Meeting Date: November 14, 2022

Docket PC22-071-PP - Primary Plat and Waiver - Habitat for Humanity

The petitioner is requesting review of a Primary Plat and a Waiver to be known as the Habitat for Humanity Primary Plat. The site in question is approximately 8.35 acres and is located on the south side of Pierce Street in Whitestown. The site is zoned Medium-density Single-family and Two-family Residential (R-3). The petitioner is proposing to subdivide the property into 25 detached single-family lots, common area, and right-of-way. The applicant and owner is Habitat for Humanity of Boone County.

Location

The site in question is located on Pierce Street approximately 1,299 feet west of the intersection of Pierce Street and Main Street. The site in question is currently composed of multiple parcels that will be combined and re-split as part of this plat. The surrounding area is characterized by various densities of residential uses. Walker Farms subdivision is located to the south of the site, Panther Park is located to the southeast, and the Legacy Core area is to the east.



History

1. There is no history on file for the site in question.

Proposed Development

The proposed plat is located on approximately 8.35 acres. The site is currently vacant. The submitted plans and materials indicate the following:

- 25 parcels for single family use;
- Proposed density of 2.99 dwelling units per net acre;

- Common area located on the northwest side of the site and along the eastern property line;
- Right-of-way allocation in accordance with the Thoroughfare Plan:
 - Along Pierce Street
 - o Internal for one street intersecting with Pierce Street ending in a cul-de-sac
 - A stub street to Turner Street right-of-way to the east
- Pedestrian facilities:
 - Sidewalk provided along Pierce Street
 - o Internal sidewalk along one side of the street
 - Applicant is requesting a waiver from the east sidewalk requirement
 - A path connection towards Panther Park
- Provisions for easements.

Zoning

The site in question is zoned Medium-density Single-family and Two-family Residential (R-3). The R-3 district "is a medium-density single-family district, which may include two-family dwellings with development plan approval. development in this district typically ranges from 1.75 to 3.00 dwelling units per acre."



Waiver Request

Where the Plan Commission finds that extraordinary hardships or practical difficulties may result from strict compliance with the regulations in the Subdivision Control Ordinance and/or the purpose and intent of these regulations may be served to a greater extent by an alternative proposal, it may approve waivers so that substantial justice may be done and the public interest secured. Waivers shall not have the effect of nullifying the intent and purpose of the regulations.

Ordinance Section: Petitioner requests a waiver of Section 9.11 C.2. Pedestrian Network Standards

Ordinance Language to be waived: Section 9.11 C.2. states as follows:

"Sidewalks are required on both sides of internal streets in all developments."

Based on the subdivision regulations, the UDO requires sidewalks along all proposed streets as part of a development. The petitioner requests a waiver to construct sidewalks along the street side where homes are to be platted, and to not plat along the eastern side of the proposed street where no homes are to platted. The petitioner's findings are attached blow as Attachment H.

Staff Recommendation on Waiver

Staff is providing a favorable recommendation for the Habitat for Humanity Sidewalk Waiver Docket PC22-071-PP. The applicant is proposing to not construct sidewalk along one side of an internal development street.

- 1. The proposed development will enhance the use or value of area properties.
- 2. The proposed development will not be injurious to the public health, safety, morals, or general welfare of the community.
- 3. The strict application of the Ordinance standard will result in a development that is undesirable when compared with the proposed development.
- 4. The proposed development is consistent and compatible with other development located in the area.
- 5. The proposed development is consistent with the intent and purpose of the Comprehensive Plan.

There are site constraints that make constructing a sidewalk along the eastern side difficult, including existing easements. The Comprehensive Plan notes this area as Mixed Residential land use classification. The intent of the UDO is being met because the connection to Panther Park and Pierce Street are present. Future residents of the subdivision and other Town residents will have adequate access to utilize the sidewalks and get from Point A to Point B. Pedestrian circulation of the entire site will not suffer with the approval of this waiver. This is the first development under the UDO that has not met this criteria and requested a waiver. Trailside PUD has a similar situation where connections are provided to the trial network but do not have sidewalks on both sides of the street.

Staff Recommendation on Primary Plat

Staff is providing a favorable recommendation for the Habitat for Humanity Primary Plat Docket PC22-071-PP. The applicant is proposing to subdivide approximately 8.35 acres into 25 parcels, common area, and right-of-way. The proposed Primary Plat is in compliance with the Whitestown Unified Development Ordinance, with the exception of the requested waiver.

Materials Submitted by the Applicant HABITAT FOR HUMANITY SUBDIVISION 15 7049 W A ZOS RECIDO-GOO-GI-RO-RO PROCEN ARLONE WHO NELES - M200AA 21.1.P - M2100-000-00-00-00 & B3PM - T2 2002P W 105 WHITESTOWN, INDIANA PRIMARY PLAT CA #1-1 10,888 m/b miles as any 15 = 2000 L m 102 510 - 252 100 - 000 - 61 - 60 - 60 #15094 5 1428142173 % A Textograf (64654



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY SUBDIVISION NARRATIVE STATEMENT

The Habitat for Humanity subdivision at current address 503 W Pierce St Whitestown, IN 46075, is zoned R-3. The Habitat for Humanity Subdivision will consist of 8.35 acres and will have 26 single-family homes. This site will be serviced by the Town of Whitestown for Water and Sanitary service. Storm sewers will be regulated by Boone County Surveyor's Office. This site is owned and being developed by Habitat for Humanity of Boone County.

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Attachment H: Waiver Request

Where the Plan Commission finds that extraordinary hardships or practical difficulties may result from strict compliance with the regulations in the Subdivision Control Ordinance and/or the purpose and intent of these regulations may be served to a greater extent by an alternative proposal, it may approve waivers so that substantial justice may be done and the public interest secured. Waivers shall not have the effect of nullifying the intent and purpose of these regulations.

Use the form below for each waiver requested. Attach a separate sheet if necessary.

Ordinance Section: UDO Section 9.11 C.2. Internal Pedestrian Network Standards

Ordinance Language to be waived:

Sidewalks are required on both sides of internal streets in all developments.

Alternative/Substitute to be offered:

Sidewalks will be provided on both sides of street except where there are no homes along the east side of the entrance street.

- 1. The proposed development will enhance the use or value of the area properties because...
 - Since the entrance street is single loaded with homes on only the west side of the street, we feel a sidewalk on the east side of the street would not be utilized. In addition, with the street near the east property line of the site, eliminating the eastern sidewalk provides more privacy for the existing adjacent properties without pedestrians walking so close to eastern property limits. In addition, we did provide a sidewalk connection to our southeast boundary that could be extended to the trail within Panther Park for residents to have access there as well.
- 2. The proposed development will not be injurious to the public health, safety, morals, or general welfare because...

By omitting the sidewalk on the east side of the entrance street we are only channeling pedestrian movement to one side of the street. I see this as a positive for benefit of safety with a couple less crosswalks at intersections for potential accidents.

3. The strict application of the Ordinance standard will result in a development that is undesirable when

compared with the proposed development because...
There is an existing water main that runs on this projects site along the eastern boundary. The town prefers to have

There is an existing water main that runs on this projects site along the eastern boundary. The town prefers to have no changes to the existing grade over this water main. We also have a legal drain that runs across the northern portion of this site that we need to reroute. In order to route this legal drain along the eastern side of the street, we plan to push some of the grading of this routing closer to the curb. If sidewalks are required here, this limits us on how much room we have between sidewalk and water main for grading. Will require some grade changes to happen over the existing water main to get this designed correctly.

4. The proposed development is consistent and compatible with other development located in the area because...

Most homes in this area do not have any sidewalk access along their streets. Having sidewalk only on one side of the entrance street helps give this development an improved pedestrian network from some of the surrounding area but still provides a good transition from older existing homes to newer development.

5. The proposed development is consistent with the intent and purpose of the Comprehensive Plan because...

This project is still consistent with the zoning standards for R3 residential and the Comprehensive Plan. The omission of this sidewalk is only a waiver from the Unified Development Ordinance and not from the zoning ordinance.