

Comprehensive Plan Issues

Character Area: Community Activity Center

Description: A focal point for several neighborhoods that has a concentration of activities such as general retail, service commercial, office professional, higher-density housing, and appropriate public and open space uses easily accessible by pedestrians.

Development Strategy: Each Community Activity Center should include a relatively high-density mix of retail, office, services, and employment to serve a regional market area. Residential development should reinforce the town center through locating higher density housing options adjacent to the town center, targeted to a broad range of income levels, including multi-family town homes, apartments and condominiums. Design for each Community Activity Center should be very pedestrian-oriented, with strong, walkable connections between different uses. Road edges should be clearly defined by locating buildings at roadside with parking in the rear. Direct connections to greenspace and trail networks should be provided. The pedestrian-friendly environment should be enhanced by adding sidewalks and other pedestrian-friendly trails/bike routes linked to other neighborhood amenities such as libraries, neighborhood centers, health facilities, parks, and schools.

Goals and Policies:

GOAL 7: LAND USE – To ensure the community’s anticipated growth occurs in a well-integrated yet organized fashion, which protects our community resources, promotes efficient use of infrastructure and transportation facilities, and supports quality economic development.

POLICY 7.4 – Positive impacts on the built and natural environment shall be anticipated through only the highest standard of development throughout all parts of the community.

POLICY 7.5 – Available land shall be utilized in the most efficient manner while focusing on redevelopment of land where feasible.

Conditional Use Review Criteria

The following criteria shall be applied in evaluating and deciding any application for a Conditional Use Permit. No application for a Conditional Use Permit shall be granted by the City Council unless satisfactory provisions and arrangements have been made concerning each of the following criteria, all of which are applicable to each application:

<i>(1) Is the proposed use consistent with the requirements of the zoning district in which it is located, including required parking, loading areas, setbacks and transitional buffers?</i>	
<i>Applicant:</i>	Yes, the proposed rezoning development is consistent with the requirements of the zoning district in which it is located.
<i>Staff:</i>	Yes
<i>(2) Is the proposed use compatible with the land uses on adjacent properties, including the size, scale and massing of buildings?</i>	
<i>Applicant:</i>	Yes, the rezoning is compatible with the land uses on properties, including the size of the building.
<i>Staff:</i>	Yes
<i>(3) Is the ingress and egress to the subject property, and all proposed buildings, structures and uses thereon adequate? Are the public streets providing access to the subject site adequate to safely handle the traffic generated by the proposed use?</i>	
<i>Applicant:</i>	Yes, ingress and egress to the subject property, including access to buildings, structures and associated uses, are adequate.
<i>Staff:</i>	Yes, the existing site plan had good ingress/egress to the site