

Staff Report: Z-7-14-6

May 6, 2014

Ahwatukee Foothills Village Planning Committee Hearing Date	May 19, 2014		
Planning Commission Hearing Date	June 10, 2014		
Request From:	C-2 PCD (3.72 acres)		
Request To:	R-2 (3.72 acres)		
Proposed Use	To remove the property from the Foothills PCD (Z-289-84) and allow for Single Family Residential		
Location	Northeast corner of Desert Foothills Parkway and Liberty Lane		
Owner	Tobias Land Holdings		
Applicant's Representative	Law Office of David Cisiewski		
Staff Recommendation	Approval, subject to stipulations		

General Plan Conformity						
General Plan Land Use Designation		Commercial				
Street Map Classification	Desert Foothill Pkwy	S	Arterial	45 foot east half street		
	Liberty Lane		Minor	30 foot north half street		

HOUSING ELEMENT, GOAL 2, POLICY 1: DEVELOP A RANGE OF HOUSING TYPES IN EACH URBAN VILLAGE.

The proposed development would create 22 cluster homes in the Ahwatukee Foothills Village. The Ahwatukee Foothills Village is primarily developed with traditional lot single family homes. The proposed cluster homes development is unusual for the Village and would provide some additional diversity in housing types.

LAND USE ELEMENT, GOAL 3, POLICY 5: Encourage the development or redevelopment of vacant and underutilized parcels within the urbanized area that is consistent with the character of the area or with the area's transitional objectives.

The proposed development would activate a vacant property which did not develop at the time

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of the surrounding area. The property has remained vacant in an area which has otherwise been completely built out.

Surrounding Land Uses/Zoning			
	Land Use	Zoning	
On Site	Vacant	C-2 PCD	
North	Multifamily residential	R-3A PCD	
South	Office	C-O PCD	
East	YMCA	C-2 PCD	
West	Mini-storage / vacant	C-2 PCD SP	

R-2 PRD (Multi-family Residential Planned Residential Development)					
<u>Standards</u>	Requirements	Proposed (*Variance required)			
Setbacks					
Perimeter landscape standards	15 feet (south)	Met – 15 feet			
-	15 feet (west)	Met – 15 feet			
Perimeter building setbacks	15 feet (south)	Met – 28 feet			
_	15 feet (west)	*Not met – 10 feet			
	20 feet (east)	*Not met – 15 feet			
	20 feet (north)	Met – 20 feet			
Interior building setbacks	10 feet (front)	*Not met – 3 feet			
Building Height	Maximum 30 feet	Met – 26 feet			
Parking	Minimum 66 required	Met – 66 provided			

Background

- 1. This is a request to rezone 3.72 acres from C-2 PCD (Intermediate Commercial Planned Community Development) to R-2 (Multi-family Residential) to allow for a single family, cluster home project.
- 2. The site is vacant. The existing C-2 PCD zoning was established by the Foothills Planned Community Development in 1984. The site was designated commercial at the time of original PCD approval, but has remained vacant as the surrounding community was developed. The surrounding land use patterns are primarily relatively dense residential mixed with some residential assembly uses and a few low intensity commercial uses.
- 3. The General Plan designation for the parcel is Commercial. Although the proposal is not consistent with the General Plan designation, an amendment is not required as the subject parcel is less than 10 acres.
- 4. The proposed cluster home development will require some variances. Staff has identified three building setbacks, as well as a garage setback which the proposed

development does not meet. The applicant will be required to go through a separate hearing process for approval of these requests.

- 5. The intersection of Desert Foothills Parkway and Frye Road was developed with a median which does not provide queuing space for motorists traveling southbound to turn eastbound into the subject site. The applicant has agreed to modify the median to allow the construction of this queuing space. A stipulation has been added to address this modification.
- 6. The City of Phoenix Floodplain Management division of the Street Transportation Department has determined that this parcel is not in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), but is located in a Shaded Zone X, on panel 2695 L of the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) dated October 16, 2013.
- 7. Development and use of the site is subject to all applicable codes and ordinances. Zoning approval does not negate other ordinance requirements. Other formal actions such as, but not limited to, zoning adjustments and abandonment me be required.

<u>Findings</u>

- 1. The proposal would develop a remnant parcel in an area that is otherwise built out.
- 2. The proposal would provide added housing diversity to the surrounding community.
- 3. The proposal is consistent with the surrounding land uses.

Stipulations

- 1. The development shall be in general conformance with the site plan date stamped May 2, 2014 and elevations date stamped February 26, 2014 except as modified by the following stipulations and approved by the Planning and Development Department.
- 2. The property owner shall modify the existing median on Desert Foothills Parkway to allow for southbound left access as approved the Planning and Development Department.
- 3. The property owner shall dedicate a 10 foot sidewalk easement on the north half of Liberty Lane for the length of the project as approved by the Planning and Development Department.
- 4. The property owner shall dedicate a 10 foot sidewalk easement on the east half of Desert Foothills Parkway for the length of the project as approved by the Planning and Development Department.

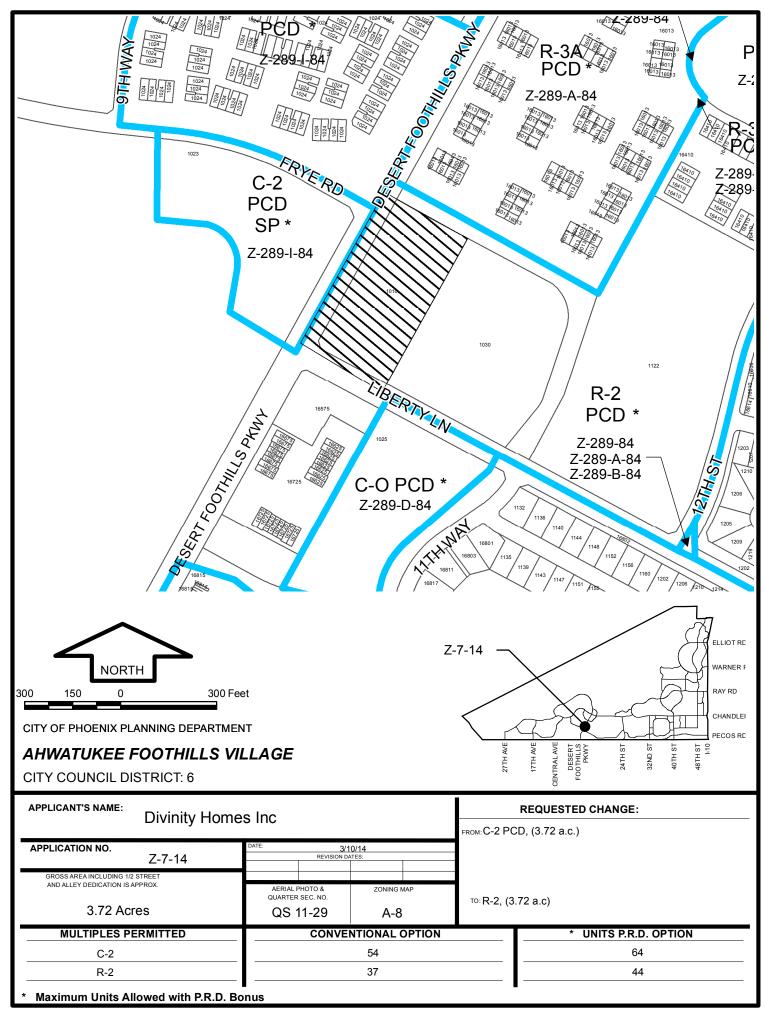
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Attachments

Sketch Map Aerial Site Plan (date stamped 5/2/14) Elevations (date stamped 2/26/14) (16 pages)



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