



City of Jonesboro Metropolitan Area Planning Commission
Staff Report – RZ 19-22 1001 Scott Street
Municipal Center - 300 S. Church St.
For Consideration by the Commission on January 14, 2020

REQUEST: To consider a rezoning of one tract of land containing .56 acres more or less.

PURPOSE: A request to consider recommendation to Council for a rezoning from “R-1” Single-Family Residential District to a “RM-16” Residential multifamily classification; 16 units per net acre, includes all forms of units, duplexes, triplexes, quads, and higher.

APPLICANTS/

OWNER: Greg Baugh, GSB Properties, 1716 Executive Square, Jonesboro, AR 72401

LOCATION: 1001 Scott Street, Jonesboro, AR 72401

SITE

DESCRIPTION: **Tract Size:** Approx. .56 Acres
Street Frontage: 135 feet along Scott Street
Topography: Predominately flat
Existing Development: Older Duplex – property has been vacant for 2 years.

SURROUNDING CONDITIONS:

ZONE	LAND USE
North	R-1 Single Family District
South	R-2 Multi-Family Low Density District
East	R-1 Single Family Residential and R-2 Multi-Family Low Density District
West	R-3 Multi-Family High Density District

HISTORY: Duplex is over 22 years old.

ZONING ANALYSIS:

City Planning Staff has reviewed the proposed Zone Change and offers the following findings:

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN LAND USE MAP:

The Current/Future Land Use Map recommends this location Moderate Intensity Growth Sector. A wider mix of land uses is appropriate in the **Moderate Intensity Growth Sector**. Good Building Design, use of quality construction materials, and more abundant landscaping are important considerations in what is approved, more so than the particular use. Limits on hours of operation, lighting standards, screening from residential uses, etc., may be appropriate. The proposed rezoning is

consistent with the adopted Land Use Plan for the proposed zoning.

MODERATE INTENSITY GROWTH SECTORS - RECOMMENDED USE TYPES INCLUDE:

- Mix of Single Family, Duplexes, Triplexes and Fourplexes
- Neighborhood Retail and Service
- Office Parks
- Smaller Medical Offices
- Libraries, schools, other public facilities
- Senior Living Centers / Nursing Homes
- Community-Serving Retail
- Small Supermarket
- Convenience Store
- Bank
- Barber/Beauty Shop
- Farmers Market
- Pocket Park

DENSITY: *1/5 TO 1/3 Acre Lots for Single Family*

No More than six dwelling units per acre for Multi-Family. Multi-Family should only be allowed on collector and above streets that have been improved or scheduled to be improved in the next construction cycle of city projects unless the developer is willing to build the roads to Master Street Plan standards that serve the development.

HEIGHT: *4 Stories*

TRAFFIC: *Approximately 300 peak hour trips (Commercial Only)*

EXAMPLES:



Fig. 13: Example Moderate Intense Type- Retail Service



Fig. 14: Example Moderate Intense Type- Retail Service



Fig. 15: Example Moderate Intense Type- Small Lot Res.



Fig. 16: Example Moderate Intense Type- Retail Service



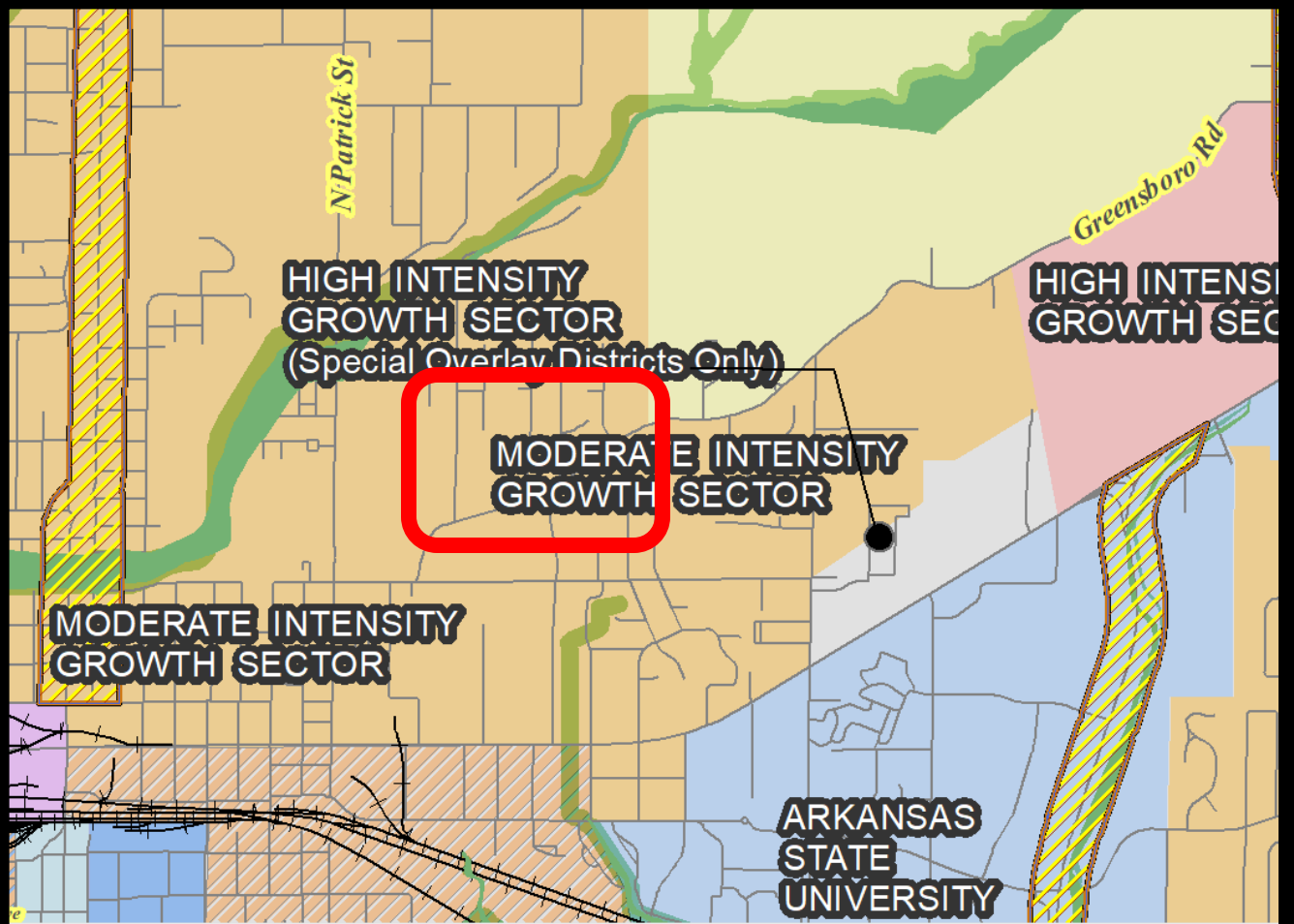
Fig. 10: Example Moderate Intense Type-Nursing Home



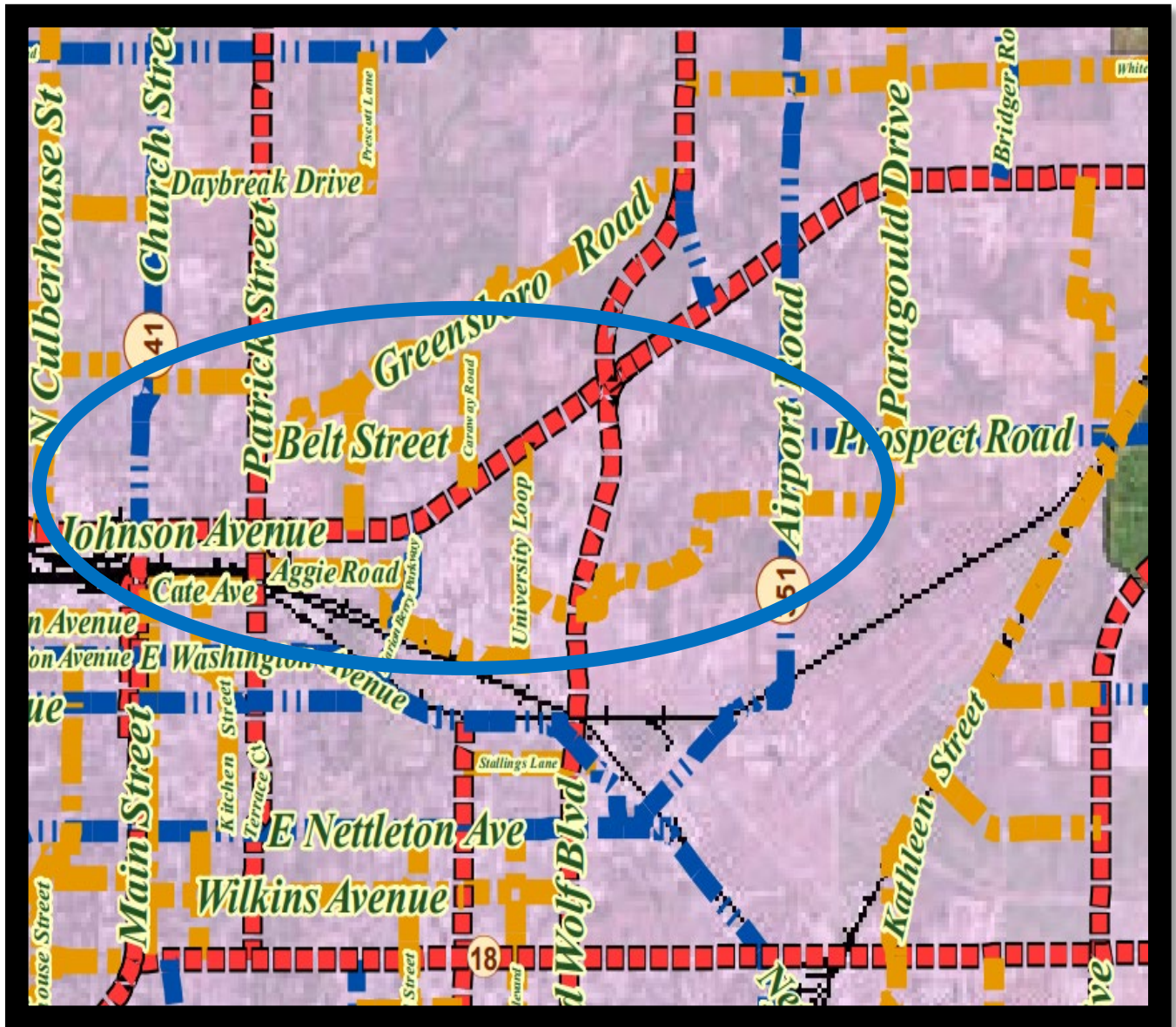
Fig. 11: Example Moderate Intense Type- Retail Service



Fig. 12: Moderate Intense Type- Retail/Office



MASTER STREET PLAN/TRANSPORTATION



Master Street Plan Map

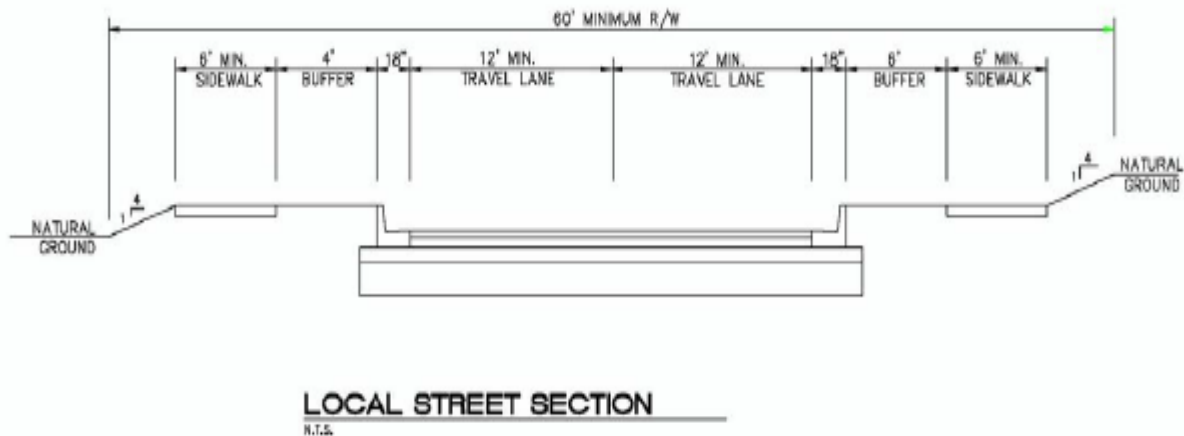
Master Street Plan/Transportation

The subject property is served by Scott Street. Scott Street on the Master Street Plan is classified a Local Street. The Local Street function is to provide access to adjacent property. The movement of traffic is a secondary purpose. The use of a Local Street in a residential area by heavy trucks and buses should be minimized. The standard Local Street is to be used in all cases.

LOCAL STREET

FUNCTION: The Local Street function is to provide access to adjacent property. The movement of traffic is a secondary purpose. The use of a Local Street in a residential area by heavy trucks and buses should be minimized.

DESIGN: The standard Local Street is to be used in all cases.



NOTE: MINIMUM PAVEMENT WIDTH FOR ALTERNATING SIDE, ON-STREET PARALLEL PARKING IS 28 feet back-of-curb to back-of-curb
MINIMUM PAVEMENT WIDTH FOR PARALLEL PARKING ON BOTH SIDES OF STREET IS 36 feet back-of-curb to back-of-curb

DESIGN STANDARDS:




Design Speed	25 mph
¹ Lane Width	12 Feet
Maximum Centerline Grade	10%
Minimum Stopping Sight Distance	150' or latest AASHTO Policy on
Geometric	Design Manual
Min. Horizontal Radius at Centerline	200' (normal crown)
Min. Horizontal Radius at Centerline	N/A (super-elevated)
Min. Horizontal Tangent Distance between Reverse Curves	50'
¹ Service Volumes	700 AADT
² Standard Right of Way	60'
Minimum Pavement Width (BC to BC)	27'
Intersection Curb Radius	25'
Sidewalks Required	Both Sides



Zoning Map

Approval Criteria- Chapter 117 - Amendments:

The criteria for approval of a rezoning are set out below. Not all of the criteria must be given equal consideration by the MAPC or City Council in reaching a decision. The criteria to be considered shall include, but not be limited to the following list on the next page.

Criteria	Explanations and Findings	Comply Y/N
(a) Consistency of the proposal with the Comprehensive Plan/Land Use Map	The proposed district rezoning is not consistent with the Adopted Land Use Plan, which is categorized as a Moderate Intensity Growth Sector and calls for no more than 6 units per acre for Multi-Family. The Applicant wants to put 3 triplex units on this lot.	
(b) Consistency of the proposal with the purpose of Chapter 117-Zoning.	The proposal will not achieve consistency with the purpose of Chapter 117, with compliance of all District standards.	
(c) Compatibility of the proposal with the zoning, uses and character of the surrounding area.	Compatibility is not achieved with this rezoning considering the Moderate Intensity Growth Sector calls for no more than 6 units per acre for Multi-Family. This property has been vacant for 2 years.	
(d) Suitability of the subject property for the uses to which it has been restricted without the proposed zoning map amendment;	Without the proposed zoning map amendment, this property will not develop as Multi-Family. There is a duplex on this lot.	
(e) Extent to which approval of the proposed rezoning will detrimentally affect nearby property including, but not limited to, any impact on property value, traffic, drainage, visual, odor, noise, light, vibration, hours of use/operation and any restriction to the normal and customary use of the affected property;	No detrimental or adverse impacts are predicted, if proper planning is implemented. Commercial and Industrial is on all sides of this property.	
(f) Impact of the proposed development on community facilities and services, including those related to utilities, streets, drainage, parks, open space, fire, police, and emergency medical services	Minimal impact if rezoned due to the fact that businesses and residential currently exist in this area.	

Staff Findings:

Applicant's Purpose

The proposed area is currently classified as an R-1 Single-Family Residential Zone. The applicant wants to rezone the property to put three triplex units on this property. This property has been vacant for 2 years.

Rezoning this property is not consistent with the *Jonesboro Comprehensive Plan* and the *Future Land Use Plan*. This is in Moderate Intensity Growth Sector and it calls for only six units per acre.

Chapter 117 of the City Code of Ordinances/Zoning defines as follows:

Definition of RM-16 District - RM-16 — Residential multifamily classification; 16 units per net acre, includes all forms of units, duplexes, triplexes, quads, and higher.

Departmental/Agency Reviews:

The following departments and agencies were contacted for review and comments. Note that this table will be updated at the hearing due to reporting information that will be updated in the coming days:

Department/Agency	Reports/ Comments	Status
Engineering	Reported no issues.	
Streets/Sanitation	No issues were reported	
Police	No issues were reported	
Fire Department	Reported no issues.	
MPO	No issues were reported	
Jets	Reported no issues.	
Utility Companies	Reported no issues.	CWL
Code Enforcement	Reported no issues.	

Conclusion:

The Planning Department Staff finds that the requested Zone Change submitted for subject parcel, should be evaluated based on the above observations and criteria of Case RZ 19-24 a request to rezone property from “R-1” Single Family Residential District to “C-3” General Commercial District; the following conditions are recommended:

1. That the proposed site shall satisfy all requirements of the City Engineer, all requirements of the current Stormwater Drainage Design Manual and Flood Plain Regulations regarding any new construction.
2. A final site plan subject to all ordinance requirements shall be submitted, reviewed, and approved by the Planning Department, prior to any redevelopment of the property.
3. Any change of use shall be subject to Planning Department approval in the future.
4. A final site plan illustrating compliance with site requirements for parking, signage, landscaping, fencing, buffering, outdoor storage, dumpster enclosure, sidewalks etc. shall be submitted to the Planning Department prior to any redevelopment of this property.

Respectfully Submitted for Planning Commission Consideration,
The Planning and Zoning Department

Sample Motion:

I move that we place Case: RZ 19-24 on the floor for consideration of recommendation by MAPC to the City Council with the noted conditions, and we, the MAPC find that to rezone property from “R-1” Single Family Residential District to “RM-16” Residential multifamily classification; 16 units per net acre, includes all forms of units, duplexes, triplexes, quads, and higher will be compatible and suitable with the zoning, uses, and character of the surrounding area.

PICTURES OF LOCATION

