

APPLICANT: Courtney Ellis	PETITION NO:	Z-23
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REPRESENTATIVE: Courtney Ellis	HEARING DATE (BOC):	06-20-17
PHONE#: (678) 983-4330 EMAIL: courtneymellis@outlook.com	PRESENT ZONING:	PSC, R-20
TITLEHOLDER: Elvia Benitez		
	PROPOSED ZONING:	NRC
PROPERTY LOCATION: North side of Michael Drive, east of		
Brackett Street	PROPOSED USE: Child C	Care Center
(646 Michael Drive)		
ACCESS TO PROPERTY: Michael Drive	SIZE OF TRACT:	1.17 acres
	DISTRICT:	17
PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS TO SITE:One story brick and	LAND LOT(S):	59
frame building	PARCEL(S):	12
	TAXES: PAID X DU	E
CONTIGUOUS ZONING/DEVELOPMENT	COMMISSION DISTRICT	:4
MORTH. LL D. 20/ Auto rengin Undeveloped treat	t Future Land Use:	

NORTH: LI, R-20/ Auto repair, Undeveloped tract SOUTH: R-20/ Pine Branch Subdivision EAST: R-20/ Pine Branch Subdivision

WEST: LI, PSC/ Auto repair, Brackett Subdivision

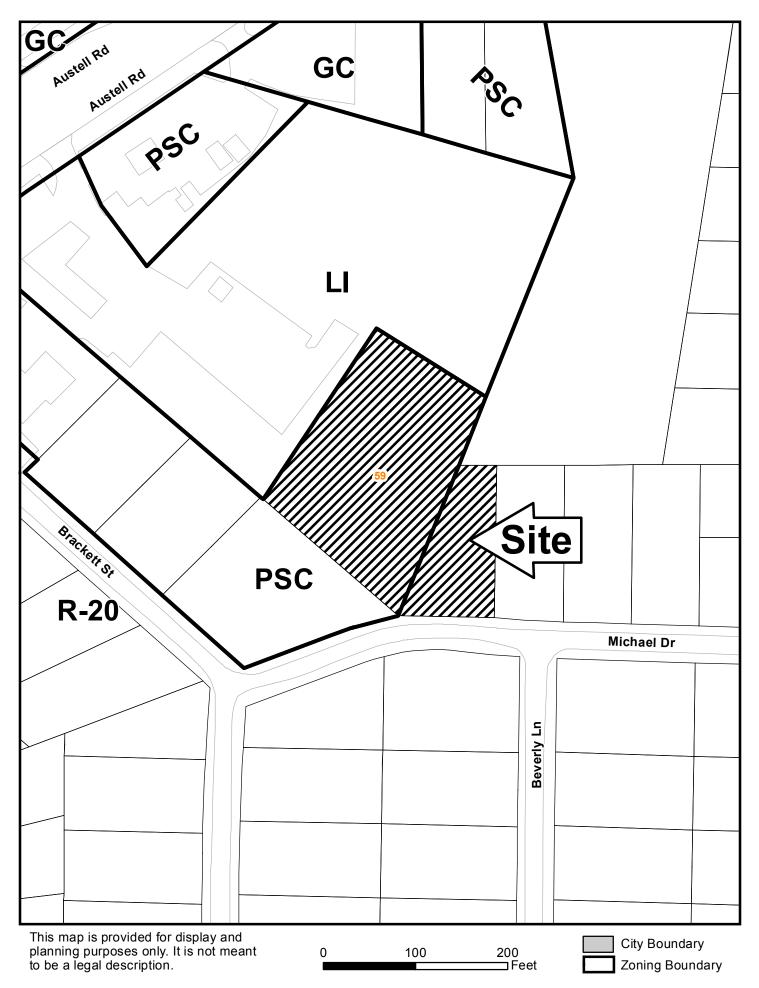
Northeast: Neighborhood Activity Center (RAC Southeast Low Density Residential (LDR) East: Low Density Residential (LDR) South: Low Density Residential (LDR) Southwest: Neighborhood Activity Center (RAC) Northwest Neighborhood Activity Center (RAC)

OPPOSITION: NO. OPPOSED____PETITION NO:____SPOKESMAN _____

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION APPROVED____MOTION BY____ GC CF PSC R-80 13 REJECTED ____SECONDED_____ NRC HELD____VOTE____ GC GC R-20 **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DECISION** APPROVED____MOTION BY_____ SITE REJECTED____SECONDED_____ NRC Coll 14 S HELD____VOTE____ 86 R-20 GC GC **STIPULATIONS:** R-15 NRC

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ZONING COMMENTS:	Staff Member Responsibl	e: Terry Martin, MPA
Land Use Plan Recommendation	on: Neighborhood Activ	vity Center (NAC)
Proposed Number of Buildings	:1 Total Square I	Footage of Development: 2,152 sq. ft.
F.A.R.: 0.04 Square Foo	tage/Acre: 1,839 sq. ft.	
Parking Spaces Required:20	Parking Space	s Provided: 5 (on grass)

The applicant is proposing to reopen the property as a child daycare center. The building and property has historically been used as such since 1957. The zoning is both PSC planned shopping center district and R-20 single-family residential district and located within a NAC neighborhood activity center. The property has lost its "grandfathered" status having been vacant for some time. The applicant intends to have an enrollment of between 30-45 children with the assistance of four (4) employees and occasional guest art instructors. Intended hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 6:30 am to 8:30 pm.

Though the applicant proposes to add six (6) to eight (8) parking spaces to the site, current code calls for at least 20 parking spaces for a daycare use as well as a 20 foot landscape screening buffer adjacent to neighboring residential property (to the east and north directly behind the structure). While there is ample room to provide the necessary parking spaces, the required buffer cannot be fully accommodated between the existing building and eastern property line as it is only a distance of 13 feet. However, as there is an existing fence, there may be room for additional minimal plantings to provide an adequate visual as well as sound barrier to the neighbors.

Cemetery Preservation: No comment.

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SCHOOL COMMENTS:

			Number of
		Capacity	Portable
Name of School	Enrollment	Status	Classrooms
Elementary			
Middle			

High

• School attendance zones are subject to revision at any time.

Additional Comments: Approval of this petition will not have an impact on the enrollment at Cobb County schools.

SITE PLAN REVIEW SECTION COMMENTS:

The property owner will be required to obtain a Land Disturbance Permit if there are any staff comments or approval stipulations which require any type of site modifications (fencing, landscaping, curb/gutter & sidewalk installation, etc.).

FIRE COMMENTS:

NO COMMENTS: After analyzing the information presented for a Preliminary Review, the Cobb County Fire Marshal's Office is confident that all other items can be addressed during the Plan Review Stage.

PRESENT ZONING: PSC & R-20

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PLANNING COMMENTS:

The applicant is requesting a rezoning from PSC and R-20 to NRC for the purpose of a child care center. The 1.17 acre site is located on the north side of Michael Drive, east of Brackett Street (646 Michael Drive).

HB-489 Intergovernmental Agreement Zoning Amendment Notification:		
Is the application site within one half $(1/2)$ mile of a city boundary?		■ No
If yes, has the city of been notified?	\Box Yes	■ No / N/A

Comprehensive Plan

The parcel is within a Neighborhood Activity Center (NAC) future land use category, with PSC and R-20 zoning designation. The purpose of the Neighborhood Activity Center (NAC) category is to provide for areas that serve neighborhood residents and businesses. Typical land uses for these areas include small offices, limited retail and grocery stores.

Specific Area Policy Guidelines:

There are no specific policy guidelines for this area in the Comprehensive Plan.

Adjacent Future Land Use:

Northeast:	Neighborhood Activity Center (RAC
Southeast	Low Density Residential (LDR)
East:	Low Density Residential (LDR)
South:	Low Density Residential (LDR)
Southwest:	Neighborhood Activity Center (RAC)
Northwest	Neighborhood Activity Center (RAC)

Master Plan/Corridor Study

The property is located within the boundary of Austell Road Corridor Study

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>		
Is the parcel in an area with Design Guidelines?	□ Yes	■ No
If yes, design guidelines area		
Does the current site plan comply with the design re-	equirements?	
<u>Incentive Zones</u>		
Is the property within an Opportunity Zone?	□ Yes	■ No
The Opportunity Zone is an incentive that provides	\$3,500 tax cree	dit per job in eligible areas if two or more
jobs are being created. This incentive is available for	or new or existi	ng businesses.
Is the property within an Enterprise Zone?	■ Yes	□ No

The Smyrna-Osborne 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.

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PLANNING COMMENTS:	CONT.
Is the property eligible for incentives through the Commer Program? □ Yes ■ No The Commercial and Industrial Property Rehabilitation Pr ad valorem property taxes for qualifying redevelopment in	ogram is an incentive that provides a reduction in
For more information on incentives, please call the Comm 770.528.2018 or find information online at <u>http://economi</u>	
<u>Special Districts</u> Is this property within the Cumberland Special District #1 □ Yes ■ No	(hotel/motel fee)?
Is this property within the Cumberland Special District #2 □ Yes ■ No	(ad valorem tax)?
Is this property within the Six Flags Special Service Distri □ Yes ■ No	ct?
Is the property within the: Dobbins Airfield Safety Zone? CZ (Clear Zone) APZ I (Accident Potential Zone I) APZ II (Accident Potential Zone II) Prind / Wildlife Air Strike Horard (BASH) area	

■ Bird / Wildlife Air Strike Hazard (BASH) area

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WATER COMMENTS: NOTE: Comments refl	ect or	nly what facilities w	vere	in exi	istence at th	ne time	of this review.
Available at Development:	V	Yes			No		
Fire Flow Test Required:		Yes			No		
Size / Location of Existing Water Main(s): 6" D)I / N	side of Michael	Driv	ve			
Additional Comments: Existing water customer							
Developer may be required to install/upgrade water mains, based on Review Process.	fire flo	ow test results or Fire D	epartn	nent Co	ode. This will	be resolv	ved in the Plan
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SEWER COMMENTS: NOTE: Comments r	reflec	t only what facilitie	es we	re in (existence a	t the tin	ne of this review.
In Drainage Basin:	✓	Yes			No		
At Development:	\checkmark	Yes			No		
Approximate Distance to Nearest Sewer: Mic	chael	Drive ROW					
Estimated Waste Generation (in G.P.D.): A l	D F=	+0		I	Peak= +0)	
Treatment Plant:		South	Cob	b			
Plant Capacity:	\checkmark	Available		Not	Available	;	
Line Capacity:	\checkmark	Available		Not	Available	:	
Proiected Plant Availability:	\checkmark	0 - 5 vears		5 - 1	0 years		over 10 years
Drv Sewers Required:		Yes	\checkmark	No			
Off-site Easements Required:		Yes*	✓	No			ts are required, Developer ents to CCWS for
Flow Test Required:		Yes	✓	No			o form and stipulations
Letter of Allocation issued:		Yes	✓	No	property ov	wners. A	ll easement acquisitions y of the Developer
Septic Tank Recommended by this Department:	:	Yes	✓	No			
Subject to Health Department Approval:		Yes	✓	No			
Additional Existing sewer customer Comments:							

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 – Continued

SPECIAL SITE CONDITIONS

	Provide comprehensive hydrology/stormwater controls to include development of out parcels.
\boxtimes	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).
\boxtimes	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.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

- 1. No significant site improvements are proposed.
- 2. Stormwater management must be provided upon redevelopment or substantial improvement.

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TRANSPORTATION COMMENTS:

ROADWAY	ROADWAY CLASSIFICATION	SPEED LIMIT	JURISDICTIONAL CONTROL	MIN. R.O.W. REQUIREMENTS
Michael Drive	Local	25 mph	Cobb County	50'

ROADWAY	LOCATION	AVERAGE DAILY TRIPS	LEVEL OF SERVICE
Michael Drive	N/A	N/A	N/A

COMMENTS AND OBSERVATIONS

Michael Drive is classified as a local and according to the available information the existing right-of-way does not meet the minimum requirements for this classification.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommend applicant consider entering into a development agreement pursuant to 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 north side of Michael Drive, a minimum of 25' from the roadway centerline.

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. Though commercial in nature, the proposed reuse of the property as child daycare, with appropriate buffering, can provide a service to the residential community as well as provide a step down in uses from the nearby commercial and industrial properties.
- 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. With the property having a history of usage as a daycare, its reutilization as such, with the necessary buffers, should not have an adverse effect on the neighboring properties.
- 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 the property as lying within the NAC neighborhood activity center future land use category. The current request fulfills this category's intent of providing commercial services to nearby residents and acting as a step down in intensity between neighboring land uses.
- 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 deleting the applicant's rezoning proposal to LRO. Having a historical use as a child daycare center, reutilization of the property as such, with proper parking accommodations and landscape buffering, can be supported. The use will serve to further the intents of the *Comprehensive Plan* while allowing reopening of a currently vacant property. Staff believes deleting to the LRO zoning district would provide a better step down in zoning intensity.

Based on the above analysis, Staff recommends **DELETION TO LRO** subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Child daycare use only;
- 2. District Commissioner to approve final site plan with 20 parking spaces provided to the northwest of the existing building (away from residential neighbors);
- 3. District Commissioner, after review by County Arborist, to approve landscape plan which provides a ten foot screening buffer adjacent to the properties zoned residential to the north and east;
- 4. Fire Department comments and recommendations;
- 5. Water Division comments and recommendations;
- 6. Stormwater Management Division comments and recommendations;
- 7. Department of Transportation comments and recommendations; and
- 8. Owner/developer to enter into a Development Agreement pursuant to O.C.G.A. §36-71-13 for the dedication of system improvements to mitigate traffic concerns.

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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		ning Information (attach additional information if needed)
a) b)		d unit square-footage(s):
c)	List all r	equested variances:
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t 2. Non	-residential R	ezoning Information (attach additional information if needed)
a)	Propose	duse(s): Child Care Conter
b)	Propose	d building architecture:
c)	Propose	d hours/days of operation: Monday - Friday 6:32 Am -
<u></u> d)		equested variances:
art 3. O	ther Pertinen	at Information (List or attach additional information if needed)
rt d Io	any of the pro	operty included on the proposed site plan owned by the Local, State, or Federal Government?
	•	ight-of-Ways, Government owned lots, County owned parcels and/or remnants, etc., and attach a
	1	ring where these properties are located).



Analysis of Impact

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

Upon zoning approval the property listed at 646 Michael Drive will permit a use for a Child Care/Learning Center that is suitable in view of the use and development of the adjacent and nearby properties.

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

The zoning proposal will not adversely affect the existing use or usability of the adjacent property or nearby, as the existing dwelling was originally built in 1957 as a Day Care Center. The dwelling has a commercial property class and was intended to be used for such purpose.

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

The property does not currently have a reasonable economic use as currently zoned because it's unable to be used for it's intended purpose. Again, It was built as a Commercial Day Care Center and cannot currently be used for commercial purposes due to zoning restrictions.

(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, or schools;

The approval of the zoning proposal will not cause an excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities, or schools. It will provide a convenient safe haven for the children and offer nearby premium childcare for working professionals in the community.

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

The land use plan categorizes the subject property as a Planned Shopping Center. However, again the dwelling was originally built as a Child Care Center.

(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 lack of art incorporated/excelled curriculum learning/childcare centers in the community lends support for the rezoning proposal. Our use of art integration into common core learning is sure to evolve our future generations into future achievers.

By: Courtney M. Ellis

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