

Planning Commission Minutes  
February 22, 2024

(The agenda was filed with the City Clerk of The City of Oklahoma City at 7:39 a.m. on February 19, 2024)

18. (PC-10921) Application by N Star Investments, ~~LLC~~ Inc., to rezone 15051 North Rockwell Avenue from PUD-1300 Planned Unit Development District to C-3 Community Commercial District. Ward 8.

The applicant was present. There were no protestors present.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL.**

MOVED BY NOBLE, SECONDED BY MEEK

AYES: CLAIR, MEEK, NEWMAN, GOVIN, PENNINGTON, NOBLE, LAFORGE

ABSENT: POWERS, PRIVETT:



**STAFF REPORT**  
**The City of Oklahoma City**  
**Planning Commission**  
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**Item No. IV. 18.**

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**I. GENERAL INFORMATION**

**A. Contacts**

**Applicant's Representative**

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**B. Case History**

This is a new application.

**C. Reason for Request**

The purpose of this request is to permit commercial use and development.

**D. Existing Conditions**

**1. Size of Site (7.2 Acres)**

**2. Zoning and Land Use**

	<b>Subject Site</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>	<b>West</b>
<b>Zoning</b>	PUD-1300	SPUD-1261 / PUD-799	PUD-316	PUD-1300	PUD-1300
<b>Land Use</b>	Undeveloped	Commercial	Undeveloped	Undeveloped	Undeveloped

**3. Comprehensive Plan Land Use Typology Area: Urban – Low Intensity (UL)**

UL applies to the least intensively developed areas of the city that still receive urban water, sewer, police, park and fire services. Development in this area should provide horizontal integration of land uses, connectivity within and between individual developments, and design that facilitates pedestrian and bicycle transportation.

## **II. REVIEW COMMENTS**

This application was submitted to the following agencies, departments, and/or divisions for review and comment. An asterisk \* indicates that the agency, department, and/or division responded with no adverse comments.

### **A. Outside Agencies**

- 1. Oklahoma City-County Health Department (OCCHD)**
- 2. Oklahoma City Urban Renewal Authority (OCURA)**
- 3. Oklahoma Gas and Electric (OGE)**
- 4. Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB)**
- 5. School District (Deer Creek)**
- 6. Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT)**
- 7. Oklahoma Natural Gas (ONG)**
- 8. Oklahoma Electric Cooperative (OEC)**

### **B. City Departments**

- 1. Airports**
- 2. Central Oklahoma Transportation and Parking Authority (COTPA)**
- 3. Fire (OCFD) \***
- 4. Information Technology/Geographic Support (IT/GIS)**
- 5. Parks and Recreation**
- 6. Police (OCPD)**
- 7. Public Works**
  - a. Engineering**

**Storm Sewer Availability**

- 1) The Public Works Drainage Division staff has reviewed the subject application. All development, new construction, and/or substantial improvements planned within the proposed area shall be subject to chapter 16 of the Oklahoma City Municipal Code.
- 2) Storm sewers in accordance with the City's Drainage Ordinance will be required. Development abutting section line roads with drainage flows that exceed the capacity of OKC standard ditch detail (D-100) will necessitate the installation of enclosed storm sewer and/or concrete channel. These improvements shall be placed to provide a minimum of 35' clearance distance from the centerline of the section. Concrete channels must be entirely outside public right-of-way.
- 3) A flood and/or drainage study will be required to establish finished floor elevations, common lot areas or private drainage easements. A final plat should not be submitted until the study has been reviewed and approved by the Public Works Department.
- 4) Plans for drainage improvements within the private drainage reserves and/or common areas must be submitted for review, and payment of inspection fees shall be made prior to construction. Building permits will not be issued until construction is complete. If a subdivision abuts a stream, the private drainage easements and/or common area along stream shall extend to flow line of stream at a minimum.
- 5) Place the following note on the plat and construction plans: Maintenance of the Common Areas and/or Private Drainage Easements shall be the responsibility of the property owner. No structures, storage of material, grading, fill or other obstructions, including fences, either temporary or permanent shall be placed within the common areas and/or drainage easements shown.
- 6) Drainage easements shall be clearly denoted as public or private in owner's dedication, on the plat, and/or in the plat notes.
- 7) Construction within the limits of this PC will require an erosion control plan in accordance with EPA Storm Water Discharge permitting: CFR Vol. 57, No. 175, September 9, 1992. A copy of the EPA Notice of Intent (NOI) will be required prior to the issuance of work orders or permits for construction activities disturbing an area of 1/2 acre or greater.

- 8) Sidewalks shall be installed for all new construction and/or at the time of a residential use to a more intense use on all lots having frontage on public streets classified as a major or minor arterial.
- 9) All private roads /streets will have private storm sewer systems.
- 10) Engineer/developers will be contacting PW for detention determination before they submit their final plat and plans.

**8. Streets, Traffic and Drainage Maintenance**

**9. Stormwater Quality Management**

**10. Traffic Management**

**11. Utilities**

**a. Wastewater Comments**

1. An existing 15" wastewater main(s) is located adjacent to the subject site(s).
2. Line capacity is not guaranteed and must be checked by the Engineer of Record and reviewed by the City.
3. The developer will be required to extend the City wastewater collection system to and across each lot or site within the subdivision in accordance with the City Standard Specifications and Private Development Design Manual.
4. Minimum ten (10) feet horizontal separation is required from water mains and five (5) feet for other utilities. Minimum two (2) feet vertical separation required for all crossings. All wastewater mains must have a minimum cover of four (4) feet and depth no greater than eighteen (18) feet. Developer is responsible for remediating any failure to maintain the minimum four (4) feet of cover.
5. Wastewater main(s) must be centrally located in a twenty (20) feet wide easement or larger if necessary. No trees, signs, dumpster, fence, and/or structures shall be permitted over any proposed or existing utility main. An approved revocable permit must be obtained to have any private improvement located within any utility easement and/or right-of-way.

6. All existing unused private wastewater service connections must be abandoned and capped at the main in accordance with City Standard Specifications and Private Development Design Manual.
7. Plat may be revised after review and approval of utility plans.

**b. Water Comments**

1. An existing 12" water main(s) is located adjacent to the subject site(s).
2. A 12-inch water main is required to be looped through the development to provide adequate water supply and fire flow protection. Connection to two (2) separate active water mains is required to prevent partial or total shut-off of water supply when a pipeline failure occurs.
3. Minimum ten (10) feet horizontal separation required from wastewater mains and five (5) feet for other utilities. Minimum two (2) foot vertical separation required for all utility crossings. All water mains must have a minimum cover of five (5) feet along section line roads and four (4) feet elsewhere.
4. Proposed and/or existing water mains must be located centrally within a twenty (20) feet wide or larger utility easement or right-of-way. No trees, signs, dumpster, fence, and/or structures shall be permitted over any proposed or existing utility main. An approved revocable permit must be obtained to have any private improvement located within any utility easement and/or right-of-way.
5. Dead-end water mains must be avoided when possible. All existing unused water services must be capped and abandoned at the water main in accordance with the City Standard Specifications.
6. In accordance with ODEQ regulations, the City provides water at a minimum pressure of 25 psi. The developer is responsible for designing and construction of all fixtures to provide adequate domestic and fire protection under minimum pressure conditions. The developer will be responsible for any failure of domestic or fire protection systems which require water pressure in excess of 25 psi. The developer is responsible for installing pressure reducers if necessary for protection of developer's service lines, plumbing, and fixtures.
7. All existing and/or proposed water meters must be located in the right-of-way and/or utility easement within grassy areas outside of sidewalks, driveways, streets, and paving.

8. All domestic and fire suppression services must have a separate water service connection. Fire hydrant spacing shall not exceed 500 feet and must be located within ten (10) of a hard surface (i.e. sidewalk, street, paving).
9. Supply capacity for development is not guaranteed and will be reviewed at time of review of construction documents.
10. Plat may be revised after review and approval of utility plans.

**c. Solid Waste Management \***

**12. Planning**

**a. Comprehensive Plan Considerations**

**1) LUTA Development Policies:**

Site Design:

- Utilize Best Management Practices (BMP) for stormwater whenever possible.
- Developments should be served by urban water and sewer utility systems.

*National, state, and local permitting require basic best management practices for stormwater management. Public water and sewer are available.*

Location:

- Locate uses that generate high traffic volumes along arterial streets, frontage roads, and interstates.

*The subject site is located at the southwest corner of N Rockwell Avenue and NW 150<sup>th</sup> Street, both arterial streets.*

Density: The Urban Low Intensity LUTA outlines a floor to area ratio (FAR) of 0.2 to 1.0 for non-residential developments. *The site is currently undeveloped. If the rezoning application is approved, the C-3 District could provide a FAR within the UL LUTA range.*

Automobile Connectivity:

- Maintain, create, and enhance a street network that is highly connected to increase number of viable commercial locations and the effectiveness of the transportation system.
- Limit number of dead-end streets and cul-de-sacs.
- Limit curb cuts on arterial streets, and where possible concentrate access at shared entrance points.

- Development fronting arterials should take access from intersecting streets where possible.
- Primary entrance points should be aligned with access points immediately across the street.
- Retail developments should provide an internal vehicle and pedestrian circulation system between new and existing centers and individual stores.
- Provide vehicular connectivity between adjacent developments.
- Horizontally mixed-use developments should have connectivity between land uses.

*The subject site does not currently have improved access. The existing PUD allows a maximum of two drives along NW 150<sup>th</sup> Street, and no driveways are allowed within 200 feet of the intersection of NW 150<sup>th</sup> Street and N Rockwell Avenue. Code requirements would maintain a distance of 120 feet for driveways from this intersection. If the rezoning request is approved, access would be per Code requirements.*

Pedestrian Connectivity:

- Provide sidewalk connections to adjacent development.
- Within parking lots, provide pedestrian access ways separated from vehicle aisles.
- Horizontally mixed-use developments should have public sidewalk connectivity between land uses.

*Sidewalks are not currently available on the subject site. The existing PUD requires sidewalks along N Rockwell Avenue and NW 150<sup>th</sup> Street. Sidewalks are required along arterial streets.*

- 2) **Compatibility:** The comprehensive plan includes a land use compatibility matrix used to identify potential conflicts between major land use categories. When locating the proposed uses adjacent to existing office or retail uses, there are no compatibility issues identified by the comprehensive plan.
- 3) **Service Efficiency:**
  - Water: *Served*
  - Sewer: *Fully Served*
  - Fire Service: *Rural Service Level*
- 4) **Environmentally Sensitive Areas:** No ESAs were identified on the site.
- 5) **Transportation System:** This site is located at the southwest corner of N Rockwell Avenue, a Major Arterial Street, and NW 150<sup>th</sup> Street, a Minor Arterial Street, both in the Urban Low LUTA. Transit (bus) service is not available.
- 6) **Other Development Related Policies**

- Encourage the integration of different land uses in urban areas [by preventing] large areas of concentration of any particular land use such as multi-family or commercial. (SU-2)
- Prioritize maintaining the strength of existing commercial nodes and corridors over providing new areas for commercial development. (SU-23)
- Favor commercial development clustered in nodes at arterial or collector intersections or along brief “main street” style corridors over commercial development extending in a linear pattern for long distances along highway, arterial, or collector corridors. (SU-25)
- Regional-, community-, and neighborhood-scale retail developments should provide an internal vehicle and pedestrian circulation system between new and existing centers and individual stores that draws on the following principles:
  - Concentrate access for new retail development at shared primary entrance points. Primary entrance points should be aligned with access points immediately across intersecting roads. Limit curb cuts on primary highways and arterials.
  - Provide pedestrian circulation, including sidewalks and median breaks along interior and exterior fronting roads and within parking lots.
  - Encourage coordinated development of retail centers in order to facilitate internal pedestrian and vehicle circulation and optimal center performance (SU-27)
- Commercial buildings should be built at the street rather than behind a parking lot in order to promote pedestrian circulation, multipurpose shopping trips, and walkable and attractive streetscapes. (SU-28)
- New neighborhood-scale retail should be located within new residential growth areas to serve daily shopping needs and limit trip distances. In newly developing areas, this retail format is preferred to the existing linear development patterns along arterials. (SU-30)
- Neighborhood-scale retail should be developed at the median breaks or intersections of major or minor connectors. (SU-31)
- Require sidewalks on both sides of all streets in urban LUTAs. (C-7)
- Improve the functionality and efficiency of the street network by:
  - Providing direct connections from residential developments to nearby places and to each other.
  - Providing street and sidewalk stubs to adjacent vacant land in anticipation of future development.
  - Connecting new development to existing street and sidewalk stubs, and to existing trail, open space, and bicycle networks.
  - Reducing block sizes and use of dead-end streets.

- Maintaining the existing street grid to preserve connectivity and mobility options. (C-11)
- Limit driveways on arterials and collectors and increase connections between uses to improve safety and traffic efficiency. (C-30)
- Share parking between contiguous developments. (C-31)
- Initiate new efforts to reduce sign clutter and improve the aesthetics of signs, while allowing for adequate and visible business identification (E-14)
- Encourage unified planning for all adjoining land owned or controlled by a project's developer to ensure proper circulation and land use relationships (SU-47)

**b. Plan Conformance Considerations**

The subject site is located at the southwest corner of N Rockwell Avenue and NW 150<sup>th</sup> Street. The site is undeveloped and zoned as part of Tract 1 in PUD-1300. Across NW 150<sup>th</sup> Street, to the north, are SPUD-1261, which allows limited O-2 uses with eating establishments, veterinary clinics with no outdoor kennels and retail sales, and an existing residence at the rear of the property; and PUD-799 which is developed with a retail strip center at the northwest corner of the intersection. The northeast and southeast corners of the intersection are PUDs that allow commercial development.

The 155-acre PUD-1300 site was rezoned from PUD-206 in 2007 to allow a mixed-use development on four tracts, including a potential high school. Tracts 3 and 4 are either developing or have completed development of single-family residential. Tract 4 also has a church on site, fronting N Rockwell Avenue. The subject site is within Tract 1, which allows a modified C-3 base at the intersection, and is surrounded by Tract 2, which allows office uses and is intended to serve as a buffer from residential uses. A fast-food restaurant is located at the southern portion of Tract 1, along N Rockwell Avenue, currently the only development within Tracts 1 or 2.

The rezoning is requested for a portion of Tract 1, and would allow all C-3 uses and development regulations at the arterial intersection. Land abutting on the south would remain zoned for commercial uses, and land west would remain zoned for office uses. Commercial development is consistent with the allowed development on each of the arterial corners and compatible with the permitted office and commercial zoning on adjacent properties.

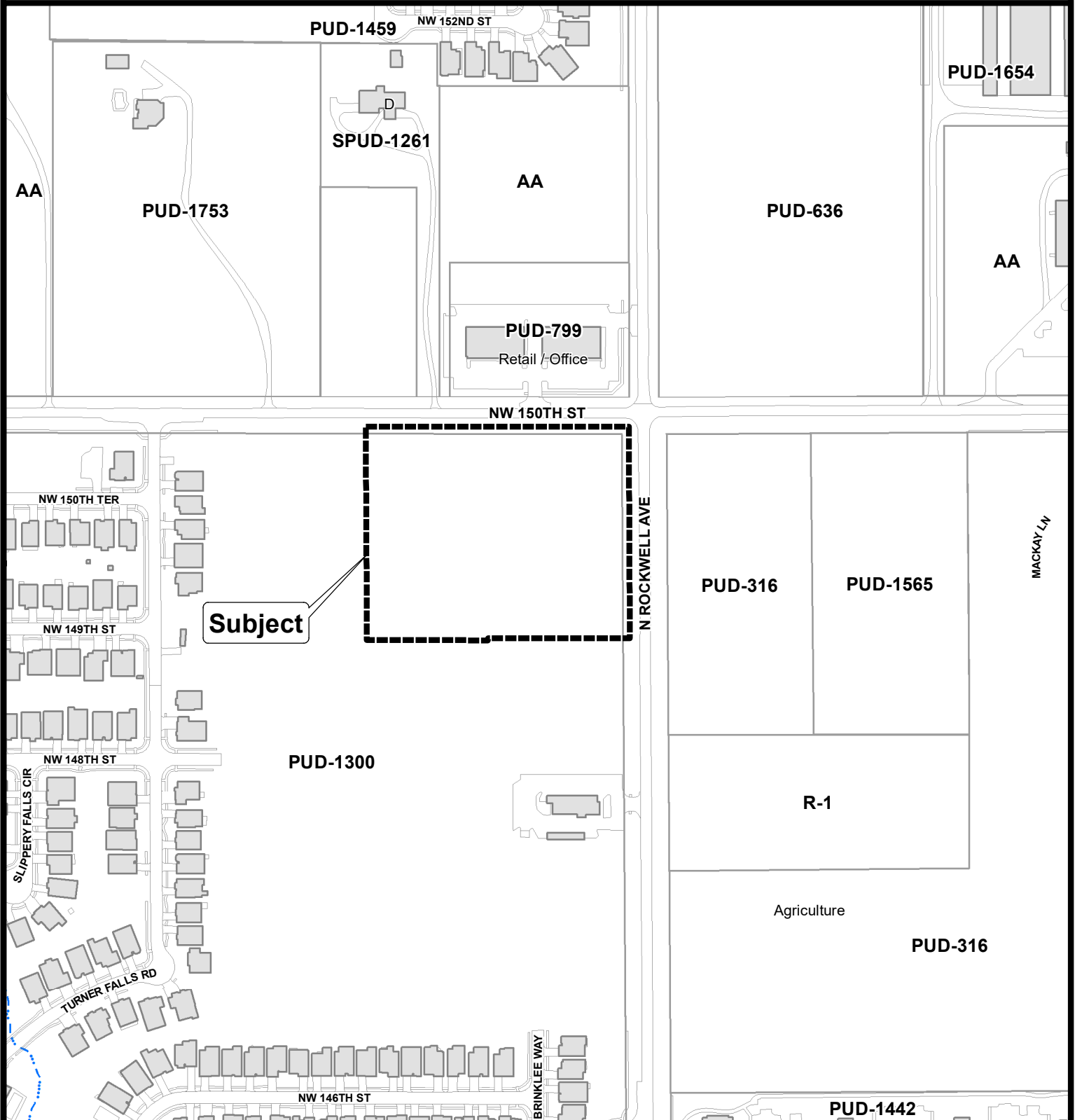
**IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

*Staff recommendations are advisory only and do not constitute Planning Commission decisions. Staff recommendations are based on a technical evaluation of information submitted at the time of review. Determination of conformance with policies contained in the comprehensive plan is the purview of the Planning Commission. Planning Commission decisions require a vote of five members to approve or deny an item. The Planning Commission may consider in its decision-making process any additional relevant information presented at the public hearing by the public, applicant, and/or City departments.*

**Approval of the application.**

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Existing Zoning: PUD-1300  
Proposed zoning: C-3      Location: 15051 N. Rockwell Ave.



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Aerial Photo from 2/2022



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