



AGENDA MEMO

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 20, 2006
DEPARTMENT: PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
ITEM DESCRIPTION: WVR-16610 - APPLICANT: NATIONAL HOMES
CORPORATION - OWNER: NEVADA MANAGEMENT HOLDING COMPANY, LLC**

THIS ITEM WAS HELD IN ABEYANCE FROM THE DECEMBER 6, 2006 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT THE REQUEST OF THE APPLICANT.

**** CONDITIONS ****

The Planning Commission (7-0 vote) recommends DENIAL. Staff recommends APPROVAL, subject to:

Planning and Development

1. Conformance to the Conditions of Approval for a General Plan Amendment (GPA-16538), Rezoning (ZON-16609), and Site Development Plan Review (SDR-16611), if approved.
2. This approval shall be void two years from the date of final approval, unless a certificate of occupancy has been issued or upon approval of a final inspection. An Extension of Time may be filed for consideration by the City of Las Vegas.

**** STAFF REPORT ****

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This is a request for a Waiver to Title 18.12.160 to allow approximately 173 feet between street intersections where 220 feet is the minimum distance separation required on 7.02 acres at the southwest corner of Torrey Pines Drive and Azure Drive.

The Public Works Department has no objection to the request for a Waiver of Title 18.12.160 to allow approximately 173 feet between street intersections where 220 feet is the minimum distance separation required on 7.02 acres at the southwest corner of Torrey Pines Drive and Azure Drive.

A related General Plan Amendment (GPA-16538), Rezoning (ZON-16609) and Site Development Plan Review (SDR-16611) will be considered concurrently with this request.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

<i>Related Relevant City Actions by P&D, Fire, Bldg., etc.</i>	
02/04/04	City Council tabled a request for a Site Development Plan Review (SDR-3284) and a Variance (VAR-3360) to allow a 27-foot side yard setback where residential adjacency standards require a minimum setback of 78 feet for a proposed private school, primary on 2.10 acres adjacent to the south side of Azure Drive, approximately 285 feet west of Rebecca Road.
06/22/06	City Council tabled a request to amend a portion of the Centennial Hills Sector Plan of the Master Plan from DR (Desert Rural Density Residential to L (Low Density Residential), a Rezoning from R-E (Residence Estates) to R-1 (Single Family Residential), and a Special Use Permit for a private streets in conjunction with a proposed single-family residential development on 7.02 acres at the southwest corner of Torrey Pines Drive and Azure Drive.
10/19/06	The Planning Commission abeyed at the request of the applicant an application for a General Plan Amendment (GPA-16538), a Rezoning (ZON-16609), a Site Development Plan Review (SDR-16611), and a Waiver (WVR-16610) to the 11/02/06 Planning Commission meeting.
11/02/06	The Planning Commission recommended approval of companion items GPA-16538, ZON-16609 and SDR-16611 concurrently with this application. The Planning Commission voted 7-0 to recommend DENIAL (PC Agenda Item #23/jm).
<i>Related Building Permits/Business Licenses</i>	
	There are none pertaining to this site.

<i>Pre-Application Meeting</i>	
08/21/06	A pre-application meeting with the applicant was held and the following items were discussed. The applicant was given a variety of options regarding zoning possibilities for the site. Residential Planned Development open space requirements were discussed and the applicant was instructed that a Waiver of distance separation would be required. The applicant was then informed of the additional submittal requirements for the appropriate applications needed to develop the site.
<i>Neighborhood Meeting</i>	
09/25/06	A neighborhood meeting was held at 6:00 pm at the Lied Community School, 5340 West Tropical Parkway. Eleven citizens attended the meeting. The attendees were concerned about the 2-story height, traffic issues on Azure Drive and Torrey Pines Drive and the perimeter wall height being the same as surrounding properties. They preferred rural streetlight standards and lot sizes.

<i>Details of Application Request</i>	
<i>Site Area</i>	
Gross Acres	7.02
Net Acres	6.08

Surrounding Property	Existing Land Use	Planned Land Use	Existing Zoning
Subject Property	Vacant	DR (Desert Rural Density Residential)	R-E (Residence Estates)
North	Single Family Residential	DR (Desert Rural Density Residential)	R-E (Residence Estates)
South	Single Family Residential	DR (Desert Rural Density Residential)	R-E (Residence Estates)
East	Single Family Residential	DR (Desert Rural Density Residential)	R-PD3 (Residential Planned Development 3 Units Per Acre)
West	Vacant	DR (Desert Rural Density Residential)	R-E (Residence Estates)

<i>Special Districts/Zones</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Compliance</i>
Special Area Plan		X	Y
Special Purpose and Overlay Districts		X	Y
Trails		X	Y
Rural Preservation Overlay District	X		Y
Development Impact Notification Assessment		X	Y
Project of Regional Significance		X	Y

DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

<i>Standard</i>	<i>Provided</i>	<i>Compliance</i>
Minimum Lot Size	7,647 SF	Y
Setbacks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Front • Side • Corner • Rear 	20 Feet 5 Feet 15 Feet 20 Feet	Y
Max. Building Height	30 Feet	Y

<i>Existing Zoning</i>	<i>Permitted Density</i>	<i>Proposed Zoning</i>	<i>Permitted Density</i>	<i>General Plan</i>	<i>Permitted Density</i>
R-E (Residence Estates)	2.18 du/ac for a total of 15.30 units	R-PD3 (Residential Planned Development 3 units per acre)	3.59 du/ac for a total of 25.20 units	R (Rural Density Residential)	3.59 du/ac a total of 25.20 units

<i>Landscaping and Open Space Standards</i>				
<i>Standards</i>	<i>Required</i>		<i>Provided</i>	<i>Compliance</i>
	<i>Ratio</i>	<i>Trees</i>		
Buffer: Min. Trees	1 Tree/20 Linear Feet	46 Trees	46 Trees	Y
TOTAL		46 Trees	46 Trees	Y
Min. Zone Width		6 Feet	6 Feet	Y
Wall Height		6 Feet	6 Feet	Y

<i>Open Space R-PD only</i>							
<i>Total Acreage</i>	<i>Density</i>	<i>Required</i>			<i>Provided</i>		<i>Compliance</i>
		<i>Ratio</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Area</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Area</i>	
7.02	2.99	1.65	4.93	15,086	4.99	15,260	Y

ANALYSIS

This is a request for a Waiver of Title 18.12.100 to allow 173-foot intersection offset where 220 feet is the minimum offset allowed. Specifically, Title 18.12.160 states:

Any intersection of any street that provides external access from a subdivision to any existing or planned street abutting the subdivision which has a right-of-way of sixty feet or more shall be offset from any other intersection by at least two hundred twenty feet, measured from centerline to centerline. Intersections of streets providing service internally within a subdivision, where they do not intersect arterial or major streets, shall be offset a minimum of one hundred twenty-five feet.

In addition, the applicant has provided a crash gate at this intersection.

FINDINGS

The proposed design does not appear to present turn conflicts, nor is it expected to hinder area traffic flows. The Department of Public Works has no objection to this Waiver request.

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS NOTIFIED 9

ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 13

SENATE DISTRICT 9

NOTICES MAILED 186 by Planning Department

APPROVALS 0

PROTESTS 0