Commissioner Jim Quinn made a MOTION to APPROVE the proposed text amendment, seconded by Commissioner Kyle Luckie. The MOTION was unanimous with Commissioners Johnny Golden and Mike McVey voting yea.

#### VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

#### VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Leesburg City Council will conduct a public hearing and final vote on the zoning request and conditional use application on <u>Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.</u> at Leesburg City Hall, located at 107 Walnut Avenue North, Leesburg, Georgia.

The Lee County Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on <u>Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.</u> and a final vote on <u>Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.</u> on the conditional use application and proposed text amendment in the Opal Cannon Auditorium of the T. Page Tharp Governmental Building, located at 102 Starksville Avenue North, Leesburg, Georgia.



#### VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kyle Luckie made a motion to **ADJOURN**, seconded by Commissioner Jim Quinn. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Commissioners Johnny Golden and Mike McVey voting yea. The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

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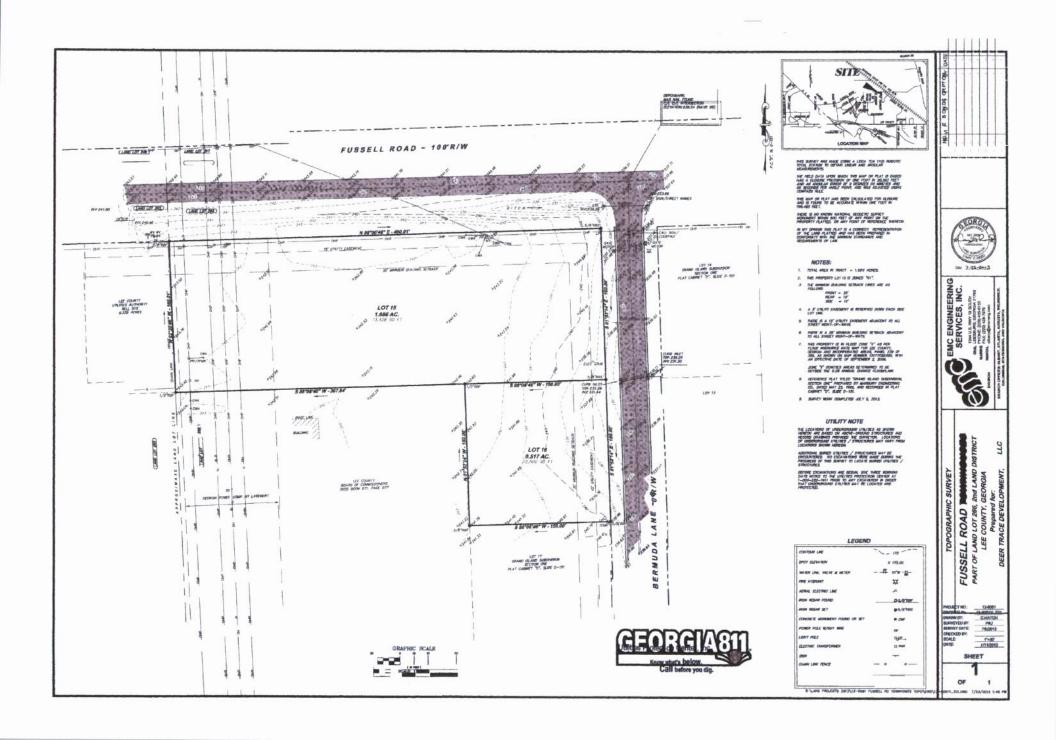
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LEE COUNTY CITY OF LEESBURG CITY OF SMITHVILLE

#### ZONING APPLICATION

Owner: DEER TRACE DEVELO	PMENT LLC C/O Sr	eenivas Sappati	
Address: 135 Quail Pines Dr. Leesburg	g, GA 31763		
Daytime Phone #:	Email:		
Address or location of the property	Parcel# 029D 104 (1	00 BERMUDA LN, AI	bany, GA 31707).
In order that the general health, safe substantial justice maintained, I (W hereinafter described:	그리 큐티 시간 사이 아이는 아이는 사람들이 아니라 하는데 그리는 사람들이 되었다.	- 10 M : 10 M	
Present Zoning R-1	_ Present Use of Proper	ty: Residential Single	Family Home
Proposed Zoning: C-1 or C-3	Proposed Use of Prop	erty: Neighborhood B	us Distict or Recreational Dis
266 Land Lot Number	Land Dist	rict <u>1.69</u>	# of Acres
The subject property is described a LOT 15 GRAND ISLAND S/D SEC. I.			
Recorded in Plat Cabinet "D" Slide D-151 in	Clerk of Court, Lee County,	GA	
ALSO ATTACH: (18 COPIES REQUIRE	D) X Plat of proper	y, including vicinity map	
	X Legal descript	ion Containing Metes and Bo	ounds
DISCLOSURE			
I (owner) have made campaign con naving an aggregate value or \$250.00 or mo circle one) within two (2) years of applicati	re to an official of (Lee Coun		
X I (owner) have NOT made campaig having an aggregate value or \$250.00 or mo one) within two (2) years of application.			
hereby certify that I am the owner and/or I	egal agent of the owner, in fe	e simple of the above-descril	bed property.
WITNESS Shailaja Sappo			ppati-Biyyani
DATE <u>03/08/2023</u>	DATE	03/08/2023	
Application Fee: Dat	e Paid:	Received by:	
n my absence, I authorize the person na application.	amed below to act as the a	opplicant in the pursuit of a	action for the
Applicant Name: Sreenivas R Sa	ppati-Biyyani		
Address: 135 Quail Pines Dr, Lee	sburg, GA 31763		
Phone #	Emails		



# LEGAL DESCRIPTION FOR DEER TRACE DEVELOPMENT, LLC PROPERTY TO BE REZONED FROM R-1 TO C-1 or C-3

ALL OF LOT 15, GRAND ISLAND SUBDIVISION, SECTION ONE, AS RECORDED IN PLAT CABINET "D" SLIDE D-151 IN CLERK OF COURT, LEE COUNTY, GEORGIA. SAID TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING A PART OF LAND LOT 266 OF THE 2<sup>nd</sup> LAND DISTRICT, LEE COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

**COMMENCE** AT THE POINT OF INTERSECTION WHERE THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY OF BERMUDA LANE (60' R/W) INTERSECTS THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY OF FUSSELL ROAD (100' R/W); SAID POINT IS THE **POINT OF BEGINNING**.

FROM SAID **POINT OF BEGINNING**, RUN S 01° 53′ 14″ E ALONG WEST RIGHT OF WAY OF BERMUDA LANE (60′ R/W) A DISTANCE OF 160.00′ TO A POINT; THENCE RUN S 88° 06′ 46″ W A DISTANCE OF 150.00′ TO A POINT; THENCE RUN S 88° 06′ 46″ W A DISTANCE OF 307.84′ TO A POINT; THENCE RUN N 02° 39′ 46″ W A DISTANCE OF 160.01′ TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY OF FUSSELL ROAD (100′ R/W); THENCE RUN N 88° 06′ 46″ E ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY A DISTANCE OF 460.01′ TO A POINT; SAID POINT IS THE **POINT OF BEGINNING**.

SAID TRACT CONTAINS 1.686 ACRES

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Owner

Assessed Value

Parcel ID Class Code 029D 104 Residential

Taxing District COUNTY UNINCORPORATED

Acres

1.69

(Note: Not to be used on legal documents)

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Overview



Legend

Parcels Roads

Last 2 Sales

DEER TRACE DEVELOPMENT LLC

135 QUAIL PINES DRIVE

LEESBURG, GA 31763

Physical Address 100 BERMUDA LANE

\$20000

Date Price Reason Qual 10/2/2013 0 LE U 3/18/2013 \$8000 LM Q



#### Summary

Parcel Number Location Address Legal Description

029D 104 100 BERMUDA LANE LOT 15 GRAND ISLAND S/D SEC. I

(Note: Not to be used on legal documents) COUNTY UNINCORPORATED (District 03) 28.23 1.69 No [S0] 266/02 Tax District Millage Rate Acres

Homestead Exemption Landlot/District

#### View Map

#### Owner

DEER TRACE DEVELOPMENT LLC 135 QUAIL PINES DRIVE LEESBURG, GA 31763

#### Land

Description Calculation Method Depth Type Square Footage Frontage Acres Lots

#### Sales

Sale Date	Deed Book / Page	Plat Book / Page	Sale Price	Reason	Grantor		Grantee	
10/2/2013	1665 208	D 151	\$0	Legal	SAPPATI-BIYYANI SREENIV	/ASR	DEER TRACE DEVELOPMENT LLC	
3/18/2013	1614 259	D 151	\$8,000	Vac Land Market Sale	LEDO PROPERTIES		DEER TRACE DEVELOPMENT LLC	
Valuation								
			2022		2021	2020	2019	2018
Previous Valu	ue		\$20,000	S.	20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000

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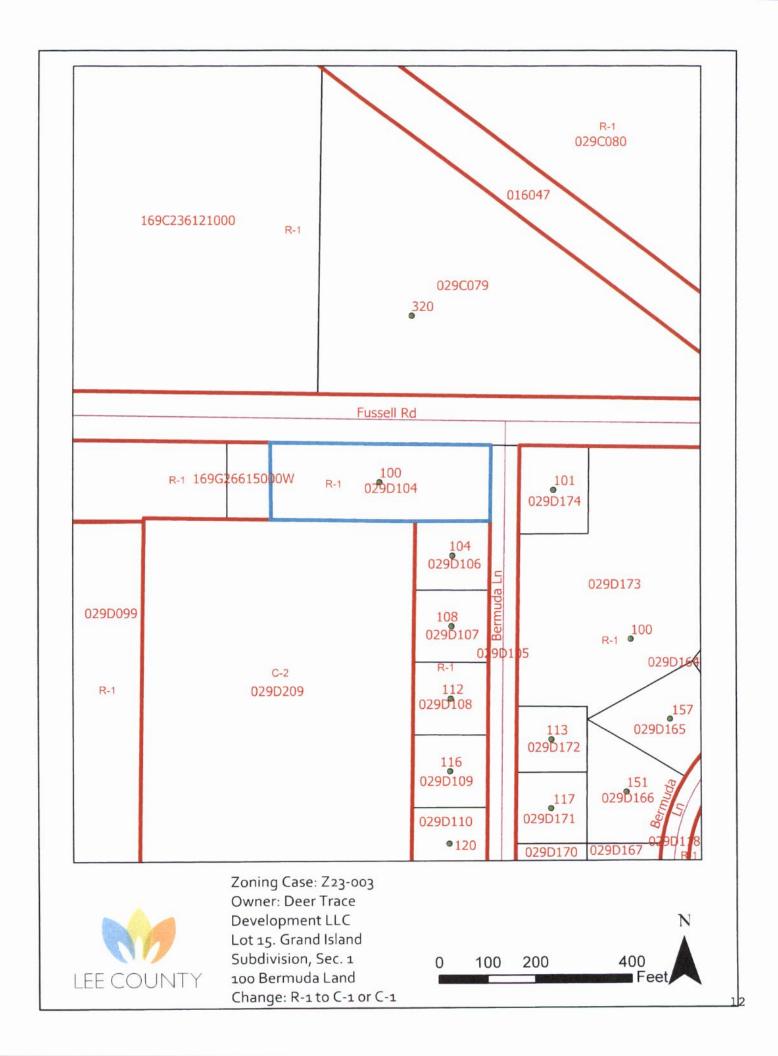
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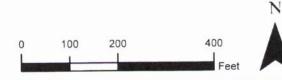
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Zoning Case: Z23-003 Owner: Deer Trace Development LLC Lot 15. Grand Island Subdivision, Sec. 1 100 Bermuda Land Change: R-1 to C-1 or C-1





DATE: 4/6/2023

#### **APPLICATION TYPE:**

**Zoning Application** 

**APPLICANT:** Deer Trace Development LLC C/O Sreenivas Sapote.

#### REQUESTED ACTION:

Rezoning from R-1 to C-1.

**PURPOSE:** Develop a neighborhood business district.

#### LOCATION OF

**PROPERTY:** 100 Bermuda Lane, Albany, GA, 31707, Land Lot 266, 2<sup>nd</sup> District.

PARCEL SIZE: 1.69 AC



#### **EXISTING CONDITIONS:**

Present Zoning and Use of Property: R-1 - Residential single-family home

#### Adjacent Zoning/Use:

North-R-1

South—R-1 and C-2

East—R-1

West—R-1

**Available Public Services:** Information about available public services was not included in the application.

MEETING INFORMATION: All meetings are held in the Opal Cannon Auditorium in the T. Page Tharp Governmental Building unless otherwise advertised.

Planning Commission (public hearing): 04/06/2023; 6:00pm 04/11/2023; 6:00pm 04/25/2023; 6:00pm 04/25/2023; 6:00pm

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends denial of the zoning application to change the zoning of the subject property parcels from R-1 to C-1 based on the following factors. Per the Lee County Comprehensive Plan, the subject parcel is designated as Residential area in the Comprehensive Plan's future land use map. The conservation area designation includes the parcels along Fussell Road and to the north of Fussell Road. This future land use category is defined as "to correspond primarily to existing neighborhoods but is also proposed for undeveloped areas adjacent to existing neighborhoods" (p. 41). The proposed zoning does not conform with the policy and intent of the Comprehensive Plan future land use plan as the plan intends to support residential development in this future land use category and does not include commercial uses. The applicant's proposed plan does not detail the proposed commercial use, so any potential alignment with the adjacent area is not clear. It is the staff opinion that the misalignment with the Comprehensive Plan future land use map in this location, in addition to potential impacts to adjacent residential areas, creates an issue of nonconformity to an extent that warrants the denial of this zoning application.

The application and survey included in the application do not state the intended proposed use of the property beyond stating the proposed zoning district category. Considering the potential impacts of the wide variety of potential commercial uses in C-1 on the many adjacent residences, the proposed use of the property needs to be clarified.

## USES ALLOWED IN THE PROPOSED ZONING DISTRICT THAT ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE CURRENT ZONING DISTRICT:

Current Zoning: R-1 Proposed Zoning: C-1

# Uses Allowed Under Proposed Zoning Districts and Not Under Current Zoning:

#### <u>C-1</u>

- 1. Barber or beauty shops and similar uses.
- 2. Custom dress making and tailoring establishments and similar uses.
- 3. Personal service establishment.
- 4. Eating or drinking places.
- 5. Laundry, dry cleaning, coin laundry.

**6.** Business, professional, or governmental office designed to attract and serve customers or client on premises.

7. Household appliance repair shop without outdoor storage, display, or business

operations of any type.

8. Retail store for food, drugs, clothing, etc. with no outdoor storage, display, or business operations of any type.

9. Contractor's office with no outdoor storage, display, or business operations of

any type.

- 10. Veterinarian offices provided there are no outdoor kennels. Runs designed for animal exercise are allowed as long as the animals are kept inside at night.
- 11. Post office.

12. Medical and/or dental clinics.

13. Other uses similar to the above, subject to the restrictions set forth in section 70-351 of this chapter.

14. Temporary trailer for emergency construction and repair of buildings.

15. Nursery schools, kindergartens or day care facilities provided all state licensing requirements are met.

#### PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

1. Will the zoning proposal permit a use that is suitable in view of the use, development, and zoning of adjacent and nearby property?

Development under the proposed C-1 zoning could potentially be suitable with respect to the use, development, and zoning of the adjacent property as the proposed C-1 parcel is located adjacent to the C-2 parcels to the south. The adjacent C-2 parcel located to the south is a golf course, and all parcels along Ledo Road to the south of the subject parcel are zoned C-2. However, the adjacent parcels to the north, east and west are zoned R-1. Some uses permissible within C-1 would not be highly suitable with respect to potential impact on the adjacent R-1 zoning, use and development.

2. What is the effect on the property value of the subject property should the existing zoning be retained?

The value of the subject property is anticipated to be somewhat affected if the existing zoning is retained as the proposed commercial zoning would likely contribute to an increase to the property value. However, the property has value as currently zoned.

3. If denied, will the effect on the applicant's property value under the existing zoning be offset by the gain to the health, safety, morals, or general welfare of the public?

There are no expected significant gains to the health, safety, morals, or general welfare of the public under the current zoning as compared with development under C-1 zoning.

4. Has the property been undeveloped an unusual length of time as currently zoned, considered in the context of land development in the vicinity of the property?

The subject property is vacant land that has not previously been developed. Many similarly positioned properties in the vicinity have developed, some have not.

5. Will the zoning proposal result in a use which will or could cause an excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities, schools, police protection, fire protection, public health facilities or emergency medical services?

The proposed zoning is not expected to cause excessive or burdensome use of existing and nearby roadway infrastructure as Fussell Road is expected to be able to accommodate increased traffic volumes. The proposed zoning could potentially have an impact on the sewer utility if sewer has not been extended to this location.

6. Is the zoning proposal in conformity with the policy and intent of the future land use plan for the physical development of the area?

Per the Comprehensive Plan, the subject parcel is included in the Residential area designation on the future land use map. This future land use area is defined as "areas intended to correspond primarily to existing neighborhoods but is also proposed for undeveloped areas adjacent to existing neighborhoods" (p. 41). The residential category details lot sizes of approximately 7,500 SF to 22,000 SF. The proposed zoning is not in conformity with the policy and intent of the future land use plan, as the plan intends to have this are remain as a residential land use. The comprehensive plan states that regulations may differ according to the zoning district, and while it does not identify specific compatible zoning districts, the proposed commercial use is not in alignment with the future land use map.

7. Is the subject property well suited for the proposed zoning purpose?

The subject property is somewhat suited for the proposed C-1 zoning per Section 70-346 which states that the neighborhood business district is intended to permit retail business, office, and service uses that are needed to serve adjacent residential areas. For the proposed C-1 parcel, the 1.686-acre lot size meets the requirements for water and sewer utilities per Sec. 70-351 and 70-419. Additionally, C-1 requirements include protective screening of the areas adjacent to or across the street from residential zoning districts (Sec. 70-349 and Sec. 70-420), which is not shown on the concept plan.

8. Will the zoning proposal adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property?

The proposed C-1 zoning could be expected to adversely affect the existing use of adjacent or nearby property due to consideration for adjacent residential development. The concept plan does not detail the proposed use for the

property following the rezoning, which impedes the evaluation of potential adverse impacts on adjacent or nearby property.

### 9. Does the subject property have a reasonable economic use as currently zoned?

As currently zoned R-1, there are a number of potential uses for the subject property that would provide some economic value to the property owner. Allowable R-1 uses that are permitted for this property include single-family detached dwellings, home occupations, gardens, churches, or family personal care homes (Sec. 70-162). These uses align with the R-1 zoning and conditions of the property.

# 10. Are there other existing or changing conditions affecting the use of development of the subject property which give supporting grounds for either approval or disapproval of the zoning proposal?

There are no known existing or changing conditions that would be expected to affect the use of the subject property.

# 11. Would the change create an isolated district unrelated to the surrounding districts, such as "spot zoning"?

The zoning change would create a C-1 parcel adjacent to R-1 parcels to the north, east, and west, with C-2 parcels to the south. The proposed C-1 parcel would be located to the north of the commercial corridor along Ledo Road. Overall, the proposed zoning would not create a spot zoning case, but the proposed C-1 parcel would be located along Fussell Road, which is a residential corridor. As such, the proposed zoning does not generally align with the development trend of the adjacent area.

# 12. Are the present zoning district boundaries illogically drawn in relation to existing conditions in the area?

The present zoning district boundaries are not illogically drawn based on the existing conditions, development and zoning of the area.

# 13. Is the change requested out of scale with the needs of the county as a whole or the immediate neighborhood?

The change requested is not out of scale with the needs of the neighborhood area or the city or county in terms of C-1 zoning in general. The proposed development plan included with the zoning application keeps the proposed commercial development parcel generally in similar size with adjacent properties. However, no details are provided regarding a proposed structure to be constructed on the property.

# 14. Is it impossible to find adequate sites for the proposed use in districts permitting such use and already appropriately zoned?

The proposed zoning is being requested in order to create a neighborhood business district or a recreational district and to add commercial uses.

However, it is planning staff's opinion that it is not impossible to find sites of similar size in districts already zoned C-1 to permit the proposed uses.

15. Would there be an ecological or pollution impact resulting from the proposed zoning if it is granted?

There is not an expected ecological or pollution impact resulting from the proposed zoning as the proposed zoning would develop the existing vacant property into a neighborhood business district or recreational district. During development, all development guidelines will need to be followed to ensure no ecological or pollution impacts occur.

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#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Lee County Planning Commission

FROM:

Joey Davenport

SUBJECT:

Request from Mr. George McIntosh Regarding a Proposed Swap of Properties in Brittany

Plantation

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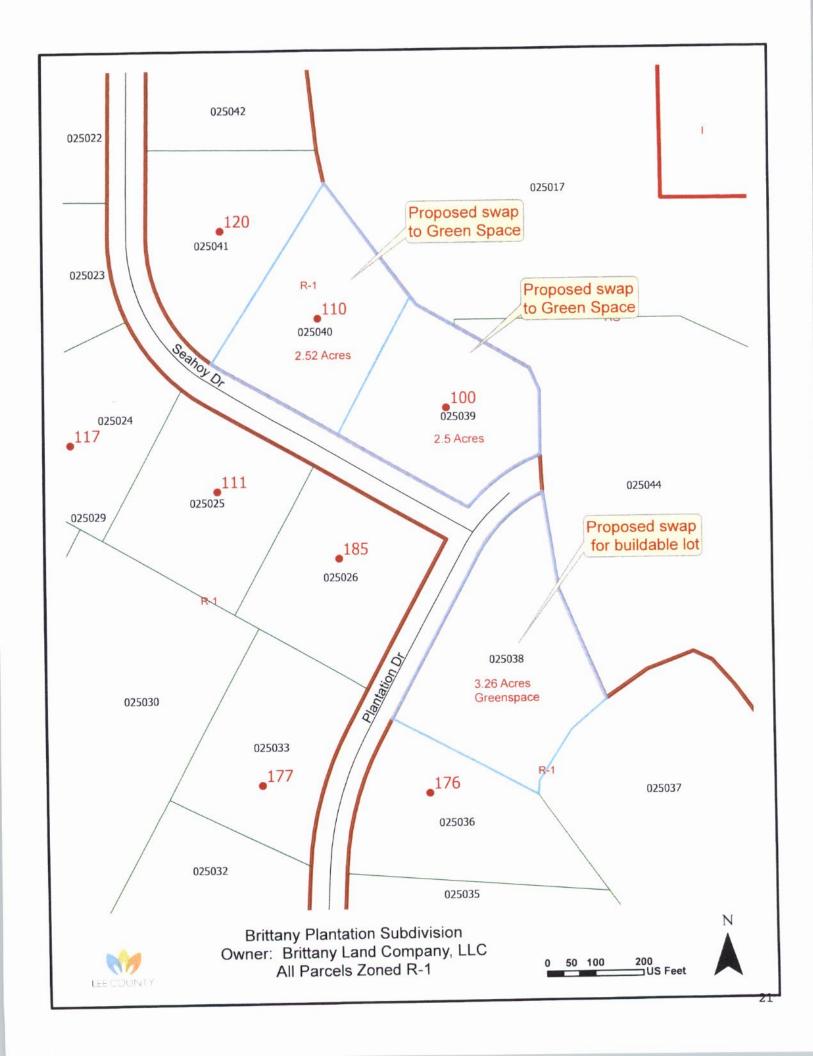
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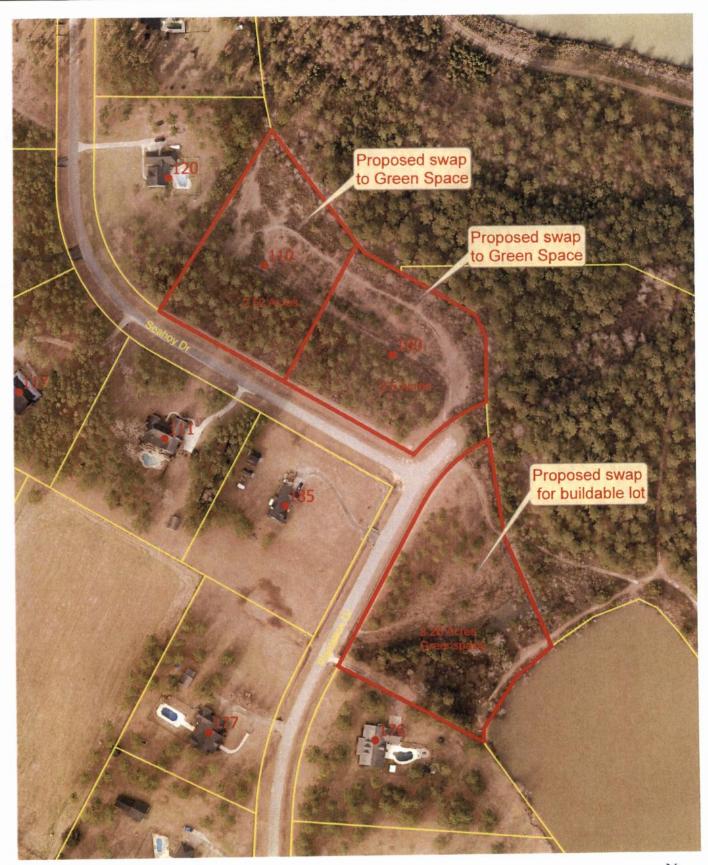
Mr. George McIntosh has submitted a request to the Lee County Planning, Zoning & Engineering Department to convert one lot of 3.26 acres from greenspace/common space to a buildable lot. The property described as Parcel 025 038 in Land Lot 90 of the Second Land District of Lee County, Georgia is currently reserved as greenspace/common space for Brittany Plantation Subdivision.

In exchange for this, Mr. McIntosh proposes to dedicate two (2) other non-buildable lots located in the same subdivision, and across the street from this lot, as greenspace/common space. These properties, Parcel Numbers 025 039 (2.5 acres) and 025 040 (2.52 acres), both lying in Land Lot 71 of the Second Land District of Lee County, Georgia would then be reserved as greenspace/common space.

This request was presented to County Attorney Jimmy Skipper who opined in part the following (paraphrased):

As to 140 Brittany Plantation, the way I read Sec. 58-124(q), if the proposed Lot 140 is already designated as greenspace, it cannot be developed without further approvals. As you know, that is the purpose of the greenspace designation. Under amendments to this code section adopted as of 3/10/2020, there can be no reduction in the approved greenspace, no relocation of the greenspace area, and there cannot be any construction on a property set aside as greenspace unless such reduction, moving and building on the greenspace unless approved by the County. Based upon the foregoing, it would be my suggestion that the applicants request that Lot 140 of Brittany Plantation be converted from greenspace to a buildable lot be referred to the planning commission for review and recommendation to the BOC, and that the BOC have the final decision regarding approval or disapproval of the applicants request.







Brittany Plantation Subdivision Owner: Brittany Land Company, LLC All Parcels Zoned R-1

