Planning and Development Services Report to Calgary Planning Commission 2023 August 17

Policy and Land Use Amendment in Altadore (Ward 8) at 3719 – 14A Street SW, LOC2023-0138

RECOMMENDATION:

That Calgary Planning Commission recommend that Council:

- 1. Give three readings to the proposed bylaw for the amendment to the South Calgary/Altadore Area Redevelopment Plan (Attachment 2); and
- Give three readings to the proposed bylaw for the redesignation of 0.06 hectares ± (0.14 acres ±) located at 3719 14A street SW (Plan 1965P, Block B, Lots 9 and 10) from Residential Contextual One / Two Dwelling (R-C2) District to Residential Grade-Oriented Infill (R-CG) District.

HIGHLIGHTS

- This application seeks to redesignate the subject site to allow for rowhouses and townhouses, in addition to the building types already listed in the district (e.g. single detached, semi-detached, duplex dwellings and secondary suites).
- The proposal represents an appropriate density increase of a residential site, allows for development that may be compatible with the character of the existing neighbourhood and is in keeping with the applicable policies of the *Municipal Development Plan* (MDP).
- What does this mean to Calgarians? The proposed Residential Grade-Oriented Infill (R-CG) District would allow for greater housing choice within the community and more efficient use of existing infrastructure and nearby amenities.
- Why does this matter? The proposed R-CG District would allow for more housing options that may better accommodate the evolving needs of different age groups, lifestyles and demographics.
- An amendment to the South Calgary/Altadore Area Redevelopment Plan (ARP) is required to accommodate the proposal.
- A development permit has not been submitted at this time.
- There is no previous Council direction related to this proposal.

DISCUSSION

This application, in the southwest community of Altadore was submitted by Divya Bhopla on behalf of the landowners, Kenneth Allan, Jade Allan, Wesley Allan and Dianna Allan, on 2023 May 24. The approximately 0.06 hectare (0.14 acre) site is a mid-block parcel on 14A Street SW. No development permit application has been submitted at this time; however, as noted in the Applicant Submission (Attachment 3), their intent is to build a four-unit townhouse in the future.

A detailed planning evaluation of the application, including location maps and site context, is provided in the Background and Planning Evaluation (Attachment 1).

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ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION

- Outreach was undertaken by the Applicant
- Public/interested parties were informed by Administration

Applicant-Led Outreach

As part of the review of the proposed land use amendment application, the applicant was encouraged to use the <u>Applicant Outreach Toolkit</u> to assess which level of outreach with the public/interested parties and respective community association was appropriate. In response, the applicant reached out to the Marda Loop Communities Association, the Ward 8 Councillor's office and neighbouring property owners. The Applicant Outreach Summary can be found in Attachment 4.

City-Led Outreach

In keeping with Administration's practices, this application was circulated to the public/interested parties, notice posted on-site and published <u>online</u>. Notification letters were also sent to adjacent landowners.

Administration received one letter of support and one letter of opposition from the community. The letter in opposition noted concerns about the loss of mature trees.

The Marda Loop Communities Association replied to Administration's standard circulation form and indicated no objection. The Community Association Response can be found in Attachment 5.

Administration considered the relevant planning issues specific to the application and has determined the proposal to be appropriate. The building and site design, number of units and on-site parking will be reviewed and determined at the development permit stage.

Following Calgary Planning Commission, notifications for a Public Hearing of Council will be posted on-site and mailed to adjacent landowners. In addition, Commission's recommendation and the date of the Public Hearing will be advertised.

IMPLICATIONS

Social

The proposed land use district would allow for additional housing types that may better accommodate the housing needs of different age groups, lifestyles, and demographics.

Environmental

The application does not include any actions that specifically address the objectives of the *Calgary Climate Strategy – Pathways to 2050.* Further opportunities to align future development on this site with applicable climate strategies will be explored and encouraged at subsequent development approval stages.

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Economic

The ability to moderately increase density in this location would allow for more efficient use of existing infrastructure and services.

Service and Financial Implications

No anticipated financial impact.

RISK

There are no known risks associated with this proposal.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Background and Planning Evaluation
- 2. Proposed Amendment to the South Calgary/Altadore Area Redevelopment Plan
- 3. Applicant Submission
- 4. Applicant Outreach Summary
- 5. Community Association Response

Department Circulation

General Manager (Name)	Department	Approve/Consult/Inform