# **CITY COUNCIL ZONING REPORT**

**Case No.** 1013-01 **HTE No.** 13-10000032

# Planning Commission Hearing Date: October 9, 2013

Applicant & Legal Description	<ul> <li>Applicant/Owner: Braselton Homes – Shoreline Oaks, Ltd.</li> <li>Representative: Urban Engineering</li> <li>Legal Description/Location: Being a 4.73-acre tract of land out of Lot 29,</li> <li>Section 26, Flour Bluff and Encinal Farm and Garden Tracts, located north of Slough Road and at the east end of Russ Lane.</li> </ul>				
Zoning Request	<ul> <li>From: "CH" Cottage Housing District</li> <li>To: "RS-4.5" Single-Family 4.5 District</li> <li>Area: 4.73 acres</li> <li>Purpose of Request: To allow construction of a standard single-family subdivision.</li> </ul>				
Existing Zoning and Land Uses		Existing Zoning District	Existing Land Use	Future Land Use	
	Site	"CH" Cottage Housing	Vacant	Low Density Residential	
	North	"RS-4.5" Single-Family 4.5	Vacant	Low Density Residential	
	South	"RS-4.5" Single-Family 4.5	Vacant	Low Density Residential	
	East	"RS-4.5" Single-Family 4.5	Vacant	Low Density Residential	
	West	"CH" Cottage Housing	Park, Low Density Residential, & Vacant	Low Density Residential	
ADP, Map & Violations	Area Development Plan: The subject property is located within the boundaries of the Southside Area Development Plan and is planned for low density residential uses. The proposed rezoning to the "RS-4.5" Single-Family 4.5 District is consistent with the adopted Future Land Use Plan. Map No.: 041031 & 041030 Zoning Violations: None				
Transportation	<b>Transportation and Circulation</b> : The subject property is currently landlocked and does not have any street frontages. The site will have future frontage along Russ Lane and Kolda Drive, which are local residential streets. The subject property will have access to Slough Road, which is a proposed "C1" Minor Residential Collector street.				

## Staff Summary:

**Requested Zoning**: The applicant is requesting a rezoning from the "CH" Cottage Housing District to the "RS-4.5" Single-Family 4.5 District to allow the construction of single-family dwellings with minimum lot sizes of 4,500 square feet, 45-foot lot widths, and 20-foot front yard requirements. The applicant is requesting a rezoning because the consumer demand for lots in the "RS-4.5" District is higher than cottage lots. The requested change of zoning, when compared to the "CH" District, would allow a lower dwelling unit density and larger lot sizes.

**Development Plan:** The proposed rezoning is within The Cottages at Southlake subdivision. The subject property was planned for 40 cottage housing lots. After the rezoning, the applicant plans to subdivide the subject property into 32 single-family lots. West of the subject property is an existing cottage housing development consisting of 20 cottages. Based on the number of lots proposed, two external access points to the City's roadway network will be required.

**Existing Land Uses & Zoning**: North, east, and south of the subject property is vacant land zoned "RS-4.5" Single-Family 4.5 District. West of the subject property is a cottage housing development, which is currently under construction and zoned "CH" Cottage Housing District.

**AICUZ:** The subject property is <u>not</u> located in one of the Navy's Air Installation Compatibility Use Zones (AICUZ).

**Comprehensive Plan & Area Development Plan Consistency**: The subject property is located within the boundaries of the Southside Area Development Plan. The proposed rezoning to the "RS-4.5" Single-Family 4.5 District is consistent with the adopted Future Land Use Plan's designation of the property as low density residential. Additionally, the following pertinent elements of the Comprehensive Plan should be considered:

- The housing and population density of the City should respond to changing market trends, consumer preferences, economic realities, and design technology (Residential Land Use Policy B).
- Traffic hazards should be lessened by discouraging through traffic within residential areas (Residential Land Use Policy J).

**Plat Status:** The subject property is not platted. A preliminary plat was approved for The Cottages at Southlake subdivision. A revised preliminary plat is under review and is consistent with the proposed rezoning.

## **Department Comments**:

- A change of zoning from the "CH" Cottage Housing District to the "RS-4.5" Single-Family 4.5 District would lower the dwelling unit density of the subdivision. A lower density is consistent with the Future Land Use Plan's designation of the property as low density residential.
- The proposed rezoning is an expansion of the "RS-4.5" Single-Family 4.5 District located north, south, and east of the subject property. The proposed rezoning is consistent with the land use and zoning patterns of adjacent properties.
- The proposed rezoning would not negatively impact the surrounding properties and the property to be rezoned is suitable for low density residential uses.
- The proposed rezoning is a response to market demands and the subject property is suitable for the proposed use.

#### **Staff Recommendation:**

Approval of the change of zoning from the "CH" Cottage Housing District to the "RS-4.5" Single-Family 4.5 District.

## Planning Commission Recommendation (October 23, 2103): Pending

	Number of Notices Mailed – 37 within 200' notification area;			
2		4 outside notification area;		
Public Notification	<u>As of October 10, 2</u> In Favor In Opposition	<ul> <li><u>013</u>:</li> <li>– 1 (inside notification area); 0 (outside notification area)</li> <li>– 0 (inside notification area); 0 (outside notification area)</li> </ul>		
	Totaling 0.00% in opposition of the land within the 200-foot notification			

#### Attachments:

- A. Location Map (Existing Zoning & Notice Area)
- B. Site Plan



