

**AGENDA MEMO****PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING DATE: APRIL 22, 2010****DEPARTMENT: PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT****ITEM DESCRIPTION: APPLICANT/OWNER: CT-1, LLC**

**** STAFF RECOMMENDATION(S) ****

<i>CASE NUMBER</i>	<i>RECOMMENDATION</i>	<i>REQUIRED FOR APPROVAL</i>
GPA-37823	Staff recommends APPROVAL.	
ZON-37824	Staff recommends APPROVAL.	GPA-37823

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**** STAFF REPORT ****

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This is a General Plan Amendment and Rezoning to amend a portion of the Centennial Hills Sector of the General Plan (GPA-37823) from L (Low Density Residential) to SC (Service Commercial) and to Rezone (ZON-37824) the site from R-E (Residence Estates) to C-1 (Commercial, Limited) at 7204 West Craig Road. The subject site has a current land use designation of L (Low Density Residential), is zoned R-E (Residence Estates) and contains a single-family residence. The proposed land use designation of SC (Service Commercial) and rezoning of C-1 (Limited Commercial) would allow uses that are compatible with the existing surrounding land uses and staff is recommending approval. If denied, the site would remain as a single-family residential use.

ISSUES

- The proposed amendment and rezoning are compatible with the existing adjacent RS (Residential Suburban) – Clark County Designation, ML (Medium-Low Density Residential) and SC (Service Commercial) designations and current uses.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

<i>Related Relevant City Actions by P&D, Fire, Bldg., etc and Property Sales</i>	
10/18/06	The City Council approved a request for an Annexation (ANX-15018) of approximately 1.0 acres at 7450 West Craig Road. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the request. The Annexation became effective 10/27/06.
10/03/08	A Code Enforcement citation (#70416) was issued for an abandoned house; dead trees and grass with high vegetation. Code Enforcement closed the case on 02/12/09.
10/15/08	A Code Enforcement citation (#70660) was issued for a referral from Streets and Sewers regarding a tree leaning from the back yard onto wall over onto Tenaya; the property was vacant. Code Enforcement closed the case on 10/20/08.
02/23/09	A deed was recorded for a change of ownership.
08/28/09	A Code Enforcement citation (#81333) was issued for homeowners that cut tree branches and left them piled on front yard for approx. two months. House is now vacant. This case has not been resolved.

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12/17/09	The Planning Commission, at the request of the applicant, withdrew without prejudice requests for Rezoning (ZON-35867) from R-E (Residence Estates) to C-1 (Limited Commercial); General Plan Amendment (GPA-35866) to amend a portion of the Centennial Hills Sector Plan of the General Plan from L (Low Density Residential) to SC (Service Commercial) at 7204 West Craig Road.
<i>Related Building Permits/Business Licenses</i>	
There are no Building Permits or Business Licenses that are pertinent to the subject site.	
<i>Pre-Application Meeting</i>	
08/19/09	A pre-application meeting with the applicant was held where elements of submitting a General Plan Amendment were discussed. Topics included: • Title 19 Zoning Code Requirements • Meeting Dates and Deadlines • Submittal requirements for associated applications to Rezone and Site Development Plan Review for a proposed 2,772 square-foot Restaurant with a Drive-Through were also discussed.
<i>Neighborhood Meeting</i>	
04/12/10	A neighborhood meeting was held from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the Student Theater room of Judge Myron E. Leavitt Middle School, 4701 Quadrel Street, Las Vegas, NV, 89129. There were 14 members of the general public, one representative for the developer, and one staff member from the Planning and Development Department. The following issues were discussed: • A member of Public inquired about the 50-foot height of the building. The applicant stated that height and a single story is required by the proposed bank tenant. The applicant added that an Office development would require multi-story parking. • The developer was asked if other sites had been considered. A citizen stated they would prefer the pet cemetery owners would purchase this site and expand [the pet cemetery]. • There was an inquiry about another than bank use if zoning was approved. A similar concern was that the property might be “flipped” after being rezoned. • Several members of the public expressed concern this request will create a precedent for commercial zoning along Craig Road west of Tenaya, and concern that vacant parcels at Craig and Buffalo could be rezoned to commercial. • The applicant indicated the current state of the site is dangerous. • There was also a concern of speaker noise from drive-up tellers. • A citizen wanted to know if the driveway to Tenaya could be eliminated.
<i>Field Check</i>	
09/17/09	During a routine site inspection staff observed a vacant single-family residence with a large pile of branches and debris in the front yard.

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<i>Details of Application Request</i>	
<i>Site Area</i>	
Gross Acres	1.00 Acre

Surrounding Property	Existing Land Use	Planned Land Use	Existing Zoning
Subject Property	Single-Family Residence	L (Low Density Residential)	R-E (Residence Estates)
North	Pet Cemetery	RS (Residential Suburban) – Clark County Designation	R-E (Rural Estates Residential) – Clark County Designation
South	Single-Family Residences	ML (Medium-Low Density Residential)	R-PD8 (Residential Planned Development – 8 Units Per Acre)
East	Retail Development	SC (Service Commercial)	C-1 (Limited Commercial)
West	Pet Cemetery	RS (Residential Suburban) – Clark County Designation	R-E (Rural Estates Residential) – Clark County Designation

<i>Special Districts/Zones</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Compliance</i>
Special Area Plan		X	N/A
<i>Special Districts/Zones</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Compliance</i>
Special Purpose and Overlay Districts			
A-O (Airport Overlay) District – (175 Feet)	X		Y
Trails		X	N/A
Rural Preservation Overlay District		X	N/A
Development Impact Notification Assessment		X	N/A
Project of Regional Significance		X	N/A

ANALYSIS

The subject site is located in the Centennial Hills Sector of the General Plan and has a current General Plan designation of L (Low Density Residential) and Zoning of R-E (Residence Estates). This is a proposal to amend the General Plan designation to SC (Service Commercial) and Rezone to C-1 (Limited Commercial). The Service Commercial category allows low to medium intensity retail, office, or other commercial uses that serve primarily local area patrons and that do not include more intense general commercial characteristics. Examples include neighborhood shopping centers, theaters, and other places of public assembly and public and semi-public uses. This category also includes offices either singly or grouped as office centers with professional and business services. The Service Commercial category may also allow mixed-use development with a residential component where appropriate. The proposed Service Commercial General Plan designation is compatible with the existing surrounding cemetery, residential and commercial uses.

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FINDINGS (GPA-37823)

Section 19.18.030(I) of the Las Vegas Zoning Code requires that the following conditions be met in order to justify a General Plan Amendment:

1. The density and intensity of the proposed General Plan Amendment is compatible with the existing adjacent land use designations,

The proposed amendment is compatible with the existing adjacent RS (Residential Suburban) – Clark County Designation, ML (Medium-Low Density Residential) and SC (Service Commercial) designations.

2. The zoning designations allowed by the proposed amendment will be compatible with the existing adjacent land uses or zoning districts,

The zoning designations allowed by the proposed amendment are compatible with the existing adjacent land use and zoning designations.

3. There are adequate transportation, recreation, utility, and other facilities to accommodate the uses and densities permitted by the proposed General Plan Amendment; and

The site is accessed by Craig Road, a 100-foot Primary Arterial, and Tenaya Way an 80-foot Secondary Collector, as designated by the Master Plan of Streets and Highways, which are adequate to serve the requirements of the Restaurant with a Drive-Through use. The subject site will be served by existing utilities, transportation and other facilities, which are adequate for the Restaurant with a Drive-Through use.

4. The proposed amendment conforms to other applicable adopted plans and policies that include approved neighborhood plans.

The proposed amendment meets the following Policy of the 2020 Master Plan:
POLICY 2.1.3: That urban hubs at the intersections of primary roads, containing a mix of residential, commercial and office uses, be supported.

FINDINGS (ZON-37824)

In order to approve a Rezoning application, pursuant to Title 19.18.040, the Planning Commission or City Council must affirm the following:

1. The proposal conforms to the General Plan.

The proposed C-1 (Limited Commercial) zoning district is consistent with the proposed SC (Service Commercial) General Plan designation on this site.

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2.The uses which would be allowed on the subject property by approving the rezoning will be compatible with the surrounding land uses and zoning districts.

The uses allowed by the C-1 (Limited Commercial) zoning district are compatible with the surrounding land uses and zoning district.

3.Growth and development factors in the community indicate the need for or appropriateness of the rezoning.

The subject site is surrounded by a pet cemetery to the north and west; and commercial uses to the east and southeast and is no longer appropriate for a residential use.

4.Street or highway facilities providing access to the property are or will be adequate in size to meet the requirements of the proposed zoning district.

The site is accessed from both Craig Road, a 100-foot Primary Arterial, and Tenaya Way, an 80-foot Secondary Collector as designated by the Master Plan of Streets and Highways. These thoroughfares are capable of accommodating the traffic flow for the proposed zoning district.

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