

Staff Report to the Ogden Valley Planning Commission

Weber County Planning Division

Synopsis				
Application Information				
Application Request: Agenda Date: Initiated by: File Number:		To consider and take action on a request to amend the Weber County zone map by realigning the O-1 and RE-15 boundary along the western edge of The Highlands at Wolf Creek Phases one and five. Tuesday, January 22, 2019 Weber County Planning Staff ZMA 2018-08		
Property Information				
Approximate Address: Zoning: Existing Land Use: Proposed Land Use: Township, Range, Secti		5500 East Aspen Glow Street (Eden, Unincorporated Weber County) Areas currently zoned O-1 and RE-15 Residential Residential Estates (RE-15) and Open Space Zone (0-1) on: T7N, R1E, Section 23		
Adjacent Land Use				
North: East:	Open Space Open Space		South: West:	Residential Open Space
Staff Information				
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Applicable Ordinances				
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§102-5: Rezoning Procedures

Legislative Decisions

When the Planning Commission is acting as a recommending body to the County Commission, it is acting in a legislative capacity and has wide discretion. Examples of legislative actions are general plan, zoning map, and land use code amendments. Legislative actions require that the Planning Commission give a recommendation to the County Commission. For this circumstance, criteria for recommendations in a legislative matter require compatibility with the general plan and existing ordinances.

Summary

This application is a staff-driven request to amend the Weber County zone map by realigning the O-1 and RE-15 boundary along the western edge of The Highlands at Wolf Creek Phases one and five. The RE-15 zone is intended for medium density residential and agricultural uses, with a minimum lot size of 15,000 square feet. The O-1 zone is intended to preserve open space where plants and animals can be studied and where residential dwellings are not allowed.

Weber County Surveying has provided descriptions for the three areas incidental to this zoning map amendment proposal that will be included with the ordinance.

Page 16 of the general plan indicates that open space in the Ogden Valley is for the preservation of areas that may be used for and continued agricultural operations and low intensity uses. This zoning boundary re-alignment would create a defined line between residential uses and open space that follows the subdivision boundary of the Highlands at Wolf Creek Phases one and five.

Staff is offering a positive recommendation for the zoning boundary re-alignment based on its compliance with the general plan.

Policy Analysis

The Weber County Land Use Code has a chapter that governs application-driven rezones. Even though this is a staff-driven application many of the procedures are applicable. The following is a policy analysis of the staff recommended zoning boundary re-alignment based on the Land Use Code and best planning practices.

Zoning. The current zones of the subject areas are RE-15 and O-1. Figures 1-4 display current zoning and the parcels affected by the proposed zoning boundary realignment. The RE-15 zone is intended for medium density residential and agricultural uses, with a minimum lot size of 15,000 square feet.

Weber County Code § 104-3-1 says the purpose of the RE-15 zone is:

"to provide and protect residential development at a low density in a semi-agricultural or rural environment. It is also to provide for certain rural amenities on larger minimum lots, in conjunction with the primary residential nature of the zone."

Weber County Code § 104-26-1 says the purpose of the O-1 zone is:

"The open space zone is specifically intended to encourage the preservation of a natural environment in an otherwise urban setting; to hold for future generations open space in which plants and animals can be protected and studied; to inhibit erection of unnecessary buildings on a floodplain, on areas of severe slope, areas of fault line and rock slides; to provide suitable areas for recreation and relaxation, and to alleviate stream pollution."

On March 17, 2005, The Highlands at Wolf Creek was recorded with the zoning lines in place as is shown on the subdivision plat (see Exhibit B).

General plan. Weber County Code § 102-5-2 specifies that rezoning should be in compliance with the general plan. This zoning map re-alignment does not conflict with Ogden Valley General Plan and is part of an overall zoning map maintenance measure that will result in a more accurate and aesthetic map. **Figure 5** shows the Ogden Valley General Plan Current Zoning Map that will not require an amendment due to the minute nature of the boundary re-alignment and the small scale of the Current Zoning Map.

Rezoning. Weber County Code § 102-5-3 sets forth approval criteria when considering a rezone. Because a rezone is legislative, this criterion allows broad deference to the County Commission's legislative decision-make authority. The criterion is twofold:

- (a) To promote compatibility and stability in zoning and appropriate development of property within the county, no application for rezoning shall be approved unless it is demonstrated that the proposed rezoning promotes the health, safety, and welfare of the county and the purposes of this chapter.
- (b) The planning commission and the county commission will consider whether the application should be approved or disapproved based upon the merits and compatibility of the proposed project with the general plan, surrounding land uses, and impacts on the surrounding area. The commissions will consider whether the proposed development and in turn the application for rezoning, is needed to provide a service or convenience brought about by changing conditions and which therefore promotes the public welfare. The county commission may require changes in the concept plan in order to achieve compatibility and may impose any conditions to lessen or eliminate adverse impacts.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission forward a positive recommendation to the County Commission regarding File #ZMA 2018-08, a proposal to consider and take action on a request to amend the Weber County zone map by realigning the O-1 and RE-15 boundary along the western edge of The Highlands at Wolf Creek Phases one and five. This recommendation comes with the following findings:

- 1. The Ogden Valley General Plan does not conflict with this proposal.
- 2. The proposed zoning map amendment will promote a more aesthetic and uniform zoning map that will follow the boundary of the respective subdivision boundary.
- 3. The surrounding land uses do not pose a conflict with the proposed zoning map amendment.

Exhibits

A: The Highlands at Wolf Creek Phase 1 B: The Highlands at Wolf Creek Phase 5





Figure 1: Current Zoning Map and the Subject Parcels





Figure 3: Current Zoning Map and Subject Parcel



Figure 4: Proposed Zoning Map and the Subject Parcel



Figure 5: Current Zoning Map of the Ogden Valley's General Plan.



Source: UDOT Open Data, Updated on September 9, 2014 Accessed on October 7, 2014 Weber County USGS Open Data

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Exhibit A



Exhibit B


