

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Planning Commission Meeting of March 17, 2021

DATE: March 8, 2021

TO: Al Raymond, Director of Development Services

FROM: Mark Orozco, Engineering Associate, Development Services
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Gulf Breeze Annex, Lots 5 & 6 (Final)

Request for a Plat Waiver of the Sidewalk Construction Requirements
in Section 8.1.4 and 8.2.2 of the Unified Development Code

BACKGROUND:

Bass & Welsh Engineering, on behalf of property owner, David Nobles, submitted a request for a waiver of the plat requirement to construct a sidewalk in Section 8.1.4.A and 8.2.2.A of the Unified Development Code (UDC).

The subject property, known as the proposed Gulf Breeze Annex, lots 5 & 6 addressed as 3333 Floyd Street, is a corner lot located south of Texan Trail and east of Santa Fe Street. This is a replat subdividing the east half of Lots 1-4 into two lots. The purpose of the plat is to obtain a residential building permit for the purpose of constructing a new residential home. The original subdivision was platted in May of 1942 within the jurisdiction of Nueces County. The land was annexed into the City of Corpus Christi in 1944 and is currently zoned "RS-6" Single-Family 6 District.

STAFF ANALYSIS and FINDINGS:

UDC Sections 3.30.1 and 8.1.4 require construction of sidewalk as part of the platting process. The UDC also states, under Section 8.2.2.B.1-4, that a waiver *may* be granted, in accordance with the waiver procedure in Section 3.8.3.D., but only if certain conditions exist:

1. Sidewalks shall not be required along each side of a street right-of-way where such street is a permanent dead-end street and where there is pedestrian access from the permanent dead-end street to a paved hike and bike trail. In such instance, a sidewalk only shall be required on one side of the street right-of-way.
2. Sidewalks shall not be required along street rights-of-way where each lot fronting on such street has direct access from the side or rear to a paved hike and bike trail.
3. Sidewalks shall not be required for residential subdivisions in the Farm-Rural and Residential Estate zoning districts.

4. Sidewalks adjacent to private streets may be allowed to be placed on only one side of the street if the sidewalk width is 6 feet or greater and approved by the Assistant City Manager of Development Services.

None of the enumerated conditions in UDC 8.2.2.B.1-4 for a sidewalk waiver exist on this subject property.

In any event, Section 3.8.3.D of the UDC provides factors to consider plat waivers, and states that the need for the waiver shall be demonstrated to the Planning Commission's satisfaction. The waiver may be approved, approved with conditions, or denied, after consideration of the following factors:

1. The granting of the waiver shall not be detrimental to the public health, safety, or general welfare, or be injurious to other property in the area, or to the City in administering this Unified Development Code (UDC).
2. The conditions that create the need for the waiver shall not generally apply to other property in the vicinity.
3. Application of a provision of this Unified Development Code will render subdivision of land unfeasible; or
4. The granting of the waiver would not substantially conflict with the Comprehensive Plan and the purposes of this Unified Development Code (UDC).

Factors in Support of the Waiver. The applicant states that they do not believe sidewalk should be required because:

1. The replat is in an old established neighborhood where there are very few, if any, existing sidewalks.
2. The possibility that there might be significant sidewalk construction in the future is very slim.
3. The requirement to construct the sidewalk with this replat would place an unnecessary financial and time burden on the owner.
4. The Comprehensive Plan will not be substantially affected and is not part of the Mobility Plan network.

Factors Against the waiver and in support of requiring sidewalk construction:

1. The property is zoned "RS-6 Single-Family 6 District from which a sidewalk network can be provided meeting current standards for a residential street.
2. The lot is a corner lot from which a network can be continued west to Santa Fe and north to Ocean Dr.
3. The subject property is located approximately 560 feet away from a Commercial node at the intersection of Texan Trail and Santa Fe Street.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the waiver from the sidewalk construction requirement.

Planning Commission may choose to follow or decline Staff's recommendation, and Planning Commission may approve, approve with conditions, or deny the waiver request.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Exhibit A – Waiver Request Letter
Exhibit B – Final Plat
PowerPoint Presentation-

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RE: Request for waiver, Gul Breeze Annex, Lots 5 & 6

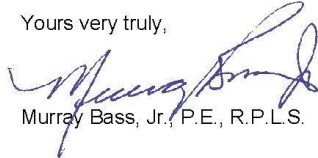
Dear Mr. Dimas:

On behalf of the owner of the property covered by the above referenced plat, Mr. David Nobles, we would like to request a waiver for the sidewalk requirement that was placed on the plat during review.

These two lots are in an old and established neighborhood where there are very few, if any, existing sidewalks. The possibility that there might be significant sidewalk construction in the future is very slim and the requirement to construct the sidewalk with this replat would place an unnecessary financial and time burden on the owner.

We will be available to answer questions or provide additional data should you need it.

Yours very truly,



Murray Bass, Jr., P.E., R.P.L.S.

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CC: David Nobles

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Exhibit A

