FORT WORTH Zoning Staff Report

Date: August 12, 2025 Case Number: ZC-25-027 Council District: 11

Zoning Map Amendment

Case Manager: <u>Stephen Murray</u>

Owner / Applicant: Michael Parmerlee, GFC Leasing Corporation / Russ Michaels, CSH Avenue at

Lancaster, Ltd./ Jason Knotowicz

Site Location: 5733 Craig Street Acreage: 3 acres

Request

Proposed Use: Multifamily

Request: From: "B" Two-Family Residential & "E" Neighborhood Commercial

To: "PD/D" Planned Development for all uses in "D" High Density multifamily

removing golf course, group home and museum uses with development standard

for reduced parking, site plan included

Recommendation

Land Use Compatibility: Requested change is compatible

Comprehensive Plan Map Consistency: Requested change is not consistent

Comprehensive Plan Policy Consistency: Requested change is consistent

Staff Recommendation: Approval

Zoning Commission Recommendation: Approval by a vote of 8-0

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Project Description and Background

The subject site is a 3-acre tract within Council District 11. The site is currently undeveloped and is proposed to be rezoned from the existing "B" Two-Family Residential & "E" Neighborhood Commercial to "PD/D" Planned Development for all uses in "D" High Density multifamily with development standards for screening fence and required parking within an easement, site plan included. This case was continued from the March meeting in order for the applicant to meet with neighbors, hold a Predevelopment Conference, and renotice for the PD.

There area is predominantly single-family and commercial in nature. However, a case could be made for multifamily in the area due to proximity to Lancaster Avenue, public transportation, and existing commercial services.

The Subject Property to be considered by this zoning change application is a 3.00 acre tract located at 5733 Craig Street Road (aka Lot 2Rl Block A of the Holman Subdivision) and currently zoned "B," Two Family. The Applicant is requesting to change the zoning designation of the Subject Property to "D" High Density Multifamily.

The zoning change would accommodate the development of the proposed Avenue at Lancaster, a mixed-income apartment community providing affordable housing choices to seniors in the Fort Worth and surrounding communities. Avenue at Lancaster will be Class A new construction offering up to 81 units (by this zoning change) in a mix of I-bedroom and 2-bedroom unit configurations; will include the construction of upscale resident amenities and a luxury community center; and will provide a robust program of resident empowerment services. As of the time this zoning change application is submitted to development services staff (2/3/2025), the City's Neighborhood Services department has also received a 2025 City of Fort Worth Housing Tax Credit Resolution Application from the Applicant to consider support for the proposed Avenue at Lancaster development. The Applicant anticipates that the City Council will consider and provide full support for the proposed development by the time this zoning change application is considered by the Zoning Commission.

The Subject Property is situated along Craig Street, just north of the E Lancaster Ave commercial corridor, and among a variety of surrounding commercial, retail and residential uses. The surrounding land uses immediately to the north and east are residential in nature consisting of mainly single family uses. The other immediate surrounding land uses are commercial in nature, including a restaurant and bank immediately to the west, and retail and auto repair uses to the south and fronting E Lancaster Ave. The proposed development is consistent with the mix of commercial and residential uses in this area and along East Lancaster Avenue.

The Subject Property is located within Neighborhood Empowerment Zone Area #6. The proposed development contributes to the City's revitalization efforts in this NEZ Area by providing mixed-income affordable housing to residents in need, emphasizing new construction, fair housing practices, increased attainable housing choices, and a multimillion dollar investment into improvements that revitalize the community and area.

The location of the proposed Avenue at Lancaster is consistent with the Housing Focus Areas section of the Comprehensive Plan and aligns with the following:

- Promoting vibrant neighborhoods through the City's Neighborhood Empowerment Zone (NEZ) program
- The project location is within 2 miles of a major employment center, or within ¼ mile of existing or proposed rail transit stations or bus routes;
- Within an urban-village, growth center, neighborhood empowerment zone or special district;
- Promoting vibrant mixed-income and mixed use neighborhoods in downtown, urban villages, and NEZ locations;
- The City of Fort Worth's Fair Housing Ordinance aims to ensure equitable treatment of its citizens in securing housing;
- Promotes a range of housing choices to meet market demand for smaller scale housing within neighborhood areas.

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The following table shows development standards for the proposed case:

Standard	"D" High Density Multifamily	PD/D
Parking	Required parking cannot be counted within easements	Parking located within easement (staff is supportive of this
	counted within casements	development standard)

Surrounding Zoning and Land Uses

North "B" Two-Family; "E" Neighborhood Commercial / single-family, commercial

South "B" Two-Family; "FR" General Commercial Restricted / commercial, single-family

East "A-5" One-Family / single-family

West ""E" Neighborhood Commercial / commercial

Recent Zoning History

• No recent Zoning Cases. Site has been "B" and "E" for some time.

Public Notification

Written Notice

Written notice of the Zoning Commission public hearing was mailed to the owners of real property lying within 300 feet were mailed on May 30, 2025.

Posted Notice

A sign was erected on the property not less than 10 days before the Zoning Commission public hearing date.

Published Notice

A notice of the public hearing before the City Council will be published in the Fort Worth Star Telegram at least 15 days before the hearing.

Courtesy Notice

The following organizations were emailed on May 30, 2025:

Organizations Notified		
Neighborhoods of East Fort Worth Alliance	Handley NA	
Central Meadowbrook NA	East Fort Worth Inc.	
Streams and Valleys, Inc.	Southeast Fort Worth Inc.	
Historic Handley Development Corporation	Trinity Habitat for Humanity	
East Fort Worth Business Association	FWISD	



Development Impact Analysis

Land Use Compatibility

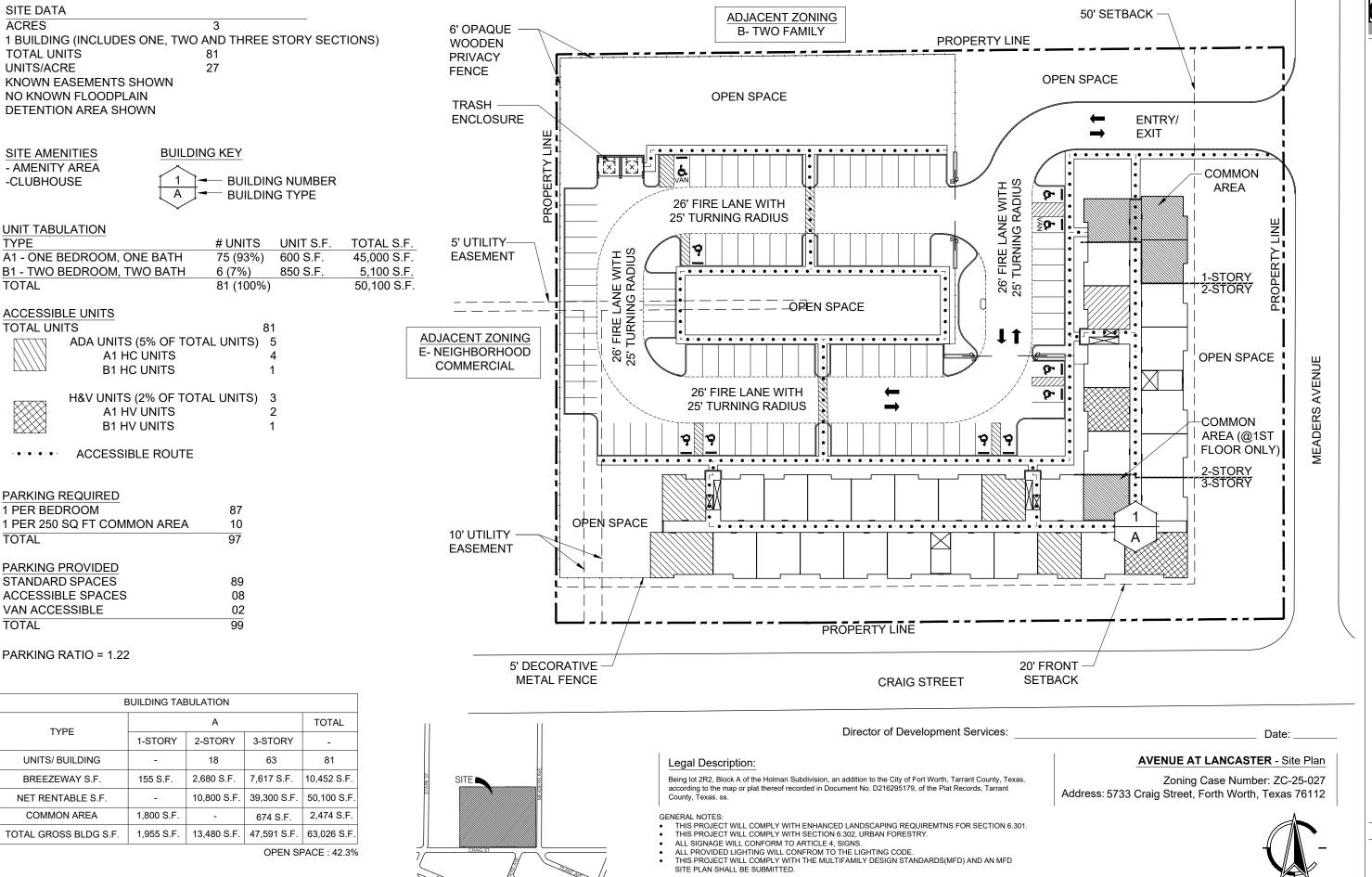
The surrounding neighborhood is developed as single-family to the north, east, and south, with commercial both west and south. The proposed PD is less and more aligned with a lower density residential and the nature of the area.

As such, the proposed zoning is **compatible** with surrounding land uses.

Comprehensive Plan Consistency

The 2023 Comprehensive Plan designates the subject property as single-family residential and commercial. The proposed zoning is **not consistent** with the Future Land Use map designation. However, it **is consistent** with the following policies of the Comprehensive Plan:

- Separate incompatible land uses with buffers or transitional uses. Some land uses have attributes such as height, proportion, scale, operational characteristics, traffic generated, or appearance that may not be compatible with the attributes of other uses.
- Encourage new development in character with the existing neighborhood scale, architecture, and platting pattern, while working to improve pedestrian, bicycle, and transit access between adjacent neighborhoods and nearby destinations.
- Support diverse housing options, including duplexes, fourplexes, townhomes, and small courtyard
 apartments to promote walkable communities, access to neighborhood services, and multimodal
 transportation options, while ensuring compatibility with the form, sale, and design of existing
 neighborhoods.



VICINITY MAP

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AVENUE AT LANCASTE FORT WORTH, TEXAS

DATE: 04.21.25

SITE PLAN

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1 INCH = 50 FEET



Area Zoning Map
GFC Leasing Corp. / CSH Ave. at Lancaster

Address: 5733 Craig Street

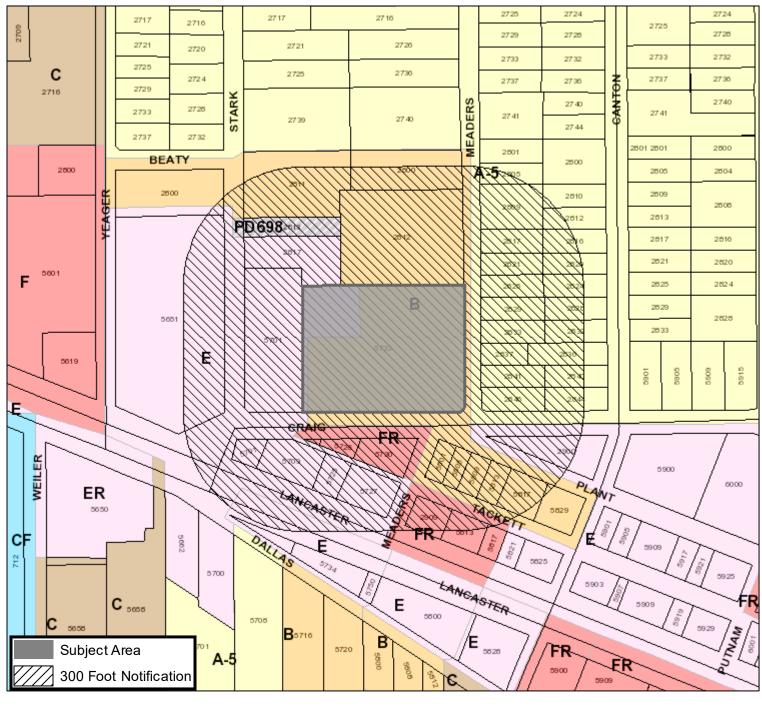
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Applicant:

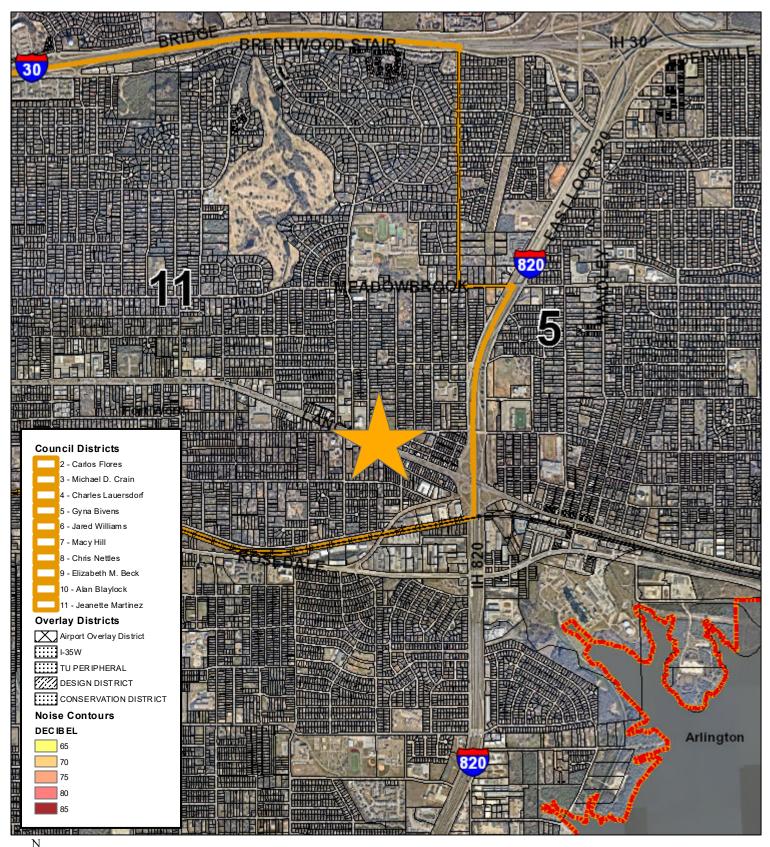
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Sector/District: Eastside
Commission Date: 6/11/2025
Contact: 817-392-8028



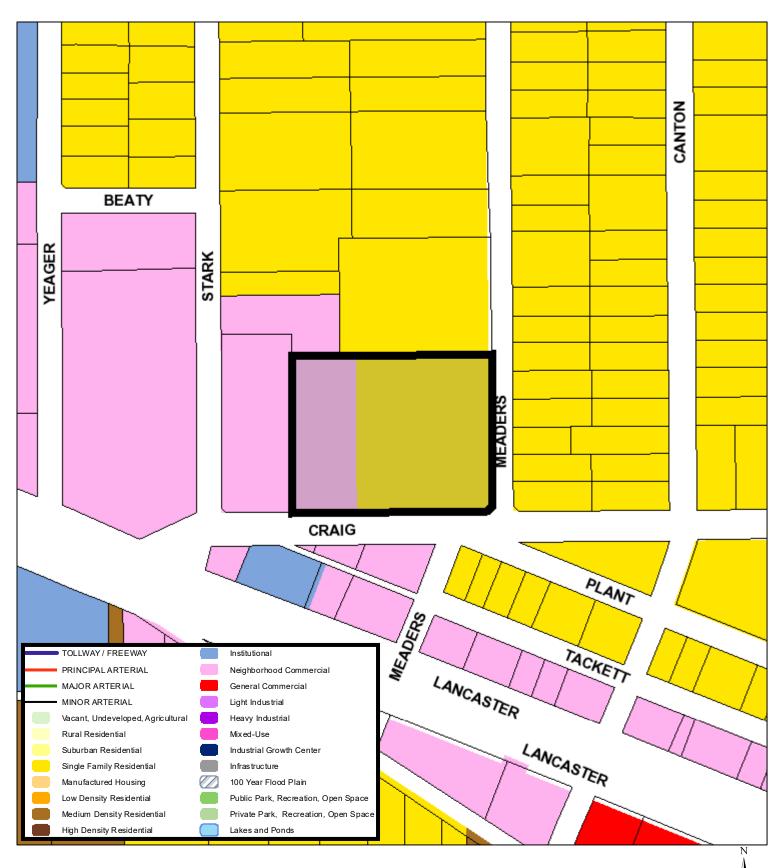








Future Land Use





Aerial Photo Map



