



PL(Z) 21-10

City of Greensboro Planning Department Zoning Staff Report and Plan Amendment Evaluation

City Council Hearing Date: May 18, 2021

GENERAL INFORMATION

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| APPLICANT | Britton Lewis for the Eugene Thomas Grissom, Jr. Revocable Trust |
| HEARING TYPE | Annexation and Original Zoning Request |
| REQUEST | County AG (Agricultural) to City R-3 (Residential Single-family – 3) |
| CONDITIONS | N/A |
| LOCATION | 128 Vivian Lane |
| PARCEL ID NUMBER(S) | 7862626255 |
| PUBLIC NOTIFICATION | The notification area for this public hearing was 600 feet (Chapter 30-4-1.4 of the Land Development Ordinance requires notification of the owner of that parcel of land and the owners of all parcels of land adjoining and contiguous to that parcel of land as shown on the County tax listing). 15 notices were mailed to those property owners in the mailing area. |
| TRACT SIZE | 1.23 acres |
| TOPOGRAPHY | Generally flat. |
| VEGETATION | Mostly wooded. |

SITE DATA

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| Existing Use | | Single-family dwelling |
| | Adjacent Zoning | Adjacent Land Uses |
| N | County AG (Agricultural) | Single-family dwellings |
| E | County AG (Agricultural) | Single-family dwellings |
| S | County AG (Agricultural) | Undeveloped land |
| W | County AG (Agricultural) | Single-family dwelling |

Zoning History

| Case # | Date | Request Summary |
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| N/A | N/A | The subject property is not currently located in the City's jurisdiction. |

ZONING DISTRICT STANDARDS**Existing District Summaries**

| Zoning District | Existing | Requested |
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| Designation: | County AG | City R-3 |
| Max. Density: | 1 dwellings per acre | Up to 3 dwellings per acre |
| Typical Uses | Typical uses in the AG district include agricultural uses as well as supporting facilities that can include limited residential uses. | Typical uses in the R-3 district include single family residential of up to 3 dwelling units per acre. |

**These regulations may not reflect all requirements for all situations; see the City of Greensboro Land Development Ordinance for all applicable regulations for site requirements for this zoning district.*

SPECIAL INFORMATION**Overlay District Ordinance/Historic Preservation**

The subject site is not located within an overlay zoning district.

The subject site is not:

- Located in a City of Greensboro Historic District or Heritage Community
- Designated as a Guilford County Landmark Property
- Recognized as a State of North Carolina Historic Site
- Listed in the National Register of Historic Places
- Located in a National Register Historic District

Environmental/Soils

Water Supply Watershed Site currently drains to South Buffalo Creek, Non-Watersupply Watershed Watershed

Floodplains >2000

Streams N/A

Other: If the site continues to remain single family, then site does not need to address Water Quality or Water Quantity Control. If the site is developed as multi-family or commercial, both Water Quality and Water Quantity Control must be addressed to meet current Phase 2 watershed requirements. If developed, All new BUA must be treated by a State approved water quality BMP/SCM and any existing BUA that would drain to the BMP/SCM to the maximum extent practicable.

Utilities (Availability)

Water is available on Vivian lane. Sewer is available to the west of the property. Private developer will need to extend water and sewer to City of Greensboro's Standards

Airport Overlay District & Noise Cone

n/a

Landscaping & Tree Conservation Requirements

There are no Landscaping or Tree Conservation requirements for single-family residential uses.

Transportation

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| Street Classification: | Vivian Lane – Local Street. S Elm-Eugene Street – Major Thoroughfare. |
| Site Access: | All access(s) must be designed and constructed to the City of Greensboro standards. |
| Traffic Counts: | None available. |
| Trip Generation: | N/A. |
| Sidewalks: | Sidewalks are a requirement of the Development Ordinance and shall be installed per the Streets Design Standards Manual. Sidewalk does not currently exist along the frontage of this property. |
| Transit in Vicinity: | Yes, GTA route 12 (South Elm-Eugene Street) is within 1,100 ft of subject site, along S Elm-Eugene Street. |
| Traffic Impact Study: (TIS) | No TIS required per Ordinance. |
| Street Connectivity: | N/A. |
| Other: | N/A. |

IMPACT/POLICY ANALYSIS**Land Use Compatibility**

The proposed **City R-3 (Residential, Single Family – 3 du/ac)** zoning district would allow land uses that are compatible with the general character of the area.

GSO 2040 Comprehensive Plan Policies

The GSO 2040 Future Land Use Map designates this location as **Residential**. The requested **City R-3 (Residential, Single Family – 3 du/ac)** zoning district would allow uses that are generally consistent with the **Residential** future land use designation. The GSO 2040 Future Built Form Map designates the subject site as **Urban General**. The Growth Tiers Map designates the subject site as being within **Growth Tier 1**.

GSO 2040 Written Policies

Filling In Our Framework - How we arrange our land uses for where we live, work, attend school, shop and enjoy our free time can create a more vibrant and livable Greensboro.

Goal A – Greensboro is recognized and admired for its attractive, walkable and compact mixed-use activity centers where people live, work and enjoy life.

Strategy 1 – Encourage higher density, mixed-use, walkable infill development.

Strategy 2 – Ensure mixed use projects both strengthen and add value to the Community.

Creating Great Places - Creating interesting and attractive places and vibrant public spaces in neighborhoods, across Greensboro, in downtown and with our historic resources.

Goal A - Greensboro's citywide network of unique neighborhoods offer residents of all walks of life a variety of quality housing choices.

Strategy 1 - Protect and enhance the unique character of every neighborhood.

Becoming Car Optional - Expand quality transportation options beyond cars and maintain an efficient transportation system that allows people and goods to travel throughout Greensboro.

Goal A - Greensboro has unrivaled pedestrian, biking, transit and road networks that provide safe, comfortable, and convenient transportation options.

Strategy 2 - Encourage new development that is compatible with the intended use of the adjacent roadway.

Goal B - Everyone loves our interconnected green spaces, which provide recreation and transportation opportunities, promote active living, and protect our natural environment.

Strategy 1 - Expand the greenway network to connect all parts of the city as a key element of the transportation system.

Prioritizing Sustainability - Greensboro has a strong leadership role in environmental stewardship, social equity, and a resilient economy

Goal A - Greensboro advances environmental stewardship, taking care of our natural resources and the natural systems that support all living things.

Strategy 1 - Promote resilient, efficient and environmentally beneficial patterns of land use.

Goal B - Greensboro embraces social equity, ensuring all residents benefit from fair and just treatment in the distribution of public services and have a voice in governance.

Strategy 1 – Evaluate impacts to vulnerable populations and communities when reviewing existing and considering new public policies, projects and services.

Strategy 2 – Work to ensure that all Greensboro residents have meaningful opportunities to participate in public decision-making processes.

Strategy 3 - Promote a just, ethical, and respectful community.

Goal C - Greensboro builds economic resilience, expanding the local economy's ability to withstand and adjust to disruptions and changes at the regional, national and global scales.

Strategy 1 - Consider the impact that growth and development patterns and infrastructure investments have on the City's fiscal health.

Strategy 2 - Cultivate a diverse range of industry sectors and scales of operation in the local economy to help minimize the impacts of major fluctuations within any single sector.

Building Community Connections - Greensboro is unique and memorable based on our quality of life, culture, arts and places and the ties that bind us together as a community.

Goal E – Everyone does their part to maintain stable, attractive, and healthy places to live and raise families.

Strategy 1 – Build upon successful community initiatives to improve housing conditions while encouraging community involvement and participation.

Strategy 2 – Build neighborhood association capacity to work collaboratively, assess conditions, and effect change.

Growing Economic Competitiveness - Greensboro will build a prosperous, resilient economy that creates equitable opportunities to succeed.

Goal A - Strategic public investment in historically underserved areas of Greensboro attracts private investment and sets the stage for revitalization without displacing existing residents.

Strategy 1 – Work with City funded economic development partners to address the needs of economically distressed areas.

Goal C - Investment in cutting edge communications technology enhances the quality of life for all residents and helps businesses thrive.

Strategy 1 - Encourage fiber-ready infrastructure to reduce the need for costly future upfits, increase property values and promote economic growth.

GSO 2040 Map Policies

Future Land Use Map

Residential: Includes both single and multifamily residential. Other uses should generally be in the scale of a Neighborhood or a District Scaled Activity Center as described in the Future Built Form Map, in a form that is appropriate to the character of the area. Many residential areas include commercial corridors, and future development along these corridors should be oriented to the corridor to avoid negative impacts to adjacent residences.

Future Built Form Map

Urban General: should reflect these characteristics:

1. Setbacks, building orientation, building materials, height, and scale of residential buildings are considered within the existing neighborhood context.
2. New housing helps increase the range of choice, supply, and adds additional appropriately-scaled density with: Missing Middle housing; mid-rise multi-family; and high-rise multi-family in Activity Centers and along Mixed-Use Corridors.
3. Transitions between neighborhoods and different land uses provide continuity in scale, density, intensity with adjacent uses.
4. Cut-through traffic is minimized.
5. New freestanding or expanded business areas are created within or adjoining an existing Activity Center or as part of creating a new Activity Center.
6. Exterior building materials are durable, sustainable, and contribute positively to the character of the public realm.
7. The size and impact of surface parking lots is minimized through landscaping, screening, narrow curb-cuts, and use of glare-free, no-spill lighting.
8. New sidewalks contribute to the completion of a sidewalk network.

Growth Tiers Map

Growth Tier 1: This is the area where infrastructure systems are in place, can be economically provided and/or will be proactively extended and where continued annexation and consolidation of the City's development pattern shall be encouraged over the next six years.

CONFORMITY WITH OTHER PLANS**City Plans*****Sustainability Action Plan*****Element 1)** Transportation and Land Use:

Policy 1) Encourage increased density, a mix of land uses and more integrated links between transportation and land use through changes to Greensboro's Comprehensive Plan, Development Ordinance and other related plans.

Element 2) Green Jobs and Buildings:

Policy 3) Develop a coordinated City program to provide technical support, energy audits and education and outreach to increase energy efficiency and conservation in commercial and residential buildings.

Policy 4) Use a combination of code changes, incentives, partnerships and education to promote green building in Greensboro.

Policy 6) Promote more efficient use of water through education, partnerships and pilot projects.

Element 3) Waste Reduction and Recycling:

Policy 7) Employ a combination of expanded recycling infrastructure, regulations and incentives to increase Greensboro's solid waste diversion and recycling rates.

Element 6) Education and Outreach:

Policy 11) Provide technical support, awards and recognition to individuals and organizations furthering Greensboro's energy and sustainability efforts.

Other Plans

n/a

STAFF ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION**Community Outreach**

Applicant is strongly encouraged to discuss this proposed original zoning and development with owners of surrounding properties.

Staff Annexation Analysis

The subject property is currently located in the County. On September 1, 2020 the Zoning Commission assumed responsibility for reviewing annexation petitions and making a recommendation to City Council regarding annexation requests. Upon submittal of a valid annexation petition, Planning staff forwards annexation requests to City services providers. These service providers include Water Resources (water and sewer), Fire Marshal's Office, Police Department, and Solid Waste (trash and recycling services). Each service provider stated that infrastructure is in place to provide City services to this location. The Technical Review Committee also recommended approval of this annexation request at its April 1, 2021. The subject properties are located within the Tier 1 Growth Area on the Growth Strategy map in the Comprehensive Plan. It is the City of Greensboro's policy to annex properties within Growth Tier 1 pending approval of the original zoning.

Staff Original Zoning Analysis

The subject property is approximately 1.23 acres and contains a single family residence and undeveloped land. North, east, and west of the request are single-family dwellings zoned County AG. South of the request is undeveloped land, zoned County AG.

The proposed original zoning request supports both the Comprehensive Plan's Creating Great Places goal to expand Greensboro's citywide network of unique neighborhoods offering residents of all walks of life a variety of quality housing choices and the Building Community Connections goal to maintain stable, attractive, and healthy places to live and raise families.

The Comprehensive Plan's Future Built Form Map currently designates this property as Urban General. Applicable characteristics of the Urban General classification include, but are not limited the following:

1. Setbacks, building orientation, building materials, height, and scale of residential buildings are considered within the existing neighborhood context.
3. Transitions between neighborhoods and different land uses provide continuity in scale, density, intensity with adjacent uses.
5. New freestanding or expanded business areas are created within or adjoining an existing Activity Center or as part of creating a new Activity Center.
6. Exterior building materials are durable, sustainable, and contribute positively to the character of the public realm.
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The proposed R-3 zoning district is primarily intended to accommodate low-density single-family detached residential development of up to 3 dwelling units per acre. The proposed rezoning request allows uses that are similar to existing uses in the surrounding area.

This request is consistent with the intent and purpose of the zoning code, the Comprehensive Plan (GSO 2040) and is generally compatible with the existing development and trend in the surrounding area.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends **approval** of the requested **City R-3 (Residential Single-family - 3)** zoning districts.