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# STAFF COMMENTS 22Z00019

### James A. and Vikki P. Dean

### AU (Agricultural Residential) to RR-1 (Rural Residential)

Tax Account Number: 2442557

Parcel I.D.: 24-35-02-00-\*-250.2

Location: Southwest corner of Canton Street and Alan Shepard Avenue (District 1)

Acreage: 2.50 acres

Planning & Zoning Board: 7/18/2022 Board of County Commissioners: 8/04/2022

### **Consistency with Land Use Regulations**

Current zoning can be considered under the Future Land Use Designation, Section 62-1255.

• The proposal cannot be considered under the Future Land Use Designation, Section 62-1255.

The proposal would maintain acceptable Levels of Service (LOS) (XIII 1.6.C)

	CURRENT	PROPOSED
Zoning	AU	RR-1
Potential*	1 SF unit	2 SF unit
Can be Considered under	YES	YES**
the Future Land Use Map	RES 1:2.5	RES 1

<sup>\*</sup> Zoning potential for concurrency analysis purposes only, subject to applicable land development regulations. \*\*Approval is pending approval of companion request **22SS00005** which proposes to change the Future Land Use Designation from Residential 1:2.5 (RES 1:2.5) to Residential 1 (RES 1).

### **Background and Purpose of Request**

The applicants are seeking a change of zoning classification from AU (Agricultural Residential) to RR-1 (Rural Residential) for the purpose of splitting the property into two parcels. The subject parcel is currently developed with one single family residence.

The subject parcel was recorded into the current configuration per Official Records Book 3310, Page 60, on July 30, 1993. The subject lot is 2.50 acres in size and has frontage on Canton Street to the north and Alan Shepard Avenue to the east. The parcel was originally zoned GU and was rezoned from GU to AU on October 8, 1981, as zoning action **Z-5799**.

### Land Use

The subject property is currently designated as Residential 1:2.5 (RES 1:2.5) FLU. The proposed RR-1 zoning is not consistent with the existing RES 1:2.5 FLU designation. A companion application, **22SS00005**, if approved, would change the Future Land Use designation on the parcel to Residential 1 (RES 1) FLU.

### **Applicable Land Use Policies**

**FLUE Policy 1.9** –The Residential 1 Future land use designation. The Residential 1 land use designation permits low density residential development with a maximum density of up to one (1) dwelling unit per acre, except as otherwise may be provided for within the Future Land Use Element.

**FLUE Policy 1.10 -** The Residential 1:2.5 land use designation, which establishes the lowest density of all the residential future land use designations, permits a maximum density of up to one (1) unit per 2.5 acres, except as otherwise may be provided for within this element. Development in the Residential 1:2.5 land use designation should seek to maximize the integration of open space within the development and promote inter-connectivity with surrounding uses.

The applicant's request can be considered consistent with the proposed Future Land Use and is not consistent with the existing RES 1:2.5.

The Board should evaluate the compatibility of this application within the context of Administrative Policies 2 – 8 of the Future Land Use Element.

Analysis of Administrative Policy #3 - Compatibility between this site and the existing or proposed land uses in the area.

Compatibility shall be evaluated by considering the following factors, at a minimum:

### Criteria:

A. Whether the proposed use(s) would have hours of operation, lighting, odor, noise levels, traffic, or site activity that would significantly diminish the enjoyment of, safety or quality of life in existing neighborhoods within the area which could foreseeably be affected by the proposed use:

The applicant proposes to divide the parcel into two parcels for the development of another single-family home. It is not anticipated to diminish the enjoyment of, safety or quality of life in existing neighborhoods within the area.

B. Whether the proposed use(s) would cause a material reduction (five per cent or more) in the value of existing abutting lands or approved development.

Only a certified MAI appraisal can determine if material reduction has or will occur due to the proposed request.

C. Whether the proposed use(s) is/are consistent with an emerging or existing pattern of surrounding development as determined through an analysis of:

1. historical land use patterns;

The general area is residential in character with single-family homes on lots ranging in size from approximately one (1) to five (5) acres.

There is a mixture of GU, AU, and RR-1 zoning classifications in the general area. There are two (2) FLU designations (RES 1:2.5 and RES 1) within 500-feet of this site. The latest FLU amendment was approved under 05S.10 which changed the FLU from RES 1:2.5 to RES 1 on January 24, 2006 (Ordinance 06-05).

2. actual development over the immediately preceding three years; and

There has not been any actual development within this area in the preceding three (3) years.

3. development approved within the past three years but not yet constructed.

While there has not been any actual development within this area in the preceding three (3) years, two zoning actions have been approved within one-half mile.

D. Whether the proposed use(s) would result in a material violation of relevant policies in any elements of the Comprehensive Plan.

No material violation of relevant policies has been identified.

Analysis of Administrative Policy #4 - Character of a neighborhood or area.

There is an existing pattern of residential land uses surrounding the subject parcel. A preliminary concurrency analysis does not indicate that the proposed request would materially or adversely impact the surrounding established neighborhood.

The developed character of the surrounding area is low-density residential. Most parcels in the immediate area are one (1) acre or larger in size and developed with single-family homes. To the north, across Canton Street, is a 1.45-acre parcel developed with a single-family residence zoned GU. To the south are two parcels (1.0-acre and 1.36-acre), each developed with a single-family residence and zoned RR-1. To the east, across Alan Shepard Avenue, is an undeveloped 5.77-acre parcel with AU zoning. To the west is a 2.03-acre parcel developed with a single-family residence zoned AU and GU and a 1.1-acre parcel developed with a single-family residence zoned GU.

There were two zoning actions within a half-mile radius of the subject property within the last three years. **19PZ00054**, approved by the Board on August 1, 2019, was a request to change GU (General Use) to AU(L) (Agricultural Residential, Low Intensity) on 1.01 acres located on the south side of Blair Street, approximately 496 feet west of Knoxville Avenue. **19PZ00014**, approved May 2, 2019, was a request to change GU (General Use) to AU (Agricultural Residential) on 1.01 acres located on the south side of Bryce Street, approximately 200 feet west of Alan Shepard Avenue.

# **Surrounding Area**

	Existing Land Use	Zoning	Future Land Use
North	SF residence	GU	RES 1:2.5
South	Two (2) SF residences	RR-1	RES 1
East	(across Alan Shepard Ave) Undeveloped	AU	RES 1:2.5
West	Two (2) SF residences	AU and GU	RES 1:2.5

The AU zoning classification permits single-family residences and agricultural uses on 2.5 acre lots, with a minimum lot width and depth of 150 feet. The minimum house size in AU is 750 square feet. The AU classification also permits the raising/grazing of animals and plants nurseries. Conditional uses in AU include hog farms, zoological parks, and land alteration.

AU(L) zoning classification permits single-family residences and agricultural pursuits on 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre lots for personal use, with a minimum lot width and depth of 150 feet. The minimum house size in AU(L) is 750 square feet. The AU(L) classification also permits the raising/grazing of animals, fowl and beekeeping for personal use and prohibits commercial agricultural activities.

RR-1 zoning classification permits single-family residential land uses on a minimum one-acre lot, with a minimum lot width and depth of 125 feet. The RR-1 classification permits horses, barns and horticulture as accessory uses to a single-family residence. The minimum house size is 1,200 square feet. Keeping of horses and agricultural uses are accessory to a principal residence within RR-1 zoning.

GU classification is a holding category, allowing single-family residences on five acre lots with a minimum width and depth of 300 feet. The minimum house size in GU is 750 square feet.

# **Preliminary Concurrency**

The closest concurrency management segment to the subject property is Canaveral Groves Boulevard, between Lee to Grissom, which has a Maximum Acceptable Volume (MAV) of 15,600 trips per day, a Level of Service (LOS) of E, and currently operates at 48.28% of capacity daily. The maximum development potential from the proposed rezoning increases the percentage of MAV utilization by 0.06%. The corridor is anticipated to operate at 48.34% of capacity daily. The proposal is not anticipated to create a deficiency in LOS.

No school concurrency information has been provided as the development potential of this site falls below the minimum number of new residential lots that would require a formal review.

The parcel is within the City of Cocoa utilities service area for public water. The closest Brevard County sewer line is approximately 2.9 miles north on Fay Boulevard.

### **Environmental Constraints**

- Wetlands/Hydric Soils
- Aguifer Recharge Soils
- Protected Species
- Protected and Specimen Trees

The subject parcel contains mapped hydric soils. A wetland delineation will be required prior to any land clearing activities or site plan application. Per Section 62-3694(c)(2), residential land uses within wetlands shall be limited to not more than one (1) dwelling unit per five (5) acres unless strict application of this policy would render a legally established parcel as of September 9, 1988, which is less than five (5) acres, as unbuildable. Application of the one unit per five acres limitation shall limit impacts to wetlands for single family residential development on a cumulative basis, to not more than 1.8% of the total property as defined in Section 65 694(c)(6). Any permitted wetland impacts must meet the requirements of Sections 62-3694(e), including avoidance of impacts, and will require mitigation in accordance with Section 62-3696.

The applicant is encouraged to contact NRM at 321-633-2016 prior to any land clearing, site plan design or permit submittal.

### **For Board Consideration**

The Board may wish to consider if the request is consistent and compatible with the surrounding area recognizing existing development trends.

# NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT Zoning Review & Summary Item #22Z00019

Applicant: Dean

**Zoning Request**: AU to RR-1 **Note**: Applicant wants to split lot

**P&Z Hearing Date**: 07/18/22; **BCC Hearing Date**: 08/04/22

**Tax ID No**: 2442557

- ➤ This is a preliminary review based on best available data maps reviewed by the Natural Resources Management Department (NRM) and does not include a site inspection to verify the accuracy of the mapped information.
- ➤ In that the rezoning process is not the appropriate venue for site plan review, specific site designs submitted with the rezoning request will be deemed conceptual. Board comments relative to specific site design do not provide vested rights or waivers from Federal, State or County regulations.
- ➤ This review does not guarantee whether or not the proposed use, specific site design, or development of the property can be permitted under current Federal, State, or County Regulations.

### **Summary of Mapped Resources and Noteworthy Land Use Issues:**

- Wetlands/Hydric Soils
- Aquifer Recharge Soils
- Protected Species
- Protected and Specimen Trees

The subject parcel contains mapped wetlands and hydric soils; indicators that wetlands may be present on the property. A wetland determination will be required prior to any land clearing activities, site plan design or building permit submittal. Per Section 62-3694(c)(2), residential land uses within wetlands shall be limited to not more than one (1) dwelling unit per five (5) acres unless strict application of this policy would render a legally established parcel as of September 9, 1988, which is less than five (5) acres, as unbuildable. Application of the one-unit-per-five-acres limitation shall limit impacts to wetlands for single family residential development on a cumulative basis, to not more than 1.8% of the total property acreage. Any permitted wetland impacts must meet the requirements of Section 62-3694(e) including avoidance of impacts, and will require mitigation in accordance with Section 62-3696.

Information available to NRM indicates that federally and/or state protected species may be present on the property. The entire parcel has mapped Florida Scrub Jay Occupancy, and there is potential for existence of Gopher Tortoises on site. Prior to any plan, permit submittal, or development activity, including land clearing, the applicant should obtain any necessary permits or clearance letters from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and/or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, as applicable.

### **Land Use Comments:**

### Wetlands/Hydric Soils

The subject parcel contains mapped National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) wetlands and hydric soils (St. Johns sand), as shown on the NWI Wetlands and USDA Soil Conservation Service Soils Survey maps, respectively; indicators that wetlands may be present on the property. A wetland determination will be required prior to any land clearing activities, site plan design or building permit submittal. Per Section 62-3694(c)(2), residential land uses within wetlands shall be limited to not more than one (1) dwelling unit per five (5) acres unless strict application of this policy would render a legally established parcel as of September 9, 1988, which is less than five (5) acres, as unbuildable. Application of the one-unit-per-five-acres limitation shall limit impacts to wetlands for single family residential development on a cumulative basis, to not more than 1.8% of the total property acreage. Any permitted wetland impacts must meet the requirements of Section 62-3694(e) including avoidance of impacts, and will require mitigation in accordance with Section 62-3696.

The discovery of unpermitted wetland impacts may result in enforcement action. A zoning approval does not vest the property from meeting the current wetland ordinance. A formal review of current proposed wetland impacts at time of building permit or site plan review is required, regardless of any previously approved wetland impacts from any Federal, State or local agency. The applicant is encouraged to contact NRM at (321) 633-2016 prior to any site plan design.

# **Aquifer Recharge Soils**

St. Johns sand may also function as an aquifer recharge soil. The applicant is hereby notified of the development and impervious restrictions within Conservation Element Policy 10.2 and the Aquifer Protection Ordinance.

### **Protected Species**

Information available to NRM indicates that federally and/or state protected species may be present on the property. The entire parcel has mapped Florida Scrub Jay Occupancy, and there is potential for existence of Gopher Tortoises on site. Prior to any plan, permit submittal, or development activity, including land clearing, the applicant should obtain any necessary permits or clearance letters from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and/or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, as applicable.

# **Protected and Specimen Trees**

Protected (>= 10 inches in diameter) and Specimen (>= 24 inches in diameter) trees may exist on the parcel. A tree survey may be required at time of building permit application. Per Section 62-4341(18), Specimen and Protected Trees shall be preserved or relocated on site to the Greatest Extent Feasible. Greatest Extent Feasible shall include, but not be limited to, relocation of roads, buildings, ponds, increasing building height to reduce building footprint or reducing Vehicular Use Areas. The applicant is advised to refer to Article XIII, Division 2, entitled Land Clearing, Landscaping, and Tree Protection, for specific requirements for preservation and canopy coverage requirements. Applicant should contact NRM at 321-633-2016 prior to performing any land clearing activities.