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February 22, 2024

The Honorable Ronald B. Salem, Pharm. D., President The Honorable Kevin Carrico, LUZ Chair And Members of the City Council 117 West Duval Street Jacksonville, FL 32202

RE: Planning Commission Advisory Report / Ordinance No. 2024-001/Application No. L-5871-23C

Dear Honorable Council President Salem, Honorable Council Member and LUZ Chairman Carrico and Honorable Members of the City Council:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 650.405 *Planning Commission* Advisory *Recommendation and Public Hearing*, the Planning Commission **APPROVED** Ordinance 2024-001 on February 22, 2024.

Pⅅ Recommendation	DENY
PC Issues:	None
PC Vote:	5-1 APPROVE
Charles Garrison, Chair	Ауе
Lamonte Carter	Aye
Amy Yimin Fu	Absent
Julius Harden	Aye
Moné Holder	Aye
Ali Marar	Absent
Michael McGowan	Aye
Jack Meeks	Absent
Tina Meskel	Nay

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

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Sincerely,

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Report of the Jacksonville Planning and Development Department

Small-Scale Future Land Use Map Amendment – February 2, 2024

Ordinance/Application No.:	2024-001 / L-5871-23C
Property Location:	6330 118 th Street, between Jammes Road and Blanding Boulevard
Real Estate Number(s):	098213-0000
Property Acreage:	0.51 of an acre
Planning District:	District 4, Southwest
City Council District:	District 14
Applicant:	Uslysses Findley
Current Land Use:	Low Density Residential (LDR)
Proposed Land Use:	Medium Density Residential (MDR)
Current Zoning:	Residential Low Density - 60 (RLD-60)
Proposed Zoning:	Residential Medium Density - D (RMD-D)
Development Boundary:	Suburban Area
RECOMMENDATION:	DENY

APPLICANT'S JUSTIFICATION FOR THE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT

Owner would like to build 8 multi family units – 2 story 8 units.

BACKGROUND

The 0.51 of an acre subject site is located along the south side of 118th Street, a collector road, between Jammes Road, a collector road, and Blanding Boulevard (SR-21), a principal arterial road. The applicant is proposing a Future Land Use Map (FLUM) amendment from Low Density Residential (LDR) to Medium Density Residential (MDR) to allow for multi-family development. The applicant is also proposing a companion rezoning from Residential Low Density - 60 (RLD-60) to Residential Medium Density – D (RMD-D). The companion rezoning application, which is pending concurrently with this application, pursuant to Ordinance 2024-002.

The adjacent land use categories, zoning districts and property uses are as follows:

<u>North:</u> Land Use: LDR Zoning: PBF-2, RLD-60, RR-Acre Property Use: Undeveloped, Single-family, Church

<u>South:</u> Land Use: LDR Zoning: RR-Acre Property Use: Jammes Road Park, Undeveloped, Single-family

<u>East:</u> Land Use: LDR, RPI Zoning: CRO, RLD-60 Property Use: Undeveloped, Single-family

<u>West:</u> Land Use: LDR Zoning: RLD-60 Property Use: Jammes Road Park, Undeveloped, Single-family

IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Potential impacts of a proposed land use map amendment have been analyzed by comparing the Development Impact Standards for the subject site's existing vs. proposed land use categories unless maximum density/intensity is noted on the Annotated FLUM or is in a site specific policy. Development Impact Standards are detailed in FLUE Policy 1.2.16, *Development Standards for Impact Assessment*. These standards produce development potentials as shown in this section.

Development Analysis				
Development Boundary	Suburban Area			
Roadway Frontage Classification / State Road	Collector – 118 th Street	Collector – 118 th Street		
Plans and/or Studies	Southwest Vision Plan	Southwest Vision Plan		
Site Utilization	Current:	Proposed:		
	Single Family Residential	Multi-family Residential		
Land Use / Zoning	Current:	Proposed:		
	LDR / RLD-60	MDR / RMD-D		
Development Standards for Impact Assessment	Current:	Proposed:		
	5 DU/Acre	15 DU/Acre		
Development Potential	Current:	Proposed:		
	2 DUs	7 DUs		
Net Increase or Decrease in Maximum Density	Increase of 5 DUs			
Net Increase or Decrease in Potential Floor Area	Not Applicable			
Population Potential	Current:	Proposed:		
	5 people	16 people		

Impact Assessment Baseline Review

Development Analysis	
Special Designation Areas	
Aquatic Preserve	No
Evacuation Zone	No
Airport Environment Zone	300' Height and Hazard Zone NAS JAX and Cecil Field
Industrial Preservation Area	No
Cultural Resources	No
Archaeological Sensitivity	Low
Historic District	No
Coastal High Hazard Area	No
Adaptation Action Area	No
Groundwater Aquifer Recharge Area	Discharge
Wellhead Protection Zone	No
Boat Facility Siting Zone	No
Brownfield	No
Public Facilities	
Potential Roadway Impact	Increase of 28 net new daily trips
Potential Public School Impact	De Minimis
Water Provider	JEA
Potential Water Impact	increase of 1,113 gallons per day
Sewer Provider	JEA
Potential Sewer Impact	increase of 834 gallons per day
Potential Solid Waste Impact	increase of 13 tons per year
Drainage Basin/Sub-basin	Ortega River / Fishing Creek
Recreation and Parks	Jammes Road Park
Mass Transit Access	None
Natural Features	
Elevations	19-23 feet
Land Cover	1100: Residential, low density
	4110: Pine Flatwoods
Soils	38: Mascotte Fine Sand
Flood Zones	AE and 0.2 Percent Annual Chance Flood Hazard Flood Zone
Wetlands	No
Wildlife (applicable to sites greater than 50 acres)	N/A

Utility Capacity

The calculations to determine the water and sewer flows contained in this report and/or this spreadsheet have been established by the City of Jacksonville Planning and Development Department and have been adopted by JEA solely for the purpose of preparing this report and/or this spreadsheet. The method of calculating water and sewer flows in order to properly size infrastructure shall continue to be based on JEA's Water, Sewer and Reuse for New Development Projects document (latest edition).

The applicant has provided a JEA Availability Letter, dated October 23, 2023, as part of the companion rezoning application. According to the letter, the site has existing service

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and access to both water and sewer mains located within the 118th Street ROW. The letter also includes the special connection condition that if gravity flow cannot be achieved for the sewer service, the development will require the design and construction of a privately owned and maintained pump station and dedicated JEA force main.

Future Land Use Element

Policy 1.2.8 Require new development and redevelopment in the Central Business District (CBD), Urban Priority Area (UPA), Urban Area (UA), and Suburban Area (SA) to be served by centralized wastewater collection and potable water distribution systems when centralized service is available to the site.

> Development on sites located within the UPA, UA and SA are permitted where connections to centralized potable water and/or wastewater are not available subject to compliance the following provisions:

> 1. Single family/non-residential (estimated flows of 600 gpd or less) where the collection system of a regional utility company is not available through gravity service via a facility within a right-of-way or easement which abuts the property.

2. Non-residential (above 600 gpd) where the collection system of a regional utility company is not within 50 feet of the property.

3. Subdivision (non-residential and residential) where:

a. The collection system of a regional utility company is greater than 1/4 mile from the proposed subdivision.

b. Each lot is a minimum of $\frac{1}{2}$ acre unsubmerged property.

c. Installation of dryline sewer systems shall be installed when programmed improvements are identified in the Capital Improvements Element which will make connections the JEA Collection Systems available within a five (5) year period.

Transportation

The subject site is 0.51 acres and is accessible from 118th St., a collector facility. The proposed land use amendment is located within the Suburban Development Area and Mobility Zone 7. The applicant proposes to change the existing land use from Low Density Residential (LDR) to Medium Density Residential (MDR).

Comprehensive Plan Consistency:

The Trip Generation Analysis is consistent with the most recent version of the Transportation Element (TE) of the City of Jacksonville Comprehensive Plan (TE Objective 2.4 and Policies 1.2.1 and 2.4.2).

Transportation Element

- Policy 1.2.1 The City shall use the Institute of Transportation Engineers *Trip Generation Manual*, latest edition, to determine the number of trips to be produced or attracted to a particular land use when assessing a traffic impact.
- Objective 2.4 The City shall coordinate the mobility circulation system with the future land uses shown on the Future Land Use Map series in order to ensure that roads, road improvements and other mobility alternative improvements are provided as necessary to support development in an economically efficient and environmentally sound manner.
- Policy 2.4.2 The City shall amend the adopted Comprehensive Plan to incorporate the data and analysis generated by a periodic regional transportation model and study and facilitate the implementation of the study recommendations.

Trip Generation Estimation:

Table A provides the daily trip generation comparison between the current and proposed comprehensive plan land uses and the potential transportation impacts on the roadway network. The current land use may result in 19 daily trips. If the land use is amended to allow for this proposed MDR development, this could result in 47 daily trips.

Transportation Planning Division <u>RECOMMENDS</u> the following:

The difference in daily trips for the proposed land use amendment will result in 28 net new daily trips when compared to the existing land use. The Transportation Planning Division recommends ongoing coordinating efforts with the City of Jacksonville Traffic Engineer to determine if a traffic operational analysis is needed.

Table A

Trip Generation Estimation Scenarios

Existing Land	ITE Land	Potential Number of	Estimation Method	Gross Trips	Less Pass-By	Daily Trips
Use-Scenario	Use Code	Units			Trips	
LDR	210	2 SF DUs	T = 9.43(X)	19	0	19
				Existing Scenario		19
Proposed Land Use-Scenario	ITE Land Use Code	Potential Number of Units	Estimation Method	Gross Trips	Less Pass-By Trips	Daily Trips
MDR 220 7 MF DUs	7 MF DUs	T = 6.74(X)	47	0	47	
				Proposed Scenario Difference in Daily Trips		47
						28

Source: Trip Generation Manual, 11th Edition, Institute of Engineers

School Capacity

While the proposed amendment includes a residential component, the site will generate 20 residential units or less. Therefore, the proposed development will have a de minimis impact on school capacity.

Archaeological Sensitivity

According to the Duval County Archaeological Predictive Model, the subject property is located within an area of low sensitivity for the presence of archaeological resources. If archaeological resources are found during future development/redevelopment of the site, Section 654.122 of the Code of Subdivision Regulations should be followed.

Historic Preservation Element

- Policy 1.2.2 The City shall continue to review new development for the potential of archeologically significant sites. The City shall utilize the most current version of the Archeological Sensitivity Predictive Model to identify areas of high probability for artifact concentrations.
- Policy 1.2.5 The Planning and Development Department shall maintain and update for planning and permitting purposes, a series of GIS data layers and maps depicting recorded archaeological sites, historic districts and local landmarks.

Airport Environment Zone

The site is located within the 300-foot Height and Hazard Zone for the Cecil Airport and Jacksonville Naval Air Station (NAS-Jax). Zoning will limit development to a maximum height of 300 feet, unless approved by the Jacksonville Aviation Authority or the Federal Aviation Administration. Uses located within the Height and Hazard Zone must not create or increase the potential for such hazards as electronic interference, light glare, bird strike hazards or other potential hazards to safe navigation of aircraft as required by Section 656.1005.1(d).

Future Land Use Element

- Objective 2.6 Support and strengthen the role of Jacksonville Aviation Authority (JAA) and the United States Military in the local community, and recognize the unique requirements of the City's other airports (civilian and military) by requiring that all adjacent development be compatible with aviation-related activities in accordance with the requirements of Section 163.3177, F.S.
- Policy 2.6.16 Airport Height and Hazard zones (HH) exist around all military and civilian airports within the city limits of Jacksonville. The horizontal limits of the zones and limitations on heights of obstructions within these zones are defined for each military airport in Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) P-80.3 01/82, on file with the Planning and Development Department, and for each civilian airport in Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 77 guidelines, on file with the

Planning and Development Department. In order to assure that Title 14, CFR, Part 77 guidelines and NAVFAC P-80.3 01/82 guidelines are not exceeded and that no structure or obstruction is permitted that would raise a minimal obstruction clearance altitude, a minimum vectoring descent altitude or a decision height, all cell towers and any structure or obstruction that would extend into an Airport (HH) requires, in writing, comment from the U.S. Navy. Although written documentation from the U.S. Navy for military HH and from the FAA or JAA for civilian HH is not required for proposed structure heights below the listed height, United States Code (USC) Title 14, CFR Part 77 still applies.

Flood Zones

Approximately 0.25 of an acre of the subject site is located within either the AE or 0.2 percent annual chance flood hazard flood zone. Flood zone designations are assigned by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). FEMA defines the various flooding characteristics of different lands based on a 100-year storm. The 100-year storm or Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) refers to a flood occurring from a storm event that happens an average of every 100 years. This does not mean that a storm of this type will happen every 100-years. There is a 1-percent chance that a storm of this magnitude will occur in any given year.

The AE flood zone is defined as an area within the 100-year floodplain or SFHA where flood insurance is mandatory. The 0.2 percent annual chance flood hazard flood zone is defined as an area within the 500-year floodplain and outside of the SFHA. Flood insurance is not mandatory within these flood zones. The areas are deemed to be subject to moderate flood hazards. Any development within the floodplain will be required to comply with Chapter 652, the Floodplain Management Ordinance.

Conservation /Coastal Management Element (CCME)

- Policy 2.6.1 The City shall continue to define the surface hydrology of the area to determine flood plain vulnerability and sensitivity and will determine appropriate protection measures.
- Policy 2.6.3 The City shall protect appropriate floodplain areas for the public benefit and restore degraded floodplain areas by:
 - A. Land acquisition or conservation easement acquisition;
 - B. Regulation, including setbacks, buffer zones, designated wildlife corridors, low density zoning, performance standards and open space requirements; and
 - C. Incentives, including tax benefits and transfer of development rights.
- Policy 13.7.10 The City has adopted and shall maintain a floodplain management ordinance that establishes engineering requirements to safeguard the public health, safety, and general welfare and minimizes public and private losses due to flooding through regulation and development of

flood hazard areas. The ordinance shall include development and redevelopment regulations that:

- A. Minimize unnecessary disruption of commerce, access and public service during times of flooding;
- B. Require the use of construction practices that will prevent or minimize future flood damage;
- C. Manage filling, grading, dredging, mining, paving, excavation, drilling operations, storage of equipment or materials, and other development which may increase flood damage or erosion potential;
- D. Manage the alteration of flood hazard areas, watercourses, and shorelines to minimize the impact of development on the natural and beneficial functions of the floodplain;
- E. Minimize damage to public and private facilities and utilities;
- F. Help maintain a stable tax base by providing for the sound use and development of flood hazard areas;
- G. Minimize the need for future expenditure of public funds for flood control projects and response to and recovery from flood events; and
- H. Meet the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program for community participation as set forth in the Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 59.22.

PROCEDURAL COMPLIANCE

Upon site inspection by the Planning and Development Department on January 16, 2024, the required notices of public hearing signs were posted. Twenty (20) notices were mailed out to adjoining property owners informing them of the proposed land use change and pertinent public hearing and meeting dates.

The Citizen Information Meeting was held on January 16, 2024. One member of the public attended to ask what the proposed use of the site was.

CONSISTENCY EVALUATION

Consistency with 2045 Comprehensive Plan Goals, Objectives and Policies

Future Land Use Element (FLUE)

Development Area

Suburban Area (SA): The SA is the third tier Development Area and generally corresponds with the urbanizing portions of the City in areas that have usually been developed after consolidation. Development should generally continue at low densities with medium density development at major corridor intersections and transit stations. Development at these locations should promote a compact and interconnected land development form and is therefore encouraged to employ urban development characteristics as defined in this Plan.

- Goal 1 To ensure that the character and location of land uses optimize the combined potentials for economic benefit, enjoyment, wellness and protection of natural resources, while minimizing the threat to health, safety and welfare posed by hazards, nuisances, incompatible land uses and environmental degradation.
- Policy 1.1.21 Rezonings and amendments to the Future Land Use Map series (FLUMs) shall include consideration of their potential to further the goal of meeting or exceeding the amount of land required to accommodate anticipated growth and the projected population and to allow for the operation of real estate markets to provide adequate choices for permanent and seasonal residents and business with the intent that this balance of uses shall:

A. Foster vibrant, viable communities and economic development opportunities;

B. Address outdated development patterns; and/or

C. Provide sufficient land for future uses that allow for the operation of real estate markets to provide adequate choices for permanent and seasonal residents and businesses and is not limited solely by the projected population.

The projected growth needs and population projections must be based on relevant and appropriate data which is collected pursuant to a professionally acceptable methodology. In considering the growth needs and the allocation of land, the City shall also evaluate land use need based on the characteristics and land development pattern of localized areas. Land use need identifiers include but may not be limited to, proximity to compatible uses, development scale, site limitations, and the likelihood of furthering growth management and mobility goals.

- Policy 1.1.22 Future development orders, development permits and plan amendments shall maintain compact and compatible land use patterns, maintain an increasingly efficient urban service delivery system and discourage urban sprawl as described in the Development Areas and the Plan Category Descriptions of the Operative Provisions.
- Policy 1.2.8 Require new development and redevelopment in the Central Business District (CBD), Urban Priority Area (UPA), Urban Area (UA), and Suburban Area (SA) to be served by centralized wastewater collection and potable water distribution systems when centralized service is available to the site.

Development on sites located within the UPA, UA and SA are permitted where connections to centralized potable water and/or wastewater are not available subject to compliance the following provisions:

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- 3. Subdivision (non-residential and residential) where:
- a. The collection system of a regional utility company is greater than 1/4 mile from the proposed subdivision.
- b. Each lot is a minimum of 1/2 acre unsubmerged property.
- c. Installation of dryline sewer systems shall be installed when programmed improvements are identified in the Capital Improvements Element which will make connections the JEA Collection Systems available within a five (5) year period.
- Objective 1.6 The City shall accommodate growth in Jacksonville by encouraging and facilitating new infill development and redevelopment on vacant, bypassed and underutilized land within areas that already have infrastructure, utilities, and public facilities, while addressing the needs of City residents.

- Goal 3 To achieve a well-balanced and organized combination of residential, non-residential, recreational and public uses served by a convenient and efficient transportation network, while protecting and preserving the fabric and character of the City's neighborhoods and enhancing the viability of non-residential areas.
- Objective 3.1 Continue to maintain adequate land designated for residential uses which can accommodate the projected population and provide safe, decent, sanitary and affordable housing opportunities for residents. Protect single-family residential neighborhoods by requiring that any other land uses within single-family areas meet all applicable requirements described in the Development Areas and the Plan Category Descriptions of the Operative Provisions of the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Regulations.
- Policy 3.1.5 The City shall provide opportunities for development of a wide variety of housing types by area, consistent with the housing needs characteristics and socioeconomic profiles of the City's households as described in the Housing Element.

Recreation and Open Space Element (ROSE)

Policy 2.2.2 The City shall require that all new single family and multi-family developments (residential developments) dedicate land for public parkland (active recreation parks) or provide monetary contribution to the appropriate department.

Property Rights Element (PRE)

- Goal 1 The City will recognize and respect judicially acknowledged and constitutionally protected private property rights in accordance with the Community Planning Act established in Chapter 163, Florida Statues.
- Objective 1.1 Local decision making shall be implemented and applied with sensitivity for private property rights and shall not be unduly restrictive.
- Policy 1.1.1 The City will ensure that private property rights are considered in local decision making.
- Policy 1.1.2 The following rights shall be considered in local decision making:
 - 1. The right of a property owner to physically possess and control his or her interests in the property, including easements, leases, or mineral rights.
 - 2. The right of a property owner to use, maintain, develop, and improve his or her property for personal use or for the use of any other person, subject to state law and local ordinances.

- 3. The right of the property owner to privacy and to exclude others from the property to protect the owner's possessions and property.
- 4. The right of a property owner to dispose of his or her property through sale or gift.

According to the Future Land Use Element (FLUE), Low Density Residential (LDR) is a category intended to provide for low density residential development. Generally, single-family detached housing should be the predominant development typology in this category. Mixed use developments utilizing the Traditional Neighborhood Development (TND) concept, which is predominantly residential but includes a broad mixture of secondary recreational, commercial, public facilities and services may also be permitted. The maximum gross density in the Suburban Area shall be 7 units/acre when centralized potable water and wastewater services are available to the site and there shall be no minimum density. The maximum gross density shall be 2 units/acre and the minimum lot size shall be half an acre when both centralized potable water and wastewater are not available. The maximum gross density shall be 4 units/acre and the minimum lot size shall be 1⁄4 of an acre if either one of centralized potable water or wastewater services are not available.

Medium Density Residential (MDR) is a category intended to provide compact medium to high density residential development and can serve as transitional uses between low density residential uses and higher density residential uses, commercial uses and public and semi-public use areas. Multi-family housing such as apartments, condominiums, townhomes and rowhouses should be the predominant development typologies in this category. Plan amendment requests for new MDR designations are preferred in locations which are supplied with full urban services and in locations which serve as a transition between commercial and residential land uses. Development within the category should be compact and connected and should support multi-modal transportation. Mixed use developments utilizing the Traditional Neighborhood Development (TND) concept and Transit Oriented Development (TOD) are permitted. All uses should be designed in a manner which emphasizes the use of transit, bicycle, and pedestrian mobility, ease of access between neighboring uses, and compatibility with adjacent residential neighborhoods. The maximum gross density in the Suburban Area shall be 20 units/acre and the minimum gross density shall be greater than 7 units/acre. In the absence of the availability of centralized potable water and/or wastewater, the maximum gross density of development permitted in this category shall be the same as allowed in Low Density Residential (LDR) without such services.

The applicant is proposing a change from LDR to MDR to allow for multi-family development. Currently, the subject site is surrounded on all sides by properties designated as LDR. Although 118th Street is considered a collector road, the surrounding development typology is comprised of less intense uses and the proposed intensity of MDR is not compatible with the current character and scale of the existing neighborhood. The surrounding uses vary from Jammes Park to the west and south of the subject site, a church, directly across 118th Street to the north, and various areas of single family

residential and undeveloped land. MDR uses are preferred in areas where they can serve as a transition between commercial and residential uses. The subject site is surrounded by low density residential uses and a park. The proposed amendment to MDR would fail to provide a transition between uses, as intended by the MDR land use category. Therefore, the proposed amendment is inconsistent with the preferred criteria for new MDR land use designations and with Future Land Use Element Goal 1, Objective 3.1, and Policy 1.1.22.

The proposed amendment would allow for the development of a wider variety of housing stock and offer an opportunity for infill development, consistent with Future Land Use Element Objective 1.6 and Policy 3.1.5. While the additional housing would help to further meet the goal of accommodating future growth, the proposed development to MDR would be incompatible with the existing development pattern and is therefore inconsistent with Goal 3 and Policy 1.1.21 of the FLUE.

The proposed development would be required to comply with recreation and open space provisions outlined in ROSE Policy 2.2.2.

The applicant has provided a JEA Availability Letter, dated October 23, 2023, as part of the companion rezoning application. According to the letter, the site has existing service and access to both water and sewer mains located within the 118th Street ROW. The letter also includes the special connection condition that if gravity flow cannot be achieved for the sewer service, the development will require the design and construction of a privately owned and maintained pump station and dedicated JEA force main. The proposed development is therefore required to connect to JEA services, consistent with FLUE Policy 1.2.8.

Denial of the proposed amendment does not hinder the private property rights of the owner of record; has no impact on the right of the property owner to possess or control his or her interest in the property; maintains the owner's ability to use, maintain, develop and improve the property; protects the owner's right to privacy and security; and maintains the ability of the property owner to dispose of the property at their discretion. Therefore, the denial of the proposed amendment is consistent with PRE Goal 1, Objective 1.1 and Policies 1.1.1 and 1.1.2.

Vision Plan

The subject property is located within the boundaries of the Southwest Jacksonville Vision Plan. The site is located within the Suburban Area of the Vision Plan. While the plan does not specifically mention the location of the subject site, Theme 1 of the Vision Plan is to Strengthen existing neighborhoods and create new neighborhoods. The proposed amendment to MDR is more intense than the existing uses in the neighborhood, detracting from the character of the existing neighborhood, which is inconsistent with Theme 1 of the Southwest Jacksonville Vision Plan.

Strategic Regional Policy Plan

The proposed amendment is consistent with the following Goal of the Strategic Regional Policy Plan:

Goal: A safe, sanitary, efficient and resilient housing supply that provides lifestyle choice (agricultural, rural, suburban, and urban) and affordable options for all income, age and ability groups, equitably placed in vibrant, viable and accessible communities throughout the region.

The proposed land use amendment would increase opportunities for residential development, providing a wider range of housing in the northeast Florida region and create a location for the development of new housing stock for the area. Therefore, the proposed amendment is consistent with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan.



