

APPLICANT: W&H Investments, LLC	PETITION NO:	Z-11
(404) 372-5739	HEARING DATE (PC):	03-04-14
REPRESENTATIVE: Skip Harper	HEARING DATE (BOC): _	03-18-14
(404) 372-5739	PRESENT ZONING:	R-20
TITLEHOLDER: Estate of Oliver M. Bridges		
	PROPOSED ZONING:	R-15/OSC
PROPERTY LOCATION: East side of Hicks Road, south of		
Pioneer Trail.	PROPOSED USE: Reside	ntial Subdivision
(3275 Hicks Road).		
ACCESS TO PROPERTY: Hicks Road	SIZE OF TRACT:	20.756 acres
	DISTRICT:	17
PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS TO SITE: Single-family house	LAND LOT(S):	20, 21
and undeveloped acreage	PARCEL(S):	1
	TAXES: PAID X D	UE
CONTIGUOUS ZONING/DEVELOPMENT	COMMISSION DISTRICT	: 4

NORTH:	R-20/Single-family Houses and PD/Westmill Creek Subdivision
SOUTH:	R-20/Stone Harbor Subdivision
EAST:	R-20/Stone Harbor Subdivision
WEST:	R-20/Single-family House and R-15/Frontier Trails Subdivision

OPPOSITION: NO. OPPOSED PETITION NO: SPOKESMAN \_\_\_\_\_

### **PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION**

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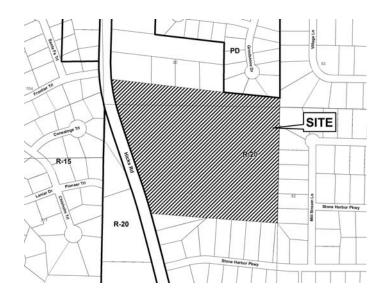
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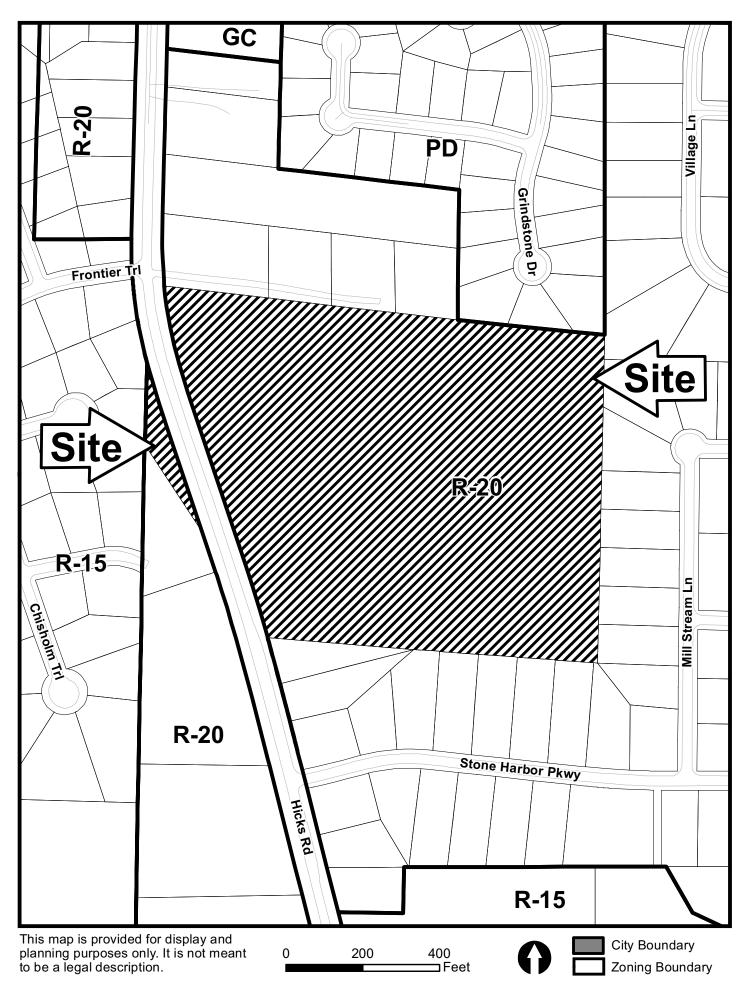
# **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DECISION**

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**STIPULATIONS:** 



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ZONING COMM	IENTS:	Staff Memb	er Responsi	ble: Jason A. Camp	bell	
Land Use Plan R	ecommendat	ion: Low Den	sity Residen	tial (1-2.5 units per act	ce)	
Proposed Numbe	r of Units:	42	Overa	all Density: 2.1	Units/Acre	
Staff estimate for	allowable #	of units: <u>36</u>	Units*	Increase of: 6	_Units/Lots	

\*Estimate could be higher or lower based on engineered plans taking into account topography, shape of property, utilities, roadways, natural features such as creeks, wetlands, etc., and other unforeseen circumstances.

Applicant is requesting the R-15 Open Space Community category for the purpose of developing an "aging in place" subdivision. The development will be similar to Cobblestone Ridge and will be marketed to people 55 and over. The houses will be traditional with exterior materials of hardi-plank siding, shake style shingles, brick or stone, and board and batten. Houses in the development will range in size from 1,860 to 2,500 square feet and will sell in the \$239,000 to \$280,000s price range.

Applicant's revised site plan received on January 31, 2014 indicates 8.2 acres as open space. In addition, the site plan indicates a 20-foot rear setback on exterior lots and a 25-foot exterior landscape buffer.

Cemetery Preservation: No comment.

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SCHOOL COMMENTS:	]			
			Number of	
		Capacity	Portable	
Name of School	Enrollment	Status	Classrooms	
Elementary				
Middle				
High <ul> <li>School attendance zones</li> </ul>	are subject to revision at any	y time.		
Additional Comments:				
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FIRE COMMENTS:				

When projects contemplate less than 20 foot separation between units, guest parking shall be provided or the streets shall be labeled as a fire lane.

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# PLANNING COMMENTS:

The applicant is requesting a rezoning from R-20 to R-15/OSC for purpose of residential subdivision. The 20.756 acre site is located on the east side of Hicks Road, south of Pioneer Trail.

# **Comprehensive** Plan

The parcel is within the Low Density Residential (LDR) area future land use category, with R-20 zoning designation. The purpose of the Low Density Residential (LDR) category is to provide for areas that are suitable for low density housing between one (1) and two and one-half (2.5) dwelling units per acre. This category presents a range of densities.

# **Open Space**

Property Location: East side of Hicks Rd., South of Pioneer Trail Land Lot/District: 20, 21 / 17 Current Zoning: R-20 Proposed Use: R-15 OSC Total Area: 20.774 acres Floodplain /Wetland Area/Cemetery: 0.8 acres Net Buildable Area: 19.974 acres Base Density Allowed: 2.1 upa Base Density Allowed w/Bonus: 2.25 upa Proposed Lots: 42 Net Density: 2.10 upa Future Land Use: Low Density Residential (1 to 2.5 upa)

**Open Space Requirement:** 6.23 acres or 30%; for bonus 6.85 acres or 33% **Open Space Provided:** 8.2 acres or 39.4% **Percentage of Open Space within Floodplain, Wetlands, & Lakes w:** 2.18 acres or 27%

# Setbacks:

Front: 15' Rear: 20' Side: 5'/ 20' between units

# **Comments:**

- 1. Overall residential development shall be compatible with neighboring residential uses. In areas where adjoining neighborhood lots are larger, such as lots 1 8 and 30 34, the plan should incorporate larger lots adjacent to the existing neighborhoods with smaller lots to the interior. There is a 25' open space buffer to assist in mitigating the compatibility concerns
- 2. Natural walking trail must be constructed of pervious material.
- 3. Must have Cobb Department of Transportation approved lighting plan if outdoor lighting (except individual residential lots) is proposed

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# PLANNING COMMENTS: Continued

- 4. A Conservation Easement must be recorded in the mandatory subdivision covenants and with Cobb Superior Court, thereby protecting the "Open Space" from development in perpetuity as owned by the mandatory Home Owners Association. Conservation Easement application must be submitted to the Planning Division before final plat approval.
- 5. Recommend providing architectural renderings and descriptions of the façade treatments that will be used on the proposed housing units
- 6. For all lots contiguous to commonly owned open space, staff recommends including a deed that explains that said lots are adjacent to commonly owned Open Space that cannot be disturbed.
- 7. Highly recommend split rail fence to be installed just on the inside of commonly owned open space and not on the individual lot side of the property.

# <u>Master Plan/Corridor Study</u>

Not applicable.

# Historic Preservation

After consulting various county historic resources surveys, historic maps, archaeology surveys and Civil War trench location maps, staff finds that no known significant historic resources appear to be affected by this application. No further comment. No action by applicant requested at this time.

# <u>Design Guidelines</u>

# **Incentive Zones**

Is the property within an Opportunity Zone? The Opportunity Zone is an incentive that provides \$3,500 tax credit per job in eligible areas if two or more jobs are being created. This incentive is available for new or existing businesses.

Is the property within an Enterprise Zone? □ Yes ■ No The Enterprise Zone is an incentive that provides tax abatements and other economic incentives for qualifying businesses locating or expanding within designated areas for new jobs and capital investments.

Is the property eligible for incentives through the Commercial and Industrial Property Rehabilitation Program? □ Yes ■ No The Commercial and Industrial Property Rehabilitation Program is an incentive that provides a reduction in ad valorem property taxes for qualifying redevelopment in eligible areas.

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WATER COMMENTS: NOTE: Comments	reflect on	ly what facilities	s were in ex	istence at the time of this review.
Available at Development:		Yes		No
Fire Flow Test Required:		Yes		No
Size / Location of Existing Water Main(s): 1	0'' CI /	W side of Hick	s Road	
Additional Comments:				
Developer may be required to install/upgrade water mains	, based on	fire flow test resu	ts or Fire Dep	partment Code. This will be resolved
in the Plan Review Process.				
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SEWER COMMENTS: NOTE: Commen	nts reflect	only what facili	ties were in	existence at the time of this review.
In Drainage Basin:		Yes		No
At Development:	$\checkmark$	Yes		No
Approximate Distance to Nearest Sewer:	300' S in	stone Harbor	r Parkway	
Estimated Waste Generation (in G.P.D.):	A D F	7040		<b>Peak=</b> 17600
Treatment Plant:		Sout	th Cobb	
Plant Capacity:	$\checkmark$	Available	🗌 Not	Available
Line Capacity:	$\checkmark$	Available	🗌 Not	Available
Proiected Plant Availability:	$\checkmark$	0 - 5 vears	5 -	10 vears $\Box$ over 10 vears
Drv Sewers Required:		Yes	✓ No	
Off-site Easements Required:	$\checkmark$	Yes*	🗌 No	*If off-site easements are required, Developer must submit easements to CCWS for
Flow Test Required:		Yes	✓ No	review/approval as to form and stipulations prior to the execution of easements by the
Letter of Allocation issued:		Yes	☑ No	property owners. All easement acquisitions are the responsibility of the Developer
Septic Tank Recommended by this Departme	ent:	Yes	✓ No	
Subject to Health Department Approval:		Yes	✓ No	
Additional <u>Public sewer easements on sid</u> Comments:	de lot lin	es require 24' l	between str	ructures

Developer will be responsible for connecting to the existing County water and sewer systems, installing and/or upgrading all outfalls and water mains, obtaining on and/or offsite easements, dedication of on and/or offsite water and sewer to Cobb County, as may be required. Rezoning does not guarantee water/sewer availability/capacity unless so stated in writing by the Cobb County Water System. Permit issuances subject to continued treatment plant compliance with EPD discharge requirements.

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# STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMENTS

FLOOD HAZARD: YES NO POSSIBLY, NOT VERIFIED
<ul> <li>DRAINAGE BASIN: <u>Mill Creek #2</u> FLOOD HAZARD INFO: Zone X</li> <li>FEMA Designated 100 year Floodplain Flood.</li> <li>Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance DESIGNATED FLOOD HAZARD.</li> <li>Project subject to the Cobb County Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance Requirements.</li> <li>Dam Breach zone from (upstream) (onsite) lake - need to keep residential buildings out of hazard.</li> </ul>
WETLANDS: YES NO POSSIBLY, NOT VERIFIED
Location: _surrounding and downstream of the existing lake
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
<ul> <li>Metropolitan River Protection Area (within 2000' of Chattahoochee River) ARC (review 35' undisturbed buffer each side of waterway).</li> <li>Chattahoochee River Corridor Tributary Area - County review (<u>undisturbed</u> buffer each side).</li> <li>Georgia Erosion-Sediment Control Law and County Ordinance - County Review/State Review.</li> <li>Georgia DNR Variance may be required to work in 25 foot streambank buffers.</li> <li>County Buffer Ordinance: 50', 75', 100' or 200' each side of creek channel.</li> </ul>
DOWNSTREAM CONDITION
<ul> <li>Potential or Known drainage problems exist for developments downstream from this site.</li> <li>Stormwater discharges must be controlled not to exceed the capacity available in the downstream storm drainage system.</li> <li>Minimize runoff into public roads.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Minimize the effect of concentrated stormwater discharges onto adjacent properties.</li> <li>Developer must secure any R.O.W required to receive concentrated discharges where none exist naturally</li> <li>Existing Lake Downstream <u>- G.B.'s Lake ~ 1500' downstream</u>. Additional BMP's for erosion sediment controls will be required.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Lake Study needed to document sediment levels.</li> <li>Stormwater discharges through an established residential neighborhood downstream.</li> <li>Project engineer must evaluate the impact of increased volume of runoff generated by the proposed project</li> </ul>

on existing onsite lake and downstream culvert crossing at Stone Harbor Parkway.

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### **STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMENTS – Continued**

### SPECIAL SITE CONDITIONS

- Provide comprehensive hydrology/stormwater controls to include development of out parcels.
- Submit all 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

- 1. The existing site is heavily wooded with average slopes less than 15%. There is a small existing lake that drains the majority of the site which discharges to the south through the Stone Harbor Subdivision into the Mill Creek #2 floodplain. The existing lake will be utilized to provide stormwater management for the project. The dam will need to evaluated by a geotechnical engineer prior to permitting and brought up to current Cobb County standards.
- 2. As indicated under the Downstream Conditions comment section, there is an existing lake located approximately 1500 feet downstream. A pre- and post-development sediment survey must be performed to document any sediment impact to G.B.'s Lake during development.

# PRESENT ZONING: <u>R-20</u>

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# TRANSPORTATION COMMENTS

The following comments and recommendations are based on field investigation and office review of the subject rezoning case:

ROADWAY	AVERAGE DAILY TRIPS	ROADWAY CLASSIFICATION	SPEED LIMIT	JURISDICTIONAL CONTROL	MIN. R.O.W. REQUIREMENTS
Hicks Road	14,900	Major Collector	45 mph	Cobb County	80'

Based on 2010 traffic counting data taken by Cobb County DOT (Hicks Road)

# **COMMENTS AND OBSERVATIONS**

Hicks Road is classified as a major collector and according to the available information the existing right-of-way does meet the minimum requirements for this classification.

# RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommend a deceleration and left turn lane for the Hicks Road access.

Recommend curb, gutter, and sidewalk along the Hicks Road frontage.

Recommend curb and gutter along both sides and sidewalk along one side of proposed development roadways.

Recommend applicant be required to meet all Cobb County Development Standards and Ordinances related to project improvements.

# **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

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- A. It is Staff's opinion that the applicant's rezoning proposal will permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby properties. Other properties in the area are also zoned for single-family residential uses.
- B. It is Staff's opinion that the applicant's rezoning proposal will not have an adverse affect on the usability of adjacent or nearby property. The proposed development will be for a residential subdivision geared toward the 55 and over population and will have a density similar to other residential subdivisions in the area.
- C. It is Staff's opinion that the applicant's rezoning proposal will not result in a use which would cause an excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities, or schools. This opinion can be supported by the departmental comments contained in this analysis.
- D. It is Staff's opinion that the applicant's rezoning proposal is in conformity with the policy and intent of the *Cobb County Comprehensive Plan*, which delineates this property to be within the Low Density Residential (LDR) land use category, with densities ranging from 1-2.5 units per acre. Other single-family residential subdivisions nearby include: Stone Harbor to the east and south, zoned R-20, has an approximate density of 1.66 units per acre; Frontier Trails Subdivision to the west, zoned R-15, with an approximate density of 2.06 units per acre; and Westmill Creek Subdivision to the north (zoned PD) with a density of 2.69 units per acre. The proposed density of 2.1 units per acre fits in with the surrounding subdivisions and the density range for LDR.
- E. It is Staff's opinion that there are existing and changing conditions affecting the use and development of the property which give supporting grounds for approving the applicant's rezoning proposal. The proposed development will have a density similar to other developments in the area and the revised site plan indicates 8.2 acres of open space with a picnic area, walking trails and a gazebo.

Based on the above analysis, Staff recommends <u>APPROVAL</u> subject to the following conditions:

- Revised site plan received by the Zoning Division on January 31, 2014, with the District Commissioner approving minor modifications;
- Fire Department comments and recommendations;
- Planning Division comments and recommendations;
- Water and Sewer Division comments and recommendations;
- Stormwater Management Division comments and recommendations; and
- Department of Transportation comments and recommendations.

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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Summary of Intent for Rezoning	
Part 1. Residential Rezoning Information (attach additional information if needed)	
<ul> <li>a) Proposed unit square-footage(s): 1,860 - 2,500 square feet</li> <li>b) Proposed building architecture: Traditional homes with exterior materials of hardi-plank style shingles, brick or stone, and board and batten.</li> </ul>	siding, shake
<ul> <li>c) Proposed selling prices(s): \$239,000 to \$280,000's</li> <li>d) List all requested variances:</li> </ul>	
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Part 2. Non-residential Rezoning Information (attach additional information if needed)	
a) Proposed use(s):	
b) Proposed building architecture:	
c) Proposed hours/days of operation:	
d) List all requested variances:	
Part 3. Other Pertinent Information (List or attach additional information if needed)	
Additional Information Included in Attachment.	
Part 4. Is any of the property included on the proposed site plan owned by the Local, State, or Fee	
(Please_list all Right-of-Ways, Government owned lots, County owned parcels and/or remr	
plat clearly showing where these properties are located)	
Part 5. Is this application a result of a Code Enforcement action? No_X_;Yes(If yes, attach a c Notice of Violation and/or tickets to this form).	opy of the
Applicant signature: Ship Hayn Date: 1/2/2014 Applicant name (printed): 10+ H INVESTMENTS, LLC	1

Revised August 21, 2013