

7APPLICANT: Joe A. McHarg	PETITION NO:	Z-70
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REPRESENTATIVE: Joe A. McHarg	HEARING DATE (BOC):	11-21-17
PHONE #: (770) 953-2186 EMAIL: jmcharg@hotmail.com	PRESENT ZONING:	RM-8
TITLEHOLDER: <u>B&amp;M Equities</u> , LLC		
	PROPOSED ZONING:	RD
PROPERTY LOCATION: Southwest corner of Smyrna-Powder		
Springs Road and Vineyard Way	PROPOSED USE: Town	nhomes
ACCESS TO PROPERTY: Vineyard Way	SIZE OF TRACT:	1.274 acres
	DISTRICT:	17
PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS TO SITE: Wooded, undeveloped	LAND LOT(S):	273
	PARCEL(S):	2
	TAXES: PAID X D	UE
CONTIGUOUS ZONING/DEVELOPMENT	COMMISSION DISTRICT	<b>:</b> 4

NORTH:	RM-12/ Apartment complex
SOUTH:	City of Smyrna/ Chateau Walk Subdivision
EAST:	RM-8, City of Smyrna/ Martha's Vineyard
	Condominium, Chateau Walk Subdivision
WEST:	RM-12/ Apartment Complex

### Adjacent Future Land Use:

Southeast: High Density Residential (HDR) and City of Smyrna (across road right of way) South: City of Smyrna Northwest: High Density Residential (HDR)

# OPPOSITION: NO. OPPOSED\_\_\_\_PETITION NO:\_\_\_\_SPOKESMAN \_\_\_\_\_

### PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

APPROVEDMOTION BY	
REJECTEDSECONDED	RM-12
HELDCARRIED	R-15
<b>BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DECISION</b>	
APPROVEDMOTION BY	RM-8
REJECTEDSECONDED	RM-12 SITE Smyrna
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STIPULATIONS:	

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ZONING COMMENTS: Staff Member Respo	onsible: Terry Martin, MPA
Land Use Plan Recommendation: High Density Res	sidential (5-12 units per acre)
Proposed Number of Units: 4 Ov	verall Density: 3.14 Units/Acre
<b>Staff estimate for allowable # of units:</b> 0 <b>Units</b> *Estimate could be higher or lower based on engineered plans taki	

natural features such as creeks, wetlands, etc., and other unforeseen circumstances.

The applicant is requesting a rezoning of the subject property from the current RM-8 residential multifamily district to the RD residential duplex district in order to develop two (2) separate two (2) unit residential buildings. The existing zoning of RM-8 bars development as the lot does not meet that district's minimum 80,000 square foot lot size requirement. The RD district best suits the request as the proposal places each two (2) unit building upon its own lot. The buildings are proposed to be of traditional townhouse design and consist of 1,800 to 2,000 square feet.

If the lot is considered to be a corner lot with road frontages on both Smyrna-Powder Springs Road and Vineyard Way, with Smyrna-Powder Springs Road being the front, the submitted plan represents the following variance:

1. Waive the rear setback from the required 40 feet to 35 feet with an increase in both the major side yard and minor side yard setbacks to 35 feet (from 25 feet and 20 feet, respectively).

Cemetery Preservation: No comment.

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# **SCHOOL COMMENTS:**

			Number of
		Capacity	Portable
Name of School	Enrollment	Status	Classrooms
Norton Park	916	766	
<b>Elementary</b> Griffin	1295	1046	
<b>Middle</b> Campbell	2788	2637	

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### 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 of these schools.

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# 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.

#### **APPLICANT: Joe A. McHarg PRESENT ZONING: RM-8**

## **PLANNING COMMENTS:**

The applicant is requesting a rezoning from RM-8 to RD for the purpose of townhomes. The 1.274 acre site is located on the southwest corner of Smyrna-Powder Springs Road and Vineyard Way.

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

### *Comprehensive Plan*

The parcel is within a High Density Residential (HDR) future land use category, with RM-8 zoning designation. The purpose of High Density Residential (HDR) category is to provide areas suitable for low rise, high density housing between five (5) and twelve (12) units per acre. Mid or high-rise residential developments are also appropriate in this category. This shall include any residential developments in excess of 4 stories per structure.

### Specific Area Policy Guidelines:

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

### Adjacent Future Land Use:

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### Master Plan/Corridor Study

The property is not located within the boundary of a Plan or 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?	$\Box$ Yes	■ No	
If yes, design guidelines area			
Does the current site plan comply with the design	requirements	?	
<u>Incentive Zones</u>			
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Is the property within an Opportunity Zone?	$\Box$ Yes	■ No	
			or more
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Is the property eligible for incentives through the Commercial and Industrial Property Rehabilitation Program?  $\Box$  Yes ■ No

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### **PLANNING COMMENTS:**

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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.

For more information on incentives, please call the Community Development Agency, Planning Division at 770.528.2018 or find information online at <u>http://economic.cobbcountyga.gov</u>.org.

### Special Districts

Is this property within the Cumberland Special District #1 (hotel/motel fee)? □ Yes ■ No
Is this property within the Cumberland Special District #2 (ad valorem tax)? □ Yes ■ No
Is this property within the Six Flags Special Service District? □ Yes ■ No
Is the property within the:
Dobbins Airfield Safety Zone?
$\Box$ CZ (Clear Zone)
APZ I (Accident Potential Zone I)
APZ II (Accident Potential Zone II)
□ Noise Zone

■ Bird / Wildlife Air Strike Hazard (BASH) area

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WATER COMMENTS: NOTE: Comments refle	ct on	ly what facilities we	ere i	n exis	stence at the time	of this review.
Available at Development:		Yes	[	✓	No	
Fire Flow Test Required:		Yes	[		No	
Size / Location of Existing Water Main(s): Conta	act S	Smyrna Water and	Sev	ver		
Additional Comments: CCWS has no water main	1 on	Vineyard Way or	that	porti	ion of Smyrna P	Powder Springs Rd
Developer may be required to install/upgrade water mains, based on f	ïre flo	w test results or Fire Dep	oartm	ent Co	de. This will be resolv	ved in the Plan
Review Process.						
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SEWER COMMENTS: NOTE: Comments re	eflect	only what facilities	wer	e in e	xistence at the tin	ne of this review.
In Drainage Basin:	$\checkmark$	Yes			No	
At Development:	✓	Yes			No	
Approximate Distance to Nearest Sewer: On s	ite					
Estimated Waste Generation (in G.P.D.): A D	) F=	640		Р	eak= 1,600	
Treatment Plant:		South C	Cobb	)		
Plant Capacity:	$\checkmark$	Available		Not A	Available	
Line Capacity:	$\checkmark$	Available		Not A	Available	
Proiected Plant Availability:	$\checkmark$	0 - 5 years		5 - 10	) vears $\Box$ c	over 10 years
Drv Sewers Required:		Yes	$\checkmark$	No		
Off-site Easements Required:		Yes*	✓	No	*If off-site easemen must submit easeme	ts are required, Developer
Flow Test Required:		Yes	✓	No	review/approval as t	to form and stipulations on of easements by the
Letter of Allocation issued:		Yes	$\checkmark$	No	property owners. A are the responsibilit	ll easement acquisitions y of the Developer
Septic Tank Recommended by this Department:		Yes	$\checkmark$	No		
Subject to Health Department Approval:		Yes	✓	No		
Additional County Code 122 122 requires m	inim	um 2' gathaak from	nad		Contrar and amon	at to

Additional County Code 122-123 requires minimum 2' setback from edge of sewer easement to permanent structures.

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
DRAINAGE BASIN: <u>Trib to Nickajack Creek</u> 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.
<u>WETLANDS:</u> 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 X 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 ( <u>undisturbed</u> buffer each side). Georgia Erosion-Sediment Control Law and County Ordinance - <b>County Review</b> /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 CONDITIONS
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 receiving stream.

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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 Stormwater management must be provided for this site.
- 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. This parcel is located at the southwest intersection of Smyrna Powder Springs Road and Vineyard Way. This triangular-shaped parcel is bounded by Martha's Vineyard Condominiums to the east, Chateau Walk Subdivision the east and south and Woodland Falls Apartments to the west. The site is completely wooded with mild slopes of less than 10%. The entire site drains to the southeast into and existing recorded drainage easement.
- 2. Stormwater management must be provided for the site. The required facility will likely be located to the north of the proposed duplex units. The discharge will need to directed to the existing drainage easement at the southwest corner of the site.

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# **TRANSPORTATION COMMENTS:**

ROADWAY	ROADWAY CLASSIFICATION	SPEED LIMIT	JURISDICTIONAL CONTROL	MIN. R.O.W. REQUIREMENTS
Vineyard Way	Local	25 mph	Cobb County	50'
Smyrna Powder Springs Road	Major Collector	35 mph	Cobb County	80'

ROADWAY	LOCATION	AVERAGE DAILY TRIPS	LEVEL OF SERVICE	
Vineyard Way	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Smyrna Powder Springs Road	West of Benson Poole Road	6,360	С	

Based on 2016 AADT counting data taken by GDOT, as published on their website, for Smyrna Powder Springs Road.

Planning Level of Service based on available Average Daily Trips using GRTA guideline thresholds. Classification thresholds for LOS A and LOS B are not available for local roads from this data source.

LOS C or D is acceptable based on GDOT Design Policy Manual criteria.

## COMMENTS AND OBSERVATIONS

Vineyard Way is classified as a local and according to the available information the existing right-of-way does meet the minimum requirements for this classification.

Smyrna Powder Springs Road is classified as a major collector 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 south side of Smyrna Powder Springs Road, a minimum of 40' from the roadway centerline.

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

Recommend entrance directly align with Chateau Lane.

Recommend curb, gutter, and sidewalk along the Vineyard Way frontage.

## **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. With condominiums and apartments immediately adjacent to the north, east, and west, the proposed four (4) townhouse-style duplexes will be consistent with the established development pattern in the area.
- B. It is Staff's opinion that the applicant's rezoning proposal will not have an adverse effect on the usability of adjacent or nearby property. The applicant's proposal represents a residential development that is consistent with surrounding development. Due to the shape and size of the subject property, the request represents a density of 3.14 units per acre. The proposed density is higher than the 2.79 units per acre of Chateau Walk Subdivision located within the City Limits of Smyrna to the South but less than the approximately 4.64 units per acre of Martha's Vineyard Condominiums which lie to the northeast. The apartments which lie to the north and west of the subject site, being zoned RM-12, contain upwards of 12 units per acre.
- 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 is supported by the departmental comments contained in this analysis.
- D. It is Staff's opinion that the applicant's rezoning proposal is not in conformity with the policy and intent of the *Cobb County Comprehensive Plan*, which delineates the site to be within the High Density Residential (HDR) future land use category. The requested Residential Duplex (RD) zoning district is outlined by the Code to be located within areas delineated as Medium Density Residential (MDR). It should be noted that the Board of Commissioners, in making land use decisions, uses the future land use map as a guide in the decision making process, but there are circumstances when decisions will be made that are contrary to this document based upon a change in market conditions, information unbeknownst to staff/community in the preparation of this document, or some other condition.
- E. It is Staff's opinion that there are existing and changing conditions affecting the use and development of the property that supports approval of the applicant's rezoning proposal. The request is to develop the uniquely shaped property into a four-unit townhouse-style duplex on two separate lots. The lot size of 1.274 acres would result in a density of 3.14 units per acre, which lies within the established range for the area of 2.79 units per acre (Chateau Walk Subdivision) and 4.64 units per acre (Martha's Vineyard Condominiums).

Based on the above analysis, Staff recommends APPROVAL subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Site plan received by the Zoning Division on September 5, 2017, with the District Commissioner approving minor modifications;
- 2. District Commissioner to approve building architecture;
- 3. Fire Department's comments and recommendations;
- 4. Sewer and Water Division's comments and recommendations;
- 5. Stormwater Management Division's comments and recommendations;

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- 6. Department of Transportation's comments and recommendations; and
- 7. 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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COB	B CO. COMM ZONING L	1. dev. agen Division	Summary o	of Intent for Rezoning	
Part 1.	Resident	ial Rezoni	ing Information (attach	additional information if needed)	
		-	unit square-footage(s)		
	b)	Proposed	building architecture:	traditional townhouse design	
	c)	List all re	quested variances:		
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Part 2.		dential Re Proposed		ach additional information if n <del>ee</del> ded)	
	u)	TTOPOSCO	use(s).		
	b)	Proposed	building architecture:		
	c)	Proposed	hours/days of operation		,
	d)	List all re	quested variances:		-
Part :	3. Other	Pertinent	Information (List or at	ach additional information if needed)	
Part 4	(Please	list all Rig		oposed site plan owned by the Local, State, or Federal Gove at owned lots, County owned parcels and/or remnants, etc., i es are located). N/a	
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