

CITY OF SAN JOSÉ, CALIFORNIA
Department of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement
200 East Santa Clara Street
San José, California 95113

Hearing Date/Agenda Number
C.C. 12-05-06
11.1(d)

File Number
C 06-078

Application Type
Director Initiated Rezoning

Council District
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Planning Area
Alum Rock

Assessor's Parcel Number
601-31-020, -054, -014

STAFF REPORT

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Completed by: Hadasa Lev

Location: Northwest side of Watters Drive, 60 feet northerly of Story Road

Gross Acreage: 3.7

Net Acreage: n/a

Net Density: n/a

Existing Zoning: Unincorporated

Existing Use: Single-family detached residences

Proposed Zoning R-1-RR Single Family Residence
Zoning District

Proposed Use: No change

GENERAL PLAN

Land Use/Transportation Diagram Designation
Urban Hillside (1 DU/5 AC)

Project Conformance:
 Yes No
 See Analysis and Recommendations

SURROUNDING LAND USES AND ZONING

North: Single-family residence

R-1-8 Single Family Residence District

East: Single-family residence

R-1-5 Single Family Residence District,
R-1-8 Single Family Residence District

West: Single-family residence

R-1-8 Single Family Residence District

South: Single-family residence

R-1-5 Single Family Residence District,
R-1-8 Single Family Residence District

ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS

Environmental Impact Report - Use of 2020 General Plan EIR
 Negative Declaration circulated on
 Negative Declaration adopted on

Exempt
 Environmental Review Incomplete

FILE HISTORY

Annexation Title: STORY 60

Date: Pending

PLANNING DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS AND ACTION

Approval
 Approval with Conditions
 Denial
 Uphold Director's Decision

Date: November 13, 2006

Approved by: 
 Action
 Recommendation

OWNERS

Various

APPLICANT

City of San Jose

PUBLIC AGENCY COMMENTS RECEIVED

Completed by: Hadasa Lev

None received

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

None received

ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

BACKGROUND

On April 26, 2006, the City Council voted to provide direction to City staff to proceed with a County island annexation program, which involves the annexation of all unincorporated County pockets less than 150-acres in size. The subject project is a Planning Director-initiated rezoning which is being done in preparation for the annexation of the 3.7-acre area referred to as Story 60 (one of the 59 unincorporated County islands or "pockets" scheduled for annexation). The subject site, located on the northwest side of Watters Drive, 60 feet northerly of Story Road, extending 500 feet behind a very narrow front, is developed primarily with single-family detached residences and is surrounded by residential uses. The subject site consists of three properties.

Rezoning is the process of assigning City of San Jose zoning district to a property in advance of annexation so that the property will have an appropriate zoning once the annexation is effective. All of the unincorporated island sites are within the City of San Jose's Sphere of Influence and thus currently have a General Plan Land Use/Transportation Diagram designation. The proposed rezoning district should be consistent with the City's General Plan and also address existing uses on the subject property and surrounding sites. In this case, staff is recommending that the property be zoned R-1-RR Single Family Residence District in conformance with the Urban Hillside (1DU/5 AC) General Plan designation.

No changes are proposed to the existing land uses on the subject properties. Any legal aspects of the existing condition that would no longer be in conformance after annexation into the City of San Jose and after the new zoning district is approved, shall become legal nonconforming. Any changes to the legal nonconforming aspects of the property would be subject to the provision of Chapter 20.150 of the San Jose Municipal Code.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The environmental impacts of this project were addressed by a Final EIR entitled, "San José 2020 General Plan," and certified on August 16, 1994, by the City of San José City Council.

GENERAL PLAN CONFORMANCE

The site is designated Urban Hillside (1DU/5AC) on the San Jose 2020 General Plan Land Use/Transportation Diagram. This designation is intended for most hillside areas above the fifteen

percent slope line, but within the urban service area. These areas also contain important watersheds, natural habitats, and prime percolation soil that should be preserved from encroachment of urban densities. This designation is not intended to create new urbanization; instead it is intended to complete the existing pattern of urbanization at the edge of the City. The proposed R-1-RR Single Family Residence District would allow the existing single-family residences to remain and would guide future development in a manner consistent with the General Plan density.

ANALYSIS

The proposed R-1-RR Single Family Residence District will allow residential uses consistent with the existing neighborhood and the existing uses on the subject property. As discussed above, the proposed rezoning will also bring the zoning into conformance with the General Plan.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

A notice of the public hearing was published, posted on the City's web site and distributed to the owners and tenants of all properties located within 300 feet of the project site. Information on the County Pocket annexation program is available on the Planning Divisions website on the areas proposed for annexation and general information on what current county residents can expect upon the annexation of their property to the City of San Jose. Staff has been available to discuss the proposal with members of the public. An Annexation Answer Book has been distributed to all residents and property owners within the areas to be annexed as a part of Phase I of the County Island Annexation Program.

COORDINATION

This project was coordinated with the Department of Public Works, Fire Department, Building Division, Environmental Services Department and the City Attorney.

RECOMMENDATION

Planning staff recommends approval of the proposed rezoning for the following reasons:

1. The proposed rezoning is in conformance with the General Plan Land Use/Transportation Diagram designation of Urban Hillside (1DU/5 AC).
2. The proposed rezoning will facilitate the annexation and continued use or redevelopment of this site with a use that is consistent with the General Plan and compatible with the surrounding land uses.



File No: C06-078 / STORY 60
District: 05
Quad No: 068

Scale 1 in = 300 ft 1:3600
Noticing Radius: 300 ft



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7/17/2006



Department of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement

JOSEPH HORWEDEL, ACTING DIRECTOR

**USE OF A PROGRAM EIR
SAN JOSE 2020 GENERAL PLAN FINAL EIR**

Pursuant to Section 15168 of the CEQA Guidelines, the City of San Jose has determined that the project described below is pursuant to or in furtherance of the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the San Jose 2020 General Plan and does not involve new significant effects beyond those analyzed in this Final EIR. Therefore, the City of San Jose may take action on the project as being within the scope of the Final EIR.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION

C06-078. Conforming Conventional Rezoning for a project located on the northwest side of Watters Drive, 60 feet northerly of Story Road, extending 500 feet behind a very narrow front on a 3.7-gross-acre site with a San Jose 2020 General Plan Land Use/Transportation Diagram Designation of Urban Hillside (1 DU/5 AC) from unincorporated County to R-1-RR Rural Residential Residence District (1DU/5 AC).

Council District 5

County Assessor's Parcel Numbers 601-31-020, -054, -014

The environmental impacts of this project were addressed by a Final EIR entitled, "San Jose 2020 General Plan," and findings were adopted by City Council Resolution No. 65459 on August 16, 1994. The Program EIR was prepared for the comprehensive update and revision of all elements of the City of San Jose General Plan, including an extension of the planning timeframe to the year 2020. The following impacts were reviewed and found to be adequately considered by the EIR:

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| Traffic and Circulation | Soils and Geology | Noise |
| Cultural Resources | Hazardous Materials | Land Use |
| Urban Services | Air Quality | Aesthetics |
| Energy | Facilities and Services | Water Quality/Resources |
| Open Space | Schools | Drainage and Flooding |
| Vegetation and Wildlife | | |

The City of San Jose may take action on the proposed project as being within the scope of the General Plan and uses of the Program EIR in that (1) the Final EIR is a Program EIR pursuant to CEQA and CEQA Guidelines Section 15168, (2) it is determined that no new significant impacts will occur from this proposed project, and no new mitigation measures would be required beyond those contained in the General Plan and Final EIR pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 15162.

Hadasa Lev
Project Manager

Joseph Horwedel, Acting Director
Planning, Building and Code Enforcement

11/14/06
Date

Alfonso Sanchez
Deputy

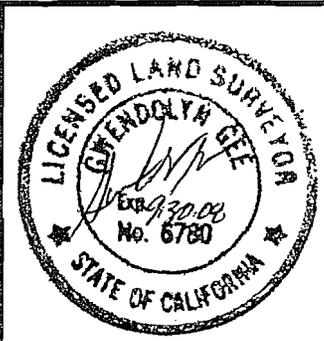
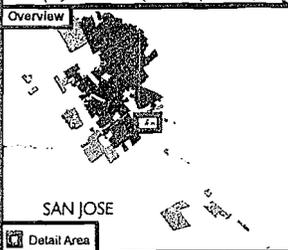
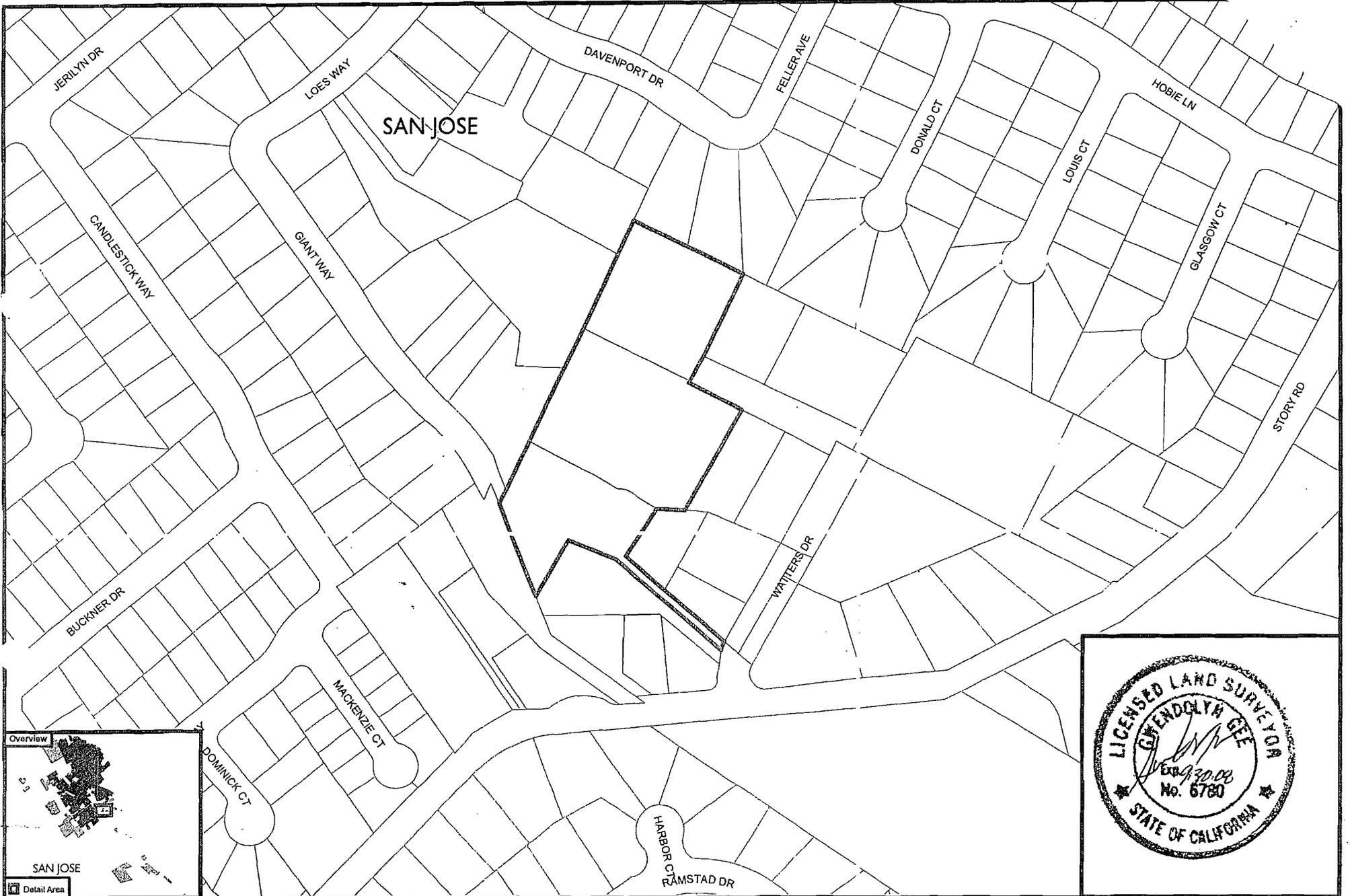


EXHIBIT A
San Jose Pocket No. 20
Story No. 60
3.40 Acres +/-
 09/20/06

SHEET 1 OF 2

County of Santa Clara
 County Surveyor's Office
 Gwendolyn Gee, PLS, County Surveyor

- Urban Service Area
- Incorporated Lands
- Area of Annexation
- Unincorporated Lands

6000 Scale Index Map

