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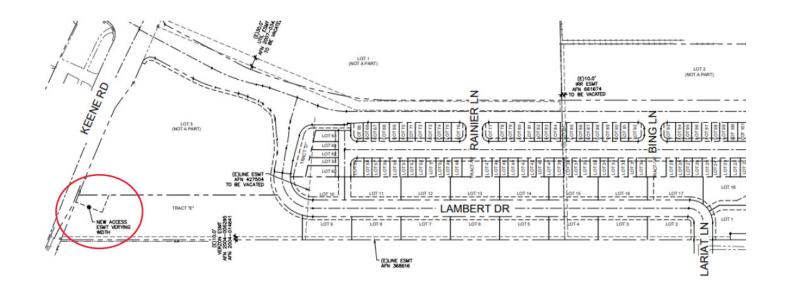
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 5:05 PMTo: Hendricks, Kyle; Reathaford, JasonCc: Stevens, Mike; Whittier, John

Subject: RE: Columbia Valley Property Holdings Rezone App

Kyle,

I think the issue is a misunderstanding of Condition 2. Public Works has already performed the engineering analysis and established the driveway location on Keene that the lot can take access from. The intent of Condition 2 is to say that since we have already pre-approved a driveway location to serve the lot on Keene, no subsequent driveways will permitted on Keene to access the lot since no other location can be justified through our engineering analysis. The access would be taken from Keene as shown in the PUD documents (red circles on maps below). Phase 1 of the development will also include an access easement across the storm pond tract to enable the access. There is no intent to now disallow this access. We do not support removing the condition and would ask the applicant, with this additional clarification, to consider not proposing to remove the condition.







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From: Hendricks, Kyle <khendricks@ci.richland.wa.us>

Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 11:45 AM

To: Reathaford, Jason <JReathaford@CI.RICHLAND.WA.US>; DAlessandro, Carlo <cdalessandro@CI.RICHLAND.WA.US>

Cc: Stevens, Mike <mstevens@CI.RICHLAND.WA.US>; Whittier, John <jwhittier@CI.RICHLAND.WA.US>

Subject: FW: Columbia Valley Property Holdings Rezone App

Hello,

See below. What are Public Works thoughts?

This is in regard to the rezone application (AG/SAG to C-2) at 2155 Keene Rd Z2023-106 (Terraces at Queensgate).

It would be helpful if someone from Public Works could be in attendance at the Hearing Examiner Special Meeting tomorrow July 14th, 1pm-5pm. This item appears to be the first item on the agenda.

Thank you,



Kyle HendricksPlanner
625 Swift Blvd., MS-35 | Richland, WA 99352 (509) 942-7683

From: Rick Simon <<u>rpsimon60@gmail.com</u>> Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 8:30 PM To: Hendricks, Kyle < khendricks@ci.richland.wa.us Cc: Stevens, Mike < mstevens@CI.RICHLAND.WA.US Subject: Columbia Valley Property Holdings Rezone App

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Hello Kyle,

I wanted to give you a heads up - at the Hearing Examiner meeting, we'll be asking the Examiner to delete your proposed condition #2:

2. The location/establishment of driveways for Parcel 3 have been pre-approved as a result of The Terraces at Queensgate PUD project. Additional and/or relocated driveways onto Parcel 3 will not be allowed.

The basis for that is the language in Section 10(f) of the first amendment to the development agreement, which specifically states

Access from future development onto Keene Road and/or the future Queensgate Drive shall be subject to road approach review and/or permits from the City, which review may include review of commercially reasonable site distances from existing intersections, including the intersection of Keene Road/Queensgate Drive.

Condition #2 takes away the potential for a driveway onto Keene Road, which is contrary to the development agreement. This seems to me to be a detail that should get reviewed at the project stage and Public Works can determine if a proposal for a driveway meets traffic safety standards. We don't want to give up that potential at this point. If you agree, then perhaps you could delete this condition at the hearing. But in any case, we plan to ask the Examiner to remove that language. Thanks.

Rick Simon

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO STAFF'S RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

Agreement with Condition #2:

Initially we had some concerns regarding the potential for driveway access from Keene Road. With the explanation from staff, our concerns are relieved but would like the email from Mike Stevens to Rick Simon, dated July 14, 2023, to be entered into the record, as it clarifies the intent of the condition.

Re-word Condition #19:

We propose condition #19 to be re-worded. We agree with the concept that commercial buildings should be oriented away from Country Ridge but in the event there are multiple buildings built on site, the orientation of buildings located farthest away from Country Ridge doesn't need to be restricted.

19. Development shall be oriented to the east, towards Queensgate Drive or Keene Road and away from the Country Ridge property boundary. Any building located on or near the western setback line of the site must be oriented away from Country Ridge. If there are multiple buildings constructed on site, buildings located on the eastern half of the site may be oriented towards the west.

Clarify Condition #20:

We want to clarify that the 204 foot setback we propose applies to buildings, not to other improvements such as access or parking fields.

20. A <u>building</u> setback measuring 204' shall be provided between the Country Ridge Estates and future commercial development to provide the buffer established within Contract 92-10, Ordinance 2022-03, and PUD2022-101.

Clarify Condition #22:

The intent of the condition we proposed for blocking vehicle headlights was to offer protection to Country Ridge for vehicles entering the site from Keene Road and so propose the following clarification:

22. Landscaping, screening or combination thereof shall be placed to block vehicle headlights from shining onto the adjacent residential properties for vehicles entering or exiting the site <u>from Keene Road</u>

Clarify Condition #23:

Finally, we propose a clarification to identify that the open space between the commercial site and Country Ridge includes only Tract E.

23. The open space tract <u>Tract E</u> located along the western boundary of the site shall be reserved for storm drainage facilities and landscaping. Other possible improvements permitted on this site would be limited to walking or bicycle trails and possible park furniture such as benches, picnic tables or gazebos.



DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Gary McClean, Hearings Examiner

FROM: Mike Stevens, Planning Manager

DATE: July 28, 2023

SUBJECT: Z2023-106

At the conclusion of the July 14, 2023, public hearing for rezone application No. Z2023-106, City staff requested additional time to review the requested changes to Conditions of Approval Nos. 19, 20, 22 and 23 as proposed by the applicant. City staff has reviewed the proposed changes and offers the following:

Subsection 10.j of Contract No. 92-10 indicates that "The process of implementing the comprehensive plan may result in some minor deviations to the plan, such as adjustments in zoning boundary lines. Such deviations may be acceptable if they are deemed minor in nature and consistent with Items a through j as listed above."

As a result, the question(s) to be answered is whether or not the requested zoning change is "minor in nature and consistent with Items a through j."

City staff contend that the main issue needing to be resolved is that of the required buffer. Language contained in Item a is quite specific as it reads: "A buffer area of Low-density residential development designated along the westerly property boundary of the Site, adjacent to the Country Ridge property line and zoned for R-1-12. The buffer would provide for two tiers of single-family residential lots separated by a road corridor, providing for an overall density not to exceed three (3) lots per acre (inclusive of such road corridor). A Planned Unit Development may be utilized to achieve a density average consistent with this agreement. These lots would meet all R-1-12 zoning standards, and such lots adjoining the adjacent Country Ridge development shall be laid out with their rear yards facing the Country Ridge property line."

The PUD submitted for Revised Lot 4 (Terraces At Queensgate South) extends south from its boundary with Keene Road approximately 2,200 linear feet. It was demonstrated through the creation of The Terraces at Queensgate South (Terraces) that two (2) tiers of single-family residential lots separated by a road corridor can be accomplished within a width of 204' (each tier being 75' in width separated by a 54' road corridor). However, the northern portion of Revised Lot 4, to be known henceforth as Tract E is not intended to be developed with two tiers of residential lots and a separating roadway, rather, Tract E is intended to be used for stormwater runoff as it is located in the lowest portion of the site and is topographically consistent with this intent. The width of Tract E is only 145', not 204' as was approved for the portion of Revised Lot 4 located

south of Tract E, which contains adequate width for two tiers of residential development separated by a road corridor (204').

City staff informed the developer early on that the intent of Tract E as a stormwater swale was consistent with the intent of item a as it was a required part of the Terraces residential development. However, staff has been clear with the developer that the distance between Country Ridge and any future commercial development must be consistent with item a in regard to the width and intent of the buffer area, which is to separate commercial development from residential development.

The applicant's current proposal of having a 145' buffer width with Tract E, plus a 59' building setback does not take into consideration other commercial development activities which could have a negative impact to the residents of Country Ridge. Staff contend that activities and/or commercial uses that would not be subject to the 59' building setback could include things such as parking lots, light standards, loading/unloading zones for semi-trucks, large trash containers and other uses or activities which Item a intended to be separated from the Country Ridge neighborhood via the required buffer.

City staff offers the following changes to Conditions of Approval Nos. 19, 20, 22 and 23.

- 19. Any building located on or near the western buffer line of the site must be oriented away from Country Ridge. If there are multiple buildings constructed on site, buildings located on the eastern half of the site may be oriented towards the west.
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- 22. Landscaping, screening, or combination thereof shall be placed to block vehicle headlights from shining onto the adjacent residential properties for vehicles entering or exiting the site.
- 23. Tract E of the Terraces at Queensgate South PUD, along with an additional 59' located along the western boundary of the rezone site comprises the 204' buffer, and shall be reserved for storm drainage facilities, landscaping, fencing and/or other screening subject to review and approval by the Administrator. Other possible improvements permitted within the required buffer area would be limited to walking or bicycle trails and possible park furniture such as benches, picnic tables or gazebos.

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Date: July 28, 2023 at 3:50:58 PM PDT

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Respectfully Submitted this 28th day of July, 2023.

Mark E. Fickes



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Sincerely,



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Mr. Examiner,

Following the hearing on July 14 our committee for Country Ridge HOA was able to review the "Proposed Amendments to Staff's Recommended Conditions of Approval" that was introduced last minute by Mr. Simon at the hearing. We were able to redline their suggestions with something that would be acceptable to the HOA and I think clarifies our, and the City staff's position, where needed. See attached. I'm hopeful that you will agree with the City Staff, as we agree with the July 10 City Staff Report that stated that 204' would be the required **minimum** buffer distance to meet the conditions of the Contract 92-10 and Ordinance 2022-103 and that no commercial activities or ancillary services be within that buffer.

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requires a finding that development must be consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan, that finding cannot factually be made in this situation.

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Sincerely,

Michael A. Froehlich, Attorney Miller, Mertens & Comfort, PLLC 1020 N. Center Parkway, Suite B Kennewick, WA 99336

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From: "Gary N. McLean" < mcleanlaw@me.com>

Subject: Final Response from the Applicant -- Re: Z2023-106 Terraces Rezone

Application

Date: August 15, 2023 at 11:48:52 AM PDT **To:** Mike Stevens mstevens@ci.richland.wa.us>

Mike -

Please forward/transmit this item to the Applicant representative(s) and the neighboring HoA representative from the public hearing.

This short message is to confirm that the record for this matter has been held open to allow for responses to materials from the applicant during the hearing, from City Staff, and then any follow-up responses from the applicant and the Country Ridge HoA, and mentioned in your request to me which appears below.

Specifically, your request to allow an additional two (2) week period for review and response by the applicant and Country Ridge HOA was granted, by message the morning of your request, on July 28th — allowing for review and responses from the applicant and the C.R. HoA by no later than August 11th, which was two weeks from the date of your request. Later in the day on July 28th, Mr. Fickes submitted a response, on behalf of the applicant, offering information responding to Staff's memo, and generally objecting to holding the record open any further. After regular hours on August 10th, Mr. Froehich submitted a response, on behalf of the Country Ridge HoA.

Because the applicant bears the burden of proof in this matter, it is appropriate to hold the record open to allow the applicant to have the last word, and submit any reply to the August 10th response from the HoA. Upon receipt — the record will be closed. Unless they need additional time, the applicant's final response/reply should be submitted to your email by no later than close of business this Friday, August 18th.

Please ask all parties — as in every proceeding — to direct correspondence meant for the Hearing Examiner to your City email address, and you will retain the record and transmit it to me.

Thank you.

Gary N. McLean Hearing Examiner

On Jul 28, 2023, at 11:36 AM, Gary N. McLean < mcleanlaw@me.com > wrote:

Request granted. If either party needs additional time, please ask that they put such request in writing to you.

Sent from my iPhone

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RE: Z2023-106 Terraces Rezone

Mr. Examiner,

On behalf of Columbia Valley Property Holdings, I have the following four comments to enter into the record:

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- 2. Split zoning of the property is neither desirable nor practical for either the applicant nor the City and should be avoided, especially in light of the Terraces at Queensgate South PUD approval that established the width of Tract E at 145'.
- 3. The Country Ridge HOA insists that a 204' separation is mandated under the provisions of the development agreement. It is not. Two hundred four feet is the distance of the two tiers of residential lots separated by a road corridor that was approved through the Terraces at Queensgate South PUD project. Mr. Stevens acknowledged at the hearing on July 14th that a configuration of two tiers of lots and road could be accomplished within a narrower (176') strip of property. Two tiers of lots with a narrow private road and with shallow building envelopes could be accomplished within 146' and would meet the requirement of the development agreement. A 204' separation between Country Ridge and the commercial tract is simply not required.
- 4. The point that is lost with the focus on the 204' buffer width is that the 145' open space area that we are proposing provides a superior buffer compared to two tiers of residential lots with a road. The 145' open space area, together with all of the mitigation measures included in both the development agreement and the further mitigation offered in our application provides a buffer that is superior to two tiers of residential lots.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rick Simon