



City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Community Development - Planning

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: March 6, 2023

Re: *Fyfer's* Subdivision Plat No. 4 - Replat (Case #105-2023)

Executive Summary

Approval of the attached final plat to be known as *Fyfer's Subdivision Plat No. 4* will result in the combination of parts of two lots, containing a total of 0.35 acres, into a single legal lot. The subject property was previously shown as part of four failed attempts to obtain plat approval in 2021. The proposed replat creates a legal lot on a site that is currently improved with a single-family structure. The lot complies with the minimum 60-foot lot width of the R-MF district. The existing single-family structure occupying the site is addressed as 1611 University Avenue.

Discussion

Crockett Engineering (agent), on behalf of Mark Stephenson (owner), is seeking approval of a replat to be known as "*Fyfer's Subdivision Plat No. 4*." The replat would combine portions of two R-MF (Multiple-Family Dwelling) zoned lots, into a single parcel in advance of redevelopment. The existing lots are known as Lots 15 & 16 of Block 5 of *Fyfer's Addition* and are located on the north side of University Avenue at the High Street intersection.

Concurrent requests (Cases #103-2023 & #104-2023) seek final plat approval on the adjacent properties to the east. Previous platting actions associated with this parcel (B137-21, B222-21, B223-21, and B357-21) were denied by Council in 2021.

Background

The subject parcel was included in a larger annexation in 1906 and was permanently zoned for single-family use; however, in 1957 much of the area was rezoned to R-3 (now R-MF) which permits multi-family housing. The original plat containing the subject acreage, Block 5 of *Fyfer's Addition*, platted 70-foot wide lots in this location. The current parcel configuration is the result of several deed transfers between adjoining lots that have occurred since 1907 following individual home construction. Given the property transfers were performed by deed there is no formal record of platting actions associated with the current lot configuration.

The current request, Plat No. 4, includes approximately the west 27-feet of Lot 16, and the east 40-feet of Lot 15. These dimensions create a lot roughly 67-feet in width. Given the overall area of property under the ownership of the applicant, this proposed 3-lot arrangement (plats 2, 3, and 4 collectively) divides the property evenly between the three proposed lots and attempts to recreate the original 70-foot lots as faithfully as possible.



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The past deed transfers that precipitated the current properties at 1611, 1615, and 1617 University, were common practice between neighboring property owners at the time. However, these land transfers are not recognized by the City when determining the legal lot status of the property. As such, final plat approval is required prior to issuance of a building permit for any redevelopment on either of the proposed lots within plats 2, 3, and 4.

Regulatory Considerations

Per Section 29-5.2(d)(4) approval of a replat is subject to Council finding that:

- (1) The replat does not remove any conditions of the existing plat that have been relied upon by the City and neighboring property owners.
- (2) The replat is served by adequate infrastructure to meet the increased demand generated by the resubdivision.
- (3) The replat is not detrimental to other properties in the neighborhood or if alleged to be detrimental the public benefit outweighs the alleged detriment to the property in the neighborhood.

The proposed replat has been reviewed for subdivision compliance with the requirements of the UDC. It should be further noted that any redevelopment of the site will be required to comply with all UDC standards including bulk, density, setbacks, parking, screening and buffering, neighborhood protections, architectural design, and East Campus Urban Conservation Overlay (UC-O) standards. No formal development plans have been submitted for review; however, as a part of the previously submitted platting actions the applicant has indicated a desire to redevelop the property in compliance with the R-MF zoning standards and its associated density limits.

In relation to the proposed platting action's compliance with the above three criteria, staff has been unable to find that any restrictions exist or were to be relied upon by adjoining property owners pertaining to the subject site's redevelopment. It has been further determined that all utilities are in place and located within adequately sized utility easements to support the proposed redevelopment and that there are no infrastructure capacity limitations. Additionally, the platting action provides the standard 10-foot utility easements along all public right-of-way frontages (University Avenue and platted/unopened alley), will dedicate an additional 2.5-feet of right-of-way for the unopened alley to meet UDC standards, and that sidewalks are already in place along University Avenue.

The attached replat shows the identical parcel proposed for creation in November 2021 which was denied. The replat has only been modified to update the date of preparation (February 21, 2023), an updated Mayor signature line, and includes current surveyor and notary signatures and seals. The replat's contents were verified by staff to ensure all other November 2021 information was unchanged. The plat has been found to be compliant with the subdivision standards of the UDC. Approval of the replat would recreate a lot generally consistent with that which was created by deed.



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Locator maps and final plat are attached for review.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None anticipated within the next two years. Public infrastructure extension/expansion would be at the cost of the developer.

Long-Term Impact: Possible impacts could be public infrastructure maintenance such as roads, sewers, and water, as well as public safety and solid waste service provision. Future impacts may or may not be offset by increased user fees and/or property tax collections.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Land Use & Growth Management, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable



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Legislative History

Date	Action
2/6/23	Approved Settlement Agreement: Resolution No. R19-23
11/15/21	Defeated: Bill No. B357-21 – “Fyfer’s Subdivision Plat No. 4, dated 10/4/2021
8/2/21	Defeated: Bill No. B 223-21 – “Fyfer’s Subdivision Plat No. 3, dated 7/2/2021
8/2/21	Defeated: Bill No. B 222-21 – “Fyfer’s Subdivision Plat No. 2, dated 7/2/2021
5/17/21	Defeated: Bill No. B 137-21 – “Fyfer’s Subdivision Plat No. 2, dated 3/19/2021”

Suggested Council Action

Approve, “Fyfer’s Subdivision Plat No. 4.”