

April 11, 2024

ITEM NO.: 17

FILE NO.: Z-9656-A

NAME: Midtown Premium Properties (1) STR-2 – Revised PRD

LOCATION: 3501 Kavanaugh Blvd – (Unit #1)

OWNER:

Midtown Premium Properties  
Brandon Finch  
P O Box 7884  
Little Rock, AR 72217  
(870) 530-4300

SURVEYOR/ENGINEER:

Brooks Surveying, Inc.  
20820 Arch Street Pike  
Hensley, AR 72065  
(501) 888-5336

AREA: .12-acre

NUMBER OF LOTS: 1

FT. NEW STREET: 0 LF

WARD: 3

PLANNING DISTRICT: 4

CENSUS TRACT: 15.01

CURRENT ZONING: PRD

VARIANCE/WAIVERS: None requested.

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A. PROPOSAL/REQUEST/APPLICANT'S STATEMENT:

The applicant proposes to rezone a .12-acre property located at 3501 Kavanaugh Boulevard from a PRD to a PD-C to allow use of one (1) unit of the existing duplex structure as Short-Term Rental-2 with a maximum stay of twenty-nine (29) days. The owner will not reside in the residence. The entire structure will be rented as one unit.

B. EXISTING CONDITIONS:

The property is occupied by a 1,916 square foot, duplex. The Land Use Plan shows Residential Medium Density (RM) for the requested area. The request is in the Heights/Hillcrest Planning District. It is also in the Hillcrest Residents

Association, the Hillcrest Design Overlay District and is in the Hillcrest Historic District. There is on street parking along “J” street.

C. NEIGHBORHOOD COMMENTS:

All owners of property located within 300 feet of the site and all neighborhood associations registered with the City of Little Rock were notified of the public hearing.

D. ENGINEERING COMMENTS: No comments.

E. UTILITIES/FIRE DEPARTMENT/PARKS/COUNTY PLANNING:

Little Rock Water Reclamation Authority: No comments.

Entergy: No comments received.

Summit Utilities: No comments.

AT & T: No comments received.

Central Arkansas Water: No comments.

Fire Department: Life Safety Inspection required.

Parks and Recreation: No comments received.

County Planning: No comments.

F. BUILDING CODES/LANDSCAPE:

Building Code: No comments received.

Landscape: No comments.

G. TRANSPORTATION/PLANNING:

Rock Region Metro: No comments received.

Planning Division:

The request is in the Heights/Hillcrest Planning District. The Land Use Plan shows Residential Medium Density (RM) for the requested area. The Residential Medium Density (RM) accommodates a broad range of housing types including single

family attached, single family detached, duplex, town homes, multi-family and patio or garden homes. Any combination of these and possibly other housing types may fall in this category provided that the density is between six (6) and twelve (12) dwelling units per acre. The application is to rezone from PRD to PD-C. STR-2.

The Land Use to the west of the application area is Residential Low (RL). To the north and south of the application area the Land Use is Residential Medium (RM). Across Kavanaugh Boulevard to the east, the land use is Public/Institutional (PI).

The application site is zoned Planned Residential Development (PRD). To the north and south of the application area is zoned Two Family (R-4). To the east and west of the property the zoning is Single Family (R-2).

This property is in the Hillcrest Residents Association.

The subject site is located in the Hillcrest Design Overlay District (Ord. 20223).

Master Street Plan:

Kavanaugh Boulevard is a Minor Arterial on the Master Street Plan. Minor Arterials are high volume roads designed to provide the connections to and an urban area. Curb cuts should be minimized to allow for continuous traffic flow while still allowing some access to adjoining property. Deceleration Lanes are required. Standard Right-of-way (ROW) is 90 feet. Sidewalks are required on both sides. This street may require dedication of right-of-way and may require street improvements.

Bicycle Plan:

Kavanaugh Boulevard is on the Master Bike Plan as a Proposed Class 3 Bike Route. Class 3 Bike Routes require no additional right-of-way, but either a sign or pavement marking to identify and direct the route.

Historic Preservation Plan:

This property is located in the Hillcrest Historic District.

H. ANALYSIS:

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The STR-2 has currently been in operation for the last three months. The property is not currently under enforcement by the City of Little Rock Planning and Development. There have been no police reports at this address.

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On June 20, 2023, the City Board of Directors passed an ordinance regulating short-term rentals within the City of Little Rock. The new ordinance establishes "development standards" for short-term rentals. If approved, the applicant must comply with the newly established development standards as follows, in addition to all other requirements of the new ordinance:

b.) Development Standards.

1. Hosting of private parties and special events such as weddings, receptions, and other similar gatherings is not allowed in Short-Term Rentals.
2. Tours for a fee are not allowed to anyone other than an Occupant.
3. The Occupancy Fee may include any meal to be served to paying guests; no other meal service is permitted.
4. Allowable signage is that as permitted by the Single-Family Residential Standard.
5. Parking plan must be provided with permit application. Off-Street Standard for STRs shall be provided in accordance with Little Rock Arkansas Code, Chapter 36 36-54 (e) (1). If on-street parking is proposed as an alternative to meet the above requirements, parking must be available for guest use within 330 feet of the STR and parking plan must address neighborhood impact. If the STR is proposed within a Design Overlay District, any alternate parking requirements, as provided in Little Rock, Arkansas Rev. Code, Chapter 36. Zoning, Article V. District Regulations shall be applicable.
6. Applicants shall provide a scaled floor plan that includes all of the rooms available for rent with location of windows, doors, and smoke detectors identified. Smoke detectors (certified) are required in all sleeping areas, in every room in the path of the

- means of egress from the sleeping area to the exit, and in each story with sleeping unit, including basements.
7. All sleeping areas must have two (2) ways of egress, one of which can be an operable window.
  8. Proof of homeowner's fire, hazard, and liability insurance. Liability coverage shall have limits of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence.
  9. All persons operating a Bed and Breakfast House/Short-Term Rental (Type 1 & 2) shall meet all applicable requirements of the City of Little Rock's Municipal Code, Chapter 12, Fire Prevention and Protection, Article II. Arkansas Fire Prevention Code. Prior to use as a Bed and Breakfast House/Short-Term Rental (Type 1 & 2), the annual City of Little Rock, Building Code and Fire Marshal inspection fee must be paid, and payment of annual Business License received.
  10. Smoke alarms shall be installed, all smoke alarms shall meet local and state standards (current Fire Code). Smoke alarms shall be installed in all sleeping areas and every room in the path of the means of egress from the sleeping area to the door leading from the sleeping unit.
  11. Carbon monoxide detectors shall be installed as directed by City Staff if there are fuel-fired appliances in the unit or the unit has an attached garage.
  12. Five (5)-pound ABC-type extinguisher shall be mounted where readily accessible.
  13. No recreational vehicles, buses, or trailers shall be visible on the street or property in conjunction with the Bed and Breakfast House/Short-Term Rental use.
  14. Principal renter shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
  15. Maximum occupancy. Maximum occupancy of any room or structure as a whole shall be determined by the Arkansas Fire Prevention Code.
  16. Simultaneous rental to more than one party under separate contracts shall not be allowed.
  17. The owner shall not receive any compensation or remuneration to permit occupancy of a STR for a period of less than a one (1)-day rental.

All trash pick-up shall comply with requirements for residential one—and two-family residential zones.

The applicant provided responses and additional information to all issues raised during staff's review of the application. The applicant is requesting no variances with the PD-C zoning request.

Staff is in support the requested PD-C rezoning. Staff believes the request is reasonable and that the proposed STR-2 use is appropriate for this location.

Currently the City of Little Rock Department of Planning and Development has eighty-two (82) short-term rentals (STR-1 and STR-2) listed within the database for approved short-term rentals in the City of Little Rock. The City's new short-term rental ordinance allows a maximum of 500 short-term rentals within the corporate boundary of the City of Little Rock. There has been one denied and one pending application within 1/4 mile of the application site.

I. STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the PD-C zoning request subject to compliance with the comments and conditions noted in paragraph E and the staff analysis of the agenda staff report.