

# **Planning Commission Hearing Staff Report**

Hearing Date: August 28, 2024

ITEM #6

Jamie Chapmen requests Project Plan approval for phase 2 of the River District Residential project, building 24 additional townhomes over 3.18 acres. in a proposed MDR (Medium Density Residential) Zone. Riverbottoms Neighborhood. Aaron Ardmore (801) 852-6404 aardmore@provo.org PLPPA20230330

Applicant: James Chapman

**Staff Coordinator:** Aaron Ardmore

**Property Owner:** Canyon River Holdco

LLC

Parcel ID#: 65:419:0002

Acreage: 3.18

Number of Units: 24

Number of Lots:1

#### **ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS**

- 1. **Continue** to a future date to obtain additional information or to further consider information presented. The next available meeting date is September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 6:00 P.M.
- 2. **Deny** the requested project plan. *This* action would not be consistent with the recommendations of the Staff Report. The Planning Commission should state new findings.

Current Legal Use: Property is currently

vacant land.

Relevant History: The property owner worked through a General Plan change, Rezone, Concept Plan, and Project Plan for the first phase of this project, known as River District Residential, over the last two years. Provo recently completed an annexation of this piece

of land for phase two of this project.

**Neighborhood Issues:** The overall proposal was seen at the February 3rd, 2022, Neighborhood Meeting. Concerns shared at that time related to the lack of green space on the site and worry regarding occupancy of the units.

#### **Summary of Key Issues:**

- This phase two area will provide 24 new rental townhomes along Provo River.
- The developer has guaranteed public access to the trail along Provo River, along with height and density caps through a development agreement.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Planning Commission approve the project plan.

#### **OVERVIEW**

Jamie Chapman, representing the property owners, is requesting project plan approval along with a zone change from the OSPR Zone to the MDR Zone in order to move forward with phase two of the River District residential project. This piece of land was recently annexed into Provo with a boundary line adjustment between Provo and Orem and given the default OSPR Zone with that action.

The project plan shows four blocks of buildings facing the river and connecting the street access and pedestrian trail from phase one to the south. There are two large open areas on the site plan. The north area is a storm water retention area agreed to with Orem City, while the other open area will be a landscaped park amenity. The site also features an open canal running through, with pedestrian bridges over it.

The property is bordered by Orem City on the north and east, both currently vacant. To the west and south is the MDR Zone with construction ongoing for phase one of this project, an additional 195 townhome apartments when finished. Southeast of the subject property the land is zoned General Commercial (CG) and is in the final stages of redevelopment.

#### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. The General Plan designation for the property is Residential and Open Space.
- The current zone is the OSPR Zone (Chapter 14.33, Provo City Code).
- 3. The proposed zone is the MDR Zone (Chapter 14.14B, Provo City Code).
- 4. The project provides 24 townhome apartment units.
- 5. The maximum density is 30 units per acre (Section 14.14B.030).
- 6. The provided density is 8 units per acre.
- 7. The required parking is 60 stalls (@3/unit) (Section 14.37.060).
- 8. The provided parking is 73 stalls.

#### CONCLUSIONS

Staff believes that the project plan aligns with the desired MDR Zone and the overall plan for this area. The plans comply with all relevant zoning standards related to the MDR Zone. Approving the project plan will allow the applicant to move forward with building permits, subject to approval of the associated zone map amendment to MDR.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

- 1. Property Map
- 2. Project Site Plan
- 3. Elevations

## <u>ATTACHMENT 1 – PROPERTY MAP</u>



## ATTACHMENT 2 - PROJECT SITE PLAN



### **ATTACHMENT 3 – ELEVATIONS**



