



Agenda Item # 1 - HOLDOVER

SUB-002680-2023 & ZON-UDC-002678-2023

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[Applicant Materials for Consideration – Subdivision](#)

[Applicant Materials for Consideration – Rezoning](#)

DETAILS

Location:

255, 257, & 259 Dogwood Drive

Subdivision Name:

SDC-B1 Subdivision

Applicant / Agent:

Gregory B. Saad, Saad Development Corporation

Property Owner:

Shadman & Shilier Haji, Paul C. & Linda Ann Sierke,
and Stephen A. Stokes

Current Zoning:

R-1, Single-Family Residential Suburban District

Proposed Zoning:

B-1, Buffer Business Suburban District

Future Land Use:

Low Density Residential

Applicable Codes, Policies, and Plans:

- Unified Development Code
- Subdivision Regulations
- Map for Mobile Comprehensive Plan

Proposal:

- Subdivision approval to create one (1) legal lot of record.
- Rezoning from R-1, Single-Family Residential Suburban District to B-1, Buffer Business Suburban District
 - Any use permitted in the proposed district would be allowed at this location if the zoning is approved. The Planning Commission may consider other zoning districts than the proposed sought by the applicant for this property.

Commission Considerations:

1. Subdivision proposal with nine (9) conditions; and
2. Rezoning with four (4) conditions.


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PLANNING COMMISSION VICINITY MAP - EXISTING AERIAL



The site is surrounded by residential units. Commercial units lie west and north of the site.

APPLICATION NUMBER _____ 1 _____	DATE _____ November 16, 2023 _____	 NTS
APPLICANT _____	SDC-B1 Subdivision	
REQUEST _____	Subdivision, Rezoning from R-1 to B-1	

HOLDOVER COMMENTS

This application was heldover from the Planning Commission's November 2nd meeting due to a lack of a quorum. No new or revised information has been submitted by the applicant.

SITE HISTORY

The subject site consists of Lots 1-3 of the Government Street Highland Subdivision, recorded in Probate Court in 1942.

The site was most recently before the Planning Commission at its March 1, 2018 meeting, with applications for a two-lot Subdivision, Planned Unit Development Approval to allow multiple buildings on two building sites, and Rezoning from R-1, Single-Family Residential to LB-2, Limited- Neighborhood Business District and R-3, Multiple-Family District, to allow the construction of two restaurants, and to allow the construction of 12 townhomes. The applications were denied.

STAFF COMMENTS

Engineering Comments:

Subdivision:

FINAL PLAT COMMENTS (should be addressed prior to submitting the FINAL PLAT for review):

- A. Provide all of the required information on the SUBDIVISION PLAT (i.e. signature blocks, signatures, certification statements, written legal description, required notes, legend, scale, bearings and distances) that is required by the current Alabama State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.
- B. Dedicate the corner radius (25' minimum) at the northeast corner of LOT 1 to the City of Mobile, and list the amount of dedicated acreage (acre and square feet).
- C. National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) mapping, as shown on City of Mobile GIS information, indicates that there is potential for wetlands within the property or properties shown on this plat. Show and label the delineated wetlands, or provide a note stating that the wetlands shown on this plat are scaled from the NWI data and have not been delineated.
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- I. Add a note that all easements shall remain in effect until vacated through the proper Vacation process.

- J. Email a pdf copy of the FINAL SUBDIVISION PLAT and LETTER OF DECISION to the Permitting Engineering Dept. for review at land.disturbance@cityofmobile.org prior to obtaining any signatures. No signatures are required on the drawing.

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Revised for the November 16th meeting:

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Traffic Engineering Comments:

Traffic Engineering received a comprehensive traffic impact analysis report regarding the prospective construction of a mixed-use development in Mobile, Alabama. The report was conducted by Skipper Consulting, Inc. in response to the request made by SAAD Development Corporation. The following is a summary of Traffic Engineering's response that was sent back to the consultant. The site is currently occupied by a limited number of single-family residences. Skipper Consulting demonstrated a level of diligence in their report and made recommendations in the interest of optimizing traffic flow to ensure the safe and efficient utilization of the project site and its surroundings. However, Traffic Engineering has identified some safety concerns and instances of non-compliance with access management regulations within those provided recommendations. The concerns have the potential to result in traffic congestion along Airport Boulevard, safety hazards for oncoming vehicles, and conflicts for those trying to enter the facility. From these findings, Traffic Engineering recommends that a driveway access for SAAD Development Corporation be built on Dogwood Drive. It is recommended that the driveway access along the Airport Blvd corridor be converted into a right-in and right-out access only and that, if possible, the driveway is located further eastward to achieve 660 feet from the nearest intersection as recommended by the ALDOT Access Management Manual. Driveway number, size, location, and design to be approved by Traffic Engineering and conform to AASHTO standards. Any required on-site parking, including ADA handicap spaces, shall meet the minimum standards as defined in Article 3, Section 64-3-12 of the City's Unified Development Code.

Urban Forestry Comments:

Property to be developed in compliance with state and local laws that pertain to tree preservation and protection on both city and private properties [Act 929 of the 1961 Regular Session of the Alabama Legislature (Acts 1961, p. 1487), as amended, and City Code Chapters 57 and 65]. Private removal of trees in the right-of-way will require approval of the Mobile Tree Commission. Removal of heritage trees from undeveloped residential sites, developed residential sites in historic districts, and all commercial sites will require a tree removal permit.

Fire Department Comments:

All projects within the City Limits of Mobile shall comply with the requirements of the City of Mobile Fire Code Ordinance (2021 International Fire Code). Fire apparatus access is required to be within 150' of all non-sprinklered commercial buildings and within 300' of all sprinklered commercial buildings. Fire water supply for all commercial buildings will be required to meet the guidance of Appendices B and C of the 2021 International Fire Code. The minimum requirement for fire hydrants is to be within 400' of non-sprinkled commercial buildings, within 600' of sprinkled commercial buildings, and within 100' of fire department connections (FDC) for both standpipes and sprinkler systems.

Planning Comments:

Subdivision

The applicant is proposing a one (1)-lot resubdivision of proposed Lots 1-3 of the previously-mentioned Government Street Highland Subdivision.

The preliminary plat submitted provides the proposed lot size in both square feet and acres, which exceed the minimum lot size for a B-1 Buffer Business Suburban District and if approved, should be retained on the Final Plat.

The site has frontage along Airport Boulevard and Dogwood Drive. Airport Boulevard is a Principal Arterial on the Major Street Plan, that should have a minimum right-of-way of 100-feet. As the preliminary plat does not depict the existing right-of-way along Airport Boulevard, if approved, the Final Plat should be revised to either depict dedication to provide 50-feet from the centerline of Airport Boulevard, or show that such right-of-width currently exists. Dogwood Drive is a minor street without curb and gutter, and should therefore have a minimum right-of-way of 60-feet. The preliminary plat depicts a compliant existing right-of-way for Dogwood Drive, which should be retained on the Final Plat, if approved.

As proposed, the 25-foot minimum front setback is depicted along both frontages, and should be retained on the Final Plat, if approved.

Rezoning

The subject site is immediately abutted by R-1, Single Family Residential Suburban District to the South and East, with LB-2, Limited Neighborhood Business Suburban District to the West (across Dogwood Drive), and B-2, Neighborhood Business Suburban District to the North (across Airport Boulevard).

The applicant is proposing to rezone the subject site to B-1 to accommodate between 14,000 and 28,000 square feet of professional office space. The applicant states that the design of the structure has not been finalized yet, and that the plan submitted is still conceptual. That being said, if the site is rezoned and allowed to be developed commercially, it must comply with all requirements of the Unified Development Code (UDC), to include the provision of a residential buffer, compliant parking surfacing and lighting, and structural designs.

The applicant does mention that a possible tenant could include a financial institution, which would require Special Exception approval to be located within a B-1 district. It should be noted that Special Exceptions are site-plan specific approvals considered by the Board of Zoning Adjustment.

The applicant has included a “Voluntary Conditions and Use Restrictions” form. The form (which is available via the “Applicant Materials for Consideration – Rezoning” on page 1. which provides restrictions for the construction of the proposed development, times for dumpster pick-up to occur, maintenance of the site’s landscaping areas, freestanding signage to be on the site, as well as access to the site. Item number six (6) of the applicant’s Voluntary Conditions and Use Restrictions relates to access to the site and sub-item iii states that if “The City of Mobile deny(ies) Applicant’s west bound left turn lane, Applicant shall have the right, but not the obligation to pursue one curb cut onto Dogwood Drive which shall be designed as a “left in and right out” curb opening so as to direct all outbound traffic exiting the site northward toward Airport Boulevard.” Based on the Traffic Engineering comments, it should be noted that the left-in, right-out curb cut onto Dogwood Drive would be permissible from both a Traffic Engineering standpoint and as stipulated in the Voluntary Conditions and Use Restrictions submitted by the applicant. If approved, an original notarized copy of the “Voluntary Conditions and Use Restrictions” form must be submitted to Planning & Zoning staff.

SUBDIVISION CONSIDERATIONS

Standards of Review:

Subdivision review examines the site with regard to promoting orderly development, protecting general health, safety and welfare, and ensuring that development is correlated with adjacent developments and public utilities and services, and to ensure that the subdivision meets the minimum standards set forth in the Subdivision Regulations for lot size, road frontage, lot configuration, etc.

Considerations:

If the Planning Commission considers approving the Subdivision request, the following conditions could apply:

1. Completion of the Rezoning process prior to signing the Final Plat;
2. Revision of the Final Plat to either depict dedication to provide 50-feet from the centerline of Airport Boulevard, or show that such already exists;
3. Retention of the lot sizes in both square feet and acres, or the furnishing of a table on the Final Plat providing the same information;
4. Retention of all right-of-way widths on the Final Plat, adjusted for dedication, if necessary;
5. Retention of the plat to illustrate a 25-foot minimum building setback line along both rights-of-way, adjusted for dedication, if necessary;
6. Compliance with all Engineering comments noted in this staff report;
7. Placement of a note on the Final Plat stating all Traffic Engineering comments noted in this staff report;
8. Compliance with all Urban Forestry comments noted in this staff report; and,
9. Compliance with all Fire Department comments noted in this staff report.

REZONING CONSIDERATIONS

Standards of Review:

The Unified Development Code (UDC) in 64-5-5.E. states that Rezoning is intended to carry out the objective of a sound, stable and desirable development and that casual change or amendment would be detrimental to the achievement of that objective.

The UDC goes on to say that zoning changes should be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. However, the Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Plan (FLUP) and Map (FLUM) are meant to serve as a general guide, not a detailed lot and district plan; they are not a legal mandate for development. The FLUP and FLUM allow the Planning Commission and City Council to consider individual cases based on several factors including: surrounding development, classification requested, timing of the request, and the appropriateness and compatibility of the proposed use the zoning classification.

The UDC states that an application for rezoning shall include a statement of the justification for the proposed amendment that addresses all of the following:

- Consistency. Whether the proposed amendment is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan;
- Mistake. For a Rezoning, whether there was a mistake or error in the original zoning map; and
- Compatibility. Whether the proposed amendment is compatible with:
 - The current development trends, if any, in the vicinity of the subject property;
 - Surrounding land uses;
 - Would adversely impact neighboring properties; or
 - Cause a loss in property values.
- Health, Safety and General Welfare. Whether the proposed amendment promotes the community's public health, safety, and general welfare;
- Capacity. Whether the infrastructure is in place to accommodate the proposed amendment; and
- Change. Whether changed or changing conditions in a particular area make an amendment necessary and desirable.
- Benefits Consideration. In addition, consideration should also be given to the City's and the larger community's best interests and the need, benefit, or public purpose of the proposed request.

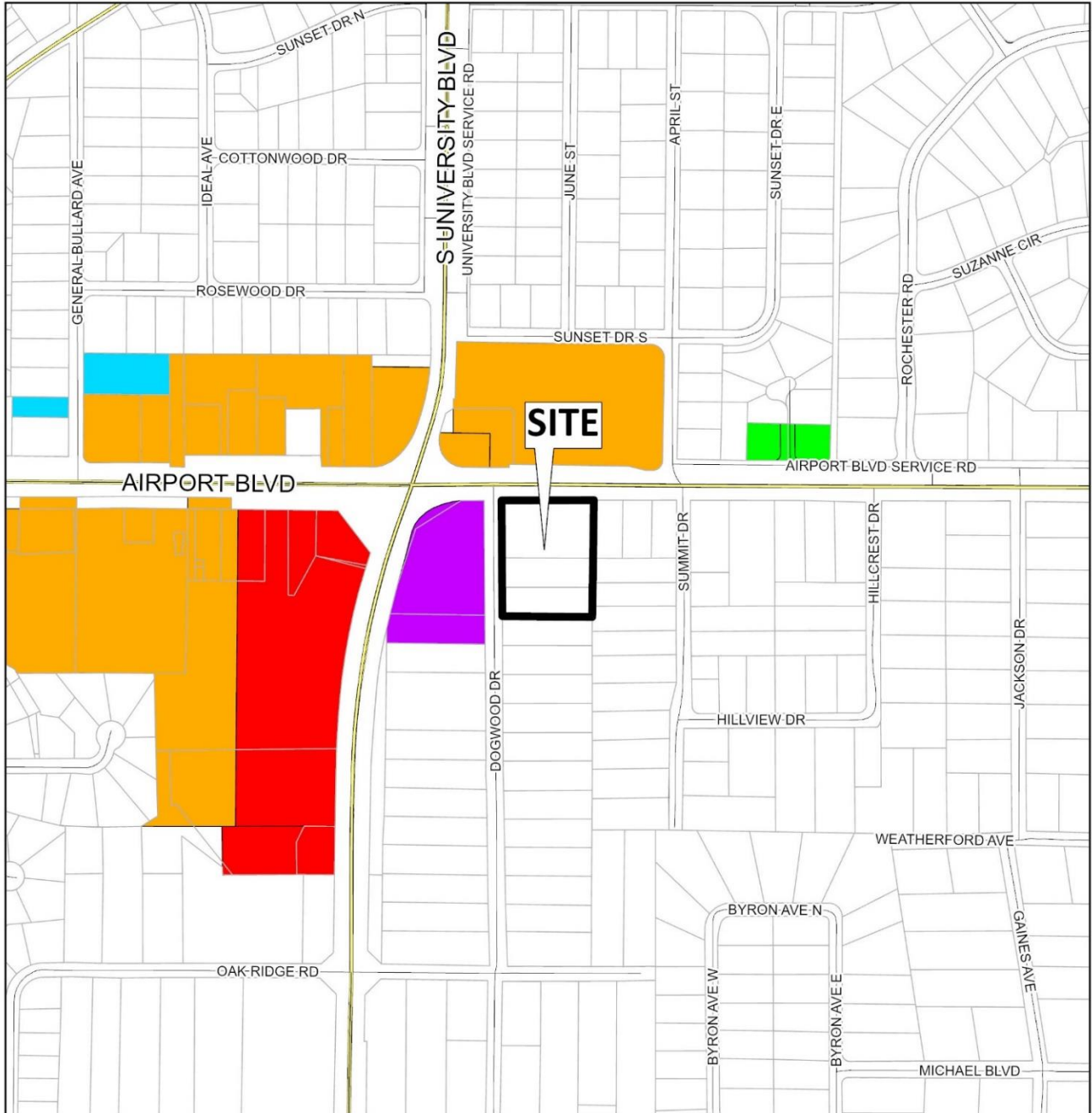
The applicant's responses to address the above criteria are available in the link on page one (1).

Considerations:

If the Planning Commission considers a recommendation of approval of the Rezoning request to the City Council, the following conditions could apply:

1. Completion of the Subdivision process;
2. Submittal of an original notarized "Voluntary Conditions and Use Restrictions" form;
3. Compliance with all Engineering, Traffic Engineering, Urban Forestry, and Fire Department comments noted in this staff report; and,
4. Full compliance with all municipal codes and ordinances.

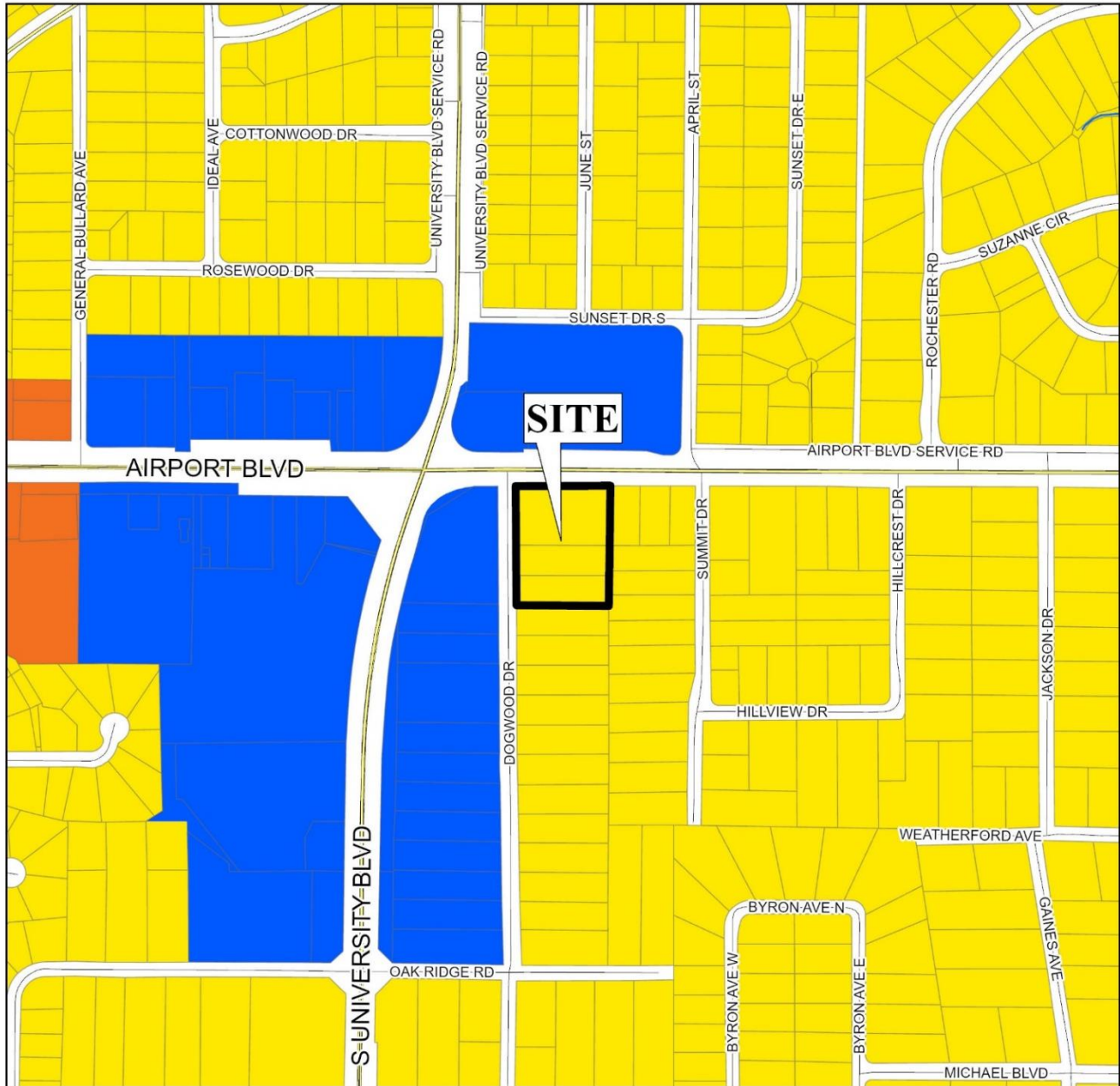
LOCATOR ZONING MAP




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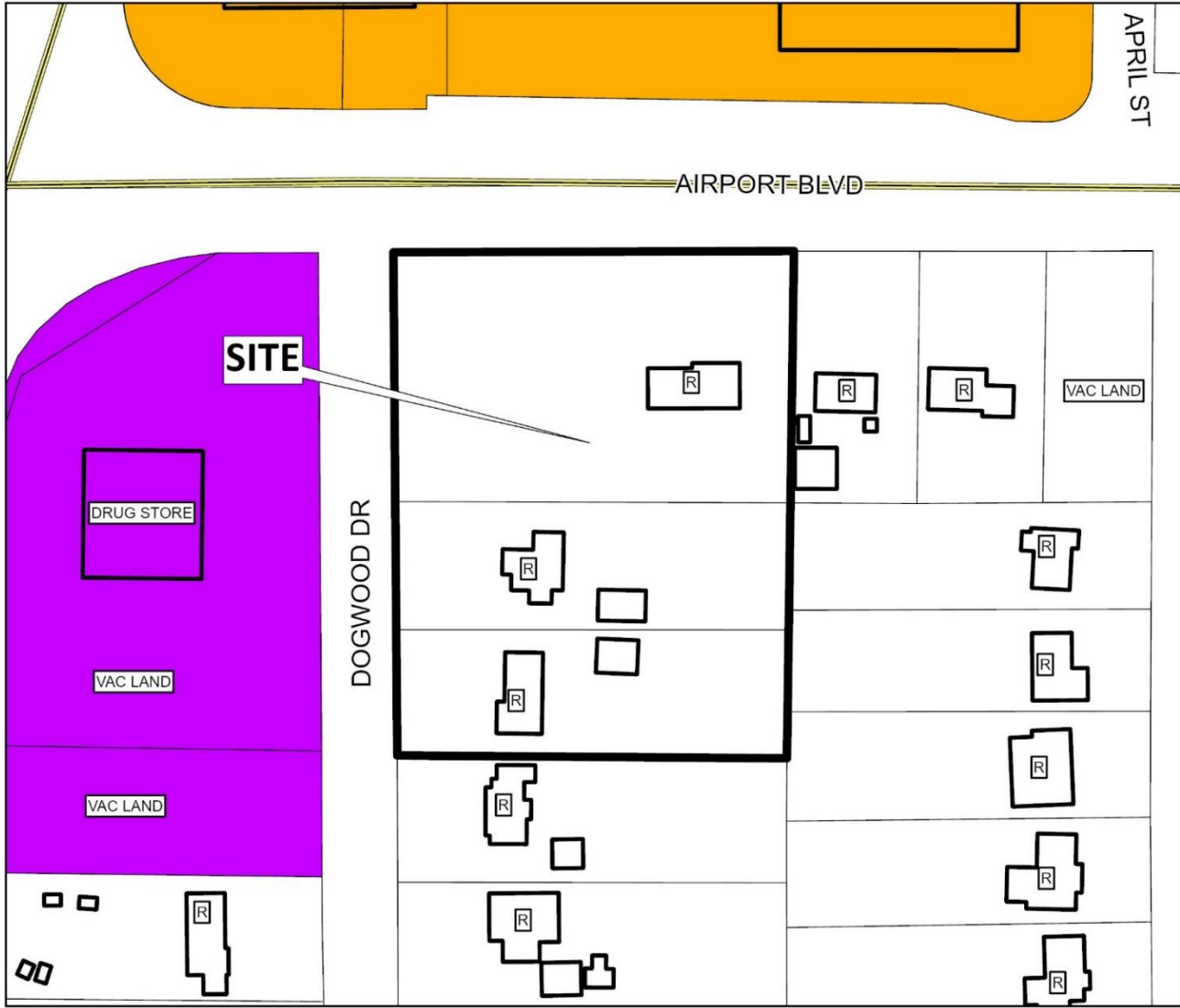


FLUM LOCATOR MAP



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PLANNING COMMISSION VICINITY MAP - EXISTING ZONING



APRIL ST

AIRPORT BLVD

DOGWOOD DR

SITE

DRUG STORE

VAC LAND

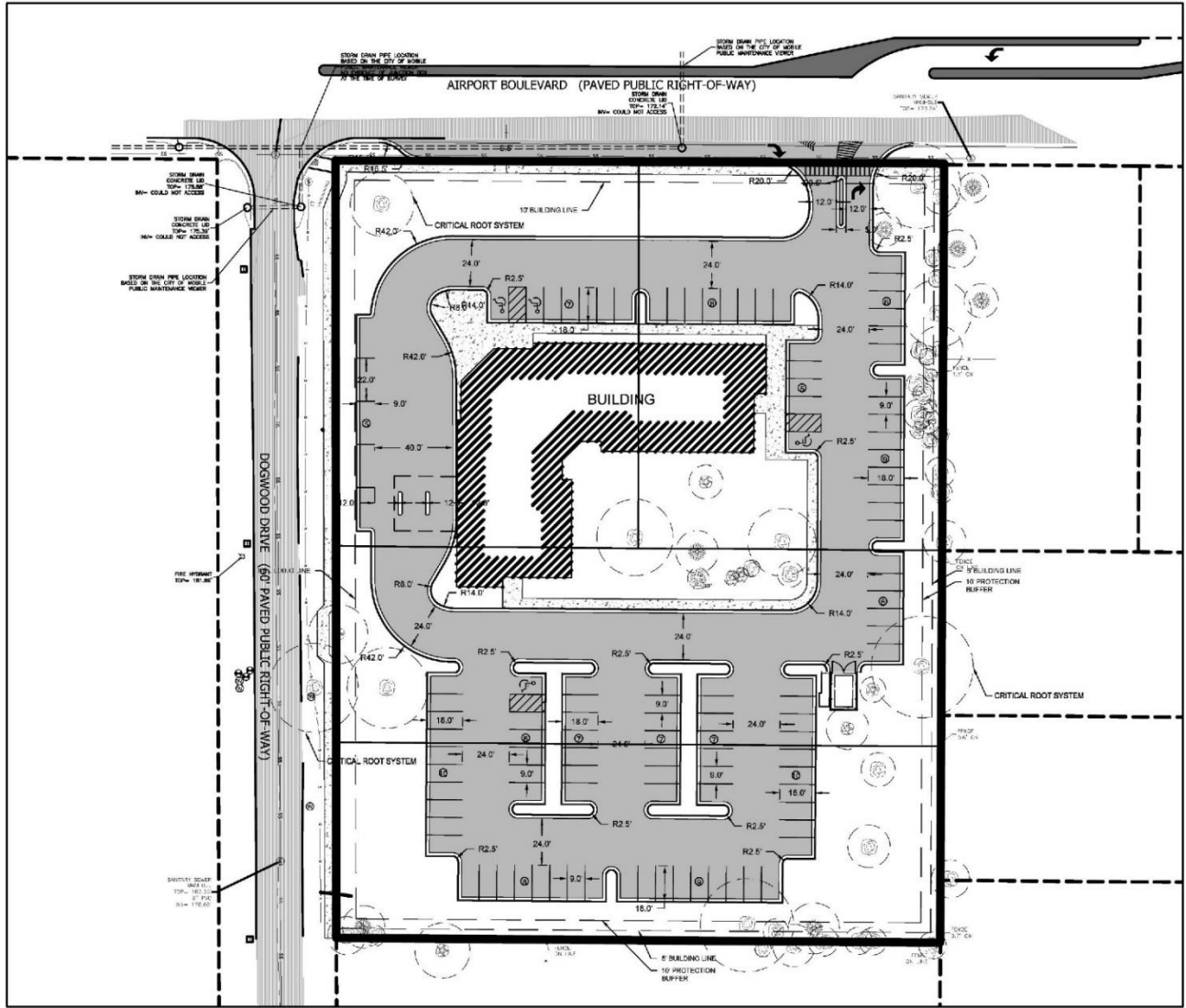
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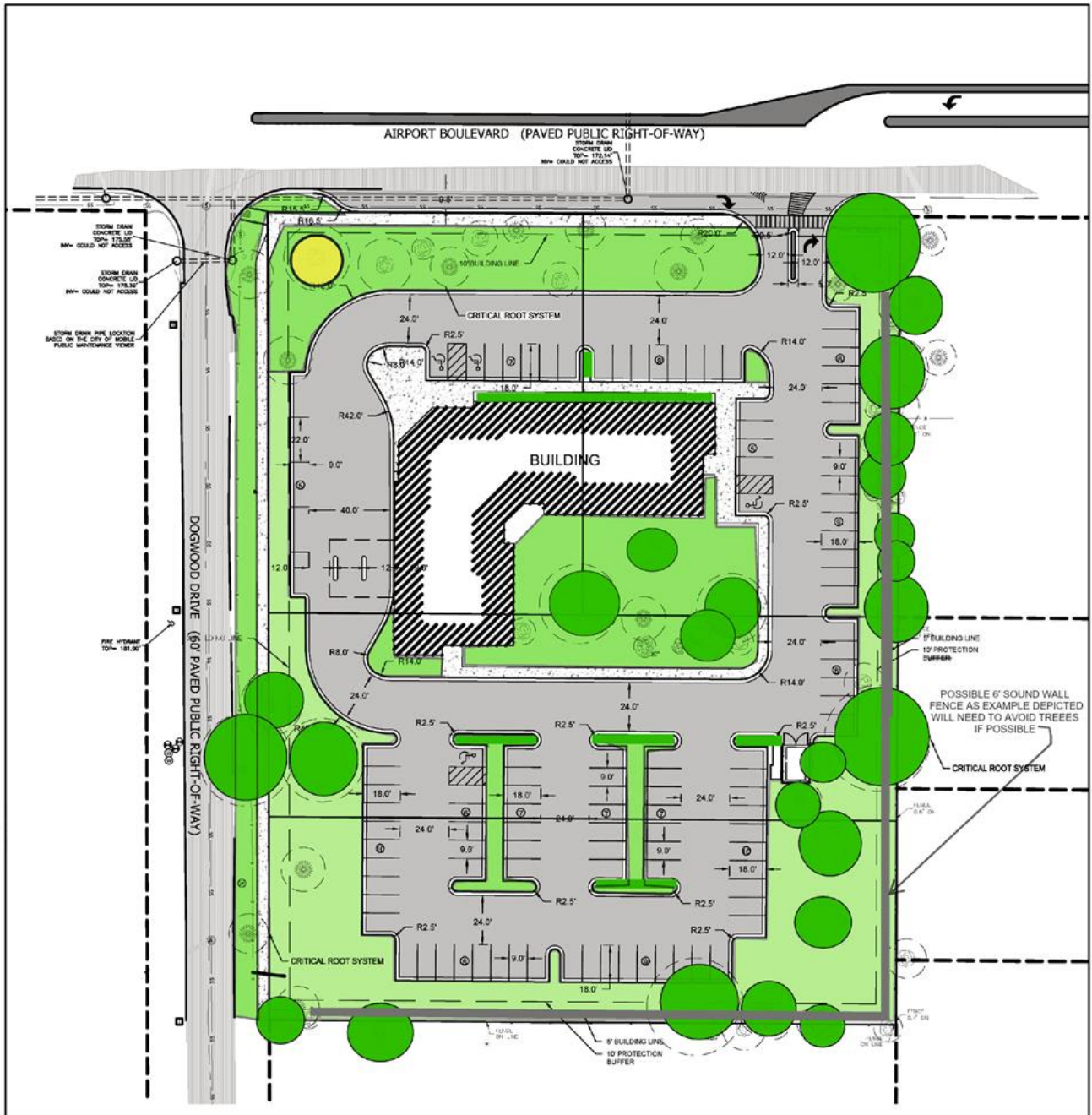
SITE PLAN



The site plan illustrates the proposed building, and parking.

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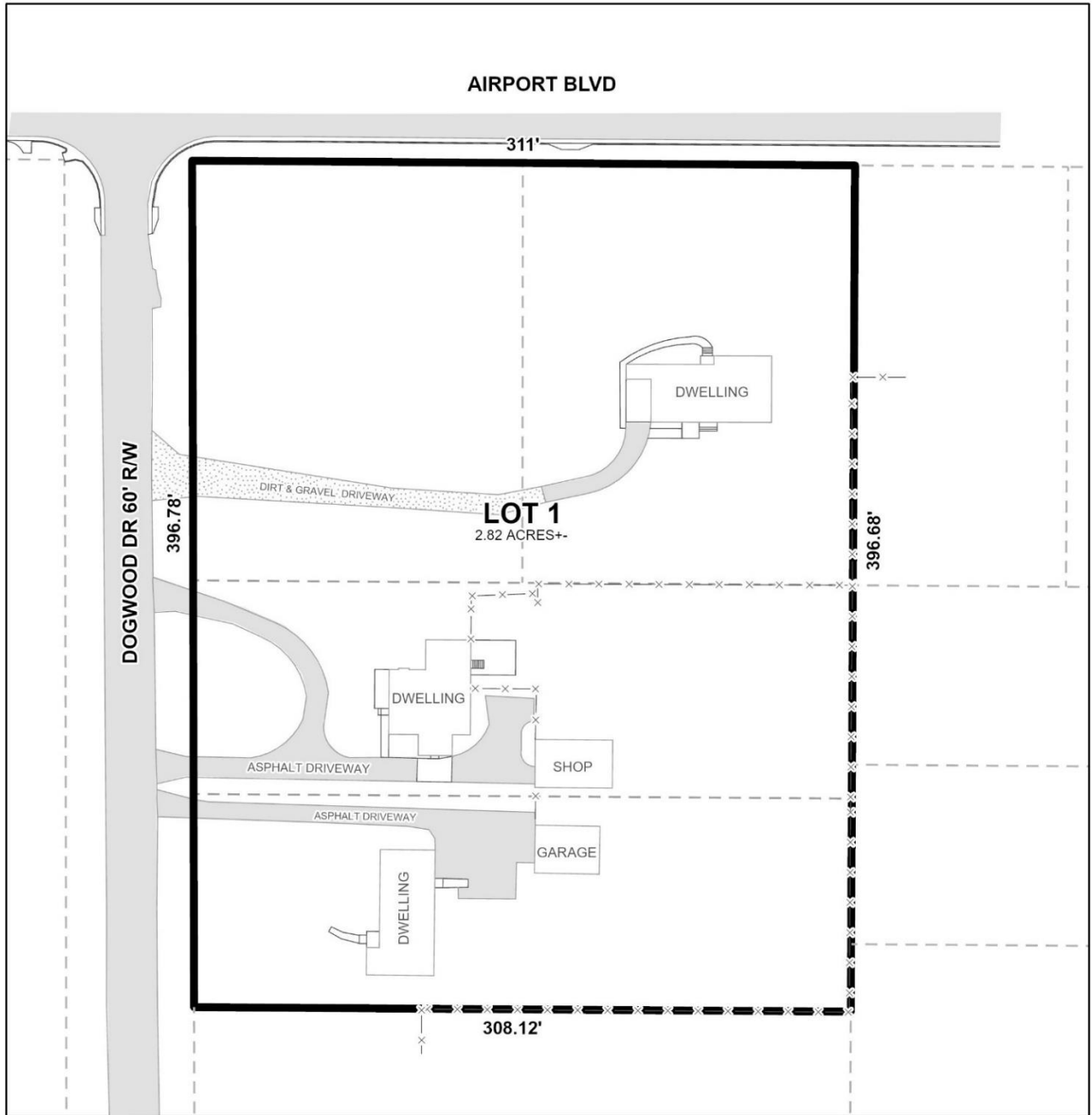
LANDSCAPE SITE PLAN




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DETAIL SITE PLAN



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ZONING DISTRICT CORRESPONDENCE MATRIX		LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (LDR)	MIXED DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (MXDR)	DOWNTOWN (DT)	DISTRICT CENTER (DC)	NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER - TRADITIONAL (NC-T)	NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER - SUBURBAN (NC-S)	TRADITIONAL CORRIDOR (TC)	MIXED COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR (MCC)	LIGHT INDUSTRIAL (LI)	HEAVY INDUSTRY (HI)	INSTITUTIONAL LAND USE (INS)	PARKS & OPEN SPACE (POS)	DOWNTOWN WATERFRONT (DW)	WATER DEPENDENT USES (WDWRU)	
RESIDENTIAL - AG	R-A															
ONE-FAMILY RESIDENCE	R-1	■				■		■					□			
TWO-FAMILY RESIDENCE	R-2	■				■		■					□	○		
MULTIPLE-FAMILY	R-3	○	■			■	■						□	○		
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TRANSITIONAL-BUSINESS	T-B		○		■	■	■	■					□			
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VILLAGE CENTER	TCD					■	■						□			
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OFFICE-DISTRIBUTION	B-5								■	■			□	□		
LIGHT INDUSTRY	I-1									■			□	□	□	
HEAVY INDUSTRY	I-2										■		□		□	

Zoning District Correspondence Matrix

- Directly Related
- Elements of the zoning category are related to the future LU category, but with qualifications (such as a development plan with conditions)
- Land use category is appropriate, but the district does not directly implement the category (e.g., open space in an industrial district)



LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (LDR)

This designation applies to existing residential neighborhoods found mostly west of the Beltline or immediately adjacent to the east side of the Beltline.

The primary land use in the LDR districts is residential and the predominant housing type is the single-family housing unit, detached or semi-detached, typically placed within a street grid or a network of meandering suburban streets. The density in these districts ranges between 0 and 6 dwelling units per acre (du/ac).

These neighborhoods may also contain small-scale, low-rise multi-unit structures at appropriate locations, as well as complementary retail, parks and civic institutions such as schools, community centers, neighborhood playgrounds, and churches or other religious uses if those uses are designed and sited in a manner compatible with and connected to the surrounding context. The presence of individual ancillary uses should contribute to the fabric of a complete neighborhood, developed at a walkable, bikeable human scale.