

APPLICANT: Harrison Koger c/o Wendy Butler and Associates

PETITION NO: SLUP-8

REPRESENTATIVE: Wendy Butler
770-814-4257

HEARING DATE (PC): 07-01-08

HEARING DATE (BOC): 07-15-08

PRESENT ZONING: PSC

TITLEHOLDER: LN Gordon Road, LLC

PROPOSED ZONING: Special Land Use
Permit

PROPERTY LOCATION: Located on the east side of Mableton
Parkway, north of Lynne Circle and on the south side of Gresham
Road, east of Mableton Parkway.

PROPOSED USE: Flea Market

ACCESS TO PROPERTY: Mableton Parkway, Gresham Road

SIZE OF TRACT: 7.98 acres

DISTRICT: 18

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS TO SITE: Existing shopping
center

LAND LOT(S): 77, 156

PARCEL(S): 9

TAXES: PAID X **DUE** _____

COMMISSION DISTRICT: 4

CONTIGUOUS ZONING/DEVELOPMENT

- NORTH:** GC, R-20/ Colonial Bank, Tire Tech, Single-family houses
- SOUTH:** GC/ Wachovia, Popeyes
- EAST:** R-20/ Single-family houses, undeveloped
- WEST:** R-20/ Single-family houses, undeveloped

OPPOSITION: NO. OPPOSED **PETITION NO:** _____ **SPOKESMAN** _____

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

APPROVED _____ **MOTION BY** _____

REJECTED _____ **SECONDED** _____

HELD _____ **CARRIED** _____

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DECISION

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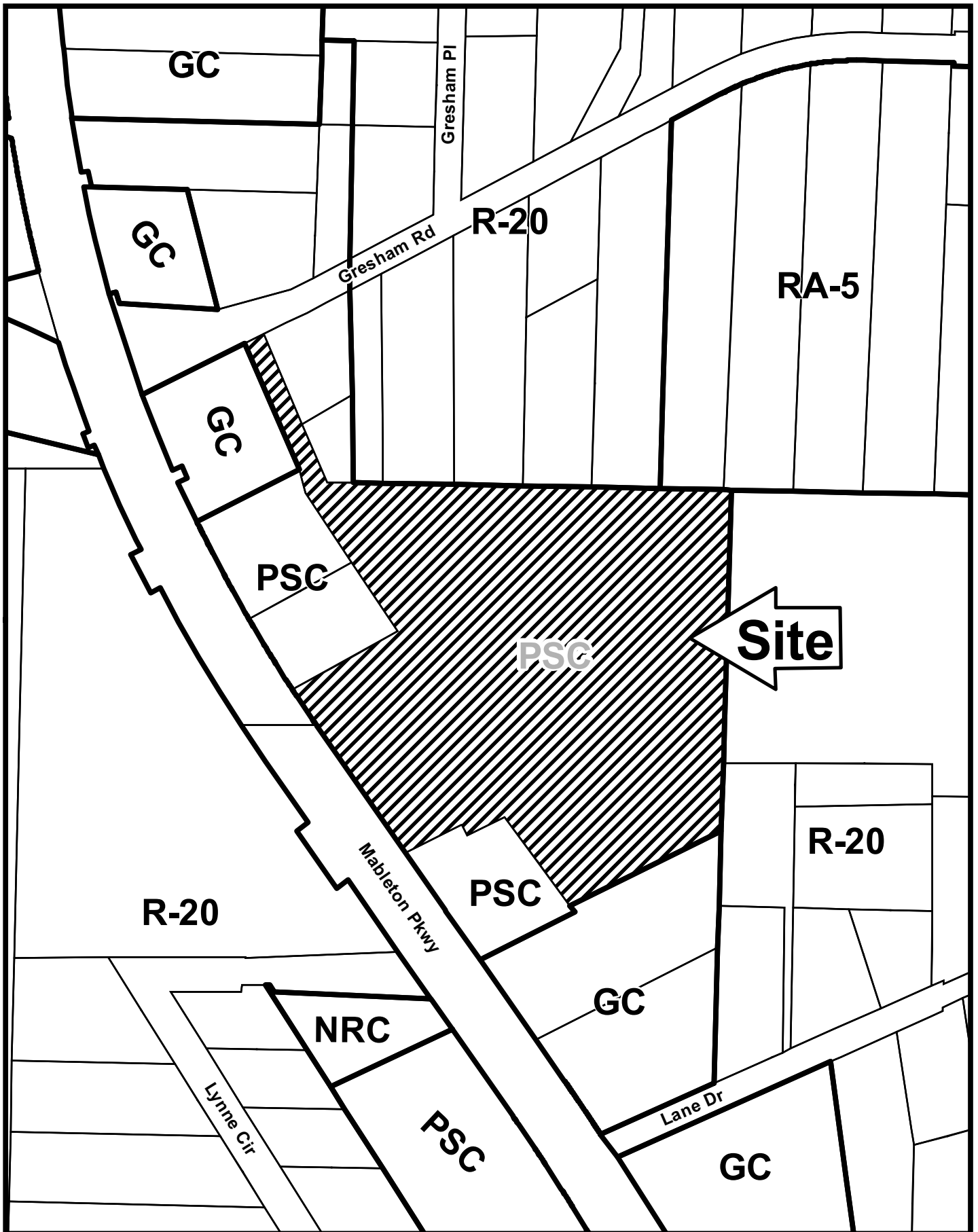
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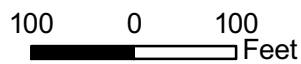
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



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 City Boundary
 Zoning Boundary

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PLANNING COMMENTS:

Staff Member Responsible: John P. Pederson, AICP

The applicant is requesting a Special Land Use Permit to operate a flea market from this existing shopping center. The existing building is one-story with a brick and stucco front. The flea market will occupy approximately 23,500 square-feet of the 66,000 square-foot building. The flea market will only be open Thursday through Sunday. The hours on Thursdays and Sundays will be 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and on Fridays and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The applicant has submitted a letter of intent (see Exhibit "A").

Historic Preservation: No comment.

Cemetery Preservation: No comment.

WATER & SEWER COMMENTS:

Records show address connected to water and sewer.

TRAFFIC COMMENTS:

Recommend applicant consider entering into a development agreement pursuant of O.C.G.A. 36-71-13 for dedication of the following system improvements to mitigate traffic concerns: a) donation of right-of-way on the east side of Mableton Parkway, a minimum of 50' from the roadway centerline. Recommend eliminating one the curb cuts along the northern end of the project. Recommend a deceleration lane for the centrally located access point along Mableton Parkway. Recommend GDOT permits for all work within State right-of-way. Recommend applicant be required to meet all Cobb County Development Standards and Ordinances related to project improvements.

FIRE COMMENTS:

Obtain Certificate of Occupancy.

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DRAINAGE COMMENTS

FLOOD HAZARD: YES NO POSSIBLY, NOT VERIFIED

DRAINAGE BASIN: Milam Branch FLOOD HAZARD INFO: Zone X

- FEMA Designated 100 year Floodplain Flood.
- Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance DESIGNATED FLOOD HAZARD.
- Project subject to the Cobb County Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance Requirements.
- Dam Breach zone from (upstream) (onsite) lake - need to keep residential buildings out of hazard.

WETLANDS: YES NO POSSIBLY, NOT VERIFIED

Location:

- The Owner/Developer is responsible for obtaining any required wetland permits from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer.

STREAMBANK BUFFER ZONE: YES NO POSSIBLY, NOT VERIFIED

- Metropolitan River Protection Area (within 2000' of Chattahoochee River) ARC (review 35' undisturbed buffer each side of waterway).
- Chattahoochee River Corridor Tributary Area - County review (_____ undisturbed buffer each side).
- Georgia Erosion-Sediment Control Law and County Ordinance - County Review/State Review.
- Georgia DNR Variance may be required to work in 25 foot streambank buffers.
- County Buffer Ordinance: 50', 75', 100' or 200' each side of creek channel.

DOWNSTREAM CONDITION

- Potential or Known drainage problems exist for developments downstream from this site.
- Stormwater discharges must be controlled not to exceed the capacity available in the downstream storm drainage system.
- Minimize runoff into public roads.
- Minimize the effect of concentrated stormwater discharges onto adjacent properties.
- Developer must secure any R.O.W required to receive concentrated discharges where none exist naturally
- Existing Lake Downstream _____.
Additional BMP's for erosion sediment controls will be required.
- Lake Study needed to document sediment levels.
- Stormwater discharges through an established residential neighborhood downstream.
- Project engineer must evaluate the impact of increased volume of runoff generated by the proposed project on downstream drainage system.

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DRAINAGE COMMENTS CONTINUED

SPECIAL SITE CONDITIONS

- Provide comprehensive hydrology/stormwater controls to include development of out parcels.
- Submit any proposed site improvements to Plan Review.
- Any **spring activity** uncovered must be addressed by a qualified geotechnical engineer (PE).
- Structural fill _____ must be placed under the direction of a qualified registered Georgia geotechnical engineer (PE).
- Existing facility.
- Project must comply with the Water Quality requirements of the CWA-NPDES-NPS Permit and County Water Quality Ordinance.
- Water Quality/Quantity contributions of the existing lake/pond on site must be continued as baseline conditions into proposed project.
- Calculate and provide % impervious of project site.
- Revisit design; reduce pavement area to reduce runoff and pollution.

INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION

- No Stormwater controls shown _____
- Copy of survey is not current - Additional comments may be forthcoming when current site conditions are exposed.
- No site improvements showing on exhibit.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS

1. This is an existing commercial shopping center with an existing detention pond. There has been a significant amount of debris/junk including tires that have been dumped into the pond. This material must be removed and any additional maintenance performed to return the pond to proper function as a stormwater management facility.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

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It is Staff's opinion that the applicant's proposal will have an adverse affect on the usability of adjacent or nearby property. Cobb DOT has requested a number of improvements that need to be done prior to operating the flea market. The property has been zoned and used commercially for many years for typical community commercial uses (i.e. retail, office and restaurants), which has fit the character of the area very well. This property is within the boundaries of the *Veterans Memorial Enterprise Zone*, which was established to encourage existing companies to expand and create new jobs, and to stimulate economic activity. Introducing this commercial use may inhibit future uses in the shopping center and area. The operation of flea markets is subject to state law that requires detailed record keeping by the vendors (O.C.G.A. §10-1-360), of which there is little oversight by the State. It is Staff's opinion that the applicant's proposal will not permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby properties. Mableton Parkway has seen several new commercial and residential developments in the past few years that have raised the standard of living, quality of life and property values in the area. The flea market land use has caused enforcement problems for Cobb County at other flea market locations, such as, the sale of contraband, the sale of live animals, the sale of questionable merchandise (stolen and counterfeit), and the preparation/sale of food not inspected by various governmental bodies. Staff believes these problems would result in a nuisance for adjacent property owners and the surrounding area, which could affect public health, safety, and welfare. Additionally, much of the merchandise will be sold as-is by transient merchants, giving the consumer virtually no avenue for remedies if something purchased is defective or dangerous. Based on the above analysis, Staff recommends DENIAL.

The recommendations made by the Planning and Zoning Staff are only the opinions of the Planning and Zoning Staff and are by no means the final decision. The Cobb County Board of Commissioners makes the final decisions on all Rezoning and Land Use Permits at an advertised public hearing.



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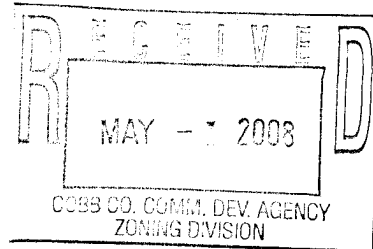
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VIA: HAND DELIVERY

April 30, 2008

Mr. Rob Hosack, AICP, Director
Planning and Zoning Division
Cobb County Community Development Department
191 Lawrence Street
Building E
Marietta Georgia



IN RE: Letter of Intent for Applications for Rezoning and a Special Use Permit for 7.98 Acre Property located at 6027 Mableton Parkway, Unincorporated Cobb County, Georgia 30126; Tax I.D. 18015600090 (the "Subject Property") to Allow a Flea Market to be Located in an Existing Shopping Center Complex Currently Known as Gordon Road Village

Dear Hosack;

I am writing on behalf of Mr. Harrison Koger, the proposed operator and Applicant as well as the property owner, LN Gordon Road, LLC to submit the following Letter of Intent and materials required to request that the Subject Property be rezoned from Planned Shopping Center (PSC) to General Commercial (GC) with a Special Land Use Permit. The proposed rezoning and Special Use Permit would allow the currently vacant anchor space in the Gordon Road Village Shopping to be used for a Flea Market use. The proposed use is consistent with the development patterns, surrounding zoning classifications and the current Land use Plan designation of Community Activity Center.

The 66,000 square foot existing square foot Gordon Road Village shopping center is the largest shopping center in the area and is anchored by the 23,500 +/- square foot space which was previously operated as a Fred's Department Store prior to becoming vacant as it stands today. Other operators in the Gordon Road Village Shopping Center include a Coin Laundry, Buffalo Wing and Pizza Company, a dentist office, AllState Insurance Company, an Evangelical Church, boxing gym and Bethel One Voice Outreach Ministry.

The site has high visibility along the moderately traveled 4-lane corridor of Mableton Parkway among a variety of similar uses and a mix of PSC, GC, NRC and O&I



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Zoning classifications. The site is conveniently located within proximity to low to medium density residential development which exists behind each of the commercially zoned properties along Mableton Parkway which are zoned R-20 and RA-5. The proposed use will offer residents and businesses a variety of goods and services at low to moderate prices with the flexibility to forgo commuting to the mall or similar facilities located further away in Marietta or within the Atlanta Metro area. As the anchor tenant and the largest shopping center in the area, the proposed use will encourage the economic viability of the area and offer consumer goods which are not currently available at moderate price points without requiring residences in the area to drive long distances to similar facilities located further away in Marietta.

The proposed use will provide economic activity and mitigate concerns related to public safety which can be associated when business centers remain vacant for extended periods of time. However, the operation of the flea market will have minimal impact on resident's daily commutes due to its limited schedule of operations. The hours of operation will be Thursday (11 a.m. – 6 p.m.), Friday (10 a.m. – 7 p.m.), Saturday (10 a.m. until 7 p.m.) and Sunday (11 a.m. – 6 p.m.).

The following paragraphs will provide a written response and analysis of the Steinberg Criteria serving as a basis to understand the impact of the proposed use which support the requested rezoning to General Commercial (GC) and accompanying Special Use Permit.

(a) Whether the zoning proposal will permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby property;

The zoning proposal is consistent with the adjacent and nearby developments, as well as the zoning and land use classifications along Mableton Parkway and will provide the residents in the area a variety of consumer goods without having to drive longer distances to malls or similar facilities in the region.

(b) Whether the zoning proposal will adversely affect the existing use or usability of the adjacent or nearby property;

The proposed rezoning will not adversely affect the existing use or usability of the adjacent or nearby property. The site of the proposed use has been previously operated as a Winn Dixie then a Fred's Department store. This 23,400 +/- square foot anchor space in what is the largest shopping center in the area has been vacant for nearly a year. The proposed use will offer consumer goods not otherwise offered in the area and encourage the continued viability of this commercial area while mitigating safety concerns



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associated with vacant commercial structure for the nearby residents which it will serve.

(c) Whether the property to be affected by the zoning proposal has a reasonable economic use as currently zoned;

The existing anchor space in the largest retail center in the area has been vacant for over one year. Based on the forgoing, the property owner and its leasing experts have determined that the existing zoning restricts the reasonable economic use of the property and may adversely impact the economic viability of the area.

(d) Whether the zoning proposal will result in a use which will or could cause an excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities and schools;

The Subject Property has been developed as a large commercial shopping center for many years. In light of the limited hours of operation, the proposed use will not result in excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities or utilities and will only positively impact the school system by providing tax revenues without adding students.

(e) Whether the zoning proposal is in conformity with the policy and intent of the land use plan; and

The proposed use is consistent with the Community Activity Center Land Use designation for this property and the area. The flea market is designed to serve the immediate needs of the neighborhoods and businesses in the area by offering a variety of goods at a low to moderate price range and will assist in maintaining the economic sustainability of this area.

(f) Whether there are other existing or changing conditions affecting the use and development of the property, which give supporting grounds for either approval or disapproval of the zoning proposal.

The closure of the previous commercial retail operators, Winn Dixie and then Fred's Department store in the anchor space of what is the largest shopping center in the area and continued vacancy of this space with no ability to lease it under the current zoning designation provide existing and changing conditions which support the approval of the zoning proposal.



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We look forward to working with the Cobb County Community Development Department, the businesses and residents in the area and the District Commissioner Annette Kesting on the proposed rezoning and Special Use Permit request. Should you have any question, feel free to contact me at the numbers above or on my cell phone at 404-583-2255.

With Best regards, I am

Very Truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Wendy S. Butler'.

Wendy S. Butler, Esq.

Encls.

Cc: Lee Najjar, LN Gordon Road LLC, w/encl.
Harrison Koger, Koger Enterprises, w/encl.
Sam Hale, Brown Realty Advisors, w/encl.
Mike Jacobs, Esq. w/encl.