OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION SEPTEMBER 20, 2022 AGENDA

Subject:	Action Required:	Approved By:
An ordinance approving a Planned Zoning Development titled El Patio Private Club PD-C located at 7315 Geyer Springs Road (Z-9703).	√ Ordinance Resolution	
Submitted By:		
Planning & Development Department		Bruce T. Moore City Manager
SYNOPSIS	The applicant is requesting that the 0.92-acre property, located at 7315 Geyer Springs Road, be rezoned from PD-C, Planned Development — Commercial to allow for the existing restaurant/bar to operate as a private club.	

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the PD-C rezoning request. The Planning Commission voted to recommend denial by a vote of 5 ayes, 4 nays, 1 absent and 1 open position.

BACKGROUND

The applicant proposes the property located at 7315 Geyer Springs Road be rezoned from C-3, General Commercial District, to PD-C, Planned Development – Commercial, to allow the existing restaurant to operate as a private club. There will be no changes to the existing footprint or exterior of the building or parking area. The applicant notes the only proposed change is to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages until 2:00 AM on Saturday and Sunday. The current hours of operation extend to 1:00 AM on Saturday and midnight on Sunday. The Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) requires that a restaurant with alcohol sales with the extended hours proposed be classified as a "private club."

BACKGROUND CONTINUED

The ABC requires that the Governing Body of a Municipality approve a "private club" as noted below:

"A private club application may only be submitted to the Alcoholic Beverage Control after the Governing Body of the County or Municipality in which the private club seeks to be located has issued an ordinance approving the private club to operate in that County or Municipality."

Section 36-301 allows a private club with dining or bar service as a Conditional Use (CUP); however, the proposed change will require the C-3 to be changed to a PD-C to allow the existing use as a private club to comply with the ABC.

The existing signage complies with the City's Zoning Ordinance. Any new future signage must comply with Section 36-555 of the code (signs permitted in commercial zones).

The applicant notes a dumpster in the southeast portion of the site. All dumpsters must be screened and comply with Section 36-523 of the City's Zoning Ordinance. All sight lighting must be low-level and directed away from adjacent properties.

The applicant provided responses and additional information to all issues raised during staff's review of the application. To staff's knowledge there are no outstanding issues. The applicant is requesting no variances with the proposed application.

The Planning Commission reviewed this request at their August 11, 2022, meeting and there was one (1) objector present. All owners of property located within 200 feet of the site, as well all Neighborhood Associations registered within the City of Little Rock, were notified. Please see the attached Planning Commission minutes for Staff's Analysis and the Commission's action.