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SUMMARY MEMORANDUM

TO: El Paso County Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Planning & Community Development
DATE: 5/9/2024
RE: 7125 N Meridian - Rezone from CR to CS

Project Description

A request by CAP Storage Falcon, LLC for approval of a Map Amendment (Rezoning) of 2.13 acres from CR (Commercial Regional) to CS (Commercial Service).

Notation

Please see the Planning Commission Draft Minutes from April 18, 2024, and the project manager's staff report for staff analysis and conditions. There was a question from the board on this item.

Planning Commission Recommendation and Vote

Fuller moved / Schuettpelez seconded to recommend approval of item CS241 utilizing the resolution attached to the staff report with one (1) condition and two (2) notations. The motion was **approved (8-0)**. The item was heard as a consent item at the Planning Commission hearing. There was no public opposition.

Discussion

This item was heard as a consent item and Mrs. Merriam had a question for staff about the difference of the zoning districts and their definitions.

Attachments

1. Planning Commission Draft Minutes from 4/18/2024.
2. Signed Planning Commission Resolution.
3. Planning Commission Staff Report.
4. Draft BOCC Resolution.

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EL PASO COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

MEETING RESULTS (UNOFFICIAL RESULTS)

Planning Commission (PC) Meeting
Thursday, April 18, 2024
El Paso County Planning and Community Development Department
2880 International Circle – Second Floor Hearing Room
Colorado Springs, Colorado

REGULAR HEARING, 9:00 A.M.

PC MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING: SARAH BRITTAIN JACK, JAY CARLSON, BECKY FULLER, BRANDY MERRIAM, KARA OFFNER, BRYCE SCHUETTEL, TIM TROWBRIDGE, AND CHRISTOPHER WHITNEY.

PC MEMBERS VIRTUAL AND VOTING: NONE.

PC MEMBERS PRESENT AND NOT VOTING: NONE.

PC MEMBERS ABSENT: THOMAS BAILEY, JIM BYERS, JEFFREY MARKEWICH, ERIC MORAES, AND WAYNE SMITH.

STAFF PRESENT: MEGGAN HERINGTON, JUSTIN KILGORE, KYLIE BAGLEY, JOE LETKE, RYAN HOWSER, ASHLYN MATHY, DANIEL TORRES, ED SCHOENHET, MIRANDA BENSON, AND LORI SEAGO.

OTHERS PRESENT AND SPEAKING: RICHARD SMITH, JEFF PARR, LORNA BENNETT, PHILLIP DREW, MICHAEL HITE, KELLY PARR, AND ROGER LUND.

1. REPORT ITEMS (NONE)

The next PC Hearing is Thursday, May 2, 2024, at 9:00 A.M.

2. CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE HEARING AGENDA (NONE)

3. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Adoption of Minutes for meeting held March 21, 2024.

Mr. Whitney disclosed that he requested one revision, which was incorporated.

PC ACTION: THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED WITH ONE REVISION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (8-0).

B. VR2316

MATHY

**VACATION AND REPLAT
BENT GRASS REPLAT**

A request by Virgil Sanchez for approval of a 1.46-acre Vacation and Replat creating 2 commercial lots. The property is zoned CS (Commercial Service) and is located at 8035 Meridian Park Drive, south of the intersection of Bent Grass Meadows Drive and Meridian Park Drive. (Parcel No. 5301104002) (Commissioner District No. 2)

NO PUBLIC COMMENT OR DISCUSSION

PC ACTION: MR. TROWBRIDGE MOVED / MS. BRITTAIN JACK SECONDED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEM 3B, FILE NUMBER VR2316 FOR A VACATION AND REPLAT, BENT GRASS REPLAT, UTILIZING THE RESOLUTION ATTACHED TO THE STAFF REPORT WITH SEVEN (7) CONDITIONS, ONE (1) NOTATION, AND A RECOMMENDED FINDING OF SUFFICIENCY WITH REGARD TO WATER QUALITY, QUANTITY, AND DEPENDABILITY, THAT THIS ITEM BE FORWARDED TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION. THE MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL PASSED (8-0).

C. CS241

HAAS

**MAP AMENDMENT (REZONING)
7125 N MERIDIAN ROAD REZONE**

A request by CAP Storage Falcon, LLC for approval of a Map Amendment (Rezoning) of 2.13 acres from CR (Commercial Regional) to CS (Commercial Service). The property is located approximately one-quarter mile south of East Woodmen Road on the northwest corner of Old Meridian Road and McLaughlin Road. (Parcel No. 5312114004) (Commissioner District No. 2)

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

DISCUSSION

Ms. Merriam asked for an explanation of the difference between CR and CS zoning districts.

Ms. Mathy, who was assigned the project following Mr. Haas' resignation, explained that the applicant is requesting a rezoning to CS (Commercial Service) so they can proceed with the establishment of a mini-warehouse storage facility. The process would be more difficult under its current zoning of CR (Commercial Regional).

Mr. Carlson asked for the definitions of each zoning type.

Mr. Kilgore stated he put the definitions in the Staff Report packet, found on page 4.

Ms. Mathy explained that CR (Commercial Regional) is for regional centers and should ease use of pedestrian and vehicular circulation, serve as a convenience to the public, and should be an esthetic enhancement to the community and region. CS (Commercial Service) is meant to accommodate retail, wholesale, and services of commercial use to the public. Overall, the CS zoning is more suitable to the applicant's intention to establish a mini-warehouse.

PC ACTION: MS. FULLER MOVED / MR. SCHUETTEL SECONDED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEM 3C, FILE NUMBER CS241 FOR A MAP AMENDMENT (REZONING), 7125 N MERIDIAN ROAD REZONE, UTILIZING THE RESOLUTION ATTACHED TO THE STAFF REPORT WITH ONE (1) CONDITION AND TWO (2) NOTATIONS, THAT THIS ITEM BE FORWARDED TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION. THE MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL PASSED (8-0).

BOCC Report Packet

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D. CS235

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**MAP AMENDMENT (REZONING)
16050 OLD DENVER ROAD REZONE**

A request by Vertex Consulting for approval of a Map Amendment (Rezoning) of 8.07 acres from RR-5 (Residential Rural) to CS (Commercial Service). The property is located at 16050 Old Denver Road, one-half mile north of the intersection of Baptist Road and Old Denver Road. (Parcel No. 7126004010) (Commissioner District No. 3)

PC ACTION: THIS ITEM WAS PULLED TO BE HEARD AS A CALLED-UP CONSENT ITEM PER MR. WHITNEY.

E. SF2324

BAGLEY

**FINAL PLAT
HAY CREEK VALLEY SUBDIVISION**

A request by View Homes, Inc. for approval of a Final Plat for the Hay Creek Valley Subdivision to create 20 single-family residential lots and 3 tracts. The site is 214.62 acres, zoned RR-5 (Residential Rural) 5-acre minimum lot size, and is located south of the Town of Monument, adjacent to Hay Creek Road. The property is currently improved with a single-family residence, which will remain on a lot in the western portion of the project. (Parcel Nos. 7100000267, 7100000268, 7100000269, 7100000270, 7133000001, & 7133007014) (Commissioner District No. 3)

PC ACTION: THIS ITEM WAS PULLED TO BE HEARD AS A CALLED-UP CONSENT ITEM PER MR. WHITNEY.

F. SP238

BAGLEY

**PRELIMINARY PLAN
OVERLOOK AT HOMESTEAD PRELIMINARY PLAN**

A request by NES for approval of a Preliminary Plan consisting of 346.55 acres to create 62 single-family residential lots. The property is zoned RR-5 (Residential Rural) and is located one-half mile north of the intersection of Elbert Road and Sweet Road, and one-half mile south of the intersection of Elbert Road and Hopper Road. (Parcel Nos. 4100000255, 4100000256, and 4122000005) (Commissioner District No. 2)

PC ACTION: THIS ITEM WAS PULLED TO BE HEARD AS A CALLED-UP CONSENT ITEM PER MS. MERRIAM.

G. CS234

LETKE

**MAP AMENDMENT (REZONING)
MAYBERRY FILING NO. 2A CS REZONE**

A request by Mayberry Communities, LLC for approval of a Map Amendment (Rezoning) of 1 acre from PUD (Planned Unit Development) to CS (Commercial Service). A concurrent Vacation and Replat is also being requested (VR2323). The property is located on the south side of Colorado State Highway 94, approximately 2 miles east of the intersection of Highway 94 and Peyton Highway. (Parcel Nos. 3414201031 and 3414201030) (Commissioner District No. 4)

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

DISCUSSION

Ms. Merriam asked if the two Mayberry files (CS234 & VR2323) had a combined staff report. She further asked if they would be voted on individually.

Mr. Trowbridge explained that they are related but considered individually.

Mr. Carlson further explained that the Rezoning request must be considered before the Final Plat.

PC ACTION: MR. TROWBRIDGE MOVED / MS. OFFNER SECONDED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEM 3G, FILE NUMBER CS234 FOR A MAP AMENDMENT (REZONING), MAYBERRY FILING NO. 2A CS REZONE, UTILIZING THE RESOLUTION ATTACHED TO THE STAFF REPORT WITH TWO (2) CONDITIONS AND TWO (2) NOTATIONS, THAT THIS ITEM BE FORWARDED TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION. THE MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL PASSED (8-0).

H. VR2323

LETKE

**VACATION AND REPLAT
MAYBERRY FILING NO. 2A**

A request by Mayberry Communities, LLC for approval of a Vacation and Replat to reconfigure the properties of 1 tract, 3 lots, and dedication of right-of-way on approximately 3.5 acres. The proposal does not increase the number of lots or tracts on the property. Approval of the Map Amendment (Rezoning) CS234 shall be considered prior to consideration of the Vacation and Replat. The property is located on the south side of Colorado State Highway 94, approximately 2 miles east of the intersection of Highway 94 and Peyton Highway. (Parcel Nos. 3414101001 3414101002 3414201028, and 3414201031) (Commissioner District No. 4)

NO PUBLIC COMMENT OR DISCUSSION

PC ACTION: MR. SCHUETTPELZ MOVED / MS. BRITAIN JACK SECONDED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEM 3H, FILE NUMBER VR2323 FOR A VACATION AND REPLAT, MAYBERRY FILING NO. 2A, UTILIZING THE RESOLUTION ATTACHED TO THE STAFF REPORT WITH SEVEN (7) CONDITIONS, TWO (2) NOTATIONS, AND A RECOMMENDED FINDING OF SUFFICIENCY WITH REGARD TO WATER QUALITY, QUANTITY, AND DEPENDABILITY, THAT THIS ITEM BE FORWARDED TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION. THE MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL PASSED (8-0).

I. PUDSP235

HOWSER

**PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT / PRELIMINARY PLAN
ROLLING HILLS RANCH NORTH**

A request by GTL, Inc. for approval of a Map Amendment (Rezoning) of 148.873 acres from a conceptual PUD (Planned Unit Development) to a site-specific PUD (Planned Unit Development) with approval of a Preliminary Plan for 441 single-family residential lots, 3 tracts, 46 acres of open space, and 24 acres of land dedicated for public right-of-way. The property is located at the eastern end of Rex Road, approximately 1.5 miles east of Meridian Road. (Parcel No. 4200000477) (Commissioner District No. 2)

PC ACTION: THIS ITEM WAS PULLED TO BE HEARD AS A CALLED-UP CONSENT ITEM PER MR. CARLSON.

4. CALLED-UP CONSENT ITEMS

3D. CS235

BAGLEY

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half mile north of the intersection of Baptist Road and Old Denver Road. (Parcel No. 7126004010) (Commissioner District No. 3)

STAFF & APPLICANT PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Whitney asked if Ms. Bagley could further explain the area's location and the relationship between placetype and zoning district during her presentation.

Mr. Trowbridge asked if Ms. Bagley could cover any impacts or encumbrances that the applicant will encounter from the non-conformance.

Ms. Merriam stated that her questions are associated with rezoning RR-5 to CS in the area.

Mr. Whitney added that he's unsure if the conditions within the Staff Report were fully captured in the drafted resolution. Ms. Bagley's presentation then began.

Ms. Bagley described the surrounding zoning types and uses in relation to the subject property to address Ms. Merriam's earlier question. The property west is zoned RR-5 (Residential Rural) but is used as a substation for Mountain View Electric Association (MVEA). The property north is zoned I-2 (Industrial) and is used for outside storage. Further north, the property within the Town of Monument is used for industrial and commercial services. The vacant property south is zoned A-35 (Agricultural). To address Mr. Trowbridge and Mr. Whitney's questions, she explained that the existing duplex on the property would not be allowed-by-right in the CS zoning district. She further explained that the LDC requires that duplexes be served by central services, but the existing building is served by well and septic. If the duplex is allowed to remain on the property after rezoning to CS, it would create a legal non-conformity.

Mr. Whitney asked if the County would typically authorize a zoning change when it would knowingly create a legal non-conformity.

Ms. Bagley answered that it is not typical. The County normally requests that existing uses should cease (if no longer allowed) once rezoning occurs. She further explained that this is the reason the third condition of approval in the Staff Report states that the duplex will only be allowed to remain until commercial development begins.

Mr. Whitney asked for clarification on whether the condition is phrased as once commercial development begins or for one year, whichever happens first.

Ms. Bagley read the proposed condition of approval number 3. "The existing attached single-family dwelling may continue to be utilized on the property as a residential use until commercial development occurs on the property. Development includes, but is not limited to, any construction, placement, reconstruction, alteration of the size, of a structure on land; any increase in the intensity of use of land; any change in use of land or a structure and the clearing or grading of land as an adjunct of construction." She clarified that the definition was pulled from the LDC.

Ms. Merriam asked for additional clarification. She asked if parking RVs, trailers, etc. on the property for outdoor storage constitutes commercial development.

Ms. Bagley confirmed that would be a change in use of the land and would be considered commercial development.

Ms. Fuller asked if the duplex could be allowed to remain after commercial development if it served on-site management.

Ms. Bagley answered that if the applicant were requesting the duplex serve as a caretaker's quarters, a different application would be needed with that request. She is unsure if a duplex would be allowed for that purpose.

Ms. Herington explained that converting the duplex to serve as a caretaker's quarters would be part of a new use on the property and would be incorporated into a Site Development Plan, which is required for outdoor storage or contractor's equipment yards. An on-site residence would need to be included as part of the overall use and be formalized in the Site Development Plan.

Ms. Fuller asked if the duplex not being on central services would be an issue at that point.

Ms. Herington responded that once the building is converted to a caretaker's quarters, it would no longer be considered two rentals. If the applicant went through the Site Development Plan process with the existing well and showed sufficient utility service to keep a caretaker's residence in their overall commercial development, there shouldn't be a problem. Utilities and infrastructure would be evaluated with any Site Development Plan for any commercial use on the site.

Ms. Bagley then addressed Mr. Whitney's earlier question regarding placetype. She explained that while the proposed rezone doesn't align with the Master Plan placetype of Rural, it does match the surrounding established neighborhood and existing land uses.

Mr. Whitney remarked that he finds it interesting how placetype trumped zoning on a past project and it's the other way around for this project.

The presentation then continued. There were no questions for Engineering. Ms. Nina Ruiz, with Vertex Consulting Services, then began her presentation for the applicant. There were no questions for the applicant.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS OR FURTHER DISCUSSION

PC ACTION: MS. MERRIAM MOVED / MR. WHITNEY SECONDED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF CALLED-UP ITEM 3D, FILE NUMBER CS235 FOR A MAP AMENDMENT (REZONING), 16050 OLD DENVER ROAD REZONE, UTILIZING THE RESOLUTION ATTACHED TO THE STAFF REPORT WITH THREE (3) CONDITIONS AND TWO (2) NOTATIONS, THAT THIS ITEM BE FORWARDED TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION. THE MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL PASSED (8-0).

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STAFF & APPLICANT PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Merriam asked for clarification of the location. She stated combining then subdividing the 6 existing parcels seemed awkward. She also mentioned the traction of the roads. She expressed concern regarding its nearness to USAFA property and asked if air quality would be affected.

Mr. Whitney added that he is concerned about this project's relationship to the nearby military installation. The subject property is right off Jacks Valley where artillery training takes place. He understands that the County doesn't have the jurisdiction to deter development close to military property, but he wanted the record to show, "this is nuts". He believes there *should* be interplay between military installations and land-use proposals, even if it's not part of the LDC criteria. He referenced the presentation given to the Planning Commission on March 21, 2024, by the Defense Mission Task Force. He stated, "this is scary". Plat notes may be effective for the first sale, but he worries about property owners in the future that may have no idea what they bought and where it's located. He stated that because the military is not allowed to complain, they may make a mild comment or remark which can be interpreted as them standing on a desk and shrieking. He then asked if the Air Force Academy (USAFA) submitted a review comment for the project.

Ms. Bagley replied that they did submit a comment with the past Preliminary Plan, which has since been approved by the BoCC. They requested a plat note and suggested that advisory language should be included in the HOA covenants so that future owners are aware of the proximity to a military installation and shooting range. They were also present at the EA meeting.

After a break for technical difficulties, the presentation began.

Ms. Bagley presented a GIS map to further explain the vicinity per Ms. Merriam's earlier request.

Ms. Merriam asked about potential emergency evacuation on the single existing road in the event of a grassfire from a small plane crash, for example.

Ms. Bagley referenced the GIS map to show the nearby roads. A 60-foot-wide private road will service the proposed lots. That road would connect to Hay Creek Road through an access easement that goes through an adjacent property. In a larger context, she zoomed out to show that Hay Creek Road serves multiple lots to the west. The LDC states dead-end roads should not serve more than 25 lots and a second access should be available, but Hay Creek Road does not meet that section of the Code. The fire department was notified of the proposal.

Ms. Fuller asked for clarification regarding ownership of the property per the Assessor's Office and who was listed as the applicant on the Staff Report.

Ms. Bagley deferred to the applicant to explain if ownership had changed because she would have entered the name listed on the application into her Staff Report.

Mr. Jason Alwine, with Matrix Design Group, spoke online representing the applicant. He suggested it may be a clerical error.

Mr. Tim Buschar, with COLA, LLC, spoke representing the applicant. He explained that Mr. Fitzgerald previously owned the property, but Mr. O'Leary is the current owner and applicant.

Ms. Fuller stressed the importance of having the correct applicant information.

Ms. Bagley ensured that the application will be checked and if the current owner's signature is needed, it will be obtained prior to the BoCC hearing. The applicant's presentation then began. There were no questions for the applicant.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Richard Smith spoke in opposition. He read verbatim from a printed letter which was handed to the Planning Commission during the hearing and has been uploaded as part of the record. Titled "Public Comment - Multiple Neighbors, read at the hearing - Received 4-18-2024. MB" in EDARP.

Mr. Jeff Parr spoke in opposition. He continued reading verbatim from the letter.

Ms. Lorna Bennett spoke in opposition. She continued reading verbatim from the letter.

Mr. Phillip Drew spoke in opposition. He discussed encroachment on military installations. He then read verbatim from the remainder of the letter. He doesn't believe analysis of the proposal has been complete regarding encroachment on the military training location or the potential fire risk to existing residents.

Mr. Michael Hite spoke in opposition. He stated that there were only 12 houses in his subdivision on Hay Creek Road in 1981. He was not advised of a waiver being obtained for the 25-house limit on a dead-end road. He discussed his experience during a past fire in the area. He is very concerned about all existing residents needing to evacuate from the valley at the same time.

Ms. Kelly Parr spoke in opposition. She referenced the GIS image on the screen and pointed out the location of the military firing range in relation to the proposed subdivision. She discussed the potential noise and danger to future residents.

DISCUSSION

Ms. Brittain Jack remarked that while she has toured USAFA and hears the encroachment concerns from the public, which she is also concerned about, the people opposing the current subdivision live in that same area and bought land close to the military installation.

Mr. Whitney asked about the fire department's response to review comments.

Ms. Bagley read the fire district's review comment, which is part of the record on EDARP.

Ms. Herington reminded the Chair that the applicant should be given time for rebuttal after the public comments were made.

Mr. Whitney asked for clarification regarding the public's assertion in the letter that there has been no waiver granted to exceed 25 properties on a dead-end road.

Ms. Bagley answered that the waiver was approved with the Preliminary Plan by the BoCC.

Mr. Whitney asked for verification from Ms. Seago. If a waiver is approved at the Preliminary Plan stage, would that carry over to the Final Plat stage?

Ms. Seago confirmed that would be correct.

Ms. Bagley explained that 2 waivers were requested and approved. One was a modification to allow private roads instead of public roads. The second was a waiver from LDC 6.3.3.C, which would allow one access point where two are required. She stated the fire district was agreeable to the waiver.

Mr. Carlson asked if the waivers were for Hay Creek Road.

Ms. Bagley replied that the waivers only apply to the proposed subdivision being added to Hay Creek Road.

Mr. Carlson then stated that the entire area doesn't meet the criteria anyway.

Ms. Bagley continued to explain that the proposed subdivision would increase the number of lots that access Hay Creek Road.

Mr. Carlson clarified that the private road wouldn't need that waiver because they're adding less than 25 lots on a dead-end road.

Ms. Bagley agreed, but further clarified that the waiver would only apply to the proposed subdivision adding more lots, not additional subdivisions off Hay Creek in the future. Any future subdivision request would also need to pursue those waivers. The approved waiver is not a blanket waiver for all development on Hay Creek Road.

Ms. Fuller clarified that the land is zoned RR-5 and they are proposing to split it into 5-acre lots or greater, which is allowed-by-right. She's not concerned about that aspect. She then asked what protection current residents have from this road greatly exceeding the number of lots allowed on a dead-end road. She mentioned the safety concern in case of fire for the residents further west. From previous discussion, it seems like the waiver didn't deal with Hay Creek Road.

Ms. Bagley explained that the waiver does deal with Hay Creek Road with regard to the proposed subdivision adding lots onto the dead-end road. It is not a blanket waiver for all of Hay Creek Road that would allow lots to be added anywhere, it is specifically allowing the proposed subdivision.

Ms. Fuller understood and further asked if other larger parcels along the road would need to pursue the same waiver if they were to propose subdivisions.

Ms. Bagley confirmed. They would need to request a waiver, which would be considered by the Planning Commission (PC) and receive final determination by the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC). She confirmed that the Planning Department did express concerns about adding parcels onto Hay Creek Road, however, the waiver has already been approved for the proposed subdivision.

Mr. Carlson reiterated that while concerning, the waiver has already been approved.

Ms. Bagley clarified that the discussion from an EA meeting that was read into the record by the public (in the provided letter) was regarding a different property further along Hay Creek Road.

Mr. Whitney asked how they continue to get waivers if the road is already out of compliance?

Ms. Bagley stated she is unsure if waivers were requested for the previously subdivided lots.

Mr. Whitney clarified that he's worried each project is being evaluated on its own when the overall area is out of compliance.

Ms. Bagley replied that when the Preliminary Plan was reviewed, the whole area, including Hay Creek Road, was evaluated. The applicant went forward with a request for the waiver. The PC recommended approval and the BoCC approved the waiver.

Ms. Fuller asked if more development can be approved with additional waivers in the future. She asked what is protecting the existing residents from that happening. She asked for an explanation of the process the residents would need to go through to advocate for themselves (contacting PCD staff or their county representatives, etc.).

Ms. Bagley explained that the LDC outlines what requirements need to be met. Sections of chapters 6, 7, and 8 can be waived via approval by the BoCC. If people are opposed to waiving those sections of the Code, they should send an email to the project manager (planner) during the

application review period. The planner's contact info is on the "Notice of Application" letter mailed to all property owners within 500 feet. Additional mailed notices are sent and posters are placed on the property to notify neighbors of a scheduled public hearing.

Mr. Carlson reiterated that if people opposed the waiver that was granted, they should have contacted the Planning Department or spoken at the public hearing for the Preliminary Plan.

Ms. Bagley confirmed.

Ms. Herington added that Planning Department staff does not advocate for a project, they advocate for the public process from notification through public hearing. Staff will ask an applicant to hold a neighborhood meeting if there is known opposition. Moving forward, potential applicants in the area will be asked to hold a neighborhood meeting.

Ms. Fuller asked if there was opposition present for the Preliminary Plan.

Ms. Bagley answered that she was not the project manager for that application, but she was at the meeting and she remembers there was one person in opposition.

Mr. Trowbridge asked for the criteria of approval to be presented. He asked for staff or the applicant to address how the proposal meets: "The final plans provide evidence to show that the proposed methods for fire protection comply with Chapter 6 of this Code;". He mentioned the traffic load for the entire Hay Creek Road. He stated he finds it hard to believe the waiver they were granted is sufficient.

Ms. Seago recommended that the applicant answer that question. She also reminded the Chair that the applicant should be allowed to speak in rebuttal.

Mr. Alwine reiterated that the proposal is for a Final Plat to enact what was already approved. He can't speak to traffic concerns caused by other projects. He stated the applicant has done several things to meet the fire protection criteria, including meeting with the fire district. He stated they are meeting the fire district's criteria regarding the type, size, and location of a fire suppression cistern. They had a fire mitigation report reviewed and approved prior to the Preliminary Plan that holds the applicant to certain criteria at the time of building permits. The fire district reviewed the proposal and provided letters of no concern. A traffic report was submitted to El Paso County as part of the Preliminary Plan process and there were no concerns other than the design of the Hay Creek intersection. He mentioned that the applicant will have to pay PID impact fees. He stated that while the proposal is for 20 lots, there are already 6 in existence, so it's a net increase of 14 homes. Because they have an approved fire protection report, he believes they've done their due diligence to provide responses and meet the criteria and waiver requirements. He stated that they met with USAFA and have an avigation easement recorded. The applicant is required to disclose that USAFA and Jacks Valley are present.

Mr. Buschar added that the applicant has met with USAFA. The new avigation easement recorded with the Preliminary Plan is geared towards Jacks Valley to address fumes, pyrotechnics, the shooting range, etc. That information will also be in a plat note, in the CC&Rs, recorded on the title work, and in an addendum to the future purchase agreements. Regarding the conservation easement purchased with DOD funds that was mentioned, a meeting was held. They did not request a buffer, nor did they request to purchase the property. He stated helicopters, not airplanes, fly over the subject property between June and July. Thunderbird flyovers happen occasionally. He stated that some existing residents enjoy the noise and proximity to the military installation. When learning that the applicant has proposed less lots than they could have with the

existing RR-5 zoning, USAFA was pleased. He stated since the beginning of this process, they knew impacts from fire were going to be an issue and they've been working with the Fire Chief. What was requested, and what the applicant is providing, is a 33,000-gallon cistern for the valley. It was also mentioned that the fire district, USAFA, and the National Forest Service would respond in case of a fire. The recommended fire mitigation has already been completed on-site by removing mistletoe from 1.6 acres. When people/builders select home sites, they will be responsible for fire mitigation for their properties before building permits are released.

Mr. Carlson asked for an explanation of fire evacuation issues related to Hay Creek Road.

Mr. Alwine reiterated that the applicant has submitted a fire protection report and a traffic study. He does not recall direct comments with evacuation concerns coming up.

Mr. Buschar added that the fire department was happy a water source would be brought in. He stated many of the homes may remain vacant for parts of the year as the buyer market often has multiple homes. He also clarified that the application was submitted by View Homes and has Mr. O'Leary's signature.

Ms. Bagley stated she was checking if there were any outstanding comments on the fire report.

Mr. Carlson asked if evacuation was addressed in LDC chapter 6.

Ms. Bagley answered that the chapter says emergency access should be granted for evacuation.

Ms. Fuller stated the discussion touched on the criteria of approval, "Off-site impacts were evaluated and related off-site improvements are roughly proportional and will mitigate the impacts of the subdivision...". The PC is asking about the subdivision's access to Hay Creek Road. She asked if off-site impacts (adding net 14 lots to an already overburdened road) had been addressed by the applicant or in the application.

Mr. Carlson stated they were given a waiver.

Mr. Buschar stated the applicant is not responsible for making any improvement to Hay Creek Road other than the intersection. There are no other improvements required from the applicant as the road has the capacity for increased traffic.

Mr. Whitney asked for more information about the discussion with the conservation group regarding a buffer zone.

Mr. Buschar answered that it took place during the Preliminary Plan stage. They came down, discussed options, but never made an offer to the applicant for a buffer. He thinks that when they saw the final subdivision would only consist of 20 lots as opposed to the 40 allowed by zoning, they were less concerned. No buffer was requested. His understanding of how the process works is that a conservation easement would have been requested as a buffer zone and the applicant would have been compensated by the conservation fund for setting that land aside. The applicant is proposing smaller, 5-acre lots on the northern side of the subdivision and has larger lots on the side adjacent to USAFA. The topography would not allow houses close to the southern boundary, so that area is designated as a no-build area anyway.

PC ACTION: MS. BRITAIN JACK MOVED / MR. SCHUETTELPELZ SECONDED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF CALLED-UP ITEM 3E, FILE NUMBER SF2324 FOR A FINAL PLAT, HAY CREEK VALLEY SUBDIVISION, UTILIZING THE RESOLUTION ATTACHED TO THE STAFF REPORT, THAT THIS ITEM BE FORWARDED TO

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION. THE MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL FAILED BY A VOTE OF 3-5, RESULTING IN A RECOMMENDATION TO DENY.

IN FAVOR: MS. BRITTAIN JACK, MR. CARLSON, AND MR. SCHUETTPELZ.

IN OPPOSITION: MS. FULLER, MS. OFFNER, MR. TROWBRIDGE, MR. WHITNEY, AND MS. MERRIAM.

COMMENTS:

Ms. Merriam thinks the aspect of safety should be revisited because Hay Creek Road does not meet current standards.

Ms. Fuller concurred, adding that “this is a bad situation” and it may not be the current applicant’s responsibility to fix the entire area, but this proposal would make a bad situation worse. She doesn’t think the proposal fully meets the approval criteria regarding fire and off-site impacts.

Mr. Whitney agreed with previous comments and further mentioned fire safety with ingress and egress. He doesn’t understand how a situation out of compliance can be allowed to continue and grow.

Ms. Brittain Jack explained that the applicant will provide a water cistern that the existing residents don’t currently have, so she does believe the fire impacts have been addressed.

Mr. Schuettpelz explained that the military property must stop somewhere. If USAFA had wanted the buffer and purchased the property, the line would just be adjacent to other houses. The applicant has mitigated future issues by advising of the property’s proximity to USAFA in multiple places. While not having secondary access is concerning, he agrees that it’s not this applicant’s responsibility to fix the whole neighborhood which has existed for some time. He reiterated that exceeding the residence limit on a dead-end road was acceptable for the residents who currently live there and spoke in opposition. He believes the applicant has done everything they can to make the situation better (with the cistern) and perhaps there could be secondary access in the future.

Mr. Carlson recognized the safety issue and concerns for the neighborhood. He urged the public to pay attention to notifications sent by PCD. He stated the time to oppose the project was at Preliminary Plan stage. He doesn’t recall evacuation concerns being raised during that time. He voted to recommend approval because of the waivers that were previously approved.

***FOLLOWING CALLED-UP ITEM 3E, MR. TROWBRIDGE WAS EXCUSED FROM THE HEARING. THERE WERE SEVEN (7) VOTING MEMBERS MOVING FORWARD.**

3F. SP238

BAGLEY

**PRELIMINARY PLAN
OVERLOOK AT HOMESTEAD PRELIMINARY PLAN**

A request by NES for approval of a Preliminary Plan consisting of 346.55 acres to create 62 single-family residential lots. The property is zoned RR-5 (Residential Rural) and is located one-half mile north of the intersection of Elbert Road and Sweet Road, and one-half mile south of the intersection of Elbert Road and Hopper Road. (Parcel Nos. 4100000255, 4100000256, and 4122000005) (Commissioner District No. 2)

STAFF & APPLICANT PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Merriam stated that she would like more information about drainage. She mentioned there were drainage concerns for past projects in the same area.

Mr. Daniel Torres, with DPW Engineering, explained that the subject property is within 4 different drainage basins, so the topography is challenging. The applicant is proposing 6 detention ponds across the site, which will be maintained by their metro district. He referred to an image on the slideshow for pond locations.

Ms. Merriam asked for a vicinity map that showed the proposed development with its drainage in relation to the surrounding area.

Mr. Torres deferred to the applicant.

Ms. Barlow, with N.E.S., referred to a slideshow image to explain that there is a ridgeline on the east side of the property. She explained that the drainage ponds are located where they are to capture the water before it continues to Apex Ranch.

Ms. Merriam clarified that the 6 ponds from the image are all for the proposed subdivision. She stated that she is asking how this drainage proposal fits in with development around it.

Ms. Barlow stated that there is no development to the north or east. The Reata subdivision is to the south. It is an older development and has no detention pond.

Mr. Kofford, with Kimley-Horn, further explained that there is no detention system in the Reata subdivision. Water flows in 4 different directions on the subject property. The proposal is maintaining historic patterns. The Apex Ranch subdivision (west) has a full-spectrum detention basin that will be downstream from 2 of the proposed ponds.

Ms. Merriam asked for a map. (Mr. Torres presented one.) She then asked if rains from the last few years washed out one of the roads in the area.

Mr. Torres replied that he is not aware.

Ms. Marriam asked if 6 ponds were necessary because it's on a ridge.

Mr. Torres answered that the number of ponds depends on the increase in flow.

Mr. Carlson asked for information regarding a proposed parking lot.

Ms. Bagley suggested a full presentation which would answer questions. (Presentation began.)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Roger Lund spoke in opposition. He mentioned that the proposed development will be three times larger than Apex Ranch. Many of his concerns were already addressed in the presentation. He asked if the water finding would be delayed until Final Plat. He walked the site with Mr. Desjardin and Mr. Kofford to discuss existing flooding issues in the area. He suggested that one of the drainage ponds should be relocated below the confluence near his property.

Ms. Barlow responded. The finding of water sufficiency is being requested during this phase; they are not deferring that finding to the Final Plat stage. They anticipate the Final Plat being administratively approved for that reason. During the Preliminary Plan stage, final locations of detention ponds are not exact. She pulled up a map of the area. The development of a detention pond will address the flooding issues that Mr. Lund currently faces. The Final Plat process will include more detailed design and construction details regarding the pond.

Mr. Carlson asked if relocation of the pond is possible after walking the property with Mr. Lund.

Mr. Desjardin, with ProTerra Properties, replied that he's not convinced. Currently, they have proposed the pond adjacent to the public right-of-way. This will make maintenance access easier. It will be in an existing field, so not as many trees will need to be removed. The terrain is steeper

where Mr. Lund is requesting it be relocated. The pond is currently proposed on one of two forks. Further evaluation will take place during the Final Plat stage.

NO FURTHER DISCUSSION

PC ACTION: MS. MERRIAM MOVED / MS. OFFNER SECONDED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF CALLED-UP ITEM 3F, FILE NUMBER SP238 FOR A PRELIMINARY PLAN, OVERLOOK AT HOMESTEAD PRELIMINARY PLAN, UTILIZING THE RESOLUTION ATTACHED TO THE STAFF REPORT WITH EIGHT (8) CONDITIONS, THREE (3) NOTATIONS, AND A RECOMMENDED FINDING OF SUFFICIENCY WITH REGARD TO WATER QUALITY, QUANTITY, AND DEPENDABILITY, THAT THIS ITEM BE FORWARDED TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION. THE MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL PASSED (7-0).

***FOLLOWING CALLED-UP ITEM 3F, MS. BRITTAIN JACK WAS EXCUSED FROM THE HEARING. THERE WERE SIX (6) VOTING MEMBERS MOVING FORWARD.**

31. PUDSP235

HOWSER

PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT / PRELIMINARY PLAN ROLLING HILLS RANCH NORTH

A request by GTL, Inc. for approval of a Map Amendment (Rezoning) of 148.873 acres from a conceptual PUD (Planned Unit Development) to a site-specific PUD (Planned Unit Development) with approval of a Preliminary Plan for 441 single-family residential lots, 3 tracts, 46 acres of open space, and 24 acres of land dedicated for public right-of-way. The property is located at the eastern end of Rex Road, approximately 1.5 miles east of Meridian Road. (Parcel No. 4200000477) (Commissioner District No. 2)

STAFF & APPLICANT PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Merriam asked for clarification regarding the Placetype.

Mr. Carlson asked about the transition and buffer with surrounding development.

Mr. Howser explained that the subject property is located within the Large Lot Residential Placetype, as is the Estates filing to the west. The rest of Meridian Ranch is in the Suburban Residential Placetype. He referenced imagery on his slideshow. He stated that while the proposal is not consistent with Large Lot Residential, it is consistent with the surrounding area. He further mentioned that the applicant received BoCC approval for a Sketch Plan Amendment that allows up to 4 units per acre in the subject area. That approval predated the Master Plan, which was taken into consideration.

Ms. Merriam asked when the Sketch Plan Amendment was approved.

Mr. Howser answered that the approval was complete in August 2021. While the Master Plan was adopted in May 2021, the application was received under a previous Master Plan, so it was reviewed using the previous standards.

Mr. Carlson clarified that the applicant could propose up to 4 units per acre per the Sketch Plan.

Mr. Howser confirmed. He then discussed the proposed buffer area. He referenced the zoning map to show that the proposed buffer to the north is greater than previous filings. He stated that it is PCD Staff's opinion that the increased density could be compatible with the additional buffer that the applicant is proposing. He added that The Sanctuary at Meridian Ranch, south or the

subject property, was approved with 4.5 units per acre. The current proposal is consistent with previous filings southwest of the subject area.

Ms. Barlow, with N.E.S., completed the applicant's presentation. There were no questions.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION

Mr. Whitney clarified that the Sketch Plan Amendment was approved using the previous Master Plan criteria for reference, which designated the area as appropriate for suburban density.

PC ACTION: MS. FULLER MOVED / MS. OFFNER SECONDED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF CALLED-UP ITEM 3I, FILE NUMBER PUDSP235 FOR A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT / PRELIMINARY PLAN, ROLLING HILLS RANCH NORTH, UTILIZING THE RESOLUTION ATTACHED TO THE STAFF REPORT WITH SIX (6) CONDITIONS, FIVE (5) NOTATIONS, AND A RECOMMENDED FINDING OF SUFFICIENCY WITH REGARD TO WATER QUALITY, QUANTITY, AND DEPENDABILITY, THAT THIS ITEM BE FORWARDED TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION. THE MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL PASSED (6-0).

5. REGULAR ITEMS (NONE)

6. NON-ACTION ITEMS (NONE)

MEETING ADJOURNED at 12:03 P.M.

Minutes Prepared By: Miranda Benson

MAP AMENDMENT - REZONE (RECOMMEND APPROVAL)

Ms. Fuller moved that the following Resolution be adopted:

BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION

OF THE COUNTY OF EL PASO

STATE OF COLORADO

RESOLUTION NO. CS241
7125 N MERIDIAN REZONE

WHEREAS, CAP Storage Falcon, LLC did file an application with the El Paso County Planning and Community Development Department for an amendment of the El Paso County Zoning Map to rezone property in the unincorporated area of El Paso County as described in Exhibit A and depicted in Exhibit B, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, from the CR (Commercial Regional) zoning district to the CS (Commercial Service) zoning district; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held by this Commission on April 18, 2024; and

WHEREAS, based on the evidence, testimony, exhibits, consideration of the Master Plan for the unincorporated area of the County, presentation and comments of the El Paso County Planning and Community Development Department and other County representatives, comments of public officials and agencies, comments from all interested persons, comments by the general public, and comments by the El Paso County Planning Commission Members during the hearing, this Commission finds as follows:

1. The application was properly submitted for consideration by the Planning Commission;
2. That proper posting, publication, and public notice was provided as required by law for the hearing before the Planning Commission;
3. That the hearing before the Planning Commission was extensive and complete, that all pertinent facts, matters, and issues were submitted, and that all interested persons and the general public were heard at that hearing;
4. That all exhibits were received into evidence;
5. That the proposed land use does not permit the use of an area containing a commercial mineral deposit in a manner which would interfere with the present or future extraction of such deposit by an extractor;

6. That all data, surveys, analyses, studies, plans, and designs as are required by the State of Colorado and El Paso County have been submitted, reviewed, and found to meet all sound planning and engineering requirements of the El Paso County Subdivision Regulations; and
7. That for the above-stated and other reasons, the proposed amendment of the El Paso County Zoning Map is in the best interest of the health, safety, morals, convenience, order, prosperity, and welfare of the citizens of El Paso County.

WHEREAS, when approving a map amendment, the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners shall find that the request meets the criteria for approval outlined in Section 5.3.5.B of the El Paso County Land Development Code (as amended):

1. The application is in general conformance with the El Paso County Master Plan including applicable Small Area Plans or there has been a substantial change in the character of the neighborhood since the land was last zoned;
2. The rezoning is in compliance with all applicable statutory provisions, including but not limited to C.R.S. § 30-28-111, § 30-28-113, and § 30-28-116;
3. The proposed land use or zone district is compatible with the existing and permitted land uses and zone districts in all directions; and
4. The site is suitable for the intended use, including the ability to meet the standards as described in Chapter 5 of the Land Development Code, for the intended zone district.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the El Paso County Planning Commission recommends that the petition of CAP Storage Falcon, LLC for an amendment to the El Paso County Zoning Map to rezone property located in the unincorporated area of El Paso County from the CR (Commercial Regional) zoning district to the CS (Commercial Service) zoning district be approved by the Board of County Commissioners with the following condition and notations:

CONDITION

1. The developer shall comply with federal and state laws, regulations, ordinances, review and permit requirements, and other agency requirements. Applicable agencies include but are not limited to: the Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Colorado Department of Transportation, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding the Endangered Species Act, particularly as it relates to the Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse as a listed threatened species.

NOTATIONS

1. If a zone or rezone petition has been disapproved by the Board of County Commissioners, resubmittal of the previously denied petition will not be accepted for a period of one (1) year if it pertains to the same parcel of land and is a petition for a change to the same zone that was previously denied. However, if evidence is presented showing that there has been a

substantial change in physical conditions or circumstances, the Planning Commission may reconsider said petition. The time limitation of one (1) year shall be computed from the date of final determination by the Board of County Commissioners or, in the event of court litigation, from the date of the entry of final judgment of any court of record.

2. Rezoning requests not forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners for consideration within 180 days of Planning Commission action will be deemed withdrawn and will have to be resubmitted in their entirety.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution and the recommendations contained herein be forwarded to the El Paso County Board of County Commissioners for its consideration.

Mr. Schuettpelz seconded the adoption of the foregoing Resolution.


The roll having been called, the vote was as follows: (circle one)

Thomas Bailey	aye / no / non-voting / recused / <u>absent</u>
Sarah Brittain Jack	<u>aye</u> / no / non-voting / recused / absent
Jim Byers	aye / no / non-voting / recused / <u>absent</u>
Jay Carlson	<u>aye</u> / no / non-voting / recused / absent
Becky Fuller	<u>aye</u> / no / non-voting / recused / absent
Jeffrey Markewich	aye / no / non-voting / recused / <u>absent</u>
Brandy Merriam	<u>aye</u> / no / non-voting / recused / absent
Eric Moraes	aye / no / non-voting / recused / <u>absent</u>
Kara Offner	<u>aye</u> / no / non-voting / recused / absent
Bryce Schuettpelz	<u>aye</u> / no / non-voting / recused / absent
Wayne Smith	aye / no / non-voting / recused / <u>absent</u>
Tim Trowbridge	<u>aye</u> / no / non-voting / recused / absent
Christopher Whitney	<u>aye</u> / no / non-voting / recused / absent

The Resolution was adopted by a vote of 8 to 0 by the Planning Commission of the County of El Paso, State of Colorado.

DONE THIS 18th day of April 2024 at Colorado Springs, Colorado.

EL PASO COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

By: 

~~Thomas Bailey, Chair~~
Jay Carlson, Vice-Chair

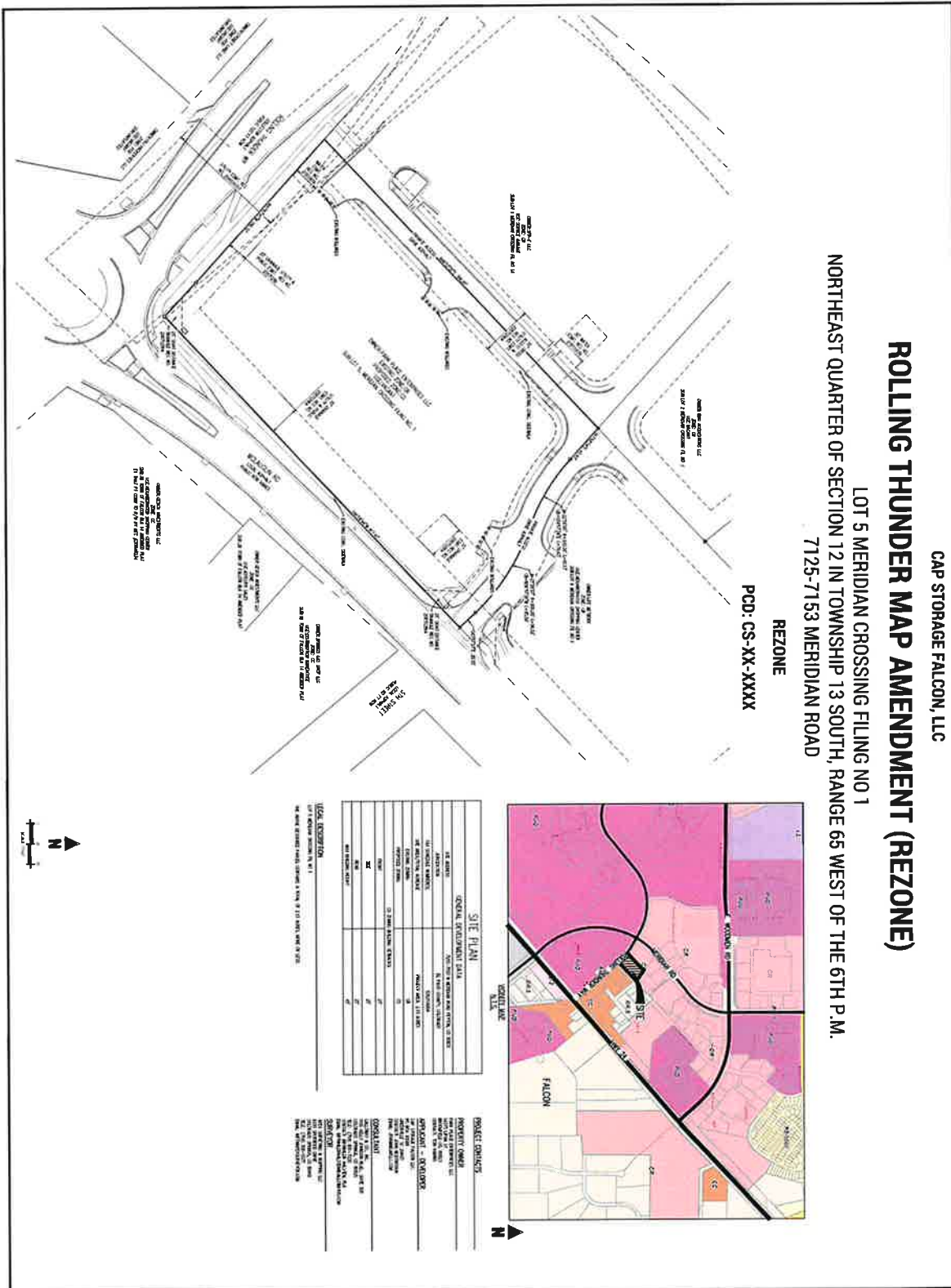
EXHIBIT A

BEING A PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 65 WEST OF THE 6TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, COUNTY OF EL PASO, STATE OF COLORADO, MORE FULLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS;

LOT 5, MERIDIAN CROSSING FILING NO. 1, COUNTY OF EL PASO, STATE OF COLORADO.

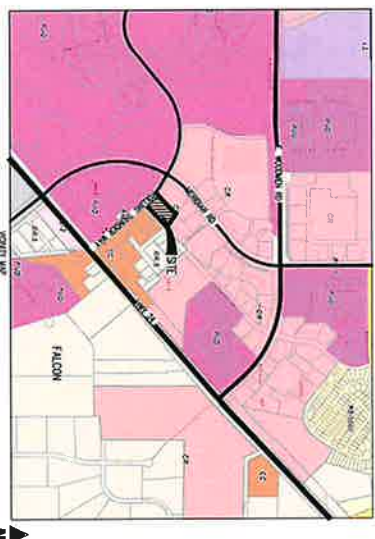
SAID LANDS CONTAIN 92,757 SQ. FT., 2.13 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS.

EXHIBIT B



SITE PLAN
GENERAL DEVELOPMENT DATA

PROJECT NAME	7125-7153 N MERIDIAN RD MAP AMENDMENT (REZONE)
OWNER	CAP STORAGE FALCON, LLC
DESIGNER	W&P ASSOCIATES, INC.
DATE	11/11/2011
SCALE	AS SHOWN
PROJECT NO.	11-001
PROJECT LOCATION	7125-7153 N MERIDIAN RD, PEYTON, CO
PROJECT AREA	1.00 AC
PROJECT TYPE	INDUSTRIAL
PROJECT STATUS	PRELIMINARY
PROJECT PHASE	REZONE
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	REZONE FROM R-1 TO I-1
PROJECT CONTACT	W&P ASSOCIATES, INC.
PROJECT PHONE	719-583-1111
PROJECT FAX	719-583-1112
PROJECT WEBSITE	WWW.WAPASSOCIATES.COM
PROJECT EMAIL	INFO@WAPASSOCIATES.COM
PROJECT ADDRESS	1000 W. 10TH ST., PEYTON, CO 80831
PROJECT CITY	PEYTON, CO
PROJECT STATE	CO
PROJECT ZIP	80831



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7125-7153 N MERIDIAN RD
MAP AMENDMENT
(REZONE)

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Galloway
PLANNING & DESIGN

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PRELIMINARY
Not for record
Not for construction

COMMISSIONERS:
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PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

TO: El Paso County Planning Commission
Thomas Bailey, Chair

FROM: Christian Haas, Planner I
Edward Schoenheit, Engineer I
Meggan Herington, AICP, Executive Director

RE: Project File Number: CS241
Project Name: 7125 N Meridian Rezone
Parcel Number: 5312114004

OWNER:	REPRESENTATIVE:
Park Place Enterprises, LLC 15 Mirada Road Colorado Springs, CO 80906	John McDonough CAP Storage Falcon, LLC PO Box 10588 Greenville, SC 29603

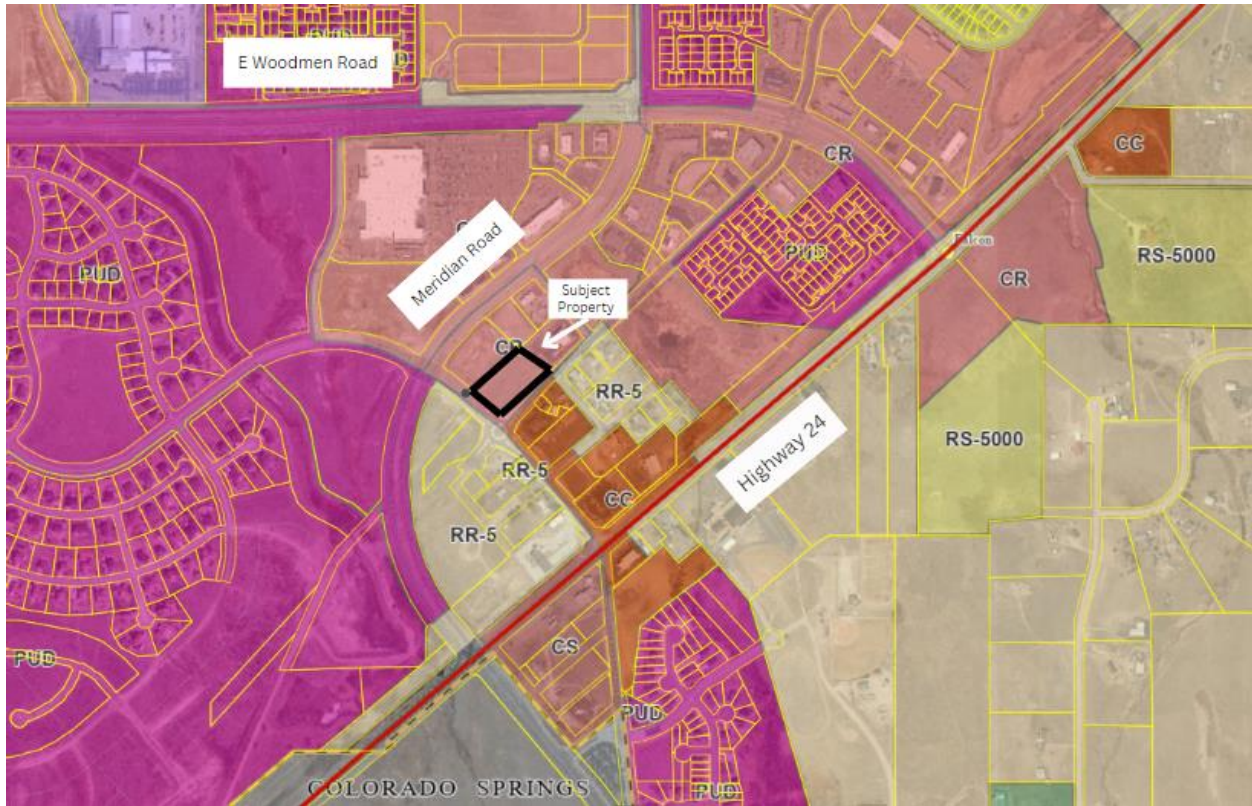
Commissioner District: 2

Planning Commission Hearing Date:	4/18/2024
Board of County Commissioners Hearing Date:	5/9/2024

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A request by CAP Storage Falcon, LLC for approval of a Map Amendment (Rezoning) of 2.13 acres from CR to CS in preparation for the development of a mini-warehouse/fully enclosed storage facility. The property is located approximately one-quarter mile south of East Woodmen Road on the northwest corner of Old Meridian Road and McLaughlin Roads.





Surrounding Zoning with Property Location

A. WAIVERS/DEVIATIONS/AUTHORIZATION

Waiver(s)/Deviation(s): There are no waivers/deviations associated with this application.

Authorization to Sign: Any other documents necessary to carry out the intent of the Board of County Commissioners.

B. APPROVAL CRITERIA

In approving a Map Amendment (Rezoning), the Board of County Commissioners shall find that the request meets the criteria for approval outlined in Section 5.3.5 Map Amendment (Rezoning) of the El Paso County Land Development Code (as amended):

- The application is in general conformance with the El Paso County Master Plan including applicable Small Area Plans or there has been a substantial change in the character of the neighborhood since the land was last zoned;
- The rezoning is in compliance with all applicable statutory provisions including, but not limited to C.R.S §30-28-111, §30-28-113, and §30-28-116;

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- The proposed land use or zone district is compatible with the existing and permitted land uses and zone districts in all directions; and
- The site is suitable for the intended use, including the ability to meet the standards as described in Chapter 5 of the Code, for the intended zone district.

C. LOCATION

North:	CR (Commercial Regional)	Vacant
Northwest:	CC (Commercial Community)	Commercial
Northeast:	CR (Commercial Regional)	Commercial
South:	RR-5 (Residential Rural)	Vacant
Southwest:	RR-5 (Residential Rural)	Vacant
Southeast:	CR (Commercial Regional)	Commercial
West:	RR-5 (Residential Rural)	Single-family Residential
East:	CR (Commercial Regional)	Commercial

D. BACKGROUND

The 2.13-acre property was platted in 2008, as Lot 5 of the Meridian Crossing Filing No. 1. The property is currently zoned CR (Commercial Regional) and is unimproved. The applicant is proposing a rezone to CS (Commercial Service) to support the development of a self-storage facility, classified as a Mini-Warehouse use-type.

If the Map Amendment (Rezoning) application is approved, approval of a site development plan will be required prior to initiation of any uses on the property. The site development plan will need to show compliance with all relevant development standards in Chapter 6 and any relevant density and development standards for the CS zoning district in Section 5.4 of the Land Development Code (as amended).

E. ANALYSIS

1. Land Development Code Analysis

The applicant is proposing to rezone the property to CS (Commercial Service). Commercial Service allows for some more intensive uses than the CR district which is what the property is currently zoned. The applicant’s intent to place mini warehouses on the property could also be served by a reduction in zoning intensity to the CC district but would then also require the approval of a Special Use. The difference between dimensional standards in the current zoning and the proposed zoning is highlighted in the table below.



	Existing Zoning District: CR (Commercial Regional)	Proposed Zoning District: CS (Commercial Service)
Minimum Zoning District Area	5 acres	2 acres
Minimum Lot Size	N/A	N/A
Front Setback	50 ft.	25 ft.
Rear Setback	25 ft.	25 ft.
Side Setback	25 ft.	25 ft.
Maximum Lot Coverage	N/A	N/A
Maximum Height	45 ft.	45 ft.

2. Zoning Compliance

The applicant is requesting to rezone 2.13 acres to the CS (Commercial Service) zoning district. Section 3.2.5. of the LDC describes the purpose of each commercial district.

- *The CC zoning district is intended to accommodate retail sales and service establishments that generally require freestanding or small center type buildings and that primarily serve adjoining neighborhoods.*
- *The CR zoning district is intended to accommodate regional centers providing ease of pedestrian and vehicular circulation, unity of architectural design, and best serving the convenience of the public and aesthetic enhancement of the community and region.*
- *The CS zoning district is intended to accommodate retail, wholesale or service commercial uses that serve the general public.*

The density and dimensional standards for the CS (Commercial Service) zoning district are as follows:

- Minimum zoning district area: 2 acres¹¹
- Minimum lot size: N/A
- Setbacks
 - Front: 25 feet^{1,3,11}
 - Side: 25 feet^{1,2,3,11}
 - Rear: 25 feet^{1,2,3,11}
- Maximum height: 45 feet



¹ Gasoline pumps and canopies shall be at least 15 feet from the front property line or public right-of-way, except where the landscaping regulations require a greater setback.

² The minimum setback is 25 feet from the perimeter boundary of the district, but no minimum setback is required from any internal side or rear lot line within the same district.

³ Temporary uses shall be setback at least 25 feet from all property lines and 100 feet from Residential zoning districts.

¹¹ If the building is established as or converted to condominium units in accordance with Chapter 7 of this Code, the building and lot shall meet the minimum lot area and setbacks, but the individual units are not required to meet the minimum lot area, maximum lot coverage, or setback requirements.

To initiate any uses on the property, the applicant will need to obtain subsequent site development plan approval. The site development plan will be reviewed to ensure that all proposed and existing structures will comply with the zoning district dimensional standards as well as the General Development Standards of the Land Development Code (As Amended) and Engineering Criteria Manual requirements.

F. MASTER PLAN COMPLIANCE

1. Your El Paso County Master Plan

a. Placetype Character: Regional Center

The fundamental purpose of a Regional Center is to provide access to necessary and desired commercial goods and services in El Paso County through a unique mix of uses. This placetype differs from Rural Centers by providing a level of goods and services that attract people from across the County, and depending on location, from adjacent counties. Regional Centers often incorporate a lifestyle live-work-play environment and can include multifamily housing elements in their design as standalone apartments or part of mixed-use developments.

This placetype includes large scale shopping centers that house a variety of commercial businesses and support a high activity of users on a regular basis such as grocery stores, pharmacies, clothing stores, automotive centers, restaurants, entertainment opportunities, home improvement stores, and other major retailers. Multifamily apartments provide commercial businesses direct access to potential customers.

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Regional Centers are major commercial destinations for residents and are easily accessible from major transportation routes throughout the County. Regional Centers in El Paso County are surrounded by Urban Residential, Suburban Residential, and Employment Center placetypes. In addition, Regional Centers can also be extensions of commercial areas within incorporated municipalities such as the Gleneagle area.

Recommended Land Uses:

Primary

Restaurant, Commercial Retail, Commercial Service, Entertainment, Multifamily Residential

Supporting

Office, Institutional, Mixed Use, Single-family Attached Residential

Analysis:

The Regional Center placetype is a commercial destination for County residents to purchase goods, procure services, and enjoy a variety of entertainment options.

Goal LU3 – *Encourage a range of development types to support a variety of land uses.*

Objective LU3-1: *Development should be consistent with the allowable land uses set forth in the placetypes first and second to their built form guidelines.*

Specific Strategies – *The Transition areas are fully developed parts of the County that may completely or significantly change in character. In these areas, redevelopment will be intense enough to transition the existing development setting to an entirely new type of development.*

Objective ED3-1 – *Continue promoting commercial development to serve increasing residential neighborhoods in the Falcon area.*

Objective ED3-6 – *Prioritize commercial use as development opportunities arise in order to support the growing residential base in the rural areas.*

The proposed rezone would convert approximately 2.13 acres from the CR zoning district to the CS zoning district, which would continue to support commercial development. Limited Commercial Retail and Commercial Services are consistent with the supporting land uses of the Regional Center placetype.



b. Area of Change Designation: Transition

These areas have undergone development and have an established character. Developed areas of minimal change are largely built out but may include isolated pockets of vacant or underutilized land. These key sites are likely to see more intense infill development with a mix of uses and scale of redevelopment that will significantly impact the character of an area. For example, a large amount of vacant land in a suburban division adjacent to a more urban neighborhood may be developed and change to match the urban character and intensity so as to accommodate a greater population. The inverse is also possible where an undeveloped portion of an denser neighborhood could redevelop to a less intense suburban scale. Regardless of the development that may occur, if these areas evolve to a new development pattern of differing intensity, their overall character can be maintained.

Analysis:

The proposed rezone would adjust this commercial property to a more intensive-use commercial district in an area that has a variety of zoning districts including Commercial Community (CC), Commercial Regional (CR), Commercial Services (CS), Planned Unit Development (PUD), and Residential Rural (RR-5) all within one-quarter mile of the subject property's boundaries. The rezoning would be consistent with the description of the Transition Area of Change Use Designation in the El Paso County Master Plan.

c. Key Area Influences: Potential Areas for Annexation

This Key Area outlines the portions of the County that are anticipated to be annexed as development occurs. It is imperative that the County continue to coordinate with the individual cities and towns as they plan for growth. Collaboration with the individual communities will prevent the unnecessary duplication of efforts, overextension of resources, and spending of funds. The County should coordinate with each of the municipalities experiencing substantial growth, the development of an intergovernmental agreement similar to that developed with Colorado Springs.

2. Water Master Plan Analysis

The El Paso County Water Master Plan (2018) has 3 main purposes; to better understand present conditions of water supply and demand; identify efficiencies that can be achieved; and encourage best practices for water demand management

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through the comprehensive planning and development review processes. Relevant policies are as follows:

Goal 1.1 – *Ensure an adequate water supply in terms of quantity, dependability and quality for existing and future development.*

Policy 1.1.1 – *Adequate water is a critical factor in facilitating future growth and it is incumbent upon the County to coordinate land use planning with water demand, efficiency and conservation.*

Goal 1.2 – *Integrate water and land use planning.*

The Water Master Plan includes demand and supply projections for central water providers in multiple regions throughout the County. The property is located within Planning Region 3 of the Plan. Water will be supplied for a well in which sufficiency was found during a previous subdivision. The following information pertains to water demands and supplies in Region 3 for central water providers:

The Plan identifies the current demand for Region 3 to be 4,494 acre-feet per year (AFY) (Figure 5.1) with a current supply of 7,164 AFY (Figure 5.2). The projected demand in 2040 for Region 3 is at 6,403 AFY (Figure 5.1) with a projected supply of 7,921 AFY (Figure 5.2) in 2040. The projected demand at build-out in 2060 for Region 3 is at 8,307 AFY (Figure 5.1) with a projected supply of 8,284 AFY (Figure 5.2) in 2060.

A finding of water sufficiency is not required with a Map Amendment. The property is served by the Falcon Highlands Metro District. The proposed development will be required to meet all standards set by local, state, and federal regulations and seeks to maintain quality ground and drinking water, contribute to the local economy, and ensure resource use is sustainable.

3. Other Master Plan Elements

The El Paso County Wildlife Habitat Descriptors (1996) identifies the parcels as having a high wildlife impact potential. El Paso County Environmental Services was sent a referral and have the following comments:

“The applicant is hereby on notice that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have regulatory jurisdiction over wetland and

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threatened and endangered species issues, respectively. It is the applicant's responsibility, and not El Paso County's, to ensure compliance with all applicable county, state, and federal laws and regulations, including, but not limited to, the Clean Water Act, Endangered Species Act, Migratory Bird Treaty Act, Colorado Noxious Weed Act, and El Paso County Weed Management Plan."

The Master Plan for Mineral Extraction (1996) identifies upland deposits in the area of the subject parcels. A mineral rights certification was prepared by the applicant indicating that, upon researching the records of El Paso County, severed mineral rights exist. The mineral rights owner has been notified of the application and hearing date.

Please see the Parks Section below for information regarding conformance with The El Paso County Parks Master Plan (2022).

Please see the Transportation Section below for information regarding conformance with the El Paso County 2016 Major Transportation Corridors Plan (MTCP).

G. PHYSICAL SITE CHARACTERISTICS

1. Hazards

No hazards were identified during the review of the Map Amendment (Rezoning)

2. Floodplain

The property is not located with a floodplain as determined by a review of the Federal Insurance Rate Map number, 08041C0561G. The property is in Zone "X" which is an area of minimal flood hazard determined to be outside the 500-year flood zone.

3. Drainage and Erosion

The property is located within the Falcon Drainage Basin (CHWS1400). The property was platted in 2008 as Lot 5 of the Meridian Crossing Filing Number 1 under PCD File SF07024 and BoCC Resolution 08-298. Drainage and bridge fees are not assessed with Map Amendment (Rezoning) requests. Drainage and bridge fee credits were applied against stormwater infrastructure constructed during the original 2008 commercial subdivision development and platting process. A final drainage report and grading and erosion control plan will be required at the Site Development Plan stage. The final drainage report shall provide hydrologic and hydraulic analysis to identify and mitigate the drainage impacts of the development.

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4. Transportation

The property is located at the corner of McLaughlin Road and Rolling Thunder Way. The property gains access from McLaughlin Road which is a county-maintained paved collector road. A Traffic Impact Study report was provided with the rezoning application.

Access to the development site was determined to be adequate without additional public improvements. The proposed development is projected to generate 135 vehicle trips per day (ADT) as determined by the traffic study. The development has satisfied the El Paso County Road Impact Fee Program through the previous participation in the 2008 Falcon Small Area Traffic Study Program and payment of \$408,559.00 in road impact fees and construction of public improvements. No further County Road Impact fees are applicable.

H. SERVICES

1. Water

Water will be provided by Falcon Highlands Metropolitan District.

2. Sanitation

Wastewater will be provided by the Woodmen Hills Metropolitan District.

3. Emergency Services

The property is within the Falcon Fire Protection District.

4. Utilities

Electricity is provided by Mountain View Electric Association. The City of Colorado Springs Utilities Department will provide gas. Colorado Springs Utilities and Development Services commented on the application: *"CSU UDS does not have an issue with the zone change."*

5. Metropolitan Districts

The subject property is within the Falcon Highlands Metropolitan District and is also served by the Woodmen Hills Metropolitan District.

6. Parks/Trails

Land dedication and fees in lieu of parkland dedication are not required for a Map Amendment (Rezoning) application.

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7. Schools

Land dedication and fees in lieu of school land dedication are not required for a Map Amendment (Rezoning) application.

I. APPLICABLE RESOLUTIONS

See attached resolution.

J. STATUS OF MAJOR ISSUES

There are no outstanding major issues.

K. RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS AND NOTATIONS

Should the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners find that the request meets the criteria for approval outlined in Section 5.3.5 Map Amendment (Rezoning) of the El Paso County Land Development Code (as amended), staff recommends the following condition and notations:

CONDITION

1. The developer shall comply with federal and state laws, regulations, ordinances, review and permit requirements, and other agency requirements. Applicable agencies include but are not limited to: the Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Colorado Department of Transportation, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding the Endangered Species Act, particularly as it relates to the Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse as a listed threatened species.

NOTATIONS

1. If a zone or rezone petition has been disapproved by the Board of County Commissioners, resubmittal of the previously denied petition will not be accepted for a period of one (1) year if it pertains to the same parcel of land and is a petition for a change to the same zone that was previously denied. However, if evidence is presented showing that there has been a substantial change in physical conditions or circumstances, the Planning Commission may reconsider said petition. The time limitation of one (1) year shall be computed from the date of final determination by the Board of County Commissioners or, in the event of court litigation, from the date of the entry of final judgment of any court of record.



2. Rezoning requests not forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners for consideration within 180 days of Planning Commission action will be deemed withdrawn and will have to be resubmitted in their entirety.

L. PUBLIC COMMENT AND NOTICE

The Planning and Community Development Department notified eighteen (18) adjoining property owners on April 3, 2024, for the Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners meetings. Responses will be provided at the hearing.

M. ATTACHMENTS

Map Series
Letter of Intent
Rezone Map
Draft Resolution

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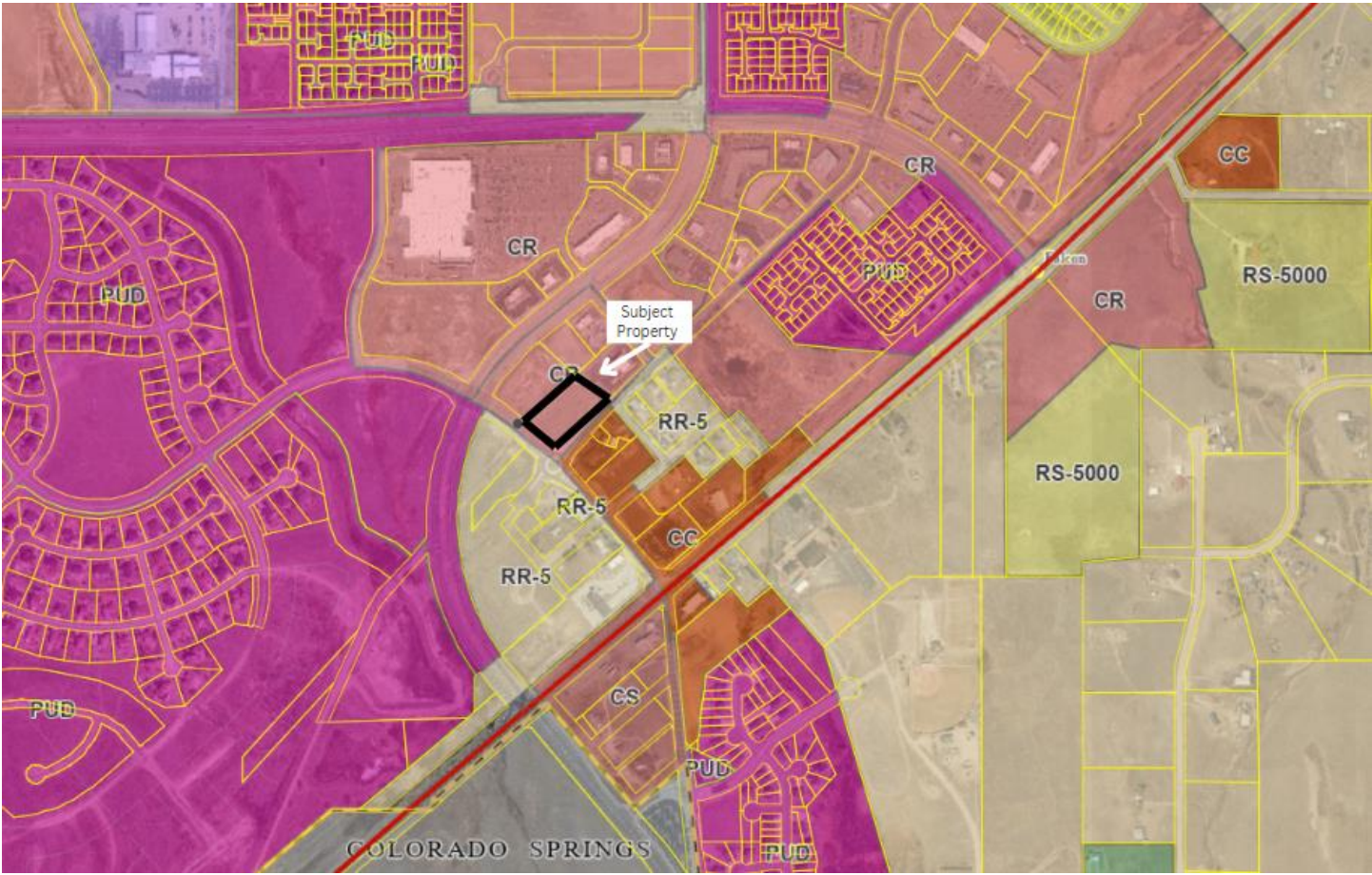


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Map Exhibit #1: Aerial



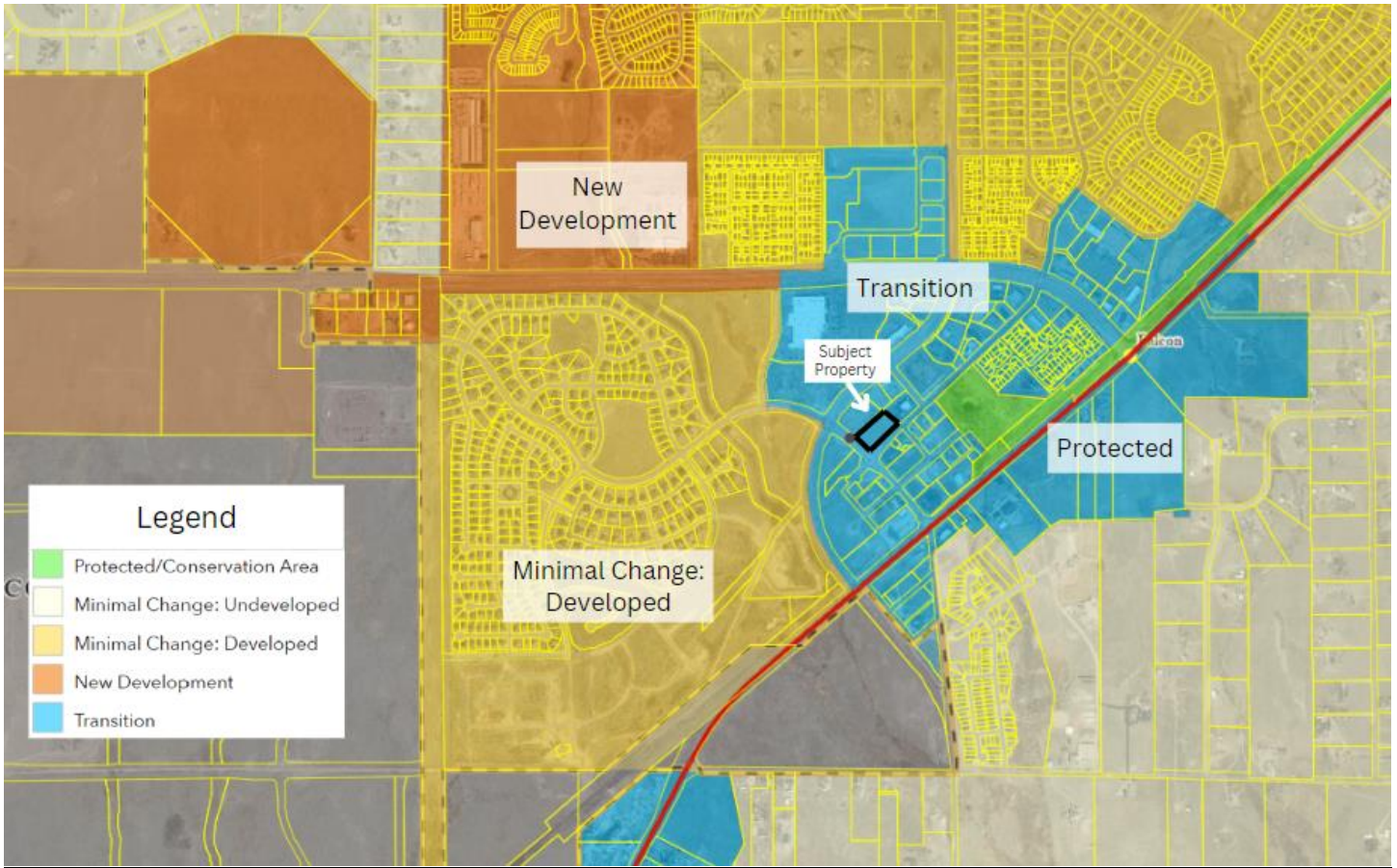
Map Exhibit #2: Zoning



Map Exhibit #3: Placetype



Map Exhibit #4: Area of Change



Letter of Intent

To: El Paso County
Community Development

From: Galloway & Company, Inc

Re: **Rolling Thunder Storage CS Map Amendment (Rezone)**

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Broomfield, CO 80023

Applicant: **Centennial American Properties**
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John McDonough
johnm@capllc.com
678-682-5560

Consultant: **Galloway & Company Inc.**
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Brynhildr Halsten
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719.900.7220

PCD File: **CS 241**

Site Details:

TSN: 5312114004 (Lot 5 Meridian Crossing Filing No 1)
Address: 7125-7153 N Meridian Road
Acreage: 2.13
Current Zoning: CR
Proposed Zoning: CS
Current Use: Vacant

Request:

Centennial American Properties requests approval of a Map Amendment (Rezoning) for 2.13 Acres from CR to CS for a single platted parcel, Lot 5 Meridian Crossing Filing No 1.

Location

The Rolling Thunder Storage Map Amendment (rezone) area includes 2.13 acres and is located east of Meridian Road a divided, 4-lane road with commercial and residential uses, north of Rolling Thunder Way and west of McLaughlin Road. Falcon Marketplace is to the northwest and Beckett at Woodmen Hills commercial development is to the north.

Project Description & Context:

The Rolling Thunder Storage Map Amendment (rezone) request is for a zone change from CR (Commercial Regional) to CS (Commercial Services) for 2.13 Acres comprising a single



platted parcel of the Meridian Crossing subdivision. This rezoning is requested to facilitate the development of the property for a future self storage facility. The CS District is intended to accommodate retail, wholesale or service commercial uses that serve the general public. Code, § 3.2.5.C. The Project proposes a self-storage facility and would therefore be classified by the Code as a “Mini-Warehouse Facility”.

The property is currently vacant and within the Meridian Crossing subdivision which is zoned CR. North of the property is the Beckett at Woodmen Hills commercial zoned CR. Northwest the Falcon Marketplace is zoned CR. East of the property is zoned CC and South is zoned PUD.

Traffic:

A Traffic Impact Study prepared by Galloway is included with submittal.

Utilities:

Water will be provided by Falcon Highlands Metro District. Wastewater will be provided by the Woodmen Hills Metropolitan District. The site is within the service area of Mountain View Electric Association, Inc. for electricity supply, and within the service area of Colorado Springs Utilities for natural gas supply.

Wetlands & Floodplain:

There are no wetlands within the project boundaries. The site is located in Zone X (FEMA Floodplain Map No. 08041C0561G dated December 7, 2018), indicating the flood risk of the site is deemed by FEMA to be ‘minimal’.

Wildlife:

In general, the site provides poor quality habitat for wildlife due to the proximity to recent development. No State-listed or State sensitive species were observed on the site. The site is not suitable habitat for any Federally-listed threatened and endangered species.

Wildfire:

The primary wildland fuel type is grassland with scattered trees. The Colorado State Forest Service has determined a moderate-high wildfire hazard potential and listed a moderate risk, as this area is currently undisturbed grassland. Development of the site will reduce available wildfire fuels in this area.

Districts Serving the Property:

The following districts will serve the property:

- Mountain View Electric Association
- City of Colorado Springs Utilities Department – Gas
- Woodmen Hills Metro District – wastewater
- Falcon Highlands Metro District – water
- Falcon Fire Protection District

Note – this property is not located in the Woodmen Road Metropolitan District or the amended services area as listed on Plat #12864 Note #19. All development fees to include Road Impact Fees will be paid to the County.

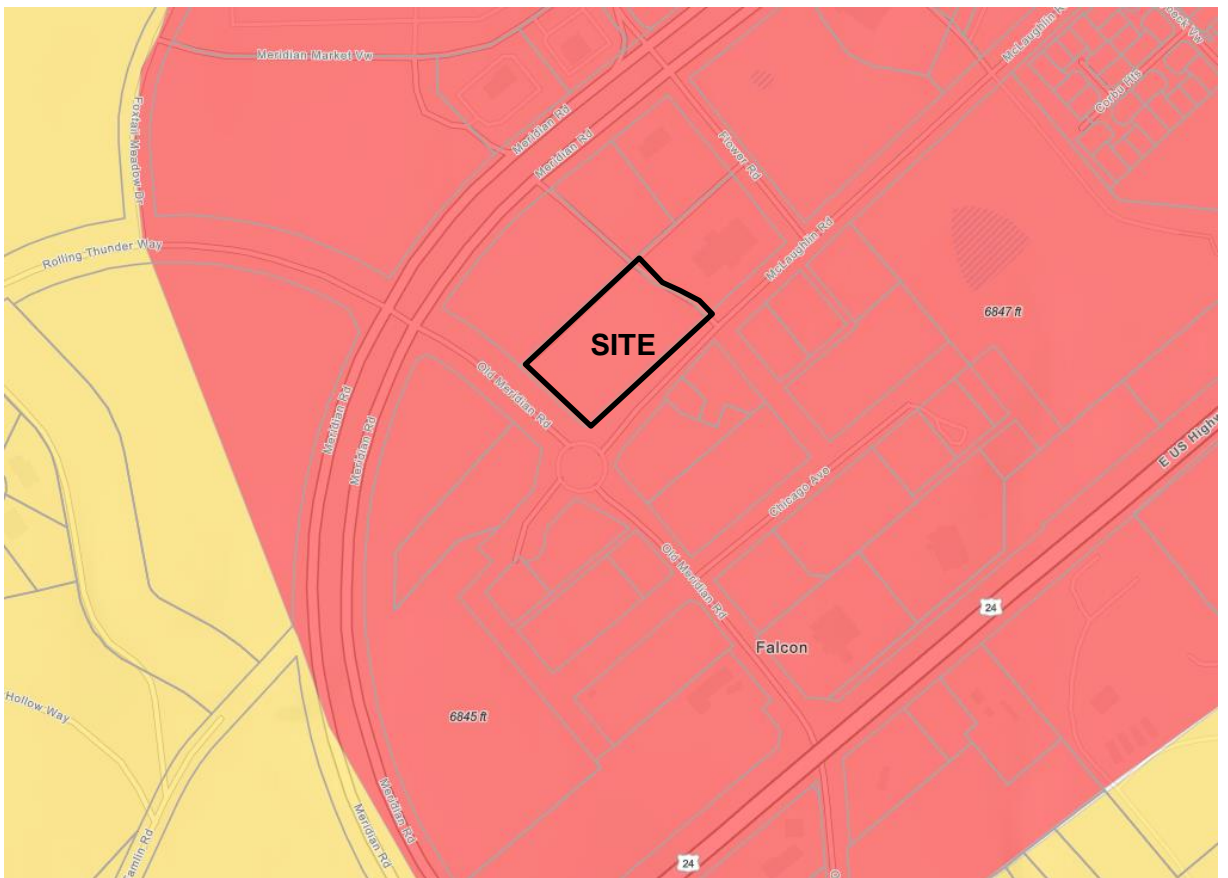
Project Justification:

The request is consistent with the criteria in Section 5.3.5.B for a Map Amendment (Rezoning) as follows

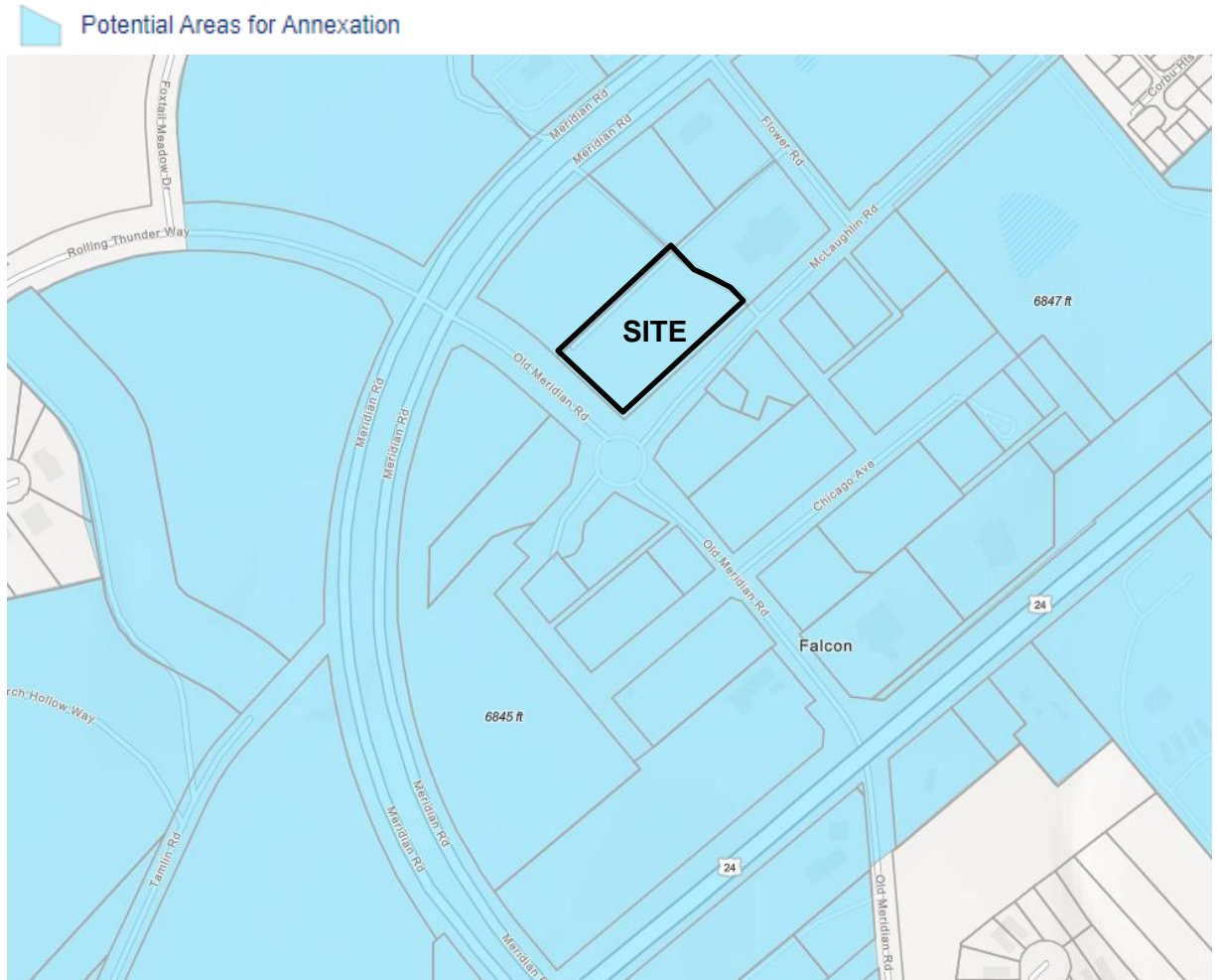
1. The Application is in general conformance with the El Paso County Master Plan including applicable Small Area Plans or there has been a substantial change in the character of the neighborhood since the land was last zoned.

EL PASO COUNTY MASTER PLAN

The proposed CS rezone supports land uses that are identified as primary land use types in the Regional Center. The proposed CS rezone is consistent with the character and objectives of the Regional Center Placetype by providing access to necessary and desired commercial goods and services in El Paso County through a unique mix of uses. The proposed CS rezone compliments existing and proposed retail and services along the perimeter street, Meridian Road and near the commercial intersection of Meridian Road and Woodmen Road.



The property is within a Key Area for potential annexation area. The continuity of this proposed development with surrounding activity will likely result in the area's future annexation and/or classification as a future key area. The rezone and development support the character of the key area by providing similar land uses occurring along Meridian Road.



The property is within a Transition Area of Change. The surrounding area is anticipated to continue undergoing a transition from underutilized residential lots to commercial uses.

WATER MASTER PLAN

- Goal 1.1 – Ensure an adequate water supply in terms of quantity, dependability and quality for existing and future development.
- Goal 3.1 – Promote cooperation among water providers to achieve increased efficiencies on infrastructure.
- Goal 3.2 – Promote cooperation among water providers to achieve increased efficiencies on treatment.
- Goal 5.1 – Identify the potential water supply gap at projected full development build-out (2060).
- Goal 5.4 – Promote the long-term use of renewable water.

- *Goal 5.5 – Identify any water supply issues early on in the land development process.*
- *Goal 6.0 – Require adequate water availability for proposed development.*
- *Policy 6.0.8 – Encourage development patterns and higher density, mixed use developments in appropriate locations that propose to incorporate meaningful water conservation measures.*

The project is located in Region 3. The property is served by the Falcon Highlands Metro District. The district meets or exceeds all state and federal regulations. They strive to cooperate with surrounding providers and customers to ensure proper conservation and storage. Such actions intended to conserve water include the construction of a new water treatment facility and seasonal irrigation policies for all residential and commercial properties.

The proposed development will meet all standards set by local, state, and federal regulations. The developer seeks to maintain quality ground and drinking water, contribute to the local economy, and ensure resources use is sustainable.

The applicant understands the water needs for the proposed development. Available data and the water commitment letters will allow for predictable water demand to be calculated and compared with availability in the surrounding area.

EL PASO COUNTY PARKS MASTER PLAN

The El Paso County Parks Master Plan does not identify any County master-planned facilities that would be impacted by this project. The proposed Meridian Road Bicycle Route follows North Meridian Road from north to south. This proposed route would not impact the subject property as it would be accommodated within the public right-of-way.

2. The rezoning is in compliance with applicable statutory provisions including but not limited to C.R.S. §30-28-111 §30-28-113, AND §30-28-116;

As the proposed rezoning fulfils the goals of the County Master Plan as described under criterion (1) above and is a compatible transition between the adjacent uses, as described in criterion (3) below, it therefore complies with the statutory provisions that allow County's to establish, limit, regulate, or amend zoning within the unincorporated parts of El Paso County in the interests of public health, safety and welfare.

3. The proposed land use or zone district is compatible with the existing and permitted land uses and zone districts in all directions.

As noted above, the proposed CS zoning is compatible with adjacent zoning and land uses and compliment existing and proposed commercial uses.

The site will be developed in accordance with El Paso County buffering requirements to be determined during the development process.

The site layout and architectural design will provide visual appeal and consistency with the Bent Grass Commercial, Falcon Marketplace and existing and future commercial creating a cohesive commercial frontage along Meridian Road.

The rezone and development of the subject property will complement the commercial centers already existing at the intersection of Woodmen Road and Meridian Road.

The proposed commercial development and CS rezone supports land uses that are identified as primary land use types in the Regional Center. The proposed CS rezone is consistent with the character and objectives of the Regional Center Placetype by providing access to necessary and desired commercial goods and services in El Paso County through a unique mix of uses. The proposed CS rezone compliments existing and proposed retail and services along the perimeter street, Meridian Road and near the commercial intersection of Meridian Road and Woodmen Road.

4. The site is suitable for the intended use, including the ability to meet the standards as described in Chapter 5 of the Land Development Code, for the intended zone district.

Future development of the property will meet the use and dimensional standards for the CS zone as set out in Chapter 5 of the Land Development Code (LDC). The site is suitable for the proposed self storage facility and compliments the adjacent commercial development. The project has adequate access to Rolling Thunder Way via private access drives, and access to adequate utilities.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF EL PASO, STATE OF COLORADO

APPROVAL OF MAP AMENDMENT (REZONE) TO CS
7125 N MERIDIAN - REZONE FROM CR TO CS (CS241)

WHEREAS, CAP Storage Falcon, LLC, did file an application with the El Paso County Planning and Community Development Department for an amendment to the El Paso County Zoning Map to rezone for property located within the unincorporated area of the County, more particularly described in Exhibit A and depicted in Exhibit B, attached hereto and incorporated by reference from the CR (Commercial Regional) zoning district to the CS (Commercial Service) zoning district; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held by the El Paso County Planning Commission on April 18, 2024, upon which date the Planning Commission did by formal resolution recommend approval of the subject map amendment application; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held by the El Paso County Board of County Commissioners on May 9, 2024; and

WHEREAS, based on the evidence, testimony, exhibits, consideration of the master plan for the unincorporated area of the County, presentation and comments of the El Paso County Planning and Community Development Department and other County representatives, comments of public officials and agencies, comments from all interested persons, comments by the general public, comments by the El Paso County Planning Commission Members, and comments by the Board of County Commissioners during the hearing, this Board finds as follows:

1. That the application was properly submitted for consideration by the Board of County Commissioners.
2. That proper posting, publication, and public notice were provided as required by law for the hearings before the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners.
3. That the hearings before the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners were extensive and complete, that all pertinent facts, matters, and issues were submitted and reviewed, and that all interested persons were heard at those hearings.
4. That all exhibits were received into evidence.
5. That the proposed zoning is in compliance with the recommendations set forth in the Master Plan for the unincorporated area of the county.
6. That the proposed land use will be compatible with existing and permitted land uses in the area.

7. That the proposed land use does not permit the use of any area containing a commercial mineral deposit in a manner, which would interfere with the present or future extraction of such deposit by an extractor.
8. That changing conditions clearly require amendment to the Zoning Resolutions.
9. That for the above-stated and other reasons, the proposed Amendment to the El Paso County Zoning Map is in the best interest of the health, safety, morals, convenience, order, prosperity, and welfare of the citizens of El Paso County.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5.3.5 of the El Paso County Land Development Code, as amended, in approving this amendment to the El Paso County Zoning Map, the Board of County Commissioners considered one or more of the following criteria:

1. The application is in general conformance with the El Paso County Master Plan including applicable Small Area Plans or there has been a substantial change in the character of the neighborhood since the land was last zoned;
2. The rezoning is in compliance with all applicable statutory provisions, including but not limited to C.R.S. § 30-28-111, § 30-28-113, and § 30-28-116;
3. The proposed land use or zone district is compatible with the existing and permitted land uses and zone districts in all directions; and
4. The site is suitable for the intended use, including the ability to meet the standards as described in Chapter 5 of the Code, for the intended zone district.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the El Paso County Board of County Commissioners hereby approves the petition of CAP Storage Falcon, LLC, to amend the El Paso County Zoning Map to rezone property located in the unincorporated area of El Paso County as described in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference, from the RR-5 (Residential Rural) zoning district to the CS (Commercial Service) zoning district ;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the following conditions and notations shall be placed upon this approval:

CONDITIONS

1. The developer shall comply with federal and state laws, regulations, ordinances, review and permit requirements, and other agency requirements. Applicable agencies include but are not limited to: the Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Colorado Department of Transportation, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding the Endangered

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2. Rezoning requests not forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners for consideration within 180 days of Planning Commission action will be deemed withdrawn and will have to be resubmitted in their entirety.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the record and recommendations of the El Paso County Planning Commission be adopted, except as modified herein.

DONE THIS 9TH day of May 2024 at Colorado Springs, Colorado.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF EL PASO COUNTY, COLORADO

ATTEST:

By: _____
Chair

By: _____
County Clerk & Recorder

EXHIBIT A

BEING A PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 65 WEST OF THE 6TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, COUNTY OF EL PASO, STATE OF COLORADO, MORE FULLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS;

LOT 5, MERIDIAN CROSSING FILING NO. 1, COUNTY OF EL PASO, STATE OF COLORADO.

SAID LANDS CONTAIN 92,757 SQ. FT., 2.13 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS.

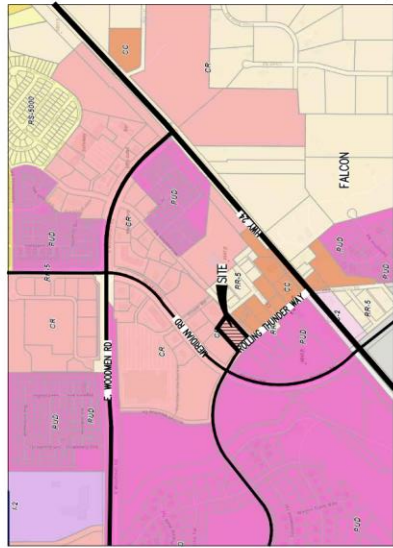
EXHIBIT B

CAP STORAGE FALCON, LLC

ROLLING THUNDER MAP AMENDMENT (REZONE)

LOT 5 MERIDIAN CROSSING FILING NO 1
NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 12 IN TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 65 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M.
7125-7153 MERIDIAN ROAD

REZONE
PCD: CS-XX-XXXX



SITE PLAN

GENERAL DEVELOPMENT DATA	
SITE ADDRESS	7125-7153 W MERIDIAN RD FILING NO 001
JURISDICTION	EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS
TAX PARCEL IDENTIFIER	00000000000000000000
USE CATEGORY	INDUSTRIAL
LOCAL ZONING	INDUSTRIAL
PROPOSED ZONING	INDUSTRIAL
OWNER	CAP STORAGE FALCON, LLC
DEVELOPER	CAP STORAGE FALCON, LLC
CONSULTANT	TRAVIS W. HARRIS, INC.
DATE	10/20/2023
SCALE	AS SHOWN
DATE	10/20/2023
BY	TRAVIS W. HARRIS, INC.
FOR	TRAVIS W. HARRIS, INC.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION
LOT 5 MERIDIAN CROSSING FILING NO 1
THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL CONTAINS A TOTAL OF 21.0 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

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