

February 3rd, 2024

Planning and Zoning Commission

Attn: Rusty Palmer

701 E. Broadway

P.O. Box 6015

Columbia, Mo 65205

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- Land use and growth management
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Many aspects of the purposed R2 rezoning are in conflict with these two key categories of the Columbia Imagined plan.

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Moreover, the first goal listed under the Land Use and Growth Management objective of the Columbia Imagined plan states "Goal 1: The personality and character of neighborhoods is preserved". Speculative R2 zoning does not maintain the character of the neighborhood at Turner Farm and Olivet. Single family zoning would be consistent with the neighborhood. Further, the speculative nature of this rezoning does nothing to provide incentives, tools, and protections to discourage contextually inappropriate redevelopment in our historic rural neighborhood. R2 at this area does not meet the goals of the Columbia Imagined plan as adopted by the City of Columbia.

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In addition, the many new vehicle trips and commercial activities aren't supported by a tiny and very narrow black top (South Olivet Rd.) with no shoulders, no sidewalks and no immediate plan for any substantial change at key intersections. This past year, one of the elected Boone County Commissioners described the paved roads in the immediate vicinity "glorified cow paths".

As neighbors directly adjacent to the subject property, we have many unanswered questionings and concerns about the requested rezoning to R2. We ask that the Planning and Zoning commission vote to limit the rezoning for Case # 54-2024 to R1 only.

Sincerely,

James Ortbals
Bruna Ortbals



Russell Palmer <rusty.palmer@como.gov>

RE: City of Columbia Case #54-2024 Deny the rezoning of Tract #1-30 acres into R-2

1 message

Cori Mayfield <tcmayfield@msn.com>

Tue, Feb 6, 2024 at 7:50 PM

To: "Rusty.Palmer@Como.gov" <Rusty.Palmer@como.gov>

Commissioners,

I ask that Planning and Zoning commissioners please vote to deny rezoning of Tract #1-30 acres as R-2 in City of Columbia Case #54-2024. I am sure I echo the concerns already expressed by 85% of the property owners within 185 feet of the subject parcel.

The R2 zoning will bring more traffic, impervious surfaces, light and noise pollution to an area that most of us moved to and invested in to get away from those aspects of city living. In addition, watching the city of Columbia fail to manage the water, sewage, roads, traffic, and safety of its present population gives more justification for requesting that an already over-burdened and poorly managed city government please not rubber stamp this rezoning.

Thank you for your consideration,
Cori and Tony Mayfield
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Case #54-2024

1 message

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Thu, Feb 8, 2024 at 11:31 AM

Rusty,

I'm writing to object to your staff report to the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding case #54-2024.

In your report you state that "The applicants have indicated a desire to construct a range of single-family housing types on the parcel, similar to those found in the neighboring Old Hawthorne development...". It's my understanding that this re-zoning is speculative and that there is no developer on board, how can any standards be maintained if no development team is committed to this property? Old Hawthorne owes its success to the clear vision and goals brought on by a developer, speculative re-zoning brings this into the city without a plan. Any multiple family or two-family zones within Old Hawthorne were done via planned developments or were accepted into the city as R-1, where is the planned development within this proposed re-zoning? Without planned development these are not comparable areas and should not be presented to the Zoning Commission as such.

"Agricultural Areas" are referenced in your report as lying to the southeast of the intersection of Turner Farm and Olivet Roads, these areas are not labeled as "Sensitive Areas" in the Columbia Imagined plan. Semantics are important in this case, to describe these as simply agricultural areas does not convey the purpose of defining this area within the Columbia Imagined plan. This location is defined as a sensitive area in the plan, meaning that it represents desirable land uses and natural features that are threatened by development activity and protection should be encouraged. Does placing speculative R-2 zoning directly across from these areas encourage their protection?

There are *no* R-2 zones anywhere near the subject tract. If this was a goal and value for the City why were the rezonings to the north (south of Richland and east of Old Hawthorne North) brought into the city without R-2? This speculative rezoning drastically changes the character of this neighborhood and does not align with the goals of Columbia Imagined.

Regards,

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Annelle Collier

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