

GLPC AGENDA ITEM # 11

JANUARY 27, 2025

Rezoning Request by Alexander Wynn File #: VA-2025-03

Alexander Wynn and Nicole Richardson are requesting to rezone one (1) parcel comprising 0.33 acres from Single-Family Residential (R-10) to Single-Family Residential (R-6). The subject property is located at 212 Springhill Street, which is along the west side of the road about 650 feet south of River Street. The property is currently vacant, and previously contained a single-family residence before it was demolished in 2023. The applicant is proposing to redevelop the property with a new residential duplex.

The subject property is located within a **Transitional Neighborhood (TN)** Character Area on the Future Development Map of the Comprehensive Plan, which allows the possibility of R-6 zoning.

The subject property is part of an old remnant residential area that was first developed in the County more than 60 years ago, and then annexed into the City 19 years ago. It is well-situated and ripe for redevelopment of infill residential, but needs some catalyst and encouragement. The surrounding zoning pattern consists of a mixture of R-10, R-6 and R-M zonings. The existing land use pattern of the area is also a mixture of residential densities interspersed with numerous vacant lots. Most notably for the subject property is the abutting large apartment complex (Ashton Park) immediately to the south (zoned R-M), and a large vacant tract across the street to the east (zoned R-6). The applicant's proposal for R-6 zoning and redevelopment of this property as a duplex, fits in very well with both the surrounding zoning and land use patterns. It may also be a catalyst that is needed for future residential redevelopment projects along this street.

<u>Staff Recommendation</u>: Find consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and the Standards for the Exercise of Zoning Power (SFEZP) and recommend approval to the City Council.

Planning Analysis & Property Information

Applicant / Owner:	ner: Alexander Wynn and Nicole Richardson						
Request:	Rezone from Single-Family Residential (R-10) to Single-Family Residential (R-6)						
Property General Information							
Size & Location:	One (1) parcel comprising 0.33acres located along the west side of Springhill Street, about 650 feet south of River Street.						
Street Address:	212 Springhill Street						
Tax Parcel ID:	Map # 0119A Parcel: 017			City Council District:	3 Councilman McIntyre		
Zoning & Land Use Patterns							
	Zoning			Land Use			
Subject Property:	Existing:	R-10		Vacant lot (formerly: single-family residence			
	Proposed:	R-6		Duplex residential			
Adjacent Property:	North:	R-10		Single-family residential			
	South:	R-M		Ashton Park Apartments			
	East:	R-6		Vacant lots			
	West:	R-10		Single-family residential			
Zoning & Land Use History	The subject property was part of unincorporated island #67 which was annexed into the City in 2006. This property had R-10 zoning in the County and was given R-10 zoning in the City upon annexation. This street has been developed with residential uses for more than 60 years.						
Neighborhood Characteristics							
Historic Resources:	There are no designated historic resources in the area						
Natural Resources:	Vegetation:		Url	Urban forest			
	Wetlands:		Th	There are no NWI wetlands within or near the subject property			
	Flood Hazards			Located well-outside the current FEMA designated 100-year floodplain			
	Groundwater Recharge:		No	No significant recharge areas in the vicinity			
	Endangered Species: No		No	known endangered species on or near the property			
	Public Facilities						
Water & Sewer:	Existing Valdosta water and sewer services along Springhill Street.						
Transportation:	Springhill Street (local street)						
Fire Protection:	Fire Station # 6 (Enterprise Drive) = approximately 0.9 miles to the west. The nearest fire hydrants are located along Springhill Street, in front of the subject property						

Comprehensive Plan Issues

Character Area: <u>Transitional Neighborhood</u>

<u>Description</u>: An area that has most of its original housing stock in place but housing conditions may be worsening due to low rates of homeownership and/or decline of property maintenance. There may be a lack of neighborhood identity and gradual invasion of different type and intensity of uses that may be incompatible with the neighborhood residential use. These areas may be transitioning into a mix of single-family residential, multifamily, light office professional and light commercial uses. These areas are typically located in the older, core areas of the community.

<u>Development Strategy</u>: Focus should be on strategic public investments to improve conditions, allow appropriate infill development on scattered vacant sites, and encourage more homeownership and maintenance or upgrade of existing properties. Public assistance and investment should be focused where needed to ensure that the neighborhood becomes a more stable, mixed-income community with a larger percentage of owner-occupied housing. Vacant properties offer an opportunity for infill development of new, architecturally compatible housing. Strong pedestrian and bicycle connections should be provided to enable residents to walk/bike to work, shopping, or other destinations in the area.

Goals and Policies:

GOAL 3: HOUSING – To ensure access to adequate and affordable housing options for all residents in all income levels.

POLICY 3.1 – The growing need for workforce and affordable housing shall be addressed through public-private partnerships.

Objective 3.1.3 - Promote the appropriate use of infill and redevelopment in established residential neighborhoods

POLICY 3.2 – The existing housing stock shall be proactively protected and maintained, utilizing public-private partnerships when necessary.

Objective 3.2.3 – Protect well established neighborhoods from incompatible uses.

<u>GOAL 7: LAND USE</u> – 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 7.5 – Available land shall be utilized in the most efficient manner while focusing on redevelopment of land where feasible.

Standards for the Exercise of Zoning Power (Review Criteria)

In reviewing and making a decision on a rezoning request, the City staff, Planning Commission and City Council shall consider the following standards. The proposed responses to these standards by the applicant and staff are listed below.

(1) Whether a proposed rezoning will permit a range of uses that are suitable, in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby property.				
Applicant:	Yes, there is an existing duplex at the north end of the street			
Staff:	Yes. The proposed use is compatible with the adjacent and nearby residential developments which include single-family, duplex, and multi-family.			
(2) Whether a proposed rezoning will adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property.				
Applicant:	No.			
Staff:	No adverse impacts			
(3) Whether the property to be affected by a proposed rezoning has a reasonable economic use as currently zoned.				
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Staff:	Yes, however the subject property is a little bit larger than most R-10 lots and the established residential density of the surrounding area supports higher than 3 dwellings per acre				
(4) Whether the proposed rezoning will result in a use that will or could cause an excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities or schools.					
Applicant:	No.				
Staff:	No adverse impacts.				
(5) Whether the proposed rezoning is in conformity with the policy and intent of the Comprehensive Plan.					
Applicant:	Yes.				
Staff:	Yes. The proposed R-6 zoning is compliant in the TN Character Area and supported by the Goals & Policies of the Comprehensive Plan				
	er there are other existing or changing conditions affecting the use and development of the street the supporting grounds for either approval or disapproval of the proposed rezoning.				
Applicant:	Making more homes for renters.				
Staff:	All of the new development or redevelopment in the immediate area has been for higher density residential				
(7) Whether, and the extent to which, the proposed rezoning would result in significant adverse impacts on the natural environment.					
Applicant:	None.				
Staff:	No impact.				
(8) Whether the proposed change will constitute a grant of special privilege to the individual owner as contrasted with adjacent or nearby property owners or the general public.					
Applicant:	No.				
Staff:	No. The proposed rezoning would not constitute a grant of special privilege.				

Supplemental Regulations in the LDR Applicable to the Proposal

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Development Review Comments

The following comments are provided by the reviewing departments and are only intended to provide the developer with useful information for planning purposes. This list should not be considered all inclusive as additional items may appear during the plan review process.

Building Plan Review: No comments Utilities: < No comments received >

Fire: No comments or concerns from the Fire Dept Engineering: No comments or concerns

Landscape: No comments relating to Landscape review.

Attachments:

Zoning Location Map Character Area Map Aerial Location Map Boundary survey Site Sketch

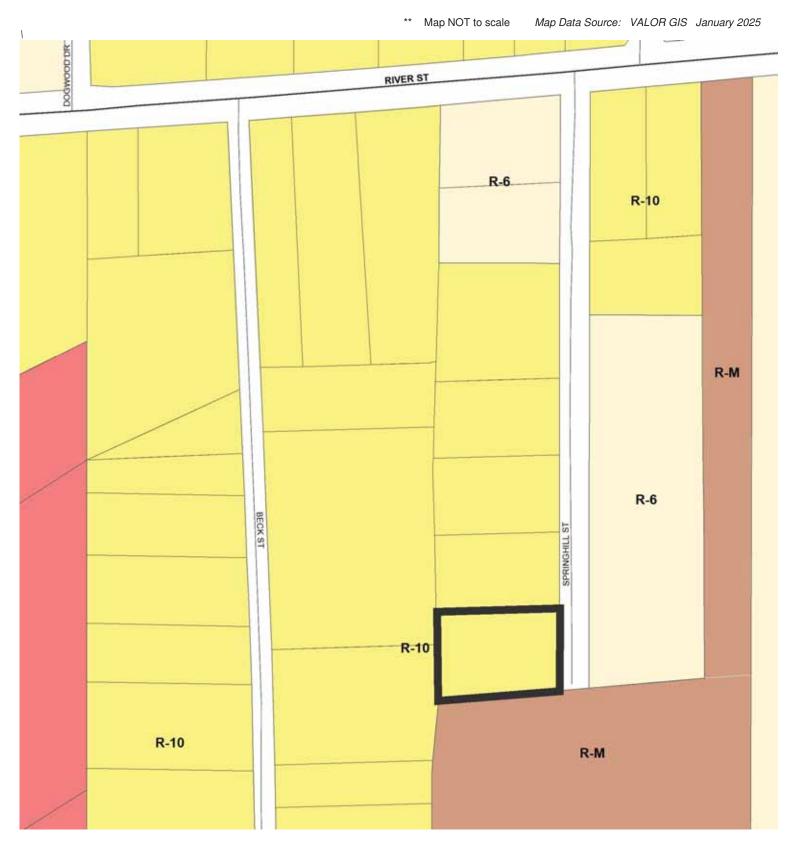
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Zoning Location Map



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Current Zoning = R-10

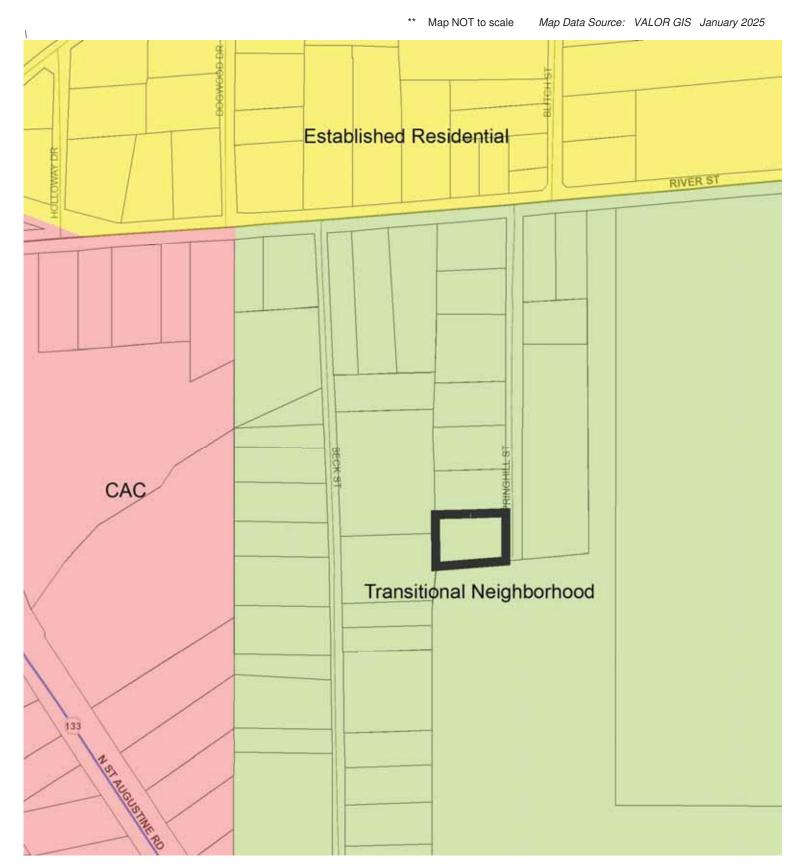


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Future Development Map



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VA-2025-03 Aerial Location Map



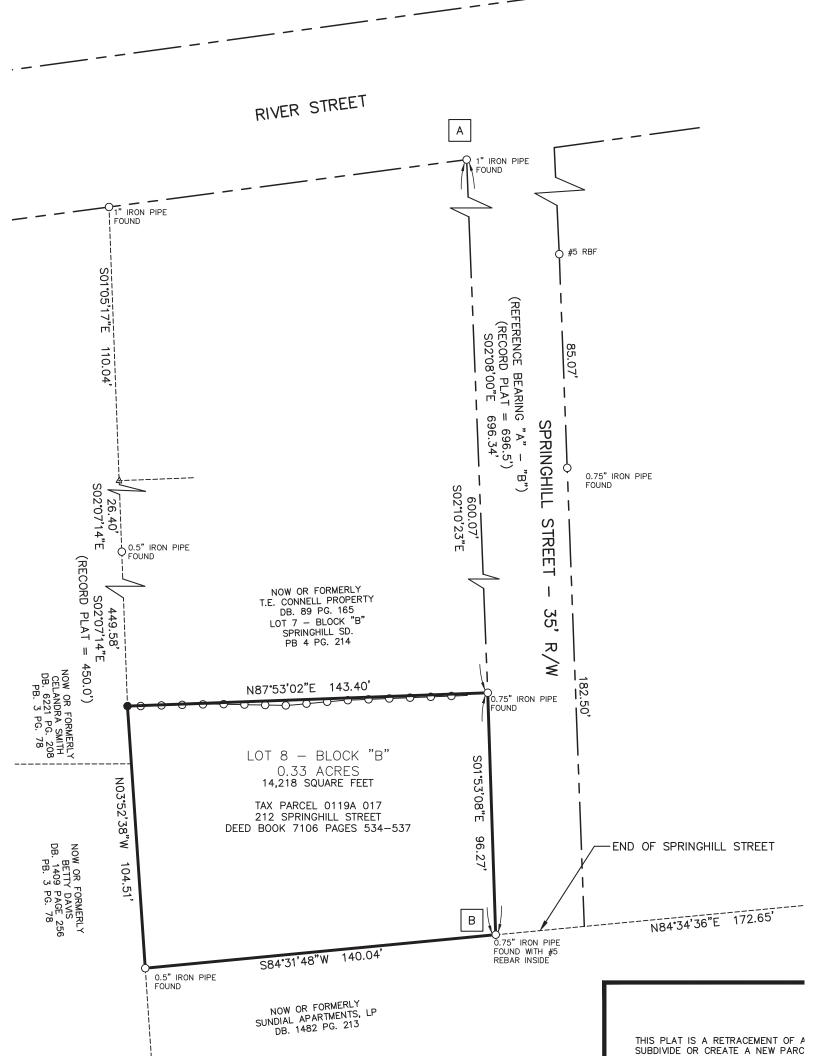
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~ 2022 Aerial Imagery

** Map NOT to scale

Map Data Source: VALOR GIS January 2025





43'-9"

Duplex

800 sqft each side

Porch

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Shared Drive way

→ 31'10"

spring hill street

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