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Land Use Amendment in Killarney/Glengarry (Ward 8) at 3206 – 29 Street SW, LOC2023-0042

RECOMMENDATION:

That Calgary Planning Commission recommends that Council give three readings to for the proposed bylaw for the redesignation of 0.06 hectares ± (0.15 acres ±) located at 3206 – 29 Street SW (Plan 5661O, Block 53, Lots 37 and 38) from Direct Control (DC) District to Housing – Grade Oriented (H-GO) District.

HIGHLIGHTS

- This application seeks to redesignate the subject site to allow for grade-oriented development in a range of housing forms at a scale consistent with low density residential districts.
- The proposal represents an appropriate density increase of a residential site, allows for a development that is compatible with the character of the existing neighbourhood and is in keeping with the policies of the *Municipal Development Plan* (MDP) and the Westbrook Communities Local Area Plan (LAP).
- What does this mean to Calgarians? The proposed Housing Grade Oriented (H-GO)
 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 H-GO District would allow for housing options that may better accommodate the evolving needs of different age groups, lifestyles, and demographics.
- A development permit has not been submitted at this time.
- There is no previous Council direction regarding this proposal.

DISCUSSION

This application, in the southwest community of Killarney/Glengarry, was submitted by CivicWorks on behalf of the landowner Kiran Rattan on 2023 February 22. No development permit application has been submitted at this time; however, as noted in the Applicant Submission (Attachment 2), the applicant intends to build a courtyard-orientated, stacked townhouse development in the future.

The approximately 0.06 hectare (0.15 acre) site is located mid-block and is currently occupied by a single storey dwelling. The site is adjacent to a single storey dwelling to the south, a two storey semi-detached dwelling to the north, and a single storey dwelling located opposite to the west. A gravel lane is located to the east which currently provides access to a detached garage to the rear of the parcel.

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

ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION

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

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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 delivered letters to properties within 200 metres of the parcel informing them of the details of the application, provided a project webpage and offered meetings with the Killarney-Glengarry Community Association and the Ward 8 Councillor's office. The Applicant Outreach Summary can be found in Attachment 3.

City-Led Outreach

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

Administration received 63 letters of opposition from the public. The letters of opposition include the following areas of concern:

- the proposal is an over intensification of the site and does not respect the character of the area;
- the proposal will impact existing trees;
- the proposal will not provide adequate parking, will lead to an increase in traffic and adversely affect pedestrian safety;
- the proposal will have an impact on solar panels on an adjacent property;
- the proposal will impact on privacy and enjoyment of surrounding back yards and nearby properties;
- the proposal will adversely impact property values:
- the proposal is not on a main street and would be more appropriate on a corner lot;
- the height of the proposal represents a different scale to surrounding properties;
- the proposal could set a precedent for further redesignation applications;
- the proposal will adversely impact existing infrastructure below ground;
- the proposal will not provide sufficient waste and recycling storage; and
- how does this increase in density relate to the recently announced climate emergency?

Administration considered the relevant planning issues specific to the application and has determined the proposal to be appropriate. Concerns related to overlooking, design and impact on the street and waste and recycling will be reviewed and determined at the development permit stage.

The Killarney-Glengarry Community Association were circulated on this application and did not provide any comments at the time of writing this report. Administration contacted the Community Association to follow up and no response was received.

Following Calgary Planning Commission, notifications for 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.

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IMPLICATIONS

Social

This land use amendment would create opportunity to provide a variety of housing types which could cater to different age groups, lifestyles and demographics which may further contribute to an inclusive community.

Environmental

This application does not include actions that specifically address 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.

Economic

This land use amendment would allow for an efficient use of land, existing infrastructure and services, and would provide more compact housing in the community.

Service and Financial Implications

No anticipated financial impact.

RISK

There are no known risks associated with the proposal.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Background and Planning Evaluation
- 2. Applicant Submission
- 3. Applicant Outreach Summary

Department Circulation

General Manager (Name)	Department	Approve/Consult/Inform