

Cobb County Community Development Agency Zoning Division

1150 Powder Springs St. Marietta, Georgia 30064

Case # Z-62

Public Hearing Dates: PC: 10-6-20 BOC: 10-20-20

SITE BACKGROUND

OUND QUICK FACTS

Applicant: Ravella Conrad Commission District: 4-Cupid

Phone: 770-876-0933 Current Zoning: GC (General Commercial)

Representative Contact: Ravella Conrad Proposed zoning: NRC (Neighborhood retail commercial)

Phone: 770-876-0933 Proposed use: Catering Kitchen, Restaurant

Email: ravellaconrad@gmail.com Future Land Use Designation: NAC (Neighborhood

Activity Center)

Titleholder: A.J. Rehman
Site Acreage: 0.366

Property location and address: Located on the south side of Veterans Memorial Highway, east of Allen Road (334 Veterans Memorial Highway).

Land Lot: 46

District: 18

Access to Property: Veterans Memorial Highway

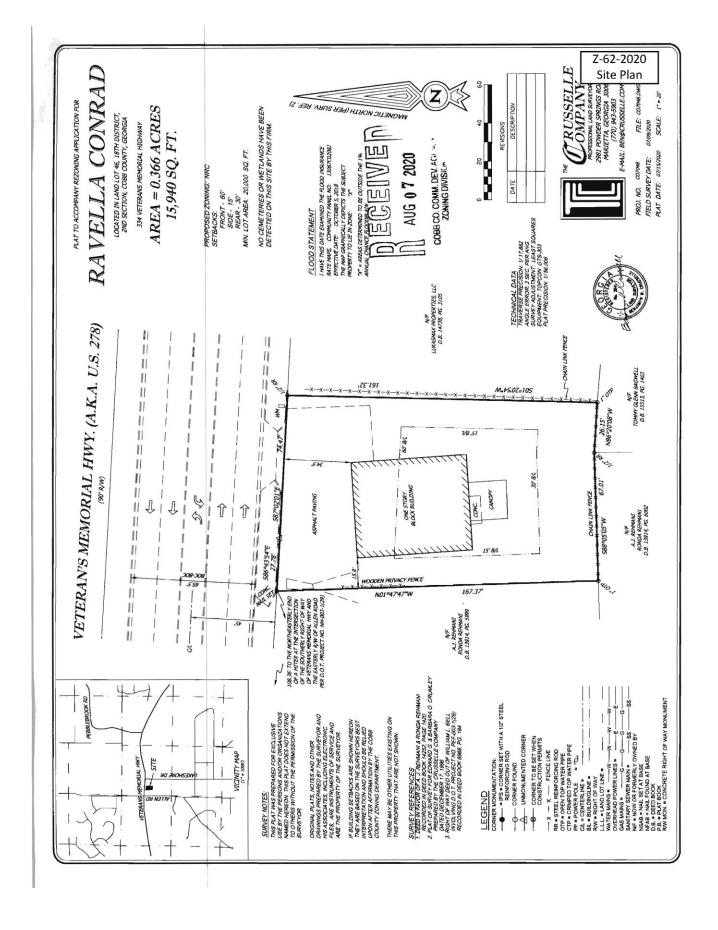
Parcel #: 18004600470

Taxes Paid: Yes

FINAL ZONING STAFF RECOMMENDATION: (Zoning staff member: Jeannie Peyton)

Based on the analysis of this case, Staff recommends APPROVAL subject to the following:

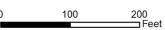
- 1. Site Plan received by the Zoning Division on August 7, 2020, with the District Commissioner approving minor modifications;
- 2. Site Plan Review comments and recommendations;
- 3. Stormwater comments and recommendations;
- 4. Water and Sewer comments and recommendations;
- 5. Department of Transportation comments and recommendations;
- 6. Variances as detailed in the Zoning comments;
- 7. Adhere to Mableton Pkwy and Veterans Memorial Hwy Design Guidelines;
- 8. For this use only; and
- 9. No outdoor storage or outdoor display of merchandise.



Z-62 Aerial Map



This map is provided for display and planning purposes only. It is not meant to be a legal description.



Zoning Boundary
City Boundary

North

Zoning: GC, R-20 / Commercial, Undeveloped wooded lot

Future Land Use: NAC

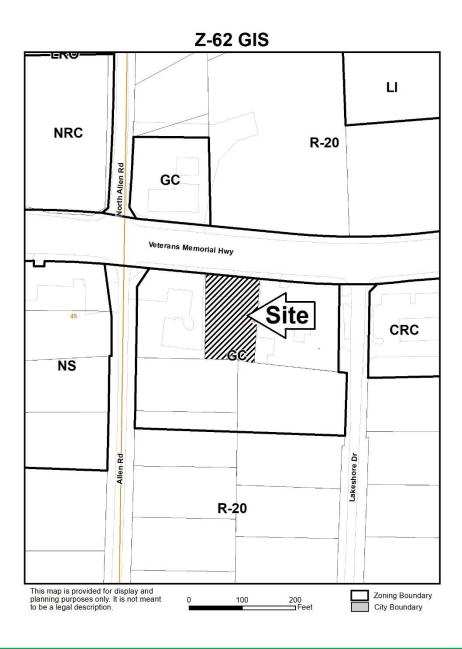
WEST

Zoning: GC /

Auto repair

Future Land

Use: NAC



EAST

Zoning: GC /

Auto sales

Future Land

Use: NAC

<u>SOUTH</u>

Zoning: GC / Single-family residences

Future Land Use: NAC

DEPARTMENT COMMENTS- Zoning Division

Current zoning district for the property

The GC district is established to provide locations for retail commercial and service uses which are oriented toward automotive businesses, are land intensive with a need for major road access and visibility, and are located in areas delineated within a community activity center and regional activity center as defined and shown on the Cobb County Comprehensive Plan: A Policy Guide, adopted November 27, 1990. Commencing January 1, 1991, no applications for rezoning to the GC district will be accepted by the board of commissioners for properties located in areas delineated within and shown on the comprehensive plan. This shall only apply to industrial-compatible and industrial areas. Any existing GC district, developed or undeveloped, located within an area delineated within an industrial-compatible area or industrial area as shown on the comprehensive plan, shall be deemed to be a grandfathered, nonconforming use after January 1, 1991, and subject to those provisions contained in this chapter. Any existing developed GC zoning/use located outside of a community activity center or regional activity center shall be deemed to be a grandfathered, nonconforming use and subject to those provisions contained in this chapter.

Requested zoning district for the property

The NRC district is established to provide locations for convenience shopping facilities which are on properties delineated within a neighborhood activity center, community activity center or regional activity center as defined and shown on the Cobb County Comprehensive Plan: A Policy Guide, adopted November 27, 1990. These convenience shopping facilities should have retail commercial uses that have a neighborhood-oriented market and which supply necessities that usually require frequent purchasing with a minimum of consumer travel. Areas zoned for the NRC district should be located at or near an intersection within the center of a neighborhood activity center as opposed to the edge of a neighborhood activity center. The NRC district may also be used to provide step down nodal zoning away from more intensive commercial uses within a community activity center or a regional activity center. The scope at which properties are developed within the NRC district should reflect their relatively small neighborhood service area. Additionally, properties developed within the NRC district should be architecturally compatible with other nonresidential uses permitted within a neighborhood activity center as defined by the comprehensive plan and the neighborhood residences they serve.

Summary of the applicant's proposal

The applicant is requesting to rezone to the NRC, Neighborhood Retail Commercial, zoning district to use an existing 3,000 square foot structure as a restaurant and catering kitchen. The existing building is one (1) story on an 0.366 acre site. The proposed hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

DEPARTMENT COMMENTS- Zoning Division (continued)

Non-residential criteria

Proposed # of buildings: 1 (existing)
Proposed # of stories: 1 (existing)
Table 10 feet a second 2.0

Total sq. footage of development: 3,000

Floor area ratio: 0.19

Square footage per acre: 8,197 Required parking spaces: 30

Proposed parking spaces: Unstriped parking lot

Acres in floodplain or wetlands: 0

Impervious surface shown: 70% maximum

Are there any zoning variances?

Yes

- 1. Reduce the minimum required front yard setback from 50 feet to 34.9 feet for an existing structure.
- 2. Reduce the required parking spaces from 30 spaces to Commissioner approved plan.
- 3. Increase the maximum impervious surface from 70% to 100% (existing).

DEPARTMENT COMMENTS- Fire Department

No comments.

DEPARTMENT COMMENTS- Site Plan Review (County Arborist)

As determined by the Site Plan Review Section, the property owner may be required to obtain a Land Disturbance Permit to perform any site modifications, as required per stipulation approval (fencing, landscaping, curb/gutter & sidewalk installation, etc.) or otherwise. Contact Site Plan Review, 770-528-2147.

DEPARTMENT COMMENTS- Cemetery Preservation

There is no significant impact on the cemetery site listed in the Cobb County Cemetery Preservation Commission's Inventory Listing which is located in this, or the adjacent land lot.

DEPARTMENT COMMENTS- School System

Approval of this petition will not have an impact on the enrollment of schools.

DEPARTMENT COMMENTS- Stormwater Management

- 1. Flood hazard zone: No
- 2. Drainage Basin: Tributary to Milam Branch
- 3. FEMA Designated 100-year Floodplain Flood. NO
- 4. Wetlands: No
- 5. Special site conditions and/or additional comments:
 - No site improvement proposed now. Future site improvements may require stormwater management facility per current regulations.

DEPARTMENT COMMENTS- Planning Division

neighborhood residents and businesses. Typical land uses for these areas include small offices, limited retail, and grocery stores. **Consistent Comprehensive Plan Designation:** Inconsistent House Bill 489 Intergovernmental Agreement Zoning Amendment Notification ⊠ No Is the proposal within one-half mile of a city boundary? Yes If Yes, which city? \bowtie N/A Was the city notified? No \bowtie No **Specific Area Policy Guidelines:** Yes X Yes Masterplan/ Corridor Study: South Cobb Implementation No Strategy X Yes No Design guidelines area? If yes, which guidelines area is it? Mableton Pkwy and Veterans Memorial Hwy Design Guidelines imes No Does the proposal plan comply with the design requirements? Yes \times No Yes Is the property within an Opportunity Zone? (The Opportunity Zone is an incentive that provides \$3,500 tax credit per job in eligible areas if two or more jobs are being created. This incentive is for new or existing businesses) X Yes No Is the property within an Enterprise Zone? (The South Cobb Enterprise Zone is an incentive that provides tax abatements and other economic incentives for qualifying businesses locating or expanding within designated areas for new jobs and capital investment) Is the property eligible for the Façade Improvement Yes \times No Program? (The Façade Improvement Program is an incentive for owners and tenants to enhance the appearance of buildings. The CDBG program provides the funding. Properties must be either on the current inventory of redevelopment sites or in a corridor study area, and be in a census tract with at least 51% low and moderate income. The program serves to improve the economic viability of these areas.)

Cobb 2040 Comprehensive Plan: The parcel is within the Neighborhood Activity Center (NAC) future land use category. The purpose of the NAC category is to provide for areas that serve

DEPARTMENT COMMENTS- Planning Division (continued)			
Is the property eligible for incentives through the Commercial and Industrial Property Rehabilitation Program? (The Commercial and Industrial Property Rehabilitation Program Is an incentive that provides a reduction in ad valorem property taxes for qualifying redevelopment in eligible areas)	∑ Yes	□ No	
Note: For more information on incentives, please call the Community Development Agency- Economic Development Division at 770-528-2018 or find information online at www.cobbcounty.org/econdev .			
Special District Is this property within the Cumberland Special District #1 (hotel/motel fee)?	Yes	⊠ No	
Is this property within the Cumberland Special District #2 (ad valorem tax)?	Yes	⊠ No	
Is this property within the Six Flags Special Service District?	Yes	⊠ No	
Dobbins Air Reserve Base Zones			
Is the property within the Dobbins Airfield Safety Zone?	Yes	⊠ No	
Is the property within the Clear Zone (CZ)?	Yes	⊠ No	
Is the property within the Accident Potential Zone (APZ I)?	Yes	⊠ No	
Is the property within the Accident Potential Zone II (APZ II)?	Yes	⊠ No	
Is the property within the Noise Zone?	Yes	⊠ No	
Is the property within the Bird/Wildlife Air Strike Hazard Area (BASH)?	Yes	⊠ No	
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Historic Preservation

After consulting various county historic resources surveys, historic maps, archaeology surveys and Civil War trench location maps, staff finds that no known significant historic resources appear to be affected by this application.

DEPARTMENT COMMENTS- Water and Sewer

Water comments:					
Available at development:	XES YES	☐ NO			
Fire flow test required:	YES	⊠ NO			
Size and location of existing water main(s): 8" o	Size and location of existing water main(s): 8" on Veterans Memorial Hwy				
Additional water comments: Existing water cus	stomer				
Note: These comments only reflect what facilities were in exist install/upgrade water mains based on fire flow test results or Fir process.			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
Sewer comments:					
In the drainage basin:	XES YES	☐ NO			
At development:	∑ YES	☐ NO			
Approximate distance to nearest sewer: Veterans Memorial ROW					
Estimated waste generation (in G.P.D.): Average daily flow = TBD					
Peak f	low = TBD				
Treatment plant: South Cobb WRF					
Plant capacity:		☐ NO			
Line capacity:	XES YES	☐ NO			
Projected plant availability:	0-5 years 5-10 years over 10 years				
Dry sewers required:	YES	igwedge NO			
Off-site easement required:	YES*	$oxed{oxed}$ NO	*If off-site easements are required, the		
Flow test required:	YES	$oxed{oxed}$ NO	developer/owner must submit easements to the CCWS for review and approval as		
Letter of allocation issued:	YES	$oxed{oxed}$ NO	to form and stipulations prior to the execution of easements by the property		
Septic tank recommended by this department:	YES	$oxed{oxed}$ NO	owners. All easement acquisitions are the responsibility of the developer/owner.		
Subject to Health Department approval:	YES	⊠ NO			

Note: The developer/owner will be responsible for connecting to the existing county water and sewer systems, installing and/or upgrading all outfalls & water mains, obtaining onsite and/or offsite easements, and dedication of onsite and/or offsite water and sewer to Cobb County as may be required. Rezoning does not guarantee water/sewer availability or capacity unless so stated in writing by the Cobb County Water System.

Additional sewer comments: Existing sewer customer

DEPARTMENT COMMENTS- Transportation

Roadway	Roadway classification	Speed limit (MPH)	Jurisdictional control	Min. R.O.W. requirements
Veterans Memorial Highway (US 278)	Arterial	45	GDOT	100′

Roadway	Location	Average daily trips	Level of service
Veterans Memorial Highway (US 278)	West of Cooks Road	26,200	С

Based on 2018 AADT count data taken by GDOT, as published on their website, for Veterans Memorial Highway.
Planning Level of Service based on available Average Daily Trips using GRTA guideline thresholds. Classification thresholds for LOS A and LOS B are not available for state highways from this data source.

LOS C or D is acceptable based on GDOT Design Policy Manual criteria.

Comments and observations

Veterans Memorial Highway (US 278) is classified as an arterial roadway and according to the available information the existing right-of-way does not meet the minimum requirements for this classification.

Recommendations

- 1. Recommend applicant verify that minimum intersection sight distance is available for Veterans Memorial Highway access and if it is not, implement remedial measures, subject to the Department's approval, to achieve the minimum requirement of 640'.
- 2. Recommend applicant consider entering into a development agreement pursuant of O.C.G.A. 36-71-13 for dedication of the following system improvements to mitigate traffic concerns: a) donation of right-of-way on the west side of Veterans Memorial Highway, a minimum of 50' from the roadway centerline. This recommendation should be implemented upon redevelopment of the property, where redevelopment is defined as work requiring a Land Disturbance Permit.
- 3. Recommend no parking on the right-of-way.
- 4. Recommend GDOT permits for all work that encroaches upon State right-of-way.
- 5. Recommend applicant be required to meet all Cobb County Development Standards and Ordinances related to project improvements.

Per section 134-122 of the Official Code of Cobb County, below is a written zoning analysis relating to the following (question in bold; the answer is not bold):

A. Whether the zoning proposal will permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby property;

It is Staff's opinion that the applicant's rezoning proposal will permit a use that is suitable in the view of use and development of adjacent and nearby properties. The property is in an area with neighborhood commercial uses.

B. Whether the zoning proposal will adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property;

It is Staff's opinion that the applicant's rezoning proposal will not adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby properties. There are compatible uses adjacent and directly across from the proposed location.

C. Whether the zoning proposal will result in a use which will or could cause an excessive burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities, or schools;

It is Staff's opinion that the applicant's rezoning proposal will not result in a use which would cause an excessive burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities, or schools. This opinion is supported by the departmental comments contained in this analysis.

D. Whether the zoning proposal is in conformity with the policies and intent of the comprehensive plan;

It is Staff's opinion that the applicant's rezoning proposal is in conformity with the policies and intent of the Cobb County Comprehensive Plan. The property is delineated in a Neighborhood Activity Center, NAC future land use category. The requested zoning district and proposed use are consistent with the NAC land use designation.

E. Whether there are other existing or changing conditions affecting the use and development of the property which give supporting grounds for either approval or disapproval of the zoning proposal;

It is Staff's opinion that there are existing and changing conditions affecting the use and development of the property which give grounds for approving the applicant's rezoning proposal for the use as a restaurant and catering kitchen. The proposal would be consistent with the NAC future land use category and compatible to other properties in the area.

The staff analysis and recommendation made by the Planning and Zoning Staff are only the opinions of the Planning and Zoning Staff and are by no means the final decision. The Cobb County Board of Commissioners makes the final decisions on all Rezoning and Land Use Permits at an advertised public hearing.

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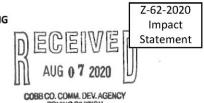
Summary of the property for Rezoning

	Proposed unit square-footage(s):
b)	Proposed building architecture:
c)	List all requested variances:
2. Non- a)	Proposed use(s): Commercial Catering Kitchen
b)	Proposed building architecture: Back
c)	Proposed hours/days of operation: 7:00 a.m 1:00 p.m.
d)	List all requested variances:
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IMPACT OF PROPOSED REZONING



334 Veterans Memorial Hwy. SE, Mableton, GA 30126



 a) Whether the zoning proposal will permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby property;

The zoning proposal for use of a commercial kitchen is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby properties.

b) Whether the zoning proposal will adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property;

The zoning proposal will not affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby properties.

 Whether the property to be affected by the zoning proposal has a reasonable economic use as currently zoned;

The property is currently zoned GC that is currently being phased out.

d) Whether the zoning proposal will result in a use which will or could cause an excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities or schools;

The zoning proposal will <u>not</u> result in a use which will or could cause an excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities or schools.

e) Whether the zoning proposal is in conformity with the policy and intent of the land use plan; and

Zoning proposal is in conformity with the policy and intent of the land use plan.

f) Whether there are other existing or changing conditions affecting the use and development of the property, which give supporting grounds for either approval or disapproval of the zoning proposal.

We provide catered kids meals to schools. Meals are delivered to the schools. There will be no individual take out meals. Only staff cars will be on the property.

Planning Commission Decision

NO. OPPOSED:	APPROVED	DENIED	DELETED TO
NO. IN SUPPORT	MOTION BY:	SECONDED:	VOTE:
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