

APPLICANT: Manouchehr Jahangard	PETITION NO:	Z-11
PHONE#: (770) 652-5552 EMAIL: mmesbahi1@gmail.com	HEARING DATE (PC):	02-02-16
REPRESENTATIVE: Manouchehr Jahangard	HEARING DATE (BOC):	02-16-16
PHONE#: (770) 652-5552 EMAIL: mmesbahi1@gmail.com	PRESENT ZONING	PSC, R-20
TITLEHOLDER: Hilswepow, LLC		
	PROPOSED ZONING:	NRC
PROPERTY LOCATION: Southeast corner of Veterans Memorial		
Highway and Powell Drive, and on the south side of Old Powder Springs	PROPOSED USE: Clima	ate-Controlled
Road (1391 Veterans Memorial Highway).	Self-S	Storage Facility
ACCESS TO PROPERTY: Veterans Memorial Highway and	SIZE OF TRACT:	3.02 acres
Powell Drive	DISTRICT:	18
PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS TO SITE: Existing retail center	LAND LOT(S):	34
	PARCEL(S):	1
	TAXES: PAID <u>X</u> DU	E
CONTIGUOUS ZONING/DEVELOPMENT	COMMISSION DISTRICT	:_4

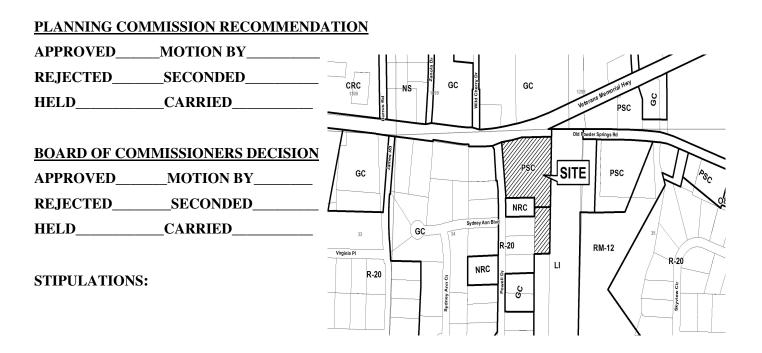
# ZONING/DEVELOPM

GC/Retail center
LI/Undeveloped; NRC/Auto repair
LI/Undeveloped
GC/Bakery; Auto repair

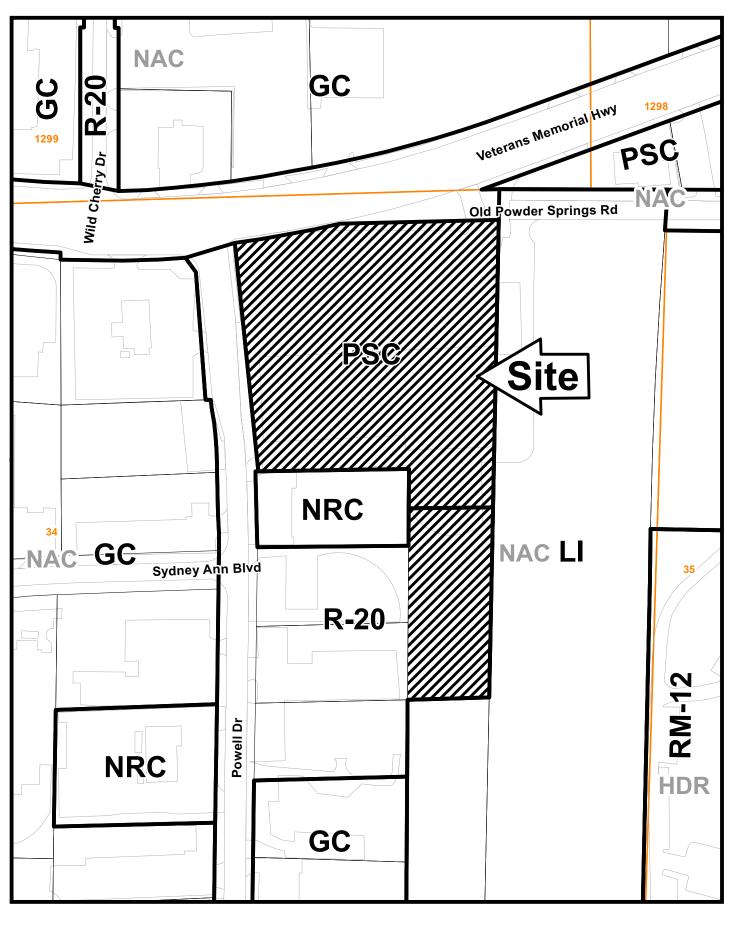
### Adjacent Future Land Use:

Northeast: Neighborhood Activity Center (NAC) Southeast: Neighborhood Activity Center (NAC) Southwest: Neighborhood Activity Center (NAC) Northwest: Neighborhood Activity Center (NAC)

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



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City Boundary Zoning Boundary

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ZONING COMMENTS: Staff Member Responsil	ble: Jason A. Campbell
Land Use Plan Recommendation: Neighborhood	d Activity Center (NAC)
<b>Proposed Number of Buildings:</b> <u>1(Existing)</u> <b>Total Squar</b>	re Footage of Development: 37,018
<b>F.A.R.:</b> 0.229 <b>Square Footage/Acre:</b> 10,005	
Parking Spaces Required: 5 Parking Space	ces Provided: 121

Applicant is requesting to requesting the Neighborhood Retail Commercial (NRC) zoning district in order to convert the existing retail center into a climate controlled self-storage facility. The hours of operation will be seven days per week with access from 7 a.m. until 10 p.m. Applicant has indicated that the retail businesses in the center have been exposed to an increase in crimes in recent history. The applicant has also indicated that as tenant leases have not been renewed and he feels that the conversion of the entire center into a climate controlled self-storage facility will set a higher and more desirable standard and that the proposed use will generate less traffic than the retail center. The applicant has submitted the attached rendering of how the center will look once converted to the storage facility.

<u>Cemetery Preservation</u>: There is no significant impact on the cemetery site listed in the Cobb County Cemetery Preservation Commission's Inventory Listing which is located in this, or adjacent land lot.

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# **FIRE 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.

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# **PLANNING COMMENTS:**

The applicant is requesting a rezoning from PSC and R-20 to NRC for the purpose of a climate-controlled self-storage facility. The 3.02 acre site is located on the southeast corner of Veterans Memorial Highway and Powell Drive, and on the south side of Old Powder Springs Road.

HB-489 Intergovernmental	Agreement Zoning Amendment Notificat	<u>tion:</u>	
Is the application site within	one half (1/2) mile of a city boundary?	□ Yes	■ 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 (NAC)
Southeast:	Neighborhood Activity Center (NAC)
Southwest:	Neighborhood Activity Center (NAC)
Northwest:	Neighborhood Activity Center (NAC)

# 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?	□ Yes	■ No
If yes, design guidelines area		
Does the current site plan comply with the design	requirements	?

# 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.

Planning comments continued on next page

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PLANNING COMMENTS: (Continued)	
Is the property within an Enterprise Zone?	
Is the property eligible for incentives through the Comme Program?	$\square$ No m is an incentive that provides a reduction in
For more information on incentives, please call the Communit 770.528.2018 or find information online at <u>http://economic.cob</u>	
Special DistrictsIs this property within the Cumberland Special District #1 (hote□ YesNo	el/motel fee)?
Is this property within the Cumberland Special District #2 (ad v □ Yes ■ No	alorem tax)?
Is this property within the Six Flags Special Service District? □ Yes ■ No	
Is the property within the Dobbins Airfield Safety Zone? □ Yes ■ No If so, which particular safety zone is this property within? □ CZ (Clear Zone) □ APZ I (Accident Potential Zone □ APZ II (Accident Potential Zone II)	e I)

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WATER COMMENTS: NOTE: Comments ref	lect o	nly what facilities w	vere	in exi	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): 8" I	DI / S	side of Veterans	Mer	noria	1
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 De	epartn	nent Co	de. This will be resolved in the Plan
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SEWER COMMENTS: NOTE: Comments	reflec	t only what facilitie	s we	re in e	existence at the time of this review.
In Drainage Basin:	$\checkmark$	Yes			No
At Development:	✓	Yes			No
Approximate Distance to Nearest Sewer: RO	W al	ong property fron	tage	;	
Estimated Waste Generation (in G.P.D.): A	D F=	: 160		F	Peak= 400
Treatment Plant:		South	Cob	b	
Plant Capacity:	$\checkmark$	Available		Not	Available
Line Capacity:	✓	Available		Not	Available
Proiected Plant Availability:	$\checkmark$	0 - 5 vears		5 - 1	0 vears $\Box$ over 10 vears
Drv Sewers Required:		Yes	$\checkmark$	No	
Off-site Easements Required:		Yes*	✓	No	*If off-site easements are required, Developer must submit easements to CCWS for
Flow Test Required:		Yes	$\checkmark$	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 Department	:	Yes	✓	No	
Subject to Health Department Approval:		Yes	✓	No	

Additional Sewer service to property to be verified upon redevelopment/permitting 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

FLOOD HAZARD: YES NO POSSIBLY, NOT VERIFIED
<ul> <li>DRAINAGE BASIN: <u>Pine Creek</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>
<u>WETLANDS:</u> YES $\boxtimes$ NO $\square$ 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
<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 CONDITIONS
<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> </ul>
Minimize runoff into public roads.
<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</li> </ul>
naturally
Existing Lake Downstream
Additional BMP's for erosion sediment controls will be required.  Lake Study needed to document sediment levels.
$\boxtimes$ Stormwater discharges through an established residential neighborhood downstream.
Project engineer must evaluate the impact of increased volume of runoff generated by any proposed site

improvements on downstream receiving system.

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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).
- $\boxtimes$  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.

# **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. No significant site improvements are currently proposed. Any site improvement or expansion must meet current stormwater management requirements.

# PRESENT ZONING: PSC, R-20

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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
Veterans Memorial Highway	28,600	Arterial	45 mph	Georgia DOT	100'
Powell Drive	N/A	Local - Nonresidential	25 mph	Cobb County	60'

Based on 2008 traffic counting data taken by Cobb County DOT for Veterans Memorial Highway.

# **COMMENTS AND OBSERVATIONS**

Veterans Memorial Highway is classified as a state route, an arterial and according to the available information the existing right-of-way does not meet the minimum requirements for this classification.

Powell Drive is classified as a local and according to the available information the existing rightof-way may meet the minimum requirements for this classification.

# RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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 south side of Veterans Memorial Highway, a minimum of 50' from the roadway centerline.

GDOT permits will be required for all work that encroaches upon State right-of-way.

Recommend no parking on the right-of-way.

Recommend closing the western driveway on Veterans Memorial Highway.

Recommend Powell Drive driveways be reconstructed as two commercial driveways per Section 402.08, Non-Residential Driveways, of the Cobb County Development Standards.

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# **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. Nearby uses include auto repair, retail, multi-family and single-family residential.
- 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 use will generate less traffic than the existing retail center.
- 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 as being in the Neighborhood Activity Center (NAC) land use category which is to provide areas that serve neighborhood residents and businesses. The Neighborhood Retail Commercial (NRC) zoning district is compatible with the NAC land use category, and the proposed use is permitted under NRC.
- 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 property is grandfathered under the Planned Shopping Center (PSC) zoning district and tenant leases are not being renewed and the proposed changes require rezoning. Neighboring properties in the area are utilized for more intense uses compared to the proposed storage use.

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

- 1. Site plan received by the Zoning Division December 3, 2015, with the District Commissioner approving minor modifications;
- 2. Water and Sewer Division comments and recommendations;
- 3. Stormwater Management Division comments and recommendations;
- 4. Department of Transportation comments and recommendations; and
- 5. Owner/developer to enter into a Development Agreement pursuant to O.C.G.A. §36-71-13 for 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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- [	Summary of Intent for Rezoning	Feb. 2
. Resid	dential Rezoning Information (attach additional information if needed)	
a)	Proposed unit square-footage(s):	
b)	Proposed building architecture:	
c)	Proposed selling prices(s):	
d)	List all requested variances:	
	-residential Rezoning Information (attach additional information if needed)	
a)	Proposed use(s): <u>CLIMATE CONTROLLED SELF STORAGE</u>	NE FACILITY
b)	Proposed building architecture: EXISTING RETALL TO SELF	= STORAGE
	FACILITY CONVERSION SIMILAR IN	
c)	Proposed hours/days of operation: 7 DAYS PER WEEK 7	1:00 AM-
	10:00 PM ACCESS	
d)	List all requested variances: ZONING	
	ther Pertinent Information (List or attach additional information if needed)	
	SUBJECT PROPERTY IS DIRECTLY APJACENT TO	
	INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY, OWNER DOES NOT WI	SH TO
	RÉ-ZONE CURRENTLY ZONED RÉSIPENTIAL PROF	ERTY.
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	any of the property included on the proposed site plan owned by the Local, State, or <b>b</b>	
•	<u>ease_list_all_Right-of-Ways, Government_owned_lots, County owned_parcels_and/or_re</u>	mnants, etc., and attach
plat	t clearly showing where these properties are located).	

### RE: Rezoning from PSC to LI

Location: 1391 Veterans Memorial Highway / L.L. 34, District 18, Sect. 2 / Cobb County, GA

The owner/developer of the retail facility located 1391 Veterans Memorial Highway in Mableton is requesting the rezoning of the property from Planned Shopping Center (PSC) to Light Industrial (LI) zoning.

The current retail center has struggled to produce and attract retail business customers and has been exposed to increases in crime in recent history. The property has been subjected to multiple robberies and been the location of shootings. All efforts to maintain current tenants and acquire new tenants have been unsuccessful. As the retail space has been vacated and efforts to lease space have produced no results, the property has been subjected to constant vagrants, vandalism, squatting, and dumping of trash. Current leases are due to expire and tenants have notified owner that they do not intend to renew leases.

The owner is seeking to find a suitable use for the property that can provide usefulness of the property and better serve the community. To that end, the owner wishes to convert the existing building into self-storage.

We propose the re-development of the property for self-storage will provide a more suitable use of the property that is consistent with local and adjacent properties. The adjoining property to the east is currently zoned light industrial and could accommodate self-storage without rezoning. Powell Drive that runs directly adjacent to the west of the subject property services many automotive repair shops and like businesses. In our opinion this use of the property would not adversely affect the subject property or those properties in the area. To the contrary, we believe the rezoning and usefulness of this property redeveloped will better serve those surrounding properties. To redevelop the property with new self-storage features, and by setting a higher and more desirable standard, we set a higher standard for other aging storage facilities in the area. Additionally, the use as self-storage provides a reduction in traffic burden in contrast to that of a retail use.

We respectfully ask that the Cobb County Planning Commission support this rezoning and that Cobb County Board of Commissioners grant the rezoning to light industrial for the use of self-storage as requested.

