



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#24-0505

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Susan Grant, Acting City Manager

DATE: May 21, 2024

TITLE: Second Reading – Quasi-Judicial Ordinance Approving a Rezoning from
General Aviation Airport (GAA) District to Parks, Recreation and Open
Space (P) District – 5101 NW 12th Avenue – City of Fort Lauderdale – Case
No. UDP-Z23011 – (**Commission District 1**)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission consider an ordinance rezoning 859,567 square feet (19.73 acres) of land, located at 5101 NW 12th Avenue, from General Aviation Airport (GAA) District to Parks, Recreation and Open Space (P) District.

Background

The City of Fort Lauderdale is requesting to rezone the vacant property to ensure the land will be available as open space in order to convert the property into a community park. A location map of the subject site is provided as Exhibit 1. The application and narrative responses to criteria are attached as Exhibit 2, and the sketch and legal description of the property proposed to be rezoned is attached as Exhibit 3.

The Planning and Zoning Board (PZB) reviewed the application on March 20, 2024, and recommended approval of the rezoning by a vote of 9-0. The PZB meeting minutes and staff report are attached as Exhibit 4 and Exhibit 5, respectively. The public sign notice and affidavit for the March 20, 2024, PZB meeting are attached as Exhibit 6.

The rezoning of City-owned properties that are used and maintained as public park space protects those properties in three significant ways. First, by rezoning a property to Parks, Recreation, and Open space it creates a record of the City's intended use for the property. Second, the zoning district limits the use of the property to those uses typically associated with public parks and open spaces. Lastly, the City's Charter provides protection to lands zoned Park, Recreation, and Open Space by limiting the sale, transfer, or lease of such properties for more than (1) year without a unanimous vote of the entire City Commission.

Review Criteria:

Pursuant to the City's Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) Section 47-24.4.D, Rezoning Criteria, an application for a rezoning shall be reviewed in accordance with the

following criteria:

1. The zoning district proposed is consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan.

The property is currently zoned GAA and has an underlying land use designation of Transportation, which is intended primarily for existing airports, Port Everglades and existing and proposed expressways. The proposed Parks, Recreation and Open Space zoning district is consistent with this land use designation. Please refer to the Comprehensive Plan Consistency section within this report for additional information.

2. The changes anticipated by the proposed rezoning will not adversely impact the character of development in or near the area under consideration.

The property where the proposed rezoning is to take place is currently vacant. Moving forward with the rezoning will ensure the land will be available as open space in order to construct the proposed community park that is part of future plans.

3. The character of the area proposed is suitable for the uses permitted in the proposed zoning district and is compatible with surrounding districts and uses.

There are future plans to convert the vacant property into a park, which will be consistent with the proposed rezoning. The proposed rezoning will also enhance the existing surrounding residential uses by providing open space for residents to enjoy. The character of the surrounding area supports the proposed park use.

The City Commission shall consider the application, the record and recommendations forwarded by the Department and PZB, and public comments on the application to determine whether the application meets the criteria for a rezoning. If the City Commission determines that the rezoning meets the criteria, the City Commission shall approve the change in zoning as requested in the application or approve a change to a more restrictive zoning district than that requested in the application if necessary to meet the criteria provided for rezoning and if consented to by the applicant. If the City Commission determines that the proposed rezoning does not meet the criteria in, or if the applicant does not consent to a more restrictive zoning district, the City Commission shall deny the application.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *2024 Commission Priority*, advancing the Public Places initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024 Strategic Plan*, specifically

advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area, Goal 5: Build a beautiful and welcoming community.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Community*.

This item supports the *Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan* specifically advancing:

- The Neighborhood Enhancement Focus Area
- The Future Land Use Element
- Goal 2: The City shall encourage sustainable, smart growth which designates areas for future growth, promotes connectivity, social equity, preservation of neighborhood character and compatible uses.
- The Urban Design Element
- Goal 1: Promote high-quality and sustainable building design elements which complement the public realm.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Location Map

Exhibit 2 – Application and Narrative Responses to Criteria

Exhibit 3 – Sketch and Legal Description of the Property

Exhibit 4 – March 20, 2024, PZB Meeting Minutes

Exhibit 5 – March 20, 2024, PZB Staff Report

Exhibit 6 – PZB Public Sign Notice and Affidavit

Exhibit 7 – Ordinance

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